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TOWN OF
NEW LONDON
NEW HAMPSHIRE



~ ANNUAL REPORT ~

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1996

1997 Town Meeting

TOWN OF NEW LONDON 1997

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

Ilene M. Healy
Town Administrator
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526-4821

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Sat 9 am - 12 noon
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Health Officer
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ALL NON-EMERGENCIES

526-2626

ALL EMERGENCIES

911

POLICE DEPARTMENT

David J. Seastrand, Chief
526-2626

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The front photo was taken on the evening of September 26, 1996, as community residents gathered to celebrate the purchase of the Robert J. Vernlund Main Street meadow property by the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT).

Thanks to the overwhelming support of the community, this field with its lovely views is part of our legacy to the next generation.

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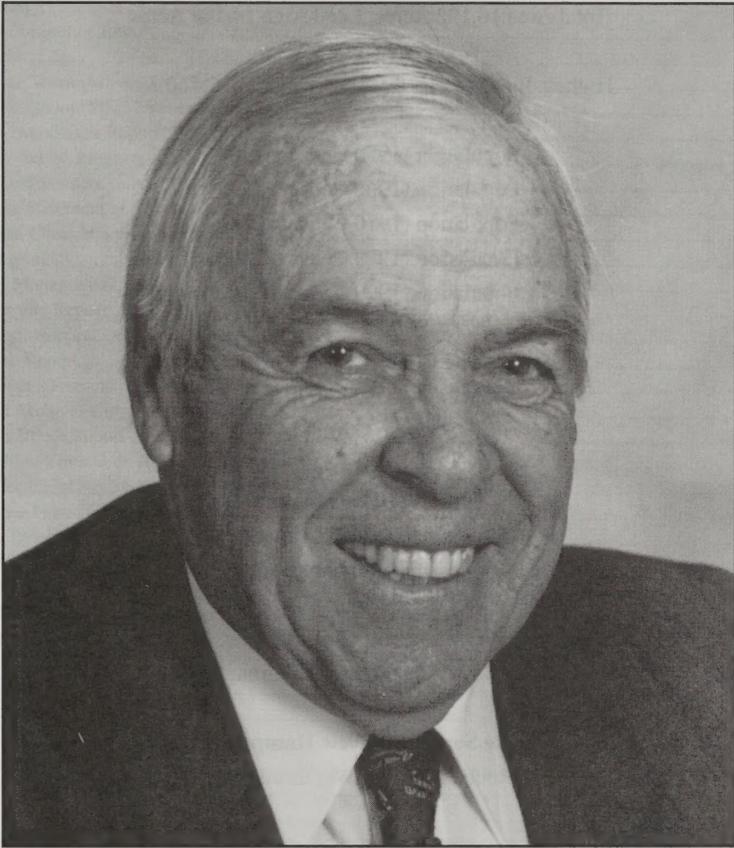
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*This Town Report is dedicated
to the memory of:*



Harold W. Buker, Jr.
SELECTMAN 1984 - 1993
1994 - 1996

*“Kindness in words creates confidence;
kindness in thinking creates profoundness;
kindness in feeling creates love.”*

Harold loved New London, and held its Citizens in the highest esteem.

Likewise, we know the esteem that many people throughout
the State of New Hampshire held for Harold.

He was gifted in being able to find and honor a core goodness in others.

His sense of humor and lust for life was infectious.

These character traits provided the building blocks
in his role as Selectman in which he so ably served.

His memory will not be dimmed with the passage of time . . .

TOWN OF NEW LONDON

Incorporated June 25, 1779 Anno Domini

Total Area 16,192 Acres, Land Area 14,144 Acres

Water Area 2,048 Acres

Highest Elevation in Town: Morgan Hill 1,760 feet

Population (1950 Census) 1484

Population (1960 Census) 1738

Population (1970 Census) 2236

Population (1980 Census) 2893

Population (1990 Census) 3180

Second Congressional District

Second Councilor District

Fifth State Senatorial District

United States Senators

Judd Gregg of Greenfield through 1998

Robert Smith of Tuftonboro through 2002

Representative in Congress

Charles Bass of Peterborough through 2000

State Senator of New Hampshire

Jim Reubens of Hanover through 1998

Representatives to General Court

Peter Crowell of New London through 1998

Alf E. Jacobson of New London through 1998

Avis Nichols of Warner through 1998

County Commissioner

Stuart D. Trachy of Franklin through 1998

Executive Councilor

Peter J. Spaulding of Hopkinton through 1998

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NEW LONDON TOWN OFFICIALS

AS OF 12/31/96

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

April D. Whittaker, Chair, 1997
Douglas W. Lyon, 1997
Edmund R. Taylor, 1999

TOWN CLERK:

Lois E. Marshall, 1997

TREASURER:

David Eberly, 1997

TOWN MODERATOR:

Hilary P. Cleveland, 1998

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND:

Martin Feins, Chair, 1998
William Hutchens, 1997
Martha Cottrill, 1999

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Robert Foose, Chair, 1997
William Berger, 1997
Ruth I. Clough, 1997
E. Jon Barselle, 1998
David Eberly, 1998
Mark Kaplan, 1998
Douglas Baxter, 1999
Robert Gray, 1999
John Pierzchala, 1999
April D. Whittaker (Selectmen's Rep.)

FIRE CHIEF:

Walter Partridge Jr., 1997

SEWER COMMISSIONERS:

Ann Beardsley, 1997
William Faccione, Jr., 1998
John Cummings, 1999

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS:

Walton Chadwick, Chair, 1997
Charles Hafner, 1998
Marion C. Hafner, 1999

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST:

Virginia Soule, 1998
Sonja Jacobson, 2000
Dana M. Stanley, 2002

TRACY LIBRARY TRUSTEES:

Sheri Ensign, 1997
John Flynn, 1997
Beatson Wallace, 1997
Hardy Hasenfuss, 1998
Joan Sweeny, 1998
Theodore Brown, 1999
Jane Ann McSwiney, 1999

KRSD SCHOOL BOARD:

Barbara Brown, 1998
Dan Allen, 1999

KRSD BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Howard Hoke, 1998
Winsor Chase, 1999

KRSD MODERATOR:

Robert Bowers, 1997

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

Ilene M. Healy

FINANCE OFFICER:

Sallie B. Johnson

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Amy A. Rankins

TAX COLLECTOR:

Lois E. Marshall, 1997

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:

Linda M. Hardy

DEPUTY TREASURER:

Stephen Theroux

HEALTH OFFICER:

Donald F. Bent, 1997

ASSISTANT HEALTH OFFICER:

Donald Lamson

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

David J. Seastrand, Chief
Christopher Currier, Officer
Donald W. Kimitis, Officer
Edward Kinzer, Officer
David White, Officer
David Zuger, Officer
Julie Saxby, Administrative Secretary
Harry Barrett, Officer/Part-Time
Howard Eaton, Officer/Part-Time

DISPATCH:

Ben Cushing, Dispatch Supervisor
John Cunningham, Dispatcher
Jason Byrne, Dispatcher
Matthew Bergeron, Dispatcher
Kimberly Edgecomb, P/T Disptacher
Jeffrey Reed, P/T Dispatcher

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Richard Lee, Road Agent
Robert Harrington, Foreman/Maint. III
Thomas Patten, Maint. II
Karen Welch, Maint. II
Mark Jerome, Maint. I

TRANSFER STATION:

Robert Lee, Supervisor
Joe Cadogan, Recycling Attendant
Robert Greene, Recycling Attendant

SEWER DEPARTMENT:

Douglas Gay, Superintendent
Robert Thorp, Jr., Collection Operator
Ann Beardsley, Admin. Bookkeeper

EMERGENCY MGMT COMMITTEE:

Robert Nelson, Director, 1997
Lois Rockwood, Deputy Director, 1997
Ben Cushing
Nancy Erickson
Ilene M. Healy
Richard Lee
Walter Partridge, Jr.
David Seastrand

TREE WARDEN:

Robert Fraley

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Terence Dancy, Chair, 1999
Peter Stanley, 1997
Sue Ellen Andrews, 1998
Karen Ebel, 1998

Ruth White, 1998
Edward Parkhurst, M.D., 1999
Fred W. Sladen, 1999

PLANNING BOARD:

Laurie DiClerico, Chair, 1998
James Clancy, 1997
Sydney Crook, 1997
Karen Ebel, 1998
Marjorie Peters, 1998
Thomas Cottrill, 1999
Edmund R. Taylor (Selectmen's Rep.)

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

Elizabeth Herrick, Chair, 1997
William Green, Jr., 1997
Brian Prescott, 1998
Sue Clough, 1999
Ann Jones, 1999
Robert Foose (Alternate), 1997
Frank Gordon (Alternate), 1997
Joan Bucklin (Alternate), 1998

RECREATION COMMISSION:

Tim vanBlommesteyn, Chair, 1997
Toni Berns, 1997
Joanne Buechel, 1997
Robert Bell, 1998
Craig DesLaurier, 1998
Muffy DesLaurier, 1998
Shari Goldberg-Keenan, 1998
Eric Ensign, 1999
Edwin Goodall, 1999

TOWN HISTORY & ARCHIVES:

Margaret Moreland, Archivist, 1999
Constance Granger, 1997
Robert M. Lovely, Jr. 1997
Doris M. Cutter, 1998
Lindsay M. Collins, 1998
Arrolyn H. Vernon, 1998
Walton W. Chadwick, 1999

BALLOT CLERKS:

Richard Guerringue
Ann Jones
Thelma Kaplan
Robert MacMichael
Steven Mendelson
E. Waldo Sanders
Pamela Saunders
Margaret Theroux

TRACY MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

Virginia Foose, Library Director
 Susanne Filkins, Library Assistant
 Raymond Heath, Custodian
 Timothy Poh, Children's Librarian
 Anne Ballin, Children's Library Assistant
 Sally Davis, Circulation Assistant
 Edith Garner, Children's Library Assistant
 Linda Miller, General Library Assistant
 Beth Perkins, General Library Assistant
 Kimberly Baxter, Student Aid
 Matthew Reilein, Student Aid
 Katherine Sullivan, Student Aid
 Daniel Taylor, Student Aid

FOREST FIRE WARDENS:

Walter Partridge, Jr., Warden
 Jay Bewley, Deputy Warden
 James Granger, Deputy Warden
 Laurids Lauridsen III, Deputy Warden
 Peter Stanley, Deputy Warden

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS:

David Eberly, 1997
 James Granger, 1998
 Stephen Ensign, 1999

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION REP.:

Sydney Crook, 1997

NHVT SOLID WASTE DISTRICT:

Bryan Jones, 1997
 Ilene M. Healy, 1997
 Mark Kaplan (Alternate), 1997

ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Dennis Aufranc, 1997
 Linda Brenner, 1997
 Joan Bucklin, 1997
 Shaun Carroll, 1997
 Francis Evans, 1997
 Sharon Lavigne, 1997
 John Manley, 1997
 Thomas Cottrill, 1998
 James Cricenti, 1998
 John Cummings, 1998
 Michelle Feins, 1998
 Mark Kaplan, 1998
 Steven Mendelson, 1998
 James Alexander, 1998
 Vern Bailey, 1999
 Thomas Boggs, 1999
 Robin Cook, 1999
 Prentice Horne, 1999
 Donald Cox, 1999
 Carol Stedman, 1999
 Barbara Herbert, 1999
 Jay Lucas, 1999

FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL:

Walter Partridge, Jr., Chief
 Shaun Caisse, Deputy Chief
 Nancy Erickson, Captain
 Jason Lyon, Lieutenant
 Courtney Heath, Lieutenant
 David Gilland, Lieutenant
 Amy Carrier, Lieutenant
 Ethan Ballin
 Harry Barrett
 Robert Barrett
 Edger Broadhead
 Robert Buckley
 James Cahill
 Peter B. Crowell
 Colin Dunn
 David Eberly
 Stephen Ensign

Frank Finger
 Stephen Higgins
 Christian Hoffman
 Charles Huston
 Mark Jerome
 Peter Lewis
 Douglas MacMichael
 Matthew McClay
 Paul McKenzie
 Paul Messer
 Robert Nelson
 Steven Northrup
 Justin Parrish
 Bruce Sanborn
 Chip Steward
 David White

**TOWN OF NEW LONDON
TOWN MEETING - MARCH 12, 1996**

Balloting - Whipple Memorial Hall

Moderator Hilary P. Cleveland called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. after she swore in the Supervisors of the Checklist. Moderator Cleveland entertained a motion to consider Article 1. Motion was seconded and passed.

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

At 12:00 noon a motion was made, seconded, and passed to recess the meeting until Wednesday evening, March 13, 1996, at the Kearsarge Regional Middle School at 7:00 p.m. to act upon Articles 2 through 30. However, the polls would remain open until 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Nat Apter was the first voter to have his ballot fed into the new Optech III-P Optical Scanner which in seconds automatically counted each vote and stored the information and ballot until the close of the polls when the totals were printed on a tape.

The polls closed at 7:00 p.m., and the results were read by Moderator Cleveland at 8:30 p.m.

Attest:

Lois E. Marshall
Town Clerk

Results of Non-Partisan Balloting for Town Officers: Total registered voters - 2,722; 704 regular ballots distributed; 4 spoiled ballots leaving 700 regular ballots cast and 48 absentee ballots cast for a total of 748 ballots cast or 27.5% of the total registered voters.

NO. OF VOTES

For Selectman (For 3 Years) Vote for One

Edmund R. Taylor	642
James Moreland	3
William Berger	2
Harry Blunt	2
Dan White	2
Hilary Cleveland	2
William Long	1
Brian Prescott	1
April Whittaker	1
William Green	1
Harold Buker	1
Steve Theroux	1
Graham McSwiney	1
Jim Clancy	1
Doug Homan	1
Bob MacMichael	1
David Eberly	1
Robert Trabucchi	1
Calvin Rockwood	1
Gordon Marshall	1

	NO OF VOTES
Peter Stanley	1
Verne Barrett	1
Ed Church	1
John Clough	1
Reed Clarke	1
Steven Mendelson	1
Ernie Welch	1
For Moderator (For 2 Years) Vote for One	
Hilary P. Cleveland	720
For Budget Committee (For 3 Years) Vote for Three	
Douglas S. Baxter	647
Robert Reed Gray	630
John W. Pierzchala	602
Verne Barrett	2
Marilyn Barselle	2
Ernie Welch	1
Pat Maguire	1
Janet Sidmore	1
Bill Kidder, Jr.	1
Tom McCormick	1
Howard Hoke	1
Julien LeBourgeois	1
James Moreland	1
Peter Stanley	1
Harry Blunt	1
Dan White	1
Bill Green	1
William T. Andrews	1
For Fire Chief (For 1 Year) Vote for One	
Walter Partridge, Jr.	695
Robert Nelson	2
Pete Lauridsen	1
Paul Linehan	1
For Trustee of Trust Funds (For 3 Years) Vote for One	
Martha Cottrill	664
Peter Hager	3
Theodore Brown	1
Shelby Blunt	1
Martin Feins	1
For Sewer Commissioner (For 3 Years) Vote for One	
John Cummings	652
Lisa Lull	3
Milton Johnston	1
John MacKenna	1

	NO OF VOTES
Douglas Gay	1
Bruce Parsons	1
Brian Prescott	1
Peter Roos	1
Raoul Acampora	1
F. Reed Clarke	1
William Green	1
Ben Barton	1
Dave Morcom	1
Donald Bent	1
For Cemetery Commissioner (For 3 Years) Vote for One	
Marion Chadwick Hafner	702
Susan Roos	1
Newman Durell	1
For Library Trustee (For 3 Years) Vote for Two	
Jane Ann McSwiney	609
Theodore S. Brown	457
Dr. Nat Apter	192
Robert Hechtel	1
Anne Ballin	1
Nancy Nichols	1
Nancy D. Fifield	1
William Cooper	1
Steven Mendelson	1
Laurie Ann Levy-Holm	1
For Supervisor of the Checklist (For 6 Years) Vote for One	
Dana Stanley	693
For Kearsarge Regional District School Board (For 3 Years) Vote for One	
Dan H. Allen	484
Claudia Galluzzo	235
Tom McCormick	2
E. Waldo Sanders	1
Chris Holm	1
Brian Prescott	1
Robert Fraley	1
For Kearsarge Regional School District Municipal Budget Committee (For 3 years) Vote for One	
Winsor Chase	317
Fred Bosworth	278
Barbara Chase	1
James Moreland	1
William Berger	1

NO OF VOTES

For Kearsarge Regional School District Moderator (For 1 Year) Vote for One

Robert Bowers	673
Bracket Scheffy	2
Maggie Bradford	1
Tom Kraeger	1
Hilary Cleveland	1

Ballot Question: "Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Kearsarge Regional School District." (By Petition)

Yes - 386 No - 323

District Vote on the Above Question: 2,633 Ballots Cast;

Yes - 1,340 No - 1,293

Votes need to pass by 3/5 majority - 1,580. **Question was defeated.**

**CONTINUATION OF TOWN MEETING - MARCH 13, 1996
KEARSARGE REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL AT 7:00 P.M.**

Moderator Hilary P. Cleveland reconvened the Town Meeting at 7:00 p.m. 225 registered voters checked in with the Ballot Clerks. Moderator Cleveland read the results of the Tuesday, March 12, 1996 election.

ARTICLE 2: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to suspend the reading of the individual Articles of the Warrant and to refer them by number." (Majority vote required).

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 3: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for General Government operations." **The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.** (Majority vote required)

	1996	1995
Executive	62,877	61,820
Elections, Reg. & Vitals	33,874	27,946
Administration	159,749	142,474
Revaluation of Property	12,000	11,000
Legal Expenses	21,300	20,400
Employee Benefits	285,682	261,890
Planning and Zoning	20,780	21,783
General Government Buildings	75,134	74,530
Cemeteries	20,000	13,900
Insurance	103,500	127,250
Regional Association (UVLSRPC)	2,957	2,957
Tourism Promo (Info Booth)	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
TOTAL	801,853	769,950

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 4: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for Public Safety." **The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.** (Majority vote required)

	1996	1995
Police Department	258,234	266,738
Fire Department	46,353	49,370
Emergency Management	1,700	1,500
Dispatch	<u>124,536</u>	<u>119,470</u>
TOTAL	430,823	437,078

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 5: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for Highways and Streets." (Highway Construction is offset by \$73,269 Highway Block Grant money). **The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.** (Majority vote required)

	1996	1995
Highway Administration	177,270	172,214
Highway Construction	330,470	343,371
Bridge Administration	10,000	10,000
Street Lighting	<u>24,500</u>	<u>23,000</u>
TOTAL	542,240	548,585

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 6: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for Sanitation." **The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.** (Majority vote required)

	1996	1995
Solid Waste Administration	64,571	63,685
Solid Waste Collection	51,850	37,800
Solid Waste Disposal	260,200	252,200
Sewage Collection and Disposal	<u>386,036</u>	<u>375,780</u>
TOTAL	762,657	729,465

Moderator Cleveland recognized Selectman Whittaker who made a motion to amend Article 6, "Solid Waste Collection" figure for 1996 from \$51,850 to \$62,450, an increase of \$10,600. This also changes the total to now read \$773,257. Motion was seconded.

Ms. Whittaker explained the amendment is to accommodate a \$10,600 engineering increment to the continued monitoring of our former landfill. This sum of money will be used towards a landfill semi-annual inspection and the drilling and monitoring of 6 gas probes in compliance with new Federal regulations.

**VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE ON THE AMENDMENT
VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE ON THE AMENDED ARTICLE**

ARTICLE 7: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for Health Agencies, Health Officer, Welfare, and Intergovernmental Welfare." **The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.** (Majority vote required)

	1996	1995
Kearsarge Council on Aging	6,000	6,000
New London Hospital	0	0
New London Ambulance	12,998	19,745
Lake Sunapee VNA	11,162	11,162
Health Officer	3,950	4,000
Welfare Administration	250	150
Welfare-Vendor Payments	10,500	7,500
Intergovernmental Welfare-CAP	<u>2,188</u>	<u>2,188</u>
TOTAL	47,048	50,745

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 8: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for Culture and Recreation." **The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.** (Majority vote required)

	1996	1995
Parks and Recreation	28,200	27,690
Tracy Memorial Library	181,470	165,480
Patriotic Purposes	300	300
History and Archives	<u>800</u>	<u>1,000</u>
TOTAL	210,770	194,470

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 9: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for Conservation." **The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.** (Majority vote required)

	1996	1995
Conservation Admin.	7,870	5,000
Care of Trees	<u>8,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>
TOTAL	15,870	13,000

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 10: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for the payment of principal and interest of long-term debt; and interest for tax anticipation notes." **The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.** (Majority vote required)

	1996	1995
Princ/Bonds & Notes	146,358	131,899
Int/Bonds & Notes	67,755	73,920
Interest/TANS	<u>500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
TOTAL	214,613	207,319

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

At this point in the meeting Moderator Cleveland declared we were moving along so quickly that we would take a short break from the warrant articles to take care of some other business. She recognized Selectman James Moreland. Mr. Moreland noted there were several people left out of the Town Report, for which he apologized, but that he wanted to recognize these people. They are: Deputy Treasurer Stephen R. Theroux and Ballot Clerks Steven Mendelson, Robert MacMichael, E. Waldo Sanders, Richard Guerringue, Ann Jones, Margaret Theroux, Pamela Saunders and Thelma Kaplan.

Mr. Moreland also presented Certificates of Appreciation for services rendered to the following: Dan Allen, Member of the KRSD Municipal Budget Committee; Erle Blanchard, KRSD School Board; Richard Brady, Trustee of Trust Funds; Michelle Feins, Tracy Library Trustee; Barbara Green, Budget Committee; Suzanne Jesseman, Planning Board; William F. Kidder, Jr., Budget Committee; Ralph Marshall, Budget Committee, Peter Stanley, Board of Fire Engineers; Robert Wallace, Tracy Library Trustee; and K. C. Wright, Recreation Commission.

Mr. Moreland also reported that seven members of the Joint Board of Selectmen went to the County Commissioners budget hearing to voice their concerns over the increasing County budget and the burden it places on local taxpayers. This meeting resulted in a slight decrease in the county tax to be levied for 1996.

Moderator Cleveland recognized Selectman Whittaker who made the following comments: "Ladies and Gentlemen, I would be grateful if you would allow me a few more minutes of your time in order for Harold and me, and you folks, as the Town of New London, to extend to Jim Moreland and his wife, Peggy, our sincere appreciation for all his time and commitment in his role as the Town's Selectman, and to Peggy for letting him do it in the first place.

"From both Harold's and my experience we can only communicate to you that he is and was one of the most devoted and finest selectmen that the Town has ever had. I will not enumerate to you his many roles and committees; otherwise we will all be here another couple of hours. I don't think Jim is ready for his obituary. Two weeks ago we told our Citizen's Advisory group that we were proud to have served with him, but we are more proud of the fact that we can state that he is one of our friends which means more to both of us than any badge of office, such is our love and respect for Jim.

"Harold and I have spent the last 10 years either thanking Jim or saying goodbye—it is easier to thank you—the goodbyes are too hard so this is definitely not goodbye!

"Jim, you know that we can never repay your dedication, but will you please accept this small gift from the town and know that it is given with great sincerity. Thank you!"

ARTICLE 11: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **(\$8,500)** eight thousand five hundred dollars to be added to the previously established Conservation Commission Land Acquisition Fund and to authorize the expenditure of **(\$6,000)** six thousand dollars from said fund to be used to survey and purchase a conservation easement consisting of a portion of Tax Map 81, Lot 1 of approximately 9 acres of land comprising a 300+/- foot strip of land adjoining the Esther Currier Wildlife Management area at Low Plain." (This area is the marsh area that can be seen from Route 11) **The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.** (Majority vote required.)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

NOTE: On the above Article 11 a map was presented to the people at Town Meeting showing Map 88, Lot 2 which is the correct location of the proposed conservation easement even though the Article above incorrectly references Map 81, Lot 1.

ARTICLE 12: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **(\$5,500)** five thousand five hundred dollars to purchase a strip of land (3 rods wide by 326+/- feet long) known as Tax Map 89, Lot 6 for the purpose of gaining permanent access to Town owned property. **The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.** (Majority vote required.)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 13: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **(\$3,642)** three thousand six hundred forty two dollars for the purpose of reducing the principal on the 1979 Sewer Bond and to authorize the transfer of **(\$3,642)** three thousand six hundred forty two dollars from the December 31, 1995 fund balance for this purpose." **The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.** (Majority vote required)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 14: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **(\$22,000)** twenty two thousand dollars for the purchase of a police cruiser." **The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.** (Majority vote required)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 15: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **(\$9,000)** nine thousand dollars for the purchase of a flail mower for the Highway Department." **The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.** (Majority vote required).

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 16: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **(\$15,000)** fifteen thousand dollars to purchase and install a sprinkler system at the Fire Station." **The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.** (Majority vote required).

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 17: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **(\$22,925)** twenty-two thousand nine hundred twenty five dollars to digitize the Town tax maps, link databases and purchase viewing software." **The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.** (Majority vote required.)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 18: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **(\$16,500)** sixteen thousand five hundred dollars to scrape and paint the Tracy Library." **The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.** (Majority vote required.)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 19: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **(\$10,000)** ten thousand dollars to be added to the previously established Town History/Publication Fund. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the History is published or 1999, whichever is sooner." **The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.** (Majority vote required)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 20: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town History/Publication Fund to include all accumulated interest in the amount of \$356.23 for the year 1995 and to add accrued interest during 1996 to the said fund." **The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.** (Majority vote required.)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 21: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **(\$8,200)** eight thousand two hundred dollars to be added to the previously established non-lapsing Master Plan Update fund. This money will be placed in a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the plan is completed or in 1997, whichever is sooner." **The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.** (Majority vote required.)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 22: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **(\$6,500)** six thousand five hundred dollars to be added to the previously established non-lapsing Master Plan Update Fund and to authorize the withdrawal of **(\$6,500)** six thousand five hundred dollars from the Master Plan Update Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose, thereby discontinuing said fund, and transfer any accumulated interest to date of withdrawal to the general fund." **The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.** (Majority vote required.)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 23: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds to be placed in the previously established Capital Reserve Funds as follows:"

Fire Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund	\$30,000
Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	\$40,000
Town Building Capital Reserve Fund	\$10,000
Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$61,000
Dispatch Radio Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$10,000

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 24: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **(\$6,000)** six thousand dollars for the purpose of installing waterlines and performing general road repair work in the Old Main Street Cemetery, and to appoint the Cemetery Trustees as agents to expend and to authorize the withdrawal of **(\$6,000)** six thousand dollars from the General Cemetery Maintenance Fund for this purpose." **The Board of**

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 25: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Town Hall Generator Replacement and to raise and appropriate the sum of **(\$5,000)** five thousand dollars to be placed in this fund." **The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.** (Majority vote required.)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 26: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of establishing a fund for future Sidewalk Installation and to raise and appropriate the sum of **(\$5,000)** five thousand dollars to be placed in this fund." **The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.** (Majority vote required.)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 27: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing agreement under Section 218 of the Social Security Act by excluding the services performed by election workers for a calendar year in which the remuneration paid for such service is less than \$1,000." (Majority vote required.)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 28: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will vote to rescind the unissued, previously authorized balance of **\$239,882** from the following warrant articles" (dollar amounts were not needed to complete the projects but amounts remaining on the books are liabilities):

Article 2 of the 1989 Town Meeting approved an appropriation of \$81,600 for Goosehole Road construction, including bonds or notes authorized not to exceed \$81,600. In 1990, the Town issued \$72,000 leaving **\$9,600** as authorized - unissued.

Article 2 of the 1990 Town Meeting appropriated \$1,285,300 for an addition to the Tracy Memorial Library to be financed by long-term borrowing of \$916,405 and donations of \$368,895. Only \$906,239 of the \$916,405 authorized was issued, leaving a balance of **\$10,166** authorized - unissued.

Article 2 of the 1992 Town Meeting approved an appropriation of \$213,116 for the closure of the landfill. Only \$48,000 of the \$213,116 authorized was issued leaving a balance of **\$165,116** authorized - unissued.

Article 2 of the 1993 Town Meeting appropriated \$400,000 for sewer line construction to be financed by long-term borrowing. During 1993, the Town issued \$345,000 leaving **\$55,000** as authorized - unissued. (Majority vote required.)

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

ARTICLE 29: It was moved and seconded, "To see if the Town will authorize the following exchange of property: To exchange a portion of property owned by the Town of New London, described as Tax Map 94, Lot 7, consisting of .38 acres, with a portion of property

owned by Bob Bell, described as Tax Map 94, Lot 8, consisting of .98 acres.” **The Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission and Planning Board support this land exchange.** (Majority vote required.)

Moderator Cleveland recognized Selectman Moreland who made a motion to amend the article to correct the property owned by the Town of New London and described as Tax Map 94, Lot 7, to read Tax Map 93, Lot 6, and the property owned by Bob Bell and described as Tax Map 94, Lot 8, to read Tax Map 94, Lot 7. Motion was seconded.

**VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE ON THE AMENDMENT
VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE ON THE AMENDED ARTICLE**

ARTICLE 30: “To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.”

Moderator Hilary Cleveland stated we often have this article in our town warrant but rarely have we used it. There was a request by the “2001” Group to give a brief report on their work. There are five committees.

The **first** report was from the **Zoning Committee** and given by Christopher Holm. The project selection was Appropriate Commercial Development. The committee has had two meetings to review and discuss the current zoning ordinance. The following is a refinement of the goals (works in progress):

1. Preserve distinctive New London rural charm and proper balance of commercial, residential and open space uses.
2. Increase zoning enforcement and compliance.
3. Compile zoning information packet for property owners, builders, etc.
4. Provide appropriate incentive zoning.

The committee supports the concept of zoning. The committee’s objective is to determine what portions, if any, of the existing ordinance and Master Plan need to be altered to keep pace with current and future development trends. It will work for and with the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The public was encouraged to participate.

The **second** report was from the **Youth/Recreation Director Committee** given by Sonja Hannah. This committee has held three meetings. The purpose was to ascertain the need for a New London Recreation Director and to determine the scope of town sponsored recreational activities appropriate for New London and consistent with available facilities and resources, current and future.

The committee identified New London’s resources, for example: NLOC, DARE, Recreation Commission, Colby-Sawyer College, churches, schools, and it became apparent that there was a need for a person to coordinate activities for youth and families within our town as well as developing, organizing, and participating in various recreational activities.

The committee met with middle school and high school students whose focus for activities and discussion included: mentoring programs using volunteers, environment, conservation, cultural activities, performing arts, fine arts, sports, dances, after school forums, and a drop-in center. Student participants listed seasonal activities and programs already available to them and also provided the committee with suggestions and wish lists for future programs.

The ongoing effort will endeavor to develop a statement of need, outline activities, prepare a job description, and locate space for a director and activities. Mrs. Hannah extended an invitation for any one interested to become part of the committee.

The **third** report was presented by Charlene Baxter. She and Charles Marston were co-conveners of the **Education Committee**. They agreed to coordinate an effort to achieve the following goal: "To have better educated and informed voters, and more voters, turn out at the polls in March to decide on the issue of New London's withdrawal from the Kearsarge Regional School District."

The committee expected that, through its actions, the citizens of this town would be more knowledgeable on those educational issues, particularly as there were participants on both sides of this divisive issue, as well as a contingent of undecided. The decision to become active in educating, but not advocating for one side or the other was clearly the best choice—and the one thing the committee members could agree on. The goal was to inform people and encourage them to vote based on fact rather than emotion.

The group met three times in December and January. In December Jim Moreland presented the Selectmen's goals which coincided with the committee's goals. There was a productive discussion on demographics and economics of district withdrawal. He also reviewed the reasons the Selectmen agreed to support the renovations to the high school.

New London School Board representatives, Barbara Brown and Erle Blanchard, met with the committee to convey the philosophies and plans of the School Board and shared the vision of the strategic planning process the school district was about to undertake.

The committee met again in January after the Selectmen made their decision not to continue the quest to withdraw from the district. This obviously changed the goals and agenda. The group agreed that its interest is ongoing and they are available at the request of the Selectmen, the Town or the School Board to invest additional time and energy into the issues of education in our community.

The **fourth** report was presented by Carlton Bradford from the New London Area Council for Arts. Carlton reported an advisory board made up of 26 volunteers has held three meetings. The first meeting was a discussion of ideas. The second meeting was a guided tour of the facilities at Colby-Sawyer College with a faculty member, and at the third meeting they discussed a plan of action. Doug Lyon, Interim President, was given a copy of the plan of action, and he has advised the Board that due to administrative changes the plan of action be postponed until a time more convenient later this spring.

An Events Committee of six people has been formed to develop a list of cultural events and have found the college very receptive to broader use of Sawyer Center for community events. The group will form a Promotion Committee to help arrange financial sponsorship of such events and other ways to insure their financial success.

Julien LeBourgeois presented the **fifth** report from the **Community Coordination Committee**. It was assigned three tasks:

First, the creation of a Town Newsletter distributed to all citizens with news and information which would be helpful to them. The Town Administrator, with the concurrence of the Selectmen, accepted responsibility for this project and produced the first edition in time for distribution prior to Town Meeting.

Second, the development of a New London Town Directory. Having worked through several drafts, the Committee has delivered a draft to the printer. After approval of the galley proofs, 3,000 copies will be produced—about 2,500 copies for distribution to the Town’s mailing list, the remainder to be available in the Town Hall, Tracy Library and the Town’s Information Booth. The cost of the production and mailing would be raised totally by contribution and not involve any Town monies.

Third, the establishment of a Community Coordinator who would act as a clearing house for information on all the various scheduled activities within the Town. This being a long term and more complicated project, the Committee has deferred work on this task until after publication of the Town Directory which should take place about May 1, 1996.

Priscilla Ohler was recognized by Moderator Cleveland. Mrs. Ohler asked about the final report on the school study done by the consultant hired by the Town. She also wanted to make sure that the background information, charts, figures, etc., are kept in a safe place where they could be found should the need arise in the future to use the research.

Selectman Moreland stated the interim report became the final report. The lawyers involved in the study declined to issue a written report. The current Board of Selectmen felt the town would be better off out of the Kearsarge Regional School District. However, the Board made the decision the taxpayers of New London could not afford the price tag. The Selectmen offered the other six towns an amount as a subsidy to offset financial hardship, our portion of building assistance, payment for our portion of deferred maintenance and the KRSD asset settlement. The counteroffer was an amount 2 1/2 times the amount needed to let New London out of the district which amounted to a total 10-year subsidy. The other disappointment was that none of the other towns were interested in joining New London, and the number of students to make up what is called a “critical mass” required some of the other towns to join with New London.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Lois E. Marshall, Town Clerk

A True Copy Attest: Lois E. Marshall, Town Clerk

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

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

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of New London as of and for the year ended December 31, 1995. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

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

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

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of New London, as of December 31, 1995, and the results of its operations and the cash flow of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

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

March 20, 1996

*Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association*

TOWN OF NEW LONDON COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
 DECEMBER 31, 1995
 (AUDITED)

ASSETS	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUNDS	ACCOUNT GROUP	TOTALS
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 101,240	\$ 194,765	\$ 32,855	\$ 44,616		373,476
Investments	1,924,722	95,437		946,976		2,967,035
Accounts Receivable	451	224,474				224,925
Taxes Receivable	469,563					469,563
Special Assessments	50,562	401,987				452,549
Other Receivables				65,292		65,292
Prepaid Items	8,015					8,015
Amount to be provided for general long-term debt and other obligations					1,784,000	1,784,000
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,554,553	\$ 916,663	\$ 32,855	\$ 1,056,784	\$ 1,784,000	\$ 6,344,855
LIABILITIES	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Trust and Agency Funds	General Long-Term Debt	Memo Only
Accounts Payable	\$					14,127
Intergovernmental Payable				146		146
Due to School District	1,954,500					1,954,500
Escrow & Performance Deposits				1,555		1,555
Deferred Revenues	49,275	399,085				448,360
Deferred Compensation Payable				65,292		65,292
General Obligation Debt Payable					755,000	755,000
Accrued Landfill Closure & Postclosure Costs					675,000	675,000
Special Assessment Debt with Government Commitment						
Capital Lease Payable					345,000	345,000
Compensated Absences Payable					4,611	4,611
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 2,017,902	\$ 399,085		\$ 66,993	\$ 1,784,000	\$ 4,267,980
FUND EQUITY						
FUND BALANCE - RESERVED						
Endowments				\$ 516,400		516,400
Encumbrances	37,787					37,787
Special Purposes			32,855	473,391		506,246
FUND BALANCE-UNRESERVED						
Designated		517,578				517,578
Undesignated	498,864					498,864
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$ 536,651	\$ 517,578	\$ 32,855	\$ 989,791		\$ 2,076,875
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 2,554,553	\$ 916,663	\$ 32,855	\$ 1,056,784	\$ 1,784,000	\$ 6,344,855

**TOWN OF NEW LONDON
SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1996
(UNAUDITED)**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$63,526.13
Election, Registration & Vitals	34,240.88
Financial Administration	174,370.36
Revaluation of Property	17,404.47
Legal Expenses	18,183.10
Employee Benefits	280,261.05
Planning and Zoning	25,906.05
General Governmental Buildings	65,314.94
Cemeteries	25,191.57
Insurance	96,679.62
Regional Associations	6,957.00

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department	247,048.89
Fire Department	44,764.71
Emergency Management	897.60
Dispatch	121,235.03

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

Highway Administration	173,620.64
Highways and Streets	328,135.68
Bridge Maintenance	9,004.90
Street Lighting	24,108.87

SANITATION

Solid Waste Administration	63,706.10
Solid Waste Collection	42,349.04
Solid Waste Disposal	255,934.61
Sewage Collection & Disposal	529,311.87

HEALTH

Health Department	3,540.13
Health Agencies & Hospitals	26,439.33

WELFARE

Welfare - Administration	250.00
Intergovernmental Welfare	2,188.00
Welfare-Vendor Payments	6,009.60

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Parks and Recreation	27,730.96
Tracy Memorial Library	181,470.00
Patriotic Purposes	300.00
Other Culture - Archives	608.91

CONSERVATION

Conservation - Administration	5,495.87
Care of Trees	7,928.85

DEBT SERVICE

Principal on Long Term Debt	150,000.00
Interest on Long Term Notes	65,777.50

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Land Purchase	5,500.00
Vehicles, Mach., Equipment	51,400.00
Buildings (Maint. Projects)	27,027.00

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

Transfers to Capital Reserve Funds	169,500.00
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TOTAL PAYMENTS—1996 WARRANT**\$3,379,319.26******OTHER PAYMENTS**

Merrimack County Taxes	966,115.00
NL Sewer(Job Seamans/Birch Acres)	29,091.29
State of New Hampshire	9,811.50
Kearsarge Regional School District	3,879,600.00
Trustees of the Trust Fund	11,800.00
Taxes Bought by Town	112,549.89
Solid Waste Disposal Escrow	8,256.00
Water Precinct Taxes	33,190.23
Refunds	33,208.96
Payroll Deductions	(1,555.45)
Salaries-Library	131,234.99
Salaries-Sewer	86,559.11
1995 Accounts Payable	14,126.46
1995 Encumbered	18,743.31

TOTAL OTHER PAYMENTS**5,332,731.29****1996 SELECTMEN'S ORDERS PAID****\$8,712,050.55**

**Total Payments—1996 Warrant	\$3,379,319.26
Adjustment—Prepaid Interest/Bond	1,977.50
Adjustment—Sewer Budget	(143,275.87)
1995 Encumbered	18,743.31
1996 Accounts Payable	4,929.46
Expended Dec. 31, 1996	<u>\$3,261,693.66</u>

**TOWN OF NEW LONDON
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS
DECEMBER 31, 1996
(UNAUDITED)**

BY TAXATION:

Prior Year Property Tax	\$ 339,550.50
Interest	50,215.69
Overpayments	81.39
Tax Sales Redeemed	146,309.94
1996 Property Tax	6,146,424.89
Interest	4,591.73
Overpayments	4,841.45
Yield Tax	3,217.66
Land Use Change Tax	201.40

FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

State Revenue Sharing Block Grant	153,882.82
Sewer Bond	79,251.00
Highway Block Grant	73,268.77
Other State Grants & Reimbursements	169,460.61

FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

FEMA Grant	17,396.00
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FROM LOCAL SOURCES, EXCEPT TAXES

Business Licenses	11,474.10
Motor Vehicle Fees	492,158.50
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	18,766.11
Income from Departments	56,721.56
Sewer User Charges	529,311.87
Other Charges	972.50
Sale of Municipal Property	7,166.29
Interest on Investments	67,595.73
Rents of Property	17,099.76
Fines & Forfeits	5,245.00
Insurance Reimbursements	64,602.96
Insurance Dividends	65,990.71
Insurance Claims	2,832.70
Contributions & Donations	9,665.13
Revenue—Other Misc. Sources	25,034.10
Transfers—Sewer Department	25,213.00
Transfers—Capital Reserve Funds	6,500.00
Transfers—Trust & Agency Fund	11,588.04
Transfers—Solid Waste Disposal Escrow	8,256.00
Cemetery Lot Sales	11,800.00
Payments Due State	9,814.50
Payments Due NL Sewer Comm.	29,091.29
Refunds from Library (Payroll)	131,234.99
Refunds from Sewer (Payroll)	86,559.11
Deferred Revenue—FEMA (Landfill)	57,090.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$8,940,477.80

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1996
(UNAUDITED)

<u>Title of Revenue</u>	<u>1996 Estimate</u>	<u>1996 Revenues</u>
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 201.40
Yield Taxes	3,218.00	3,217.66
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	52,500.00	54,807.42
Business Licenses	10,500.00	11,474.10
Motor Vehicle Fees	440,000.00	492,158.50
Other Licenses,Permits,Fees	18,100.00	18,766.11
FEMA Grant	17,395.00	17,396.00
Shared Revenue Block Grant	58,246.00	58,246.00
Highway Block Grant	73,269.00	73,268.77
State Aid Water Pollution Control	79,251.00	79,251.00
Other State Grants & Reimbursements	169,461.00	169,460.61
Income From Departments	50,300.00	56,721.56
Income From Sewer Department	386,036.00	386,036.00
Other Charges	1,000.00	972.50
Special Assessments	7,723.00	7,723.08
Sale of Municipal Property	6,650.00	7,166.29
Interest on Investments	56,300.00	66,830.20
Rent of Town Property	17,150.00	17,099.76
Fines & Forfeits	4,400.00	5,245.00
Insurance Reimbursements	59,150.00	64,602.96
Insurance Dividends	66,169.00	65,990.71
Insurance Claims	2,833.00	2,832.70
Contributions & Donations	9,300.00	9,665.13
Revenue - Other Misc. Sources	22,800.00	25,034.10
Transfers-Sewer Department	25,213.00	25,213.00
Transfers-Capital Reserve Funds	12,500.00	6,500.00
Transfers-Trust & Agency Funds	12,400.00	11,588.04
Budgetary Use of Fund Balance	<u>3,642.00</u>	<u>3,642.00</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>\$1,665,506.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,741,110.60</u></u>

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1996
(UNAUDITED)

ACCOUNT NAME	RECEIPTS AND APPROPRIATION		TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE	EXPENDED DEC. 31, 1996	ENCUMBRANCE FORWARD	UNEXPENDED BALANCE	OVER DRAFT
	\$	\$					
Executive	\$ 62,877.00	\$	\$ 62,877.00	\$ 63,526.13			\$ (649.13)
Election & Registration	33,874.00		33,874.00	34,240.88			(366.88)
Financial Administration	159,749.00		159,749.00	174,370.36			(14,621.36)
Revaluation of Property	12,000.00		12,000.00	17,404.47			(5,404.47)
Legal Expense	21,300.00		21,300.00	18,749.80		2,550.20	
Employee Benefits	285,682.00		285,682.00	280,261.05		5,420.95	
Planning & Zoning	35,480.00		35,480.00	26,122.05	14,700.00		(5,342.05)
General Govt Buildings	75,134.00		75,134.00	66,160.29		8,973.71	
Cemeteries	26,000.00		26,000.00	25,191.57		808.43	
Insurance	103,500.00		103,500.00	96,679.62		6,820.38	
Regional Associations	6,957.00		6,957.00	6,957.00			
Police Department	258,234.00		258,234.00	247,177.23		11,056.77	
Fire Department	46,353.00		46,353.00	44,764.71		1,588.29	
Emergency Management	1,700.00		1,700.00	897.60		802.40	
Police Dispatch	124,536.00		124,536.00	121,235.03		3,300.97	
Highway Administration	177,270.00		177,270.00	173,632.62		3,637.38	
Highways & Streets	330,470.00		330,470.00	330,419.31		50.69	
Bridge Maintenance	10,000.00		10,000.00	9,004.90		995.10	
Street Lighting	24,500.00		24,500.00	24,108.87		391.13	
Solid Waste Administration	64,571.00		64,571.00	63,706.10		864.90	
Solid Waste Collection	62,450.00		62,450.00	43,029.71		19,420.29	
Solid Waste Disposal	260,200.00		260,200.00	255,934.61		4,265.39	
Sewage Collection & Disp.	386,036.00		386,036.00	386,036.00			
Health Department	3,950.00		3,950.00	3,540.13		409.87	
Health Agencies & Hospitals	30,160.00		30,160.00	26,439.33		3,720.67	

Welfare—Administration	250.00	250.00	250.00	
Intergovernmental Welfare	2,188.00	2,188.00	2,188.00	
Welfare—Vendor Payments	10,500.00	10,500.00	6,206.39	4,293.61
Parks & Recreation	28,200.00	28,200.00	27,730.96	469.04
Tracy Memorial Library	181,470.00	181,470.00	181,470.00	
Patriotic Purposes	300.00	300.00	300.00	
Other Culture—Archives	10,800.00	11,565.53	608.91	10,765.53
Conservation—Admin.	13,870.00	13,870.00	5,495.87	703.50
Care of Trees	8,000.00	8,000.00	7,928.85	71.15
Bonded Debt	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	
Bonded Debt—Interest	67,755.00	67,755.00	67,755.00	
Interest—TANS	500.00	500.00		500.00
Capital Outlay: Land	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	
Vehicles, Mach., Equipment	53,925.00	53,925.00	51,400.00	2,525.00
Buildings	31,500.00	31,500.00	27,027.00	4,473.00
Transfers to Cap. Res.	169,500.00	169,500.00	169,500.00	
1995 Encumbered Forward	37,787.42	37,787.42	18,743.31	19,044.11
TOTAL	\$3,375,028.42	\$3,375,793.95	\$3,261,693.66	\$45,213.14
				\$95,271.04 (\$26,383.89)
NET UNEXPENDED				\$68,887.15

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

During 1996 the Town did not have to borrow short term in anticipation of tax receipts, in part, by an increase in interest earned on deposits in the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool of funds not immediately needed for current operations. Total receipts by the Treasurer were \$8,940,477.80 in 1996 increasing \$364,919.64 over 1995 or 4.3% greater. Disbursements of \$8,712,050.55 increased \$684,125.40 or 8.5% over 1995, almost twice the rate of increase in receipts. These rates of increase reverse those of 1995 when receipts increased at a higher rate than disbursements. These rates of increase reflect the fiscal practices of other than New London agencies, primarily the Kearsarge Regional School District and Merrimack County Government, for whom the Town is the tax collection agent. For the Town of New London, revenues increased 2.9% and expenditures rose by only 2.5% continuing the conservative fiscal practices of the Town. No new notes were given by the Town in 1996, and the remaining indebtedness (Town portion excluding Sewer Commission, Water Precinct and State portions) is \$524,304.00 as of December 31, 1996

NEW LONDON TOWN ACCOUNTS

General Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 1996	\$2,025,661.64	
Amounts Received Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 1996	<u>8,940,477.80</u>	
		\$10,966,139.44
Amounts Paid Out Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 1996	\$8,712,050.55	
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1996	<u>2,254,088.89</u>	
		\$10,966,139.44

Conservation Commission Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 1996	\$ 2,779.07	
Amounts Received Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 1996	<u>136.19</u>	
		\$ 2,915.26
Amounts Paid Out Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 1996	\$ 0.00	
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1996	<u>2,915.26</u>	
		\$ 2,915.26

Conservation Commission Esther Currier Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 1996	\$ 840.07	
Amounts Received Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 1996	<u>25.65</u>	
		\$ 865.72
Amounts Paid Out Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 1996	\$ 0.00	
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1996	<u>865.72</u>	
		\$ 865.72

Conservation Commission Low Plains Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 1996	\$ 8,610.21	
Amounts Received Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 1996	<u>261.16</u>	
		\$ 8,871.37
Amounts Paid Out Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 1996	\$ 0.00	
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1996	<u>8,871.37</u>	
		\$ 8,871.37

Monetta Escrow Accounts

Cash on Hand January 1, 1996	\$ 1,555.43	
Amounts Received Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 1996	<u>80,344.04</u>	
		\$ 81,899.47
Amounts Paid Out Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 1996	\$ 49,227.61	
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1996	<u>32,671.86</u>	
		\$ 81,899.47

CWRH Concepts Escrow Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 1996	\$ 0.00	
Amounts Received Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 1996	<u>603.02</u>	
		\$ 603.02

Amounts Paid Out Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 1996	\$ 456.50	
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1996	<u>146.52</u>	\$ 603.02
LaRoche Escrow Account		
Cash on Hand January 1, 1996	\$ 0.00	
Amounts Received Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 1996	<u>1,010.23</u>	\$ 1,010.23
Amounts Paid Out Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 1996	\$ 0.00	
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1996	<u>1010.23</u>	\$ 1,010.23
Lull Escrow Account		
Cash on Hand January 1, 1996	\$ 0.00	
Amounts Received Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 1996	<u>1,000.32</u>	\$ 1,000.32
Amounts Paid Out Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 1996	\$ 0.00	
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1996	<u>1,000.32</u>	\$ 1,000.32
SEWER COMMISSION ACCOUNTS		
Sewer Operating Account		
Cash on Hand January 1, 1996	\$ 16,997.64	
Amounts Received Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 1996	<u>555,291.91</u>	\$ 572,289.55
Amounts Paid Out Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 1996	\$ 438,492.18	
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1996	<u>133,797.37</u>	\$ 572,289.55
Sewer Replacement/Rehabilitation Account		
Cash on Hand January 1, 1996	\$ 2,493.88	
Amounts Received Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 1996	<u>240,979.48</u>	\$ 243,473.36
Amounts Paid Out Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 1996	\$ 0.00	
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1996	<u>243,473.36</u>	\$ 243,473.36
Sewer Construction Account		
Cash on Hand January 1, 1996	\$ 1,066.58	
Amounts Received Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 1996	<u>28.76</u>	\$ 1,095.34
Amounts Paid Out Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 1996	\$ 0.00	
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1996	<u>1,095.34</u>	\$ 1,095.34
Job Seamans/Birch Acres Operating Account		
Cash on Hand January 1, 1996	\$ 22,167.58	
Amounts Received Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 1996	<u>58,213.32</u>	\$ 80,380.90
Amounts Paid Out Jan.1 - Dec. 31, 1996	\$ 52,414.98	
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1996	<u>27,965.92</u>	\$ 80,380.90

Respectfully submitted,
DAVID EBERLY
Treasurer

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT
TOWN OF NEW LONDON
(Bonded Debt of the School is not included)

Maturities	Sewer Construct.	Interest Rate	Tracy Library & Goose Hole Sewer	Interest Rate	Sewer Construct.	Interest Rate
	July 1, 1979		July 15, 1990		July 9, 1993	
	Original Amt.		Original Amt.		Original Amt.	
	\$1,399,450		\$799,230		\$345,000	
1997	\$ 70,000	5.70	55,000	6.90	25,000	5.20
1998	70,000	5.75	55,000	6.90	25,000	5.20
1999	70,000	5.80	55,000	6.90	25,000	5.20
2000			55,000	6.90	25,000	5.20
2001			50,000	6.90	25,000	4.80
2002			50,000	6.90	25,000	5.00
2003			50,000	6.90	20,000	5.10
2004			50,000	7.00	20,000	5.25
2005			50,000	7.00	20,000	5.40
2006					20,000	5.40
2007					20,000	5.50
2008					20,000	5.60
	<u>\$210,000</u>		<u>\$470,000</u>		<u>\$270,000</u>	

TOWN OF NEW LONDON
LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Comparative Balance Sheet
December 31, 1996 and December 31, 1995

**Amount to be provided for
Retirement of Long Term Debt**

	1996	1995
Due from General Fund		
Town's Share	\$ 524,304.00	\$ 597,405.00
Due from Sewer Commission	270,000.00	295,000.00
Due from N.H. Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission	155,696.00	207,595.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 950,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,100,000.00</u>
Long Term Debt Outstanding		
Sewer Construction Bonds - 1979	\$ 210,000.00	\$ 280,000.00
Tracy Library & G H Sewer - 1990	470,000.00	525,000.00
Sewer Construction Bonds - 1993	270,000.00	295,000.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 950,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,100,000.00</u>

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION - 1996 TAX RATE ANALYSIS

Land (all)	\$192,351,494
Residential Buildings	256,266,002
Public Utilities	3,662,935
Commercial Buildings	23,646,500
 Valuation Before Exemptions	 475,926,931
Less: Elderly Exemption	125,000
Physically Handicapped	207,200
Solar Exemptions	74,926
School Exemption	650,000
 Less: Total Exemptions	 1,057,126
 Net Valuation for Tax Rate	 \$474,869,805

TAX COMMITMENT ANALYSIS

Property Taxes Assessed	\$6,481,972	\$6,479,614	Tax Committed to Collector
Less: Veterans Exemption	36,500	947	Less: Abatements
Add: Water Precinct Taxes	33,190	5	Less: Computer Rounding
	\$6,478,662	\$6,478,662	

PROOF OF TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Tax Rate = \$\$ to be raised by taxes divided by valuation

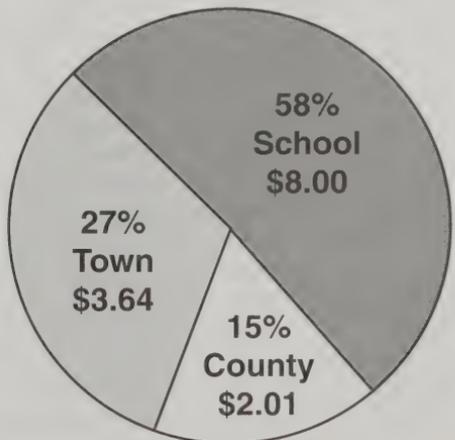
$$\$13.65 = \$6,481,972 \div \$474,869,805$$

TAX RATE BREAKDOWN

	1996	1995	1994
Town	3.64	3.56	3.76
School	8.00	8.22	7.11
County	2.01	2.02	1.94
 TAX RATE*	 \$13.65	 13.80	 12.81
WATER PCT.	0.17	0	0
TAX RATE**	13.82	13.80	12.81

*Not in Water Precinct

**In Water Precinct



SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Map/Lot No.	Acres	Description	Value
012-01	33.00	Colby Sanctuary/Conservation Land	\$ 162,900
016-01	4.50	Conservation Land Off I-89	13,500
016-02	4.20	Conservation Land Off I-89	48,200
028-02	1.13	Spaulding Right of Way	100
029-02	.62	Conservation Land Off Goosehole Rd.	22,700
029-04	70.90	Phillips Memorial Preserve	304,800
033-11	.88	Bucklin Beach Land & Bldgs.	292,800
033-19	6.70	Stump Dump	67,500
033-22	1.70	Land, Little Sunapee Road	43,600
042-19	.31	Land, Otterville Road	35,400
050-18	.50	Island, Pleasant Lake	37,100
056-01	4.80	Recycling & Disposal, Land & Bldgs.	331,700
058-05A	36.00	Philbrick-Cricenti Bog	187,800
072-40	1.44	Conservation Land, Lakeside Road	30,000
074-37	.60	Conservation Land, Pleasant Street	37,600
077-08	1.50	Elkins Beach, Bathhouses, Post Office	393,400
077-10	.35	Pleasant Lake Access	84,000
077-12	1.00	Pleasant Lake Dam, Land & Bldgs.	230,300
077-23B	.42	Tannery Pond, Elkins Rd.	41,000
078-05	.96	Scytheville Park Ext., Elkins Rd.	12,600
078-05A	.05	Scytheville Park Dam, Elkins Rd.	6,100
078-05B	.09	Scytheville Park	7,000
078-05C	.95	Scythe Shop Pond, Elkins Rd.	10,000
083-09	14.70	Conservation Land Off Lakeside Road	77,800
084-14	1.00	Little Common, Main Street	140,300
084-52	1.00	Library, Land & Bldgs.	1,006,000
084-64	.27	Fire Dept., Land & Bldgs.	399,200
085-13	3.80	Sargent Common, Main St.(incl. bandstand)	371,300
085-14	.39	Town Hall	608,500
085-38	.29	Town Hall - Offices	175,900
087-05	.03	Cemetery Well, Elkins Rd.	17,100
088-01	98.88	Land, Rte. 11 - Low Plain Cons. Land	289,800
088-05	6.00	Elkins Cemetery, Elkins Rd.	241,200
089-01	30.60	Land Off Laurel Lane	167,400
089-06	.37	Right of Way to 089-01	11,200
093-06	30.00	Conservation Land, County Road	122,900
095-05	3.70	Cemetery Land, Bog Road	53,600
095-20	5.80	Highway Dept., Land & Bldgs.	270,000
095-21	2.00	Highway Dept., Land	92,500
095-22	11.40	Sewer Plant	727,800
096-21	37.00	Backland Off Burpee Lane - Sewer Lagoons	92,500
099-16	11.50	Conservation, Low Plain	61,600
099-17	10.10	Conservation, Low Plain	57,700
100-03	33.00	Conservation Land, Mountain Rd., Low Plain	169,800
101-02	6.40	Mountain Road - Landfill Closure	47,900
101-03	13.90	Mountain Road - Landfill Closure	97,700

101-04	8.50	Mountain Road - Landfill Closure	83,600
101-06	2.00	Mountain Road, Land & Bldgs.	45,100
101-08	14.70	Landfill, Mountain Road	93,000
107-04	4.20	Cemetery, Old Main St.	56,100
112-02	53.30	Cons. Land, Mtn Rd-Low Plain, Shepard Spring & Highway Department	244,049
112-06	13.00	Conservation Land, Wilder Lane-Low Plain	87,400
117-12A	1.70	Cemetery, County Road	43,600
126-12	.07	Off Soo-Nipi Park, Right-of-Way to Lake	3,200
TOTAL			\$8,363,549

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1996

ISSUE OF DOG LICENSES:

4 Kennel Licenses	\$	63.00	
607 Dog Licenses		2,604.50	
2 Dog Fines		35.00	
Pay'ts due State on Dog Licenses		303.50	
Pay'ts due State on Pet-Overpopulation Fund		952.00	
Dog License Overpayments to Town		9.50	
Dog License Overpayments to State		<u>3.00</u>	
PAYMENTS TO TREASURER			\$ 3,970.50

AUTO REGISTRATIONS:

Auto Permits Issued		478,635.00	
Title Fees		1,518.00	
Municipal Agent Fees		11,207.50	
Auto Overpayments		<u>798.00</u>	
PAYMENTS TO TREASURER			492,158.50

BOAT REGISTRATIONS:

Boat Permits Issued & Agent Fees		1,672.16	
Pay'ts due State on Boat Registrations		3,392.00	
Boat Fee Overpayments		<u>1.00</u>	
PAYMENTS TO TREASURER			5,065.16

ALL OTHER FEES:

536 Footpath Maps & 3 Bog Maps		537.50	
10 Dredge & Fill Applications		124.10	
18 Town Histories & 25 Hist. Sketches		205.00	
Uniform Commercial Code Filings		2,047.75	
24 Filing Fees		62.00	
26 Marriage Licenses		182.00	

CERTIFIED COPIES:

205 Birth Certificates		800.00	
809 Death Certificates		2,604.00	
6 Marriage Certificates		24.00	
13 Proofs of Residency		52.00	
Payments due State on Certified Copies and Marriage Licenses		5,164.00	
Miscellaneous Fees		25.40	
Non-Sufficient Fund Check Charges		200.00	
Overpayments		<u>12.00</u>	

PAYMENTS TO TREASURER 12,039.75

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$513,233.91

TOTAL PAID TO TREASURER \$513,233.91

Respectfully submitted,
 LOIS E. MARSHALL
 Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Summary of Tax Accounts
Fiscal Year Ended 12/31/96

TOWN OF NEW LONDON	Levies of		
	1996	1995	Prior
Uncollected Taxes -			
Beginning of Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	\$	\$337,752.73	\$
Land Use Change Tax			
Yield Taxes			
Sewer Rents		9,012.00	
Taxes Committed to Collector			
During Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	6,513,240.86		
Land Use Change Tax	201.40		
Yield Taxes	3,217.66		
Sewer Rents	339,904.47	215,461.67	
Added Taxes:			
Property Taxes		6,872.40	
Overpayments:			
Property Taxes	4,841.45	81.39	
Land Use Change Tax			
Yield Taxes			
Sewer Rents	2.38		
Interest Collected on			
Delinquent Taxes	4,791.68	18,077.25	
Costs Collected on			
Property Taxes		2,239.50	
Total Debits	\$6,866,199.90	\$589,496.94	

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Summary of Tax Accounts
Fiscal Year Ended: 12/31/96

TOWN OF NEW LONDON	Levies of		Prior
	1996	1995	
Remitted to Treasurer -			
During Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	\$6,176,628.94	\$343,119.55	
Land Use Change Tax	201.40		
Yield Taxes	3,217.66		
Sewer Rents	304,453.01	224,473.67	
Interest on Taxes	4,791.68	18,077.25	
Costs		2,239.50	
Discount Allowed:			
Abatements Allowed:			
Property Taxes	1,892.33	1,586.97	
Land Use Change Tax			
Yield Taxes			
Sewer Rents	14,658.80		
Decded to Town During Year:			
Uncollected Taxes -			
End of Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	339,561.04		
Land Use Change Tax			
Yield Taxes			
Sewer Rents	20,795.04		
Total Credits	\$6,866,199.90	\$589,496.94	

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Summary of Tax Lien Accounts
Fiscal Year Ended: 12/31/96

TOWN OF NEW LONDON	Levies of		
	1995	1994	1993
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes - Beginning of Fiscal Year:	\$	\$ 83,993.17	\$ 52,592.31
Tax Liens Executed to Town During Fiscal Year:	112,549.89		
Interest Collected After Lien Execution:	3,052.48	7,556.13	17,962.35
Collected Redemption Costs:	558.44	763.00	1,017.31
Total Debits	\$116,160.81	\$92,312.30	\$71,571.97
Remittance to Treasurer - During Fiscal Year: Redemptions	53,515.54	44,380.47	48,413.93
Interest and Costs (After Lien Execution)	3,610.92	8,319.13	18,979.66
Abatement of Unredeemed Taxes: Deeded to Town During Year:			
Unredeemed Taxes - End of Fiscal Year:	59,034.35	39,612.70	4,178.38
Total Credits	\$116,160.81	\$92,312.30	\$71,571.97

Respectfully submitted,
LOIS E. MARSHALL
Tax Collector

SUMMARY OF SEWER RENTS
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1996

LEVY OF 1995 - FIRST BILLING

Balance Due Uncollected Rents	\$9,012.00
Sewer Rents Collected	9,012.00
Interest Collected	615.30
Costs Collected	15.00

LEVY OF 1995 - SECOND BILLING

RENTS COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR:

Sewer Warrant	\$215,461.67	
Interest Collected	205.96	
Costs Collected	294.00	
TOTAL DEBITS:		\$215,961.63

REMITTANCES TO TREASURER:

Sewer Rents Collected	\$215,461.67	
Interest Collected	205.96	
Costs Collected	294.00	
TOTAL CREDITS:		\$215,961.63

LEVY OF 1996 - FIRST AND SECOND BILLINGS

RENTS COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR:

Sewer Warrants	\$339,904.47	
Interest Collected	148.43	
Overpayments	2.38	
TOTAL DEBITS:		\$340,055.28

REMITTANCES TO TREASURER:

Sewer Rents Collected	\$304,453.01	
Abatements	14,658.80	
Interest Collected	148.43	
Uncollected Rents	20,795.04	
TOTAL CREDITS:		\$340,055.28

Respectfully submitted,
LOIS E. MARSHALL
Tax Collector

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX LIEN
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1996

TOWN OF NEW LONDON

	Levies of		
	1995	1994	1993
Alexander, James & Laura 052-17 55 Wilmot Center Road	\$ 2,321.93	\$	\$
Bonanno, Janet A. 073-54 187 Main Street	6,220.08	4,732.34	
Brown, Clinton C., Jr. 130-04 67 King Hill Road	923.07		
Cadieux, Vincent R. 300-215 46 Newport Road #215	876.23	822.70	
300-217 46 Newport Road #217	852.73	799.20	
Davis, Dana C. & Margaret 075-04 6 Kearsarge Road	626.81		
Dyment, Barbara 084-47 50 Barrett Road	104.35		
Energy Watch Associates 084-56 167 Main Street	3,324.85	3,030.68	
England, Michael S. & Harriet 074-26 2 Greenwood Lane		984.95	
First NH Bank 139-04 5 Stonehouse Road	2,735.88		
Fucarile, Thomas C. & Barbara E. 047-46 40 Birch Acres Road	4,151.85	3,890.23	4,178.38
Gott, L. Ross III & Susan R. 117-01 44 Tracy Road	3,047.07	2,849.84	
Grace, Daniel L. & Cohen, Lenard & Ottobriani, Harold 081-23 16 Columbus Avenue	661.83	620.70	
Grandgeorge, Douglas 136-08A 231 King Hill Road	575.47		
Kunzig, Richard J. & Mary Lou 051-21 28 Lake Shore Drive	5,730.11	5,357.29	
Laganas, Peter C. 081-01 22 Farwell Lane	\$ 816.50	\$ 794.81	\$
081-02 18 Farwell Lane	607.06	569.13	
081-07 17 Farwell Lane	599.61	562.16	
081-08 23 Farwell Lane	1,735.66	1,626.04	

	Levies of		
	1995	1994	1993
Messer, Joseph E. 129-11 170 King Hill Road	477.95	448.85	
Moore, Peter V. & Susan E. 021-03 122 Little Sunapee Road 033-16 121 Little Sunapee Road	1,778.72 2,377.53		
Palmer, Darrel & Lois W. 084-11 133 Main Street	3,605.06	3,207.99	
Pokravarian, Krikor & Vartouhi 065-11 3 Lake Shore Drive	789.87	716.48	
Pond, Evelyn B. 085-19 12 Gould Road	2,413.55	2,117.92	
Poole, Charles F. & Patricia M. 077-22 33 Elkins Road	1,474.78	1,380.45	
Ragonese, Nancy E. 051-05 34 Lake Shore Drive	1,848.49	1,725.78	
Rehberger, F., Jr & Rehberger, E. H. & Ware, L. R. 035-28 7 Sugarhouse Road	2,357.71	2,205.59	
Saxby, Daniel E. 065-25 4 Sparrowhawk Road	2,378.55	1,110.80	
Search, Robert D. & Patricia M. 137-07 14 Stony Brook Road	3,176.61		
Wilson, Rexford 116-14 9 Hastings Landing Road	444.44	58.77	
TOTAL UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX LIEN	\$59,034.35	\$39,612.70	\$ 4,178.38

I hereby certify that the above list showing name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1996, on account of levies of 1993, 1994, and 1995, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. All taxes for years prior to 1993 have been paid in full.

Respectfully submitted,
LOIS E. MARSHALL
Tax Collector

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS ANNUAL REPORT

The diversification efforts begun last year were largely completed in 1996. The Trustees have continued to employ two asset classes to achieve the objectives of the various funds: equities and fixed income securities in a target asset allocation of one third equities and two thirds fixed income. As reported in last year's letter, S& P 500 Index funds are used for domestic equity allocation. These funds mirror the returns provided in the overall U.S. stock market, are well diversified by sector and security, and have low fees.

This year the trustees decided to continue diversifying the equity portion of the trust fund by investing in a global equity mutual fund, The Janus Worldwide Fund. This highly rated, no-load fund invests in equity securities around the globe, has an excellent track record, low risk profile and modest expense ratios. The investment provides diversification benefits as well as return enhancement which will protect the purchasing power of the assets in the trust funds.

During the year the Trustees will continue with the prudent management of the funds. As fixed income investments mature or new cash is added, the proper diversification between the asset classes will be maintained. The Trustees have constructed a formal Statement of Investment Objectives which details the policies described above. It is available upon request.

The total assets in the funds now approach \$1.2 million. The returns during 1996 were approximately 17.25% for the Common Fund, 10.76% for the Tracy Fund and 5% on the miscellaneous funds. The highest returns were associated with the highest equity exposures.

Respectfully submitted,
MARTIN FEINS, Chair
WILLIAM HUTCHENS
MARTHA COTTRILL

**REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF NEW LONDON
CEMETERY FUND**

Number of Shares Invested	How Invested	Balance Begin Year	Principal			Gain/Loss from Sales	Balance End Year	Balance to Begin Year	Inc. During Year	Exp. During Year	Balance End Year	Mkt. Val. 12/31/95	Mkt. Val. 12/31/96
			Additional Purchases	Cash Cap. Gains	Proceeds from Sales								
	NLT Savings #283524t	\$ -4,038.98	\$ 7,080.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -5,158.98	\$ 10,382.49	\$ 5,286.92	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,669.41	\$ 6,344.00	\$ 5,510.43
	NLT CD #601431	0.00	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	137.95	137.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
	NH PDIP #183-0015	0.00	8,249.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,249.91	0.00	111.96	111.96	0.00	0.00	8,249.91
10M	USTN 6 1/2% 8-97	10,209.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,209.38	0.00	650.00	650.00	0.00	10,200.00	10,062.50
10M	USTN 5 1/8% 12-98	9,403.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,403.13	0.00	768.75	768.75	0.00	9,962.00	9,865.63
10M	USTN 6 1/2% 4-99	10,300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,300.00	0.00	650.00	650.00	0.00	10,362.00	10,106.25
10M	USTN 5 1/2% 4-00	9,631.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,631.25	0.00	550.00	550.00	0.00	10,062.00	9,831.25
10M	USTN 8% 5-01	10,762.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,762.50	0.00	800.00	800.00	0.00	11,188.00	10,690.63
10M	USTN 6 3/8% 8-02	9,900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,900.00	0.00	637.50	637.50	0.00	10,488.00	10,068.75
10M	USTN 6 1/4% 2-03	9,453.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,453.12	0.00	625.00	625.00	0.00	10,437.00	9,990.63
618.31	Vanguard Index Fund	32,579.91	0.00	154.10	0.00	0.00	32,734.01	0.00	788.97	788.97	0.00	35,400.00	42,762.32
	TOTALS	\$ 98,200.31	\$ 23,329.91	\$ 154.10	\$ 16,200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 105,484.32	\$ 10,382.49	\$ 11,007.05	\$ 10,720.13	\$ 10,669.41	\$ 114,443.00	\$ 127,138.30

NEW LONDON GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND

1993	Spartan Govt. Income Fund	\$ 24,092.49	\$ 73.97	\$ 0.00	\$ 24,092.49	\$ -2,071.05	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 702.45	\$ 702.45	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
	Pacific Gas & Electric	5,731.15	0.00	0.00	5,731.16	6,410.71	0.00	0.00	793.80	793.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
	NH PDIP #183-0014	0.00	34,158.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	34,158.30	0.00	857.72	0.00	857.72	35,016.02	34,158.30
	Gen'l Endowment Fund TOTALS	\$ 29,823.64	\$ 34,232.27	\$ 0.00	\$ 29,823.65	\$ 4,339.66	\$ 34,158.30	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,353.97	\$ 1,496.25	\$ 857.72	\$ 35,016.02	\$ 34,158.30
	Common Fund TOTALS	\$ 128,023.95	\$ 57,562.18	\$ 154.10	\$ 46,023.65	\$ 4,339.66	\$ 139,642.62	\$ 10,382.49	\$ 13,361.02	\$ 12,216.38	\$ 11,527.13	\$ 149,459.02	\$ 162,154.32

TRUST FUNDS

1951—JANE A. TRACY FUND

Purpose —
To Support Tracy Memorial Library

How Invested	Beginning Balance	New Fund Created	Gains or Losses	W/D	End Balance	Beginning Balance	Income Over Year	Expended Over Year	End Balance	Mkt. Val. 12/31/95	Mkt. Val. 12/31/96
NLT Savings #283525	\$ 11,946.05	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,625.24	\$ 4,320.81	\$ 0.00	\$ 617.15	\$ 617.15	\$ 0.00	\$ 11,946	\$ 4,321
NLT CD #602209	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	74.46	0.00	74.46	0	0
USTBill 2-96	98,627.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,373.00	0.00	1,373.00	98,627	0
USTBill 6-96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	309.00	0.00	309.00	0	0
USTBill 9-96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,535.25	0.00	1,535.25	0	0
USTN 8 7/8% 2-96	20,206.20	0.00	-206.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	887.50	887.50	0.00	20,300	0
USTN 8 1/2% 5-97	20,642.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,642.47	0.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	0.00	20,850	20,225
USTN 5 1/8% 2-98	19,431.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,431.25	0.00	1,025.00	1,025.00	0.00	19,950	19,875
USTN 8 7/8% 2-99	20,843.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,843.75	0.00	1,775.00	1,775.00	0.00	22,050	21,163
USTN 5 1/2% 4-00	19,262.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,262.50	0.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00	20,150	19,663
USTN 8% 5-01	21,525.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,525.00	0.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	0.00	22,375	21,381
USTN 6 3/8% 8-02	20,481.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,481.25	0.00	1,275.00	1,275.00	0.00	20,950	20,138
USTN 6 1/4% 2-03	24,570.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,570.32	0.00	1,562.50	1,562.50	0.00	15,656	24,977
USTN 7 1/4% 5-04	24,745.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,745.31	0.00	1,812.50	1,812.50	0.00	27,781	26,328
USTN 6 1/2% 5-05	20,706.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,706.25	0.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	0.00	21,300	20,150
USTN 5 5/8% 2-06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,963.80	0.00	562.50	562.50	0.00	0	18,931
Dreyfus S&P 500 Index Fd.	0.00	0.00	1,179.99	0.00	38,179.99	0.00	669.43	669.43	0.00	0	39,666
Fidelity Market Index Fd.	0.00	0.00	628.41	0.00	38,628.41	0.00	426.54	426.54	0.00	0	43,345
Janus Worldwide Fund	0.00	0.00	1,174.85	0.00	37,174.85	0.00	1,078.32	1,078.32	0.00	0	35,741
Tracy Fund TOTALS	\$322,986.95	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,777.05	\$7,625.24	\$330,475.96	\$ 0.00	\$ 20,683.15	\$17,391.44	\$ 3,291.71	\$321,935	\$335,902

How Invested

1913—SARAH & ELIZABETH BROWN FUND

To Support Tracy Memorial Library

How Invested	Beginning Balance	New Fund Created	Gains or Losses	W/D	End Balance	Beginning Balance	Income Over Year	Expended Over Year	End Balance
L Sunapee Bank Savings	\$ 191.59	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 51.94	\$ 51.94	\$ 0.00
Scudder Income Fund	1,727.41	0.00	-226.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.17	24.17	0.00
NH PDP #0013	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,784.72	0.00	49.41	49.41	0.00
Brown Fund TOTALS	\$ 1,919.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -226.66	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,784.72	\$ 0.00	\$ 125.52	\$ 125.52	\$ 0.00

1945—ANN MARY JELLY FUND

To Support Tracy Memorial Library

How Invested	Beginning Balance	New Fund Created	Gains or Losses	W/D	End Balance	Beginning Balance	Income Over Year	Expended Over Year	End Balance
Lake Sunapee Bank	\$ 124.64	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1.43	\$ 1.43	\$ 0.00
NL PDP #0011	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	129.87	0.00	5.23	5.23	0.00
Jelly Fund TOTALS	\$ 124.64	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 129.87	\$ 0.00	\$ 6.66	\$ 6.66	\$ 0.00

How Invested	Beginning Balance	New Fund Created	Gains or Losses	W/D	End Balance	Beginning Balance	Income Over Year	Expended Over Year	End Balance
1962—KATHLEEN L. WHITCOMB FUND									
<i>To Support Tracy Memorial Library</i>									
Lake Sunapee Bank	\$ 39.04	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.00
NH PDIP #0012	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	109.30	0.00	1.91	0.00	1.91
346.867 Puritan Fund	3,911.25	0.00	535.48	0.00	4,446.73	0.00	220.92	220.92	0.00
WHITCOMB FUND TOTALS	\$ 3,950.29	\$ 0.00	\$ 535.48	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,556.03	\$ 0.00	\$ 222.88	\$ 220.97	\$ 1.91
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS									
1992 FIRE VEHICLE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND									
NH PDIP 183-3	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 5,175.22	\$ 5,091.85	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,267.07
FIRE VEHICLE FUND TOTALS	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 5,175.22	\$ 5,091.85	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,267.07
1986 POLICE DEPT. SCHOLARSHIP FUND									
<i>Local Scholarship</i>									
Money Market Passbook	\$ 146.32	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 146.32	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
SCHOLARSHIP FUND TOTAL	\$ 146.32	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 146.32	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
1990—KEZAR LAKE TREATMENT CAP. RES. FUND									
NH PDIP 183-0001	\$120,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 19,755.31	\$ 7,124.29	\$ 0.00	\$ 26,879.60
KEZAR LAKE TREATMENT FUND TOTALS	\$120,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 19,755.31	\$ 7,124.29	\$ 0.00	\$ 26,879.60
1983—GENERAL CEMETERY MAINTENANCE									
NH PDIP 183-0007	\$ 39,050.13	\$ 4,720.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 561.40	\$ 43,208.73	\$ 2,491.23	\$ 2,113.00	\$ 4,604.23	\$ 0.00
GENERAL CEMETERY MAINTENANCE FD. TOTALS	\$ 39,050.13	\$ 4,720.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 561.40	\$ 43,208.73	\$ 2,491.23	\$ 2,113.00	\$ 4,604.23	\$ 0.00
1992 TOWN MASTER PLAN CAP. RES. FUND									
NH PDIP 183-0004	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 441.10	\$ 282.33	\$ 723.43	\$ 0.00
MASTER PLAN FUND TOTALS	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 441.10	\$ 282.33	\$ 723.43	\$ 0.00
1992 TOWN BUILDING CAP. RES. FUND									
NH PDIP 183-0002	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 1,842.59	\$ 1,193.60	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,036.19
TOWN BUILDING FUND TOTALS	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 1,842.59	\$ 1,193.60	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,036.19
PAGE TOTALS	\$604,677.33	\$44,730.00	\$ 3,085.87	\$14,686.64	\$630,401.63	\$ 29,705.45	\$ 36,843.28	\$ 23,072.25	\$43,476.48

How Invested	Beginning Balance	New Fund Created	Gains or Losses	W/D	End Balance	Income Over Year	Expended Over Year	End Balance
1993 WASTE WATER TREATMENT EQUIPMENT ART. #24 CAP. RES. FUND								
NH PDIP 183-0005	\$106,762.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 106,762.00	\$ 5,908.97	\$ 0.00	\$15,057.42
WASTE WATER FD. TOTALS	\$106,762.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 106,762.00	\$ 5,908.97	\$ 0.00	\$15,057.42
1994 HIGHWAY HEAVY EQUIPMENT CAP. RES. FUND								
NLT #10021531	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 84.37	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,785.91
NH PDIP #183-0016	0.00	61,000.00	0.00	0.00	61,000.00	487.86	0.00	487.86
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND TOTALS	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 61,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 61,000.00	\$ 572.23	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,273.77
1993 REVALUATION CAPITAL RESERVE FUND								
NH PDIP #183-0006	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 2,422.13	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,658.65
REVALUATION FUND TOTALS	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 2,422.13	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,658.65
1993 TRACY LIBRARY BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND								
NH PDIP #183-0009	\$ 16,416.02	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 16,416.02	\$ 671.01	\$ 836.55	\$ 684.00
TRACY BUILDING MAINTENANCE FD. TOTALS	\$ 16,416.02	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 16,416.02	\$ 671.01	\$ 836.55	\$ 684.00
1995 CONSERVATION COMM. LAND CAP. RES.								
NL PDIP 183-0010	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 160.70	\$ 509.37	\$ 0.00
CONS. COM. C.R. TOTALS	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 160.70	\$ 509.37	\$ 0.00
1995 DISPATCH RADIO CAPITAL RESERVE								
NLT Savings #283602	\$ 16.70	\$ 600.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 616.70	\$ 10.24	\$ 0.00	\$ 10.24
USTN 6% 8-97	9,983.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,983.30	600.00	600.00	0.00
NH PDIP #183-0017	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	79.97	0.00	79.97
DIS. RADIO C.R. TOTALS	\$ 10,000.00	\$10,600.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 20,600.00	\$ 690.21	\$ 600.00	\$ 90.21
1996 SIDEWALK CAPITAL RESERVE								
NH PDIP #183-0018	\$ 0.00	\$5,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 39.97	\$ 0.00	\$ 39.97
SIDEWALK TOTALS	\$ 0.00	\$5,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 39.97	\$ 0.00	\$ 39.97
1996 TOWN GENERATOR CAPITAL RESERVE								
NH PDIP #183-0019	\$ 0.00	\$5,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 39.97	\$ 0.00	\$ 39.97
TOWN GEN. TOTALS	\$ 0.00	\$5,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 39.97	\$ 0.00	\$ 39.97
PAGE TOTALS								
REPORT TOTALS	\$219,678.02	\$ 90,100.00	\$40,000.00	\$38,000.00	\$311,778.02	\$13,918.22	\$11,019.40	\$23,653.62
	\$824,355.35	\$1,348,820.00	\$ 43,085.87	\$52,686.64	\$942,179.65	\$43,623.67	\$47,862.68	\$67,130.10

**THE STATE OF
NEW HAMPSHIRE**



**TOWN WARRANT
NEW LONDON
1997**

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TOWN OF NEW LONDON

1997 TOWN WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of New London in the County of Merrimack and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Whipple Memorial Hall in said New London on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March, 1997, at 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1

- A. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.
- B. To vote by ballot on amendments to the New London Zoning Ordinance.
- C. To vote by ballot to modify the elderly exemptions from property tax.

NOTE: By law, the meeting must open before the voting starts. Therefore, the meeting and polls will open at 8:00 a.m. for the consideration of Articles: 1 A, B & C. At 12:00 noon, the meeting will recess, but the polls will remain open until 7:00 p.m. The meeting will reconvene at the Kearsarge Regional Middle School Gymnasium on Wednesday, March 12, at 7:00 p.m. to act upon Articles 2 through 33.

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$450,000 and to authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners to expend said sum for the purpose of constructing a sanitary sewer line in the Edmunds Road, Old Main Street, Knights Hill and South Pleasant Street area of New London; such sum to include the purchase of land and easements. Said sum is to be raised by the issuance of serial bonds or notes not to exceed 20 years under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (New Hampshire RSA 33:1, et seq., as amended); and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; additionally to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Sewer Commissioners to participate in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) per RSA 486:14 established for this purpose; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Sewer Commissioners to apply for, accept, and expend any Federal, State, or other available funds towards the project, according to the terms under which they are received, and to borrow in anticipation of receipt of such aid or the issuance of such bonds or notes, by the issuance of notes or notes payable in anticipation of such bonds, notes or aid as provided by the Municipal Finance Act, as amended; and further notwithstanding that the bonds, or notes shall be a general obligation to the Town, the Board of Sewer Commissioners is hereby directed to establish betterment fees sufficient to pay 100% of the principal and interest due with respect to the bonds or notes issued hereunder to be paid by those served or receiving a special benefit from the lines to be constructed hereunder in accordance with RSA 149:1:7; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Sewer Commissioners to take all other actions as may be necessary to carry out the project in the best interest of the Town of New London. *The Board of Selectmen, Sewer Commissioners and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (2/3 vote by ballot required)

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **general municipal operations**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.*
(Majority vote required)

	1997	1996
Executive	66,286	62,877
Elections, Registration & Vitals	33,944	33,874
Financial Administration (see also warrant article #17)	194,894	159,749
Revaluation of Property (see also warrant article #28)	15,000	12,000
Legal Expense	20,300	21,300
Employee Benefits	321,982	285,682
Planning and Zoning	21,380	35,480
General Government Buildings	69,420	75,134
Cemeteries	22,000	26,000
Insurance	94,900	103,500
Advertising & Regional Associations (see also warrant article #31)	<u>9,457</u>	<u>6,957</u>
TOTAL	869,563	822,553

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **Public Safety**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.*
(Majority vote required)

	1997	1996
Police Department	262,919	258,234
Fire Department	46,798	46,353
Emergency Management	1,600	1,700
Dispatch Center	<u>133,620</u>	<u>124,536</u>
TOTAL	444,937	430,823

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **Highways and Streets**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.*
(Majority vote required)

	1997	1996
Highway Administration	203,256	177,270
Highway & Street Construction (see also warrant article #26)	325,200	330,470
Bridge Maintenance	0	10,000
Street Lighting	<u>25,600</u>	<u>24,500</u>
TOTAL	554,056	542,240

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **Sanitation**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.*
(Majority vote required)

	1997	1996
Solid Waste Administration	67,808	64,571
Solid Waste Collection	39,750	62,450
Landfill Repair	142,000	0
Solid Waste Disposal	196,500	260,200
Hazardous Waste Day	4,000	0
Sewage Collection and Disposal	<u>411,726</u>	<u>386,036</u>
TOTAL	861,784	773,257

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **Health Agencies, Health Department, Welfare and Intergovernmental Welfare**. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.* (Majority vote required)

	1997	1996
Kearsarge Council on Aging	6,300	6,000
New London Ambulance	3,758	12,998
Lake Sunapee VNA	8,566	11,162
Health Department	5,000	3,950
Welfare Administration	250	250
Welfare/Vendor Payments	10,500	10,500
Intergovernmental Welfare/CAP	<u>2,188</u>	<u>2,188</u>
TOTAL	36,562	47,048

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the expansion of the Parks and Recreation Department and to vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000) to hire the part-time recreation employee (includes wages, other general and administrative expenses for 8 months beginning May 1, 1997, in the first year). *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.*
(Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for Culture and Recreation. *The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.*
(Majority vote required)

	1997	1996
Parks and Recreation (see also warrant article #8)	28,500	28,200
Tracy Memorial Library	195,531	181,470
Patriotic Purposes	300	300
History and Archives (see also warrant article # 30)	<u>800</u>	<u>800</u>
TOTAL	225,131	210,770

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for **Conservation**.
The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.
(Majority vote required)

	1997	1996
Conservation Administration	10,370	13,870
Care of Trees	<u>10,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>
TOTAL	20,370	21,870

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for the payment of **principal and interest of long-term debt, and for tax anticipation notes (TANS)**.
The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.
(Majority vote required)

	1997	1996
Principal/ Bonds and Notes	150,000	150,000
Interest/Bonds and Notes	58,705	67,755
Interest/TANS	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
TOTAL	209,205	218,255

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds to be placed in previously established **Capital Reserve Funds** as follows: -
The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.
(Majority vote required)

	1997	1996
Fire Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund	30,000	30,000
Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	70,000	61,000
Dispatch Radio Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	10,000	10,000
Conservation Land Acquisition Cap. Res. Fund	8,500	8,500
Town Hall Generator Replacement Cap. Res. Fund	5,000	5,000
Sidewalk Installation Capital Reserve Fund	<u>25,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
TOTAL	148,500	119,500

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to name the existing Town Office addition in memory of Harold W. Buker, Jr., to be named the "Harold W. Buker, Jr. Town Offices", and to authorize the Selectmen to design and create a plaque to be permanently placed on the building in his memory. *The Board of Selectmen recommend this warrant article.*
(Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the previously established **Town Building Improvements** Capital Reserve Fund and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to be agents to expend.
The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.
(Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to replace the **heating system** at the Fire Department and erect a storage building to house the heating fuel tank.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

(Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Non-Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1-c for the purpose of **bridge repair & maintenance fund** and to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in this fund and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

(Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Non-Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1-c for the purpose of a **computer maintenance/replacement fund** and to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) to be placed in this fund and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

(Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty six thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$26,750) for the purchase of a **police cruiser**.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

(Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) for the purchase of a **diesel fuel tank**.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

(Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to purchase a **refuse tractor** and to authorize the withdrawal of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

(Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$15,500) to purchase a **sidewalk mower/blower tractor** and to authorize the withdrawal of fifteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$15,500) from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

(Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand four hundred dollars (\$8,400) to purchase a **10 ton equipment trailer** and to authorize the withdrawal of eight thousand four hundred dollars (\$8,400) from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

(Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety two thousand eight hundred ninety six dollars (\$92,896) to purchase a **fire tanker** and to authorize the withdrawal of ninety two thousand eight hundred ninety six dollars (\$92,896) from the Fire Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

(Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand one hundred and fifty dollars (\$8,150) for the purpose of **hiring an engineer** to examine, survey and design a plan to reinforce the Pleasant Lake Dam.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

(Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to purchase **playground equipment** at Elkins Beach.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

(Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a multi-year lease agreement (7 years) for the purpose of leasing an **excavator** for the Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of eleven thousand seven hundred dollars (\$11,700) for the first year's payment for that purpose.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

(2/3 vote required)

ARTICLE 27

In accordance with RSA 41:11-a, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 2 year lease agreement with the State of New Hampshire for the New London District Court to rent space in the New London Town Hall.

The Board of Selectmen recommend this warrant article. (2/3 vote required)

ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$125,000) for a complete **townwide revaluation** and authorize the withdrawal of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose, and transfer any accumulated interest to date of withdrawal to the general fund. The balance of forty five thousand dollars (\$45,000) is to come from general taxation.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

(Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 29

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the purpose of erecting a **signal light** at the intersection of Newport Road and County Road, and to authorize the receipt of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) reimbursement from the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation, and the sum of twenty nine thousand eight hundred thirty-five dollars and sixty cents (\$29,835.60) to be received from traffic impact fees. The balance of twenty thousand one hundred sixty-four dollars and forty cents (\$20,164.40) is to come from general taxation.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

(Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 30

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the previously established **Town History/Publication Fund**, and to add any accrued interest during 1997 to the said fund. This is a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the History is published, or 1999, whichever is sooner.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

(Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 31

To see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain, with State approval, two signs, approximately 5' X 3', one to be located on Main Street approximately 800 feet north of Crockett's Corner on the east side, and the second sign to be located approximately 1300 feet east of I-89 on the south side of Newport Road (opposite Old Route 11) announcing, "**Welcome to New London, All services just ahead,**" and to authorize the Selectmen to approve the design of the signs, and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for this purpose; said funds to be raised by donation.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

(Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 32

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the acceptance of a gift of real property comprising 4.5 acres, Tax Map 91, Lot 36, 34 Columbus Avenue, subject to a Conservation Easement in perpetuity.

The Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission recommend this acquisition.

(Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 33

To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Board of Selectmen recommend this warrant article.

(Majority vote required)

Given under our hands and seal this tenth day of February, in the Year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-seven.

APRIL D. WHITTAKER, Chairman
DOUGLAS W. LYON, Selectman
EDMUND R. TAYLOR, Selectman
New London Board of Selectmen

A True Copy of Warrant - Attest:
APRIL D. WHITTAKER, Chairman
DOUGLAS W. LYON, Selectman
EDMUND R. TAYLOR, Selectman
New London Board of Selectmen

BUDGET OF THE TOWN (MS-7)
Appropriations/Expenditures 1996
Proposed Budget January 1, 1997 - December 31, 1997

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION RSA 31-4		W.A. NO.	1996 APPROP.	EXPENDED 12-31-96	SELECTMEN'S PROPOSED	BUDG. COMM. PROPOSED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Executive		3	\$ 62,877	\$ 63,526	\$ 66,286	\$ 66,286
Election, Registration & Vitals		3	33,874	34,241	33,944	33,944
Financial Administration		3 & 17	159,749	174,370	195,394	195,394
Revaluation of Property		3	12,000	17,404	15,000	15,000
Legal Expense		3	21,300	18,750	20,300	20,300
Employee Benefits		3	285,682	280,261	321,982	321,982
Planning & Zoning Boards		3	35,480	26,122	21,380	21,380
General Government Buildings		3	75,134	66,160	69,420	69,420
Cemeteries		3	26,000	25,191	22,000	22,000
Insurance		3	103,500	96,680	94,900	94,900
Advertising (Tourism) & Reg. Assoc.		3 & 31	6,957	6,957	11,957	11,957
PUBLIC SAFETY						
Police Department		4	258,234	247,177	262,919	262,919
Fire Department		4	46,353	44,765	46,798	46,798
Emergency Management		4	1,700	898	1,600	1,600
Police Dispatch		4	124,536	121,235	133,620	133,620
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS						
Highway Administration		5	177,270	173,633	203,256	203,256
Highways & Streets		5 & 26	330,470	330,419	336,900	336,900
Bridge Maintenance			10,000	9,005	0	0
Street Lighting		5	24,500	24,109	25,600	25,600
SANITATION						
Solid Waste Administration		6	64,571	63,706	67,808	67,808
Solid Waste Collection		6	62,450	43,030	181,750	181,750
Solid Waste Disposal		6	260,200	255,935	196,500	196,500
Solid Waste Cleanup		6	0	0	4,000	4,000
Sewage Collection & Disposal		6	386,036	386,036	411,726	411,726

HEALTH						
Health Department	7	3,950	3,540	5,000	5,000	
Health Agencies & Hospitals	7	30,160	26,439	18,624	18,624	
WELFARE						
Welfare-Administration	7	250	250	250	250	
Intergovernmental Welfare	7	2,188	2,188	2,188	2,188	
Welfare-Vendor Payments	7	10,500	6,206	10,500	10,500	
CULTURE AND RECREATION						
Parks & Recreation	8 & 9	28,200	27,731	42,500	42,500	
Tracy Memorial Library	9	181,470	181,470	195,531	195,531	
Patriotic Purposes	9	300	300	300	300	
Other Culture	9 & 30	10,800	609	10,800	10,800	
CONSERVATION						
Conservation-Administration	10	13,870	5,496	10,370	10,370	
Other Conservation	10	8,000	7,929	10,000	10,000	
DEBT SERVICE						
Principal-Long Term Bonds & Notes	11	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	
Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	11	67,755	67,755	58,705	58,705	
Interest-TANS	11	500	0	500	500	
CAPITAL OUTLAY						
Capital Outlay-Land		5,500	5,500	0	0	
Capital Outlay-Vehicles, Mach., Equip.	18-25, 28, 29	53,925	51,400	457,696	457,696	
Capital Outlay-Buildings	15	31,500	27,027	6,000	6,000	
Capital Outlay-Improvements	2	0	0	450,000	450,000	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT						
Transfers to Capital Reserves	12, 14, 16	169,500	169,500	163,500	163,500	
		\$3,337,241	\$3,242,950	\$4,337,504	\$4,337,504	

BUDGET OF THE TOWN (MS-7)
Estimated 1996 Revenue/Actual 1996 Receipts
Estimated Revenue January 1, 1997 - December 31, 1997

SOURCE OF REVENUE	ESTIMATED REVENUES	RECEIVED 12-31-96	SELECTMEN'S PROPOSED	BUDG. COMM. PROPOSED
TAXES				
Land Use Change Tax (CU)	\$ 0	\$ 201	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Yield Tax	3,218	3,218	3,500	3,500
Interest & Penalties	52,500	54,807	52,000	52,000
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES				
Business Licenses	10,500	11,474	9,500	9,500
Motor Vehicle Fees	440,000	492,158	480,000	480,000
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	18,100	18,766	17,450	17,450
FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
FEMA Grant	17,395	17,396	128,090	128,090
FROM STATE				
Shared Revenue Block Grant	58,246	58,246	58,246	58,246
Highway Block Grant	73,269	73,269	82,766	82,766
Water Pollution Grants	79,251	79,251	75,755	75,755
Other State Grants & Reimb.	169,461	169,461	100,795	100,795
CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
Income from Departments	50,300	56,722	34,219	34,219
Other Charges	1,000	972	700	700

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPORT

1996 saw the Board saying good-bye to two friends. Jim Moreland retired from his long-time role as Selectman in March, and more poignantly, the Town said good-bye to Harold Buker, Jr., who died in July. Harold's role as Selectmen for eleven years will be hard to match, if indeed it ever can be. Many people have asked the Board to consider some way of memorializing his name. In consultation with Harold's family, we know that it would give pleasure to many people to name and dedicate the Town Office addition as the "Harold W. Buker, Jr. Town Offices." The Board would appreciate your support for this small dedication.

In August the Board appointed Douglas Lyon to the Board of Selectmen. We thank him for being prepared to step into the void, and welcome his contributions thus far.

We believe that this will be the first time in a report that the Board feels compelled to discuss the weather! But we could not let this report go to press without wholeheartedly thanking the New London Highway crew who, literally, battled the winter of 1996 with record-breaking snowfalls. On behalf of the citizens, we appreciate the around-the-clock sacrifices made to keep our roads passable. Not only did the crew have record-breaking amounts of snow to deal with, but Mother Nature decided determinedly that rain would be the next nemesis, with October producing the so-called "100 year" storm. We quickly became aware of the need to revamp our drainage systems on many roads as we are sure many of you witnessed. The storm also caused severe slippage at our former landfill site. FEMA has awarded the Town \$128,090 toward the cost of engineering and repair. You will see this money reflected in the 1997 Solid Waste budget to be raised, but with the off-setting revenue, this item will not affect your 1997 tax rate. For those of you who are money-minded, the Town did receive from the State of New Hampshire its 20% reimbursement for landfill closure which amounted to \$169,460.

At the Town Offices, the Administrator and staff have begun the implementation of a GIS (Geographic Information System) plan. The plan is a five-year progression subject to budget. 1996, being year one, saw all the tax maps digitized, database development, and hardware and software updates for a town-wide tax mapping and information system. We are appreciative of the staff being able to retain their sense of humor during these times of changes! We are truly looking forward to the 21st Century - but only if we can afford it!

Much of our focus in 1996 has been the building and space needs of our various departments, with an emphasis on the Town's Police Department. For those of you that have visited our "basement" we believe that you will agree that something needs to be done. The Board conducted a "Needs Analysis" of the whole building. The next information pathway will be to see if a new Police Station is really what is required. 1997 should see a lot of information-sifting with a view to presenting a Plan for 1998 Town Meeting. In conjunction with space needs analysis, the Board hired the Police Chief's Association, under the guidance of Chief Stephen MacKinnon, to conduct a complete management review of the Police Department. We thank Chief Seastrand and his officers for their support and help. Chief Seastrand reported to the Board that the review had been a two-way learning tool, and that it had been a happy and positive experience. The Board should be in receipt of the report very shortly and will incorporate the document into the Police Department's space needs.

We need to give special thanks and recognition to our Tree Warden, Bob Fraley, and to Jim Wells who took on the mammoth task of logging an inventory of all the town-owned trees that have been planted as a result of the last ten years' budgets. They have also physically identified with a tag plate the Latin name of the tree species, the English equivalent and finally that the Town does own the tree!

An expression of gratitude needs to be extended to our Citizen Advisory Group, who get up at the crack of dawn to meet with us for breakfast every fourth Saturday of the month. Their input is enlightening and often gives us different perspectives. Also, they are all "good company."

Two goals of the Community Profile conducted in November, 1995, have come to fruition in 1996. We thank all those folks who contributed to the Town's first "Directory" - what a wonderful and informative document. Secondly, we thank all our Department Heads and Chairpeople for their written contributions to date to the Town's first quarterly newsletter appropriately called "The Link." We have received very positive feedback for the production of both documents. Once again, thank you.

With the wrapping-up of the Master Plan the Board, together with the Planning Board, have cast a serious light on our Commercial Districts and their needs. We entertained round table discussions with the Chamber of Commerce which were informative and enlightening in terms of signage, bike paths, sidewalks and traffic lights. We thank Syd Crook for his diligent work with the State of New Hampshire Traffic Bureau. The State has recognized that the four corners of County Road and Newport Road represent traffic loads indicative of the need for a traffic light system, and are willing to bear 2/3 of the costs. Ever mindful of the proposed monetary windfall and safety issues, we place the matter of a traffic light on the 1997 warrant for your vote.

Our Solid Waste District weathered more storms. Wheelabrator finally came to the negotiating table and was agreeable to an amended contract. This amended contract was accepted by the New Hampshire towns in August, and Vermont towns approved it in November. This amended contract will produce an estimated \$20 savings on the per ton tipping fee. This translates to a savings of approximately \$50,000 of your Town budget. A solid thank you to Mark Kaplan who put his energies into the negotiation team, and to Ilene Healy and Bryan Jones for their participation as New London's representatives.

The Board of Selectmen issued 113 building permits of which 29 were for new housing starts in 1996.

During 1996, the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the citizens of New London, gave a warm welcome to Colby-Saywer College's 7th President, Dr. Anne Ponder. We wish her well in the coming years.

The Kezar Lake Watershed Committee, made up of representatives of Sutton and New London, has been very active in 1996. We wish to extend our gratitude to Syd Crook and in particular to Peter Stanley who, as soon as 6/10ths of an inch of rain is registered, takes water samples from Lyon Brook at various sampling points. This joint committee has done much to discover nonpoint sources of pollution to Kezar Lake and have come up with solutions toward mitigation in 1996.

We continue to marvel at the work done by our Town's volunteers and are reminded of the saying by Mohammed that, "A man's true wealth is the good he does in the world." In that case New London is truly wealthy - our volunteers excel in doing "good!" A simple thank you is probably not enough. It is with great pleasure that we applaud Steve Mendelson who was given the NH Municipal Association "Volunteer of the Year" award.

As a Board, we appreciate the support and confidence given to us in 1996. As always the door to the office remains open.

Respectfully submitted,
APRIL D. WHITTAKER, Chairman
DOUGLAS W. LYON
EDMUND R. TAYLOR

New London Board of Selectmen
Town of New London, NH

ROAD AGENT REPORT FOR 1996

CEMETERY DIVISION

In 1996, Ken Follensbee and John Wiltshire were back for their third summer with the Town. Along with the regular maintenance of mowing and trimming they repaired and replaced stones, trimmed shrubs, cut brush and trimmed limbs on some of the larger trees. They were with us from May until late fall which enabled us to get Spring and Fall cleanup done.

HIGHWAY DIVISION

1996 started out with a bang! Late fall rains were followed by an above average amount of snowfall. We worked many hours and even used the transfer station employees to help us keep up with it. The spring brought on a lot of cleanup work and repairs. We spent many hours working in areas to try to stop further washouts. We used trap rock, filter fabric and installed more culverts and catch basins. The three big areas were the hill on County Road, Lamson Lane (in a couple of spots), and Old Coach Road.

During the summer we replaced many culverts and catch basins along with regular maintenance jobs, such as, mowing roadsides, patching, grading, etc. We worked on getting Old Route 11 and South Pleasant Street ready for grinding and paving. This was done by digging rocks and repairing drainage ditches and culverts. The existing pavement was then ground up and repaved with three inches of blacktop. These were our major jobs for 1996.

We would like to thank the Wastewater Department for moving the three manholes that were in South Pleasant Street to the side of the road—this will be a big improvement. The remainder of Mountain Road was shimmed, and Otterville Road was shimmed and received a one-inch top coat of pavement. We continued to pave an apron on the end of gravel roads where they meet with blacktop. The paved apron has proven to be a very good investment to stop the large potholes from forming, which makes grading these intersections safer.

When Fall arrived, we replaced the old granite bridge next to George and Jeanne MacDonald's residence in Elkins with a large cement culvert. This work was done "in house," thus enabling us to save money and complete the project under budget. Heavy rains hit again, but luckily there were only a few minor washouts. The places we worked on in the Spring held up under the rain.

The winter of 1997 started out with a good snow storm, but since then it has been mainly freezing rain - we would rather have snow!

I would like to thank Bob, Karen, Tom, Calvin, Bruce, Mark, Bob Lee, Rob and Joe for a great 1996.

RECYCLING DIVISION

The recycling department was kept busy this year. Bob, Rob and Joe do a great job of running the transfer station. We look forward to seeing what new decorations they may come up with during different holidays. They also collect Campbell soup labels from cans for the school to trade in for equipment. This is a great program!

The revenue line for material we sold went down this year mainly due to the drop in price we were paid for cardboard and newspaper. The forecast for 1997 is that this price will increase slightly. We are taking used oil at the Highway Department to burn in a waste oil heater. Please make sure there is no anti-freeze or water in it. We do not take gasoline.

A. Transfer Haul	1996	1995
Town Weight (tons)	2,565.82	2,584.29

B. Recycling

Material Sold (tons)	749.88	777.05
Revenue (\$)	\$ 11,287.44	\$ 36,223.90
Cost Avoidance	<u>72,363.42</u>	<u>74,985.42</u>
Total Benefit	\$ 83,650.86	\$111,209.32

C. Recycling Statistics	1996 Year End	
	Weight	Revenue
Newspaper	501,500	\$ 1,329.25
Cardboard	560,170	4,396.10
Glass	227,280	
Light Metal (Scrap)	154,080	257.42
Steel Cans (Tin)	29,299	785.49
Aluminum Foil & Plates	247	160.15
Aluminum Cans	9,375	2,768.23
Batteries (Home)	1,480	
Plastic Bottles (HDPE)	10,583	400.80
Plastic (PETE)	<u>5,746</u>	<u>1,190.00</u>
Total	1,499,760	\$11,287.44

In closing, I would like to thank all my staff, the Board of Selectmen and the citizens of the Town of New London. If you have questions or comments, we are always ready to listen.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD E. LEE
Road Agent

1996 NEW LONDON SEWER COMMISSION REPORT

1996 started out snowy and quiet, but the spring rains and runoff brought significant challenges to the Commission. It was noted at these times of large rainfall and runoff, that the flow from New London increased significantly. The ripple effect of this increase is both the unnecessary treating of ground water, and the increase in electrical charges paid by New London to pump this extra water to the Town of Sunapee. **The Sewer Commission would like to take this opportunity to state that it is against the Town Ordinance to have any sump pump, floor drains or other ground water drainage systems from any building discharging into a town sewer system.** These flows are to be daylighted onto the private owners' property. The Commission has a right to send a representative to inspect a property at any time for violation of this ordinance. The Commission is asking all users to please look at their sump pump or floor drain setup and if in violation of this ordinance, to voluntarily remove and redirect this ground water into another discharge system. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Commission continued its rehabilitation work on the collection system by replacing old manholes and sewer clay lines in the areas of: Everett Park, Barrett Road, South Pleasant Street and behind the buildings on Main Street. Preventative maintenance work and upgrading continued at the Georges Mill Plant with the replacement of the transfer switch. This switch controls the power transfer for emergency purposes of the electrical power to back up generator power in the event of electrical outage for any extended period of time.

In 1996 the New London Sewer Commission, in conjunction with the New London-Springfield Water Precinct changed its calendar billing cycle to a "fiscal" billing cycle. This means meters continue to be read every six months but the period of time will be from April 1 to September 30 and October 1 to March 31. This created a short reading/billing cycle of three months from January through March for the 1996 year to accommodate this transition. This short transition billing cycle only happened in 1996. This transition billing did cause some confusion and concerns by some users. The Commission is open to practices or experiences within some other community on how to handle such concerns or complaints, such as the ones that were created by this transition.

As always the Commission is trying to keep costs down while providing a service and running an efficient, fair public utility. The New London Sewer Commission meets regularly on every Wednesday morning from 8:00 to 10:00AM. We would be glad to arrange an appointment during this time to meet with you. Your comments and suggestions are helpful to the Commission to serve the users and community better.

Respectfully submitted,
ANN S. BEARDSLEY, Chair
JOHN A. CUMMINGS
WILLIAM J. FACCONI, JR

NEW LONDON HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT FOR 1996

Following the very real threat posed by the large number of cases of rabies in local raccoons in 1995, 1996 seemed relatively quiet from a public health viewpoint. It has been established by game biologists that we have lost about 80% of our wild raccoon population throughout the state as the disease progressed from south to north. All danger is not past, however, as a few cases in raccoons are still occurring and there is danger of increased numbers of infected foxes as the fox strain of rabies progresses through the area from north to south. We must continue to be alert to the danger of contracting rabies from wild animals, particularly those acting friendly and unafraid of humans. Any encounters with such wild animals should be immediately reported to the health officer and/or your physician and when pets are involved, to your veterinarian as well.

The health effects of inhalation of primary and secondary tobacco smoke continues to be our major public health problem. Organizations working to reduce the smoking risk in our population are directing their efforts especially at preventing initiation of smoking in children and youth and in helping them to quit smoking if they have already started. Both educational and law enforcement campaigns are being employed to try to keep young people from becoming addicted to smoking. The Kearsarge-Lake Sunapee Area Smokefree Coalition is actively working to reduce smoking, especially in minors here in our town and area. Any person interested in helping with this most important public health campaign is urged to join the coalition. For more information contact Pat Rienzo, R.N. at the New London Hospital.

Overseeing septic design by observation and recording soil profiles of all test pits and reviewing plans before submission to the State for approval constitutes the largest part of the Health Officer's official duty time. In 1996, 34 sites with 54 test pits were observed. In addition, 76 septic system plans were reviewed of which 7 were for systems in failure, 3 were for subdivisions and 21 were new construction or replacement systems. The remainder were resubmissions of plans which had to be changed or corrected for various reasons.

The completion of the New London-Springfield Water Precinct new public water supply system with new wells on Colby Point was the most satisfying Public Health related occurrence of 1996. No longer do we need to worry about contracting giardiasis from our public drinking water, and the amount of carcinogenic trihalomethanes (especially chloroform) in our water will now be minimal. We are indebted to our Water Precinct board members and employees for seeing this project to its successful and timely completion.

Respectfully submitted,
DONALD F. BENT, Ph.D.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR 1996

This year the New London Police Department has attempted to become more accessible to our community. We held an OPEN HOUSE, that was attended by many members of the community. The staff of this department wishes to thank all of the organizers and bakers who made our first open house such a success. We also implemented our bike patrol last summer, and have received a great deal of support from the community. We look forward to providing this patrol again.

The Police Department also went through a police professional management study, conducted by the N.H. Police Chiefs' Association. As a result of this study, the department has learned a great deal and wish to thank the Selectmen's office for their support through this study.

The members of the New London Police Department would like to thank the community for your support again this year, and we look forward to working with you in 1997.

The year end statistics have been compiled for 1996 to compare with those of 1995 for your review.

Respectfully submitted,
CHIEF DAVID J. SEASTRAND

NEW LONDON POLICE DEPARTMENT

<u>CALLS FOR SERVICE</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
Responded to Burglar Alarms	463	414
Assisted New London Fire Dept	74	58
Money Escorts	92	96
Missing Person Reports	19	17
Domestic Complaints	23	19
Complaints on Vehicles	222	292
Suspicious Persons	101	108
Aid New London Ambulance	324	199
Suspicious Vehicles	95	129
Animal Complaints	129	205
Traffic Assists	107	113
Paperwork Relays	4	7
Vehicle Lock-Outs	70	74
Noise Complaints	32	49
Property Checks	203	243
Road Hazard Complaints	79	74
Harassing Phone Call Complaints	62	151
Assist Other Departments	229	312
Open Door	244	83
Motorist Assists	314	326
Assist Citizen	168	306
Property/Business Checks	12,965	5,661

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Assaults	3	6
Burglaries	6	10
Criminal Mischief Complaints	19	24
Theft	50	32
Criminal Threatening	3	7
Bad Check Cases	2	4
Possession of Drugs	8	23
Arson	0	1
Unlawful Possession of Alcohol	15	12
Harassment	11	8
Criminal Trespass	4	0
Sexual Assaults	1	4
Motor Vehicle Thefts	2	2
Shoplifting	2	3
Recovered Property	3	7
Total Arrests	107	119
Total Lock-Ups	56	45
Juvenile Cases	15	20
Juvenile Protective Custody	56	-

MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY

Summonses	382	632
Warnings	1,314	684
Accident Reports	97	68
Accidents with Injury	23	30
Fatal Accidents	4	0
Non-Reportable Accidents	65	117
Assist Other Agency with Accidents	29	-
DWI Arrests	33	20
Parking Tickets	130	124
Defective Equipment Tags Issued	233	115
Criminal Cases	129	134

DISPATCH CENTER

The New London Dispatch center over the past year once again has shown steady growth. There have been many improvements this past year which include the implementation of A.L.E.R.T. (Automated Law Enforcement Record Tracking) computer program. This program will enable us to maintain more accurate records as well as improve our day to day operations.

The call cost accounting system has been in full operation for one year and we have seen a major increase in the amount of phone calls dispatch receives. This system enables the dispatch center to maintain accurate records of incoming calls for all towns for which we dispatch.

The staff of the Dispatch center would like to thank everyone who has shown continued support over the past year. It is greatly appreciated.

	1995	1996
TOTAL PHONE CALLS	40,297	60,422
DISPATCHED AMBULANCE TO NEW LONDON	224	348
DISPATCHED AMBULANCE TO OTHER TOWNS	351	352
DISPATCHED NEW LONDON FIRE DEPT	58	74
BURN PERMITS ISSUED	152	148
AID TO PUBLIC	183	168
ANIMALS LOST/STRAY	46	64
ROAD HAZARD COMPLAINTS	74	79
LOST AND FOUND ITEMS	88	104
REQUEST FOR HOUSE CHECK	248	203
ALARM TESTS	17	11
ALARM PROBLEMS	5	3
ALARMS REQUESTING POLICE RESPONSE	414	463

Respectfully submitted,
BEN CUSHING
Dispatch Supervisor

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The New London Emergency Management Committee, consisting of eight members, has been meeting bimonthly during 1996. This committee was formerly known as the Civil Defense Committee. This is YOUR Be Prepared Committee.

A written Emergency Management Plan is in effect. In 1996 this local Committee was assigned a new Field Representative, Nancy Wurtz, by the New Hampshire Office of Emergency Management. With the State's help, our local plan is being reviewed, revised and updated.

The siren at the fire station was activated this year. It was tested on several occasions. Because of electrical difficulties, the siren has been disconnected. An electrician will be engaged to get this siren back in service.

An emergency back-up telephone system for New London Dispatch has been installed at the fire station. Within the next three months this system at the fire station should be ready for use.

As a result of the heavy rains in October, the sealed landfill site on Mountain Road received extensive and expensive damage. This damage has to be repaired to comply with the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services' rules and regulations. A meeting was held in Warner with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Office of Emergency Management representatives. Our landfill claim was registered with them, they have viewed the site and have told us that New London will be reimbursed for repair of this damage. The repair work will be done in 1997 and the reimbursement amount is in excess of \$100,000.

On Saturday, 9 November 1996, the New London Hospital conducted a disaster drill. The New London Emergency Management Committee participated in this drill. Our radio communications team was activated and they performed their duties at the fire station. The communications chain was tested, contacting the Selectmen, the Town Administrator and all committee members. The drill went smoothly and all major objectives were accomplished.

This drill served us well and was a good dry run for the real thing. The real thing occurred very early Tuesday morning, 3 December 1996, when the water main on Twin Lake Villa Road burst. The New London Police activated the Emergency Management Plan almost immediately and the key Committee Members were on the scene soon after 3 a.m. All of the functions worked smoothly and it was a great team effort. Much of the work was done before the Town woke up and became aware of the NO WATER situation. Assistance came from the State of New Hampshire, the National Guard, the New London and Wilmot Fire Departments, Colby-Sawyer College, Kearsarge Regional School District, the Police Department, numerous other groups and individuals. Chemical toilets and potable water were brought into Town by private companies, Town employees and the National Guard. Thank you one and all for your cooperation, patience and understanding and above all keeping your cool. I'm proud of you.

If you have questions, comments, and/or suggestions regarding the work of your Emergency Management Committee, please call the Director or any of the Committee Members.

Robert M. Nelson, Director
Lois Rockwood, Deputy Director and Secretary - New London Hospital
Ben Cushing - New London Dispatch
Nancy Erickson - New London Fire Department
Ilene M. Healy - Town Administrator
Richard Lee - Road Agent
Walter Partridge - New London Fire Chief
David Seastrand - New London Police Chief

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT M. NELSON, Director

REPORT OF THE NEW LONDON FIRE DEPARTMENT

New London Fire Department responded to eight chimney fires in 1996; none of these resulted in a more serious structure fire. To help minimize your chance of having a chimney fire, burn seasoned hardwood. Seasoned wood burns hotter and more efficiently which will help decrease the amount of creosote buildup in your stove pipe and chimney. Have your chimney and stove pipe cleaned and inspected at least once a year. Small hot fires also reduce the amount of creosote and improve efficiency and reduce pollutants. Wood stoves should be installed according to the manufacturers' recommendations and with proper clearances. These simple steps could help you through the heating season without a visit from the fire department.

Respectfully submitted,
WALTER E. PARTRIDGE JR., Fire Chief

NEW LONDON FIRE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT SUMMARY 1996

40	Vehicle Accident*
31	Alarm Response*
22	Extra Duty
11	Smoke Report
11	False Alarm*
10	Wire Down
10	Other
10	Company Drill
8	Chimney Fire
6	Furnace Malfunction
5	Structure Fire
5	DHART Transfer (Helicopter)
4	Vehicle Fire
4	Public Assistance
4	Other
3	Brush Fire
3	Vehicle Extrication*
2	Kitchen Fire
2	Hazardous Material Spill
2	Mutual Assistance Structure Fire
2	Fire Prevent Training
1	Electrical Fire
1	Rescue
1	Mutual Assistance Other
1	Hospital Drill
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199	Total Incidents

*May be duplicate count: Vehicle Accident may also be reported under Vehicle Extrication; Alarm Response may also be reported under False Alarm.

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER 1996

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

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the NH Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws please call our office at 271-2217.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments.

1996 FIRE STATISTICS (Cost Shared)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

Belknap	06
Carroll	07
Cheshire	13
Coos	10
Grafton	12
Hillsborough	19
Merrimack	14
Rockingham	15
Stafford	05
Sullivan	06
TOTAL FIRES	107

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Smoking	05
Debris Burning	34
Campfire	16
Power Line	04
Railroad	02
Equipment Use	01
Lightning	02
Children	22
OHRV	01
Miscellaneous	20

“REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!”


Forest Ranger




Forest Fire Warden

1996 NH/VT SOLID WASTE PROJECT REPORT

Nearly the entire year of 1996 was devoted to ratifying the renegotiated contract with Wheelabrator. This involved your representatives meeting with sister towns to explain the advantages of the new agreement and to enlist their help to approve the new agreement. The new agreement was finally approved in the NH District on August 8, 1996, and the VT District voted their approval on November 5, 1996.

As a result, the new tipping fee for 1997 will be \$74.09/ton - \$22.44/ton lower than 1996. This will save the Town approximately \$50,000 per year.

While our legal battles are not entirely over, the issue raised by a group of activists in Vermont as to whether or not our waste disposal agreement with Wheelabrator is valid has finally been settled. The Federal judge has ruled it is valid.

The other issue still to be decided is whether or not the Town of Acworth was within its rights to unilaterally leave the District. Hopefully the issue will be decided in 1997.

In our own small way, your representatives have devoted a tremendous amount of time and effort to help bring some order and rational thinking to the process of operating the Project. Ilene Healy now serves as Vice-Chairman of the Executive Board of the Project. Bryan Jones is the Treasurer of the Project, and Mark Kaplan is Treasurer of the NH District.

Respectfully submitted,
BRYAN JONES
MARK KAPLAN

NEW LONDON CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Commissioners have been very pleased with the efforts of the cemetery sextons in 1996. The overall appearance of the three town cemeteries; Old Main Street, West Part and Elkins, have never looked as good in recent memory. Ken Follensbee and John Wiltshire have presented the New London community with the finest cared for cemeteries in this section of New Hampshire.

We ask all plot owners to continue to be considerate of your abutters and to allow the sextons to make all necessary transfers and relocations of potted plants and floral arrangements when necessary.

We give our continued thanks to Road Agent Richard Lee, as supervisor of maintenance and to Robert Fraley, Town Tree Warden, for their guidance. There were 27 interments in the New London cemeteries in 1996.

Respectfully submitted,
MARION C. HAFNER '96
WALTON W. CHADWICK '97
CHARLES M. HAFNER '98

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

In 1996 Ilene Healy, Town Administrator, requested that the Tree Warden inventory and identify town trees. With the aid of colleague Jim Wells, the Tree Warden completed the inventory of all trees planted by the town since 1979. The total to date is 221.

Each tree was identified with a small green tag giving both its Latin name as well as the common name. The inventory was computerized thanks to the help of Carol Fraley. A map was completed by the Tree Warden and Mr. Wells, which is on display in the Selectmen's Office.

As the trees were tagged, grass and weeds were removed and a bark mulch was applied to help prevent damage from mowers and weed whackers. Too often young trees are lost to careless use of mechanical devices.

The total cost of the inventory, identification and preventative maintenance process was \$4,809.85. The tags alone cost \$1,300. An additional \$2,325 was spent fertilizing and pruning and unfortunately only four new trees were planted at the cost of \$792.60.

Because of the interest and respect the Town of New London has for its trees, the Tree City USA award was received again for the tenth consecutive year.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT FRALEY
Tree Warden

TOWN WELFARE REPORT

During 1996 there were two requests for emergency assistance and one request for long-term assistance. The total cost was \$6,206.39. The year 1997 will bring in changes in welfare, as yet unknown, brought on by the Federal Welfare Reform Act.

Respectfully submitted,
ALF E. JACOBSON
Welfare Officer

TRACY MEMORIAL LIBRARY
1996 Annual Report

In 1996, Tracy Memorial Library continued its trend of increased circulation of materials and use of the building and services, maintaining our status as one of the most active per capita libraries in the state in terms of circulation, with over 90,000 items circulated in 1996. In addition, 1680 new books and 163 audio-visual items were added to the collection; 624 books were delivered to homebound patrons; 318 items were borrowed from other libraries for our patrons; and 622 items were loaned to other libraries.

During 1996, 1076 adults attended 53 library-sponsored programs, and 5610 children participated in 181 programs. Many local and regional groups made increased use of the Library's meeting room.

In August we were pleased to welcome Anne Ballin to the Library staff. Anne has planned to implement a wide variety of arts and science programs for children. She will be continuing her work in the children's department and also assisting at the circulation desk.

Two major items highlighted the year. First, the automation of the Library's catalog and circulation was completed in May. The staff has adapted well to the new system, and we look forward to further enhancements in 1997. Second, the Library received a much needed exterior painting in August and September. We are extremely pleased with the quality of the work, and all of the many comments from our patrons have been favorable.

For years the Library has provided a wide variety of children's programs, and 1996 was no exception, including weekly pre-school story hours, after-school programs, bedtime stories, the summer reading program, arts and science programs, the holiday party and puppet show and Tomie dePaola's annual visit.

Once again, we are indebted to the Friends of Tracy Library for their continued support. During the year the Friends raised over \$20,000, which enabled us to complete the automation of the Library, to install tinted film on the rounded stairway window wall, to purchase several special reference books, CD-ROM subscriptions, and audio-visual items, including a start-up juvenile audio book collection. Additionally, the Friends sponsored the library newsletter and several programs, including both winter and summer sessions of "Great Decisions," "Book Browser," the Spring and Fall Lecture Series, an appearance by author Terri Apter, a special program by Opera North, and many children's arts and science programs. The Friends also send birthday cards, ice-cream cones and library card applications to all area 6-year-olds. The Friends continue to provide many loyal volunteers who spend hours assisting with the day-to-day operation of the Library and with special events and projects.

Tracy Memorial Library owes its success not only to the dedicated staff of volunteers, the Friends of the Tracy Library and Town Officials, but also to the generous support of the citizens of the Town of New London.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Trustees:
JOHN FLYNN, Chair
THEODORE BROWN
SHERI ENSIGN
HARDY HASENFUSS
JANE ANN MCSWINEY
JOAN SWEENEY
BEATSON WALLACE

TRACY MEMORIAL LIBRARY
1996 Annual Report

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1996 \$ 4,217.76

Income:

Town Appropriation	\$181,470.00
Fund Balances	17,854.28
Fines	4,404.84
Lost/Damaged Materials	286.13
Gifts and Memorials	12,785.00
Non-Resident Fees	4,611.00
Copier	3,006.30
Payment/Books Purchased	1,173.61
Interest	1,109.46
Transfers from CD's	7,000.00

Total Income 233,700.62

Expenditures:

Personnel	\$158,601.77
Books and Related Materials	31,121.83
Supplies	4,336.82
Maintenance	19,117.76
Equipment	5,477.66
Audit	950.00
Special Projects	15,704.21
Public Relations	827.49
Travel and Dues	1,022.00

Total Expenses 237,159.54

Cash on Hand December 31, 1996 \$ 758.84

Memorial, Capital and Gift Funds

Balance of Funds January 1, 1996	90,141.60
Balance of Funds December 31, 1996	80,252.06

RECREATION COMMISSION 1996 PROGRAM REVIEW

The Recreation Commission continued with its mission of staffing, preparation, facility maintenance and overseeing operation of Bucklin and Elkins Beaches from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

The 1996 Beach Program maintained the format established in recent years. Beach Director Nate Chipman put together an experienced staff of Water Safety Instructors and Lifeguards to meet all the safety and swimming needs of the community. Swimming lessons were offered as before with a morning program at Elkins and an afternoon program at Bucklin. Nate also introduced a Friday activity program for younger children at Elkins that was particularly successful in its inaugural year. There are plans to enhance the program in 1997.

The Commission and staff also performed a large amount of work on facilities and equipment during the season. Led by Bob Bell, the Elkins bath house was first power washed to remove growths from siding then a fresh coat of stain was added to the whole structure. Additionally, screen doors were upgraded and the solid wood inner doors were painted to enhance the look and functionality of the building. Nate and his staff also worked diligently to keep the equipment in top working order. Summer 1996 was particularly hard on floats due to increased age and high winds. Through the summer, virtually all floats had their hardware and anchors upgraded which dramatically lessened the chance floats will break away during bad weather.

With the advent of the Town publishing a quarterly report, the Commission took advantage of notifying all residents about swimming lessons, provided a sign up sheet and release form, and a beach schedule at a substantial cost savings from prior years. The Commission felt this was an effective means to reach all residents and plans to continue this format as long as "The Link" is published.

The Commission and staff continued to assist other town organizations utilize the beach facilities, specifically New London Hospital, Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust, Crop Walk and ABC Childcare. The Commission, on behalf of all those who used the beaches in 1996, owes a debt of gratitude to the New London Garden Club for their work in beautifying the beaches.

Two other major projects occupied much of the Commission's time: the proposal to create a full time Recreation Director's position in town, and the plan to upgrade all play equipment at Elkins Beach.

The Commission continued with a proposal begun in 1995 and further refined by residents through the Goals 2001 Profile Committee, that the town create and fund a part-time Recreation employee to allow an expansion in year round recreational activities. Citizen volunteers and Commission members spent an exhaustive amount of time structuring a position which would meet the needs of New London residents by coordinating many of the volunteer recreational groups in New London and the immediate surrounding region. The position has been justified to the full Budget Committee, but won't be voted on until public hearings are concluded by the end of February, 1997. This position will appear as a separate warrant article to be voted on by the entire town at Town Meeting in March, 1997.

The second major issue involved the complete replacement of all play structures at Elkins. Due to age and other concerns, the Commission determined it was time to upgrade the area to more contemporary structures that address the needs of the various age groups that use the beach. A sub committee of Commission members met with experts in the field and with equipment suppliers to begin to formulate a replacement strategy that will hopefully begin to be implemented in 1997. This would include some funding by the Town and efforts to raise additional monies from interested local parties to complete the upgrade program.

If town residents approve funding for a part-time Recreation employee, the Commission will look to expand the number of members and, therefore, invites anyone who would like to help enhance the recreational activities in the Town to contact any member listed below. Any interested community members are also reminded they are welcome to attend monthly Recreation Commission meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
TIMOTHY VANBLOMMESTEYN, Chair
ROBERT BELL
TONI BERNES
SHARI GOLDBERG-KEENAN
EDWIN GOODALL
ERIC ENSIGN
CRAIG DESLAURIER
MUFFY DESLAURIER
JOANNE BUECHEL

NEW LONDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT 1996

Terence Dancy, Edward Parkhurst and Fred Sladen were each reappointed to the Commission for 3 years. Terence Dancy was reelected as Chairman and Fred Sladen as Secretary.

We were unable to proceed with the purchase of a conservation easement on a 9-acre parcel adjoining the Esther Currier Wildlife Management Area, previously approved at the 1995 Town Meeting, after the owner withdrew his offer.

The Webb Forest Interpretive Trail was completed with the help of many volunteers, including Middle School students who worked on the trail during the third Annual Trail Day in May. Also, as part of an Eagle Scout project, Boy Scout Troop #71 contributed to making signs and installing them. This four-mile loop, extending into Wilmot, was created to inform the public about good forestry practices. A trail map was published for use by visitors and the trail was dedicated and formally opened on November 1. Special thanks are due to the Webb family for providing public access to their property and to the New Hampshire Forest Stewardship Committee for financial support.

After discussions with the Selectmen, the Commission has started to formulate recommendations on a land management plan for Town-owned property. This is to include long-term policies on maintenance of the health of forests, the preservation of wildlife diversity, and the protection of wetlands, streams and lakes. It is proposed that an outline of this plan should be incorporated in the Town's revised Master Plan. Detailed recommendations for action will not be completed until 1998, and will include suggestions on additional land for acquisition and protection.

We have been active in water sampling to monitor, in particular, the effect of storm events. Regular sampling of Lyon Brook and Kezar Lake has continued in cooperation with Sutton, and we conclude that previous concerns with respect to the sewage lagoons seem somewhat exaggerated. Water in the Philbrick-Cricenti Bog is sampled regularly to check on the effect of the Fenwood development. No detrimental effect has been observed to date. The Commission has continued the study of non-point source pollution in the Sunapee watershed. This is being directed by the Lake Sunapee Protective Association and supported by the NH Department of Environment Services and also involves the towns of Newbury, Springfield and Sunapee.

Review of Wetlands Bureau applications continues to be an important activity related to preserving the quality of the environment. This year the Commission has received a number of complaints on clearing of trees on hillsides. This is not currently covered by any Town ordinance except with respect to shoreland of lakes. The Commission, in consultation with the Planning Board, is studying what additional guidelines or regulations are appropriate to avoid long-term harm to the environment.

The Town has agreed to accept the gift of a 19.5 acre tract of land adjacent to a wetland between Clark Pond and Messer Pond for conservation purposes.

The number of visitors using the Town's hiking trails continues to increase. The work of volunteers on trail maintenance is gratefully acknowledged including the participation of Dan Allen of the SRK Greenway Coalition.

This year, the Commission has conducted, on behalf of the Selectmen, the "perambulation" around the bounds of the Town, as required every 7 years by statute.

Again, we want to thank all those who support our activities with special thanks to Debbie Stanley and the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust.

Respectfully submitted,
TERENCE E. DANCY, Chair

PLANNING BOARD REPORT FOR 1996

The New London Planning Board had a busy year in 1996 between keeping up with their normal current planning workload and beginning the process of updating the Town's Master Plan.

In 1996 the Planning Board conducted twenty-two public meetings during which they reviewed numerous conceptual and preliminary plans for subdivisions and site plans along with granting final approval for the following types of applications:

- Two Major Subdivisions;
- Four Minor Subdivisions;
- Eight Annexations;
- Three Voluntary Mergers;
- One Plat Revocation;
- Two Site Plan Reviews for Multi-Family Residential Projects;
- Four Site Plan Reviews for Home Occupations; and
- One Site Plan Review for a Commercial Project.

In addition to this current planning activity, the Planning Board initiated the process of updating the Town's Master Plan last revised and updated in 1987 and conducted six work sessions on the Master Plan update. The Master Plan is important because it functions as the "guiding light" for the future development of the community and provides the foundation for the Town's zoning ordinance and other land use regulations. As one of the first steps in the Master Plan updating process, the Planning Board developed and distributed 2,575 Community Surveys to all property owners and/or voters in Town. Twenty-five percent of the surveys distributed were completed and returned which was very good considering the length and complexity of the survey instrument. Copies of the Survey Results are available in the Selectmen's Office for anyone who would like a copy. The results of the Community Survey will provide the Planning Board with a very valuable component which will be used in conjunction with other information, data, and public input to develop a "vision for New London's future growth and development." Work on the Master Plan update is projected to continue throughout 1997. The Planning Board meets the first Tuesday of each month in work session format to progress with this planning process and would welcome your participation and input in these sessions.

Additionally, the Planning Board approved the annual update of the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) covering the next ten years. The CIP was developed and recommended by the Capital Improvements Program Committee consisting of representatives from the Budget Committee, the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board, the Sewer Commission, the Water Precinct, the School District and the Town Administration.

Respectfully submitted,
LAURIE DiCLERICO
Chairman, Planning Board

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
1996 REPORT**

JANUARY 18, 1996

Mountainside Racquet & Fitness Center for a Variance to the terms of Article II, Section 10, b of the Zoning Ordinance to be allowed to have a 24 sq. foot sign in place of the King Ridge Ski Center and Mountainside Racquet & Fitness Center signs at 31 King Ridge Road (Tax Map 131, Lot 01A) DENIED

JANUARY 18, 1996

John P. Pons for a Special Exception to the terms of Article XI, Section E1 of the Zoning Ordinance to have a driveway cross a section of Class V soils on property located at 22 S. Pleasant St. (Tax Map 84, Lot 35) GRANTED

JANUARY 18, 1996

Bruce Sanborn for Burpee Hill Cabinets for a Variance to the terms of Article V, Section A3 of the Zoning Ordinance to be allowed to have three employees in a home occupation on property located at 22 Burpee Hill Road (Tax Map 71, Lot 1) DENIED

JANUARY 18, 1996

Bruce Sanborn for Burpee Hill Cabinets for a Variance to the terms of Article II, Section 10v of the Zoning Ordinance to have a sign larger than regulations allow in the R2 zone on property located at 22 Burpee Hill Road (Tax Map 71, Lot 1) DENIED

FEBRUARY 8, 1996

Colby-Sawyer College for a Variance to the terms of Article II, Section 5 of the Zoning Ordinance to construct a residence hall with roof ridge height higher than the allowed 35 ft. on property located off Seamans Road (Tax Map 85, Lot 36) GRANTED

FEBRUARY 21, 1996

New London Hospital for a Variance to the terms of Article II, Section 10b of the Zoning Ordinance to increase signage both in number of signs and size of signs at the New London Hospital, 270 Newport Road (Tax Map 72, Lot 39) GRANTED

FEBRUARY 22, 1996

Colby-Sawyer College for the expansion of a Special Exception to the terms of Article II, Section 5 of the Zoning Ordinance granted to Colby-Sawyer on June 29, 1994, to erect a 50' high radio tower on the roof of Hogan Sports Center in conjunction with the creation of a college radio station on the Colby Sawyer College Campus (Tax Map 85, Lot 36). The expansion is to add a 30' satellite dish to the radio tower. GRANTED

MAY 1, 1996

Deborah Aiken & Maura Gorman, requested by Blakeman Engineering, Inc., for a Special Exception to the terms of Article II, Section 8a of the Zoning Ordinance to replace a failing septic system in the setback from wetland area on property located on Hillcrest Drive in Elkins (Tax Map 78, Lot 26A) GRANTED

MAY 1, 1996

Douglas O'Mara, M.D. for a Variance to the terms of Article V, Section A3 of the Zoning Ordinance to convert a residential property for use as a physician practice on property owned by Ruth Grant, 271 County Road (Tax Map 72, Lot 27) DENIED

MAY 1, 1996

Tomie dePaola for a Variance to the terms of Article V, Section B1 of the Zoning Ordinance to give access off County Road to access two lots owned by the New London Historical Society over land owned by Tomie dePaola (Tax Map 59, Lots 18, 22 -25, and 49) GRANTED

May 28, 1996

Robert & Suellen Kirchberger for a Variance to the terms of Article V, Section C2 of the Zoning Ordinance to add a screened porch and small deck in the setback from the sideyard property located at 3 Barton's Row, Elkins, (Tax Map 64, Lot 1) DENIED

JUNE 5, 1996

Lisa-Ann Tarantino-Parsons for a Variance to the terms of Article II, Section 10b of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a sign for her business to exceed the size of the regulated sign dimension in the R2 Zone on property located on 6 Old Route 11 (Tax Map 56, Lot 18) DENIED

JUNE 13, 1996

Richard L. Bott, Jr. And Sara K. Hardy for a Variance to the terms of Article 5, Section C2 of the Zoning Ordinance to build a two car garage with two bedrooms and one bathroom above the garage in the side yard setback on property located at 8 Little Sunapee Road (Tax Map 60, Lot 14) GRANTED

JULY 30, 1996

Richard L. Bott and Sara K. Hardy for a rehearing of the June 13, 1996 decision, requested by Mary Messer, to grant a Variance to the terms of Article 5, Section C2. DECISION TO GRANT VARIANCE UPHELD

JULY 30, 1996

David Johnson for a Variance to the terms of Article 18B, Section 1 of the Zoning Ordinance to have a deck which extends six feet each side beyond the footprint of the former deck on the property he owns at 6 Beaver Point (Tax Map 106, Lot 5) DENIED

SEPTEMBER 4, 1996

Nicholas Polka for a Special Exception to the terms of Article 19, Section C2 of the Zoning Ordinance to turn a four unit apartment house into a bed and breakfast on property located at 184 Seamans Road (Tax Map 85, Lot 23) GRANTED

OCTOBER 23, 1996

Harry M. Snow III, as requested by Peter Blakeman Engineering, for a Special Exception to the terms of Article XI, Section E1 and E3 and Article XI, Section F1 of the Zoning Ordinance to fill 1,929 sq. ft. of wetlands for home construction and utility crossing and to construct a septic tank/pump chamber and leach field within 75' setback from a wetland on property located on Gay Farm Road (Tax Map 70, Lot 21) REQUEST WITHDRAWN BY APPLICANT

Respectfully submitted,
BETTY HERRICK, Chairman
Zoning Board of Adjustment

HISTORY AND ARCHIVES REPORT

Week after week on Wednesday mornings, the faithful staff of the New London Archives is hard at work. You are welcome to visit us.

In regards to the new town history, the computer work determining residents eligible for inclusion in the new town history's family register has been completed. In the process of the compilation more memory was added to the computer. This will enable a future computerized inventory of the archives to be made. Addresses have been checked and preparation for the mailing of the family questionnaire is in progress. The gathering of fifty years of town history is under the direction of the Town History Committee. The Archives has been available for researching of photographs of this period. I would urge those who are responsible for other aspects of town history research to explore the Archives.

During the school year a Colby-Sawyer class was introduced to the Town Archives as was a class of Middle School students. These students were seeking answers to general historical questions pertaining to New London. It would be a great help if someone were interested and willing to compile a brief fifty- to sixty-page history of New London suitable for middle school students. There is a great need for this and has been requested, so please do not hesitate to contact me if this job appeals to you.

Contributions to the Town Archives in 1996 were interesting and much appreciated. A few of these were: College Sport Shop ad books covering from the beginning of the business in the '30s to recent years; a copy of a petition concerning Newport Road; Girl Scout material; numerous photographs including a collection portraying the Hurricane of '38 on the shore of Big Lake Sunapee; and the M.C. Tunis collection which is still to be processed.

NHHS Registers (quarterly) have been given to the Tracy Memorial Library. There is a strong network with nearby towns to send materials to the proper town. The Archives also supplies the Information Booth with 1900-1950 New London town histories and pamphlets.

There have been a number of queries via mail, and numerous people (local and visitors) have found their way to the Archives for genealogy research or specific town information. It is hoped that more of our local people will investigate our treasure trove right in their backyard. We'll be looking for you!

Respectfully submitted,
MARGARET L. MORELAND
Town Archivist

THE NEW LONDON INFORMATION BOOTH 1996 REPORT

The operating costs of the New London Information Booth are supported by the Town of New London and by funds raised by membership fees and fund raising events of The New London Area Chamber of Commerce. Because of this dual support, the Information Booth serves the publicity and promotional needs of all its area members as well as all the businesses and services within New London. The Information Booth provides welcoming and information services for tourists and visitors. In addition the Information Booth serves the information needs of residents and visitors by answering information requests, giving directions, distributing literature and maps, and by acting as a ticket outlet for events sponsored by New London non-profit organizations.

During the 1996 season the Information Booth operated from June 15 to October 14 for a total of 88 days. During June, July and August the Booth was open seven days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. In September and October the Information Booth was open only weekends and holidays through Columbus Day. Visitors to the Information Booth came from 43 states and as in past years the greatest number came from New Hampshire followed by Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut and New Jersey. In 1996 a total of 2964 persons visited the Booth for a daily average of 33.7 visitors, which was slightly lower than the nine-year average of 36.9 visitors per day. Foreign visitors came from 26 different countries with the most coming from Canada, the second largest number was from the United Kingdom and the third largest number of foreign visitors came from Germany. These patterns of state and foreign country visitations have remained surprisingly consistent over the years.

The attractiveness of the New London Information Booth continues to be greatly enhanced by the flowers planted and cared for by the New London Garden Club members. These efforts together with the information services provided by the New London Area Chamber of Commerce help to make the New London Area a nice place to visit and thus help sustain the economic vitality of the whole area.

The New London Area Chamber of Commerce also operates a telephone information service throughout the year for local and distance callers alike and sends out many information packets to destinations all over the country and world.

The support of the Town of New London, members of the New London Area Chamber of Commerce and many individuals throughout the year is greatly appreciated by the Chamber of Commerce Information Service Directors.

Respectfully submitted,
NANCY B. BENT
DONALD F. BENT

NEW LONDON GARDEN CLUB



Members of the New London Garden Club, founded in 1928, have been planting and maintaining eighteen public garden areas in New London and Elkins for many years. Moore's Landscaping recently assumed responsibility for Homan's Corner with the Town Highway Department providing compost, mulch, clean-up and some necessary muscle. In addition to the above, members also:

- Make Christmas wreaths for the churches and public buildings in town
- Make Christmas favors for the Extended Care residents
- Assist the Town in its conservation efforts
- Participate in the renovation and upkeep of the Hay Estate
- Hold a plant sale on Hospital Day to benefit the New London Hospital
- Care for the plants in the hospital lobby and the rooms of the patients and Extended Care residents.

In July, the Club held its annual Antique Show and Sale on the New London Green. This has been a major summer event for residents and visitors to the area for thirty years. Fifty-four dealers participated in 1996 and over 1400 people attended. Proceeds from the Antique Show are used to:

- Purchase plants and shrubs for the public gardens
- Purchase books and materials relating to gardening, flower arranging, and horticulture for the Tracy Memorial Library
- Fund scholarships to the UNH Department of Plant Sciences (\$1,000) and the Thompson School of Applied Science (\$1,000).

Participating in the above activities are 125 Active, 35 Associate, and 11 Honorary members. This year a new category was added - "Friends of the NLGC" - individuals who, because of employment, cannot fulfill the requirements of membership but want to help in beautifying New London and furthering the aims of the Club.

The New London Garden Club would like to thank the residents of New London for their support of our endeavors. Hopefully, the Club will be able to beautify the Town for as many years in the future as it has in the past.

Respectfully submitted,
DEIDRE SEGERSON
President, 1996

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF NEW LONDON BANDSTAND COMMITTEE

This past summer marked the eighth annual summer of concerts. Through the generosity of local business underwriters, the Committee was able to present a season of eight concerts, marked by their variety with the inclusion of several "new to the Bandstand" performance groups mixed with several favorites invited for return engagements. The diversity of bands available appears never-ending and the Committee each year needs to make "hard" decisions when booking these musical attractions. It is our desire to please the broad spectrum of audience members that gather each Friday for an evening of musical entertainment.

I cannot express my appreciation enough for the tireless efforts of Ruth Sisson, our Program Coordinator, who books all our attractions and our hard-working Community Liaison, Jim Moreland, who has already lined up the underwriters for 1997. Without this support from the local business community, the Committee could not continue its work without the expenditure of tax dollars. It is our hope that the audience recognizes this contribution and will express its appreciation to those underwriters.

This summer season could not have happened without the help of many people who assist in many ways: moving chairs, preparing refreshments for the musicians, helping to "police" the Common after the concerts and being supportive of the community effort. In particular I am fortunate to have a true working committee, one that takes on any challenge with a smile and a determination to succeed. In addition to those already mentioned, the Committee is fortunate to count Anna Green, Norman Leger, Lois Marshall, Ellie Norris, Mary Teach and April Whittaker among its numbers. We also express thanks to the New London Garden Club for the beautiful seasonal plantings and the New London Chamber of Commerce for the holiday decorations that make our town so beautiful at that special time of year.

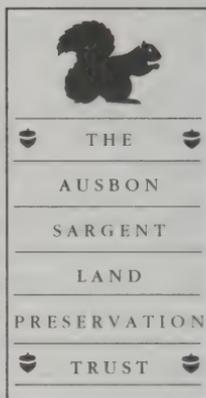
In addition to the wood treatment and repainting of the Haddad Bandstand this fall, an initiative has begun to complete the original design of the Haddad Bandstand. As originally designed the sweeping roof was to be supported by brackets conceived in the shape of French horns. The architect's vision was that these brackets were to be representational of the musicians and their music that would inhabit the structure, as the squirrels were for the playful critters in the maple trees and for Ausbon Sargent who so generously donated the Common to the Town. A special fund has been established with a most generous gift for this purpose and any and all donations are greatly appreciated. It is our goal to have the horns in place in time for the tenth annual season of concerts on Sargent Common 1998.

Come summer, when you see the bunting flying on Bandstand, please join us for another season of Friday evening concerts on the Sargent Common.

Respectfully submitted,
STEVE MENDELSON, Chair

THE AUSBON SARGENT LAND PRESERVATION TRUST (ASLPT)

1996 was a great year for the ASLPT! Thanks to the overwhelming support from the community, one of the last remaining open meadows on Main Street has been protected. The 5.6 acre parcel was identified in the Town Master Plan in 1987 as especially deserving of preservation. The ASLPT purchased the property from Dr. Robert J. Vernlund for \$100,000. The neighbors took a leadership role and donated \$70,000. The balance was generously donated by members and friends. (This property is identified by an ASLPT sign and is located across the street from the Moses Trussell house.)



A stretch of Lake Sunapee shoreline will forever stay the same, thanks to a conservation easement donated to the ASLPT by Frank and Dot Gordon. The 43 acre parcel on Davis Road includes frontage of 1,556 feet along Lake Sunapee and 913 feet along Otter Pond. The property abuts other protected lands of Lincoln Gordon, totaling more than 2,500 feet of unspoiled shoreline. In 1992 the Gordons donated a conservation easement of 19 acres on their Jobs Creek Road property in Sunapee which includes another 1,500 feet of Lake Sunapee shoreline.

A parcel of land bracketing the entrance of Lyon Brook into Kezar Lake has been protected from a change as a result of conservation easement donated to the ASLPT by Sutton landowners, Leslie and Stephen Enroth. The 38-acre parcel is predominantly wetlands, and includes forestland and scenic open fields. Both the towns of New London and Sutton studied the Kezar Lake watershed and recommended that more lands along Lyon Brook warrant protection. The ASLPT's conservation work is consistent with the goals of the two towns.

The ASLPT is a regional land conservation organization dedicated to protecting and preserving properties and landscapes important to the Kearsarge/Sunapee area. We work with landowners, conservation organizations and local governments, including the New London Conservation Commission. To learn more about the ASLPT, please call 526-6555 or write to P.O. Box 2040, New London, NH 03257.

Many thanks to everyone who has given generously to the ASLPT! By supporting the ASLPT, you have helped to protect our extraordinary landscape and to preserve the rural quality of life of the Kearsarge/Sunapee region.

Respectfully submitted,
DEBORAH STANLEY
Executive Director



July 1996 marked the fourth anniversary of the Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc.

Throughout 1996 COA continued its growth. Membership increased by 13%, clients served by 30% and units of service by 35% over 1995.

Pursuing its aim "to help make our later years a productive, positive time of life instead of a time of loneliness and uncertainty," COA continued in 1996 to serve members with: rides for non-drivers, Mr. Fixit repairs, telephone reassurance, Friendly Visitor, call-in services, intergenerational projects and cooperative efforts with other organizations.

Conversations with Lunch, Valentine Luncheon, Mountain Day, Christmas reception and two programs funded by a grant from New Hampshire Humanities Council, "American Family" and "No, But I've Seen the Movie," served as social and educational gatherings with a combined attendance of over 1400 during 1996.

A walking program for seniors was introduced in November at the Sunapee High School gym. Other towns are scheduled to start on January 6, 1997. New London's program will take place at the Kearsarge Middle School and the Gallery.

On October 26, 1996, a conference for older people, their families and caregivers was held at Kearsarge Middle School. "Taking Back Our Elder Years" was hosted by COA and co-sponsored by fifteen local agencies. Financial support was provided by the Hilary & James Cleveland Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The conference was led by Joan Doran, COA Vice Chairman, and was attended by over 200 seniors.

A post-conference evaluation by attendees rated the program's six themes, "excellent" or "very good." Many constructive suggestions were offered for future presentations.

On December 1, 1996, COA moved to its new Program Center at 12 Newport Road in New London. This larger center will allow for provision of services in-house rather than depending on donated space from other institutions. Programs to start in January will include exercise, bridge lessons, painting, quilting, nutrition, movies, card playing and games. Computer classes are planned to be introduced later in the year. Members will be kept informed by the COA Newsletter.

COA is deeply grateful for financial support from New London and other area towns, from donors to the fund drive and events, from advertisers in its newsletter, from foundation grants and from individual clients.

COA extends a very special thank you to the volunteers who give so generously of their time and talents. Except for Nancy Friese, administrative assistant, the COA is an entirely volunteer organization.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT J. BRADLEY
Chairman of the Board

NEW LONDON HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

The New London Hospital Auxiliary was formed in 1925 as the Hospital Aid Association to assist the hospital in raising funds and to support the hospital with needed services. Now, 72 years later, the Auxiliary continues that mission including the Extended Care Center as well as providing information to the community.

In October, 1996, the Auxiliary presented the Hospital with a check for \$50,000. This brings a total of \$115,000.00 paid on our 1995 pledge of \$230,000.00 (to be spread over 5 years). A total of \$6,700.00 was awarded in scholarships.

HOW WE DID IT !!!

- Two rummage sales
- Rental pillows at the Barn Playhouse
- Easy Aces (Bridge player contributions)
- Newport Opera House Fund Raiser ("Two Divas")
- Hospital Day
- Tina Cricenti Golf Tournament
- "Ain't Misbehavin" dinner theatre, Capitol Center for the Arts
- Sewing
- Knitting

Hundreds of volunteers are involved in our biggest effort - the rummage sales - many hours of work and creative thinking go into this project. Volunteers also help in the hospital, in the Extended Care Center, provide the Hospital Christmas tree, host the Christmas party at the Clough Center as well as wrap the presents for the residents. Auxiliary members help in Bloodmobile Drawings.

Monthly meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month from October through June at the First Baptist Church in New London. Guests are welcome.

9:30 a.m. Work sessions: sewing, knitting, craft projects

11:15 a.m. Business meeting

12 Noon Lunch: soup, dessert and beverage provided

12:30 p.m. Adjournment

All are welcome for all or any part of these meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
NOREEN DeNATALE, President
New London Hospital Auxiliary



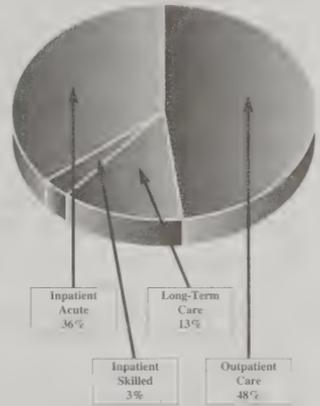
FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL SUMMARY

For Fiscal Years Ending 9/30/96 and 9/30/95

	1996	1995
Net Patient Service Revenue	\$ 18,216,347	\$ 17,752,287
Other Revenue	\$ 391,769	\$ 355,344
Total Revenue	\$ 18,608,116	\$ 18,107,631
Expenses:		
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 10,027,091	\$ 9,288,289
Physician Fees	\$ 719,741	\$ 816,563
Purchased Services	\$ 741,685	\$ 709,369
Supplies & Other Expenses	\$ 4,043,251	\$ 3,811,620
Bad Debts	\$ 666,740	\$ 619,715
Depreciation & Interest	\$ 965,684	\$ 878,861
Total Expenses	\$ 17,164,192	\$ 16,124,417
Income from Hospital Services	\$ 1,443,924	\$ 1,983,214
Net Non-operating Gain	\$ 1,941,734	\$ 1,749,150
Net Gain	\$ 3,385,658	\$ 3,732,364
Cost of equipment purchases, renovations & debt service	\$ 6,005,993	\$ 2,132,089
Key Statistics		
For Fiscal Years Ending 9/30/96 and 9/30/95		
Acute Care:	1996	1995
Admissions	1,236	1,336
Average Length of Stay	6.0 days	5.7 days
Patient Days	7,467	7,615
Average Occupancy Rate	58.3%	59.6%
Surgical Cases		
Inpatient	376	355
Outpatient	601	639
Emergency Room Visits	10,335	10,885
Lab Tests	95,850	103,390
X-Rays	11,989	12,548
Mammograms	2,156	2,360
CT Scans	780	597
MRI Scans	179	64
Births	171	170
Extended Care:		
Patient Days	19,048	19,273
Average Occupancy Rate	92.9%	97.8%

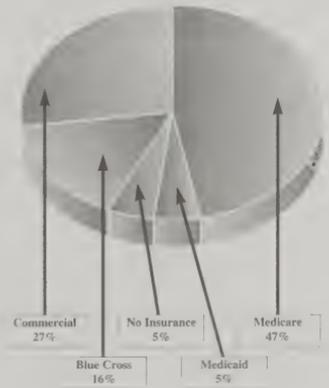
Source of Revenue

By type of service



Patient Mix

of hospital admissions



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UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) is a voluntary association of 31 towns. The Commission is concerned with the development of comprehensive plans for beneficial and balanced economic, environmental and social growth in the Region. It functions as a research, resource and informational agency and, when appropriate, acts to obtain Federal, State and other approvals, grant-in-aid, loans and similar assistance for individual member towns and for the Region. The Commission provides technical assistance to member communities in the areas of planning (land use, transportation, water quality, etc.), mapping, community development, grantsmanship and grant administration. In addition, regional studies, such as our Regional Transportation Plan, and regional projects, such as household hazardous waste collections and the Connecticut River Scenic Byway Study, are undertaken to the benefit of more than one community.

In the past year, services such as our Planning Board training series and library, which features maps, planning resources and US Census data, were available to all of our member communities. New London residents have taken advantage of some of these services.

In 1996, our work specifically for the Town of New London included:

- Helped develop community survey for Master Plan and tabulated results.
- Provided consultant performing a GIS needs assessment for New London with information on available GIS coverages, source data and methods.
- Provided circuit-riding planner services.
- Worked with Planning Boards to update the Town Plan.
- Worked with the Capital Improvements Plan committee to update the Capital Improvements Program.

Our Commission looks forward to serving New London in the coming year.

UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

UNH Cooperative Extension provides Merrimack County residents with research-based education and information, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, forests, wildlife and agriculture, and improve the economy.

As your local link to the University of New Hampshire, Cooperative Extension provides practical education to people of all ages.

Because of our partnership with Merrimack County, the State of New Hampshire and the Federal government, we go by the special name of UNH Cooperative Extension. In every Merrimack County community, this partnership is at work, increasing economic development, enhancing the environment and developing human potential.

Extension educators provide informal educational programs in the areas of Natural Resources as well as Family, Community and Youth, advised and assisted by a local advisory council.

Merrimack County residents also benefit from state-wide Extension programming. Among these many local and state efforts are monitoring water quality in our lakes and rivers, reducing the use of pesticides, parenting programs, 4-H and Youth Development programs, land use management, food safety, forest stewardship, family finances, meeting the needs of low income families, strengthening our communities, developing a strong volunteer base and providing research-based information to citizens.

The staff in Merrimack County includes nine Extension educators, two state specialists and three support staff. Educators reach approximately 1.5 out of every four families in the county.

Visit our office, located at the Merrimack County Nursing Home Complex, 327 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen. We're open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Or call us at 225-5505 and 796-2151 or find us on the Web at [HTTP://CEINFO.UNH.EDU](http://CEINFO.UNH.EDU).

**COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM
BELKNAP-MERRIMACK COUNTIES, INC.**

Over the past eighteen years, the Kearsarge Valley Community Action Program has been the focal point of social service delivery in this area, providing help when needed to the income eligible and elderly, as well as to the community at large.

As perhaps you are aware, Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. generates funds through the mobilization of available federal, state and local monies. Support for the local Area Center is derived from a combination of federal appropriations and local tax dollars. This combination allows the Kearsarge Valley Community Action Program to provide a variety of services to the residents of your community, from the development of programs which meet local needs, to outreach, referral and direct assistance.

The staff of the Kearsarge Valley Area Center wish to thank you and the Town of New London for your support in the past. With your continued interest, we will be able to continue to provide needed services to the members of your community.

Respectfully submitted,
BARBARA CHELLIS, Area Director
Kearsarge Valley Area Center

**LAKE SUNAPEE HOME CARE AND HOSPICE
LAKE SUNAPEE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES**

Services provided to people in New London

Home health care helps patients return to their optimal level of health

Visits made 19,199

Patients served 232

Hospice is a family-centered program for patients who are terminally ill.

Patients served 9

Flu & other immunizations

Patients served 639

Well Child Clinic and Parent Child Program

Children served 35

Day Care is after school and summer child care

Children served 39

In late 1996, Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association finalized a strategic pathway to the future - we joined an integrated health care delivery system, Capital Region Health Care Corporation in Concord, NH. We created this pathway by affiliating with the New London Hospital Association. The future development of our new partnership and our innovative, high quality programs will support the VNA's mission to improve the health of the community and provide quality, cost effective care to individuals and families in community settings.

Twenty-five VNA employees; one VNA Trustee, Neil Atkins; two HCH Trustees, Mary Teach and Sonja Jacobson and many volunteers live in New London. We depend heavily on the selfless support of volunteers and employees who contribute hours to the success of our programs. For them and our Trustees, we are grateful.

Respectfully submitted,
CHERYL BLIK
President and CEO



KEARSARGE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT/SAU #65
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KEARSARGE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

1996 New London Graduates

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME
Beaton	Ian
Bianchi	Jennifer
Campbell	Kira
Canuto	Damian
Cook	Nathaniel
Fisher	Lorraine
Fraley	Marc
Galluzzo	Jennifer
Jackman	Jeffrey
Kingsbury	Jonathan
Kraeger	Matthew
LaVolpicelo	Peter
Loizeaux	Kathryn
Mulcahey	Mary
Nichol	Shannon
Nichols	Scott
Parrish	Jonathan
Robjent	Thomas
Rockwell	Jason
Shea	Alison
Swanson	Katherine
Weishaupt	Rachel
Work	Kristen

1996 BIRTHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF NEW LONDON

DATE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
01/12/96	Samantha Morgan Pollan	NL	Leonard A. Pollan	Ann M. Gould
01/14/96	Karla Mae Dempsey	NL	John J. Dempsey	Mary L. Tucker
01/25/96	Jacob James Andrews	NL	John W. Andrews IV	Maureen R. Fitzpatrick
01/28/96	Lisa Michelle Glines	NL	Randall B. Glines	Heime M. Chesser
02/05/96	Timothy Fortune	NL	Jamie P. Fortune	Kimberly J. Threlki
02/07/96	Noah Carl Bronder-Major	NL	Philip S. Major	Nancy A. Bronder
02/08/96	Makaelan Philip Lewis	NL	Randy A. Lewis	Jennifer L. Johnson
02/09/96	Amber Marie Young	NL	David A. Young	Rubin L. Palmer
02/10/96	Benjamin Lloyd Holt	NL	Steven M. Holt	Tanya R. Memfield
02/15/96	Philip Robert Gordon, III	NL	Philip R. Gordon, Jr.	Marion A. Letendre
02/15/96	Anna Katrina Vaculiac	NL	Bogdan Vaculiac	Karen G. Weed
02/17/96	Stephen Paul Chase, Jr.	NL	Stephen P. Chase	Theresa A. Doud
02/19/96	Kyle Joseph McNeil	NL	Robert J. McNeil, Jr.	Marci L. White
02/23/96	Sophie Leigh Friets	NL	Eric M. Friets	Diane R. Reinhardt
02/23/96	Korey Chandler Guest	NL	Terry A. Guest	Lori M. Mellen
02/29/96	Logan Lavine Guest	NL	Terry A. Guest	Lori M. Mellen
03/01/96	Emily Hope Lance	NL	Frederick S. Lance	Brenda L. Fleury
03/01/96	Holly Maureen Mock	NL	Bradley R. Mock	Janet M. Fitzpatrick
03/02/96	Tucker Graham Peters	NL	Gary R. Peters	Jeannette F. Davis
03/03/96	Caleb Milliken Seymour	NL	Mark M. Seymour	Laura J. Milliken
03/05/96	Molly Beth Jenna	NL	Rex J. R. Jenna	Susan E. Cobb
03/05/96	Chelsey Terese Jobin	NL	Michael R. Jobin	Jamice E. Langone
03/11/96	Adam Michael Godbout	NL	Keith M. Godbout	Susan Domarumma
03/14/96	MiscArthur Hollis Watrous	NL	Richard H. Watrous	Deborah A. Schmale
03/15/96	Andrew Glen Calder	NL	Lewdel G. Calder	Kathy A. Knight
03/19/96	Ezra Roy Strong	NL	Nathan B. Strong	Shawna K. Benge
03/21/96	Eliza Katherine Schachter Bunnell	NL	Thomas G. Bunnell	Deborah J. Schachter
03/21/96	Andrew Bohanon Young	NL	Bruce W. Young, Jr.	Carol J. Sillars
03/31/96	Owen John Bedell	NL	Christopher G. Bedell	Dawn M. Petrin
03/31/96	Brooke Nichole Ellis	NL	Chuck C. Ellis	Catherine L. Shank
04/04/96	Jacob Henry Rolfe	NL	Joseph L. Rolfe	Chady A. Zaccaro
04/04/96	Janah Dakes Walker	NL	Stephen G. Walker	Diane L. DeLuca
04/06/96	Thomas Allen Jeffrey Miller	NL	Jeffrey D. Miller	Valerie J. Bagley
04/09/96	Miranda Lim Remillard	NL	Christopher A. Remillard	Angela C. Desjardis

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER

NAME OF FATHER

PLACE OF BIRTH

NAME OF CHILD

DATE OF BIRTH

04/01/96	Christine Elaine Mitchell	NL	William H. Mitchell III	Sharon E. Callaghan
04/12/96	Ashley Barbara Gokey	NL	Daniel D. Gokey	Nancy L. Heino
04/15/96	Julia Amanda Sullivan	NL	Thomas P. Sullivan	Nicole M. Deane
04/21/96	Thomas Alexander Parks	NL	Jeremy J. Parks	John A. Williams
04/23/96	Michael Francis Siskind	NL	Barak S. Siskind	Pauline Deane
04/22/96	Thomas William Magoon	NL	Mark W. Magoon	Barbara Williams
04/29/96	Alyssa Ann Gebro	NL	Robert A. Gebro	Caroline M. Magoon
05/03/96	Jed Hawk Aubertin	NL	Todd A. Aubertin	Marjorie A. Calkin
05/03/96	John Michael Swenney	NL	Evan D. Kemp	Lou S. Day
05/03/96	David Michael Field	NL	Philip C. Swenney	Cheryl A. Cook
05/03/96	John Michael Swenney	NL	David M. Field	Cheryl A. Cook
06/01/96	Justin John Otis	NL	Mark W. Murray	Barbara Williams
06/01/96	Ryan Mullaney Murray	NL	Kenneth H. Wozzley	Lisa M. Scanton
06/02/96	Robert Ernest Smith	NL	Richard Fedion	Kathleen J. Mullaney
06/08/96	Hallie Hayward Southworth	NL	Timothy W. Otis	Lisa A. Kelley
06/10/96	Berkley Andrew Stevens	NL	Scott W. Murray	Alexis H. Kloman
06/12/96	Thomas William Story	NL	Raymond E. Smith	JoAnne C. Andrews
06/15/96	Lillian Kate Johnson	NL	Peter H. Southworth	Darlene A. Greer
06/22/96	Kyle Justin Livingstone	NL	Ross A. Stevens	Susan L. Alfin
06/23/96	Amanda Leigh Colman	NL	William V. Story	Grace A. Chesher
06/24/96	Adam James Way	NL	Michael T. Johnson	Deborah A. Briggette
06/25/96	Jackson Leigh Morse	NL	Stephen M. Livingstone	Karen A. Mollison
		NL	Thomas D. Colman	Sally A. McDermott
		NL	Christopher S. Way	
		NL	Richard L. Morse, Jr.	

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06/27/96	Christina Rose Foti	NL	William J. Foti	Cathy L. Blaise
06/29/96	Kaeleigh Suzanne Morton	NL	David E. Morton	Daelynn E. Batchelder
07/02/96	Katelynn Leigh Muzzey	NL	David W. Muzzey	Amy S. Beutodoin
07/09/96	Nathan Aaron French	NL	George A. French, Jr.	Trudy M. Kelley
07/11/96	Kristofer Ian Jedd	NL	Paul J. Jedd	Sandra L. Berthel
07/11/96	Benjamin Wilton Murdock	NL	Mark R. Murdock	Tevis M. Baier
07/13/96	Kelley Spoor Jennings	NL	Peter N. Jennings	Stephanie F. Spoor
07/20/96	Kari Robyn Estey-Mansfield	NL	Robin A. Mansfield	Kristen R. Estey
07/20/96	Alden Charles Perkins	NL	James M. Perkins	Beth I. Lengyel
07/22/96	Shane Madison Bradley	NL	David H. Bradley	Karen D. Flynn
07/23/96	Evan Peterson Collins	NL	James R. Collins	Susan M. Peterson
07/28/96	Ryan Chandler Dumont	NL	James T. Dumont	Krista M. Heikkinen
07/28/96	Jonathan Asher Goodnow	NL	Philip M. Goodnow	Geraldine L. Richmond
08/01/96	Madison Rebecca Snaith	NL	Richard P. Snaith II	Katherine E. Coulter
08/03/96	Dakota Michael Sargent	NL	Kevin P. Sargent	Christine E. Moeckel
08/04/96	Garrett Paul Flinkstrom	NL	Paul A. Flinkstrom	Debra A. Pickman
08/07/96	Gabrielle Marie Keyser	NL	Jeffrey A. Keyser	Erica G. Temple
08/08/96	Christopher Michael Peirce	NL	Michael S. Peirce	Susan G. Collins
08/10/96	Alexander Donovan Von Svoboda	NL	Alex H. Von Svoboda	Holly K. Kaake
08/13/96	Nicholas Chappell Skarin	NL	Paul W. Skarin	Joanne Chappell
08/15/96	Michelle Marie Taylor	NL	Gregory S. Taylor	Kristen M. Roy
08/15/96	Samuel Aidan Vierengel	NL	Frederick J. Vierengel	Kerry E. McNally
08/16/96	Luke Nathaniel Sturm	NL	Jerome Sturm	Julia L. Goodwin
08/18/96	William Aufranc	LEB	Dennis E. Aufranc	Roberta J. Hollinger
08/22/96	Anna Jeanne Stefan	NL	Gary C. Stefan	Bridget V. Chilcott
08/23/96	Victoria Marie Maslan	NL	Jerome A. Maslan	Amy L. Roberts
08/25/96	Armando Gustavo Lezama	NL	Armando E. Lezama	Charity M. Reed
08/26/96	Nolan Alex Majka	NL	Craig Majka	Lisa M. Thompson
08/28/96	Keenen Ian Skye Simoneau	NL	Paul J. Simoneau	Nanette M. Perras
09/02/96	Tanner Quinn Carter	NL	Christopher A. Carter	Audrey J. Stebbins
09/16/96	Heidi Allison Best	NL	Shaun G. Best	Irene Printer
09/19/96	Clayton Robert Rich	NL	Daniel J. Rich	Andrea E. Pickering
09/19/96	Nicholas Avery Schultz	CONC	Eric E. Schultz	Susan E. Watum
09/26/96	Steven Robert Carpenter	NL	Lawrence E. Carpenter	Susan D. Heath
09/29/96	Isaiah McNamara Habib	NL	Daniel J. Habib	Elizabeth A. McNamara
10/01/96	Dulcie Rose Trottier	NL	John R. Trottier	Deborah L. McVinua

DATE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
10/04/96	Meralee Rose Allen	NL	David H. Allen	Leeann House
10/04/96	Brittany Elizabeth McArthur	NL	Robert D. McArthur	Tanya L. MacDaid
10/09/96	Kayla Marie White	NL	Dennis R. White, Jr.	Amy S. Crosby
10/14/96	Christian Andrew Morrow	NL	Andrew S. Morrow	Sara S. Crouch
10/18/96	Mitchell Aidan Callum Kelly	NL	Phillip M. Kelly	Shelly R. Callum
10/19/96	Ryan Hunter Redifer	CONC	Roger F. Redifer	Deborah G. Lawrie
10/27/96	Kyle Isaac Mann	NL	Charles E. Mann	Rita A. Dooley
10/28/96	Grace Elizabeth Rowett	LEB	William G. Rowett	Susan J. Lancio
11/02/96	Lauren Nicole Emond	NL	David P. Emond	Tammy L. MacQuarrie
11/07/96	Samuel Weldon Brown	NL	Scott M. Brown	Susan F. Cooper
11/07/96	Zel William Kerkel	NL	Jon R. Kerkel	Vicki L. Gavitt
11/11/96	Claudia Hanson Carle	LEB	Lawrence O. Carle	Laura P. Heer
11/12/96	Elizabeth Louise Ames	NL	Leslie J. Ames	Beth L. Bocash
11/17/96	Stephanie Dianne McConnell	NL	Lawrence M. McConnell	Melissa G. Wright
11/19/96	Amanda Celine Bozogan	NL	Matthew C. Bozogan	Theresa L. Bent
11/20/96	Sonja Audrey Hansson	LEB	Karl H. Hansson	Meghan H. Blount
11/23/96	Heidi Kathleen Martin	NL	Donald B. Martin	Susan Metzler
11/26/96	Thaddeus Guerrier Bicknell	NL	Brooks E. Bicknell	Melinda Grinold
11/28/96	Benjamin Peter Newbern	NL	Peter K. Newbern	Jeana L. Crowell
11/30/96	Alton James Petteys Rorick	NL	Alton J. Rorick	Laura A. Weiss
11/30/96	Ty Andrew Sanders	NL	Frederick A. Sanders	Pamela G. Smith
12/01/96	Kacey Parge Gasset	NL	Christopher S. Gasset	Stacey H. Smith
12/02/96	Samuel Albert Cross	NL	Leonard C. Cross	Jo Ann Gobin
12/10/96	Garrett Marshall Field	NL	Daniel R. Field	Laurie L. Hammond
12/12/96	Courtney Pauline Dunnells	LEB	Leslie S. Dunnells	Wendy L. French
12/13/96	Brittany Marie McNally	NL	Mark H. McNally	Jennifer M. French
12/14/96	Michael Jude Robertson	NL	Stephen L. Robertson	Helen M. Lynch
12/21/96	Molly Elizabeth Comrie	NL	Robert G. Comrie, Jr.	Suzanne Rasweiler
12/22/96	Brady Joseph Bates	NL	Timothy J. Bates	Cathy L. Nichols
12/24/96	Brianna Theresa Lopez	NL	Noel C. Lopez	Andrea J. Seward
12/25/96	Benjamin Robert Marston	NL	Thomas E. Marston	Tammie A. Winchester
12/28/96	Brittany Claire Krasner	NL	Jeffrey M. Krasner	Julie L. Wallton
12/28/96	Ashley Ann Levesque	NL	Michael D. Levesque	Amy-Louise Greenhalgh
12/28/96	Joshua Richard Marzelli	NL	Richard J. Marzelli	Barbara E. Woodbury
12/29/96	Jalen Armand Boyd	NL	Wilbor L. Boyd, Jr.	Cynthia A. Lamb

1996 DEATHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF NEW LONDON

DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	PLACE	NAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
01/01/96	Kurt D. Mollieur	NL	Philip N. Mollieur	Carol Larson
01/03/96	Carol A. Burns	NL	Joseph Fraci	Rose Anne Unknown
01/11/96	Raymond Francis Purtell	NL	John Purtell	Anna Barsleau
01/12/96	Minnie Ellen Dyke	NL	George Parker	Helen Harvey
01/12/96	Roberta Mary Ritchie	NL	Robert Smith	Alice M. Hill
01/14/96	Ruth Constance Ellis	NL	Arthur Eddy	Florence McPherson
01/15/96	Vina Racheotes Franklin	NL	Peter Racheotes	Athena Protopappas
01/16/96	Carolyn Arabelle Jesseman	NL	Lell W. Hall	Nellie Mosher
01/24/96	Elizabeth Whitney Clapp	NL	Moses Ellis	Bertha Newell
01/24/96	Marian Esther Taylor	NL	George Huff	Annette Chase
01/27/96	Edward S. Pratt, Jr.	NL	Edward S. Pratt	Fannie B. Hawes
01/28/96	Marian Rose Grimes	NL	Joseph Grimes	Claire McGuinness
02/01/96	Madelaine Eleanor Reynolds	NL	John Lang	Barbara Hugel
02/01/96	Frank Morris Jones	NL	Ralph Jones	Emma Defossess
02/02/96	Charles Lawrence Barber	NL	George W. Barber	Mabel Lawrence
02/06/96	Robert Lester Evans	NL	Walter F. Evans	Grace D. McNayr
02/12/96	Mitchell Joseph Peret	NL	Stanley Peret	Martha Blonsky
02/13/96	Margaret Pauline Sherman	NL	Frank Curtain	Jean Unknown
02/16/96	Theresa M. Houlahan	NL	George Young	Katherine Unknown
02/17/96	Hugh Paul Keating	LEB	Frederick F. Keating	Mary McMahon
02/19/96	Irene Frances Collins	NL	Ernest W. Holt	Stella Thompson
02/23/96	Georgianna Littlefield Nichols	NL	Arthur G. Littlefield	Myrtie Lakin
02/28/96	Gerard Hastings Hughes	NL	William G. Hughes	Lucy Stephenson
03/03/96	George Elmer Picknell	TILT	Albert F. Picknell	Emma L. Sholes
03/05/96	Elmor Ruby Sessions	NL	John Jack	Ruby Bornkessel
03/06/96	Inez Mathilda Hoyer	NL	Theodore Fuglesteen	Helen Monson
03/06/96	Barbara Southard Madden	NL	Harry E. Southard	Esther Clapp
03/07/96	Emma Watson Hess	NL	Benjamin E. Holmes	Jessie Leach
03/10/96	John Amos Lapham	NL	Walter A. Lapham	Orra Bugbee
03/10/96	Barbara M. Searcy	NL	Chester Sidorowicz	Clara Berard
03/11/96	Judith Goldberg Alexander	NL	Joseph Goldberg	Dora Romanof
03/14/96	Harry Chadwick	NL	Charles Chadwick	Polly Pickering
03/17/96	Hattie Luna Jones	NL	Ezra F. Ocean	Carrie Curtis
03/19/96	Verna Moody Heath	NL	Arden Moody	Edna Wilson
03/22/96	Fern Elida Bartlett	NL	Herbert Gove	Jessie Waldron
03/31/96	Kauko Ludwig Hautaniemi	NL	Samuel Hautaniemi	Katri Koski
04/05/96	Mabel Louise Turner	NL	Albert Plon	Rose Richards

DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	PLACE NEWPT	NAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
04/15/96	Goldina Marguerite Gonyea	NL	Oscar C. Cutting	Mary E. Goodhue
04/15/96	James Bernard Lenehan	NL	Thomas Lenehan	Margaret Brcsnahan
04/19/96	Mary Teresa Kenney	NL	William Donnellon	Julia Callahan
04/22/96	Anna Roene Cuts	NL	Henry Fellows	Ethyl Maxham
04/25/96	Lora Mae Metzger	NL	Russell W. MacComiskey	Helen Jenkins
05/04/96	Frank J. Eydent	NL	Walter C. Eydintas	Julia Vasilaukas
05/08/96	Charles Carroll Lloyd, Sr.	NL	Louis Lloyd	Elizabeth Berry
05/12/96	Herbert Sidney Morrison	NL	Sidney L. Morrison	Elsie A. Barrett
05/17/96	Hubert Alfred Gasparini	BOSC	Frank Gasparini	Mary Cerone
05/20/96	Hazel Marice Patten	NL	Wilbur D. Little	Hattie Perry
05/26/96	Eva Marie Dupont	NL	Alexander Hall	Louise M. Bonnett
06/03/96	Kenneth Edward Pratt	NL	Edgar Pratt	Sarah Rock
06/07/96	Wesley Arthur Kendall	NL	Wesley C. Kendall	Anna B. Cropsy
06/08/96	Carl Leonard Bergman	NL	Carl A. Bergman	Olga Jameson
06/10/96	Robert S. Wicksman	CONC	Joseph Wicksman	Theresa Zimmer
06/16/96	Theodore George Weiser	NL	Theodore G. Weiser, Sr.	Mae C. Stang
06/27/96	David Kent Perham	NL	Noyes Perham	Flora Harney
06/27/96	Maria Genavese Scalora	NL	Carmelo Scalora	Pauline LaRosa
07/03/96	Clayton R. Perry	NL	Francis Perry	Nettie King
07/04/96	Lucille Margaret Kidder	NL	Edmund J. L. Ryan	Helen M. Putney
07/05/96	Eleonor M. Wright	NL	James Saucier	Victorine Bonneau
07/07/96	Albert Ralph Hutchins	NL	Nathan Hutchins	Clarisse Metzger
07/07/96	George Thomas Landry	NL	Joseph T. Landry	Mary Calaggio
07/09/96	Harold Wilder Buker, Jr.	NL	Harold W. Buker	Bessie M. Viall
07/09/96	Jeanette Slade Hosmer	NL	Robert W. Wright	Elizabeth Dillingham
07/09/96	Charlotte Hughes Levy	CONC	Walter H. Hughes	Lettie Golden
07/14/96	Fabiola Doris Bazinet	NL	Ulric Brault	Donalda St. Annotur
07/16/96	Beatrice Rita Taylor	NL	Joseph Forest	Beatrice O'Neil
07/19/96	Margaret Loretta Weber	NL	Henry Bourke	Ida B. Robinson
07/21/96	Elinor Charlotte Rivets	NL	Guy Hall	Florence Smith
07/21/96	Jerrold Gordon Van Cise	NL	Edwin C. Van Cise	Theresa Baker
07/25/96	Amy G. Eldridge	NL	James Ganshaw	Clarisa Mayhew
08/02/96	William Gordon Mackenzie Hume	NL	Gordon M. Hume	Olive H. Lee
08/06/96	Milton Willard Bishop, Jr.	NL	Milton W. Bishop, Sr.	Alice Andrews
08/07/96	Elna Wesoja	NL	Evart Uotila	Almas Hamas
08/09/96	Duane Bradley Cox	MAINE	Clifford Cox	Nellie Harriman
08/09/96	Norman Leo Dionne	NL	John B. Dionne	Marie A. Matiloux
08/12/96	Bessie P. Gilbert	CONC	William E. Lafond	Nellie M. Parker

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER

NAME OF FATHER

PLACE

NAME OF DECEASED

DATE

08/13/96	Florence Ellen Davis	NL	Willis Hill	Florence Partridge
08/14/96	Charlotte Roeben Lawler	NL	Berhard F. Roeben	Helen E. A. Frels
08/18/96	Evelyn Graham Fundin	NL	John Ormon	Eva Bissett
08/25/96	George H. Mackenzie	NL	Roland E. Mackenzie	Elizabeth Byrne
08/27/96	Victor Eugene Laro	NL	Frank Laro	Eva R. Sylvester
08/28/96	Elizabeth Susan Lyford	NL	John F. Lyford	Dora M. Miner
08/31/96	Barbara Knowlton Pearson	NL	Ray Knowlton	Eve Giles
08/31/96	Roy Messer Pearson, Jr.	NL	Roy M. Pearson, Sr.	Bessie M. Ricker
09/05/96	Christina R. Mollica	NL	John J. Mollica	Barbara A. Powers
09/07/96	Rita Leddy Lineberry	NL	William C. Shea	Rita Leddy
09/14/96	Lillian Jean Englelt	NL	Russell Sigler	Lillie Weissmann
09/14/96	Frank Lansu	NL	Cameille Lansu	Marie Unknown
09/14/96	John Lawrence Rayno	NL	Pascal Rayno	Ina Fellows
09/16/96	Alice Byrd Hollidge	NL	Charles Armistead	Effie Wood
09/18/96	Helen Louise Maurer	NL	Russell Wagner	Helen Laughlin
09/21/96	Iva Hazel Holt	NL	Charles E. Braley	Nellie M. Brown
09/25/96	Mathilde Carolyn English	NL	Edward J. Marks	Celeste Kayser
09/26/96	George David MacDonald	NL	Arthur P. MacDonald	Marguerite Weston
10/01/96	Gladys Goldina Farley	NL	William Clark	Rose Unknown
10/07/96	Evelyn Gertrude Webster	NL	Arthur C. Spraker	Alice Berry
10/11/96	Howard Calvin Bitter	NL	Howard Louis Bitter	Eva Lingo
10/23/96	Roy Randall Lavigne	LEB	Moses Lavigne	Flora White
10/26/96	Thomas Frederick Baird	NL	Hazen B. Baird	Laura Johnson
10/27/96	Marion Virginia Adams Dare	NL	Joel Willard Adams	Belle M. Barney
10/28/96	Archie Cuthbert Grant	NL	Archibald C. Grant	Louise Kensingler
11/04/96	Dorothy Etta Ford	FRANK	Edward Stevens	Edith Woodward
11/05/96	Jody Hurshell Sears, Sr.	NL	Joseph H. Sears, Jr.	Judy Bailey
11/08/96	Charles Edward Ayotte	NL	George E. Ayotte	Alice Roberts
11/08/96	Abbie Julia Cross	NL	Charles Merrifield	M. Della Richards
12/02/96	Patrick Joseph Walsh	NL	Patrick Walsh	Rosemary Mortimer
12/05/96	J. Edwin Carter	NL	Charles L. Carter	Marily Holiman
12/05/96	Karen Elisabeth Evans	LEB	Kenneth R. Fox	Eleanor Pihl
12/06/96	Barbara Marie Tucker	NL	Arthur S. Johnson	Leona Tenney
12/07/96	Edward J. Perry	NL	Ronald Perry	Sandra Brackoneski
12/18/96	Mary Agnes Meisinger	NL	Paul E. Meisinger	Emilia R. Tritsch
12/21/96	Eileen Doris Reurick	LEB	William Schurmann	Selma Forststoff
12/24/96	Elmer Earl Smith	NL	Samuale Smith	Bessie Egan
12/29/96	Hilda Emily Amendola	NL	August Kuehn	Johannah Jordan
12/31/96	Richard Archibald Howard	NL	Archibald J. Howard	Theresa K. Thrush

1996 MARRIAGES RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF NEW LONDON

DATE & PLACE OF MARRIAGE	NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE	GROOM'S RESIDENCE BRIDE'S RESIDENCE
01/06/96 New London	Michel Claude Jean Burger Lauren Townley Jones	Menlo Park, CA Menlo Park, CA
01/20/96 Sutton	Bruce Alfred Goings Karen Ann Wood	New London, NH New London, NH
02/24/96 New London	Herbert Allison Baker III Victoria Josephine Wanat	East Walpole, MA East Walpole, MA
03/23/96 New London	Charles Michael Russo Jennifer Hope Anderson	Jackson Heights, NY Jackson Heights, NY
04/01/96 New London	Plato Arthur Spilios II Dana Teresa Ortegon	San Francisco, CA Yonkers, NY
04/06/96 Sunapee	John Dwyer Gregg Wendy Lee Davis	New London, NH New London, NH
05/11/96 New London	Christoffer George Ferland Tracey Renee Beiswanger	New London, NH New London, NH
05/11/96 Newport	Robert Luis Goinsalvos IV Kymberly Lynn Bedell	New London, NH Newport, NH
05/25/96 Manchester	Thomas L. Perschy Donna J. Loranger	New London, NH Manchester, NH
06/01/96 New London	Thomas Joseph Bernardo Karen Ann Clark	Wellesley, MA Wellesley, MA
06/22/96 Unity	James Todd Dumont Krista Mari Heikkinen	New London, NH New London, NH
06/22/96 New London	Declan Joseph Mulready Catherine Patricia Clement	Boston, MA New London, NH
07/13/96 New London	John Burwell Garvey Cotton Mather Cleveland	New London, NH New London, NH
07/13/96 New London	Shawn Patrick McCarthy Lisa Joy Kostovick	New London, NH New London, NH
07/20/96 New London	Henry Livingston Wright June Taylor Wells	Boca Grande, FL New London, NH
08/03/96 New London	Stephen Robert Barbera Anne Whitney Serrell	Watertown, MA Brockton, MA
08/10/96 New London	David Wilson Cook Celeste Cavanaugh Hartwell	West Newbury, MA New London, NH

DATE & PLACE OF MARRIAGE	NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE	GROOM'S RESIDENCE BRIDE'S RESIDENCE
08/10/96 New London	Kevin Gallagher Toth Martha Tawney	Auburn, MA Malden, MA
08/24/96 Newport	Barry Alan Gay Kathleen Patricia Murphy	New London, NH Newport, NH
08/24/96 New London	Robert Scott McEneaney Margaret Jane Mills	Springfield, NH New London, NH
09/07/96 New London	Jose Bargo Elina Josephina Brayslaw	Yonkers, NY Yonkers, NY
09/07/96 New London	Donald Campbell MacKinnon Lisa Ann Leonard	Cambridge, MA Cambridge, MA
09/28/96 New London	Curtis Stephen McEneaney Kristen Louise Leonard	New London, NH New London, NH
10/05/96 Elkins	Richard Lawrence Brown Natalie Lynn Holroyd	Vero Beach, FL Vero Beach, FL
10/12/96 Meriden	William Watson Caspell Brenda Jeanne Gotsdiner	New London, NH New London, NH
10/12/96 New London	Douglas James Mitchell Sage Young Inelam	Tampa, FL Tampa, FL
11/09/96 New London	David John Leonard Patricia Franceschi Lopez	New London, NH New London, NH
11/25/96 New London	Joerg Jacob Gabriele von der Beck	Hamburg, Germany Hamburg, Germany
11/29/96 New London	Glen Kyle Hayward Sarah McEneaney	Newbury, NH New London, NH

**NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD
WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT**

**ANNUAL REPORT
for the year ending
31 DECEMBER 1996**

Founded 1925

Providing water service to customers in the
Towns of New London and Springfield

REPORT TO THE VOTERS-1996

The Annual meeting of the New London-Springfield Water System Precinct in March of 1996 saw the election of James A. Cricenti as Water Commissioner for a three year term. Also elected on the same ballot were Anna Green as Treasurer, Susan J. Craigie as Clerk and Peter Stanley as Moderator, all for one year terms. The following Articles requiring funding were all passed: the proposed budget, purchase of a new one ton dump truck with snow plow and the engineering design and preparation of plans and specifications for the Fenwood/Pine Hill grid. Two other Articles; one allowing the Commissioners to apply for, accept and expend unanticipated money from a state or federal, or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year, and the other for the Commissioners to accept gifts of personal property, other than cash, to the Precinct for any public purposes. Both Articles passed and shall remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the Precinct Meeting.

The Precinct took delivery of the new dump truck in July and made provisions to sell the old truck. It was sold to the highest bidder in August.

In 1996 the Board of Commissioners approved 23 applications for service. Dufresne-Henry submitted an engineering design and plans along with wetland specifications for the Fenwood/Pine Hill grid. These were accepted and the Commissioners are awaiting the wetlands permits from the State. Once these are received we can proceed with attaining the voters approval to fund the project.

The new water system utilizing groundwater from wells on Colby Point went on line May 8, 1996. The transition was handled quite smoothly and we would hope that the customers have noticed a measurable change in the quality of water servicing the Precinct. We have seen an increase in usage through domestic metering since the new system started. To date we have stayed under budget on the total project cost and anticipate at completion being within the appropriated amount.

The Commissioners voted to change the billing dates effective 1996 from January and July to April and October. This allowed for better cash flow and usage of time for reading domestic, commercial and seasonal meters.

Unfortunately, as we all know there was a primary rupture in the main service line for the town which caused a shutdown for a few hours of the entire system. The Superintendent and his assistant did a great job in getting the system back on line in a timely fashion.

The Board of Commissioners wish to thank the voters for the opportunity to serve the Precinct, and look forward to continued service in 1997. Thank you.

COMMISSIONERS:
RICHARD L. BOTT, JR, Chairman
KENNETH R. JACQUES
JAMES A. CRICENTI

**NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD
WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT
PRECINCT WARRANT**

Towns of New London and Springfield, New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the New London-Springfield Water System Precinct in the counties of Merrimack and Sullivan, respectively, qualified to vote in Precinct affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in New London, New Hampshire, on Tuesday, March 18, 1997, at 3:00 p.m. to act on the following subjects:

(Note: By law the meeting must open before voting starts. Therefore, the meeting and polls will open at 3:00 p.m. At 3:15 p.m. the meeting will recess, but the polls will remain open until 8:00 p.m. The meeting will reconvene at 7:00 p.m. to act on Articles 2 through 8.)

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary officers for the coming year.

ARTICLE 2: To hear the reports of officers for the coming year.

ARTICLE 3: To set the salaries of all officers for the coming year.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums to defray Precinct charges for the coming year:

	Approved Budget 1996	Proposed Budget 1997
Salaries, Benefits, Taxes	100,919	107,597
Maintenance	10,000	11,000
Utilities	15,000	25,000
Supplies	15,000	15,000
Insurance	8,400	9,500
Administration	5,500	6,500
Accounting Expense	2,000	2,000
Legal Expense	2,500	2,500
Election Expense	1,000	1,000
Engineering Review	1,500	1,500
Equipment (Capitalized)	2,000	3,200
Contingency	1,000	1,000
Interest (Short Term)	500	500
Interest (Long Term)	51,734	47,935
Principal (Long Term)	95,000	95,000
Lease Expense	<u>12,500</u>	<u>12,500</u>
	324,553	341,732

ARTICLE 5 To see if the voters of the Precinct will vote to authorize the Board of Commissioners to act as agents for the disposal of surplus equipment of the Precinct in such manner as will serve the best interest of the Precinct. Said authorization will remain in effect indefinitely or until rescinded by a vote of the Precinct Meeting.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the voters of the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for the first phase of perimeter boundary identification and delineation of the New London-Springfield Water System Precinct. This article will be non lapsing until the year 2001.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the voters of the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy five thousand dollars (\$75,000) for construction of the Fenwood/Pine Hill Grid.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Precinct will vote to authorize the Commissioners to issue notes and incur debt in anticipation of taxes and revenues in order to pay current maintenance and operating expenses, as provided in RSA 33:7. Said authorization will remain in effect indefinitely or until rescinded by a vote of the Precinct Meeting.

RICHARD L. BOTT, JR., Chairman
KENNETH R. JACQUES
JAMES A. CRICENTI
Commissioners
New London-Springfield
Water System Precinct

A true copy of Warrant: Attest
RICHARD L. BOTT, JR., Chairman
KENNETH R. JACQUES
JAMES A. CRICENTI
Commissioners
New London-Springfield
Water System Precinct

NEW LONDON - SPRINGFIELD
WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(WITHOUT AUDIT)

NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

DECEMBER 31, 1996

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PHILIP E. GLEASON
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT PA

To the Commissioners
New London-Springfield Water System Precinct
New London, New Hampshire

I have reviewed the accompanying balance sheet of the New London-Springfield Water System Precinct as of December 31, 1996 and 1995 and the related statements of revenue, expenses and changes in fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. All information included in these financial statements is the representation of the management of the New London-Springfield Water System Precinct.

A review consists principally of inquiries of Precinct personnel and analytical procedures applied to financial data. It is substantially less in scope than an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

Based on my review, with the exception of the matter described in the following paragraph, I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

As disclosed in Note 1 to the financial statements, generally accepted accounting principles require that depreciation be provided on the facility and equipment assets. The effect of this departure from generally accepted accounting principles on financial position, results of operations, and cash flows have not been determined.

Philip E Gleason

February 16, 1997

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NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT

BALANCE SHEET (WITHOUT AUDIT)

DECEMBER 31, 1996 AND 1995

	1996			1995	
	OPERATING FUNDS	PLANT FUNDS	CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS	TOTAL (memorandum only)	TOTAL (memorandum only)
ASSETS					
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash and Cash					
Equivalent (Note 2)	\$140,562		\$ 217,899	\$ 358,461	\$ 978,135
Accounts Receivable	3,331			3,331	2,093
Interfund Receivables	95,000	\$ 3,266		98,266	3,266
Inventory (Note 1)	<u>21,003</u>			<u>21,003</u>	<u>20,001</u>
Total Current Assets	259,896	3,266	217,899	481,061	1,003,495
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT					
(Notes 1 and 3)					
Facilities		1,692,072		1,692,072	1,692,072
Equipment		129,143		129,143	118,191
Colby Point Project Cost			<u>1,721,769</u>	<u>1,721,769</u>	<u>1,199,274</u>
Total Plant and Equipment		1,821,215	1,721,769	3,542,984	3,009,537
TOTAL ASSETS	\$259,896	\$1,824,481	\$1,939,668	\$4,024,045	\$4,013,032
LIABILITIES					
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Accounts Payable	\$ 828		\$ 12,456	\$ 13,284	\$ 56,890
Accrued Interest Payable	23,758			23,758	27,248
Bonds Payable (Note 4)			95,000	95,000	95,000
Interfund Payables	<u>3,266</u>		<u>95,000</u>	<u>98,266</u>	<u>3,266</u>
Total Current Liabilities	27,852		202,456	230,308	182,404
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES					
Bonds Payable (Note 4)			<u>745,000</u>	<u>745,000</u>	<u>840,000</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	27,852		947,456	975,308	1,022,404
FUND EQUITY					
Appropriated (Note 1)	11,770		992,212	1,003,982	993,889
Unappropriated (Note 1)	<u>220,274</u>	<u>\$1,824,481</u>		<u>2,044,755</u>	<u>1,996,739</u>
	<u>232,044</u>	<u>1,824,481</u>	<u>992,212</u>	<u>3,048,737</u>	<u>2,990,628</u>
	\$259,896	\$1,824,481	\$1,939,668	\$4,024,045	\$4,013,032

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT - PA

NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
(WITHOUT AUDIT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

	OPERATING FUNDS		CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS 1996	PLANT AND EQUIPMENT FUNDS 1996	TOTAL 1996 (memorandum only)
	BUDGET 1996	ACTUAL 1995			
Operating Revenue					
Water Charges and Fees	\$163,586	\$189,067			\$ 240,550
Interest	400	2,832	\$ 15,957		19,772
NH DES Re-imbursment		164,234			
Insurance refund		3,299			3,299
Other		<u>1,508</u>			<u>1,508</u>
Total Revenue	163,986	359,272	15,957		265,129
Operating Expenses					
Salaries and wages	80,087	76,953			82,673
Payroll taxes and benefits	20,832	20,148			21,654
Maintenance	10,000	6,173			5,934
Utilities	15,000	4,913			18,936
Precinct Supplies	15,000	15,441			11,610
Insurance	8,400	3,732			8,650
Administration and contingency	6,500	4,943			5,311
Accounting	2,000	1,775			1,850
Legal	2,500	1,643			170
Precinct meetings	1,000	942			942
Engineering review	1,500				1,500
Equipment	2,000				52,044
Interest	52,234	61,035			12,500
Lease	12,500	12,500			90
Refunds		<u>90</u>			<u>90</u>
Total Expenses	229,553	211,973			223,864
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>\$(65,567)</u>	147,299	15,957		41,265
Other Income (Expense)					
Precinct taxes	33,979				33,979
Sale of vehicles and equipment	6,777				6,777
Original cost of items sold				\$(19,331)	(19,331)
Total Other Income (Expense)	<u>40,756</u>				<u>21,425</u>
	66,064		15,957		62,690

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STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
(WITHOUT AUDIT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

	BUDGET	OPERATING FUNDS	CAPITAL	PLANT AND	TOTAL
	1996	1995	1996	EQUIPMENT FUNDS	1996
		ACTUAL		1996	(memorandum
					Only)
Expenditures, Current Year					
Special Articles					
1996 Art. 5 - General Fund	\$29,000	\$ 28,783			\$ 28,783
1994 Art. 6 - General Fund	\$17,634	6,081			6,081
1996 Art. 7 - General Fund		34,864			34,864
Total Expenditures		31,200			
Net Income (Loss)		144,001	\$ 15,957	\$ (19,331)	27,826
Fund Balance, January 1, 1996		200,844	976,255	1,813,529	2,990,628
Transfer of Equipment					
Funding (Note 1)				30,283	30,283
Fund Balance, December 31, 1996		\$232,044	\$992,212	\$1,824,481	\$3,048,737

NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (WITHOUT AUDIT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

	<u>OPERATING FUNDS</u>	<u>PLANT FUNDS</u>	<u>CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS</u>	<u>TOTAL (memorandum only)</u>
Cash Flows from Operating Activities				
Net Income	\$ 31,200	\$(19,331)	\$ 15,957	\$ 27,826
(Increase) in				
Accounts receivable	(1,238)			(1,238)
(Increase) in inventory	(1,002)			(1,002)
(Decrease) in accounts Payable and accrued expense	<u>(3,131)</u>	_____	<u>(43,965)</u>	<u>(47,096)</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	25,829	(19,331)	(28,008)	(21,510)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities				
Cost of vehicles and equipment sold		19,331		19,331
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities				
Acquisitions of plant and equipment			(522,495)	(522,495)
Payment on Bond Payable	<u>(95,000)</u>			<u>(95,000)</u>
	<u>(95,000)</u>		<u>522,495</u>	<u>(517,495)</u>
Increase in Cash	(69,171)		(550,503)	(619,674)
Cash, December 31, 1995	<u>209,733</u>	_____	<u>768,402</u>	<u>978,135</u>
Cash, December 31, 1996	<u>\$140,562</u>	\$ _____	<u>\$217,899</u>	<u>\$358,461</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (WITHOUT AUDIT)

DECEMBER 31, 1996

NOTE 1 - ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the New London-Springfield Water System Precinct (Precinct) have been prepared on the accrual basis. The significant accounting policies followed are described below:

Fund Accounting - To ensure observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of resources available to the Precinct, the accounts of the Precinct are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. This is the procedure by which resources for various purposes are classified for accounting and reporting purposes into funds established according to their nature and purposes. Separate accounts are maintained for each fund; however, in the accompanying financial statements, funds that have similar characteristics have been combined into fund groups. Accordingly, all financial transactions have been recorded and reported by each fund group.

The assets, liabilities and fund balances of the Precinct are reported in self-balancing fund groups as follows:

- o Operating Fund - This fund serves as the general operating fund of the Precinct. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.
- o Plant Fund - This group of accounts is used to account for all fixed assets of the Precinct other than those being accounted for in the Capital Projects Funds. These items are purchased through transfer from the Operating Fund.
- o Capital Project Fund - This fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition and/or construction of the Colby Point Project. This fund includes the Safe Drinking Water Act Compliance Capital Reserve Fund that is being expended on the Colby Point Project.

Cash and Cash Equivalents - The Precinct considers all short-term, highly liquid investments with remaining maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Depreciation - Plant and equipment is stated at cost. Assets acquired by gift or bequest are recorded at the fair market value at the date of transfer. Depreciation is not provided for on the assets which is a departure from generally accepted accounting principles. Assets sold or otherwise disposed of are removed from the accounts at their original cost.

Inventory - The inventory of supplies are valued at cost.

Total Columns - The combined Financial Statements include a total column that is described as memorandum only. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Interfund transactions have not been eliminated from the total column of each financial statement.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (WITHOUT AUDIT)

DECEMBER 31, 1996

NOTE 1 - ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Budgetary Data - The Precinct budgets revenue, expenditures, and other sources and uses of the Operating Fund. Appropriations in the Operating Fund are charged for encumbrances when commitments are made. Fund balances are reserved for outstanding encumbrances, which serve as authorizations for expenditures in the subsequent year. Budgetary comparisons in the financial statements are presented on a modified accrual basis of accounting. All unencumbered budget appropriation lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

NOTE 2 - CREDIT RISK

The Precinct cash was deposited in various institutions during the year. At various times the amount on deposit in these institutions exceeded the \$100,000 federally insured limit. As of December 31, 1996 the deposits on hand were in excess of the insured limit by 41,683.

NOTE 3 - PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Activity for the fixed assets which are capitalized by the Precinct is summarized below:

	BALANCE JANUARY 1, <u>1996</u>	ADDITIONS	DEDUCTIONS	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, ' <u>1996</u>
Facility	\$1,692,072			\$1,692,072
Equipment	118,191	\$ 30,283	\$19,331	129,143
Colby Pt. Project Cost	<u>1,199,274</u>	<u>522,495</u>	<u> </u>	<u>1,721,769</u>
	<u>\$3,009,537</u>	<u>\$552,778</u>	<u>\$19,331</u>	<u>\$3,542,984</u>

Costs incurred for the Colby Point Project by the Capital Project Fund are capitalized. Upon completion of the Project, the total cost will be transferred to the Plant and Equipment Funds.

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NOTE 4 - BONDS PAYABLE

On December 20, 1994 the Precinct secured \$935,000 from the New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank for the issuance of 1994 Series F Bonds. Interest is payable semi-annually. Presented below is a summary of the debt service requirements to maturity by year:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>INTEREST RATE</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>
1997	8%	\$ 95,000
1998	8%	95,000
1999	5.4%	95,000
2000	5.4%	95,000
2001	5.5%	95,000
2002	5.625%	95,000
2003	5.75%	90,000
2004	5.80%	90,000
2005	5.90%	<u>90,000</u>
		<u>\$840,000</u>

NOTE 5 - REVENUE FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Precinct applied for and received from the State of New Hampshire's Department of Environmental Services a 20% reimbursement for monies spent from June, 1986 through December, 1994 toward compliance with the Safe Water Drinking Act.

NOTE 6 - COMMITMENT

The Precinct reached a settlement with the Cleveland Company, Inc. Over an eminent domain action for easements to Colby Point. The Precinct agreed to pay as just compensation \$25,000 upon delivery of the proper easement and ten annual payments of \$12,500. At the commencement of the eleventh year and each five years thereafter the annual payment will be adjusted based on the average of two factors; the Consumer Price Index and the percentage increase in gallonage pumped. In no event shall the annual payment be less than \$12,500 nor greater than 30% of \$12,500 for year 11 through 15 and 30% greater of the amount calculated in year 11 for years 16 through 20. At the expiration of 20 years, the Precinct shall have the option to renew the Agreement every five years up to ninety-nine years, upon the same terms and conditions except annual payments which shall be renegotiated.

The Precinct charged the initial \$25,000 payment to the cost of the Colby Point project and the \$12,500 to operations during 1995.

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CONFIDENTIAL - SECURITY INFORMATION

NOTICES

DOG OWNERS shall register all dogs over three months of age.
Dog license renewals are due by April 30.

- Rabies Certificates required for registration.
- Civil Forfeiture for not obtaining a dog license is a fine of \$25.00 (RSA 466:13)
- Owners are liable for dogs running at large.
- Fees: \$6.50 if altered \$9.00 not altered
\$2.00 if owner is over 65

VEHICLE OWNERS must register their vehicles with the Town Clerk.

- To re-register, owners should bring in their old registrations.
- Renewals, decals, transfers and plates available

THOSE OPERATING IN OR NEAR WETLANDS OR WATERWAYS shall file a Dredge and Fill application with the Town Clerk before beginning work. Under RSA:483-A. Fines may be assessed for non-compliance.

PROPERTY OWNERS seeking tax abatement shall apply to the Selectmen's Office by March 1 of the following year after receiving the final tax bill (RSA 76:16). Forms are available at the Selectmen's Office.

TOWN HISTORY - MIRROR TO AMERICA

The office of the Town Clerk has available for sale, during regular business hours, copies of **Mirror to America, A History of New London, 1900-1950**, at a cost of \$10.00 per copy.

TOWN ELECTION OF OFFICERS
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1997
WHIPPLE MEMORIAL HALL
POLLS OPEN 8 :00 A.M.
POLLS CLOSE 7:00 P.M.



ANNUAL-TOWN MEETING
KEARSARGE REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 1997
7:00 P.M.
ARTICLES 2 THROUGH 33 IN THE WARRANT

WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT
WHIPPLE MEMORIAL HALL
NEW LONDON
Polls Open 3:00 P.M., Tuesday, March 18, 1997
Polls Close 8:00 P.M. - Meeting Opens 3:00 P.M.
Meeting will recess at 3:15 P.M.
Meeting Reconvenes 7:00 P.M.

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