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TOWN
of
BELMONT
New Hampshire

For the Fiscal Year Ending
December 31, 1976

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TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES - 1976

	TERM EXPIRES
MODERATOR	
Maurice H. Simond, Jr.	1978
SELECTMEN	
Louis Wuelper, Chairman	1978
John Dominic	1977
Romeo Clairmont	1979
TAX COLLECTOR	
Calvin D. Brown	1977
TOWN CLERK	
Calvin D. Brown	1979
TREASURER	
John F. Moynihan	1977
ROAD AGENT	
Harold L. Reed	1977
FIRE CHIEF	
Robert Bordeau	Appointed
POLICE CHIEF	
Robert Dawes	Appointed
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY	
Carrie Cushing	1979
Wallace Rhodes	1977
Helen M. Hill	1978
TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS	
Russell H. Cushing	1979
Stanley Hill	1977
Wallace Rhodes	1978
HEALTH OFFICER	
Robert Stevens	1977
DOG OFFICER	
Aime Bourque	Indefinite
BUDGET COMMITTEE	
Leslie Roberts, Chairman	1979
Wilson S. Mansfield	1979
James Rhodes	1979
Julia C. Perkins	1979
Thomas Keefe (Replacement)	1977
Arthur W. Hill	1977

Mark A. Mooney	1977
Rodney Pearl	1977
Leo Alger	1978
Richard Burpee	1978
Kenneth Ellis	1978
David Ricard, Jr.	1978
BELMONT DISPOSAL COMMITTEE	
Arthur Horan, Chairman	Indefinite
Alfred Sawicki	Indefinite
Scott Roeder	Indefinite
BELMONT POLICE COMMITTEE	
Armand Poire	Indefinite
John F. Moynihan	Indefinite
Cedric Witham	Indefinite
Matthew Mirski	Indefinite
Arthur W. Hill	Indefinite
CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR	
Robert Harper	Indefinite
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	
Stanley Hill	
Roscoe Twombly	1977
Blake Loring, Chairman	1977
Janice Hanson	1978
Judy Pilliod	1978
Lillian Loring	1979
LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION	
Stanley Hill	Indefinite
Beth Ide	Indefinite
LIBRARIAN	
Evelyn Morse	Indefinite
PLANNING BOARD	
William Ekberg, Chairman	1979
Leslie Roberts	1979
Denis Dupuis (Replacement)	1978
Mark Mirski (Replacement)	1977
Whitman Ide	1977
Richard Baillie	1978
Alternates	
Judith Baillie	1977
REPRESENTATIVE TO GENERAL COURT	
Wilson S. Mansfield	

RECREATION COMMISSION

James Rhodes	1977
Nelson Currin	1979
Richard Desruisseaux	1979
Gerd Smock	1977
Arthur Horan, Chairman	1978

ROAD COMMITTEE

Kenneth Ellis, Chairman	Indefinite
Paul Gaudette	Indefinite
Laurent Gilbert	Indefinite
Peter Poiré	Indefinite
Scott Roeder	Indefinite

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

George Condodemetracky, Chairman	1979
Richard Fournier	1978
Robert S. Hawkins	1977

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Constance Mirski	1982
Belva Mohle	1978
Suzanne Roberts	1980

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Theodore L. Cate, Sr., Chairman	
Cedric Witham	
Ronald Mitchell	1977
Richard Burpee	1977
Lawrence Clairmont, Sr.	1978

WATER SUPERINTENDENT

Lawrence Clairmont, Sr.	Indefinite
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WINNIPEASAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT

Suzanne Roberts	Indefinite
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BELMONT BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Our town can be proud of the way we celebrated the Bicentennial Year.

In order to qualify as an American Revolution Bicentennial Community a preliminary committee was formed as early as 1973. Preliminary applications were sent in, revised, and new applications filed outlining Belmont's plans to include activities for each of the three thematic areas: Heritage '76, Festival USA and Horizons '76. This work was culminated when Congressman Nora D'Amours called on February 18, 1976 to say that we had been designated a Bicentennial Community and Governor Meldrim Thomson, Jr. presented us with the Bicentennial Flag at an impressive ceremony on April 30, 1976.

On May 19, 1976 we participated in the Bicentennial Wagon Train Pilgrimage to Pennsylvania by having riders on horseback deliver our town scrolls to the Wagon Master at their camp site in Concord. These scrolls were signed by many Belmont residents, young and old, reaffirming their belief in the principles upon which this nation was founded. These scrolls, along with others from across the nation, were carried by Wagon Train to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania where they were sealed in a time capsule for two hundred years.

Also in May, a Bicentennial Play, "The Education of Hyman Kaplan" was presented with great success at the High School cafetorium. It played on two nights to a full house and was reminiscent of the days when Belmont people staged plays for the entertainment of the townspeople.

Belmont was well represented in the Independence Day Parade in Laconia with a float depicting the Gale School. This same float was also in the Old Home Day Parade. On July 4th we participated in the Nation-wide bell ringing at 2:00 p.m. to "Let Freedom Ring".

In July we also put out a Bicentennial license plate which we have permission to display in 1977 as well to celebrate our town's 250th anniversary.

Our Bicentennial Festival was, of course, our Old Home Day. In the Spirit of '76, many civic and religious organizations cooperated to produce a memorable and enjoyable day. Our parade was described as "Belmont's best yet": Our new park was dedicated as part of the day's ceremonies. The Firemen's Muster was also a great success.

In order for us to qualify as a Bicentennial Community

BELMONT BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT CONTINUED

it was necessary for us to have at least one lasting reminder. The Belmont Bandstand was chosen not only as a reminder of our past history with it's unique design but also as a joy for us to look upon and, after restoration, for future generations to appreciate. Because of its historic value we applied for and were awarded a Federal Matching Grant for restoration of the Bandstand which will be completed in 1977.

As a final honor to our community, we have received a commendation from the President of the United States for our efforts in celebrating the Bicentennial. This commendation has been framed and is displayed at the Belmont Public Library along with our Bicentennial certificate.

One of the objectives of the Bicentennial was to involve as many people as possible and this was accomplished from the elementary grades of our school to our senior citizens, from most of our many and varied civic and religious organizations and just from our townspeople--who participated in some facet of celebrating our Nation's 200th Birthday. Thank you Belmont for cooperation and participation. Let's carry on in the same spirit and celebrate the 250th anniversary of our town!

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Condodemetraky
Chairperson

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

It is a source of pride for the Board of Selectmen to see the completion of the John M. Sargent Park & Playground which gives Belmont an exceptionally fine recreational facility for a small town.

We especially commend the dedication of Arthur J. Horan, chairman of the Recreation Commission, for his planning and physical assistance (together with his son Edward) in bringing this facility to us.

We also wish to thank the entire family of Arthur J. Horan for their contribution of \$500.00 toward buying equipment for the park.

We are faced with several serious problems. The new Sewer Commission has contracted for the design work, but we will still have to find the money for sewage construction under the EPA orders we now have..

We shall also have to have a working solution to our town dump before July 1, 1977.

It is now twelve (12) years since we had our last re-appraisal of properties and we have many taxpayers who are being over-assessed, particularly among the trailer owners, and we have many who are under-assessed, particularly among the land owners. Our equalized valuation in 1976 was 50%, the State is accumulating the figures for 1977 equalized valuation and we believe the figure will be below the 50% for last year. There can be no justice or equality of treatment when the figures are so grossly distorted as this.

We have continued to use TRA money to improve Shaker Road moving toward Belmont Village and expect to continue this year.

The rebuilding of the Jamestown-Union Road has been substantially advanced over the worst section of the Jamestown Road; we feel that because of its heavy traffic, children, curves and generally poor condition that the Union Road end should be worked on next.

Because of a technicality, the money voted for the Durrell Mountain Road for the last two (2) years, must be voted on again this year and we trust as a matter of good faith that the townspeople will do this.

We have put up an extensive number of signs and presently have street signs for all roads intersecting state roads as part of the large and necessary expenditure in

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN, CONTINUED

this area. We would however, hope that the public will cooperate in keeping vandalism to a minimum, by prompt reporting or return of missing signs as this is one of the large expenses in getting signs where needed for health, safety and convenience.

Working in conjunction with our auditors, we have made changes on the handling of office work and computerized our tax bills to better enable us to handle the increasing load of detail.

Once again, we should like to express our appreciation for the close cooperation and dedication to duty that we have generally received from department heads and other personnel in the employ of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis Wuelper, Chairman
John Domic
Romeo Clairmont

NATHAN WECHSLER & COMPANY
Certified Public Accountants

10 Park Street
Concord, N.H. 03301

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Belmont for the year ended December 31, 1975.

Our examination included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheets and statements of sources of revenues and expenditures present fairly the financial position of the Town of Belmont at December 31, 1975, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principals applicable to governmental entities applied on a basis consistent with the preceding year.

Nathan Wechsler & Company

May 28, 1976

NATHAN WECHSLER & COMPANY
Certified Public Accountants

May 28, 1976

Board of Selectmen
Belmont, New Hampshire 03220

Gentlemen:

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The report of the examination and audit of the accounts of the Town of Belmont for the year ended December 31, 1975, was made by Nathan Wechsler & Company, Certified Public Accountants, at the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

One of the audit reports must be given to the Town Clerk for retention as part of the permanent records.

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Library, Trustees of Trust Funds, and Cemetery Trustees.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

General Fund

Balance Sheets - December 31, 1975 and 1974: (Exhibit A-1)

Balance sheets - general fund - as of December 31, 1975 and 1974, are presented in Exhibit A-1. As indicated therein, the surplus of the Town decreased by \$71,704.58 from \$128,053.53 to \$56,348.95 during the year.

Analysis of Change in Financial Condition: (Exhibit A-2)

An analysis of the change in current financial condition of the Town during the year is shown in Exhibit A-2. The decrease in surplus of \$71,704.58 is a result of a net budget deficit of \$5,704.58 plus surplus used to reduce the tax rate of \$66,000.00.

Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures - Estimated and Actual Revenue and Budget Summary: (Exhibits A-3 and A-4)

Statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues and budget summary for the year ended December 31, 1975, are presented in Exhibits A-3 and A-4. As indicated by the budget summary, a net unexpended

balance of appropriations of \$23,885.63, less a revenue deficit of \$29,590.21, resulted in a net budget deficit of \$5,704.58.

Long-Term Indebtedness

Balance Sheets - December 31, 1975 and 1974: (Exhibit A-5)

Balance sheets showing the outstanding long-term indebtedness of the Town as of December 31, 1975 and 1974 are contained in Exhibit A-5. During the year, the long-term debt decreased by \$11,200.00.

Statement of Debt Service Requirements: (Exhibit A-6)

A statement of debt service requirements, showing annual maturities of principal and interest, is presented in Exhibit A-6.

Treasurer

General Fund

Classified Statement of Receipts and Expenditures: (Exhibit B-1)

A summary statement of general fund receipts and expenditures for the year ended December 31, 1975, prepared in accordance with the State uniform classification of accounts is included in Exhibit B-1.

Summary of Treasurer's Account and Proof of Balance: (Exhibit B-2)

Proof of the treasurer's balance as of December 31, 1975 is indicated in Exhibit B-2.

SCOPE OF AUDIT

We have examined the above described financial statements of the Town of Belmont for the year ended December 31, 1975 (except the Water Department) in accordance with generally accepted auditing procedures, and accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Balance Sheets: (Exhibit A)

Income and Changes in Surplus Statements: (Exhibit B)

Statements of Changes in Financial Position: (Exhibit C)

The financial statements of the Water Department for 1975 have been prepared without audit. The fixed assets stated at \$320,140.33 have been acquired over a long period of time and adequate supporting records have not been maintained. Therefore, audit time involved to enable us to satisfy ourselves with the recorded costs would have resulted in prohibitive costs to the Town.

CONCLUSION

The provisions of Chapter 71-a, Section 21, require that the auditors' summary of findings and recommendations shall be published in the next annual report of the Town. Publication of the Exhibits is optional at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen. This letter, however, must be published in its entirety.

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Town of Belmont for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Very truly yours,
Nathan Wechsler & Company
Certified Public Accountants

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
CONCORD, N.H. 03301

Selectmen of Belmont
Louis Wuelper, Chairman
Star Route
Belmont, New Hampshire 03220

October 21, 1976

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Gentlemen:

Your Summary Inventory of Property Valuation and Statement of Appropriations have been approved. You may proceed with the assessment of 1976 taxes on the basis of the following figures:

Net Assessed Valuation \$19,731,978.00

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Town Property Taxes Assessed	1,009,880.47
Precinct Taxes Assessed	
Total Gross Property Taxes	<u>\$1,009,880.47</u>
Less: Est. War Service Tax Credits	<u>17,850.00</u>
Net Property Tax Commitment*	\$ 992,030.47

Tax Rate \$5.16

* The amount of property tax commitment is subject to adjustment by reason of any increase or decrease in War Service Tax Credits which may result based on the above approved rate.

In the event any adjustment was made in the Appropriations Section, we have enclosed a copy of the changes. Revenues and Credits have been approved as shown on the enclosed copy of the third page of the Statement of Appropriations.

The net amounts approved for school and county are as follows:

Net School Appropriations	\$689,460.93
County Tax Assessment	68,498.49

In arriving at the above approved rate the Overlay has been set in the amount of \$14,097.10.

Very truly yours,

Lloyd M. Price,
Commissioner

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

LAND		5,081,628
BUILDINGS		12,663,550
FACTORY BUILDINGS		
PUBLIC UTILITIES - GAS		76,750
- Electric		587,200
HOUSE TRAILERS, ASSESSED AS PERSONAL PROPERTY - 395		1,362,500
BOATS & LAUNCHES - 43		<u>30,800</u>
TOTAL VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS		20,020,828
EXEMPTIONS		
BLIND -3	15,000	
ELDERLY -74	<u>273,850</u>	
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS		<u>288,850</u>
VALUATION OF WHICH TAX RATE IS COMPUTED		19,731,978

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS & TAXES
 ASSESSED FOR THE TAX YEAR 1976

<u>APPROPRIATIONS:</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Town Officers' Salaries	14,352.50
Town Officers' Expenses	20,420.20
Election & Registration Expenses	2,000.00
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	7,700.00
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	11,500.00
Contingency Fund Appraisal	3,500.00
Police Department	81,469.00
Fire Department	33,889.00
Care of Trees	314.00
Insurance	22,000.00
Planning & Zoning	2,430.00
Damages & Legal Expenses	3,000.00
Civilian Defense	500.00
Health Dept. (Incl. hospitals & Ambulance)	11,690.00
Town Dump & Garbage Collection	19,591.74
Town Maintenance	53,038.34
Street Lighting	5,832.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	39,900.00
Town Road Aid	1,206.75
Libraries	5,300.00
Town Poor	5,000.00
Old Age Assistance	9,000.00
Patriotic Purposes (Memorial Day, etc.)	2,200.00
Municipal Water - Electric Utilities	17,000.00
Cemeteries	300.00
Hydrant Rental	5,544.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	210.00
Principal - Long Term Notes	10,700.00
Interest - Long Term Notes	2,906.38
Interest on Temporary Loans	5,000.00
Capital Outlay:	
Fire Department	2,500.00
Winni River Basin Project	13,237.19
Bean Hill Rd.	5,000.00
Janestown Rd.	24,000.00
Seal Coating	24,197.25
Bridges	6,000.00
Sewage Eng.	50,000.00
Murray Pk.	5,000.00
Highway Sander	2,600.00
Police Cruiser	4,000.00
Office Furniture	1,000.00
TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATIONS	535,028.35

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS & TAXES, CONTIGUES

Total Appropriations, carried forward 535,028.35

LESS: Estimated Revenues and Credits

Interest and Dividends Tax	4,710.55
Savings Bank Tax	3,169.26
Meals and Rooms Tax	18,987.19
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	1,552.20
Interest Received on Taxes	12,000.00
Interest Received on Deposits	1,300.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	1,300.00
Dog Licenses	1,000.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	41,000.00
Water and Electric Departments	29,000.00
Resident Taxes	19,900.00
Surplus	5,000.00
Revenue Sharing (Contra)	41,989.00
Proceeds of Bonds & Long Term Notes	50,000.00
Highway Subsidy	20,538.61
Race Track	15,200.00
Total Revenues and Credits	<u>266,646.81</u>

Net Town Appropriations	268,381.54
Net School Appropriations	689,460.93
County Tax Assessment	<u>68,498.49</u>

Total of Town, School and County	1,026,240.96
Deduct: Total Bus. Profits Tax Reimbursement	40,118.00
Add: War Service Tax Credits	17,850.00
Add: Overlay	<u>14,097.10</u>

Property Taxes To Be Raised 1,018,170.06

1976 Tax Rate

Town	\$1.47
County	.34
School	<u>3.35</u>
	<u>\$5.16</u>

SUMMARY OF TAX WARRANTS
DR.

	1976	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971	Prior years
Uncollected 12/31/76 ✓							
Property		211,913.90	6,327.39	1,668.00	1,834.00	96.90	
Resident		6,650.00	170.00	40.00	10.00	10.00	
Yield		233.87		71.80			
Committed to Collector							
Property	999,260.34						
Resident	19,900.00						
Yield	1,862.64						
Added Taxes							
Property	6,336.16	2,440.00					
Resident	280.00	660.00					
Yield	1,151.18						
Interest	80.33	9,460.02	351.38				
Penalties		596.00	4.00	1.00			
Overpayment							
Property	70.06	92.50					
Resident	40.00	10.00					
Penalties	1.00	2.00					
Interest		4.16					
Docuage	282.00						
	<u>1,029,311.71</u>	<u>232,062.45</u>	<u>6,852.77</u>	<u>1,780.80</u>	<u>1,844.00</u>	<u>106.90</u>	

SUMMARY OF TAX WARRANTS, CONTINUED
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	1976	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971	Prior years
Remitted to Treasurer							
Property	745,108.51	204,770.69	2,145.98				
Resident	15,190.00	6,000.00	40.00	10.00			
Yield	2,872.08	21.89					
Abatements							
Property	5,720.60	1,501.42	411.06				
Resident	360.00	1,210.00	90.00	30.00	10.00	10.00	
Yield				71.80			
Interest	80.33	9,464.18	351.38				
Penalties	49.00	598.00	4.00	1.00			
Uncollected 12/31/76							
Property	255,129.01	9,172.41	3,770.35	1,668.00	1,834.00	98.90	
Resident	4,670.00	110.00	40.00				
Yield	141.74	211.98					
	<u>1,029,311.71</u>	<u>232,062.45</u>	<u>6,852.77</u>	<u>1,780.80</u>	<u>1,844.00</u>	<u>108.90</u>	
Less Excess Credit	9.56	1.88					
Plus Excess Debits							

I hereby certify that the above report is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Calvin D. Brown, Tax Collector

TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971	1970
Unredeemed						
Dec. 31, 1976 ✓		39,500.98	25,611.09	5,116.78	4,170.68	2,260.00
Tax Sale						
7/30/76	54,753.38					
Interest & Cost	208.37	1,648.59	4,318.74	1,162.13	730.19	274.46
Overpayment						
Tax Sale				150.00		
Interest				46.71		
	<u>54,961.75</u>	<u>41,149.56</u>	<u>29,929.83</u>	<u>6,475.62</u>	<u>4,900.87</u>	<u>2,534.46</u>
			CR.			
Redeemed						
12/31/76	10,148.56	16,563.52	20,475.93	3,963.35	1,458.18	717.52
Interest & Costs	208.37	1,648.59	4,318.74	1,208.84	730.19	274.46
Abated			345.76	500.84	273.99	58.71
Unredeemed						
12/31/76	<u>44,604.82</u>	<u>22,937.46</u>	<u>4,789.40</u>	<u>802.59</u>	<u>2,438.51</u>	<u>1,483.77</u>
	<u>54,961.75</u>	<u>41,149.56</u>	<u>29,929.83</u>	<u>6,475.62</u>	<u>4,900.87</u>	<u>2,534.46</u>

WATER RENT ACCOUNTS
1976

DR.

Uncollected Water Rents 12/31/75	
Belmont District	2,998.19
Winnisquam District	30.95
Added Water Rents	
Belmont District	29,516.07
Winnisquam District	2,923.08
Total	<u>35,468.29</u>

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Remitted to Treasurer	
Belmont District	29,891.43
Winnisquam District	2,904.78
Abated	14.00
Uncollected 12/31/76	
Belmont District	2,608.83
Winnisquam District	49.25
Total	<u>35,468.29</u>

I hereby certify that the above report is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Calvin D. Brown
Town Clerk-Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
1976

Receipts during 1976:

AUTOMOBILE RECEIPTS:

1975 Permits	1,112.53
1976 Permits	56,758.06

DOG LICENSES, including Kennels & Penalties

1975	13.50
1976	1,008.00

RECORDING & DISCHARGING U.C.C FORMS 478.50

MARRIAGE LICENSE 180.00

CERTIFIED COPIES, ETC. 212.50

FILING FEES 12.00

CERT. OF TITLE APPLICATION FEES 919.00

Total receipts 60,694.09

TOTAL REMITTED TO TREASURER 60,694.09

I hereby certify that the above report is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Calvin D. Brown
Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTS

Total Balance, January 1, 1976	218,430.48
Checking Account Balance January 1, 1976	174,716.67
Total Receipts	<u>1,581,294.97</u>
Total Payments	<u>1,756,011.64</u>
Balance December 31, 1976	<u>1,737,979.77</u>
on deposit, Citizens	18,031.87
National Bank	
Savings Account Balance January 1, 1976	1,112.78
Total Receipts	<u>524,634.93</u>
Total Payments	<u>525,747.71</u>
Balance December 31, 1976	<u>450,000.00</u>
on deposit, Peoples	75,747.71
National Bank	
Revenue Sharing Account Balance 1/1/76	41,165.40
Total Receipts	<u>51,543.64</u>
Total Payments	<u>92,709.04</u>
Balance December 31, 1976	<u>41,032.08</u>
on deposit, Peoples	51,676.96
National Bank	
Old Parsonage Fund Balance 1/1/76	716.62
Total Receipts	<u>59.52</u>
Total Payments (Baptist Church)	<u>776.14</u>
Balance December 31, 1976	<u>776.14</u>
	0.00
Escrow Accounts Balance January 1, 1976	719.01
Total Receipts	<u>1,485.28</u>
Total Payments	<u>2,204.29</u>
Balance December 31, 1976	<u>845.44</u>
on Deposit Citizens	1,358.85
National Bank	
Anti-Recession Fund New Account December 1976	
Total Receipts	1,206.00
Total Payments	0.00
Balance December 31, 1976	<u>1,206.00</u>
on Deposit Peoples	
National Bank	
Total Balance December 31, 1976	<u>148,021.39</u>

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS BY TREASURER
January 1, 1976 - December 31, 1976

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Town Officers Salaries	14,251.66
Town Officers Expenses	20,438.90
Election & Registration	2,713.71
Town Hall & Other Buildings	7,914.30
Employees Retirement & Social Security	8,193.68

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

Police Department	86,027.42
Fire Department	33,426.08
Care of Trees	200.00
Insurance	16,866.65
Planning & Zoning	2,427.47
Dog Damage & Legal Expenses	4,796.48
Civil Defense	566.50

HEALTH

Health Dept., including Hospital & Ambulance	15,177.53
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	20,227.83

HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES

Town Maintenance - Winter & Summer	49,503.30
Street Lighting	6,339.19
General Expense of Highway Department	43,179.23
Town Road Aid	1,206.75

LIBRARIES

5,300.00

PUBLIC WELFARE

Town Poor	2,280.62
Old Age Assistance	5,591.45

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

3,700.00

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

Cemeteries	300.00
Hydrant Rentals	5,544.00
Advertising & Regional Association	210.00

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS BY TREASURER, CONTINUED

DEBT SERVICE

Interest on Long Term Notes	2,911.38
Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes (prepaid)	8,688.32

PRINCIPAL OF DEBT

Long Term Notes	10,700.00
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CAPITAL OUTLAY

Fire Department	1,050.00
Winnispeaukee River Basin Project	4,907.22
Bean Hill Road	24,066.21
Jamestown Road	21,271.59
Seal Coating	21,222.82
Bridges	475.00
Murray Park	3,274.00
Highway Sander	2,600.00
Police Cruiser	4,000.00
Office Furniture	98.35
Recreation Areas	43,470.79

REFUNDS	1,956.42
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SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS	698,106.32
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COUNTY TAX	68,498.49
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TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN	54,537.63
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TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES	400,000.00
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REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNT
January 1, 1976 - December 31, 1976

BALANCE - January 1, 1976 41,165.40

RECEIPTS:

U.S. Government	48,550.00	
Interest on Deposits	<u>2,993.64</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>51,543.64</u>
		92,709.04

PAYMENTS:

Fire Dept.	33,426.08	
Fire Dept.	1,006.00	
Highway Sander	2,600.00	
Police Cruiser	<u>4,000.00</u>	
Total Payments		<u>41,032.08</u>

BALANCE IN REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNT 51,676.96

TREASURER'S REPORT OF WATER DEPARTMENT
Statement of Account - General Fund

Balance - January 1, 1976 15,903.66

Cash Receipts:

Water Rents	29,891.43
Services	273.70
Interest	641.65
Sale of Supplies	38.00

Total Receipts	30,844.78
Payroll Taxes Withheld	431.51

31,296.29
47,179.95

Expenditures:

Administration & Legal	707.89
Production	3,958.15
Distribution	3,323.87
Indebtedness	8,800.00
Interest	2,483.88
Equipment	3,949.83
Refunds	7.00
Private Construction	714.44

Total Payments	23,945.06
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Balance - December 31, 1976 23,234.89

Cash on Deposit - Checking Account

Citizen's National Bank	7,234.89
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Certificate of Deposit #1112

and #1217 Laconia Peoples National Bank	10,000.00
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Savings Account

Laconia Peoples National Bank	6,000.00
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23,234.89

TREASURER'S REPORT OF WATER DEPARTMENT
Statement of Account - Winnisquam Division

Balance - January 1, 1976 2,568.26

Cash Receipts:

Water Rents	2,904.78
Services	<u>5.38</u>

Total Receipts	<u>2,910.16</u>
	<u>5,478.42</u>

Expenditures:

Water Rents	1,093.23
Administration & Legal	<u>527.20</u>

Total Payments	<u>1,620.43</u>
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Balance - December 31, 1976 3,857.99

Cash on Deposit - Checking Account

Citizen's National Bank	1,857.99
Savings Account Laconia	
Peoples National Bank	<u>2,000.00</u>

	<u>3,857.99</u>
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TOWN OF BELMONT
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS RECEIPTS 1976

Cash on Hand	
January 1, 1976	1,649.17
Received from Dividends	2,762.37
Received from Interest	1,048.24
Received Capital Gains	24.09
Total	5,483.87

DEBITS

For Care of Lots	1,312.98
From Sargent Funds	1,634.50
Highland Cemetery	407.48
Old Cemeteries	39.25
General Care of So. Road Cemetery	573.46
Total	3,967.67

Balance on hand December 31, 1976	1,516.20
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OLD CEMETERY CASH ACCOUNT

Receipts

January 1, 1976 balance on hand	43.84
May 8 Received from Town	300.00
November 9 Received from Trustees of Trust Funds for care of Electa Currier Lot in Mt. Auburn Cemetery	8.00
Total	<u>351.84</u>

Expenditures

May 1 Herbert Higgins worked in Perkins Cemetery	37.50
May 12 Jerry Torrey worked in Perkins Cemetery	31.50
May 12 Bryson Haddock repair of mower	17.45
May 31 Herbert Higgins mowing in Perkins Cemetery	18.00
May 31 Jerry Torrey mowing in Perkins Cemetery	12.00
June 16 Herbert Higgins mowing in Perkins Cemetery	13.50
June 16 Jerry Torrey mowing in Perkins Cemetery	13.50
July 1 Belmont Hardware gas & oil	5.40
July 31 Herbert Higgins mowing old cemeteries	61.75
August 6 Belmont Hardware gas	<u>2.50</u>
	213.10

Balance on hand December 31, 1976 138.74

TOWN INDEBTEDNESS 1976

Water Works Improvement Bonds

<u>Due</u>	<u>2 3/4%</u>	<u>2 3/8%</u>	<u>4 1/2%</u>	<u>6 1/2%</u>
1977	1,000	1,000	1,800	4,000
1978		1,000	1,800	4,000
1979		1,000	1,800	4,000
1980		1,000	1,800	4,000
1981			1,800	4,000
1982			1,800	3,000
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	1,000	4,000	10,800	23,000

FIRE TRUCKS

<u>Due</u>	<u>Fire Truck 6%</u>
1977	1,900
1978	1,900
1979	<u>1,900</u>
	5,700

BELMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

	1975	1976
Fires and other Emergencies	91	167
Mutual Aid Calls	45	57
Special Services Calls	47	30
Total	202	254
Received outside Assistance	18	29
Total hours on Emergencies	185	371
Total hours on Training	272	286
Total hours Emergencies & Training	506	657
Town Inspections	173	205
Average hours per week - Chief	61	63
Average hours per week - Firefighter		57

This past year as records show has been a very busy year. The men in the department have put in many extra hours on emergencies and training. Some of the reasons for the increase in emergency calls are medical calls -- shows an increase of stove fires (chimney fires etc.). A lot of homes have not installed their wood burning stoves properly -- faulty chimney, too close to walls and partitions which also includes fireplaces.

Again, I urge everyone to be extra cautious on installing and using their stoves and fireplaces. If you have any questions on installation and using stoves call the Fire Department for assistance.

The boys of the department and myself would like to thank you for your help and cooperation this past year.

Robert Bordeau, Chief
Belmont Fire Department

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND DISTRICT CHIEF

Since its beginning in 1893, the State Forestry Department has recognized the fact that forest fire prevention and suppression is a joint state and town or city responsibility. Local authorities recommend names of persons to the State Forester, who appoints one person as town or city fire warden and several other persons as town or city deputy fire wardens to a three year term.

The local forest fire warden controls the kindling of all outside fires, when the ground is not covered with snow, by issuing a written permit for kindling a fire. Permits are only issued at such times and in such places as the fire warden deems as safe.

The State Forest Fire Service trains the local forest fire organization in modern forest fire prevention and suppression tactics. The State also provides backup personnel and equipment for suppression and prevention activities.

The combination of State and local forces has resulted in one of the smallest acreage loss due to forest fires in the United States for the past 20 years.

1976 Forest Fire Statistics

	<u>No. of Fires</u>	<u>No. of Acres</u>
State	746	294
District	172	125 $\frac{1}{4}$
Town	41	3 $\frac{1}{4}$

Richard S. Chase
District Fire Chief

Robert Bordeau
Forest Fire Warden

CIVIL DEFENSE REPORT

This year the Belmont Civil Defense has increased its communications with surrounding towns by purchasing receivers. Also, desks and chairs were purchased for the town office.

This year we hope to increase our readiness in case of emergency. We also have our data up to date.

If any matching funds are available, we are eligible for them.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Harper
Director

WINNISQUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
WINNISQUAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Financial Statement

Fuel		\$1,525.67
Public Service Co.		676.83
New England Telephone		172.90
Department Maintenance		4,087.57
Truck Maintenance		882.00
New Equipment		<u>1,326.62</u>
	Total Spent	<u>\$8,671.59</u>
Balance Town Funds Jan. 1, 1976		297.48
Received Town Funds 1976		<u>6,500.00</u>
	Total	6,797.48
	Total Spent (1976)	
Total Town Funds Deficit		1,874.11

Respectfully submitted,

Robert V. Brooks
Treasurer

BELMONT TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF BELMONT IN THE COUNTY OF BELKNAP, IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

You are hereby notified to meet for the 1977 annual meeting of the Town of Belmont to be holden in two sessions as follows:

FIRST SESSION

The FIRST SESSION shall be holden at the Roland Kimball Auditorium, Shaker Regional High School, Belmont, N.H., on the 8th day of March next, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon and 6:00 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To choose one Selectmen for three years, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years and one Trustee of the Public Library for three years.

SECOND SESSION

The SECOND SESSION shall be holden at the Roland Kimball Auditorium, Shaker Regional High School, Belmont, N.H., on the 12th day of March next at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To hear and act upon the reports of committees.
2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of the collection of taxes for the current municipal year and to issue in the name of and on the credit of the Town, negotiable notes therefor, said notes to be repaid during the current municipal year.
3. To see what the Town will vote to do with the income from the John M. Sargent Fund.
4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to refinance and/or renew any loans which may become due during the current municipal year.

5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction and convey real property acquired by the Town by Tax Collector's deed.
6. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Town or the Police Department to accept any available Federal or State Funds and Grants it may be eligible to receive during 1977.
7. To see what action the Town will take upon the Budget as recommended by the Budget Committee.
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,532.00 for the reconstruction of Durrell Mountain Road.
9. To see if the Town will vote to permit greyhound racing on Sundays during 1977 at the Lakes Region Greyhound Club facility in the Town.
10. To see if the Town will vote to enact the following ordinance entitled, "Camping Ordinance":
 - I. There shall be no camping on private or public property in the town of Belmont, except in approved camping grounds. This ordinance shall not apply to persons camping on their own property, or to relatives of the owner camping on the owner's property with permission.
 - II. Penalty. Any person or persons violating any provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be penalized the same as for a violation under the Criminal Code of N.H.
11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 for the salary in 1977 for a town engineer, who shall be appointed by the Selectmen.
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be paid into the capital reserve fund for public works and fire protection equipment.
13. Withdrawn
14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for additional reconstruction of Shaker Road.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000.00 for the purpose of re-appraisal of the real estate in the Town for tax assessment purposes, the appraisal to be performed by appraisers approved by the State Tax Commission and selected by the Selectmen after receipt of bids for the re-appraisal project.
16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,000.00 for renovations to the Town Hall.
17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,000.00 for the purchase of a new dump truck for the highway department with the trade-in of one of the Town's International dump trucks.
18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,522.20 for the purchase of two new cruisers for the police department with the trade of two present police cruisers.
19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for the purchase of a service vehicle for the fire department with trade of its present one-half ton Ford pick-up truck.
20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$51,543.64 for the following purposes:

Fire Dept. Operating Expense	\$35,623.38
Highway Dept. Operating Expense	\$15,920.26

and to authorize the withdrawal of \$51,543.64 for the above purposes from the Revenue Sharing Fund, established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972, as amended.

21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,206.00 for clerical help in the Town offices, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$1,206.00 from the Anti-Recession Fund for such purpose.
22. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 76, Section 15-b relating to the semi-annual collection of real estate taxes.
23. To see if the Town will vote to designate and

authorize the Board of Selectmen to be a franchising authority as provided in Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 53-C.

24. To see if the Town will vote to amend paragraph 7 of Chapter VII, of the Town Ordinances, entitled Traffic Rules and Regulations by adding thereto the words, "except that any person violating paragraph 6, subsections (a) through (g), shall be fined two dollars", so that as amended said paragraph 7 shall read as follows:
 7. Penalty. Any person violating any provision of this Chapter, shall, upon conviction, be penalized the same as for a violation under the Criminal Code of New Hampshire, except that any person violating paragraph 6, subsections (a) through (g), shall be fined two dollars.
25. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Ordinance:

Snow travelling vehicles. No person shall operate a snow travelling vehicle upon a public highway. Any person violating this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be penalized as for a violation under the Criminal Code of New Hampshire.
26. To see if the Town will vote to designate Jamestown Road a scenic road as provided for in Chapter 253 of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated. This ordinance shall be supervised by the Belmont Planning Board (By Petition).
27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$353.26 for the continuation of services to the low income and elderly residents of the Town of Belmont through the Laconia Area Center of the Community Action Program, Belknap/Merrimack Counties, Inc. (By Petition).
28. To see if the Town will vote to make the office of Road Agent elective rather than appointive beginning with the Annual Town Meeting in 1978 (By Petition).
29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a street light be installed on Perkins Road opposite the mobile home belonging to Mrs. R. Melville. The approximate cost of this installation would be

\$69.00 (By Petition).

30. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following resolution:

We, the voters of Belmont, New Hampshire hereby record our opposition to any location of the Laconia-Franklin By-Pass according to the proposed souther route, so-called, which would erode the property tax base of the Town of Belmont and adversely affect the interest of its citizens.

31. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.
32. To see if the Town will vote to adjourn the annual meeting until April 16, 1977, at 1:00 P.M. at the Roland Kimball Auditorium, Shaker Regional High School, Belmont, N.H. for the purpose of taking action on and to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$169,855.83 for dump and garbage removal, and solid waste disposal.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEAL THIS 21st DAY OF FEBRUARY, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVEN.

Louis Wuelper
John Dominic
Romeo Clairmont
Selectmen of Belmont

A true copy of warranty - attest:

Louis Wuelper
John Dominic
Romeo Clairmont
Selectmen of Belmont

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING BY SELECTMEN

We hereby certify that on the 21st day of February, 1977, we posted attested copies of the within warrant at the Town Hall, Shaker Regional High School, being place of meeting within specified, and a like copy at Farmers Market, a public place in said Town.

Louis Wuelper
John Dominic
Romeo Clairmont
Selectmen of Belmont

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BELMONT

Purpose of Appropriation	Appropriations Previous Year	Recommended 1977 (1977-78)	Budget Committee	
			Submitted Without	Recommendation
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:				
Town Officers' Salaries	14,352.50	27,666.42		
Town Officers' Expenses	20,420.20	19,000.00		
Election & Registration Expenses	2,000.00	1,000.00		5,000.00
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	7,700.00	5,500.00		
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	11,550.00	9,500.00		
Appraisals	3,500.00	3,500.00		
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY:				
Police Department	81,469.00	86,540.62		
Fire Department	33,889.00	35,623.38		
Care of Trees	314.00	250.00		
Insurance	22,000.00	16,000.00		
Planning & Zoning	2,430.00	2,440.00		
Damages & Legal Expense	3,000.00	4,000.00		
Civil Defense	500.00	300.00		
HEALTH DEPARTMENT:				
Sewer		500.00		
Hospitals & Ambulance	11,690.00	11,990.00		
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	19,591.74	19,855.83		

HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES:

Town Maintenance - Summer & Winter	53,038.34	58,615.50
Street Lighting	5,832.00	6,500.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	39,900.00	43,775.00
Town Road Aid	1,206.75	1,200.63

LIBRARIES:

	5,300.00	6,700.00
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PUBLIC WELFARE:

Town Poor	5,000.00	5,000.00
Old Age Assistance	9,000.00	7,000.00

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Memorial Day, Etc.	2,200.00	850.00
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RECREATION

		500.00
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PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:

Municipal Water - Electric Utilities	17,000.00	19,155.63
Cemeteries	300.00	300.00
Hydrant Rental	5,544.00	5,544.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	210.00	216.00

DEBT SERVICE:

Principal & Long Term Notes & Bonds	10,700.00	9,700.00
Interest - Long Term Notes & Bonds	2,906.38	2,386.37
Interest on Temporary Loans	5,000.00	10,000.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY:

Shaker Road	20,000.00
Equipment	5,025.00
Winnepesaukee River Basin	2,495.68
Revaluations (outlay 1976)	45,000.00
Murray Park	2,000.00
Sewerage Engineering Collectors System	13,000.00
Renovation Town Hall Phase I	22,000.00
Durrell Mt. Road	19,532.00
2 Police Cruisers, Trade	9,522.20
Fire Department, Vehicle	4,000.00
Payment to Capital Reserve Funds	10,000.00
Seal Coating & West View	15,000.00
Bridges	1,500.00
Highway Truck	14,000.00
Radio Highway Dept.	995.00
Solid Waste Disposal	150,000.00
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TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	755,179.26
	535,028.35

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenue Fiscal Year 1977(1977-78)
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FROM STATE:

Interest & Dividends Tax	4,500.00	4,710.55	4,700.00
Savings Bank Tax	2,500.00	3,169.26	3,200.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	18,000.00	20,012.53	20,000.00
Highway Subsidy (CL.IV & V)	20,538.00	21,465.24	20,447.09
Reim. A/C Business Profits Tax (Town Portion)	9,598.00	10,078.00	10,000.00

FROM LOCAL SOURCES:

Dog Licenses	1,100.00	1,013.50	
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	800.00	1,810.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	39,000.00	57,870.00	58,000.00
Interest on Taxes & Deposits	15,000.00	20,510.05	20,000.00
National Bank Stock Taxes		10.00	
Resident Taxes Retained	17,500.00	21,240.00	20,000.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	500.00	2,893.97	2,500.00
Sale of Town Property	500.00		500.00
Income from Departments - Police	3,000.00	10,572.00	2,000.00
Highway	1,000.00		
Miscellaneous		1,050.00	800.00
Income from Municipal Utilities - Water Dept.	29,000.00		29,000.00
Bond & Note Issues (Contra)Collectors System	50,000.00		
Solid Waste			150,000.00

SOURCES OF REVENUE, CONTINUED

SURPLUS

Anti-Recession Fund

1,206.00

FROM FEDERAL SOURCES:

Outdoor Recreation

1,304.38

Revenue Sharing

51,543.64

Racing Fees, Dog Track

15,200.00

45,000.00
20,000.00

TOTAL REVENUES

281,276.90

245,659.12

406,147.09

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Leslie Roberts, Chairman

Julia C. Perkins

Mark A. Mooney

David Ricard, Jr.

Rodney Pearl

James F. Rhodes

Leo J. Alger

Kenneth Ellis

Wilson S. Mansfield

WINNISQUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

Total number of emergency calls - 87
Seventeen were Mutual Aid calls

These calls were in the following towns:

Belmont	27
Meredith	1
Sanbornton	22
Tilton	27

Types of calls:

Rescue & Vehicle Fires	23
Residential	24
Commercial	3
Stand-by & Cover	13
False Alarms	3
Chimney	12
Electrical	2
Brush Fires	7

The trucks were operated 1225 miles

Total man hours spent - 1674

The present fire equipment consists of the following:

- 1 1968 International with 750 gallon pump & 1000 gallon tank
- 1 1952 GMC with 500 gallon pump & 600 gallon tank
- 1 1958 Van type rescue truck
- 1 Restored Government 10 wheel truck 350 gallon pump 275 gallon tank

There are thirty-four (34) volunteer firemen enrolled in the department. Regular meetings are held monthly with officers' meetings and drills held regularly. Many members attended Fire Schools, held in the area.

The annual Carole Davis Memorial Christmas Party was held in December, with many local children attending.

All of the equipment is being constantly improved, to bring it up to current standards of the fire fighting service.

Annual fund raising events, such as Bingo, dances, suppers etc. have been held throughout the year.

Our number of emergency calls is increasing each year, requiring additional expenses, for maintenance and repairs. The proposed budget is up nearly sixty percent (60%) for 1977. This large increase is partly due to our increased coverage, but mostly because of a vain attempt to hold the line on inflationary costs for several years, in not asking

WINNISQUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. CONTINUED

for annual increases in our income appropriations from the towns supporting our department.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy S. Ruggles, Clerk
Winnisquam Fire Department

BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Trustees Report - January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand December 31, 1975		3,613.30
Town Appropriation	5,300.00	
Duffy Library Trust	650.00	
Hall Rental	80.00	
Fines, Fees, Reimbursements and Donations	<u>29.00</u>	
Sub Total		<u>6,059.00</u> 9,672.30

DISBURSEMENTS

Librarian-Evelyn C. Morse	2,735.76	
Town Treasurer, Federal Taxes Witheld (total salary \$3,000)	264.24	
Books and Subscriptions	1,067.79	
Janitorial Service	540.00	
Substitute Librarian	60.45	
Library Supplies	93.90	
Janitorial Supplies	24.39	
Fuel	941.69	
Utilities	489.28	
Insurance	201.60	
Repairs and Maintenance	408.67	
Miscellaneous	<u>42.57</u>	
Balance on hand December 31, 1976		<u>6,870.34</u> 2,801.96

Respectfully submitted,

Wallace P. Rhodes
Helen M. Hill
Carrie W. Cushing, Trustees

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

Circulation 1976:

Non-fiction	
Adults	1173
Juvenile	1341
Fiction	
Adults	2630
Juvenile	3433
Magazines	1004
Records	<u>72</u>
Total	9653

The State Library Bookmobile came three times during 1976 and we borrowed a total of 729 books. Through the State Library we borrowed 49 books on inter-library loan. We borrowed 59 books from the Laconia Library. A total of 127 books were added to the collection. In addition, the purchase of a selection of 167 paperback books for the junior section has proved to be very popular. A new set of the Book of Popular Science was purchased with the old set being allowed to circulate. The Lochmere Woman's Club gave the library a copy of "A History of Lochmere New Hampshire" which was a Bicentennial project of the club. Mrs. Suzanne Roberts gave the library a copy of "Perspectives '76" which contains all kinds of information on colonial N.H. & Vt.

On April 30th ceremonies were held on the library grounds at which time Belmont became a Bicentennial Community. The Bicentennial flag was flown on the library flag pole for the remainder of the Bicentennial year. Two first grade classes visited to learn about the library and to hear a story. We again had a display of poetry by Mrs. Virginia Colby's fourth grade class during National Poetry Week. This year the class came to the library and each student read his/her poem for several parents who also came.

1976 was a busy year at the library with a substantial increase in circulation and many new borrowers. 1977 will be the 50th anniversary year of the construction of the library building and we look forward to continuing to serve the community.

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn C. Morse, Librarian

REPORT OF THE BELMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976

This has been a year of transition for your Police Department. Earl M. Sweeney, who had served eighteen (18) years with the Belmont Police Department, the last fourteen (14) as Chief, resigned to accept the position of Assistant Director of Motor Vehicles.

Sgt. Robert Dawes was promoted to Chief of Police by unanimous vote of the Board of Selectmen after successful completion of the police chief examination, administered by the State Department of Personnel.

Chief Dawes has been with the police department for six (6) years. With previous experience with the Tilton and Laconia Police Departments, he now has ten (10) years of law enforcement experience.

Senior Patrolman, Michael McCarty, was promoted to the rank of Sergeant after receiving the highest mark on the written examination administered by the State Department of Personnel. Sgt. McCarty has been with the department for five (5) years.

The resignation of Earl Sweeney left the police department one man short. To bring the department back to full strength, Kirkman Cassavaugh, Jr. was appointed full time patrolman. Officer Cassavaugh brought the department back to full strength. He started as a cadet with the department in 1972.

Officer Cassavaugh has since completed the six week New Hampshire Police Academy, as is required by law. He expects to receive an associate degree in Criminal Justice at St. Anselm's in May 1977.

Richard P. Bertolami served as an additional patrolman during the summer. George Smith Jr. and Brenda Jackson worked as summer cadets. All were on programs funded with Crime Commission grants.

Motorcycle weekend, again, caused much apprehension as national sanction was returned to the event. Thanks to cooperation between our department, those of neighboring towns, the Sheriff's Department and State Police, the weekend went off without major incident.

Recent changes in the juvenile laws have tied the hands of the police, parents, schools and courts. As a result the Belmont Police Department has handled increasing juvenile problems. Amendments have been proposed that would strengthen the authority over juvenile offenders.

REPORT OF THE BELMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT CONTINUED

It is hoped that the amendment will be enacted during the 1977 legislative year. Much public support, however, will be needed in this effort.

Two fatal motor vehicle accidents were investigated during the year. One, a hit and run, resulted in the arrest of a juvenile on a charge of leaving the scene of a personal injury accident.

In other cases during the year, police action solved burglaries at the Johnston residence on North Main, Penny's Market, Torrey's Laundry and Laconia Auto Wrecking. Also solved were several incidents of vandalism and a racket for defrauding stores at the Belknap Mall.

Our thanks to the Selectmen, Budget Committee, and the townspeople for their continual cooperation during the year. A special thanks to former Chief Sweeney for his many years past service and his able assistance during the transition period.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Dawes
Chief of Police

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1976
ANALYSIS OF DAILY COMPLAINTS

Criminal	1,312
Non-Criminal	1,613
	2,925

(16.7% over 1975, down 7.2%)

AUTO ACCIDENTS

FataIs	2
Personal Injury.....	42
Property Damage	102
	146

(up 200%, 180%, down 5.4%)

Persons injured in accidents57

Value property stolen locally	\$41,794.19
Property recovered by police action	31,932.36

ARRESTS, SUMMONSES, & LICENSE SUSPENSIONS*

Adults	292
Juveniles	119
	411

*Included 291 criminal, 120 motor vehicle, 334 males and 77 females.

OTHER DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

Warnings Issued	816
D.E. Tags.....	353
Checkups	826
Aid to Motorists	371
Doors Secured	337
Aid to Other Departments	196
Abandoned Vehicles Checked	360
Streetlights Out Recorded	46
Court Attended	72

1975 ACTIVITY COMPARISON

	<u>BELMONT</u>	<u>GILFORD</u>	<u>TILTON</u>	<u>MEREDITH</u>
Fulltime	6	12	9	10
Population	3200	5165	2579	2904
Sq. Miles	39.8	50.9	22.0	55.2
Arrests	514	599	unk	866
Accidents	119	220	154	156
Calls	2856	4358	3694	3800
Per Employee	581.50	398.23	427.55	482.20

1976 COST COMPARISON

	<u>BELMONT</u>	<u>GILFORD</u>	<u>TILTON</u>	<u>MEREDITH</u>
Budget	\$79,469	\$151,000	\$105,000	\$99,660
Cost Per Activity	\$ 22.77	\$ 29.16	\$ 27.28	\$20.66
Cost Per Capita	\$26.44	\$ 29.23	\$ 40.71	\$34.31

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

1976

Total number of dogs taken in87
Number of dogs returned to owners45
Number of dogs disposed of for owners 2
Number of injured or dead dogs disposed of 3
Number of dogs kept 10 days and disposed of32
Other 5
Number of cats disposed of 4
Phone calls answered - complaints, etc.106

New Hampshire Laws Chapter 466 RSA reads that all dog owners must license their dogs on or before April 30th if dog is three (3) months old or older and wears a license tag. There is a \$1.00 penalty if not paid before June 1st 466:7. Whoever keeps a dog contrary to the provisions of Chapter 466 RSA, may forfeit as much as \$15.00 to the city or town in which dog is kept 466:13. Licenses and tags are available from the Town Clerk.

The dog ordinance of May 10, 1973, provides that after that date, any dog found running at large off the property of its owner will be impounded and the owner must pay a fee for picking the dog up. He will be warned for the first violation, but subject to a court appearance and a fine of up to \$25.00 for subsequent offenses. The dog officer continues to impound far too many dogs - at the expense to the town of Belmont. Therefore, in the future, N.H. laws and town dog ordinance will be strictly enforced by local authorities.

Aime J. Bourque
Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE HEALTH OFFICER FOR 1976

The Health Department has been rather quiet for the past year, except for one pollution problem that has been corrected. This particular problem was the largest cost to the town, and in my opinion, this cost was totally unnecessary due to the fact we had certified engineers from the State as well as private engineers that worked on the problem. The owner of the property, State Officials, as well as myself, were harassed by individuals as well as one town official.

The reason I am bringing this to your attention, is that action by any individual against any department within the town before getting their facts straight, is a cost to every taxpayer within the town.

As you are aware, there is a \$10.00 inspection fee for all new sewage systems as well as complete replacements. Two dollars of this money stays in the town treasury. What this all means, is that with all the systems installed last year, your health department has little effect if any in the town budget, and luckily defrayed the cost of the above mentioned problem.

New homes constructed within the town seems to be on the increase once again, and with this in mind, it appears the budget of the Health Department should remain fairly stable for the next year, at least.

If we keep working together as a community, we will remain "The Best Town by a Dam Site."

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Stevens
Health Officer

REPORT OF THE ROAD AGENT

The year 1976 has been a busy one for us. Soon after the annual meeting, during the mud season, the Galion Grader broke down and we had to use the York rake to work the roads. As soon as the grader was returned, we graded all the dirt roads and applied waste oil for dust control. Brush was cut on the Jamestown Rd., the road was staked out in preparation for coming construction. Brush was also cut on the South Rd., Hurricane Rd., Brown Hill and a number of other places so stop signs could be erected.

We extended the underground drain at the Town Shed 120 feet to pick up and drain a culvert running across Sargent St. which was creating a problem of flooding.

Bean Hill construction project was let out to Leslie Roberts who was the low bidder and he started work during the month of June. The highway department seeded and mulched the banks and slopes as construction was in progress.

We installed an overflow pipe near the Wareing Road Bridge, thereby nearly completing the repair work for the bridge. The channel of the brook still has to be dredged. A few minor repairs were also made on the Union Bridge and also the Jamestown Bridge by repairing a hole in the deck and replacing three concrete posts for the guard rails.

The town dump was pushed back and fill hauled in, as was needed throughout the year.

The Manpower program supplied us with two (2) boys and a man during July when the regular crew was on vacation. Brush was picked up and hauled away and the streets and paved roads were swept to prepare them for seal coating.

Bean Hill Road was shaped up and asphalt was applied during August. A State of New Hampshire grader was hired to help with this asphaltting job. The Jamestown Road job was awarded to Raymond Huckins for 2,000 feet of construction. This job was completed during October.

Two thousand (2,000) feet of the Shaker Road has now been completed and asphalted. The banks were loamed, seeded and mulched and stone was placed in ditches to prevent washing out of the sandy soil in that area.

The latter part of October was spent in seal coating. We hired a third truck and were able to cover more miles in a day. A little over fifteen (15) miles of road was seal coated including the South, Jamestown, Union, Hurricane, Shaker, Leavitt and Bishop Road, as well as North Main St. and Church St.

REPORT OF THE ROAD AGENT, CONTINUED

Because of a legal technicality, Durrell Mountain Road remains for 1977.

A two (2) year Payment Marking Demonstration Program, involving center lining on rural roads, at no cost to the town, was applied for and center lines were put on some of our roads.

Because of the below normal cold weather which came early and stayed with us, icing conditions have been very serious. We used 339 tons of rock salt to help control the ice and to stockpile.

This being my last year as an elective official, I wish to thank everyone who supported me during my twenty (20) years of service as Road Agent. From now on, the job will be an appointed position instead of elective. I would like to thank all the Town Officials, the Police and Fire Departments for their cooperation during the past years. A special salute to Peter Vachon and James Marden who have been with us for twelve (12) years.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold L. Reed
Road Agent

BELMONT PLANNING BOARD REPORT

During the year 1976, the Belmont Planning Board had three of its members resign due to health problems or the pressure of business. We regret the leaving of Alfred Sawicki, Cedric Witham and Theodore L. Cate, Jr. These men were dedicated to serving the board by giving of their time and talents to making Belmont a better place in which to live.

William Ekberg was elected Chairman to replace Theodore L. Cate, Jr. who in the year 1975 instituted a number of concepts which has greatly helped the board to efficiently carry out its duties. The formation of the Support Committee has been of great value to the Planning Board in relieving it of the necessary preliminary work on subdivisions. The Support Committee chaired by Richard Baillie meets once a month and the members of the committee have contributed of their talents to a better understanding of the subdivisions that they review. We wish to thank these men for the time and knowledge that they have contributed to the successful operation of the Planning Board.

During the year the Board has spent most of its time working with people who have requested subdivisions. It is the feeling of the Board that the majority of the people applying for a subdivision appreciated the manner in which their application was processed and that they received helpful information concerning their subdivision.

The public hearings held prior to the decisions of the Planning Board provided valuable information to the Board and also gives an opportunity for the abutters to a proposed subdivision to voice their opinions concerning the impact on their land and the Town of Belmont.

Meetings held	16
Total hours of meetings	43 1/3
People seeking information	26
Public hearings	16
Subdivisions approved	20

William Ekberg, Chairman
Whitman Ide
Leslie E. Roberts
Richard Baillie
Denis Dupis
Mark Mirski

REPORT OF WATER DEPARTMENT

We have made daily inspections of the reservoir and both wells and pumps.

Our standby gas engine at #2 pumping station is given a short test run each month.

We have a problem with our recording gauge at our new pumping station, but believe we can take care of it with our own personnel.

We are still on a program of flushing all hydrants full flow to remove silt from our mains. Have improved the flow from most hydrants and hope for more improvement from continued flushing.

We had our new well and pump cleaned and reconditioned last spring. Am pleased to report that this work brought this well back to capacity and efficiency it showed when first put into service. Pumping costs were also considerably reduced.

All hydrants are inspected periodically during the winter months to make sure they are not frozen.

When necessary snow is cleared from all hydrants in Belmont Village by the Belmont Fire Department and hydrants on the Belknap Mall are cleared by the Winnisquam Fire Department.

All hydrants including those at Belknap Mall have been painted.

We have laid three new services during the year, and have set six new meters. Total number of service on the Belmont system is 335.

The Belmont Water Department and the Winnisquam Division of the Belmont Water Department are managed by a Board of five (5) water Commissioners directly responsible to the Board of Selectmen.

Present Commissioners are: Lawrence Clairmont, Sr., Ronald Mitchell, Cedric Witham, Richard Burpee, and Theodore Cate, Sr. Chairman.

Lawrence Clairmont, Sr.,
Superintendent

BELMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION
ANNUAL REPORT

During most of 1976, the Conservation Commission held meetings on the third Friday of every month. Three evenings were devoted to outside speakers. At its May meeting, the Commission was addressed by Mr. Clement Lyon of the Soil Conservation Service who suggested a Wet Land Ordinance either for this year or next. In July the speaker was Mr. Malcolm Taylor from the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions who summarized the legal responsibilities in such diverse activities as ownership of land for the benefit of the town, acquisition of scenic easements and the handling of dredge and fill applications. In December, Mr. Frederick Spafford from the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development spoke on land acquisition procedures by means of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation process by which the owner is given compensation of 50% of the appraised value as determined by a State and B.O.R. approved appraiser.

The Conservation Commission has attempted to locate landowners who might be interested in "donating" land to the town with the 50% stipulation. Rather than undertake a Wet Lands Ordinance in the near future, it is proposed to contact owners of extensive marsh land to see if conservation and preservation for public enjoyment rather than extremely costly reclamation for possible development would be an attractive alternative.

Members of the Commission attended the "State-of-the-Art" workshop on lake management and pollution control sponsored by the Lakes Region Planning Commission on May 20th and 21st and the annual meeting of the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions on November 6th. The Commission is seeking answers to serious environmental problems that will not either infringe on the rights of owners of property or deter the normal growth of the Town.

We invite your comments and suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

Blake M. Loring, Chairman
Stanley Hill
Judy Pilliod
Janice Hanson
Lillian Loring
Roscoe Twombly

BELMONT RECREATION COMMISSION

Your Recreation Commission has just completed a very successful year in relationship to accomplishments and a first for the Town of Belmont. This was done with the help of many, especially Mr. Nelson, Mr. Clement Lyons, and all the staff of the US Soil Conservation Service and RC&D whom were the majority in funding as far as the complete drainage, engineering and installation is concerned. Without it the project would never of gotten off the ground because of the excessive above and below ground waters making it a waste land. With their portion of the project done, we were able to proceed with the balance of the project, the project being dedicated August 14, 1976, Old Home Day as, "The John M. Sargent Park & Playground", the area approximately three acres, in the center of town behind the Belmont Fire Station.

We received approximately \$20,000.00 from the US Flood Control. Also \$27,500.00 from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, a federal sponsored program. The area contains a double tennis court, double basketball court, a double horseshoe pit, a skating rink, covered barbecue pit, hydrant for flooding the skating rink in the winter, slide, swings, spring animals and also a park at one end with tables and benches and a grouping of cookout stoves, trees were set out approximately forty evergreens. The area was completely fenced in with chain link fence etc. A paved parking lot and walk way down through the area. It is a much needed facility for the towns youth as well as the adults. All the individuals involved in a major way, contractors, etc., were by a previous vote of the town meeting, March 1976, presented a colored aerial photograph of the area in appreciation of a job well done by the Town of Belmont.

We would like to thank all the users of the area this past year, for their concern and keeping it clean, etc.

A big thanks to the youth of the town for the excellent manner in which they helped on the project and used it and took care of it the first year and there has been no vandalism of any kind.

The other recreational project at Pout Pond, Murray Park has gained in development. We have the parking lot just about finished. The Army Reserve roughed it out for us and then we had the water put in for the bath house, graveled the parking lot and also put down a layer of crushed bank run and put berms around the area to prevent erosion etc. We have opened up the beach perimeter of the pond with a road for picnicing, etc. We are very pleased to have gained this much this year. Here again, the youth

BELMONT RECREATION COMMISSION CONTINUED

of the Town of Belmont this past year kept this area free of trash and vandalism and had a good time, their indication of appreciation of the towns efforts is greatly appreciated.

Once again, the Belmont Recreation Commissioners would like to say, thanks to all!

Arthur Horan, Chairman
James Rhodes
Gerd Smock
Nelson Currin
Richard Desruisseaux

REPORT OF THE SEWER COMMISSION

The town's Tioga River has for many years been receiving pollution from domestic and industrial sources with negligible effect on the river's downstream water quality.

With the increase in population and manufacturing pressures the natural balance of the river which prevailed, for many years could no longer be sustained causing the Tioga River quality to diminish.

The legislative branch of state government recognized the need to prevent runaway and blatant pollution problems which other surrounding states had suffered and passed legislative bill RSA:149 effective July 1, 1967 to prevent the degradation of our rivers and lakes. The town leaders recognized the trend of the state as well as the needs of the town and established a sewer district in October of 1967. The sewer district boundaries conformed to the existing water district area.

On July 15, 1968 the Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission issued the town an order to abate the pollution of the Tioga River. It then became a reality that some action had to be taken to comply with the official order to stop polluting. The elected officials of the sewer district procured grant funds of \$11,960.65 from Housing & Urban Development Administration to initiate a facility plan study performed by Fenton Keyes Associated Consulting Engineers. The purpose of the study was to define the pollution parameters and to make recommendation for their correction and cost. The facility plan was completed November 1970 and presented to the town for implementation. According to the requirement of that time, each town was to provide individual sewage disposal plants to process all collected sewage. However, in 1972, two years after the town facility plan was completed, McGuire Associates made a regional study recommending a regional sewage collection and disposal plan.

The state legislature passed bill RSA:149G creating the Winnepesaukee River Basin Control project to design and construct the regional collection and disposal system recommended by the McGuire report.

With the advent of the regional plan, it became apparent to the town leaders that the sewer district would not have the authority to deal with any collection system outside its existing boundaries and to change the boundaries to suit its purpose would only require constant changes as the requirements for additional sewer collector systems increased. An article was introduced in the Town warrant

REPORT OF THE SEWER COMMISSION CONTINUED

on March 6, 1976 Town meeting and unanimously passed creating a Town Sewer Commission under RSA:252, thereafter the sewer district was promptly abolished.

The new Sewer Commission set out to keep in pace with the on going design and construction of the Winnepesaukee River Basin Project. The Commission interviewed several qualified consulting Engineering firms and chose the Environmental Engineers Inc. to update the 1970 Fenton Keys facility plan and to proceed with the design of the town interceptors, laterals and pumping stations. A contract was signed on September 21, 1976 by the Sewer Commission with Environmental Engineers Inc. for a sum of approximately \$200,000.00. An Environmental Protection Agency grant would cover 75% of the total cost or \$150,000.00, the state contribution would cover 20% of the cost or \$40,000.00 and the town share for the design would amount to \$10,000.00.

The completion of all the design work by Environmental Engineers Inc. is scheduled for June of 1977.

The towns future construction schedule for the designed sewer lines cannot be set with any exactness at this time. The Commission is projecting that construction may start in 1979 or 1980.

Yours respectfully,

George Condodemetraky P.E., Chairman
Richard Fournier P.E.
Robert Hawkins

BELMONT DISPOSAL COMMITTEE REPORT 1976

Your disposal committee has been very active this past year, continuing the search for a suitable land fill site. We have been to meetings with other towns, initiated by Laconia, whom as usual is not sincere in there efforts towards cooperation with all other towns in the area on this mutual problem of waste disposal. The general feeling anyway is for the Town of Belmont to go it alone. We then have better control over the cost and action of the area proposed, and would gain nothing by participating with Laconia.

We have contacted numerous owners over the past three years who own land that is suitable for a land fill site and have not gotten anywhere with them. We finally made contact with the Parent Brothers of Belmont who recently purchased a piece of land and have given their consent for the Town of Belmont only to use it for a land fill site if approved by the State Solid Waste. The area is approved by the State, thus the operational plan has to be submitted for approval. The year 1977 will be the year of decision for Belmont as time has run out.

Arthur Horan, Chairman
Belmont Recreation Commission

BELMONT ENGINEERING NEEDS COMMITTEE

In considering the need for engineering assistance, we have dealt with a number of pertinent factors. These include:

1. The existing engineering tasks being performed by private engineers working for hire or contributing time to the town.
 - a. For example: the layout and design of town highways and bridges, water works projects and town buildings.
2. Existing marginal engineering tasks that are being performed by non engineers in departmental capacities.
 - a. Examples would be the inspection of septic systems and public building inspection.
3. Evident engineering tasks that are not now being completed by anyone.
 - a. A primary example would be inspection of soils, roads and lot layout in subdivisions.
4. The reaction of current and past town officials to these needs and how they can be met.
5. Current advise from regional and state planning groups in dealing with these needs.
6. Observation of other towns' systems for meeting their engineering needs.

In other area towns engineering needs are being met generally in one of two ways. One is to contract with a consulting firm for the completion of pure engineering tasks. The second is to acquire the services of a full time engineer who may or may not have a "Professional" designation. In the case of the latter, the full time man usually is involved as an executive assistant to the Board of Selectmen serving as a director of public works.

Belmont has needs that fall in the area of pure engineering and administration. These include:

- A. Engineering
 1. Layout and design town needs

BELMONT ENGINEERING NEEDS COMMITTEE CONTINUED

2. Inspect and design repairs and improvements to bridges
3. Inspect drainage and design improvements
4. Septic system inspection for compliance with regulations
5. Building inspection
6. Review subdivision plans for technical acceptability
7. On site subdivision inspection for soils, roads and lot design
8. Technical assistance to Water and other town departments
9. Preliminary work on town sewerage system
10. Special Projects (e.g. Solid wastes)

B. Administration

1. Plan work and oversee highway department
2. Assist Planning Board as technician
3. Prepare requests for Federal Funds
4. Serve selectmen as administrative assistant in capacity as director of public works.

Towns which have had the apparent greatest success in meeting the combined engineering and administrative task requirements have been fortunate finding men who have retired at an early age for other engineering and administrative jobs. These men are being employed at salaries ranging from \$15,000 to \$18,000. Realistically, however, it is going to be difficult to find an individual capable of performing both engineering and administrative tasks who will work for less than \$18,000 to \$22,000.

The committee believes that it is premature to recommend an expenditure of \$18,000 to acquire engineering services. We recommend that the town appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for fiscal 1977 to be used in acquiring engineering assistance on a consulting basis to perform necessary pure engineering tasks. This is recognized as an interim solution. During the period that consultant engineers are utilized, the needs as they relate to the relative cost of consultative vs. full time engineering, should be under constant review.

It is necessary to emphasize that this committee has dealt with engineering needs and has only concerned itself peripherally with administrative needs as they relate to combined duties in other towns. Although we submit the foregoing recommendation, we are aware of a concurrent need for the Selectmen to have administrative assistance to deal with an ever increasing work load.

BELMONT ENGINEERING NEEDS COMMITTEE, CONTINUED

If the Budget Committee recommends and the townspeople approve an expenditure to acquire administrative assistance for the Selectmen, then every effort should be made to obtain the services of an individual who combines the talents necessary to handle both engineering and administrative duties in a full time capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Roberts
Woodbury Fogg
George Condodematraky
Robert LaCroix
Royal W. Smith, Jr.

REPORT OF THE PROPERTY TAX REASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

This committee was created by a resolution passed at the 1976 Town Meeting "to bring in recommendations regarding reappraisal of all properties to the 1977 Town Meeting and Budget Committee."

The members were appointed by the Moderator.

We held ten (10) study meetings. As a result our vote was 3 to 1 to recommend reassessment.

A Public Hearing was held on February 17, 1977 so that reassessment might be clarified by questions presented.

Our findings were presented to the Budget Committee.

An article appears in the Warrant regarding reassessment.

A greatly expanded report has been prepared copies of which are available at the Town Hall. This report contains a minority viewpoint.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris LaDuke
Richard Baillie
Seth Keller
Ken Ellis

WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN REPORT

This summer Belmont residents could see construction of the Winnisquam Interceptor proceed along the railroad bed. This winter, bids are being opened for other sections of construction, including the regional sewage treatment plant to be located in Franklin. The system which was an idea in 1972, is a reality today and is expected to be completed on schedule in 1980. Encouragingly, every bid has come in below the estimated cost.

A brief review of the Winnepesaukee River Basin Anti-pollution Program is included to provide a historical record in this 1976, Bicentennial year, Town Report. Concern over pollution and the economic depression which could result from the further deterioration of the water quality of our lakes led to passage of House Bill number 50 by the New Hampshire legislature. It established a unique regional system under the jurisdiction of the N.H. Water Supply and Pollution Commission including all the communities in the River Basin, Belmont, Franklin, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith, Northfield, Sanbornton, and Tilton. This bill took effect July 1, 1972 and provided for an interceptor sewer to carry the effluent from these communities, around Lake Winnepesaukee, past lower Lake Winnisquam, Silver Lake and out of the Winnepesaukee River Basin to a treatment plant down river. At present Federal, State and local governments share in the funding of engineering and construction costs on a 75-25-5 per cent basis. Operational and maintenance costs are charged to the local communities on a proportional basis. Belmont will continue to be charged for its share whether or not the Village is sewered and connected to the big pipe. The project is on schedule and completion is expected in 1980. Copies of the engineering studies and environmental impact statements which have been developed during these years are available at the Belmont Public Library as well as the Town Hall for anyone wishing to study the project in detail.

Since my appointment in 1972 by the Board of Selectmen to represent Belmont on the W.R.B. Advisory Board, I have attended all meetings, public hearings, and related functions. As my service with the board ends, I would like to express appreciation for the time, effort and consideration given to Belmont's interests by Assistant Chief Engineer/Administrator Daniel Collins, and by Advisory Board Chairman Frank DeNormandie. For a program of this size to proceed, often requires making compromise to maintain a balance between the budget, the environment and the conflicting desires of different interests. Not everyone will be totally satisfied, but everyone can be assured that all questions or problems referred have been given careful

WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN REPORT CONTINUED

attention and sincere efforts have been made to make the best decisions for all.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne S. Roberts

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BELMONT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1976

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Name of Child</u>	<u>Name of Father</u>	<u>Maiden Name of Mother</u>
1/5	Laconia	Jennifer Rose Stokes	David Russell Stokes	Ann Tracy Dineen
1/11	Laconia	Brian Scott Martin	John Harry Martin	Lu-Ann Gail Smith
1/14	Laconia	Dana Keith Brunt	Gary Dale Brunt	Patsy Lee Simpson
1/30	Laconia	Corey Brian Desruisseaux	Richard Gerard Desruisseaux	Elizabeth Mary LaPiere
2/6	Laconia	Stephen Marc Clairmont	Peter Matthew Clairmont	Virginia Esther Huckins
2/7	Laconia	Lesley Rolanne Smith	Nathan Ralph Smith	Martha Linda Hamel
2/10	Laconia	Andrew Jordan Barnes	Benjamin Franklin Barnes	Penny Elizabeth Bearse
2/13	Laconia	Dawn Marie Phillips	Thomas Leo Phillips	Katherine Ann Perkins
2/24	Laconia	Kimberly Ann DeLuca	Harold Peter DeLuca	Donna Marie Sevigny
4/3	Laconia	Justin David O'Brien	David Michael O'Brien	Gail Edith Luther
4/22	Laconia	Tina Lynn Steele	Ronald Henry Steele	Ida Mae Farquharson
5/28	Laconia	Rheanna Bridget Chagnon	Richard Dennis Chagnon	Sharon Ann Boughton
6/1	Laconia	Michael Eric Jarvi	Eero Mathew Jarvi	Sheila Lynne Cobleigh
6/11	Laconia	Ian Thomas DeHart	George Kenneth DeHart	Darlene Ann Wilson
6/22	Laconia	John Charles Wareing IV	John Charles Wareing III	Deborah Ann Smith
6/22	Laconia	Daphne Lee Fitzgerald	John Francis Fitzgerald	Judith Ellen Miner
6/25	Laconia	Timothy Edward LeMien	Fred Edward LeMien	Denise Ava Maneux
6/26	Laconia	Rebecca Jill Thompson	Bradley James Thompson	Daryl Ellen Dexter
7/9	Laconia	Sheri Lynne Fournier	Richard Albert Fournier	Lynne Ann Geary
7/14	Laconia	Benjamin Michael Constant	Richard Michael Constant	JoAnn Marroe
7/17	Laconia	Kendra Channa Sawyer	Martin Ellery Sawyer	Phyllis Ann Nesbitt
7/21	Laconia	Colin James Makin	James Robert Makin	Annette Cecile Coan
8/1	Laconia	Frederick Allen Huffer	Robert Luverene Huffer	Linda Marie Gebo
8/6	Laconia	Johan Christian Boelig IV	Johan Christian Boelig III	Sandra Lee Nash
8/10	Laconia	Marc James Hewitt	Frank Edward Hewitt	Bonnie Jean O'Connor

9/3	Laconia	Kristina Dawn Keefe	Thomas James Keefe	Judith May Richardson
9/6	Laconia	Vincent William Rudzinski IV	Vincent William Rudzinski III	Veronica Mary Moreau
9/19	Laconia	Robert Allan Noyes	Richard Curtis Noyes	Mae Louise Faskell
9/21	Laconia	Robert Edward Welch	Robert Edward Welch	Donna Faye Morin
10/11	Laconia	Timothy Paul Pelletier	John Paul Pelletier	Karleen Phyllis Morrill
10/23	Laconia	Stefani Phyllis Smith	Wayne Douglas Smith	Nina Mae George
10/23	Laconia	Stephanie Ann Youtsey	David Leeland Youtsey	Marion Frances Glines
11/29	Laconia	Amy O'Connell Batchelder	Bruce Richard Batchelder	Colleen Frances O'Connell
11/28	Laconia	Carmen Jean Reed	Thomas Robertson Reed	Charlotte Ann Monroe
11/29	Laconia	Amy Lynn Ogden	John Lorimer Ogden	Carolyn Estella Stewardson
12/01	Laconia	Kassia Deakin Mirski	Mark Stephen Mirski	Constance Lee Deakin
12/04	Laconia	Michelle Susanne Dupuis	Denis Gerard Dupuis	Susan Louise Rowland
12/10	Beverly, Mass	Alan Court Gauthier	Roland Francis Gauthier Jr.	Gretchen Court Court
12/27	Laconia	Holly Ann Dupont	Richard Arthur Dupont	Iifane Elaine Kniefel

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Calvin D. Brown
Town Clerk

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BELMONT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1976

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
1/7	Laconia, N.H.	Daniel Randall Hutchins	70	M	Maine
1/11	Belmont, N.H.	Clifton Frank Jewell	79	M	N.H.
2/10	Laconia, N.H.	Roland J. Shattuck	59	M	N.H.
2/12	Laconia, N.H.	Mary E. Hodgson	69	F	Mass.
3/19	Belmont, N.H.	Harry Arthur Hodgson	73	M	Mass.
3/21	Santa Cruz, Ca	David Keith Taylor	21	M	N.H.
3/22	Boscawen, N.H.	Robert Blaisdell	91	M	N.H.
4/6	Laconia, N.H.	Helen (nmn) Lecour	80	F	N.H.
5/10	Laconia, N.H.	Claude Everet Hanks	59	M	N.H.
6/12	Laconia, N.H.	Sadie Louise Johnson	81	F	N.H.
6/21	Laconia, N.H.	Mildred H. Beetle	74	F	Mass.
6/28	Laconia, N.H.	Fred Adams Currier Jr.	78	M	N.H.
7/19	Hanover, N.H.	Jeannette Corey	57	F	Mass.
7/20	Franklin, N.H.	Howard Robert Robinson	70	M	Maine
7/25	Laconia, N.H.	William Ellis Wright	88	M	N.J.
7/26	Laconia, N.H.	Mabel Wilcox Barnes	54	F	N.H.
8/1	Laconia, N.H.	Norman Agnes Prescott	88	F	N.H.
8/9	Laconia, N.H.	Frances Elizabeth Fogg	64	F	Mass.
8/12	Laconia, N.H.	Grace W. Rowe	66	F	N.H.
8/14	Laconia, N.H.	Thomas W. Hunt	76	M	N.H.
9/4	Belmont, N.H.	Asania Condodemetraky	70	F	Turkey
9/21	Laconia, N.H.	Arthur W. LaFoe	66	M	N.H.
9/28	Laconia, N.H.	Bernice T. Ford	68	F	N.H.
12/10	Laconia, N.H.	Louise (Munsey) Wiggin Little	68	F	Mass.
12/12	Hanover, N.H.	Rita G. Skinner	58	F	N.Y.
12/20	Belmont, N.H.	Lawrence W. Smith	48	M	N.H.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BELMONT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1976

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Bride & Groom</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Where Married</u>
1/9	Robert E. Gebo	23	Belmont, N.H.	Belmont, N.H.
	Judith A. Evangelo	19	Belmont, N.H.	
1/21	Robert E. Welch	32	Belmont, N.H.	Laconia, N.H.
	Donna M. Dixey	32	Belmont, N.H.	
1/31	Michael Francis Fields	30	Laconia, N.H.	Belmont, N.H.
	Dianne Lillian Fields	27	Belmont, N.H.	
2/13	Herman C. Schumacher	68	Belmont, N.H.	Gilmanston, N.H.
	Rose A. Klimaszewski	55	East Andover, N.H.	
3/5	Richard W. Ferguson	31	Belmont, N.H.	Portsmouth, N.H.
	Susan E. Heath	26	Belmont, N.H.	
3/24	Raymond Carl Hovey	32	Belmont, N.H.	Laconia, N.H.
	Roberta Arlene Wind	22	Belmont, N.H.	
5/8	Gerald Alan Atwood	38	Belmont, N.H.	Laconia, N.H.
	Mary K. Harris	29	Belmont, N.H.	Belmont, N.H.
5/10	Reginald Perham	81	Gilford, N.H.	Gilford, N.H.
	Alice Thomas Drever	71	Belmont, N.H.	
5/23	Martin Ellery Sawyer	24	Laconia, N.H.	Meredith, N.H.
	Phyllis Ann Nesbitt	21	Belmont, N.H.	
5/29	Jerry Jon Theberge	26	Sanbornton	Lakeport, N.H.
	Susan Ann Hibbard	24	Belmont, N.H.	
6/5	Rockwell D. Bell	27	Belmont, N.H.	Laconia, N.H.
	Nancy L. Durgin	22	Belmont, N.H.	
6/5	James A. Bannarito	48	Canterbury, N.H.	Canterbury, N.H.
	Mary D. Record	47	Canterbury, N.H.	
6/5	Harry Frank Felton	30	Canterbury, N.H.	Belmont, N.H.
	Mary Hadd Mitigay	26	Seattle, Wash.	

6/12	Thomas John Talbot	23	Belmont, N.H.	Tilton, N.H.
	Valorie Lee Miller	24	Sodus, Michigan	Laconia, N.H.
6/18	Walter L. Keith Jr.	20	Tilton, N.H.	Gilford, N.H.
	Barbara J. Townsley	28	Belmont, N.H.	Laconia, N.H.
6/19	Thomas Roulstone Roys	26	Gilford, N.H.	Lochmere, N.H.
	Karen Lynn Copp	19	Belmont, N.H.	Laconia, N.H.
6/19	Rodman Paul Bowker	20	Laconia, N.H.	Laconia, N.H.
	Kimberly Jill Smith	16	Belmont, N.H.	Laconia, N.H.
7/3	Mark Paquin	20	Belmont, N.H.	Laconia, N.H.
	Brenda Romprey	17	Belmont, N.H.	Laconia, N.H.
7/3	Stephen William Lord	35	Belmont, N.H.	Laconia, N.H.
	Kathleen Mary Elizabeth Edwards	33	Belmont, N.H.	Laconia, N.H.
7/10	Richard W. Eaton	27	Belmont, N.H.	Laconia, N.H.
	Sandra L. Florence	25	Northfield, N.H.	Laconia, N.H.
7/10	David A. Bostwick	22	Belmont, N.H.	Sanbornton, N.H.
	Donna Braléy	20	Sanbornton, N.H.	Belmont, N.H.
7/24	Donald Ellis Hurd	18	Belmont, N.H.	Laconia, N.H.
	Terri Ann Connolly	21	Belmont, N.H.	Laconia, N.H.
7/31	Thomas P. Boisvert	22	Belmont, N.H.	Laconia, N.H.
	Marilyn Buzzell	28	Belmont, N.H.	Laconia, N.H.
8/7	Willard S. Tate	27	Belmont, N.H.	Laconia, N.H.
	Bonnie J. Cheney	27	Belmont, N.H.	Laconia, N.H.
8/13	Gary P. Bourque	25	Belmont, N.H.	Laconia, N.H.
	Carol Ann Mooney	20	Belmont, N.H.	Laconia, N.H.
8/14	Robert A. Marcoux	30	Belmont, N.H.	Laconia, N.H.
	Joyce Kenyon	30	Laconia, N.H.	Laconia, N.H.
8/14	Armand D. Small Jr.	21	Belmont, N.H.	Laconia, N.H.
	Esther A. Keyser	18	Belmont, N.H.	Laconia, N.H.
8/14	Paul J. Moynihan	25	Franklin, N.H.	Laconia, N.H.
	Catherine M. Rolfe	20	Belmont, N.H.	Laconia, N.H.

8/28	Bruce MacLeod	24	Belmont, N.H.	Sanbornton, N.H.
	Michelle Melanson	19	Belmont, N.H.	
9/8	Thomas Anastasios Tatakis	20	Sanbornton, N.H.	Laconia, N.H.
	Nancy Jo Butterfield	19	Belmont, N.H.	
9/18	Merton B. Gurney Jr.	29	Lakeville, Mass.	Gilmanston, N.H.
	Candance A. Merrill	29	Belmont, N.H.	
9/25	Gerald P. Gagne	36	Belmont, N.H.	Laconia, N.H.
	Carole A. Hood	38	Belmont, N.H.	
9/25	John H. Porter Jr.	22	Belmont, N.H.	Laconia, N.H.
	Linda M. Melanson	27	Belmont, N.H.	
10/2	George L. Jones	27	Belmont, N.H.	Belmont, N.H.
	Janet M. Ogley	27	Belmont, N.H.	
10/3	Edward Louis Lavallee	23	Belmont, N.H.	New Hampton, N.H.
	Sandra Louise Sanborn	18	Gilmanston, N.H.	
10/9	Herbert R. Jackson	35	Belmont, N.H.	Belmont, N.H.
	Kerry Ann Clifford	29	Belmont, N.H.	
10/24	Jacob A. Weinrib	28	Belmont, N.H.	Belmont, N.H.
	Maxine E. Bernstein	41	Belmont, N.H.	
11/13	James A. Stinson	17	Belmont, N.H.	Belmont, N.H.
	Janet O. Lake	17	Belmont, N.H.	
11/25	James Sharpe	28	Newberry, Fla.	Belmont, N.H.
	Deborah Smith	26	Longwood, Fla.	
12/4	Woodbury P. Fogg	30	Belmont, N.H.	Hampton, N.H.
	Nancy J. Hamilton	32	Hampton, N.H.	
12/6	Robert A. Weidig, Jr.	30	Belmont, N.H.	Gilmanston, N.H.
	Geraldine E. Boissonneault	34	Campton, N.H.	

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