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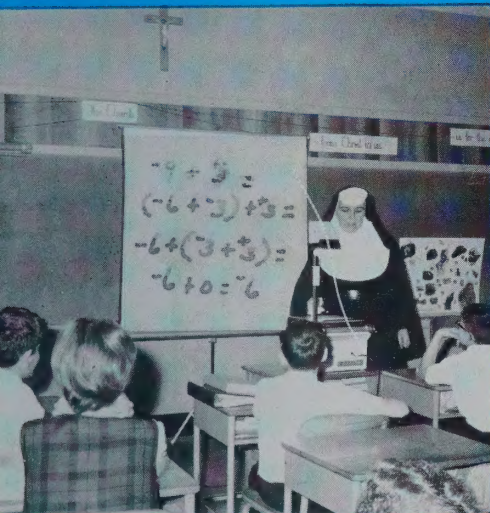
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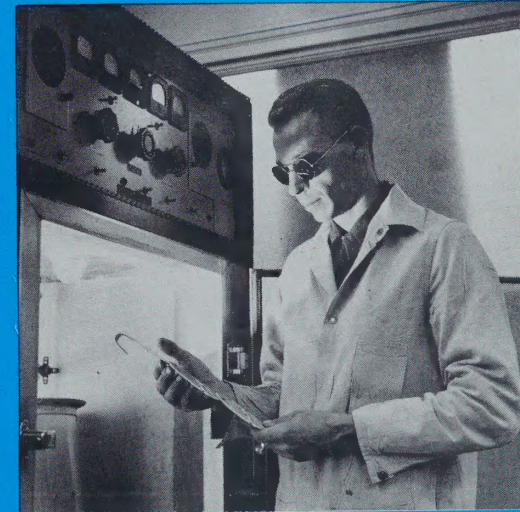
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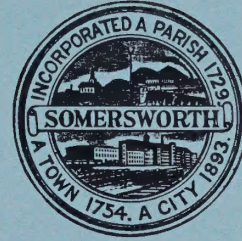
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December 31, 1966

CITY OF SOMERSWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Foreword

While detailed data has been eliminated from this Annual Report, all records concerning the activities of the Departments and Commissions of your city's government are open to public inspection during regular office hours. You are welcome at all times to ask questions to advance your understanding about municipal affairs.

Modern housing, federally financed, provides homes for elderly and low income families.



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MAYORS OF SOMERSWORTH SINCE 1893

Franklin N. Chase	1893-	Arthur W. Proulx	*1944-1944
Christopher H. Wells	1894-1896	(Jan. 1 - June 6)	
Benjamin F. Hanson	1897-	Napoleon A. Habel	†1944-1945
Arthur J. Seavey	1898-1900	(June 6 - Dec. 31)	
Haven Doe	1901-	Romeo St. Laurent	*1946-1953
John N. Haines	1902-1903	(July 1 - Dec. 31)	
Freeman A. Hussey	1904-	Placide J. Lagueux	†1953-1953
Benjamin F. Hanson	1905-1908	(June 30, 1953)	
Thomas J. Dougherty	1909-1911	Edward S. Charpentier	1954-1957
Paul LaBonte	1912-1913	Albert J. Nadeau	1958-1959
Fred H. Brown	1914-1922	Robert H. Filion	1960-1963
Peter M. Gagne	1923-1933	John F. Donovan	1964-1965
Clement P. Roy	1934-	Roland N. Hebert	1966-
Alfred J. Boucher	1935-1943		

* Resigned † Unexpired Term



Hon. Roland N. Hebert

THE CITY COUNCIL, 1966



CITY LEADERS. Left to right, Councilmen Joseph F. Dreincezyk, Paul E. Spellman, Ward 1; Romeo J. Brelsford, Robert T. Perreault, Ward 3; Leo J. Gagnon, Ward 4.



Councilmen George A. Nadeau, Ward 4; Jules H. Bisson, Joseph E. Landry, Ward 5; Thomas Lazzara, Michael J. Dolan, Ward 2.

OFFICIALS WHO HELD OFFICE IN 1966

Office	Name	Elected or Appointed	Salary	Term Expires
Mayor	Roland N. Hebert	Elected	\$4,500.00 annually	First Tuesday, Jan. 1968
Councilmen	Ten Members	Elected	\$ 150.00 annually	First Tuesday, Jan. 1968
City Clerk	Norbert J. Couture	Appointed by Council	\$ 130.00 weekly	First Tuesday, Jan. 1968
Deputy City Clerk	Rhenda Robinson	Appointed by Council	\$ 67.10 weekly	First Tuesday, Jan. 1968
Street Commissioner	Norman Fournier	Appointed by Council	\$ 110.00 weekly	First Tuesday, Jan. 1968
Assessor	Clovis G. Chabot	Appointed by Council	\$ 85.00 weekly	First Tuesday, Jan. 1968
Tax Collector	Joseph McKeon	Appointed by Council	\$ 95.00 weekly	First Tuesday, Jan. 1968
City Messenger	Albert Morin	Appointed by Council	\$ 75.00 weekly	First Tuesday, Jan. 1968
City Solicitor	Leo H. Cater	Appointed by Council	\$3,000.00 yearly	First Tuesday, Jan. 1968
City Physician	Dr. W. E. Precourt	Appointed by Council	\$ 450.00 yearly	First Tuesday, Jan. 1968
City Treasurer	Estelle Gagnon	Appointed by Council	\$ 300.00 yearly	First Tuesday, Jan. 1968
Fire Chief	Arthur Nadeau	Appointed by Council	\$ 61.00 weekly plus Rent-heat-lights	First Tuesday, Jan. 1968
First Deputy Engineer	Joseph R. Lucier	Appointed by Council	\$ 250.00 yearly	First Tuesday, Jan. 1968
Second Deputy Engineer	Malcolm Canney	Appointed by Council	\$ 250.00 yearly	First Tuesday, Jan. 1968
Overseer of Welfare	Clovis G. Chabot	Appointed by Council	\$ 20.00 weekly	First Tuesday, Jan. 1968
Building Inspector	Jackson Chick	Appointed by Council	Fees	First Tuesday, Jan. 1968
Sanitary Officer	Roland Dube	Appointed by Council	\$ 450.00 yearly	First Tuesday, Jan. 1968
Director of Public Works and City Engineer	Norman Leclerc	Appointed by Council	\$8,500.00 yearly	First Tuesday, Jan. 1968
District Court Judge	Clovis I. DesMarais	App. by Governor and Council	\$1,900.00 yearly	
Special Justice	Oliver F. Colburn	App. by District Court Judge	\$ 250.00 yearly	
Clerk of Court	Laurier Sans-Cartier	App. by District Court Judge	\$ 600.00 yearly	
Probation Officer	Frank Kinsman	Appointed	\$ 100.00 yearly	January, 1968
Plumbing Inspector	Omer Chasse	Appointed	Fees	January, 1968

OFFICIALS WHO HELD OFFICE IN 1966

PARK COMMISSIONERS

Appointed by Council

No Salary Term 4 years
Mayor Roland N. Hebert
Lionel Fournier Term expires Jan. 1967
Bernard Hodsdon Term expires Jan. 1969
Joseph H. Couture Term expires 1970
Jeffrey Francoeur, Jr. Term expires 1970

POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Salary: Chairman \$150 Others \$125 Yearly
2 Year Term

Roger G. Vanasse
Term expires Sept. 1, 1967
Robert Landry
Term expires Sept. 1, 1969
Paul Lemelin
Term expires Sept. 1, 1968

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Appointed by Council Term 2 Years
Salaries:
Chairman \$250. Yearly Others \$200. Yearly
Roland N. Hebert Term expires Jan. 1968
Napoleon A. Habel Term expires Jan. 1968
Ronald W. Perron Term expires Jan. 1968

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Appointed by Council

Term 3 years No Salary
Albert E. Dion Term expires Jan. 1967
Joseph Dreinczyk Term expires Jan. 1968
Roland N. Hebert Term expires Jan. 1969

BOARD OF HEALTH

Appointed by Council

No Salary Term 2 Years
Dr. W. E. Precourt Term expires Jan. 1968
Clovis G. Chabot Term expires Jan. 1968
Roland Dube Term expires Jan. 1968

PLANNING BOARD

Appointed by Mayor

No Salary Term 6 Years
Mayor Roland N. Hebert
City Engineer Norman Leclerc and
City Councilman George A. Nadeau

Administrative Members

Francis C. Vincent
Term expires Mar. 23, 1967
Herman Horne
Term expires Mar. 23, 1968
Eugene Barry
Term expires Mar. 23, 1969
Thomas J. McLin
Term expires Mar. 23, 1970
Anita Flynn
Term expires Mar. 23, 1971
Albert O. Fournier
Term expires Mar. 23, 1972

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Appointed by Mayor and
City Council

No Salary Term 5 Years
Paul E. Normandeau
Term expires July 28, 1967
Albert O. Fournier
Term expires July 28, 1968
Norman Turgeon
Term expires July 28, 1969
Valmore Fournier
Term expires July 28, 1970
Clyde Coolidge
Term expires July 28, 1971

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Appointed by City Council Term 5 Years
Salaries:
Clerk \$500. Yearly Others No Salary
Jacob Cohen Term expires Jan. 1967
Wendell G. Pinkham
Term expires Jan. 1968
Norman Joy Term expires Jan. 1969
Joseph Dreinczyk Term expires Jan. 1970
Robert Hodsdon Term expires Jan. 1971

SELECTMEN

Elected Term 2 yrs. Exp. Jan. 68 No Salary
Ward 1—Raoul A. Turmelle — Rose A.
Lambert — Robert Lessard
Ward 2—Alfred Vallee — Joseph Plante —
Alfred Daigle
Ward 3—Apollinaire Rondeau — Oliver
Bisson — Ovide Levesque

Ward 4—Edgar Routhier — Rene Lebel
Ward 5—J. B. Fortier — Ernest Tanguay
—Joseph Tanguay

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLISTS

Appointed by Council

Salaries — Chairman \$100 each session;
Clerk \$100 each session; Others
\$75 each session
Marcelle Chabot Term expires 9-67
Thomas R. Cavanaugh Term expires 9-68
Thomas L. Perron Term expires 9-69
Jane Sears Term expires 9-70
Donald Pageotte Term expires 9-71

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Appointed by City Council

No Salary Term 5 Yrs.
Loretta Chadbourne
Term expires Jan. 1967
Celopie Semitros Term expires Jan. 1968
Gerard Gaudreau Term expires Jan. 1969
Henry P. Mullen Term expires Jan. 1970
Gladys A. Hayes Term expires Jan. 1971
Librarian: Anne C. Crist

ASSESSORS

Appointed by Council

Term 3 Years Salary \$300. yearly
Clovis G. Chabot Term expires March 1967
William Ball Term expires March 1967
Paul Brunelle Term expires March 1968

SOMERSWORTH HOUSING AUTHORITY

Appointed by Mayor

Term 5 Years No Salary
John A. Constantine, Jr.
Term expires Feb. 28, 1967
Leo A. Chabot (Chm.)
Term expires Feb. 28, 1968
Richard A. Willett
Term expires Feb. 28, 1969
Edward C. Charpentier
Term expires Feb. 28, 1970
Louis Chasse Term expires Feb. 28, 1971

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY

Date Issued	Amount Issued	Paid in 1966		Amount Redeemed	Amount Outstanding	Expiration Date
		Principal	Interest			
FOR WATER WORKS						
June 1, 1949	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 157.50	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	June 1, 1969
December 1, 1952	100,000.00	5,000.00	700.00	70,000.00	30,000.00	Dec. 1, 1972
October 1, 1954	60,000.00	5,000.00	95.00	60,000.00		Oct. 1, 1966
July 1, 1959	200,000.00	15,000.00	3,960.00	105,000.00	95,000.00	July 1, 1974
FOR SEWER and SIDEWALKS						
June 1, 1949	47,000.00	2,000.00	157.50	41,000.00	6,000.00	July 1, 1969
FOR SEWER						
November 1, 1961	285,000.00	15,000.00	7,875.00	75,000.00	240,000.00	Nov. 1, 1981
FOR HIGHWAYS						
August 1, 1960	100,000.00	10,000.00	1,750.00	60,000.00	40,000.00	Aug. 1, 1970
FOR SCHOOLS						
December 1, 1955	480,000.00	25,000.00	6,187.50	280,000.00	200,000.00	Dec. 1, 1974
November 1, 1961	237,000.00	15,000.00	6,195.00	75,000.00	162,000.00	Nov. 1, 1981
December 1, 1963	398,000.00	20,000.00	11,520.90	58,000.00	340,000.00	Dec. 1, 1983
FOR IMPROVEMENT and EQUIPMENT						
March 1, 1956	115,000.00	5,000.00	687.50	90,000.00	25,000.00	Mar. 1, 1971
FOR INTERCEPTOR SEWER						
Authorized \$720,000.00						
December 4, 1962	690,000.00	30,000.00	20,460.00	90,000.00	630,000.00	Nov. 1, 1987
FOR URBAN RENEWAL						
August 1, 1964	100,000.00	10,000.00	2,790.00	20,000.00	80,000.00	Aug. 1, 1974

FUNDS HELD IN TRUST BY THE CITY

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund							
Jan. 1887	Cemetery Trust Fund	Cemetery	Som-Rollinsford Savings Bank	\$62,889.59	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,018.64	\$ 3,310.91	\$63,097.32
June 1894	Chandler Trust Fund	Library	Som-Rollinsford Savings Bank	2,000.00		88.39	88.39	2,000.00
Dec. 1962	Harry Stein — Somersworth Shoe, Inc.	Scholarship	Som-Rollinsford Savings Bank	6,439.44	500.00	285.73	275.00	6,950.17
Dec. 1962	Harry Stein — Somersworth Shoe, Inc.	Scholarship	Som-Rollinsford Savings Bank	6,112.11	500.00	271.24	250.00	6,633.35
Nov. 1962	Harry Stein — Somersworth Shoe, Inc.	Scholarship	Somersworth National Bank	9,624.04	1,100.00	371.42	450.00	10,645.46
				\$87,065.18	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 4,035.42	\$ 4,374.30	\$89,326.30

CITY'S BALANCE SHEET

(At Close of business, December 31, 1966)

		Appropriation	Cash Receipts		Expenditures	Balance
Assessor's Office	1	\$ 7,807.74	\$	\$ 7,807.74	\$ 7,060.84	\$ 746.90*
Bonds-Amortization	2	42,000.00		42,000.00	42,000.00	.00*
Building Code			1,253.50	1,253.50	1,253.50	.00*
Capital Expenditures	3	41,554.00	125.00	41,679.00	38,427.64	3,251.36*
Cemetery	4	4,000.00	5,566.39	9,566.39	9,532.06	34.33*
Chandler Building			.00	.00	123.91	123.91CR
Christmas Lighting	7	500.00		500.00	500.00	.00*
City Clerk's Office	8	18,723.60		18,723.60	19,217.94	494.34CR
Civil Defense	9	1,000.00		1,000.00	80.68	919.32*
County Tax	10	63,759.51		63,759.51	63,759.51	.00*
District Nursing	11	2,150.00		2,150.00	2,150.00	.00*
Drainage	12	2,097.00		2,097.00	1,957.97	139.03*
Elections	13	3,750.00	19.00	3,769.00	4,085.40	316.40CR
FICA	14	6,308.00		6,308.00	6,840.89	532.89CR
Fire Dept.	15	27,717.74	829.38	28,547.12	31,116.68	2,569.56CR
Group Insurance	16	3,219.97	425.52	3,645.49	3,013.97	631.52*
Health	17	2,410.00	50.00	2,460.00	2,414.41	45.59*
Highway	18	71,495.40	6,462.23	77,957.63	77,694.87	262.76*
Hydrant	19	8,280.00		8,280.00	8,280.00	.00*
Insurance	48	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,188.00	188.00CR
Interest-Bonds & Services	21	13,260.00		13,260.00	13,309.75	49.75CR
Interest-Notes Payable	22	12,459.22	20,649.20	33,108.42	28,207.01	4,901.41*
Library	23	11,065.00	88.39	11,153.39	11,445.15	291.76CR
Macadam & Surfacing	24	6,200.00	16.00	6,216.00	4,771.16	1,444.84*
Mayor's Office	5,815	5,815.00		5,815.00	5,921.02	106.02CR
Memorial Day	27	600.00		600.00	600.00	.00*
Municipal Building	29	5,841.94	1,380.00	7,221.94	7,094.03	127.91*
N. H. Municipal Ass'n.	30	500.00		500.00	397.43	102.57*
N. H. Seacoast Region	31	150.00		150.00	150.00	.00*
Parks & Playgrounds	33	6,000.00	179.10	6,179.40	5,843.43	335.97*
Police Dept.	34	84,623.31	953.19	85,576.50	87,672.72	2,096.22CR
Printing	35	1,475.00	17.25	1,492.25	1,271.38	220.87*
Public Works Dept. Refuse; Collection; Disp.	36	4,250.00		4,250.00	4,331.73	81.73CR
Relocation	37	25,569.40	369.50	25,938.90	25,068.56	870.34*
Relocation of Library	38	1,350.00		.00	21.24	21.24CR
Removal of Dead Trees	39	500.00		1,350.00	1,485.21	135.21CR
				500.00	500.00	.00*

Salaries	40	8,570.00		8,570.00	8,720.00	150.00CR
Schools	41	551,121.48	101,039.41	652,160.89	658,890.37	6,729.48CR
Sinking Fund	41	5,560.00	1,955.19	7,515.19	7,515.19	.00*
Street Lights	44	26,847.76		26,847.76	26,676.27	171.49*
Tax Collector's Office	47	7,532.04	225.97	7,758.01	7,751.85	6.16*
Town Road Aid	45	719.18		719.18	719.18	.00*
Welfare & Relief	52	22,400.00	556.42	22,956.42	22,791.05	165.37*
Taxes-Berwick Dam	49	325.00		325.00	335.00	10.00CR
New Equipment -						
Mun. Bldg.	50	150.00		150.00		150.00*
Soldier's Aid	51			.00	52.00	52.00CR
Zoning	52	940.00	73.00	1,013.00	901.90	111.10*
Armed Services Comm.	53	200.00		200.00	200.00	.00*
TOTALS		1,111,797.29	142,233.94	1,254,031.23	1,253,340.90	690.33*

EXPENDITURES COMPARED TO APPROPRIATIONS, 1966

	1965			1966		
	Appropriations and Receipts	1965 Expenditures	1965 Balances	Appropriations and Receipts	1966 Expenditures	1966 Balances
ASSESSOR'S OFFICE	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,826.91	\$ 76.91CR	7,807.74	7,060.84	746.90
BONDS	57,000.00	57,000.00	.00	42,000.00	42,000.00	.00
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	13,338.75	10,553.41	2,785.62	41,679.00	38,427.64	3,251.36
CEMETERY	10,583.33	9,151.71	1,431.62	9,566.39	9,532.06	34.33
CHANDLER BUILDING	892.00	865.07	26.93	.00	123.91	123.91CR
CHRISTMAS LIGHTING	500.00	500.00	.00	500.00	500.00	.00
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE	3,262.00	3,173.09	88.91	18,723.60	19,217.94	494.34CR
CITY HALL	1,819.48	1,671.83	147.65			
CIVIL DEFENSE	1,000.00	363.45	636.55	1,000.00	80.68	919.32
COUNTY TAX	52,228.02	52,228.02	.00	63,759.51	63,759.51	.00
DISTRICT NURSING	2,000.00	2,000.00	.00	2,150.00	2,150.00	.00
DRAINAGE	4,075.00	4,263.96	188.96CR	2,097.00	1,957.97	139.03
ELECTIONS	1,865.00	2,102.79	237.79	3,769.00	4,085.40	316.40CR
F.I.C.A.	6,200.00	5,766.62	433.38	6,308.00	6,840.89	532.89CR
FIRE	23,194.92	25,246.55	2,051.63	28,547.12	31,116.68	2,569.56CR
GROUP INSURANCE	5,632.41	4,642.40	990.01	3,645.49	3,013.97	631.52
HEALTH				2,460.00	2,414.41	45.59
HIGHWAY	72,179.30	64,074.07	8,105.23	77,957.63	77,694.87	262.76
HYDRANT	8,280.00	8,280.00	.00	8,280.00	8,280.00	.00
INSURANCE	5,697.89	2,435.80	3,262.09	1,000.00	1,188.00	188.00CR
INTEREST NOTES PAYABLE	15,998.51	17,865.55	1,867.04CR	33,108.42	28,207.01	4,901.41
INTEREST ON BONDS	4,128.93	27,605.00	23,476.07CR	13,260.00	13,309.75	49.75CR
LIBRARY	9,620.97	9,905.86	302.89	11,153.39	11,445.15	291.76CR
MACADAM & SURFACING	11,968.18	11,611.34	356.84	6,216.00	4,771.16	1,444.84
MAYOR'S EXPENSES	600.00	600.00	.00			
MAYOR'S OFFICE	580.00	535.47	44.53	5,815.00	5,921.02	106.02CR
MEMORIAL DAY	600.00	600.00	.00	600.00	600.00	.00

MISCELLANEOUS	500.00	1,255.30	755.30CR			
MUNICIPAL BUILDING	1,965.00	1,731.14	233.86	7,221.94	7,094.03	127.91
N.H. MUNICIPAL ASSOC.	500.00	418.93	81.07	500.00	397.43	102.57
N.H. SEACOAST REGION	150.00	150.00	.00	150.00	150.00	.00
PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS	4,500.00	4,464.83	35.17	6,179.40	5,843.43	335.97
POLICE	80,619.96	80,000.00	619.96CR	85,576.50	87,672.72	2,096.22CR
PRINTING	1,362.75	1,481.82	119.07CR	1,492.25	1,271.38	220.87
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.				4,250.00	4,331.73	81.73CR
REFUSE COLLECTION	26,587.35	25,181.49	1,405.86	25,938.90	25,068.56	870.34
RELOCATION (POLICE STATION)	3,716.00	3,500.00	216.00		21.24	21.24CR
RELOCATION (LIBRARY)				1,350.00	1,485.21	135.21CR
REMOVAL OF DEAD TREES	500.00	499.65	.35	500.00	500.00	.00
SALARIES	60,167.60	60,000.19	167.41	8,570.00	8,720.00	150.00CR
SCHOOLS	607,262.82	606,216.94	1,045.88	652,160.89	658,890.37	6,792.48CR
SIDEWALKS	3,987.04	3,050.67	936.37			
SINKING FUND	3,480.00	6,960.00	3,480.00CR	7,515.19	7,515.19	.00
STREET LIGHTS	25,000.00	24,431.85	568.15	26,847.76	26,676.27	171.49
TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE	1,476.59	1,120.09	356.50	7,758.01	7,751.85	6.16
TOWN ROAD AID	4,347.49	4,347.49	.00	719.18	719.18	.00
WELFARE & RELIEF	20,394.94	17,156.54	3,238.40	22,956.42	22,791.05	165.37
WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION	4,222.92	2,701.94	1,520.98			
ZONING	1,075.00	916.65	158.35	1,013.00	901.90	111.10
TAXES — BERWICK DAM				325.00	335.00	10.00CR
NEW EQUIPMENT — MUN. BLDG.				150.00		150.00
SOLDIERS' AID				.00	52.00	52.00CR
ARMED SERVICES COMM.				200.00	200.00	.00
TOTALS	\$1,166,792.15	\$1,170,454.42	\$3,662.27CR.	\$1,252,777.73	\$1,252,087.40	\$ 690.33

VALUE OF CITY PROPERTY

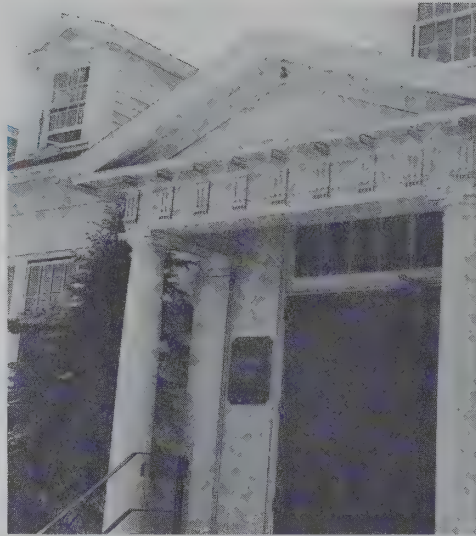
City Hall Annex, Main Street	\$ 53,064.00	\$ 20,000.00	ment, Storage, West High Street	9,000.00	2,000.00	Office Building, Forest Glade Cemetery	1,400.00	
Old High School, Grand Street	139,896.00	26,000.00	Fire Station No. 2, Pleasant Street	26,800.00	4,000.00	Storage Bldg. Play- ground, Hamilton Street	2,500.00	
New High School, Cemetery Road	785,000.00	160,000.00	Old Fire Station No. 5 (Ward House)	1,500.00		Cemetery Garage Maple St.		
Chandler School, Green Street	74,880.00	17,500.00	Main Street	1,500.00		Maple St. Extension	1,000.00	2,000.00
Former Pumping Station, Wells Street	31,000.00	7,196.00	Old Fire Statiion (H.S. Shop)	1,500.00		Extension		
Street Department Garage, West High Street	17,300.00	4,000.00	Pumping Station No. 1, Lily Pond Road	5,500.00	16,000.00	Dump Garage, Maple St. Extension	2,080.00	
Street Dept. Equip- ment, Storage, West High Street	1,000.00	100.00	Pumping Station No. 2, Lily Pond Road	5,500.00	16,000.00	Sewer Pumping Station, Lily Pond Road	4,320.00	1,000.00
Street Dept. Equip-			Pumping Station No. 3, Tates Brook Road	5,500.00	16,000.00	Jr. High School, Cemetery Road	184,000.00	19,000.00
			Chapel Building, Forest Glade Cemetery	7,200.00			<u>1,359,940.00</u>	<u>\$310,796.00</u>

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

The year 1966 saw the beginning of a new era in the City Clerk's office. A professional type person was appointed City Clerk in the person of Norbert J. Couture. Perhaps the most significant accomplishment during the fiscal year 1966 was a complete audit of all of the City's departments by the accounting firm of John E. Rich & Co. of Concord, New Hampshire.

From this audit the Mayor and City Council proceeded to initiate a system whereas the final results will show centralized collections and centralized accounting. A new NCR accounting machine and validating register were ordered, offices were relocated to make the flow of work more fluid. It is hoped that by early 1967 all of the changes will have been effected.

Proposed methods were made for water and sewer billings, head and poll tax billings, property tax billing, and a new payroll system was to be put into use. A most direct step forward was taken and the City is certain to realize the value of these changes at a very early date.



PERMITS ISSUED

	1965	1966
1964 Motor Vehicle Permits	\$ 917.77	\$
1965 Motor Vehicle Permits	56,424.86	829.79
1966 Motor Vehicle Permits	780.50	61,189.81
1967 Motor Vehicle Permits		974.42
Dog Licenses	575.98	572.87
Misc. Licenses	531.00	438.00
Office Fees	2,322.80	2,145.15
Totals	\$61,552.91	\$66,150.04

Vital Statistics

	1965	1966
Births	181	146
Deaths	107	109
Marriages	115	82

Dog Licenses

1965	1966
249	263

NURSING ASSOCIATION ACTIVITY DURING 1966

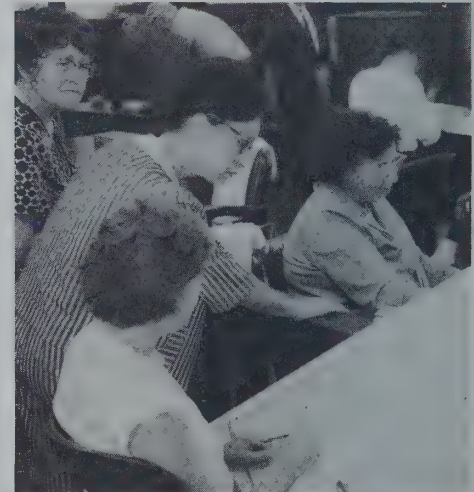
Total calls made in 1966	1,009
Breakdown of calls:	
Full fee calls	587
Part fee calls	65
Medicare calls	172
Free calls	185

1,009

Total calls made January through March 17, 1967	368
Breakdown of calls:	
Full fee calls	62
Part fee calls	103
Medicare calls	89
Free calls	114

368

Full fee patients pay \$3.00 for a therapeutic call and \$2.00 for an injection. Part fee patients pay as they can, sometimes \$1.00 and sometimes \$.50 per call.



EDUCATION

This year has been a year of continued innovation in our school system. At the elementary level, we have instituted new administrative and teaching techniques at the fifth- and sixth-grade levels comprising six sections with five teachers aided by two teacher aides. These aides do not teach but relieve teachers from routine chores, duties, and study hall responsibilities. Thus far I have been encouraged with the results of this arrangement; in fact, the teachers themselves feel we have been successful. In my opinion, it will require more time before we adequately evaluate the results; however, with what we know at this time, I strongly urge a continuation of this program.

The high school has expanded its activities in team-teaching technique with refinement of what we have been doing in the past. In the area of English and mathematics, we have experimented with and are using the large-and small-group technique. Science teachers are working together in that one teacher may and does call upon another to help present or teach a particular interest and background. The results are better teaching and better learning. Some pupils have been released from regular class attendance to work independently in a particular field; other pupils have presented their findings to their fellow students — a technique we

call peer-teaching.

The attempt throughout the school system is to provide the time and place for a teacher to prepare her work and enable a teacher and a pupil to get together to discuss the child's progress. This is not easily done under the traditional organization without a formidable expenditure of funds to provide more teachers. Our attempt is to provide good education for each child individually within the framework of a normal teacher-pupil ratio.

Up to this point, I have discussed the "how" we teach and not the "what." It is difficult in our rapidly changing world to know exactly "what" should be taught to students who, in the future, will need skills that we know nothing about today. We try to solve this situation by presenting to the students a wide variety of materials of an up-

to-date nature. More important, I believe, we make a sincere attempt to get each pupil to think for himself; in a sense, we attempt to provide each student with the ability and tools to educate himself once he leaves school. Truly we feel each of us must continually learn and study throughout our lives if we are to be fully contributing members of society. The high school has adopted the new programs in chemistry, mathematics, science, social studies, industrial arts, and home economics, and has adapted these programs to our student population and geographical area. The elementary schools have continually upgraded our reading program with newer textbooks coupled with a modern phonics program. Modern mathematics is an integral part of our school from grade one through twelve and our elementary science course has been updated.



We do propose to adopt a linguistic approach to the teaching of English which will have the same impact as the introduction of modern mathematics a few years ago. The plans are that grades three through six use this program next year and in each subsequent year a grade will be added; that is, seventh, eighth, etc.

Finances are always a big problem for schools — one that appears to be unsolvable—since the schools must depend almost wholly upon the property tax for support. Costs are rising for everyone in all facets of our economy; this is also the case for schools.

We do have a serious problem in terms of space; the elementary schools are very crowded. In fact, we have a total of twenty-four class sections in twenty-three classrooms—using the gym area at Hilltop School as a classroom area. Our enrollments are increasing each year and very soon additional facilities must be provided just to house students—not to speak of program.

I want to mention at this point that I have reversed my thinking as to the location of any future school building. In the past I have always felt another building should be built on another site, preferably along lower High Street. I confess I no longer feel this way, since I now favor the location of any future school on the high school site. My reasons briefly are as follows:

1. The city now owns about seventy acres in this general area.
2. Locating a school on this site will enable us to exchange equipment, books, and specialists easily without having to duplicate services and equipment.
3. Better education through concentrating teachers, etc. in one area.
4. Less cost to the city; transportation would be a factor but we are not a large city in any sense of the word.
5. Provide for future changes in educational technology and equipment by concentrating our schools which would make it possible for us to use these things at a minimum cost.

In closing, may I state that you have good schools, good teachers, and I believe, good leadership. The school board is made up of interested citizens who set the tone and direction of the education of the children in Somersworth. We all need the continued support of the citizens to maintain and improve upon what we have. Mr. Citizen, these schools are yours for your children, your city; they can only be as good as you want them to be.

I want to express my appreciation to all those who have worked so hard to make our educational system a good one. One can never

mention everyone who is individually responsible, so in lieu of that, I should like to thank the teachers; the citizens; my assistant, Mr. Pickard; the Principals, Mr. Bahros and Mr. Brunelle; Mrs. Cormier and her staff in the lunch rooms; the custodians; the transporter; and my office staff.

The members of the City Council deserve a vote of thanks for their understanding of our needs and financial requests.

To you, the school board, once again a sincere expression of my debt to you for your guidance and cooperation.

ROBERT L. BRUNELLE,
Superintendent



SCHOOL DEPARTMENT - Balance Sheet (As of Dec. 31, 1966)

	1966 Adopted Budget	Expenditures	Balance
ADMINISTRATION			
Salaries	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$
Contracted Services	220.00	215.80	4.20
Other Expenses	665.00	800.34	(135.34)
INSTRUCTION			
Salaries	337,771.00	337,036.21	734.79
Textbooks—Elementary	3,875.00	4,657.88	(782.88)
Textbooks—High	4,300.00	3,808.42	491.58
Library & Audiovisual — Elementary	1,000.00	1,021.02	(21.02)
Library & Audiovisual — High	2,000.00	3,013.93	(1,013.93)
Teaching Supplies — Elementary	3,500.00	4,089.49	(589.49)
Teaching Supplies — High	6,000.00	5,955.96	44.04
Contracted Services	3,470.00	3,239.91	230.09
Other Expenses — Elementary	730.00	652.87	77.13
Other Expenses — High	2,300.00	2,046.77	253.23
ATTENDANCE SERVICES	150.00	150.00	
HEALTH SERVICES	6,136.00	6,181.72	(45.72)
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	29,701.00	29,601.00	100.00
OPERATION OF PLANT			
Salaries	24,500.00	23,980.84	519.16
Supplies	6,050.00	5,436.76	613.24
Contracted Services		9.38	(9.38)
Heat	13,000.00	15,378.36	(2,378.36)
Utilities	12,830.00	12,768.36	61.64
MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	9,417.00	8,339.59	1,077.41
FIXED CHARGES			
Employee Retirement & FICA	27,000.00	26,424.99	575.01
Insurance	4,566.00	4,328.00	238.00
SCHOOL LUNCH & SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM	14,480.00	14,604.18	(124.18)
STUDENT-BODY ACTIVITIES	9,800.00	8,975.61	824.39
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES	1,420.00	1,227.48	192.52
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
Sites	200.00	196.00	4.00
Equipment	6,995.00	9,934.74	(2,939.74)
DEBT SERVICE			
Principal of Debt	60,000.00	60,000.00	
Interest on Debt	23,902.50	23,902.50	
Other (Coupons)		83.45	(83.45)
OUTGOING TRANSFER ACCOUNTS IN STATE			
Supervisory Union Expense	14,867.30	14,867.30	
Title I, PL 89-10	15,812.08	12,999.30	2,813.58
Tuition & Transportation	1,960.00	2,690.52	(730.52)
	\$648,668.68	\$648,668.68	.00

	Receipts		
	1966 Adopted Budget	Actual Receipts	Balance
REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES			
Current Appropriation			
REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES	\$551,121.48	\$550,583.25	\$ 538.23
School Building Aid	13,677.50	13,504.93	172.57
Sweepstakes	14,456.82	15,652.63	(1,195.81)
Intellectually Retarded		274.07	(274.07)
REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES			
NDEA — Title III	2,600.00	2,692.94	(92.94)
Vocational Education	500.00	318.09	181.91
SCHOOL LUNCH & SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM	10,500.00	10,391.18	108.82
Public Law 874	30,000.00	27,173.00	2,827.00
Title I — Public Law 89-10	15,812.88	15,812.11	.77
AMOUNTS RECEIVED FROM OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS			
Tuition	10,000.00	12,266.48	(2,266.48)
	<u>\$648,668.68</u>	<u>\$648,668.68</u>	<u>.00</u>



SOURCES OF REVENUE

Property taxes raised locally provide the largest single source of revenue to run the City. Other sources are broken down here:

	1966 Estimated Revenue	1966 Actual Revenue
Automobile Taxes	\$60,000.00	\$62,994.02
Dog Licenses	575.00	572.87
Miscellaneous Licenses	388.00	438.00
Police Court Fees	3,500.00	3,900.00
Interest & Dividend		
Tax	5,507.68	5,507.68
Savings Bank Tax	4,144.10	4,144.10
Railroad Tax		423.54
Poll Tax	6,578.00	4,732.00
National Bank Stock		
Tax	2,177.00	2,177.00
Head Tax Income	2,087.00	1,956.50
City Clerk's Fees	2,000.00	2,145.15
Interest — Uncollected		
Taxes	1,800.00	2,018.72
Somersworth Housing Authority	4,000.00	4,935.00
	<u>\$92,756.78</u>	<u>\$96,045.18</u>

Air view of Somersworth gives idea of industrial, residential property that serves as property tax base.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

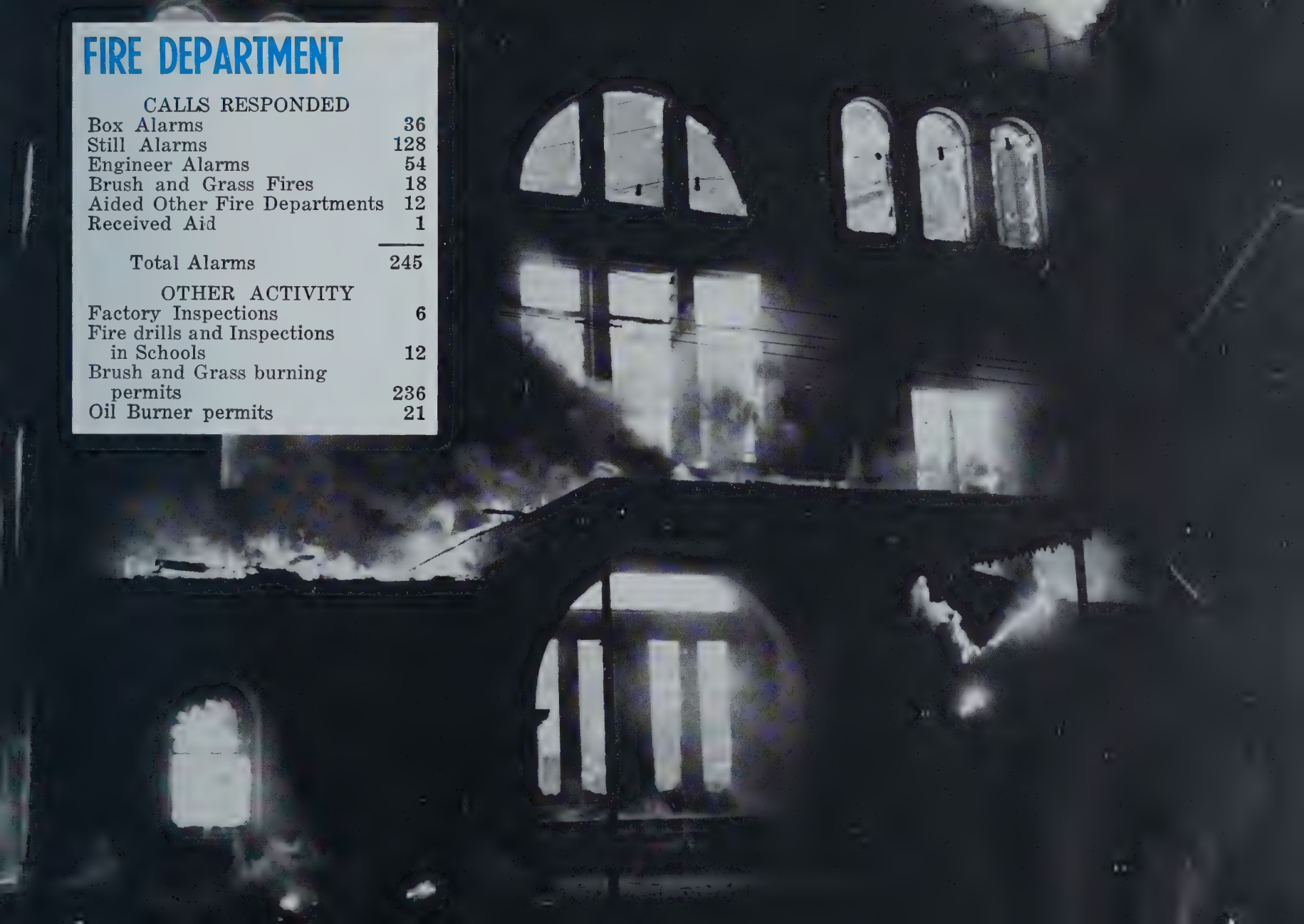
CALLS RESPONDED

Box Alarms	36
Still Alarms	128
Engineer Alarms	54
Brush and Grass Fires	18
Aided Other Fire Departments	12
Received Aid	1

Total Alarms 245

OTHER ACTIVITY

Factory Inspections	6
Fire drills and Inspections in Schools	12
Brush and Grass burning permits	236
Oil Burner permits	21



HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

During 1966 the Highway Department did the usual yearly maintenance work such as plowing, salting, sanding streets and hauling away snow from downtown and business places, also the annual spring and fall clean-up which included the cleaning of Catch Basins.

The following streets were sealed with M.C.-3 Asphalt: Clement Road, Paul Street, Glenview Road, Kelwyn Park, Midway Park, Central Park Acres, Indigo Hill Road, Morning, Winter, Doleson, First, Union, Down, Guy, Elswick, Wolcott Streets, Sinclair Avenue, Rocky Hill and Gonic Road, King's Lane and Turgeon Lane. In all 28,325 gallons of Asphalt were used at a cost of \$3,682.25.

During the year sidewalks were built on the north side of Mt. Vernon Street using 70 tons of hot top and 40 tons of crushed gravel. Also, Mt. Vernon Street, south side using 21 tons of hot top and 8 tons of crushed gravel. Pearl Street, 33 tons of hot top, 20 tons of crushed gravel. Indigo Hill Road, 58 tons hot top, 40 tons crushed gravel. Mt. Auburn Street crossing, part of side walk on south side, 30 tons hot top, 20 tons crushed gravel. Verona Street was paved with 55 tons hot top, 50 tons of crushed gravel used. New culvert on Clement Road, 30 feet of new 12 inch cement pipe and 10 tons hot top.

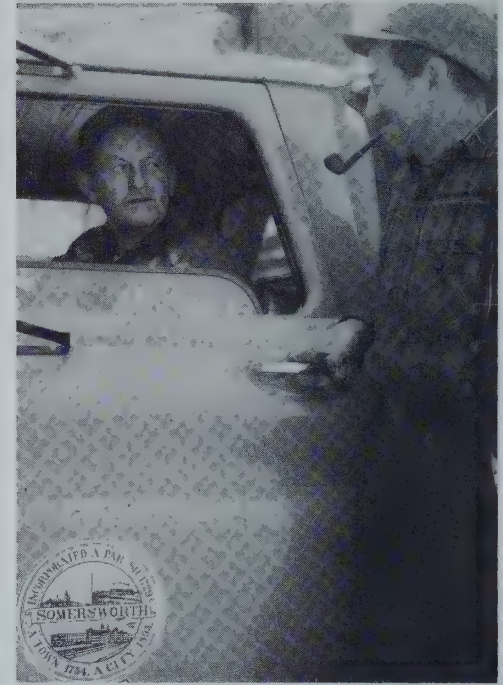
The Department installed a new guard fence along a section of Winter Street. The work included installing 18 new guard posts. Cost of the work was \$546.76 for iron; \$145.75 for man with portable welder; \$68 for paint.

Another project during the year included installation of 239 feet of 8-inch sewer line extension on Rita Street and an installation of a new drain on Alicia and Rowland Streets. Also laid during the year was an 8-inch cement pipe and drain, 231 feet long, at Midway Park. Other work included drains, ditches, and other work to Cote Street, West High Street, and Pleasant Street.

Last winter was a severe one, most storms were daytime storms with high moisture content. With all the cars parked on streets throughout the day, plowing was difficult. The department used 368 tons of road salt, and 225 yards of sand on slippery roads and walks.

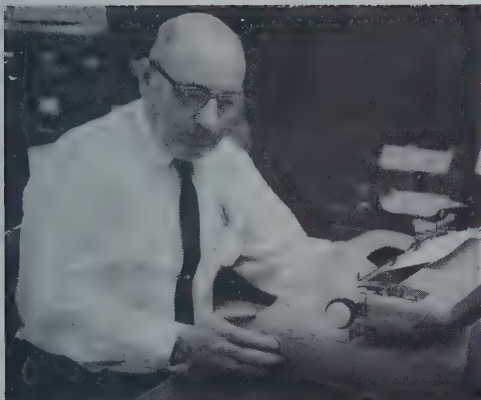
Seven dead trees were cut down in 1966 and removed and several stumps were also removed. Preliminary grading was done at the recreation field rear of Dover Shoe Co.

The Department's 1959 Ford truck gave out last winter. A new motor was installed and this truck will now be used for light work only. The 1960 Ford truck is well worn and will not be safe to use for plowing next winter. These



should be replaced for next winter if the city is to have efficient plowing and snow removal.

Both front end loaders are old and are light or small for the amount of work to be done. Some thought should be given to getting a heavier loader and larger one to facilitate snow removal, and equipped with a snow plow to plow hills and also to do work at the dump. The other tractor at the city dump is badly worn and is getting costly to operate. With increasing demands being placed on your Highway Department, this recommended equipment is badly needed for next winter.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

CRIMINAL CASES

Assault	7
Abusive, derisive and profane language to police officer	4
Accessory after the fact to larceny	1
Bastardy	3
Brawl and Tumult	3
Breaking, entering and larceny	10
Contempt of Court	2
Disorderly persons	4
Drunks	19
Destruction of City property	2
Falsifying age to procure liquor	6
Failure to answer a summons	1
Failure to pay taxi fare	1
Fugitive from Justice	3
Illegal possession of liquor	30
Interfering with a police officer	1
Larceny	6
Non support of wife and minor children	1
Procuring liquor for minors	3
Resisting arrest	1
Selling liquor to minor	1
Throwing refuse on highway	2
Urinating on public street	1
Vagrancy	1
Total	113

MOTOR VEHICLE CASES

Allowing unlicensed person to operate	1
Driving without a license	14
Driving without corrective glasses	3
Driving without lights	3
Driving with defective equipment	2
Driving after license suspended or revoked	10
Driving unregistered vehicle	5
Driving wrong way on one way street	3
Driving under the influence of liquor	18
Double parking	1
Failure to have car inspected	29
Failure to keep to the right of highway	7
Failure to stop at Rail Road crossing	3
Failure to yield right of way	1
Failure to stop for school busses	25
Failure to stop at stop signs	22
Leaving scene of accident	14
Misuse of plates	2
Passing at intersection	1
Passing on solid yellow line	13
Passing on right	1
Reckless driving	2
Speeding	54
Taking vehicle without owner's consent	2
Total	236

JUVENILE CASES

Delinquent child	5
Delinquent child (Drunk)	4
Delinquent child (Illegal possession of beer)	10
Delinquent child (Ringing false fire alarm)	2
Delinquent child (Larceny)	1
Neglected child	1
Total	23

DISPOSITION OF CASES

Appealed to High court	10
Committed to House of Correction	1

Continued for sentence	1
Custody to parents and Probation department	21
Custody to State Welfare department	1
Dismissed by court	1
Forfeited bail	1
Nolle Pros	13
Placed on file by court	14
Probable cause found and held for high court	6
Paid fines to court	278
Ordered to pay support	3
Sentence to House of Correction and sentence suspended	6
Waived hearing and held for High court	13
Waived extradition	3
Total	372

Total Criminal cases	113
Total motor vehicle cases	236
Total Juvenile cases	23
Total cases	372



POLICE DEPARTMENT

OTHER DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY

Assist to other police departments	433
Assist to other departments	179
Assist to other persons	398
Accidents reported to station	300
Autos damaged in accidents	500
Adults injured in accidents	26
Minors injured in accidents	10
Pedestrians injured in accidents	10
Private property damaged in accidents	20
Dogs killed by Autos	40
Fire alarm answered	42
Goods reported lost or stolen at station	100
Goods reported lost or stolen and found and returned to station	47
Police escorts to business concerns	586
Doors and windows found unlocked and locked by police	828
Street lights reported out to Public Service Co.	305
Persons in for lodging	29
Persons in for safe keeping	31
Autos reported stolen and recovered	3
Sudden death investigated with medical referee	10
Suicide investigated with Medical referee	1
Fatal accident investigated	1
Complaints received and taken care of by police	2158

Oil and filters	75.79
Cruisers repairs	369.39
Radio repairs	210.26
Public Service Co. (Lights)	86.46
Telephone and walkie talkies	2,135.67
General expenses	193.89
Supplies	351.94
Clothing allowance	1,529.67
Insurance on cruisers	486.35
New equipment	972.75
Sick leave	1,506.75
Heat	150.00
Tires	306.80
Total	\$87,672.72

Money received and deposited in Somersworth National bank	
Parking violations	\$ 223.00
Beano permits	110.00
Gun permits	98.00
Gas tax refunds	65.38
Telephone refunds	14.77
Copy machine	169.00
Refund from District nurse for tires	17.44
Junk licenses	10.00
Withdrawal from sick leave account	245.60
Total	\$ 953.19

Appropriation for the year 1966 including \$650.00 estimated revenue	\$85,273.31
Revenue over estimated revenue	57.59
Withdrawal from sick leave account	245.60
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	\$85,576.50

Total expenditures	\$87,672.72
Appropriation and cash taken in	\$85,576.50
Over spent	\$ 2,096.22

MUNICIPAL COURT

Receipts

Fines collected in Court	\$6,189.00
Bails (Appealed or Probable Cause cases for Superior Court Court)	1,960.00
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	1,960.00
Sale of Writs to Lawyers	14.90
Bail forfeited	25.00
Small Claims fees	34.00
Civil cases (entry fees)	12.00
Balance on hand December 31, 1965	78.82
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Total Receipts	\$8,313.72

Disbursements

Department of Safety (State's share of fines for traffic violations)	\$,809.00
Witness fees	135.00
Bails to Superior Court (Appealed or Probable Cause cases)	1,960.00
Law books supplement	52.00
Small Claims applications	7.90
Office supplies	117.51
Postage & Stamps	10.40
New Uniform Forms	265.54
Bond for Clerk	10.00
City of Somersworth	3,900.00
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	\$8,267.35

Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1966	46.37
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Total	\$8,313.72

FINANCIAL DETAILS

EXPENDITURES 1966:

Salaries (Gross)	\$74,678.53
Retirement by City	3,629.40
Retirement by officers	4,185.18
Gasoline	989.07

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

This was a most exciting year in the history of the Public Library. On March 7, 1966, the Library moved from a location it had occupied since the late nineteenth century to its temporary quarters in the Grant Building at 25 Main Street.

The move was accomplished in one week, and service was resumed immediately with every book in place. This was a major effort on the part of a great many people. It would be impossible to mention them all individually, however, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone connected with the move for their help, cooperation and understanding.

The staff spent many hours preparing for the move to temporary quarters by discarding over one-thousand books, and by their careful handling of books and records which we could never replace.

The physical facilities of the temporary quarters are rather limited and there is little room for expansion. The storage area in the basement is more than adequate in size but without light and air which makes it unsuitable for permanent storage of library materials. The children's section cannot be supervised from the main desk, creating some problems for the



Library reading room in Chandler building leveled by urban renewal.

staff. There are positive advantages in the location as well. Many people have expressed gratitude for the ground level entrance and the lighting.

On the whole, patrons reacted favorably to the new location and despite a loss of seven days during the move, our circulation for 1966 was only seventy-two volumes less than the 1965 total.

Statistics for 1966

Volumes Added	878
Adult	723
Juvenile	155
Volumes Discarded	1028
Adult	968
Juvenile	60
Gifts	57
Registered Borrowers	3071
Adult	1619
Juvenile	1452
Circulation	27684
Adult	16778
Juvenile	10906
Professional Meetings Attended	7
Staff Talks	4

SOMERSWORTH'S RECREATION PROGRAM

A countless number of youngsters took part in playground activities at the Noble Pines this summer. Minor League baseball was perhaps the most popular with four teams, namely, Coca Cola, Free Press, Emerson's, and Noble Pines, competing against one another. Over five hundred youngsters took part in swimming at Spring Hill. The wading pool at the Pines was usually filled to capacity.

The most successful arts and crafts display was the Christmas Party in July which included a Christmas tree, Santa Claus, Nativity Scene, and goodies for the children. Basketball, ping pong, horseshoes, junior and adult tennis, volleyball, were among some of the

varied activities provided for the children.

To improve the beauty of the playground numerous tasks were undertaken by the Noble Pines staff members. The baseball diamond was improved; see-saws and swings were painted; the playground was limed, fertilized, and seeded.

The Graniteer Drum and Bugle Corps gave an excellent exhibition. A band concert featuring William Elwell was presented. Record hops were provided for the teenagers. The playground season officially closed with the annual field day which was enjoyed by young and old alike.



SUMMARY OF TAX WARRANTS

Levy of 1966

DR.

Warrant submitted to Tax Collector as of Aug. 16, 1966:	
Property Tax	\$1,042,705.92
Added Property Tax	126.72
Poll Tax	6,578.00
Added Poll Tax	100.00
Bank Stock	2,177.00

Total Debits **\$1,051,687.64**

CR.

Remitted to City Treasurer during fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 1966:	
Property Tax	\$ 858,523.45
Added Property Tax	126.72
Bank Stock	2,177.00
Poll Tax	4,432.00
Added Poll Tax	100.00
Abatements Prop.	9,933.71
Abatements Poll	200.00
Uncollected Prop. Tax	174,248.76
Uncollected Poll Tax	1,946.00

Total Credits **\$1,051,687.64**

Levy of 1965

DR.

Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1966:	
Property Tax	\$ 159,649.62
Poll Tax	1,592.00
Added Poll Tax	530.00
Interest	1,566.67

Total Debits **\$ 163,338.29**

CR.

Remitted to City Treas. during fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 1966:	
Property Tax	\$ 154,987.36
Poll Tax	1,038.00
Added Poll Tax	530.00
Interest	1,566.67
Abatement Property Tax	2,813.30
Abatement Poll Tax	318.00
Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1967:	
Property Tax	1,848.96
Poll Tax	236.00

Total Credits **\$ 163,338.29**

Levy of 1964

DR.

Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1966:	
Property Tax	\$ 1,764.88
Poll Tax	620.00

Total Debits **\$ 2,384.88**

CR.

Remitted to City Treas. during fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 1966:	
Property Tax	\$ 1,184.59
Poll Tax	24.00
Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1967:	
Property Tax	580.29
Poll Tax	596.00

Total Credits **\$ 2,384.88**

SEWAGE TAX

Warrants
Submitted

Period	to Tax Collector
Dec. 1, 1961 to June 1, 1962	\$10,691.88
June 1, 1962 to Dec. 1, 1962	10,816.44
Dec. 1, 1962 to June 1, 1963	10,719.88
June 1, 1963 to Dec. 1, 1963	11,424.08
Dec. 1, 1963 to June 1, 1964	10,895.23
June 1, 1964 to Dec. 1, 1964	12,372.94
Dec. 1, 1964 to June 1, 1965	11,441.06
June 1, 1965 to Dec. 1, 1965	12,165.64
Dec. 1, 1965 to June 1, 1966	11,702.86
June 1, 1966 to Dec. 1, 1966	12,154.14

Uncollected as of

January 1, 1966	January 1, 1967
June 1962	322.79
Dec. 1962	776.16
June 1963	570.99
Dec. 1963	1,127.66
June 1964	1,478.53
Dec. 1964	2,474.55
June 1965	2,305.23
Dec. 1965	6,691.32
June 1966	2,139.01
Dec. 1966	6,663.76



Taxable property such as this fell to Urban Renewal in 1966.

URBAN RENEWAL IN SOMERSWORTH DURING 1966

The year 1966 was one marked by substantial advancement in the programs that are a part of Somersworth's "Adventure in Progress."

So extensive was the progress made in this period that the Somersworth Housing Authority now looks forward, with hope and confidence, to substantial fulfillment, during 1967, of many of our dreams and objectives.

Triangle Urban Renewal Project

Most of the Urban Renewal activity during the past year was centered in that portion of the Triangle Project Area in which the proposed new Shopping Center is to be located.

Here two demolition contracts were completed bringing to 77 the total number of buildings demolished in the project area; clearing in its entirety the commercial-parking section; and paving the way for disposition of land to prospective commercial redevelopers.

Here also test borings were taken, a topographical survey was made and there was considerable engineering activity preparatory to the establishment of new grades, the building of retaining walls, the installation of new and separate storm and sanitary drainage systems, the formulation of parking and traffic circulation layouts, etc., on practically all of which actual construction and installation work will get under way during 1967.

Substantial advancement was also made in the Acquisition and Relocation programs.

Redevelopment Prospects Highly Encouraging

During 1966, the disposition and redevelopment programs for the new Shopping Center were started in earnest and vigorously pushed.

The availability of land was widely advertised and numerous contacts were made, and conferences held, with prospective redevelopers.

These efforts have proven to be fruitful and encouraging with the result that, as we move into 1967, the Somersworth Housing Authority has succeeded in obtaining applications and commitments for not less than two-thirds of the commercial land that will be available to developers in the new Shopping Center.

Barring unforeseen developments, it appears certain that the area which is bounded by Orange, Washington, Elm, Fore and Main Streets will be the scene of great activity during the coming Spring, Summer and Fall months.

Present prospects are that Spring will witness the start of construction of the new Somersworth National Bank Building, the new Somersworth Post, American Legion Memorial Building, and the major commercial structure which will house the A & P Supermarket, the New Hampshire State Liquor Store and several other business establishments.

Architects are presently drawing plans for these buildings and early bidding is expected. Special attention is being given to the style and type of construction in efforts to assure harmony in design and the best that is possible in attractiveness and utility.

Tax Losses Averted By Staging

As the result of a proper staging process in Urban Renewal activities, the City of Somersworth — contrary to earlier expectations — has suffered no real loss of tax revenues to date — and none is expected.

It is of interest to note that the assessed value of all property scheduled to be taken under the Urban Renewal Plan totals to approximately \$430,000.

New construction generated by Urban Renewal action to date — properties upon which the City of Somersworth collected taxes in 1966 — totals to about \$264,000 in assessed valuation and this total will be substantially increased by additional new construction of this nature completed in 1966 upon which the City will begin to collect taxes this year.

All of this, together with tax revenues from project area properties not yet demolished, has wiped out expected tax losses during the execution period.

Project Could "Pay For Itself"

Execution of the Triangle Project Plan has now progressed to the point where it has become increasingly clear that this project can very well prove to be self-liquidating.

There is every reason to believe that new construction will broaden the tax base and produce new assessed valuations that will be far in excess of the \$430,000 assessed value of all properties to be taken.

This being so — it follows that additional tax revenues derived therefrom should be sufficient to make it possible for the project to "pay for itself" over a very reasonable period of time.

It is to be noted that the new construction in the amount of \$264,000 in assessed valuation, above quoted, from which the city received taxes in 1966, and the additional new construction upon which taxes will be levied this year, are exclusive of any of the new construction scheduled to start this spring.

As a matter of fact — completion of the major commercial building alone will bring the assessed values of newly constructed properties above the original \$430,000 valuation. The additional construction could be "velvet."

First Full Fiscal Year of Public Housing

The year 1966 witnessed the dedication of Somersworth's two Public Housing Projects and the completion of the first full year of their occupancy and management.

On June 14th, the 56 unit project of Housing for Low-Income Families, which is located on Bartlett Avenue, was named "The Albert J. Nadeau Homes" in memory of the late Mayor Nadeau in whose administration the comprehensive planning, which led to Urban Renewal and Public Housing in Somersworth, was initiated.

On the same day, the 64 unit project of Housing for the Elderly, which is located on Washington Street, was named "The Robert H. Filion Terrace" in honor of former Mayor Filion whose administration brought to a point of advanced planning and execution the Triangle Urban Renewal Project and the two public



How the corner looked



Dozers start their work



Almost down



The job completed

SOMERSWORTH LOSES A LANDMARK — THE CHANDLER BUILDING

housing projects.

On December 31st, there was completed the first full fiscal year of occupancy in these projects with each of the 120 units occupied.

The joys, comforts and all-around benefits of occupancy — as are freely expressed by the great majority of tenants — clearly and emphatically justify the existence of these projects from the social welfare viewpoint.

And the Annual Statement of Income and Expense for the initial year presents sound evidence as to their financial and economic stability and feasibility.

The housing projects were a by-product of Urban Renewal and served a most important purpose as a relocation resource. Without them, there could have been long and costly delays in the execution of that program.

The great need for these housing units is pointed up in the figures relating to demolition and construction.

A total of 187 dwelling units were scheduled for demolition — 155 of which were professionally classified as sub-standard — as compared to the total of 120 new units constructed.

REPORT OF EXPENSES

December 31, 1966

Surveying & Planning	\$ 98,766	\$ 91,992
Administrative & Legal	86,716	74,828
Acquisition	30,500	16,567
Operation of Acquired Property	(-) 1,900	(-) 14,857
Site Clearance & Disposition	123,608	61,158
Site Improvements	99,500	2,106
Rehabilitation Cost	2,500	-0-
Interest	50,000	75,174
Income from Investments	—	(-) 63,417*
Reserve for Contingencies	58,639	-0-
Real Estate Purchases	1,530,845	1,266,195
Government Inspection Fee	15,378	15,378

Total Expenditures \$2,094,552 \$1,525,124

* Income from investments is a decrease to project costs.

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS:

Cash	\$ 7,267.29	\$
Change Fund	50.00	
	<hr/>	7,317.29
Tenants Accounts Receivable		295.00
Other Accounts Receivable		206.75
Advance to Revolving Fund		2,000.00
Investments		34,828.74
Fiscal Agent Funds:		
Debt Service Fund	55,051.34	
Advance Amortization Fund	598.50	
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Deferred Charges:		
Prepaid Insurance	2,721.42	
Insurance Deposits	6,879.52	
Other	524.70	
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Development Costs		2,069,666.79
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TOTAL ASSETS		\$2,179,890.05

LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable		
Vendors & Contractors	\$ 4,503.20	
Contract Retentions	67,804.95	
Tenants Security Deposits	1,624.00	
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Temporary Notes		156,000.00
Accrued Liabilities:		
Accrued Interest—PHA	500.71	
Accrued Interest—Bonds	32,295.09	
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	4,935.60	
Accrued Utilities	2,989.03	
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Tenants Prepaid Rent		33.45
Fixed Liabilities:		
Permanent Notes—PHA		74,601.50
Bonds Issued	1,805,000.00	
Less: Bonds Retired	20,000.00	
	<hr/>	1,785,000.00
Surplus:		
Unreserved Surplus	(61,570.29)	
Operating Reserve	8,120.00	
Cumulative PHA Contributions	103,052.81	
	<hr/>	49,602.52
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS		\$2,179,890.05

WATER DEPARTMENT

Nineteen hundred sixty six was another dry year, making it six consecutive dry summers. In addition to extremely dry weather the Water Works No. 3 well developed high iron and manganese. Although the concentration of these minerals was well below the point where it would present a health hazard it was nevertheless above the safe limit for laundry staining. Therefore, on July 18 the use of the No. 3 well was discontinued until the problem could be resolved. After thorough testing accomplished through the State of New Hampshire it became apparent that the possible solutions were few:

(1) the well could be abandoned and exploration to find a new site with no guarantee of quality of water or (2) purchase and install an iron and manganese removal plant. Because of the uncertainty of finding a new well site and the cost of same, together with the fact that good well sites are very difficult to locate, the Board of Water Commissioners voted to purchase a Hungerford-Terry iron and manganese removal plant. This filter plant was ordered September 19 with delivery scheduled for sometime in January, 1967.

The iron and manganese removal plant will control the quality of water entering the system from Well No. 3 and therefore should eliminate the majority of the "red water" complaints. It is impossible

to say **all** complaints because fire flows, reversal in the direction of flow or other sudden disturbances in the system may cause agitation of deposits in the mains and there-

by cause discolored water. However, these occurrences should be infrequent.

We are therefore looking forward to better water in 1967.

WATER PUMPED BY CITY WELLS DURING 1966

Water Pumped in 1963		Well No. 3	Total
	Wells No. 1 & 2		
January	18,391,500	9,277,800	27,669,300
February	17,481,960	8,700,400	26,182,300
March	21,041,500	10,799,400	31,840,900
April	21,119,700	9,767,300	30,887,000
May	21,424,300	9,547,200	30,971,500
June	21,583,700	9,432,200	31,015,900
July	28,076,000	5,838,700 *	33,914,700
August	29,771,700	*	29,771,700
September	30,172,600	*	30,172,600
October	30,172,600	*	30,172,600
November	27,477,500	*	27,477,500
December	28,638,300	*	28,638,300
	<u>295,351,300</u>	<u>63,363,000</u>	<u>358,714,300</u>
		Minimum 668,200 gallons January 1, 1966	
		2nd. Minimum 692,000 gallons December 25, 1966	
		Maximum 1,336,000 March 17, 1966	
		2nd. Maximum 1,283,800 July 26, 1966	

WATER DEPARTMENT BOND ISSUE

		Balance		Expiration Date
A	\$ 8,000.00		\$ 6,000.00	June 1, 1969
	<u>-2,000.00</u>			
B	\$ 35,000.00	Balance	\$ 30,000.00	Dec. 1, 1972
	<u>-5,000.00</u>			
C	\$ 5,000.00	Balance	\$ 0.00	Oct. 1, 1966
	<u>-5,000.00</u>			
D	\$110,000.00	Balance	\$ 95,000.00	July 1, 1974
	<u>-15,000.00</u>			
		<u>Total Balance</u>	<u>\$131,000.00</u>	

WATER DEPARTMENT EXPENSES, INCOME

Following is the itemized account of receipts and expenditures of the department for the year 1966.

Cash Credit City Treasurer Jan. 1, 1966			\$ 17,817.80
RECEIPTS:			
Sale of Water		\$99,415.72	
Meter Rent		4,068.80	
House service		8,729.98	
Miscellaneous:			
Misc.	\$ 516.40		
Main Ext. Contribution in aid of Construction		1,936.21	
Hydrant rental		8,280.00	
			10,732.61
Total Receipts			<u>122,947.11</u>
Total to City Treasurer to pay for expenditures			<u>\$140,764.91</u>
EXPENDITURES:			
Garage	\$ 1,228.75		
New Stock	21,460.43		
New Stock Main Extension	6,646.49		
Supervision	7,956.53		
Service Repair	4,196.33		
Well Expense	11,555.58		
Main Repair	603.75		
Hydrant Repair	2,192.24		
Meter Repair	8,806.97		
Commercial Expense	2,255.66		
Shop Expense	244.40		
Misc. Expense	2,920.39		
New Service	1,862.97		
Bonds — Principal	27,000.00		
Bonds—Interest	6,625.50		
Total Paid out.			
Cash Credit with City Treasurer 1/1/67			\$35,211.92

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:	
(water & services)	\$22,239.61
Inventory (Supplies)	14,254.44
Inventory (Equipment)	10,398.96
New Equipment—Adding Machine	240.00
New Equipment—PH Meter	181.04

SPECIAL FUNDS:			
	Bal. 1/1/66	Income	Bal. 12/31/66
Savings Account (1)	\$8,907.13	\$393.93	\$9,301.06
Savings Account (2)	5,870.66	237.18	6,107.84

DETAILS FOR 1966

Services renewed 18	Gate valves re-	
New services 38	paired	6
Services repaired 69	Curb boxes re-	
Hydrants repair-	paired	17
ed 15	New meters	
Hydrants renewed 3	installed	36
New Hydrants 4	Meters changed	163
Repairs to mains 3		

1966 WATER LINE EXTENSIONS

Route 16	
Materials	\$ 1,485.67
1924 lin. ft. 12" A. C. pipe	6,233.76
54 lin. ft. 8" C. I. pipe	175.14
Installation	6,342.50
3 Hydrants	634.95
Administrative (Bids, painting signs)	110.00
Total	<u>\$14,982.02</u>
Contribution in aid of Construction	-1,936.21
Cost of Water Works	<u>\$13,045.81</u>
Rita Street	
Materials	\$ 24.72
252' of 6" C. I. pipe	529.20
Installation	309.00
Total	<u>\$ 862.92</u>

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, PETITIONS ENACTED, 1966

Pertaining to the appointment of a Committee on Pollution to secure easements and land to carry out the 1961 Pollution Sewerage Project. 1/4/66.

Relative to leasing No. 27 and No. 29 Main Street from the Somersworth Housing Authority as a temporary location for the Somersworth Public Library. 3/1/66.

Empowering the Somersworth Housing Authority to proceed to acquire the land and buildings at corner of Washington and Orange Streets known as the Chandler Building. 3/1/66.

Increasing sickness and accident benefits for full-time employees from \$35.00 a week to \$60.00 a week. 3/1/66.

Approving the sale of land to the Government Services Administration for an addition to the Post Office. 3/1/66.

Authorizing the Mayor to file application for grant to aid in financing the construction of storm sewers. 4/5/66.

Conveying a parcel of land located on the Northeastly side of Buffumsville Road to James E. Beamis in exchange for a parcel of land on the Southwestly side of Buffumsville Road. 5/3/66.

To transfer the sum of \$50.00 from General Funds to cover cost of recording deeds of the City. 6/7/66.

To transfer the sum of \$400.00 from General Funds for the purchase of five lots of land at "Indigo Hill Park". 6/7/66.

To extend sewer line across land of Collea Corporation; and that the right to lay and maintain said sewer line be taken by right of eminent domain. 6/7/66.

Authorizing the Mayor to act as agent of the City in obtaining federal funds for a Community Center. 7/5/66.

To transfer the sum of \$2,328.90 from General Funds to cover the cost of tractor repairs. 7/5/66.

Transferring the sum of \$1200.00 from General Funds to cover the cost of installing sewer pipe on Rita Street. 8/2/66.

Authorizing the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the City, Quit-Claim deeds to property owners for their part interest in lands formerly known as Wallace Street. 8/2/66.

To appropriate the sum of \$125.00 from General Funds to pay the City Clerk's expenses for attending the City Clerks New England States Municipal Finance Officers Association conference. 9/6/66.

To refund \$2.00 to Donat LeHoullier for 1965 poll tax. 10/4/66.

To purchase land for lagoon system for furtherance of Pollution Program. 11/1/66

To borrow money in anticipation of taxes to pay 1967 maintenance and operation costs. 12/6/66.

To purchase an accounting machine, a validating register and forms 12/6/66.

To audit the "Bonds & Coupons" account 12/6/66.

To perambulate the City's boundaries with Dover, Rochester and Rollinsford. 12/6/66.

To accept audit report of John E. Rich & Co. 12/6/66.

To transfer \$710.50 from Gen. Funds to pay for Winter Street fence. 12/6/66.

Amendment to Chapter 13, Section 7, relative to traffic signs at the intersection of Maple and Rochester Streets. 6/7/66.

Amendment to Chapter 13, Section 7, pertaining to "Stop" signs at Grand and Noble Streets. 8/2/66.

Amendment to Chapter 17, Section 8, pertaining to the duties of the Cemetery Trustees. 8/2/66.

Amendment to Chapter 7, Section 1, pertaining to the Street Commissioner with regards to street signs and markings. 8/2/66.

Amendment to Chapter 17, Section 7, relative to "stop" signs at Hamilton and Grand Street. 9/6/66.

Amendment to Chapter 13, Section 7, relative to "stop" signs at intersection of Maple Street Extension and West High Street. 10/4/66.

Amendment to Chapter 13, Section 12, pertaining to one hour parking on the Westerly side of Main Street, from Washington Street to Franklin Street. 10/4/66.

Amendment to Chapter 22, Subdivision Regulations, relative to Sewer & Water Extensions. 11/1/66.

Amendment to Chapter 19, Article III, to be known as Section 13, relative to swimming pools. 11/1/66.

The addition of a new chapter entitled Chapter 14A regarding Pinball machines 12/6/1966.

Amendment to Chapter 14 Section 3 relative to increasing fees for theatrical performances and moving picture theatres 12/6/66.

Amendment to Zoning Ordinance regarding division of districts 12/13/66.

Amendment to Chapter 4 "Salaries" relative to assistant Street Commissioner 12/13/66.

From Public Service Company of New Hampshire and New England Telephone & Telegraph Company to erect and maintain pole on Salmon Falls Road. 2/1/66.

From New England Tel. & Tel. Co. to erect and maintain poles on High Street and Fayette Street. 4/5/66.

From P.S.C. of N.H. and N.E. Tel. & Tel. to erect and maintain pole on Gonic Road. 4/5/66.

From P.S.C. of N.H. and N.E. Tel. & Tel. to erect and maintain pole on Rita Street. 6/7/66.

From N.E. Tel. & Tel. Co. & Public Service Co. of N.H. for a license to install & maintain underground conduits, cables, etc. 12/9/66.

FOREST GLADE CEMETERY

Receipts

Appropriations	\$ 4,000.00
Income from Cemetery	2,632.79
Trust Fund Income	2,933.60

Total Income 9,566.39

Expenditures

Labor	7,724.63
Supplies	693.73
Repairs	224.75
New Equipment	200.95
Car Allowance	160.00
Insurance	123.00
Work Order	360.00
Miscellaneous	40.00

Total 9,532.06

Unexpended Balance 34.33

BOARD OF HEALTH

Buried nuisance	30
Complaints from other sources	24
Inspections	30
Issued 25 milk licenses @ \$2.00	\$50.00
Issued milk licenses exempt by law of fee	1
International Certificate of Vaccination or Revaccination against Smallpox	19
Measles Clinic	1



CONSTRUCTION

Month	No. Permits	Permit Value	Fees Collected
January	3	\$ 11,050.00	\$ 21.00
February	3	45,560.00	37.50
March	19	85,525.00	119.00
April	18	63,140.00	147.00
May	18	49,340.00	60.00
June	18	80,221.00	90.00
July	14	70,895.00	104.50
August	20	51,123.00	109.00
September	11	83,421.00	92.00
October	37	223,225.00	235.00
November	14	73,045.00	99.00
December	7	10,800.00	38.00
Total		\$837,325.00	\$ 1,151.00

Permit Breakdown:	
Single Dwellings	13
Duplex Dwellings	10
Remodel Permits	29
Garages, Residential	25
Industrial Buildings	2
Misc. Signs, Demolition, Junkyards, Trailers	102

WELFARE COSTS

Groceries	709.93
Clothing	89.39
Fuel & Electricity	279.64
Rent	381.00
Medical	1,415.58
Hospital	2,453.78
Board & care	5,923.35
Office Expenses	31.40
Old Age Assistance	6,945.82
Aid to Disabled	1,968.43
Supplies	25.90
Total for year	\$20,224.22

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