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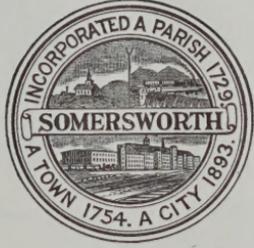
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MAYOR EDWARD S. CHARPENTIER
January 1, 1954 — January 1, 1958

Mayor's Message To City Council

Gentlemen of the City Council:

Gentlemen:

Two years ago—as we met here to take our respective oaths of office—we were confronted with a sobering set of facts, conditions and problems that cried out for immediate bold and progressive action to put our municipal house in order.

These conditions and problems encompassed practically every department of our city government. They were of great concern and importance to citizens in all walks of life and holding all shades of public opinion.

As a matter of fact, the situation was so bad in some departments that many civic-minded citizens were ashamed of—and felt constrained to apologize for—the situation.

Our school department was in the most shameful condition. We had the basement classroom in the Chandler Building. The Burleigh School was outmoded, unsanitary and unsafe—branded by the State Fire Warden as a potential fire trap. The High School was overcrowded and inadequate with the result that, in many cases, students were deprived of an opportunity to take some of the fundamental courses.

The seriousness of this situation was pointed up by the fact that some citizens saw fit to dispose of their homes here to take up residences in neighboring cities in order that their children might enjoy the benefits of better educational facilities. Other potential citizens built their homes elsewhere for the same reason.

Our Fire Department was equipped—in a large part—with antiquated fire fighting apparatus that had long ago outlived its usefulness. Newspaper publicity that called attention to its inadequacies was making it the laughing stock of the area.

It was significant that the major equipment available to local firemen at that time had been purchased between the years of 1923 and 1944.

With residential construction under way over and across the city, there was increasing need and demand for extensions of our water and sewer systems in order to keep pace with progress.

And from throughout the city, citizens were demanding road and sidewalk construction and repair that had been too long neglected.

At the same time, many of our municipal properties were in need of renovation and repair.

Officials—well informed and prominent in municipal affairs—had expressed the definite opinion and conviction that Somersworth had reached the point where a million dollar program for rehabilitation and progress was practically inevitable.

It was in such circumstances that we assembled here to assume our official duties in 1954.

And—even as we took our oaths—we were faced with the immediate necessity of making difficult and highly important decisions as to the fundamental policies to be pursued.

We had two choices. We could close our eyes and our minds to the realities of the situation and let political considerations dominate our thoughts and our actions. We could adopt the laissez-faire policy of concentrating our efforts upon defending and maintaining the existing tax rate, which the condition of municipal affairs had proven to be unsound.

In short, we could continue to let matters go from bad to worse.

Or—on the other hand—we could face up courageously to the fundamental truths and realisms. We could accept with determination and official integrity the responsibilities that our constituents had placed in our hands. We could act boldly, soundly and effectively to do that which our consciences dictated must be done in order that our fellow citizens might enjoy municipal dignity and self-respect and that our community might take a proper place among the cities of the state.

We are most happy today—and we hope and believe it is to the lasting benefit of Somersworth and its people—that we chose the latter course.

I submit—without fear of successful contradiction—that it is because of that choice that citizens of Somersworth need no longer feel ashamed of, or apologize for, the standard of municipal life available to them and which they have sought to guarantee to their children.

As we—and our fellow citizens—look and think back over the past two years, we arrive at the inescapable conclusion that they have been fruitful and productive and have been marked by considerable progress.

I believe that there are facts and substance in abundance to support a contention that never before—in a comparable period of time—has so much been done by the city government to promote the welfare of the people of Somersworth.

In order to compensate for the omissions and delays of the past—it was necessary for us to formulate and to put into effect a comprehensive program that provided for immediate and long range action.

This program required the expenditure of hundreds of thousands of dollars. It made necessary the use of the city's credit and a very substantial increase in the bonded indebtedness. And an upward revision of the tax rate could not be avoided.

Having adopted this program and having made these heavy expenditures, the time has now arrived for us to give an accounting of our stewardship.

As I have always maintained, the citizens of Somersworth, who—in the final analysis—must pay the bills, are entitled to full and complete information concerning what has been done. It is their right to know how much money has been spent and for what purposes. It is their right to now, also, if there has been any wasteful or extravagant expenditures or if dollar-for-dollar value has been received.

This information I plan to spell out in the greatest possible detail at this time—fully confident that the end result, which will make Somersworth a better place in which to live, will completely justify our course of action.

When this administration came into being in January, 1954, the total bonded indebtedness amounted to \$249,000. During the past two years, this sum was reduced to \$203,000 through payments amounting to \$46,000.

In the same period, in order to finance our program of rehabilitation and progress, we issued new bonds in the sum of \$650,000. These included \$450,000 for erecting and equipping the new High School, \$30,000 for developing the extensive surrounding area, \$60,000 Water Works Bonds (\$5,000 of which have been paid) and Improvement Bonds in the amount of \$115,000. The latter sum was for the purchase of two fire trucks, enlargement of the Central Fire Station, and sewers.

The total bonded indebtedness as of January 1, 1956, amounted to \$853,000—a net increase during the two years of \$604,000.

Now, just what have the citizens of our city received in return for these large expenditures? Have the projects of the past two years

been sound, constructive and forward looking? Have they been of a transitory nature or will they provide real and lasting benefits to this and future generations?

And, have they been soundly and wisely planned and economically and efficiently carried through?

The outstanding achievement of this administration—the one that will provide the greatest benefits to the largest number of people for the longest period of time—is that which had as its objective the improvement and expansion of our system of education through the erection of a new High School Building.

Nearing completion at Memorial Field—at a cost of \$450,000—is a spacious structure, modern and functional in its design, very attractive in appearance, and structurally sound.

While it is devoid of unnecessary and expensive frills, it will provide an enrollment of 500 students with all of the classrooms, laboratories, shops and other features that are necessary to a sound system of education in accordance with present day standards. Its Gymnasium-Auditorium will provide excellent facilities for scholastic, athletic, dramatic, social and other activities for children from all schools of the City and for civic, fraternal, religious and other organizations. With the passage of time, this building will be rated as a truly great municipal asset—one of which all citizens may well be proud.

When the new building is ready for occupancy, Somersworth's physical equipment for school purposes will compare most favorably with those of other municipalities of similar size. The present High School Building will then be freed to be used for grammar school purposes and the Chandler School Building will become available for the primary grades.

The basement classroom will then be eliminated and the Burleigh School will be abandoned.

While we have recognized, and sought to correct, the lack of sufficient facilities in our school system, I am happy to report that the human element that is involved has not been overlooked.

Convinced that no system of education can be any better than the teachers who are called upon to impart knowledge to our children, we have—at long last—done that which practically every New Hampshire community of equal size saw fit to do some time ago—installed a Salary Schedule for teachers.

Through this action, school officials hope to be able to retain the services of the good teachers now in our system and, as needs develop, to be able to compete successfully with other communities for the services of new teachers with high qualifications.

Before leaving this subject of schools, I wish to state that, in my opinion, the manner in which the new High School was conceived and planned, and in which the plans were executed, stands out as a shining example of what can be accomplished when a group of responsible officials of good will and civic-consciousness give generously and unselfishly of their time and talents for the general welfare.

And I would be content to rest my entire case—in support of my contention that waste, extravagance and unsound policies have had no place in this administration—upon what has transpired in this connection.

Impartial and very convincing evidence to the effect that the interests of the citizens of Somersworth have been exceptionally well served and protected in this project is found in the December issue of the monthly publication "New Hampshire Architect" which is devoted in its entirety to a survey of school construction costs.

In this issue, there are detailed studies and reports of school construction activities in ten New Hampshire communities—including Somersworth. The size of the projects, type of construction, principal features and the costs per square foot are treated.

There we find expert testimony to the fact that Somersworth's new High School is to be constructed at a cost of \$8.40 per square foot—the lowest unit cost of all the projects covered. The per square foot costs of the other projects ranged upwards to \$14.72. The average square foot costs of these projects was \$11.70—which is \$3.30 per square foot higher than in Somersworth.

This means that, because of much better than average effort, talent, ability and devotion to their task, the gentlemen who planned and carried through the construction of the new building have saved the taxpayers of Somersworth the sum of \$3.30 on each of the structure's 48,000 square feet.

This represents total savings in excess of \$150,000—a sum equal to the costs of all of our other major projects of the past two years.

And I want to point out that this substantial saving of the taxpayers' money has not been effected through any sacrifice of essential quality and utility.

There is an old saying to the effect that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. This being so—we have every right to feel proud of our new building because, throughout the state, it is now being held up as a real criterion—a standard for comparison—a practical example of how the most value in education facilities can be obtained for the tax dollar.

The planned construction of a new road connecting High Street—at Franklin—with the Cemetery Road, and the development of athletic and recreation facilities, funds for which have already been provided, will greatly increase the beauty, attractiveness, accessibility and utility of the surrounding area.

The reestablishment of the Fire Department as a well-equipped and highly efficient organization rates second in importance among the major accomplishments of the past two years.

In order to achieve this purpose, two major units of fire-fighting apparatus—an 85 foot aerial Ladder Truck and a Pumper—were purchased at a combined cost of \$39,000 and the Central Fire Station was enlarged at a cost of \$20,000. These were financed by funds obtained through the Improvement Bonds issue.

The equipment of the Department was further improved by purchases in excess of \$4,000 made from the regular budget for smaller, but also important items. These included additional hose and nozzles, extension of the Fire Alarm system to new residential areas, conventional firemen's wear and gear of all kinds, gas and smoke masks, first aid apparatus and other pieces too numerous to mention.

As a result of what has been done, the people of Somersworth are entitled to receive—and the department is in a position to provide—greater protection against the loss of life and property by fire. And, in the years immediately ahead, it is possible that it may be operated under a reduced budget.

Substantial progress in a long range program for road and sidewalk repairs and construction has been made by the Street Department during this administration despite a greatly increased work load and first year delays which resulted from hurricane damage.

At the very outset, we made plans for road and sidewalk rehabilitation as rapidly as our facilities and available funds would permit. The extent to which we have progressed in this program can be learned from the fact that, in various sections of the city, roads were improved through graveling and coating with Tarvia and asphalt on a total of forty-nine streets. In carrying through this program, the department applied a total of 9,000 gallons of Tarvia and 31,000 gallons of asphalt.

Although we have concentrated our efforts to date upon road activities—in order to prevent further degeneration and greater costs—we have made a start on sidewalks with new construction on four streets.

New equipment has been added in this department and increased production and efficiency have resulted. We bought a new Grader at a cost of \$10,000, a Loader, costing \$8,000, two new trucks at \$6,000 and two Snow Plows that required an investment of \$8,000.

A newly purchased Welding Unit has enabled the Street Department crew to do its own welding and hundreds of dollars have been saved thereby. And a new power operated Grease Gun Unit has likewise effected substantial savings in the operation of our motorized equipment.

New and expanded residential areas have placed added burdens upon the department and have created new problems. With a sympathetic understanding of the needs and desires of the citizens residing in these areas, however, we are endeavoring to provide them with all of the services and facilities to which they are entitled.

Fourteen water extension projects, covering a distance of approximately three miles, were carried through by the Water Department during the bi-ennium. These projects, which included the installation of 15 new hydrants and 62 additional house service installations, cost nearly \$70,000.

In addition to the new residences that were given water service, facilities were made available, in the areas covered, for a large number of homes yet to be built.

One hundred Meters were purchased in this period at a cost of \$2,400 in addition to a Pump costing \$3,600.

This department is being operated efficiently and at a profit and is liquidating its own bonds which total \$175,000.

The \$60,000 sewer extension project that is now well underway in the West High Street-Cemetery Road area is one of great significance in relation to the expected steady development of that section of the city. Here is basic action that, in future years, could very well lead to highly desirable sewer service to hundreds of homes.

Here is sound and solid encouragement for those who—now or later—may want to erect residences in this largest of Somersworth's undeveloped areas.

It is quite possible that time will prove this to be one of our most rewarding ventures.

Considerable attention has been given to the repair and improvement of our municipal properties.

The Police Station has been enlarged and repainted. Sanitary conditions there have been very much improved and the Chief of Police has been provided with a private office. The Municipal Courtroom has been made much more attractive.

In addition to the enlarging of the Central Fire Station, that building has been completely repainted—interior and exterior—and a new heating system has been installed.

Among other projects, the Municipal Building was painted throughout, the roof was repaired, and the nurse's quarters were enlarged and generally improved. Similar improvements were made at the Ward Three Voting House.

I have outlined in some detail—as time allows—just what we have done during the past two years to effect a solution of the problems that confront us.

I repeat that the end result is such as to make Somersworth a better place in which to live.

It cannot be otherwise when better schools and greater opportunities are provided for our children; when proper consideration is given to the financial aspects and when the action accords with the principles of sound economy.

Gathered here today and about to begin two years more of service in our respective offices, we face a new set of conditions and circumstances.

Most of our major projects have been started and are nearing completion.

Sound judgment and common sense dictate that there must be no more immediate commitments of great size.

This is the time for a breathing spell. This is the time to consolidate our gains and to solidify our position.

I do not mean that we must adopt niggardly policies—that we should be penny wise and pound foolish—or that we must not keep pace with sensible progress.

I do mean that, as we proceed, we must make a determined effort to "cut our cloth a little closer." I do mean that—to all proposals requiring sizeable expenditures of public funds—we must apply the test of immediate necessity.

And—above all else—I mean that we must strive to elevate the efficiency of operations in all of the municipal departments to a degree never before attained.

In order to eliminate undersirable conditions and to restore dignity and self respect to our municipal life, it has been necessary for us to make record-breaking commitments of public funds. In the absence of sound judgment and high efficiency, these commitments could inflict upon our citizens too heavy a burden of taxation.

If we can succeed in attaining increased efficiency in all departments, it will be possible to operate with reduced budgets or to attain greater results with the funds available. In either case, directly or indirectly, it would tend to ease the tax burden.

As we enter this new era in our municipal life—an era in which we must begin to pay for the good things that we have purchased—it is essential that there be definite action to make certain that the tax burden be fairly shared by our citizens. It is for this purpose that we have undertaken the task of re-appraising and revaluing Somersworth property under the direction of the State Tax Commission.

It has long been evident to informed officials and citizens that—because of our antiquated system of assessing property—many citizens have been paying more than a fair share of taxes while others have not made just contributions.

Experiences in other communities where expert appraisals have been made by impartial and neutral representatives of the State Tax Commission have proven that it is possible to remove these inequalities.

I give to the citizens of Somersworth sincere assurance that this project does not have as its objective an overall increase in valuation for the sole purpose of obtaining a lower tax rate.

If this were the objective, it could be more easily and cheaply attained by again pursuing the unsound and unfair policy of putting into effect an across-the-board percentage increase in valuations.

Our major objective is to scientifically adjust and to equalize property values for tax purposes.

Successful completion of this project will give us a modern and complete card index system of recording property valuations and will bring added efficiency to our Assessing Department.

These cards will be open to public inspection and citizens who are dissatisfied with the appraisals of their properties will be given opportunities to file protests and request reviews.

It should not be necessary during the next few years to make large expenditures for water service extensions. New developments are now being taken care of by the developers and the system is working out to the satisfaction of all concerned.

With continued increases in the demands made upon our water supply, it would be good policy for us to seek a new well. Although the need for such a well is not urgent, it will, without doubt, become a future necessity.

After making due payments of Water Works Bonds, the Department is now showing an annual profit of \$5,000 or more which is tured over to the general funds as revenue.

It is my recommendation that, in the future, these profits be retained in the Department for the purpose of building up a surplus to be used for the financing of the next major project without need for a bond issue.

In the interests of economy and efficiency, I am of the opinion that a complete study should be made this year of activities at the Municipal Building offices with a view toward streamlining.

I am convinced that there should be established a Finance Office wherein there would be maintained strict and up-to-the minute cost and budget controls and where municipal payrolls would be issued.

These duties are now being performed in the office of the City Clerk where there is a steadily increasing work load.

I believe that a new system should be installed not later than the beginning of 1957 and that, at the same time, a complete audit should be made by a qualified firm of accountants.

Somersworth—with more than 3,500 gainfully employed and with fair diversification—has been enjoying industrial prosperity for which we are very grateful.

It is most fortunate that there exists between the City Government and industrial leaders a fine spirit of friendliness and cooperation

and that—between labor and management—there has been a minimum of strife.

Two years ago, I appointed an Industrial Council the purpose of which was to do everything possible to retain our existing industries and to cooperate whenever possible in efforts to attract new concerns.

While, for several reasons, we have not as yet succeeded in obtaining new industry, I am sure that we have made contributions that induced more than one uncertain industry to continue its operations here.

Looking to the future, I believe that, in the next two years, we should do something concrete and definite in the way of a determined effort to further improve and diversify our industrial position.

Specifically, I believe that we should give serious thought to—and then act upon—the possibility of developing a small industrial park in the neighborhood of the old Pumping Station near the Salmon Falls River where the city owns 27 acres of land.

I am convinced that something can be accomplished along these lines in this area. All of the necessary facilities are there—water, sewerage, railroad service and abundant parking space.

The long range program for better roads and sidewalks, which really got under way this year, must be continued during our new administration. This we owe to the citizens who have been quite patient in the matter.

The work that we do, however, must be financed on a pay-as-you-go basis through provisions to be made in the regular budget. There can be no new bond issue for this purpose.

We must continue, also, and possibly extend, our policy of awarding contracts and making sizeable purchases on the basis of competitive bidding.

Since we adopted this policy, the saving of many thousands of dollars has been made possible. With such results, we cannot revert to the old cost-plus contracts.

I wish to place great emphasis upon—and make clearly understood—the indisputable fact that—despite the many and large expenditures that we have made—Somersworth today is in a sound financial condition.

Throughout the past two years, and in all of our activities, we have done everything possible to make certain that fiscal solvency and stability were maintained.

Convincing evidence that Somersworth enjoys a position in this respect is found in the fact that the city can today borrow as much as \$400,000 without exceeding the bonded debt limit.

At this point, I am in favor of holding fast to that which we have in order that we might be prepared to meet any emergency.

All of you gentlemen have been members of the administration and I wish to publicly acknowledge the fine spirit of cooperation that you have shown and the excellent contributions that you have made towards its success. I feel certain that I will continue to receive your support and able assistance during the next two years.

I wish to acknowledge also the valuable and unselfish service that has been rendered by city officials and department heads in general.

Working together in a sincere effort to promote and protect the best interests of our deserving fellow citizens—and seeking the help and guidance of Almighty God—there is much that can be accomplished in the years that lie ahead.

EDWARD S. CHARPENTIER,
Mayor



This is the City Council which guided Somersworth during the period covered by this report. Front row, left to right, Norman A. Fournier, Simeon Rainville, Mayor Edward S. Charpentier, Louis P. Chasse, William J. Vigneault. Standing, left to right, Richard A. Gagnon, Paul R. Blanchette, Bernard C. McCabe, Joseph Aubert (died in office), Alfred Perusse, and Ludrope Camire.

City Government

1956

Mayor

Edward S. Charpentier

City Clerk

Napoleon A. Berube

Councilmen

Ward 1

Simeon Rainville

Richard A. Gagnon

Ward 2

Norman A. Fournier

Louis P. Chasse

Ward 3

William J. Vigneault

Paul R. Blanchette

Ward 4

Joseph Aubert *

Bernard C. McCabe

* Died Dec. 5, 1956

Ward 5

Alfred Perusse

Ludrope Camire

City Treasurer

Estelle Gagnon

Collector of Taxes

Joseph F. McKeon

Public Works Administrator

John R. Hodsdon *

* Died May 19, 1956

Sanitary Officer

Peter N. Chasse

City Messenger

Albert E. Boisvert

City Engineer

Harold V. Sheahan

Probation Officer

Frank H. Kinsman

Fence Viewer

Noel C. Chasse

Police Commissioners

Anthony W. Zabrick

Phil O. Wentworth, Jr., Clerk

Paul E. Normandeau

Field Driver

Albert J. Nadeau

Auditors

Margaret C. O'Connell

Hayward C. Logan

Street Commissioner

Omer T. DeRoy

City Solicitor

Leo H. Cater

City Physician

W. Edmour Precourt, M.D.

Overseer of the Poor

John J. Duffy

Plumbing Inspector

Joseph L. Bernier *

Board of Health

John J. Duffy, Chairman

Peter N. Chasse, Clerk

W. E. Precourt, M.D.

Building Inspector

Joseph L. Bernier *

Henry P. Mullen

* Died June 27, 1956

Municipal Court

Clovis I. Desmarais, Judge
 Roland G. Perreault, Clerk

Ronald T. Gage

Charles Perry
 Raoul Turmelle

Police Officers

Charles J. Boucher, Marshal
 Emile J. Gauvin, Asst. Marshal

Robert T. Donnelly

Franklin Bickford
 Romeo Berube

Patrolmen

Charles G. Deshaies
 Joseph Dreinczyk

Department of Public Instruction

Lorenzo T. Ross, Chairman

Elizabeth M. Ball, Secretary

Members

Elizabeth M. Ball, Lorenzo T. Ross, Raymond N. Vezeau, Albert J. Nadeau, Paul Bernier. Appointed by Council: Rene Morin, John F. Beamis, Martin J. Flanagan, Dr. Lionel U. Bergeron, Edward S. Charpentier.

Standing Committees for 1956-1957

FINANCE—The Mayor, Councilmen Fournier and Rainville

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DRAINS—The Mayor, Councilmen Fournier and Chasse

BILLS IN THEIR SECOND READING—Councilmen Perusse, Chasse and Blanchette

ENGROSSED BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS—Councilmen Gagnon, Perusse and Blanchette

PUBLIC BUILDINGS—Councilmen Aubert, Chasse and Camire

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS—Councilmen Aubert, Rainville and Vigneault

PRINTING—The Mayor, Councilmen Gagnon and McCabe

FIRE—Councilmen Rainville, Vigneault and Perusse

ORDINANCES—Councilmen Chasse, Blanchette, and Perusse

POLES AND WIRES—Councilmen Gagnon, McCabe and Camire

STREET LIGHTS—Councilmen Vigneault, Camire and McCabe

FOREST GLADE CEMETERY—Councilmen Chasse, Gagnon and Perusse

ELECTIONS AND RETURNS—Councilmen McCabe, Camire and Rainville

Fire Department

Chief Engineer—Albert M. Lessard, resigned March 31, 1956

Chief Engineer—Arthur Nadeau

First Deputy Engineer—Joseph R. Lucier

Second Deputy Engineer—Henry J. Pinkham

Water Commissioners

Spencer S. Furbush, term expires January, 1957

Placide J. Lagueux, Chairman, term expires January, 1958

Napoleon A. Habel, term expires January, 1959

Clerk and Superintendent, John R. Hodsdon, died May 19, 1956

Clerk and Superintendent, Harold V. Sheahan, from June 11 to August 17, 1956

Clerk and Superintendent, Paul E. Bernier, term expires December 31, 1956

Board of Assessors

Clovis G. Chabot, Clerk, term expires January, 1957

Fred J. Coffin, Chairman, term expires January, 1958

Clovis J. Cormier, term expires January, 1959

Trustees of Trust Funds

Mary C. Furbush, term expires January 1, 1957

John R. Hodsdon, term expires January 1, 1958. Died May 19, 1956

Gerard L. Gaudreau, term expires January 1, 1959

Public Library Trustees

Max Isacoff, term expires January, 1957

Celopie Semitros, term expires January, 1958

Gerard Gaudreau, term expires January, 1959

Henry P. Mullen, term expires January, 1960

Roland Jenkins, term expires January, 1961

Forest Glade Cemetery Trustees

Dorcas M. Hodsdon, term expires January, 1957

Frank H. Kinsman, term expires January, 1958

Mary C. Furbush, term expires January, 1959

Melanie W. Sullivan, term expires January, 1960

Fred Legro, term expires January, 1961

Supervisors of the Checklists

Oliver F. Colburn, term expires September 1, 1951

Annie Chasse, Clerk, term expires September 1, 1952

John J. Duffy, term expires September 1, 1953

Thomas L. Perron, Chairman, term expires September 1, 1954

Letha Ellen Furlong, term expires September 1, 1960

Planning Board

Mayor Edward S. Charpentier; City Engineer Harold V. Sheahan;
Councilman W. J. Vigneault, administrative member
John C. Malley, term ending in 1961, resigned May 1, 1956; Robert
English, unexpired term ending 1961; Paul E. Normandeau, term
ending January, 1960; James F. O'Malley, term ending in 1959; E.
Elmore Graves, term ending 1958; Leo O. Perreault, term ending
1957; Herman Horne, term ending 1956

Adjustment Board

Rene Morin, term expires July, 1960
James F. Malley, term expires July, 1959
John F. Beamis, term expires July, 1958
Paul E. Normandeau, term expires July, 1957
Francis C. Vincent, unexpired term ending July, 1956

Board of Examination of Plumbers

George W. Dumais Ambrose LaFleur, resigned Dec. 4, 1956

Park Commissioners

The Mayor, ex-officio, Edward S. Charpentier; W. E. Precourt, M.D.,
term expires April, 1953; Rene A. Morin, term expires April, 1955;
Hector Sirois, term expires April, 1958

Weighers of Hay, Coal and Straw

Leonard Ferland, Adjutor Turgeon, Rudolph Arsenault, Ted Pappajohn,
Robert G. Ruel, Louis Cohen and Sumner Cohen

Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber

William M. Ames, Harold V. Sheahan, Leonard Ferland

Ordinances Resolutions Petitions

Ordinances

Amendment to Sub-division Regulations of 1954-Section VII-- Enforcement, relative to transfer or sale of land within a subdivision. Introduced Feb. 7, 1956. Hearing held March 6 and passed March 6, 1956.

Amendment to Chapter 18 of 1944 Ordinances relative to the Chief Engineer of Fire Department. Passed April 5, 1956.

Amendment to Chapter 5, Section I, 1944 Ordinances, relative to salary of Street Commissioner. Passed April 5, 1956.

Amendment to Chapter 5, Section I, 1944 Ordinances, relative to salary of City Solicitor. Passed June 5, 1956.

Amendment to Chapter 5, Section I, 1944 Ordinances, relative to salaries of Election Officers. Passed July 26, 1956.

Resolutions

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Finance to borrow \$250,000.00 in anticipation of taxes. Passed January 3, 1956.

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Finance to appropriate and expend a sum not exceeding \$600.00 for the purchase of resuscitator to be installed in the Police Cruiser. Passed February 7, 1956.

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Finance to appropriate and expend a sum not exceeding \$250.00 for Catholic War Veterans' convention. Passed February 7, 1956.

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Finance to appropriate and expend the sum not exceeding \$2,300.00 for the purchase of a new truck for the Highway Department. Passed March 6, 1956.

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Finance to appropriate and expend a sum not exceeding \$146.62, the City's share for the Marine Memorial Fund. Passed March 6, 1956.

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Finance to appropriate and expend a sum not exceeding \$1,070.00 for the purchase of a bulldozer attachment for International Crawler Tractor. Passed April 3, 1956.

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Finance to appropriate and expend a sum not exceeding \$300.00 for the purchase of lockers for Police Station.

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Granite State Gas Transmission Corp. relative to a right of way for installation of a pipe line upon land lying westerly of Indigo Hill Road. Passed July 26, 1956.

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Streets and Public Buildings to expend a sum not exceeding the amount to be derived from insurance payments for repairs to City Barn. Passed July 26, 1956.

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Granite State Gas Transmission Corp. relative to a right-of-way for the installation of a pipe line to be located under Bartlett Avenue at Cemetery and under Blacwater Road. Passed Sept. 13, 1956.

Resolution authorizing City Treasurer to transfer from Rollins Estate settlement account to General Fund an amount not exceeding \$5,000.00 to be expended for the construction of West High Street Garage. Passed Sept. 13, 1956.

Resolution authorizing the Committees on Streets and Public Buildings to receive and accept bids for the erection of an equipment stall and garage on West High St. The sum not to exceed \$7,063.00. Passed October 25, 1956.

Resolution authorizing the Committees on Finance and Streets to purchase two snow plows for a sum not exceeding \$2,650.00 to be included in 1957 Budget.

Resolution authorizing the Finance Committee to make department transfers. Passed December 4, 1956.

Resolution authorizing Finance Committee to borrow, in anticipation of taxes a sum not exceeding \$75,000.00. Passed Dec. 4, 1956.

Resolution authorizing the Finance Committee to spend a sum not exceeding \$500.00 for community Christmas lighting. Passed Dec. 4, 1956.

Resolution to accept Albert, Flynn and Westman Streets in Pine Grove Park Development. Passed Dec. 4, 1956.

Petitions

Petition to name the Street between High Street to Cemetery Road "Memorial Drive," and to change the name of Cemetery Road to a more appropriate name. Petition to name street "Memorial Drive" granted Feb. 7, 1956. The Committee on Streets was requested to bring in several names at the next Council meeting.

Request for a street light at 61-75 Main Street. Referred to Committee on Street Lights, with power to act.

Request from Public Service Co. to install and maintain one pole and structures at Maple Street Extension. Referred to Committee on Poles and Wires with power to act.

Petition to erect a sign 30" x 12" at 33 High St. Granted July 36, 1956.

Petition to erect a neon sign 6' x 3' at 15 Fore Street. Granted July 26, 1956.

Petition from residents of Route 16 and Blackwater Road district relative to the solution of their water problem. Referred to the Board of Water Commissioners for study.

Petition for road improvement, paving and City Water on Stackpole Road. Referred to Committee on Streets and Water Board for thorough study.

Petition by Public Service Co. to erect and maintain 1 pole at West High Street. Granted Sept. 13, 1956.

Petition to move a Neon sign from 15 Fore Street to 59 High Street. Granted October 2, 1956.

Petition for three reserved parking places at 53 Elm St. Referred to Parking Committee to investigate and report back. Dec. 28, 1956.

Reports of City Officials

CITY CLERK

December 31, 1956

To His Honor, the Mayor, and City Council:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report of collections and remittances to the City Treasurer for year ending December 31, 1956.

1955 Automobile Registration Permits	\$ 487.08	
1956 Automobile Registration Permits	31,165.28	
Dog Licenses	237.00	
Rent, High Street Garage	19.30	
Reimbursement—Blue Cross	27.40	
Building Inspector's Receipts	576.00	
Sale of Maps	7.25	
	<hr/>	\$32,519.31

Miscellaneous Licenses:

Collected by the City Clerk:

Theatre Licenses	\$ 225.00
Pool Room and Bowling Alley Licenses	150.00
Car and Motorcycle Racing Licenses	90.00
Taxi Licenses	25.00

Collected by Charles J. Boucher,

City Marshal:

Gun Permits	54.00
Beano Licenses	30.00
Junk Licenses	10.00
Coffee House Licenses	5.00

Collected by Peter N. Chasse,

Sanitary Officer:

Milk Licenses	64.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 653.00

Total Collections and remittances to

City Treasurer

\$33,172.31

Respectfully submitted,
NAPOLEON A. BERUBE,
City Clerk

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

To His Honor, the Mayor, and City Council:

I hereby submit my annual report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1956:

1951	\$	57.10
1952		42.90
1953		48.51
1954		5,103.84
1954 Interest		2.50
1955		44,725.59
1955 Interest		176.54
1956		398,041.50
1956 Interest		3.76
1955 Timber Tax		7.39
1953 Head Tax		10.00
1953 Head Tax Penalty		1.00
1954 Head Tax		90.00
1954 Head Tax Penalty		8.00
1955 Head Tax		3,165.00
1955 Head Tax Penalty		304.00
1956 Head Tax		16,205.00
1956 Head Tax Penalty		8.50
Sundries Redemptions		1,439.45
Sundries Tax Sale Costs		76.54

SUMMARY OF WARRANT LEVY OF 1951

DR.

Uncollected as of January 1, 1956:

Property Taxes	\$	57.01	
Interest		.09	
Total Debits		\$	57.10

CR.

Remitted to City Treasurer During Fiscal
Year Ending December 31, 1956:

Property Taxes	\$	57.09	
Interest		.09	
Total Credits		\$	57.10

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
LEVY OF 1952**

DR.

Uncollected as of January 1, 1956:			
Property Taxes	\$	77.06	
Total Debits		\$	77.06

CR.

Remitted to City Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1956:			
Property Taxes	\$	42.90	
Uncollected as of January 1, 1957:			
Total Credits		\$	77.06

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
LEVY OF 1953**

DR.

Uncollected as of January 1, 1956:			
Property Taxes	\$	683.73	
Poll Taxes		50.00	
Total Debits		\$	733.73

CR.

Remitted to City Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1956:			
Property Taxes	\$	44.51	
Poll Taxes		4.00	
Uncollected as of January 1, 1957:			
Property Taxes		639.22	
Poll Taxes		46.00	
Total Credits		\$	733.73

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
LEVY OF 1954**

DR.

Uncollected as of January 1, 1956:			
Property Taxes	\$	8,384.03	
Poll Taxes		54.00	
Interest		2.50	
Total Debits		\$	8,440.53

CR.

Remitted to City Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1956:			
Property Taxes	\$	5,071.84	

Poll Taxes	32.00	
Interest	2.50	
Uncollected as of January 1, 1957:		
Property Taxes	\$ 3,312.19	
Poll Taxes	22.00	
Total Credits	<u> </u>	\$ 8,440.53

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
LEVY OF 1955**

DR.

Uncollected as of January 1, 1956:		
Property Taxes	\$ 48,832.50	
Poll Taxes	1,376.00	
Added Poll Taxes	66.00	
Interest	176.54	
Total Debits	<u> </u>	\$ 50,451.04

CR.

Remitted to City Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1956:		
Property Taxes	\$ 43,829.59	
Poll Taxes	830.00	
Added Poll Taxes	66.00	
Interest	176.54	
Abatements, Property Taxes	692.28	
Abatements, Poll Taxes	376.00	
Uncollected as of January 1, 1957:		
Property Taxes	\$ 4,310.63	
Poll Taxes	170.00	
Total Credits	<u> </u>	\$ 50,451.04

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
LEVY OF 1956**

DR.

Taxes Committed to Tax Collector as of November 16, 1956:		
Property Tax and Bank Stocks	\$ 471,327.59	
Added Property Tax	276.28	
Poll Tax	6,536.00	
Added Poll Tax	190.00	
Interest	3.76	
Total Debits	<u> </u>	\$ 478,333.63

CR.

Remitted to City Treasurer During Fiscal
Year Ending December 31, 1956:

Property Tax	\$ 388,755.83
Added Property Tax	276.28
Poll Tax	4,796.00
Added Poll Tax	190.00
Interest	3.76
Property Tax Abatements	956.26
Poll Tax Abatements	278.00

Uncollected as of January 1, 1957:

Property Tax	\$ 81,615.50
Poll Tax	1,462.00

Total Credits	<u> </u>	\$ 478,333.63
Refunds on 1956 Property Tax		\$ 4,023.29

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
LEVY OF 1953**

HEAD TAX

DR.

Uncollected as of January 1, 1956:

Head Tax	\$ 30.00	
Penalty	1.00	
Total Debits	<u> </u>	\$ 31.00

CR.

Remitted to City Treasurer During Fiscal
Year Ending December 31, 1956:

Head Tax	\$ 10.00	
Penalties	1.00	
Abatements	20.00	
Total Credits	<u> </u>	\$ 31.00

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
LEVY OF 1954**

HEAD TAX

DR.

Uncollected as of January 1, 1956:

Head Tax	\$ 95.00	
Penalties	8.00	
Total Debits	<u> </u>	\$ 103.00

CR.

Remitted to City Treasurer During Fiscal
Year Ending December 31, 1956:

Head Tax	\$	90.00	
Penalties		8.00	
Abatements		5.00	
Total Credits		<u> </u>	\$ 103.00

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
LEVY OF 1955
HEAD TAX**

DR.

Uncollected as of January 1, 1956:			
Head Tax	\$	3,930.00	
Added Head Taxes		200.00	
Penalties		304.00	
Total Debits		<u> </u>	\$ 4,434.00

CR.

Remitted to City Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1956:			
Head Tax	\$	2,965.00	
Added Head Taxes		200.00	
Penalties		304.00	
Abatements		785.00	
Uncollected as of January 1, 1957		180.00	
Total Credits		<u> </u>	\$ 4,434.00

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
LEVY OF 1956
HEAD TAX**

DR.

Taxes Committed to Tax Collector as of May 29, 1956:			
Head Tax	\$	20,565.00	
Added Head Tax		520.00	
Penalties		8.50	
Total Debits		<u> </u>	\$ 21,093.50

CR.

Remitted to City Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1956:			
Head Tax	\$	15,685.00	
Added Head Tax		520.00	
Penalties		8.50	
Abatements		575.00	
Uncollected as of January 1, 1957:			
Head Tax		4,305.00	
Total Credits		<u> </u>	\$ 21,093.50

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
LEVY OF 1955
ADDED TIMBER TAX**

DR.

Taxes Committed to Tax Collector as of
March 27, 1956:

Timber Tax	\$	7.39	
Total Debits		\$	7.39

CR.

Remitted to City Treasurer During Fiscal
Year Ending December 31, 1956:

Timber Tax	\$	7.39	
Total Credits		\$	7.39

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
LEVY OF 1956**

DR.

Taxes Committed to Tax Collector as of
December 27, 1956:

Timber Tax	\$	1,554.90	
Total Debits		\$	1,554.90

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS AS OF JANUARY 1, 1957

DR.

Balance of Unredeemed Taxes as of December 31, 1956.

	1953	1954	1955
Interest	\$ 193.47	\$ 606.17	\$ 1,177.65
	3.14	11.99	4.73
	196.61	618.16	1,182.38

CR.

Remitted to City Treasurer Fiscal
Year Ending December 31, 1956:

	1953	1954	1955
Redemptions	106.86	534.75	777.98
Interest	3.14	11.99	4.73
Balance on Unredeemed Taxes of January 1, 1957	86.61	71.42	399.67
Total Credits	196.61	618.16	1,182.38

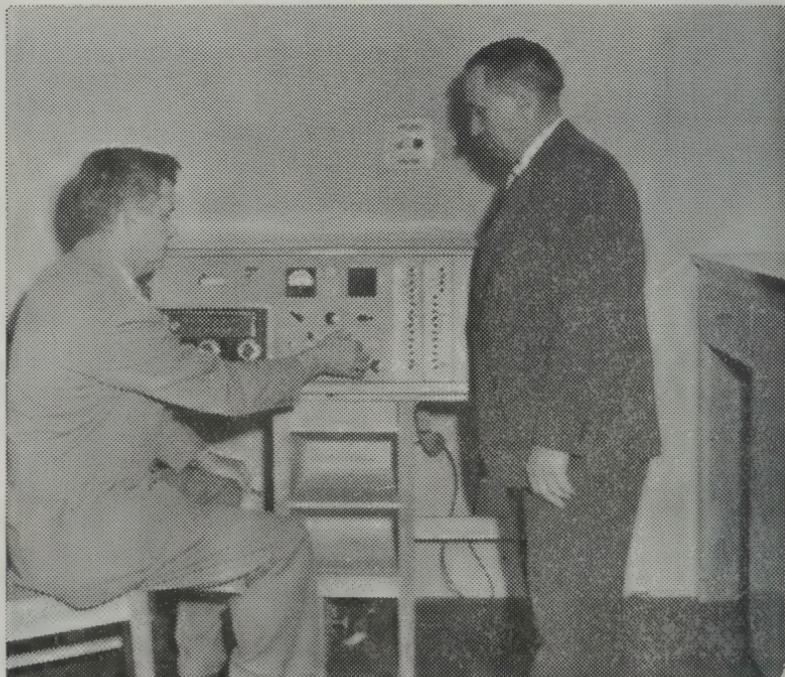
Remitted to City Treasurer during Fiscal
Year Ending December 31, 1956:
Sundries Tax Sale Costs—\$76.54

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH F. McKEON,
Tax Collector

Audited and Approved
HAYWARD C. LOGAN

Approved by Assessors
CLOVIS G. CHABOT
CLOVIS J. CORMIER



The intercommunication system which connects all the rooms and laboratories in the new high school with the main office.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Somersworth, N. H.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report of the Police Department for the year from January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956.

Arrests

Assault	2
Bastardy	1
Breaking and Entering	2
Brawl and Tumult	7
Drunk and Disorderly	12
Contempt of court while court was in session	1
Disorderly and Lascivious behavior	1
Disorderly conduct	4
Falsifying age to procure beer	2
Failure to send child to school	1
Interfering with a police officer in performance of his duty	2
Indecent exposure	1
Larceny (Petty)	4
Accessory to petty larceny	1
Non Support	4
Obstructing a police officer	2
Resisting arrest	6
Throwing refuse on the highway	1
Vagrancy	1
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Motor Vehicle Offenses

Allowing an unlicensed person to operate	1
Crossing over solid yellow lines	11
Driving under the influence of liquor	20
Driving a unregistered car	1
Driving without a license	8
Driving after suspension	1
Driving after rights were denied	3
Driving after revocation	1
Failure to stop at stop sign	13
Failure to stop for a police officer	7

Failure to stop for school busses	34
Failure to have car inspected	12
Failure to obey a police officer	1
Gross careless operation	5
Leaving scene of accidents	4
Operating with defective equipment	4
Reckless operation	3
Unreasonable rate of speed (Speeding)	81
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Total	210

Juvenile Docket

Delinquent Child	14
Breaking and Entering	14
Petty Larceny	1
Larceny of Auto	1
Neglected child	1
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Total	31

Disposition of Cases

Appealed	3
Forfeited bail	1
Cases dismissed	9
Continued for sentence	2
Committed to house of correction	8
Committed to industrial school	2
Fined and fine suspended and to be of good behavior	1
Fined and fine suspended and place on Probation	1
Probable cause found and held for High Court	2
Placed on file	6
Placed in Custody of Probation Dept. and make restitution	14
Placed in Custody of Probation Dept. and parents	10
Placed in Custody of N. H. Welfare Department	2
Nol Pros by City Solicitor	1
Ordered to pay support of children	1
Ordered to make payment and placed on Probation	1
Paid fines to Court	232
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Total	296
Arrest total	55
Juvenile total	31
Motor Vehicle total	210
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Total cases	296

From January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956

Assist to other Persons	189
Assist to other Police	141
Assist to other Department	100
Accidents reported to Police	257
Autos damaged in accidents	358
Property damaged in accidents	18
Adults injured in accidents	28
Minors injured in accidents	12
Dogs killed by Auto	19
Dogs disposed of by Police	39
Doors and Windows found unlocked and locked by Police	429
Goods reported lost	44
Goods reported lost recovered	41
Goods reported stolen	7
Goods reported stolen recovered	3
Fire alarm answered	51
Minors reported lost	37
Minors reported lost recovered	37
Bicycle reported lost or stolen	12
Bicycle reported lost or stolen recovered	11
Automobile reported stolen	1
Automobile reported stolen recovered	1
Persons in for lodging	84
Persons in for safe keeping	23
Street lights reported out to Public Service by Police	708
Persons taken to Hospital in cruiser	17
Complaints received and taken care of by Police (Misc.)	828
Attempt Suicide	2
Stolen car recovered for Rochester Police	1
False alarm answered	2
Sudden death investigated with Medical referee	4
No fatal accident in the year 1956	

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES J. BOUCHER,
Chief of Police

Police Department expenditures for the year 1956

Salaries (Gross)	\$ 36,472.29
Retirement paid by the City	1,089.03
Cruiser gas and oil	589.72
Cruiser repairs	645.61

Radio repairs	87.34
Electric lights	351.06
Telephone service	1,305.53
Supplies and General expenses	525.89
Insurance on cruiser	75.20
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Total expenditures	\$ 41,141.67
Money received by the Chief and deposited at the bank	
Coffee and junk licenses	\$ 15.00
Gun Permits	54.00
Beano permits	30.00
Parking tickets violation	132.50
Telephone refund from toll calls at station	25.52
Tax refund on gasoline purchase	46.60
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Total	\$ 303.62
Retirement Paid by Officers	\$ 847.20
Appropriation for year 1956	\$ 41,944.60
Total expenditures for the year 1956	41,141.67
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Balance at end of year 1956	\$ 802.93
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Refund from telephone toll calls at station	25.52
Refund from gas tax for gasoline purchase	46.60
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Total balance on hand at end of year 1956	\$ 875.05

MUNICIPAL COURT

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

I herewith submit the report of the Municipal court of the City of Somersworth for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1956.

ROLAND G. PERREAULT,
Clerk

Financial Report from January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956

RECEIPTS:

Balance from 1955	\$ 442.78
January 1 to December 31, 1956	6,150.90
Total Receipts	\$ 6,593.68

EXPENSES: January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956

Fines Due State	\$ 3,297.70
Bail to Clerk of Superior Court	200.00
Witness fees	442.92
Bail Refunded	500.00
Supplies	450.53
General Expense	70.45
N. H. Unemployment Division Fine Money	20.00
City of Somersworth	1,300.00
Total Expenses	\$ 6,281.60
Balance	312.08
Total	\$ 6,593.68

Respectfully submitted,

ROLAND G. PERREAULT,
Clerk

Motor Vehicle Offenses

Allowing an unlicensed person to operate	1
Crossing over solid yellow lines	11
Driving under the influence of liquor	20
Driving an unregistered car	1
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CITY SOLICITOR

To the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as City Solicitor for 1956.

Civil suits against the City: County of Strafford v. City in re Gerard Vigneault, decided in favor of the City.

County of Strafford v. City in re Archie Croft, decided against the City in the sum of \$346.50. Cutter et al v. City of Somersworth, pending.

During the year this office prepared proposals, resolutions and ordinances covering installation of gas lines, acceptance of streets, taking of land and various parking ordinances.

The usual legal questions from various city departments were disposed of and an increasing number of municipal court complaints were prosecuted.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO H. CATER

City Solicitor

FOREST GLADE CEMETERY

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

Gentlemen:

Herewith we submit a report of the affairs of Forest Glade Cemetery for the year ending December 31, 1956, as made up by the Clerk:

	Receipts	
Trust Fund Income	\$ 1,770.83	
Appropriations	7,000.00	
Income	1,556.80	
Total Income	—————	\$ 10,327.63
	Expenditures	
Labor	\$ 7,105.33	
Supplies	1,376.24	
Total Expenditures	—————	\$ 8,481.57
		—————
Unexpended Balance		\$ 1,846.06

Respectfully submitted,
OMER T. DeROY,
Superintendent

MELANIE W. SULLIVAN
FRED LEGRO
DORCAS HODSDON
FRANK H. KINSMAN
MARY C. FURBUSH
Trustees, Forest Glade Cemetery

PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Trustees of the Somersworth Public Library:

Gentlemen:

Herewith is presented the annual report of the librarian for the year ending December 31, 1956.

Regular hours were maintained during the year and every day brought into the library people who appreciate and enjoy the facilities provided by one of the most important institutions in the city.

Through a wise choice of books and the "know-how" to seek out desired information the librarian becomes the key to the library's resources. Searching for answers to reference questions is one of the librarian's many duties.

The use of reference books has increased noticeably. During the year some excellent sets were purchased, among them "The Encyclopedia Americana" comprising thirty volumes and "Granite State of the United States" which is a four volume history of New Hampshire written by James Duane Squires.

Reference work, with work at the charging desk, occupies most of the librarian's attention during library hours. The selection of titles to be purchased, preparation, classification, and cataloging of this new material (so that each book and the information contained therein may be easily found when needed) requires many hours.

There are constant requests for "best-sellers" and recent publications both in fiction and non-fiction. New books were accessioned every month; these items were carefully selected to please all patrons. A total of 519 new books were added during 1956.

In the reading room forty-two magazines were received by subscription and their contents made available for reference through the use of "Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature," a bi-monthly magazine index.

Sufficient funds to provide regular additions of best books, recreational reading and informative material which will be most needed by citizens of Somersworth now and in the future, must be provided.

Circulation statistics are not used as a basis for demonstrating what is involved in the management and function of the library. They are however obtained from carefully compiled daily records and indicate, to a degree, that the Somersworth Public Library is being patronized extensively.

Statistical Report

Number of volumes in library, January 1, 1956	23,164
Number of volumes added during 1956	519
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	23,683
Number of volumes discarded	223
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Number of volumes in library, December 31, 1956	23,460
Number of volumes rebound at the bindery	70
Total number of books loaned for home reading	17,343
Of this number 10,949 were adult books	
6,394 were books for children	
10,363 were fiction	
6,980 were non-fiction	

The non-fiction was divided in the following classes:

General Works	41
Philosophy and Religion	259
Social Science	642
Literature (Poetry, Essays)	566
Natural Science	579
Useful and Fine Arts	1,256
History	427
Travel	320
Biography	1,447
Current Magazines	1,146
Pamphlets	196
Maps	31
Books in French	70
Fiction	10,363

You may be assured your librarian endeavors to have satisfactory Public Library service for every person in this city.

Respectfully submitted,

LEONA H. SAVITHES,
Librarian

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF THE SOMERSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

March 21, 1957

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

Gentlemen:

In our past reports to you, we have stressed the need of improvement in the appearance of the interior of the library and the hallway leading up to it. We have been assured that this renovation would be approved by you this coming year. We are of the opinion that you are cognizant of the limited space the present library provides for our book stacks and we appreciate the installation of the shelves on the top floor to remedy this condition. However, we feel that we would be shirking our responsibilities as your trustees if we failed to give you an honest appraisal of these conditions now existant in your library, and neglected to focus your attention to future possibilities.

As your city grows, so must grow with it your schools and your library for these represent the cultural development of your community and are exceedingly important if we value the moral and intellectual fiber of the citizens of tomorrow. We hope, therefore, that in your long range planning you will make provisions for a more serviceable library by utilizing the whole building for library purposes.

By adopting this plan, you will be able to provide a department for the children where, by story telling and musical recordings they may be introduced to the finer things of life, and at the same time you could have a reading room on the first floor which would be for adult usage only.

We do not expect this change to come now as we are aware of the economic status of the city. We merely present it to you so that it may become a part of your plans for the future.

The success of any library depends in a large way upon the librarian in charge. Our city has, indeed, been fortunate in having one of the best in the state. With a very limited budget, she in some way, provides her patrons with the very latest in books and magazines, and always keeps within the budget limits. To her, for the excellent work she has done, we, the trustees express our deepest gratitude.

We are also deeply grateful to you for the support you have given us in our efforts to create an educational and recreational atmosphere

in our library and trust that we will be worthy of your cooperation during the coming year.

HENRY P. MULLEN, Chairman,
MISS CELOPIE SEMITROS,
ROLAND JENKINS,
GERARD GAUDREAU,
VALMORE TANGUAY,
Trustees

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

To His Honor, the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1956.

Buried Nuisance	190
Complaints from other sources	75
Disinfection of houses	12
Issued 32 milk licenses at \$2.00 each	\$64.00
Issued 1 milk license exempt by law of fee	1
Contagious Diseases:	None

Respectfully submitted,

PETER N. CHASSE

Sanitary Officer

WATER WORKS

Board of Water Commissioners
Somersworth, N. H.

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the report of the Water Department for the year ending December 31, 1956.

Services repaired	49	Meter reading checked	15
Services renewed	30	Leaks checked	28
New services	107	Hydrants flushed	183
Hydrants repaired	8	Meters changed	30
Frozen meters	42	Repair on Mains	3

Following are the Water Extensions completed this year under Bond Expenditures and Developer Contributions.

	Developer	City
Kelwyn Park 2835'-6" pipe; 51 Ho. serv.; 3 hydrants	\$ 4,478.03	\$ 3,591.67
Green Street Development 1119'-6" pipe; 3 ho. serv.; 3 hydrants	3,159.62	1,524.68
Midway Park 472'-6" pipe; 3 ho. serv.; 1 hydrant	1,501.03	576.47
	\$ 9,138.68	\$ 5,720.82

Following is the itemized account of expenditures of the Departments for the year.

EXHIBIT A

Somersworth Water Works COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET As at December 31, 1956 and 1955

	ASSETS			Increase or (Decrease)
	December 31, 1956	1955		
Fixed Assets				
Land	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$	
Cash Bond Issue		302.12		(302.12)
Water Supply Structures	22,491.01	22,491.01		
Pumping Station Structures	32,869.20	32,869.20		
Water Supply Equipment	35,913.22	35,913.22		
Pumping Station Equipment	14,147.27	14,147.27		
Purification Equipment	1,076.18	1,076.18		
Water Storage Equipment	17,683.81	17,683.81		
Distribution Mains	318,402.71	307,393.31		11,009.40

Services	53,605.79	45,363.00	8,242.79
Hydrants	27,225.49	26,225.49	1,000.00
Meters	23,764.04	22,370.18	1,393.86
Truck	6,536.84	5,104.84	1,432.00
Other Equipment	1,378.31	1,378.31	
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 557,293.87	\$ 534,517.94	\$ 22,775.93
Current Assets			
Material and Supplies	6,734.52	11,218.16	(4,483.64)
Accounts Receivable	17,015.56	14,565.96	2,449.60
Total Current Assets	23,750.08	25,784.12	(2,034.04)
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 581,043.95	\$ 560,302.06	\$ 20,741.89
LIABILITIES			
Capital Liabilities			
Municipal Investment	\$ 100,392.79	\$ 100,392.79	\$
Funded Debt	162,000.00	175,000.00	(13,000.00)
Total Capital Liabilities	262,392.79	275,392.79	(13,000.00)
Contributions to Aid in Construction	41,896.91	33,820.44	8,076.47
Reserve for Depreciation	194,327.12	184,980.07	9,347.05
Surplus	82,427.13	66,108.76	16,318.37
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 581,043.95	\$ 560,302.06	\$ 20,741.89

EXHIBIT B

Somersworth Water Works COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS For the Years Ended December 31, 1956 and 1955

	December 31,		Increase or
	1956	1955	(Decrease)
Income			
Commercial	\$ 52,205.05	\$ 60,637.72	\$ (8,432.67)
Operating Expenses			
Labor at Wells	2,080.00	2,035.00	45.00
Pumping Station Expense	375.00	361.78	13.22
Power Purchased	4,051.87	4,873.13	(821.26)
Superintendence	2,080.00	2,035.00	45.00
Distribution Labor	25.00		25.00
Miscellaneous Distribution Expense	54.72	49.50	5.22

Repairs to Mains	1,357.31	1,706.95	(349.64)
Repairs to Services	1,106.30	1,180.11	(73.81)
Repairs to Water Supply			
Structures and Equipment	30.00		30.00
Repairs to Hydrants	1,410.59	849.25	561.34
Repairs to Meters	558.87	509.77	49.10
Repairs to Wells		16.49	(16.49)
Office Salaries and Expense	966.80	1,567.58	(600.78)
General Expense	650.00	876.40	(226.40)
Insurance	67.74	42.69	25.05
Shop Expense	445.23	563.61	(118.38)
Truck Expense	574.05	811.46	(237.41)
Interest	3,498.75	3,761.25	(262.50)
Purification Expense		108.00	(108.00)
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Total Operating Expenses	19,332.23	21,347.97	(2,015.74)
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Net Income Before Depreciation	32,872.82	39,289.75	(6,416.93)
Depreciation	9,347.05	8,797.12	549.93
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**NET INCOME FOR THE
YEAR**

\$ 23,525.77 \$ 30,492.63 \$ (6,966.86)

WATER PUMPED 1956

January	15,432,800
February	14,852,400
March	15,769,100
April	16,066,400
May	17,321,000
June	18,594,100
July	17,186,400
August	20,242,100
September	17,351,500
October	18,008,800
November	14,937,700
December	15,733,600

Totals	201,495,900 gallons
Maximum June 13	848,000
Minimum March 18	235,000

Respectfully submitted,
PAUL E. BERNIER,
Superintendent

OVERSEER OF THE POOR

SOLDIERS' AID MONTHLY 1956

	Gro.	Clo.	Fuel	Med.	Hosp.	B&C	Fam. No.No.		Sing.		Total
							Exp.	of in	Exp.	No.	
Jan.	15.00		8.65	4.00		307.10	23.65	2 12	311.10	10	334.75
Feb.				5.36	25.50	315.00	25.50	2 12	320.36	10	345.86
Mar.	10.00			13.00	2.00	315.00	15.00	2 12	325.00	10	340.00
Apr.	20.00			14.97		306.83	6.50	1 6	335.30	12	341.80
May				17.00		315.00			332.00	10	332.00
June						315.00			315.00	9	315.00
July				4.61		269.87			274.48	11	274.48
Aug.						307.10			307.10	9	307.10
Sept.						315.00			315.00	9	315.00
Oct.						316.84			316.84	10	316.84
Nov.						315.00			315.00	9	315.00
Dec.		5.49		3.11		315.00			323.60	11	323.60
Totals	\$45.00	5.49	8.65	62.05	27.50	3,712.74	70.65	7 42	3,790.78	120	\$3,861.43

JOHN J. DUFFY,
Overseer of Welfare

OVERSEER OF THE POOR

DIRECT RELIEF AND OFFICE EXPENSE — MONTHLY

	Gro.	Clo.	Fuel	Rent	Med.	Hosp.	B&C	off. ex.	Fam. Exp.	No. of in	Sing. Exp.	No.	Total
Jan.	74.00		53.05	12.00	8.37		231.13	12.90	103.05	9	24	275.50	391.45
Feb.	64.00	8.86	31.43		16.00	240.25	251.61	32.03	74.43	9	19	537.72	644.18
Mar.	80.00		40.67		12.97		244.25	11.76	90.67	10	20	287.22	389.65
Apr.	68.00	8.05	31.02		10.45		229.89	73.87	82.77	10	25	264.64	421.28
May	82.00		22.09		10.85		290.78	29.72	80.09	10	20	325.63	435.44
June	34.00				30.70	165.50	246.00	29.89	28.00	4	8	448.20	506.09
July	22.00		8.80		50.78	18.00	213.10	54.09	65.80	6	12	246.88	366.77
Aug.	20.00						151.10	13.85	20.00	4	8	151.10	184.95
Sept.	20.00		8.80				149.10	12.50	28.80	5	10	149.10	190.40
Oct.	5.00		8.80		32.75		236.60	11.80	35.55	3	7	247.60	294.95
Nov.					33.65		240.60	13.20	26.65	1	5	247.60	287.45
Dec.					40.05		213.10	40.15	31.05	1	5	222.10	293.30
Totals	\$469.00	16.91	204.66	12.00	246.57	423.75	2,697.26	335.76	666.86	72	163	3,403.29	4,405.91

JOHN J. DUFFY,
Overseer of Welfare

OVERSEER OF THE POOR

CITY OF SOMERSWORTH WELFARE AND RELIEF REPORT MONTHLY FOR YEAR 1956 DIRECT RELIEF OFFICE EXPENSE PLUS OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

	Gro.	Clo.	Fuel	Rent	Med.	Hosp.	B&C	off.exp.	O.A.A.	No. Fam.	No. No.	Sing.	Total		
										of	in	Exp.	No.		
										Exp.					
Jan.	74.00		53.05	12.00	8.37		231.13	12.90	447.63	25	103.05	9	275.50	15	839.08
Feb.	64.00	8.86	31.43		16.00	240.25	251.61	32.03	388.75	25	74.43	9	537.72	16	1,032.93
Mar.	80.00		40.67		12.97		244.25	11.76	365.25	23	90.67	10	287.22	15	754.90
Apr.	68.00	8.05	31.02		10.45		229.89	73.87	372.00	23	82.77	10	264.64	12	793.28
May	82.00		22.09		10.85		290.78	29.72	388.13	24	80.09	10	325.63	14	823.57
June	34.00				30.70	165.50	246.00	29.89	388.50	24	28.00	4	448.20	10	894.59
July	22.00		8.80		50.78	18.00	213.10	54.09	407.25	25	65.80	6	246.88	9	774.02
Aug.	20.00						151.10	13.85	416.75	25	20.00	4	151.10	5	601.70
Sept.	20.00		8.80				149.10	12.50	422.12	25	28.80	5	149.10	5	612.52
Oct.	5.00		8.80		32.75		236.60	11.80	432.13	26	35.55	3	247.60	9	727.08
Nov.					33.65		240.60	13.20	486.69	27	26.65	1	247.60	8	774.14
Dec.					40.05		213.10	40.15	410.00	27	31.05	1	222.10	9	703.30

Soldiers	469.00	16.91	204.66	12.00	246.57	423.75	2,697.26	335.76	4,925.20	299	666.86	72	163	3,403.29	127	9,331.11
Aid	45.00	5.49	8.65		62.05	27.50	3,712.74				70.65	7	42	3,790.78	120	3,861.43

TOTAL COST

CREDITS REFUNDS FROM DIRECT RELIEF SOLDIERS AID PRORATION DEPT. O.A.A.

13,192.54

3,409.87

9,782.67

JOHN J. DUFFY,
Overseer of Welfare

FIRE CHIEF

To His Honor, Mayor, and the City Council:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report of the Fire Department for 1956.

Box Alarms	20
Engineer Alarms	39
Brush and Grass	26
Mutual Aid	17
Still Alarms	71
Total Alarms	173
Oil Burner Permits	64
Brush and Grass Permits	165
Inspections	24

At this time I would like to thank everyone who helped me in the performance of my duties.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR NADEAU,
Chief

STREET COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Somersworth Highway Department Report for year ending December 31, 1956.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and City Council:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my annual report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1956. A summary of the work done during the past year is as follows:

Oiling of Streets: The following streets were graveled to final grade and treated with one coat of Tarvia and sealed with a coat of asphalt: Lil-Nor Avenue (partial), Nash Parkway, Morning Street and Congress Street.

Streets that had been previously tarred and were retreated are: Rocky Hill Road, Fore Street, Locke Avenue, Portland, Hanson, High, Horne, Pearl, Winter, Mt. Vernon, Page, Lincoln, Grove, Prospect, Highland, Grand, Beacon, Cliff, Linden, Maple, Noble and Hamilton Streets.

Playgrounds: We kept all parks and ball fields cut at all times. We also did a lot of work on the site of the new proposed football field, adjacent to the new High School. We also did a great deal of work on the lawn in front of the new High School.

Rubbish Collection: This phase of the Highway Department work has increased again as it has in the past ten years with added homes and developments. Garbage collection now consumes a full nine hours per day, or 27 man-hours, with our three-man crew.

Graveling Streets: The graveling of streets in preparation for oiling in 1957 was a usual project. Some of those requiring a good amount of gravel were Midway Park, Indigo Hill Road, from Blackwater to High Street; Blackwater Road, Dover; the High School drive and parking lot.

The Department screened, salted and stored over 2,400 yards of winter sand, and due to the icy conditions we ran out and had to screen sand during the winter.

The cost of operating the Department is as follows:

Freight	\$ 35.75	Miscellaneous	421.34
Gasoline	5,745.13	Culvert	117.29
Motor Oil	294.95	Salt	1,380.47
Electricity	376.29	Tires and Tubes	1,140.98
Telephone	371.52	Street Signs	38.22
Fuel Oil	1,175.30	Equipment Rental	622.00
Repairs	783.91	Water	19.80
Parts	2,741.04	Equipment	75.00
Supplies	1,296.21		
Sewer	341.21		\$ 17,631.83
Insurance	655.32	Tarring and Oiling	\$ 6,175.22
		Sidewalks	955.20

The payroll for the year ending December 31, 1956, was \$34,992.09.

This is a resume of the work and cost entailed in performing these duties as well as the other varied chores such as cleaning and maintaining catch basins and sewers; patching and sweeping streets; plowing streets and sidewalks; snow removal; sanding and salting streets; putting up street signs; painting cross walks and parking lines in the business sections; cutting brush along country roads; clearing and maintaining the Dump; repairing and maintaining the equipment.

The work schedule was somewhat impeded by having had a serious fire at the Highway Garage which did considerable damage to the building as well as to the heavy equipment that was housed in it. This equipment had to be sent out for repairs and inconvenienced the department to quite an extent.

A separate building was built with two large stalls which was greatly needed for storage purposes. With this new building, the department was able to store or house all the equipment so that none of it was exposed to the elements.

In closing, I wish to express by thanks to the Mayor, Members of the City Council and the citizens of Somersworth for their cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

OMER T. DeROY,
Street Commissioner

PLAYGROUND REPORT

To the Members of the Park Commission:

This report of the Somersworth Playgrounds covers the period from June 18, 1956, to August 24, 1956.

This past summer has been a very successful one for the playgrounds. The program was very well received by all—children and adults. Our Minor League Program in particular has grown to a six team league. Each of these teams played an average of twenty-five games. This is the first year since the formation of the Little League that the Minor League has consisted of six teams.

Several improvements were carried through this past summer. The broken cross pipes in the swing area have been replaced and welded. Additional swings and new chains have been purchased to replace all the old equipment. The tennis courts have been repaired to prevent additional damage from water erosion. The basketball courts have received new wooden backboards to replace the boards put in the late 1930's.

The staff ran numerous tournaments and special events throughout the season. A city-wide tournament was also run with three division champions being awarded trophies. The Kiwanis Club donated the refreshments for the final day's activities. As a special treat the staff chaperoned 200 youngsters at an all day outing and swimming party in August.

Attendance averaged 2,000 youngsters a week. In view of the rather cool weather, we consider this to be a compliment to the staff and its program of activities.

The staff along with Foster's Daily Democrat and Emerson's Chevrolet Company sponsored and directed the local Soap Box Derby Race which was won by Robert Lambert.

Recommendations: I firmly believe that the Members of the Park Commission must give serious consideration to major capital improvements if we are to continue to have a top program of activities. First: The rest-rooms are a disgrace to our city; I strongly advocate a new building which will be large enough to include rest-rooms, dressing rooms, and an office and supply room to store equipment. Second: New Park benches should be purchased to replace the present benches. Third: Repairs should be undertaken to bolster the fence around the baseball field before any further damage results in

a costly replacement operation. Fourth: A new fence is needed around the tennis courts. I suggest a heavy duty wire which will stand up for more than a year or two. Fifth: We are in need of several major replacements as to playground equipment. We need a new merry-go-round, new see-saws and additional equipment such as a horizontal ladder.

I wish to thank the supervisors, Mrs. "Lou" Hamel, Miss Arlene Jackson, Mr. William Elwell and Mr. Raymond Plante for their interest, cooperation and devotion to their work. I also wish to thank Mr. Omer DeRoy and his men for their fine cooperation. Lastly, thank you gentlemen for your understanding and interest.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT L. BRUNELLE,
Director

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT

Gentlemen of the City Council:

The City Treasurer herewith submits his report for the Year ending December 31, 1956.

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

DR.		CR.	
To Cash Balance		Improvement Bonds	\$ 44,390.02
Jan. 1, 1956	26,168.38	Bonds	15,000.00
Auto Taxes, 1955	487.08	Cemetery	7,682.59
Auto Taxes, 1956	31,165.28	Cemetery Trust Fund	700.00
Cemetery Trust Fund	700.00	Chandler Building	580.87
Cemetery Trust Funds,		City Hall	21.88
Income	1,770.83	County Tax	35,822.94
Cemetery Income	1,556.80	Damages	50.00
Chandler Building	540.00	Fire Department	12,682.52
Chandler Fund Income	60.45	Highways	48,853.49
City Hall	40.00	Highway Equipment	11,512.50
Dog Licenses	237.20	Hydrant	6,000.00
Dog Licenses	237.20	Income Tax	10,819.11
Miscellaneous Licenses	653.00	Interest	8,415.96
Notes Payable	310,000.00	Interest, High School	
Police Court Fees	1,300.00	Bonds	13,200.00
State of New Hamp-		Lights	14,368.99
shire	7,988.99	Macadamizing	6,175.22
Sundries	50,204.64	Miscellaneous	3,255.40
Taxes 1951	57.10	Municipal Building	2,394.27
Taxes 1952	42.90	Notes Payable	300,000.00
Taxes 1953	48.51	Outstanding Checks	10,827.80
Taxes 1954	5,103.84	Police	37,459.59
Taxes 1955	44,725.59	Public Library	3,825.20
Taxes 1956	398,041.50	Printing	1,205.58
Water Works	53,355.45	Salaries	31,603.67
Water Works Special	7,277.73	Schools	169,570.32
State T.R.A. "B" Mone		High School Bonds	30,000.00
f/y 1956/57	3,470.00	Sundries	47,394.28
Improvement Bonds,		Tax Purchases	1,177.65
2nd Issue	35,205.60	Water Works	45,370.33
STATE OF N. H. ITEMS		Welfare and Relief	8,124.83
Railroad Tax	1,627.88	Workmen's Compensa-	
Savings Bank Tax	2,541.42	tion	1,128.03

Interest and Dividend Tax	3,819.69	Highway Garage	5,553.15
	<hr/>	Highway Barn Repairs	7,970.05
	\$7,988.99	Insurance	9,177.27
Head Tax 1953	10.00	Tax Refunds	4,014.24
Head Tax 1954	90.00	Water Works Special	17,518.26
Head Tax 1955	3,165.00		<hr/>
Head Tax 1956	16,205.00		\$973,846.51
Timber Tax 1955	7.39		

SUNDRIES ITEMS

1955 Head Tax Reimbursement	\$ 98.50
School State Vocational Teacher	1,316.33
School Dept., Public Law 874	8,891.03
Fire Truck Damages	740.41
Interest, 1954	2.50
Interest, 1955	176.54
Interest, 1956	3.76
Head Tax Penalty, 1953	1.00
1954	8.00
1955	304.00
1956	8.50
Building Inspector Receipts	522.00
Building Code	54.00
Redemption Levy, 1953	110.00
1954	546.74
1955	782.71
Rent, High St. Garage	19.30
Parking Tickets	132.50
Gas Tax Refund, State	864.60
Public School Milk Fund	1,645.00
School Lunch	4,523.39
Tuition	2,090.00
Highway Gas Refund	903.09
Cemetery, 121.31	
Police, 456.87	
Water, 257.55	
Fire, 67.36	
Soldiers Aid Board and Care	1,205.50

SUNDRIES ITEMS

Memorial Day	\$ 600.00
Repairs on Public Buildings	785.59
Parks and Playgrounds	2,696.04
Sidewalks	955.20
Assoc. of N.H. Cities	50.00
Blue Cross and Blue Shield	1,602.70
Building Code	522.95
Catholic War Veterans	250.00
District Nursing Serv.	1,500.00
Elections	3,998.29
Equalization	2,150.25
F.I.C.A.	4,959.13
Head Taxes	17,089.50
Industrial Council	132.70
Land Improvement	2,233.68
Resuscitator	590.00
Seacoast Region	150.00
Sewer Survey	1,421.82
Soldiers Aid	3,344.98
Som. Marine Memorial Foundation	146.62
Street Signs	1,105.81
Tree Spraying	350.00
Zoning	759.02
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	\$ 47,394.28
By balance on hand	25,831.75
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Total	\$999,678.26
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 59,159.34
Chandler Trust Fund	2,000.00

PLANNING, ZONING, AND ADJUSTMENT BOARD

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

Herein find submitted the annual report of the Planning, Zoning, and Adjustment Boards of the City of Somersworth for the year ending December 31, 1956.

During the year, the Planning Board had five area development plans submitted to it for acceptance. However, since three of these did not meet with the requirements of the Subdivision Regulations of the city, they were returned for further revision. The Roberts Construction plan for lower Green Steet, and the Maloney Development on the Salmon Falls Road were approved and accepted.

The Board submitted to the City Council three amendments to our present ordinances for adoption: an amendment to the Subdivision Regulations making the developer responsible for the full cost of water and sewage installation, and of road construction in the developmet area; an amendment to rezone Green Street from Indigo Hill Road to the Rollinsford line from Agricultural District to Residential District; an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to change the area of future lots from 7,500 square feet to 10,000 square feet. The first and third of these were adopted by the Council. The second is still pending.

The Board of Adjustment had thirty one petitions for variances and exceptions submitted to it for judgments. Of these, twenty eight were granted and four denied.

The members of both boards are deserving of commendation for their conscientious attendance at meetings and for the deep interest they have shown in their work.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY P. MULLEN,
Clerk

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

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

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1956.

54 residence—estimated cost	\$628,700.00
65 alterations and additions	138,333.00
26 garages—(affil. home)	30,950.00
2 garages—commercial	12,000.90
6 miscellaneous	31,170.00
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	\$841,153.00

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. MULLEN,
Building Inspector

Report of Auditors for the Year Ending December 31, 1956

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

We herewith submit our report as auditors for the year ending December 31, 1956.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

Bonded Indebtedness

WATER WORKS IMPROVEMENT AND EXTENSION BONDS

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

Date issued	Amt. issued	Amt. redeemed	Outstanding
June 1, 1956	\$53,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$32,000.00
		Rate 2¼%	
Date Due	Principal	Interest	
June 1, 1957	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 360.00	
Dec. 1, 1957		326.25	
June 1, 1958	3,000.00	326.25	
Dec. 1, 1958		292.50	
June 1, 1959	3,000.00	292.50	
Dec. 1, 1959		258.75	
June 1, 1960	3,000.00	258.75	
Dec. 1, 1960		225.00	
June 1, 1961	3,000.00	225.00	
Dec. 1, 1961		191.25	
June 1, 1962	3,000.00	191.25	
Dec. 1, 1962		157.50	
June 1, 1963	2,000.00	157.50	
Dec. 1, 1963		135.00	
June 1, 1964	2,000.00	135.00	
Dec. 1, 1964		112.50	
June 1, 1965	2,000.00	112.50	
Dec. 1, 1965		90.00	
June 1, 1966	2,000.00	90.00	
Dec. 1, 1966		67.50	
June 1, 1967	2,000.00	67.50	
Dec. 1, 1967		45.00	
June 1, 1968	2,000.00	45.00	
Dec. 1, 1968		22.50	
June 1, 1969	2,000.00	22.50	
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	\$32,000.00	\$4,207.50	

**SEWER AND SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION AND
EXTENSION BONDS**

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

Date issued	Amt. issued	Amt. redeemed	Outstanding
June 1, 1949	\$47,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$26,000.00

	Rate 2¼%		
Date Due		Principal	Interest
June 1, 1957		\$2,000.00	\$292.50
Dec. 1, 1957			270.00
June 1, 1958		2,000.00	270.00
Dec. 1, 1958			247.25
June 1, 1959		2,000.00	247.25
Dec. 1, 1959			225.00
June 1, 1960		2,000.00	225.00
Dec. 1, 1960			202.50
June 1, 1961		2,000.00	202.50
Dec. 1, 1961			180.00
June 1, 1962		2,000.00	180.00
Dec. 1, 1962			157.50
June 1, 1963		2,000.00	157.50
Dec. 1, 1963			135.00
June 1, 1964		2,000.00	135.00
Dec. 1, 1964			112.50
June 1, 1965		2,000.00	112.50
Dec. 1, 1965			90.00
June 1, 1966		2,000.00	90.00
Dec. 1, 1966			67.50
June 1, 1967		2,000.00	67.50
Dec. 1, 1967			45.00
June 1, 1968		2,000.00	45.00
Dec. 1, 1968			22.50
June 1, 1969		2,000.00	22.50
		\$ 27,000.00	\$ 3,802.00

WATER BONDS

Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the City Council of the City of Somersworth, New Hampshire, at a meeting held No-

November 21, 1952, the Mayor, Committee on Finance and the City Treasurer were authorized to prepare and sell \$100,000.00 Bonds to be known as Water Bonds Nos. 1 to 100 dated December 1, 1952, payable December 1, 1953, to 1972.

Date issued	Amt. issued	Amt. redeemed	Outstanding
Dec. 1, 1952	\$100,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$80,000.00

Rate 2%

Date Due	Principal	Interest
June 1, 1957		\$ 800.00
Dec. 1, 1957	5,000.00	800.00
June 1, 1958		750.00
Dec. 1, 1958	5,000.00	750.00
June 1, 1959		700.00
Dec. 1, 1959	5,000.00	700.00
June 1, 1960		650.00
Dec. 1, 1960	5,000.00	650.00
June 1, 1961		600.00
Dec. 1, 1961	5,000.00	600.00
June 1, 1962		550.00
Dec. 1, 1962	5,000.00	550.00
June 1, 1963		500.00
Dec. 1, 1963	5,000.00	500.00
June 1, 1964		450.00
Dec. 1, 1964	5,000.00	450.00
June 1, 1965		400.00
Dec. 1, 1965	5,000.00	400.00
June 1, 1966		350.00
Dec. 1, 1966	5,000.00	350.00
June 1, 1967		300.00
Dec. 1, 1967	5,000.00	300.00
June 1, 1968		250.00
Dec. 1, 1968	5,000.00	250.00
June 1, 1969		200.00
Dec. 1, 1969	5,000.00	200.00
June 1, 1970		150.00
Dec. 1, 1970	5,000.00	150.00
June 1, 1971		100.00
Dec. 1, 1971	5,000.00	100.00
June 1, 1972		50.00
Dec. 1, 1972	5,000.00	50.00
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	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 13,600.00

STREET BONDS

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

Date issued	Amt. issued	Amt. redeemed	Outstanding
Dec. 1, 1952	\$55,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$35,000.00
	Rate 2%		
Date Due	Principal	Interest	
June 1, 1957		\$350.00	
Dec. 1, 1957	5,000.00	350.00	
June 1, 1958		300.00	
Dec. 1, 1958	5,000.00	300.00	
June 1, 1959		250.00	
Dec. 1, 1959	5,000.00	250.00	
June 1, 1960		200.00	
Dec. 1, 1960	5,000.00	200.00	
June 1, 1961		150.00	
Dec. 1, 1961	5,000.00	150.00	
June 1, 1962		100.00	
Dec. 1, 1962	5,000.00	100.00	
June 1, 1963		50.00	
Dec. 1, 1963	5,000.00	50.00	
	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 2,800.00	

IMPROVEMENT BONDS

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

Date issued	Amt. issued	Amt. redeemed	Outstanding
Sept. 1, 1952	\$35,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
	Rate 2¼		
Date Due	Principal	Interest	
Mar. 1, 1957		\$ 78.75	
Sept. 1, 1957	7,000.00	78.75	
		\$ 157.50	

WATER WORKS BONDS

Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the City Council of the City of Somersworth, New Hampshire, at a meeting held September 7, 1954, the Mayor, Committee on Finance and the City Treasurer were authorized to issue and sell \$60,000.00 Bonds known as Water Works Bonds, payable in annual payments of \$5,000.00 for the years 1955 to 1966 inclusive.

Date Issued	Amt. issued	Amt. redeemed	Outstanding
Oct. 1, 1954	\$60,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$50,000.00

Rate 1.90%

Due Date	Principal	Interest
Apr. 1 1957		\$475.00
Oct. 1 1957	5,000.00	475.00
Apr. 1 1958		427.50
Oct. 1 1958	5,000.00	427.50
Apr. 1 1959		380.00
Oct. 1 1959	5,000.00	380.00
Apr. 1 1960		332.50
Oct. 1 1960	5,000.00	332.50
Apr. 1 1961		285.00
Oct. 1 1961	5,000.00	285.00
Apr. 1 1962		237.50
Oct. 1 1962	5,000.00	237.50
Apr. 1 1963		190.00
Oct. 1 1963	5,000.00	190.00
Apr. 1 1964		142.50
Oct. 1 1964	5,000.00	142.50
Apr. 1 1965		95.00
Oct. 1 1965	5,000.00	95.00
Apr. 1 1966		47.50
Oct. 1 1966	5,000.00	47.50
	\$50,000.00	\$ 5,225.00

SCHOOL BONDS

Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the City Council of the City of Somersworth, N. H., at a meeting held Oct. 13, 1954, and also on October 20, 1955, the Mayor, Committee on Finance and City Treasurer were authorized to prepare and sell \$480,000.00 Bonds to be known as School Bonds (Nos. 1 to 480) dated December 1, 1955, payable December 1, 1955, \$30,000.00 and \$25,000.00 in 1957 to 1974.

Rate 2.75%

Date Issued	Amt. Issued	Amt. Redeemed	Outstanding
Dec. 1, 1955	\$480,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$450,000.00
Date Due		Principal	Interest
June 1, 1957			\$6,187.50
Dec. 1, 1957		25,000.00	6,187.50
June 1, 1958			5,843.75
Dec. 1, 1958		25,000.00	5,843.75
June 1, 1959			5,500.00
Dec. 1, 1959		25,000.00	5,500.00
June 1, 1960			5,156.25
Dec. 1, 1960		25,000.00	5,156.25
June 1, 1961			4,812.50
Dec. 1, 1961		25,000.00	4,812.50
June 1, 1962			4,468.75
Dec. 1, 1962		25,000.00	4,468.75
June 1, 1963			4,125.00
Dec. 1, 1963		25,000.00	4,125.00
June 1, 1964			3,781.25
Dec. 1, 1964		25,000.00	3,781.25
June 1, 1965			3,437.50
Dec. 1, 1965		25,000.00	3,437.50
June 1, 1966			3,093.75
Dec. 1, 1966		25,000.00	3,093.75
June 1, 1967			2,750.00
Dec. 1, 1967		25,000.00	2,750.00
June 1, 1968			2,406.25
Dec. 1, 1968		25,000.00	2,406.25
June 1, 1969			2,062.50
Dec. 1, 1969		25,000.00	2,062.50
June 1, 1970			1,718.75
Dec. 1, 1970		25,000.00	1,718.75
June 1, 1971			1,375.00
Dec. 1, 1971		25,000.00	1,375.00
June 1, 1972			1,031.25
Dec. 1, 1972		25,000.00	1,031.25
June 1, 1973			687.50
Dec. 1, 1973		25,000.00	687.50
June 1, 1974			343.75
Dec. 1, 1974		25,000.00	343.75
			\$450,000.00
			\$ 117,562.50

IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT BONDS

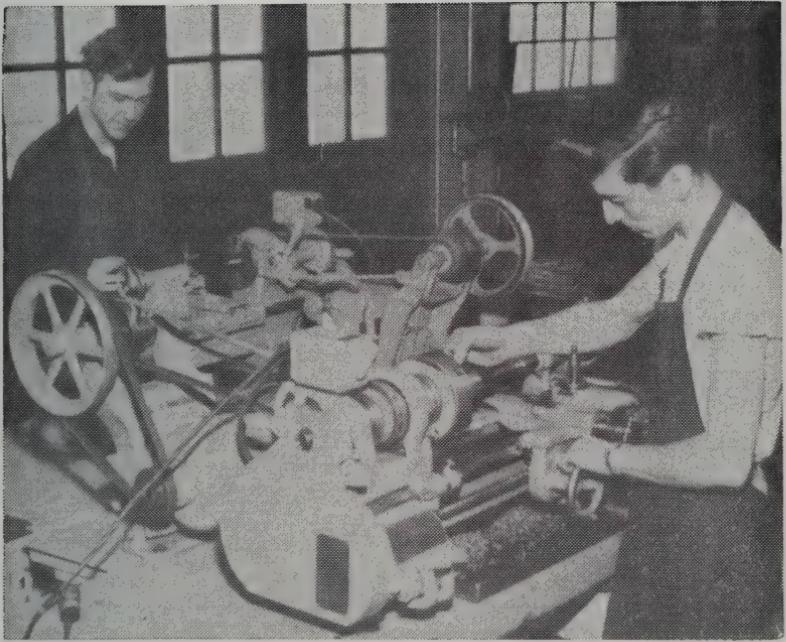
Pursuant to a resolution passed by a vote of the City Council of the City of Somersworth, New Hampshire, at a meeting held July 19, 1955, and ratified by a resolution of said Council approved October 6, 1955, the Mayor, Committee on Finance and City Treasurer were authorized and empowered to issue and sell \$115,000.00 Bonds to be known as Improvement and Equipment Bonds, numbered to 1 to 115 in order of their maturities, and payable \$10,000.00 in each of the years 1957 to 1964 and \$5,000.00 in 1965 to 1971, payable to bearer at the National Shawmut Bank of Boston, together with interest at 2 ½% semi-annually.

Date issued	Amt. issued	Amt. redeemed	Outstanding
Sept. 1, 1956	\$115,000.00		\$115,000.00
Date Due		Principal	Interest
Sept. 1, 1956			\$ 1,437.50
Mar. 1, 1957		\$ 10,000.00	1,437.50
Sept. 1, 1957			1,312.50
Mar. 1, 1958		10,000.00	1,312.50
Sept. 1, 1958			1,187.50
Mar. 1, 1959		10,000.00	1,187.50
Sept. 1, 1959			1,062.50
Mar. 1, 1960		10,000.00	1,062.50
Sept. 1, 1960			937.50
Mar. 1, 1961		10,000.00	937.50
Sept. 1, 1961			812.50
Mar. 1, 1962		10,000.00	812.50
Sept. 1, 1962			687.50
Mar. 1, 1963		10,000.00	687.50
Sept. 1, 1963			562.50
Mar. 1, 1964		10,000.00	562.50
Sept. 1, 1964			437.50
Mar. 1, 1965		5,000.00	437.50
Sept. 1, 1965			375.00
Mar. 1, 1966		5,000.00	375.00
Sept. 1, 1966			312.50
Mar. 1, 1967		5,000.00	312.50
Sept. 1, 1967			250.00
Mar. 1, 1968		5,000.00	250.00
Sept. 1, 1968			187.50
Mar. 1, 1969		5,000.00	187.50
Sept. 1, 1969			125.00
Mar. 1, 1970		5,000.00	125.00

Sept. 1, 1970
Mar. 1, 1971

5,000.00 62.50
62.50

\$115,000.00 \$ 19,500.00



High school students working with machine shop tools.

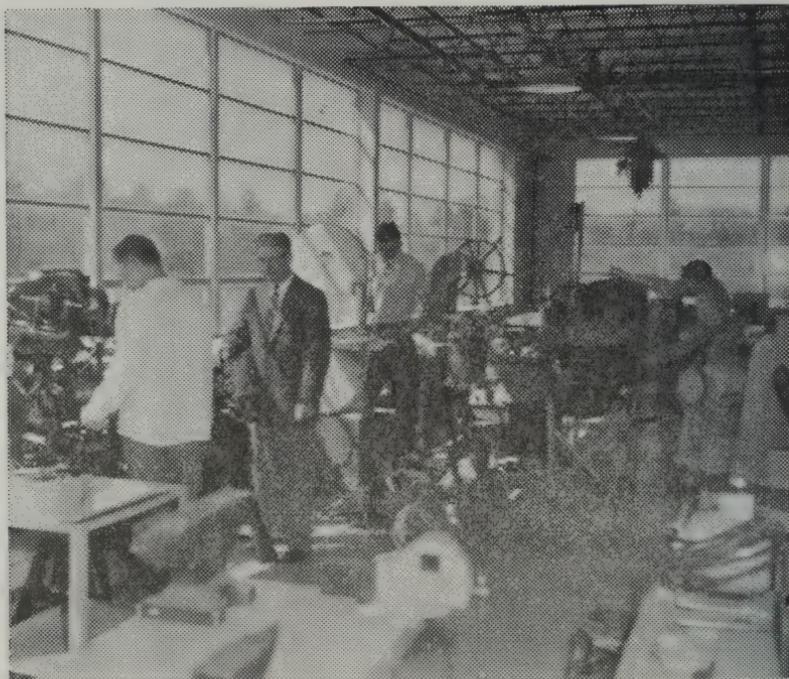
Valuation

	1956		1955
Real Estate	\$ 8,858,850.00		\$ 5,824,100.00
Mills and Machinery	1,923,430.00		1,220,625.00
Electric Plants	539,605.00		650,000.00
House Trailers	18,335.00		
Gas and Petroleum Pipe Lines	13,250.00		
Value of Stock in Trade	1,847,790.00		1,487,480.00
Horses (3)	150.00	(4)	340.00
Cows (44)	8,400.00	(174)	15,010.00
Oxen and Other Neatstock (1)	50.00	(2)	150.00
Sheep, Goats and Hogs (4)	55.00	(3)	75.00
Fowl (2000)	1,000.00	(2135)	1,605.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	5,200.00		6,400.00
Value of Wood and Lumber	945.00		1,309.00
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Total Valuation	\$13,217,060.00		\$ 9,207,094.00
Soldiers' Exemptions	525,960.00		503,140.00
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Net Valuation	\$12,691,100.00		\$ 8,703,954.00
Somersworth National Bank (808 Shares)	808.00	(818)	818.00
First National Bank, Somersworth (776 Shares)	776.00	(774)	774.00
First National Bank, Rochester (62 Shares)	15.50	(31)	7.75
Newmarket National Bank (20 Shares)	10.00	(20)	10.00

Appropriations

	1956	1955
Bridges—Eddy and New Dam		\$ 1,000.00
Bonds	\$ 12,500.00	12,500.00
Interest—Bonds	3,171.25	2,058.75
High School Bonds	30,000.00	
Interest—High School Bonds	13,200.00	
Town Road Aid	476.55	470.80
Cemetery	7,000.00	7,000.00
Fire Department	11,500.00	13,000.00
Highway	55,000.00	53,000.00
Hydrants	6,000.00	4,000.00
Library	4,860.00	4,700.00
Macadam	7,500.00	7,000.00
Miscellaneous	2,600.00	2,400.00
Municipal Building	2,200.00	2,000.00
District Nursing Service	1,500.00	1,500.00
Parks and Playgrounds	3,000.00	3,000.00
Interest—Notes	6,000.00	4,884.22
Police	41,944.60	36,865.42
Printing	2,500.00	2,400.00
Repairs to Public Buildings	1,000.00	3,000.00
Schools	173,094.84	154,070.40
Salaries	36,920.76	36,373.41
Street Lights	14,800.00	13,800.00
Welfare and Relief	14,000.00	15,000.00
County Tax	35,822.94	34,000.00
Memorial Day	600.00	600.00
Workmen's Compensation	1,400.00	1,000.00
Seacoast Region	150.00	150.00
Planning Board	1,000.00	1,000.00
Social Security	2,600.00	2,300.00
Sewers Survey		3,500.00
Sewers	1,500.00	
Sidewalks	3,500.00	3,000.00
Highway Equipment	11,370.00	5,590.97
Sinking Fund	970.00	970.00
Catholic War Veterans Convention	250.00	
Industrial Council	300.00	500.00
Insurance	7,030.66	3,583.19
Tree Spraying	350.00	350.00
Association of N. H. Cities	50.00	50.00

Land Improvement	2,500.00	500.00
Street Signs	1,200.00	
Resuscitator	600.00	
Elections	3,000.00	
Equalization	4,500.00	4,500.00
Marine Memorial	146.62	
Land Purchases		2,500.00
Interest on Short Term Loans for New High School		5,000.00
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Total Appropriations	\$ 529,608.22	\$ 449,117.16
Estimated Revenue	69,207.49	65,627.90
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Amount to be raised by taxation	\$ 460,400.73	\$ 383,489.26



Students at work in the machine shop of the new high school.

Departmental Expenditures

ASSOCIATION OF N. H. CITIES

Annual Dues	\$	50.00
City Treasurer		50.00
By Appropriation		50.00

BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD

N. H.-Vt. Hospitalization Service	\$	1,602.70	\$
City Treasurer		1,602.70	
B. C. and B. S. Reimbursement	\$	27.40	
Transferred from General Fund		1,575.30	
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	\$	1,602.70	

BONDS

Sewer and Sidewalk Bonds			\$	3,000.00
Improvement Bonds				7,000.00
Street Bonds (\$2,500. City Share-\$2,500 State Share)				5,000.00
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			\$	15,000.00
City Treasurer			\$	15,000.00
By Appropriation	\$	12,500.00		
From State of New Hampshire		2,500.00		
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			\$	15,000.00

BUILDING CODE

Building Inspector		\$	576.00	\$	576.00
Deductions					
Withholding Tax	\$	41.53			
F. I. C. A.		11.52			
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			53.05		
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			\$	522.95	
City Treasurer				522.95	
By Receipts					\$
					576.00

CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS

Convention	\$	250.00
City Treasurer		250.00
By Appropriation		250.00

CEMETERY

Superintendent's Salary	\$	1,313.00
Labor		5,792.33
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	\$	7,105.33
	\$	7,105.33

Deductions:

Withholding	\$	658.80		
FICA		140.18		
		<u> </u>	\$	798.98
			<u> </u>	
			\$	6,306.35

Supplies	\$	365.00		
Seed		22.80		
Gas and Oil		121.31		
Plants and Shrubs		278.03		
Equipment		218.90		
Parts		353.88		
Miscellaneous		16.32		
		<u> </u>	1,376.24	1,376.24

\$ 7,682.59 \$ 8,481.57

City Treasurer	\$	7,682.59		
Cemetery Trust Funds Income		1,770.83		
Cemetery Income		1,556.80		
By Appropriation		7,000.00		

\$ 10,327.63

Transferred to General Fund 1,846.06

\$ 8,481.57

CHANDLER BUILDING

Fuel	\$	592.52		
Lights		21.00		
Water		7.20		
Stock and Labor		15.40		
		<u> </u>	\$	636.12 \$ 636.12

Outstanding Checks

55.25

\$ 580.87

City Treasurer		580.87		
By Receipts		540.00		
Transferred from General Fund		96.12		

\$ 636.12

CITY HALL

Water	\$	19.09		
Supplies		10.80		
Repairs		2.75		
		<u> </u>	\$	32.64 \$ 32.64

Transferred from General Fund	1,213.03	
	\$	4,213.03

EQUALIZATION

Salaries		\$ 1,932.75	\$ 1,932.75
Deductions:			
Withholding Taxes	\$ 221.50		
F.I.C.A.	38.75		
	\$	260.25	
		\$	1,672.50
Printing	\$ 31.50		
Postage	64.05		
Equipment	382.20		
	\$	477.75	\$ 477.75
		\$	2,150.25
City Treasurer		\$	2,150.25
		\$	4,500.00
By Appropriation		\$	4,500.00
Transferred to General Fund		2,089.50	
		\$	2,410.50

F. I. C. A.

Treasurer, State of N. H.		\$	4,959.13
City Treasurer			4,959.13
By Appropriation	\$	2,600.00	
Payroll Deductions		2,479.57	
Social Security Refund		.95	
	\$	5,080.52	
Transferred to General Fund		121.39	
		\$	4,959.13

FIRE

Firemen's Semi-Annual Payroll	\$	5,030.00	
Assistant Drivers		630.00	
Fire Alarm Maintenance		200.00	
Fighting Brush Fires		302.95	
	\$	6,162.95	\$ 6,162.95
Deductions:			
Withholding Taxes	\$	40.50	
F.I.C.A.	123.28		
	\$	163.88	

		\$	5,999.07		
Lights	\$	450.34			
Fuel		1,271.10			
Gas and Telephone		230.26			
Supplies		725.79			
Truck Repairs and Maintenance		420.96			
Insurance		610.90			
Hose		661.50			
Miscellaneous		86.20			
Fire Alarm repairs		175.40			
2-Way Radio Rep. and Maint.		164.55			
Stock and Labor		78.30			
Water		28.80			
Equipment		1,037.74			
Gas and Oil		67.36			
Truck damages		688.91			
			\$	6,698.11	\$ 6,698.11
			\$	12,697.18	\$ 12,861.06
Cutstanding Checks				14.66	
			\$	12,682.52	
City Treasurer				12,682.52	
By Appropriation			\$	11,500.00	
Forest Fires Refund				26.13	
Truck Damage Refund				740.41	
Rental Tank Truck				89.75	
Forest Fires—Settlement				15.40	
			\$	12,371.69	
Transferred from General Fund				489.37	
			\$		12,861.06

HEAD TAXES

State Treasurer for 1955 Taxes	\$	3,764.50
State Treasurer for 1956 Taxes		13,325.00
	\$	17,089.50
City Treasurer		17,089.50
Head Tax Collections—1953	\$	10.00
Head Tax Collections—1954		90.00
Head Tax Collections—1955		3,165.00
Head Tax Collections—1956		16,205.00
Head Tax Penalties—1953		1.00
Head Tax Penalties—1954		8.00

Head Tax Penalties—1955	304.00	
Head Tax Penalties—1956	8.50	
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	\$ 19,791.50	
Transferred to General Fund	2,702.00	
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HYDRANTS

Somersworth Water Works		
Hydrant Rental		\$ 6,000.00
City Treasurer		6,000.00
By Appropriation		6,000.00

HIGHWAY

Labor		\$ 34,992.09	\$ 34,992.09
Deductions:			
Withholding	\$ 2,403.40		
Blue Cross and Shield	410.30		
F.I.C.A.	700.21		
	<hr/>	\$ 3,513.91	
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Signs	\$ 38.22		
Tires and Tubes	1,140.98		
Supplies	1,372.57		
Repairs	819.72		
Fuel	1,175.30		
Lights and Telephone	747.81		
Gas and Oil	6,040.08		
Insurance	655.32		
Truck Rental	622.00		
Miscellaneous	421.34		
Freight	35.75		
Water	19.80		
Salt	1,380.47		
Parts	2,703.97		
Sewer and Culvert	458.50		
	<hr/>	\$ 17,631.83	\$ 17,631.83

		\$ 49,110.01	\$ 52,623.92
Outstanding checks		256.52	
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		48,853.49	
City Treasurer	\$ 48,853.49		
By Appropriation	55,000.00		

Rent High St. Garage	19.30
State Gas Tax Refund	818.00
Highway Gas Refund	903.09
Sale—Sand and Salt	115.00

56,855.39

Transferred to General Fund

4,231.47

\$ 52,623.92

HIGHWAY GARAGE

Contractor	\$ 5,500.00
Engineer	53.15

5,553.15

City Treasurer

\$ 5,553.15

Sale of Old City Barn \$ 5,310.00

Transferred from Gen. Fund 243.15

\$ 5,553.15

HIGHWAY BARN REPAIRS

Building Contractor	\$ 4,760.00
Repairs to Equipment	1,993.27
Painting Contractor	730.00
Electrical Installations	431.18
Repairs to Heating Equipment	55.60

\$ 7,970.05

Fire damages to Highway Barn \$ 11,221.51

Transferred to General Fund 3,251.46

\$ 7,970.05

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

International Tractor	\$ 8,000.00
Ford Truck	2,300.00
Bulldozer attachment for International	1,212.50

11,512.50

City Treasurer

\$ 11,512.50

By Appropriation \$ 11,370.00

Transferred from General Fund 142.50

\$ 11,512.50

IMPROVEMENT BONDS

(2nd Bond Issue)

Sewerage:

Contractor

\$ 33,577.73

Engineer	2,609.84	
Pipe	2,879.30	
Labor and Material	1,905.91	
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	\$ 40,972.78	
Fire Truck:		
Balance due on Pumper	3,600.00	
Fire Station Addition:		
Extension to heating system	442.93	
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	\$ 45,015.71	\$ 45,015.71
Outstanding Checks	625.69	
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City Treasurer	44,390.02	
Unexpended Imp. Bond Bal. (1st Issue)	\$ 122.17	
Unexpended Bond Bal. (2nd Issue)	3,432.28	
Improvement and Equipment Bond Issue	35,205.60	
Reimbursement—Sewer Ext. Drew Road	428.00	
Sewers Appropriation	1,500.00	
Rollins Estate Settlement	5,000.00	
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	\$ 45,688.05	
Transferred to General Fund	672.34	
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		\$ 45,015.71

INSURANCE

Insurance on city-owned prop- erty and equipment		\$ 9,177.27
City Treasurer		\$ 9,177.27
By Appropriation	\$ 7,030.66	
Transferred from General Fund	2,146.61	
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		\$ 9,177.27

INTEREST

Tax Anticipation Notes	\$ 5,781.38	
Improvement Bonds	1,752.50	
Street Bonds	800.00	
Sewer and Sidewalk Bonds	618.75	
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	\$ 8,952.63	\$ 8,952.63
Outstanding Checks	536.67	
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	\$ 8,415.96	
City Treasurer	\$ 8,415.96	

By Appropriation—Notes Payable	\$	6,000.00	
By Appropriation—Bonds		3,171.25	
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	\$	9,171.25	
Transferred to General Fund		218.62	
		<hr/>	\$ 8,952.63

INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL

Services and Expenses	\$	132.70
City Treasurer	\$	132.70
By Appropriation	\$	300.00
Transferred to General Fund		167.30
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	\$	132.70

INTEREST SCHOOL BONDS

Interest—New High School Bonds	\$	13,200.00
City Treasurer	\$	13,200.00
By Appropriation	\$	13,200.00

LAND IMPROVEMENTS

Engineering and Supervision	\$	259.93	
Contractor		1,202.67	
Pipe and Fittings		1,237.75	
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	\$	2,700.35	\$ 2,700.35
Outstanding Checks		466.67	
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	\$	2,233.68	
City Treasurer		2,233.68	
By Appropriation		2,500.00	
Transferred from General Fund		200.35	
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	\$		\$ 2,700.35

LIBRARY

Librarian	\$	2,620.00	
Clerk		331.66	
Janitor		117.60	
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	\$	3,069.26	\$ 3,069.26
Deductions:			
Withholding Taxes	\$	321.20	
Blue Cross and Shield		30.55	
F.I.C.A.		61.51	
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	\$	413.36	
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	\$	2,655.90	

Supplies	\$	99.77		
Books		1,065.02		
Magazines		124.75		
Binding		117.06		
Lights		125.79		
Telephone		102.98		
		<hr/>	\$	1,635.37
			\$	1,635.37

			\$	4,291.27	\$	4,704.63
Outstanding Checks				466.07		
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			\$	3,825.20		
City Treasurer				3,825.20		
By Appropriation				4,860.00		
½ Chandler Fund Income				30.22		
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			\$	4,890.22		
Transferred to General Fund				185.59		
				185.59		
			<hr/>		\$	4,704.63

MACADAM

Patching			\$	116.10		
Asphalt and Tar				6,059.12		
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			\$	6,175.22		
City Treasurer				6,175.22		
By Appropriation					\$	7,500.00
Transferred to General Fund						1,324.78
			<hr/>		\$	6,175.22

MEMORIAL DAY

American Legion Post No. 69			\$	450.00		
V. F. W. Post No. 4485				150.00		
			<hr/>		\$	600.00
City Treasurer						600.00
By Appropriation						600.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Supplies and Postage for Mayor's Office	\$	90.25
Supplies and Postage for City Clerk's Office		297.65
Supplies and Postage for Tax Collector's Office		450.60
Assessors		584.30

City Treasurer	2,394.27	
By Appropriation	2,200.00	
Transferred from General Fund	235.69	
	<u> </u>	\$ 2,435.69

NEW HIGH SCHOOL—1955 expenditures

Sale of Bonds	\$ 480,000.00	
Accrued Interest	513.33	
Refund—Public Service Co.	444.17	
Temporary Transfer from General Fund	500.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 481,457.50
Total Expenditures—1955	\$ 323,121.66	
Outstand Checks December 31, 1955	245.78	
	<u> </u>	\$ 322,875.88
Temporary Transfer to General Fund		
Pending Proceeds of Sale of		
Improvement Bonds	80,000.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 402,875.88
Balance in Somersworth National Bank		
December 31, 1955	78,581.62	
	<u> </u>	\$ 481,457.50

NEW HIGH SCHOOL—1956 expenditures

Payrolls		\$ 1,088.23
Deductions:		
Withholding Taxes	\$ 56.80	
F.I.C.A.	21.77	
	<u> </u>	\$ 78.57
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		\$ 1,009.66
Contractor	\$ 104,269.31	
Engineer	886.46	
Supplies	10,971.69	
Loam	1,144.50	
Miscellaneous	201.12	
Clearing Land and Landscaping	1,843.95	
Equipment	16,784.76	
Architect	2,000.00	
Trees	288.00	
Concrete	2,859.36	
Furnishings	140.00	

Football Field	7,089.85	
	<u> </u>	\$ 148,479.00
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		\$ 149,488.66
Outstanding Checks		85.10
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		\$ 149,403.56
Balance in Somersworth National Bank		
January 1, 1956		\$ 78,581.62
1955 Checks cashed in 1956		245.78
		<u> </u>
		\$ 78,335.84
Boston and Maine Damage Claim		4.65
Biology Club		20.00
Christmas Concert		210.00
Leota Council		10.00
V. F. W. Auxiliary		10.00
Picture Fund Donations		50.00
Kiwanis Club		200.00
		<u> </u>
		\$ 78,840.49
Reimbursement from Gen. Fund a/c Temp. Trans.		80,000.00
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		\$ 158,840.49
Balance in Somersworth National Bank		
December 31, 1956		9,436.93
1956 Uncashed Checks		85.10
		<u> </u>
		\$ 9,351.83
Total to Be Expended	\$ 158,840.49	
Total Expenditures	149,488.66	
Unexpended Balance December 31, 1956	<u> </u>	\$ 9,351.83

NOTES PAYABLE

Tax Anticipation Notes		\$ 300,000.00
City Treasurer		\$ 300,000.00
Transferred from General Fund		\$ 300,000.00

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Labor		\$ 1,976.00	\$ 1,976.00
Deductions:			
Withholding Taxes	\$ 314.00		
F.I.C.A.	39.52		
	<u> </u>	\$ 353.52	
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		\$ 1,622.48	

Lights—Noble Pines	\$	151.73		
Supplies—Noble Pines		798.16		
Repairs		88.27		
Football Field		35.40		
		<hr/>	\$	1,073.56
			\$	1,073.56

			\$	2,696.04	\$	3,049.56
City Treasurer			\$	2,696.04		
By Appropriation				3,000.00		
Transferred from General Fund				49.56		
				<hr/>	\$	3,049.56

POLICE

Payrolls			\$	36,472.29	\$	36,472.29
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Deductions:

Withholding Taxes	\$	2,712.03		
Retirement		847.20		
Blue Cross and Shield		530.40		
F.I.C.A.		64.74		
		<hr/>	\$	4,154.37

\$ 32,317.92

N. H. Police Retirement Board (City's Share)	\$	1,089.03		
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N. H. Police Retirement Board (Officers' Share)		847.20		\$	847.20
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Telephone	1,305.53		\$	35,625.09	
Lights	351.06				
Insurance on Cruiser	75.20				
Cruiser—Gas and Oil	589.72				
Cruiser Repairs	645.61				
Radio Repairs	87.34				
Supplies and General Expenses	525.89				
	<hr/>	\$	5,516.58	\$	5,516.58

\$ 37,834.50

Outstanding Checks

374.91

\$37,459.59

City Treasurer	37,459.59
By Appropriation	41,944.60
Parking Tickets	132.50
Telephone Refunds	25.52
Gas Tax Refund	46.60

Coffee and Junk Licenses	15.00	
Gun Permits	54.00	
Beano Permits	30.00	

\$ 42,248.22

Transferred to General Fund 1,106.55

\$ 41,141.67

REPAIRS TO PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Labor	\$	102.29	\$	102.29
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Deductions:

Withholding Taxes	\$	9.20
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F.I.C.A.		2.05
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\$ 11.25

\$ 91.04

Ward 3 Ward House	\$	205.00
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Municipal Building		36.49
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Police Station		328.00
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Chandler Building		77.44
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Fire Station		47.62
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\$ 694.55 \$ 694.55

\$ 785.59 \$ 796.84

785.59

By Appropriation		1,000.00
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Transferred to General Fund		203.16
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\$ 796.84

PRINTING

Checks	\$	300.74
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City Clerk		55.45
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Tax Collector		101.14
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City Reports		690.25
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Assessors		24.25
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Ordinances:

Hearings and Resolutions		102.00
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\$ 1,273.83 \$ 1,273.83

Oustanding Checks		68.25
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\$ 1,205.58

1,205.58

City Treasurer		
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By Appropriation	\$	2,500.00
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Transferred to General Fund		1,226.17
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\$ 1,273.83

RESUSCITATOR

Resuscitator		\$	590.00
City Treasurer			590.00
By Appropriation	\$	600.00	
Transferred to General Fund		10.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 590.00

HIGH SCHOOL BONDS

National Shawmut Bank of Boston	\$	30,000.00
City Treasurer	\$	30,000.00
By Appropriation	\$	30,000.00

TREE SPRAYING

Spraying City-Owned Tress	\$	350.00
City Treasurer	\$	350.00
By Appropriation	\$	350.00

SALARAIES

Mayor, City Clerk, Tax Collector, Street Commissioner, Overseer of Poor, City Messenger, Fire Apparatus Driver, and Office Clerks	\$	29,595.80
Quarterly Salaries		6,230.15
Auditors		150.00
Assessors—Head Tax Collections		521.40
Drawing Jurors		8.50
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	\$	36,505.85
	\$	36,505.85

Deductions:

Withholding Taxes	\$	2,972.55
Blue Cross and Shield		731.20
F.I.C.A.		655.71
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	\$	4,359.46

Outstanding Checks

	\$	32,146.39
		542.72
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	\$	31,603.67
City Treasurer		31,603.67
By Appropriation		36,920.76
Transferred to General Rund		414.91
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	\$	36,505.85

SCHOOLS

Teachers' Salaries	\$	97,544.32
Janitors' Salaries		10,522.96

School Nurse	2,758.31
Truant Officer	150.00
Retired Teachers	344.40
Secretary—School Board	25.00
Cafeteria Staff	6,193.00
Labor-Repairs	415.00
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	\$ 117,952.99

Deductions:

Withholding Taxes	\$ 12,586.03
Retirement	7,115.16
Blue Cross and Blue Shield	1,189.13
F.I.C.A.	385.91
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	\$ 21,276.23

\$ 96,676.76

Supt's Salary (City Share)	2,494.76
Tax for State-Wide Supervision	1,318.00
Salaries of other Adm. Personnel	2,060.13
Supplies and expenses of Administration	1,461.00
Books and Other instructional Aids	2,817.21
Scholars' Supplies	3,236.23
Supplies and other Expenses of Instruction	745.10
Fuel or Heat	7,156.00
Water, Lights, Supplies, and Expenses of School Plant	5,362.00
Repairs and Replacements	4,263.66
Health Supervision	366.68
Transportation	8,967.00
Special Activities and Special Funds	4,266.98
Teachers' Retirement	\$ 8,265.44
Insurance	55.00
New Equipment	6,689.02
Withholding Taxes	12,334.19
Employee's Retirement System	7,063.74
Blue Cross and Blue Shield	1,218.30
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\$ 80,140.44 \$ 80,140.44

\$ 176,817.20 \$ 176,817.20

Outstanding Checks 7,246.38

\$ 169,570.82

City Treasurer 169,570.82

F.I.C.A. Payroll Deduct.	\$	385.91
F.I.C.A. City's Share		385.91

\$ 177,589.02

By Appropriation	\$	173,094.84
State Vocational Teacher		1,316.33
Public Law 874		8,891.03
Milk Fund		1,645.00
Reimbursement—School Lunch		4,523.39
Tuition		2,090.00
Reimbursement—Home Ec., Trades and Industries		305.35
Sale of Desks		38.00
Dog Licenses		237.20
Sale of Typewriter		60.00
½ Chandler Fund Income		30.23

\$ 192,231.37

Transferred to General Fund		14,642.35
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\$ 177,589.02

STREET LIGHTS

Public Service Co. of N. H.	\$	14,368.99
City Treasurer		14,368.99
By Appropriation	\$	14,800.00
Transferred to General Fund		431.01

\$ 14,368.99

SOMERSWORTH MARINE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

Somersworth Marine Memorial Fund	\$	146.62
City Treasurer	\$	146.62
By Appropriation	\$	146.62

SEACOAST REGION

Seacoast Regional Development	\$	150.00
City Treasurer	\$	150.00
By Appropriation	\$	150.00

STREET SIGNS

Street Signs	\$	1,032.16
Supplies and Miscellaneous		78.94

	\$	1,111.10	\$	1,111.10
Outstanding Check		5.29		

\$ 1,105.81

City Treasurer	1,105.81		
By Appropriation		\$	1,200.00
Transferred to General Fund			88.90
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		\$	1,111.10

SEWERS SURVEY

Wright & Pierce, Civil Engineers		\$	1,421.82
City Treasurer		\$	1,421.82
Transferred from General Fund		\$	1,421.82

SIDEWALKS

Crushed Stone		\$	586.40
Supplies			43.80
Sidewalk and Curb			325.00
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		\$	955.20
By Appropriation		\$	3,500.00
Transferred to General Fund			2,544.80
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		\$	955.20

TAX PURCHASES

Joseph F. McKeon, Tax Collector		\$	1,177.65
City Treasurer		\$	1,177.65
Transferred from General Fund		\$	1,177.65

TAX REFUNDS

Overpayment on 1956 Property Taxes		\$	4,023.39	\$	4,023.39
Outstanding Check			9.15		
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		\$	4,014.24		
City Treasurer			4,014.24		
Transferred from General Fund				\$	4,023.39

WATER WORKS

Supt's Salary		\$	2,887.00		
Engineer's Salary			3,776.88		
Commissioners' Salaries			650.00		
Labor			4,638.58		
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		\$	11,952.46	\$	11,952.46
Deductions	\$	964.10			
Withholding Tax		19.20			
Blue Cross and Shield		239.05			
			<hr/>	\$	1,222.35
			<hr/>	\$	10,730.11

Water Works Supplies	\$	8,027.57		
Power and Lights		5,582.29		
Telephone		450.71		
Truck Maintenance		123.50		
Parts and Repairs		680.93		
Fuel		329.43		
Gas and Oil		339.55		
Bonds		13,000.00		
Interest on Bonds		3,498.75		
Insurance		52.94		
Installation of Water Mains		990.18		
Refund—Water Ext. Service		552.25		
Miscellaneous		378.37		
New Ford Truck		1,432.00		
			\$	35,438.47
			\$	35,438.47

			\$	46,168.58	\$	47,390.93
Outstanding Checks				798.25		

			\$	45,370.33		
City Treasurer			\$	45,370.33		
Water Works Receipts				53,355.45		
Transferred to W. W. Special				5,964.52		
			\$		\$	47,390.93

WATER WORKS SPECIAL

Pipe	\$	9,524.96		
Excavating and Filling		100.00		
Engineering		595.52		
Construction—W. High Street		2,939.89		
W. Works Supplies		3,392.07		
Hydrants		965.82		
			\$	17,518.26
City Treasurer			\$	17,518.26
Water Works Special Income	\$	7,277.73		
Transferred from W. Works		5,964.52		
Transferred from General Fund		4,276.01		
			\$	17,518.26

WELFARE AND RELIEF

Groceries	\$	584.00
Board and Care		2,578.47
Fuel		221.96
Medical		632.85
Office Expenses		186.30

Old Age Assistance	4,525.36	
Rent	27.00	
Surplus Foods	148.01	
Assistance—Totally Disabled	111.22	
	<hr/>	\$ 9,015.17
Outstanding Checks		890.34
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		\$ 8,124.83
City Treasurer		\$ 8,124.83

SOLDIERS' AID

Board and Care	\$ 3,484.89	
Medical	86.44	
Fuel	8.65	
Groceries	45.00	
Clothing	5.49	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,630.47
Outstanding Checks		285.49
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		\$ 3,344.98
City Treasurer		\$ 3,344.98
By Appropriation		\$ 14,000.00
Reimbursement—Soldiers' Aid—Board and Care		1,205.50
Reimbursement—Direct Relief		1,405.97
Old Age Assistance Refund		743.40
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		\$ 17,354.87
Transferred to General Fund		4,709.23
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		\$ 12,645.64
Direct Relief Expenditures	\$ 9,015.17	
Soldiers' Aid Expenditures	3,630.47	
	<hr/>	\$ 12,645.64

WITHHOLDING TAXES

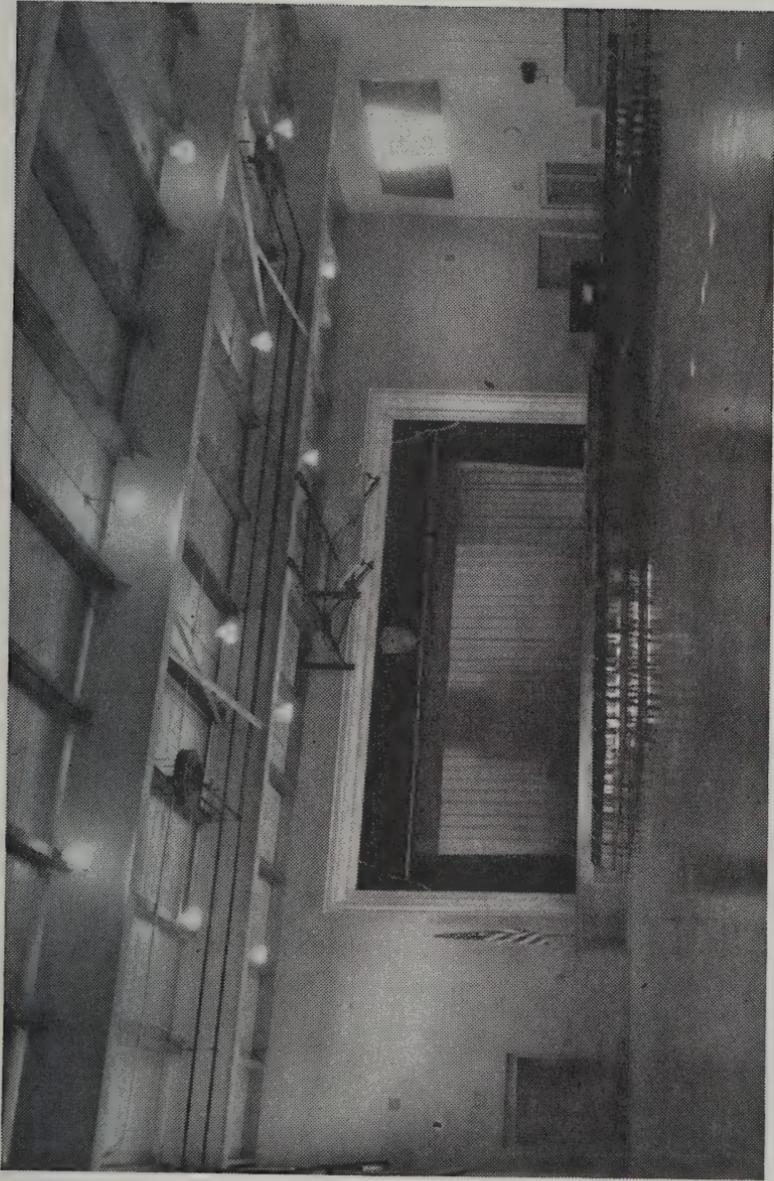
Director of Internal Revenue	\$ 10,819.11
City Treasurer	\$ 10,819.11
Transferred from General Fund	\$ 10,819.11

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

William G. Ball Agency	\$ 1,128.03
City Treasurer	1,128.03
By Appropriation	\$ 1,400.00
Transferred to General Fund	271.97
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	\$ 1,128.03

ZONING

Clerk, Zoning Board		\$	500.00	\$	500.00
Deductions					
Withholding Tax	\$	22.00			
F.I.C.A.		10.00			
		<u> </u>	\$	32.00	
			\$	468.00	
Printing	\$	193.35			
Miscellaneous		192.68			
		<u> </u>	\$	386.03	\$
					386.03
			\$	854.03	\$
Outstanding Checks				95.01	886.03
			\$	759.02	
City Treasurer				759.02	
By Appropriation				1,000.00	
Board of Adjustment Fees				85.00	
Trailer Permits				60.00	
			\$	1,145.00	
Transferred to General Fund				258.97	
			<u> </u>	\$	886.03



The gymnasium-auditorium in the new high school.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

Somersworth, N. H.

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the School Board:

The basic and mandatory obligation of the School Board is to provide a sound and effective educational program for the city. In these days of rapid growth and expansion requiring more buildings, more teachers, more supplies and services, and more finances, this is no small task. The School Board must assume its responsibility in seeing that the investment for public education is properly used to provide instructors, educational opportunities, and adequate facilities which our children need to develop into the right kind of citizens. The public wants guaranteed educational opportunity for its qualified sons and daughters. It can be no other way in a democracy.

There was a time when a pupil could complete his schooling at the completion of the eighth grade, and the years beyond that were reserved for those above average in ability and those who wished to prepare for college. The State of New Hampshire now requires that a pupil remain in school until he is 16. This is one factor which has added a great deal of responsibility to those who make school programs, for this age limit now adds two years of high school to the pupil's educational requirement. During this time he must be provided with a meaningful education and still not find himself completely outclassed by the college preparatory student. At present our school program is lacking many services which are considered minimum in most schools. We have no kindergarten, nor specialized help in art, guidance, or supervision; we offer no organized training in health or physical education; we are limited in our language offerings, and the principals of our schools are so burdened with clerical work that little time is left for educational leadership.

This year we faced some real budgetary problems. Chief among these being (a) an increase of 60 more pupils in the high school and the resulting needs of additional teachers, equipment, and supplies (b) the full-year operation of the new high school (c) the adjustment of teachers salaries (d) and additional equipment in all schools. Last year a new salary schedule was adopted which set a minimum of \$3,000 for a bachelor's degree and minimum for a master's degree of \$3,200; the maximum was set at \$4,000 and \$4,200 respectively. It was hoped that this schedule would enable Somersworth to compete for the limited number of teachers available, and to hold the good teachers in our community. During the present school year the average salary

of the teachers in Somersworth is about \$200 lower than the average salary for teachers in the state, and yet our teachers are far more experienced than the average teacher in the state. Many other communities in New Hampshire have established minimums of \$3,200 and maximums of \$5,100. It is obvious then, when we are competing for teachers to come to our community we will lose out to other communities. The fact that many of our more experienced teachers have made their home in Somersworth is all that prevents us from seriously lowering our educational standards. By raising our per pupil cost to a more realistic level can eliminate most of our inadequacies. During the past school year we spent the following amounts per pupil:

	Somersworth	State Average
Elementary	\$222.64	\$215.00
High School	\$241.44	\$330.00

It is obvious from the above figures that the School Board over the years has kept in mind the total financial picture of the city and has done more than its share in holding the line by exercising strict economy and keeping expenditures to a minimum, and still not lower the educational standards. There is a limit, however, of keeping costs below a minimum and still expect the standards to be kept at a high level. At least average teacher salaries, good working conditions, and a reasonable work load are some of the chief reasons for good teacher morale. That is true in business and in industry. Once this morale is destroyed it will take years to restore it. We have seen recent samples of this happening in other school districts and the heaviest losers are always the children.

This is the first year in which we have operated in our new high school. At present we have found no major construction faults nor any changes in plans we would recommend if we were to build anew. The total construction cost has been the envy of the state and several new school buildings are almost the exact replicas of our school. Much credit for the low cost of construction and the functional design of the various classrooms should go to our school staff. Many were given the responsibility of planning their own teaching areas; of working out the color scheme of the whole building; of purchasing equipment economically; and the construction of much of the equipment on their own time. Even the vast job of moving all of the equipment of three schools was effected without any cost to the city. Economy of this nature can be carried out when staff morale is high.

I have offered my resignation as your Superintendent of Schools to be effective as of August 1, 1957 so that I may be free to accept the position of Superintendent in the City of Berlin, N. H. I am

sincerely grateful for the opportunity you have given me for the past four and a half years of serving you, your community, and its children. I am particularly grateful for the help and understanding which the various members, the teachers, the maintenance and cafeteria staff, and the school principals offered to me at all times. My experience of living in your community has been made most pleasant by so many friendly citizens. I sincerely wish the community continued success in your schools. As I stated in my report to you last year I have been extremely proud of our teaching staff—experienced, cooperative, and dedicated to helping our youth.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR E. TOLL,
Superintendent of Schools

Mayors Since the 'City Was Chartered

1893-	<i>Franklin N. Chase</i>
1894-1896	<i>Christopher H. Wells</i>
1897-	<i>Benjamin F. Hanson</i>
1898-1900	<i>Arthur J. Seavey</i>
1901-	<i>Haven Doe</i>
1902-1903	<i>John N. Haines</i>
1904-	<i>Freeman A. Hussey</i>
1905-1908	<i>Benjamin F. Hanson</i>
1909-1911	<i>Thomas J. Dougherty</i>
1912-1913	<i>Paul LaBonte</i>
1914-1922	<i>Fred H. Brown</i>
1923-1933	<i>Peter M. Gagne</i>
1934-	<i>Clement P. Roy</i>
1935-1943	<i>Alfred J. Boucher</i>
1944-1944	* <i>Arthur W. Proulx (Jan. 1-June 6)</i>
1944-1945	** <i>Napoleon A. Habel (June 6-Dec.31)</i>
1946-1953	* <i>Romeo St. Laurent (June 30, 1953)</i>
1953-1953	** <i>Placide J. Lagueux (July 1-Dec. 31)</i>
1954-	<i>Edward S. Charpentier</i>

* *Resigned*

** *Unexpired term*

Fire Alarm Boxes

- 5 Depot and Main streets
 - 6 Main and Franklin streets
 - 12 City Hall
 - 13 Main and Spring streets
 - 14 Main and Indigo Hill road
 - 15 Third street
 - 16 New Dam
 - 17 Main and Daniel streets
 - 21 Franklin and Green streets
 - 23 Myrtle and Green streets
 - 24 Tremont and Green streets
 - 25 Pleasant and West Green streets
 - 26 Franklin and Garden streets
 - 27 Myrtle and Nash Parkway
 - 31 High and Washington streets
 - 32 High and South streets
 - 34 Bartlett avenue
 - 35 Black Harry Clay
 - 36 Central Park
 - 37 Kelwyn Park
 - 41 Highland and Grand streets
 - 45 Prospect and Rochester streets
 - 48 Lincoln street
 - 46 Lily Pond Road
 - 51 Court and Washington streets
 - 52 High and Fore streets
 - 54 Market street
 - 56 Somersworth Shoe
 - 61 City Barn
 - 62 West High St. and Maple St. Ext.
 - 123 Collea Corp.
 - 125 General Electric Co.
 - 321 Laurier and Davis streets
 - 322 High and Drew streets
 - 551 From Y to Blue Moon
 - 552 From Blue Moon to Hanson's Corner
 - 553 Hanson's Corner to Town Line
- Test: 2 blasts, 6 o'clock, P. M., and 12 noon
1 blast: Engineers' Call
- 2-2-2 House call

- 4 Out of town and brush fires
- 1-1 No school signal
- 7 Air Raid Signal
- 8 American Legion and V. F. W.
- 9 Boy Scouts
- 3-3-3 National Guard—Militia Call



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