



Town of Meredith 2006 Annual Report



"Experience the Magic of Meredith"

Front Cover Top Photo...

MEREDITH COMMUNITY CENTER

The Grand Opening of the Meredith Community Center on April 3, 2006 marked a truly historic achievement for the community and was the culmination of a 65 year effort to construct a multi-use recreation facility to meet the wide variety of needs of our active and vibrant community.

A Dedication Ceremony was held on June 3, 2006 to celebrate and recognize the efforts of many dedicated individuals, organizations, Community Center Committee members, and town officials; both past and present, who contributed so much toward achieving this long awaited goal. As expected, the Meredith Community Center immediately began to host a wide variety of activities and served to enhance the quality of life in Meredith, just as early visionaries first dreamed of so many years ago.

Thanks to this tireless community-wide effort, we now have a versatile and vibrant place to gather, participate in healthy activity, discuss the issues of the day, and enjoy all that the Meredith Community Center has to offer for years to come.

Meredith Community Center Committee

Richard Gerken, Co-Chair
Vint Choiniere, Parks and Recreation Director
Joe Dever
Eileen Harris
Paula Trombi

Darrell Jenkins, Co-Chair
Rick Desharnais, Program Director
Carol Gerken
Bill Lance, Sr.
Tammy Levesque
Paula Wanzer

Board of Selectmen Committee Representatives

Robert C. Flanders

James F. Hughes, Emeritus

Frank S. Michel

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JACK'S PLACE PLAYGROUND

On May 13, 2006 nearly 50 volunteers gathered together, undeterred by torrential rain, to construct a new playground to be known as "Jack's Place", named to honor the memory of a spirited little boy named Jack Chrusciel.

Thanks to the efforts of the volunteer members of the Jack's Place Committee, the playground was designed to provide all children a barrier free environment to enjoy safe, adventurous, creative play.

A Dedication Ceremony was on June 3, 2006 to celebrate and recognize all those who contributed funding support, materials, time, and talent to create Jack's Place. Thanks to thoughtful creativity, community spirit, and a dedicated volunteer effort Jack's Place will always be special. Children and their families will play together and create their own cherished memories for years to come.

Jack's Place Committee

Kate Chrusciel
Vint Choiniere, Parks and Recreation Director

Shayne Duggan

Caroline Lynch

Kristen White

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ANNUAL REPORT

for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2006

What is this Town Report all about?

This Annual Town Report contains... information gathered from the Town Departments, Supported Outside Agencies and gives results of the 2006 Town Meeting. You can view the Vital Statistics, Town Financial Statements, Tax Rate, Ten Year Tax Rate Comparison and a Summary of Town Owned Property. Following in the yellow section is our current Budget and Warrant Articles.

Town Elections (Please Vote)

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

Location: Community Center

1 Circle Drive

Time: 7am to 7pm

Please bring this book to Town Meeting on...

Wednesday, March 14, 2007

Location: Inter-Lakes High School

1 Laker Lane

Time: 7pm

Award

Each year our report is entered into the Annual Town Report Contest which is held by the Local Government Center.

We compete against other Town's in the same population category.

We have received third place for our 2005 Annual Town Report.

Recognition

The Town Manager, Department Heads and Outside Agencies are responsible for the written reports. The Financial Statements are prepared by the Administrative Services Director, Brenda L. Vittner, Deputy Tax Collector, Vikki Fogg and Town Accountant, Carrie Compton. The layout, graphs and preparation of the Annual Report are completed by the Finance Officer, Linda Labraney.

Thank you to all that contributed to the report and congratulations for another award winning book.

TOWN REPORT DEDICATION

This years Town Report is dedicated to:

Lydia's smiling countenance has been part of the fabric of Meredith's literary dwelling house for some 37 years. She started in 1970 as part time Children's Librarian. Later she became Assistant Director, then Director in 1979. The programs that she has put in place, from the children's story time, to book clubs and art in the library have been a joy to library patrons for many years.

Her management style has created an atmosphere in the library that provides a comforting respite from the fast pace of life in our new century. A quiet and safe haven for our youngsters and teens to immerse themselves in stories from far away. It is also a place where a kind word and a sympathetic ear have become Lydia's trademark.

Lydia has built quite a resume for her volunteer work in our local community as well as on the regional and state level. She has been a Deacon and choir member at the First Congregational Church of Meredith, Founder and Director of the "Saucy Poppets" Theatre Group, Organizer and Charter Member of the Meredith Altrusa Club, Co-founder of the Children's Librarians of NH Group, member of the New England Round Table of Children's Librarians, President of the Area Library Coop, Co-Chair of the League of N H Craftsmen, Board member of the Taylor Home, Board Member of the friends of the NH Music Festival, Board Member of the Main Street Program, Co-Founder and Board Member of the Master Chorale, Board Member of the Loon Preservation Committee... and the list goes on.

In July of 2007 Lydia will retire from her position as Library Director. She has, however, accepted a new full time position as "Nana" to her four wonderful grandchildren. Along with sidekick, Nate, she will be charting a new course. She will be missed, but we wish her many baskets of strawberries and maybe, once in a while, a chocolate.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Eldridge

Paul Eldridge

Vice Chair

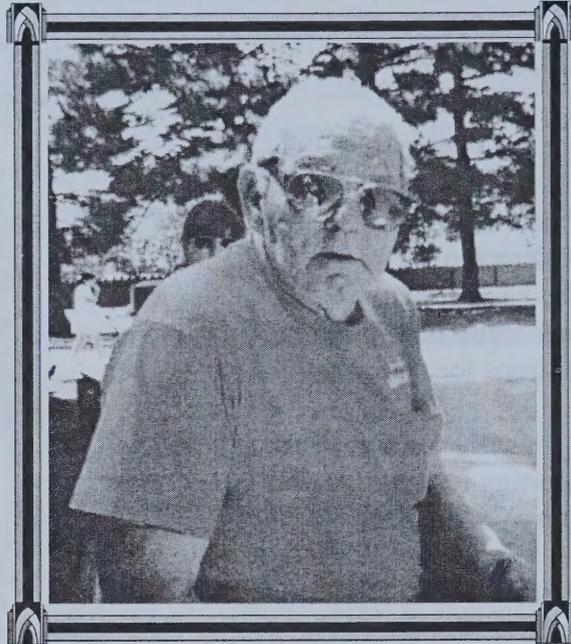
Meredith Public Library Board of Trustees

Meredith Public Library Director



Lydia Torr

IN SPECIAL MEMORIAM



Kenneth A. Sargent

Kenneth A. Sargent: retired Cemetery Sexton, was 76, and passed away on Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 2006, at his home, after along illness.

Born in Meredith on May 14, 1930 and was the son of Harold H. Sargent Sr. and Grace A. (Dodge) Sargent. Ken was a life long resident of Meredith.

He worked for Pike Industries for approximately 15 years and spent a few years working for Moultonboro, cleaning and straightening the monuments. Ken gained his knowledge of the Meredith Village Cemetery by working part-time with his dad, Harold, who was the sexton for 31 years. Ken took over as sexton when his father retired. Ken worked over forty-five years at the Meredith Village Cemetery and he retired as Cemetery Sexton in October of 1999.

Ken had to bury friends and close relatives over the years including his wife and baby. He once had requests from townspeople who wanted him to do their burials and Ken would reply that "you better hurry up before I retire." He had a great sense of humor.

He was a member of the Center Harbor Christian Fellowship Church.

IN SPECIAL MEMORIAM



Natalie Irene Smith

Natalie Irene Smith 79, passed away at Forestview Manor on December 15, 2006, following a period of failing health.

Born in Meredith on October 2, 1927, she was the daughter of Nathan C. and Blanche (Clark) Smith.

Natalie was a lifelong resident of Meredith. She attended Meredith Elementary School and was a graduate of Meredith High School. Following high school she attended Keene State Teachers College.

After her school years, Natalie was a history teacher at Laconia High School and also Memorial Middle School for many years. She thoroughly enjoyed her years of teaching in Laconia, and then as owner of Bickford Antiques. Her retirement years were spent Traveling all over the world with her dear friend

Mary Jones and living in Englewood, Florida, in the winter and Meredith, New Hampshire in the summer. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Theta Chapter, the Retired Teachers Association, and the Meredith Historical Society.

She is survived by one brother, Aaron C. Smith of Center Harbor; four nieces, Sally Whalen, Shirley

Smith, Rebecca Greene, all of Center Harbor, and Lesley Phillips of Port Pierce, FL; and several grand and great-grand nieces and nephews. Memorial donations may be made to Delta Kappa Gamma, Theta Chapter Scholarship Fund and mailed to Gerna Magnusson, Theta Treasurer, 2600 Lake Shore Park, Gilford, NH 03249.

IN SPECIAL MEMORIAM



HELEN HART

Helen T. Hart, 80, passed away on December 23, 2006 at Lakes Region General Hospital. She was born in Weehawken, N.J. on March 19, 1926 to Frank and Kamilia Treger. Helen graduated from Cliffside Park High School, class of 1943 and from Katherine Gibbs School of Business.

Helen and her husband Russell moved to New Hampshire in 1947 to farm in beautiful Meredith. The Hart family grew vegetables and apples and also sold chickens, eggs and turkeys from a delivery truck. Hart's Turkey Farm Restaurant opened in 1954 with Helen being a significant part of the business until her retirement in the mid 1980's.

At Hart's 50th Employee Reunion in 2003 Helen enjoyed reminiscing with the many local old time employees, who had their first job opportunities at the "Turkey Farm."

She became a Florida resident in her beloved Floral City, but returned every summer to enjoy the magnificent Lakes Region. Helen loved antiquing, auctions, sports, playing cards and traveling. Her children and grandchildren were very important to her as well as her Floral City friends, the "Golden Girls" whom she considered family.

Helen will be remembered for being a very compassionate and generous woman who always gave back to the community, church and others. She and her husband donated the property for the current Meredith water tower.

She supported the Glenn P. Hart Memorial Skate Park as well as the Meredith Community Center. She was very proud of the window she commissioned for St. Charles Church in memory of her late husband, Russell.

Helen was predeceased by her husband of 49 years, Russell C. and her son Glenn P. She is survived by daughters Lynn and Dale; son Russell T. and wife Lynne F.; daughter-in-law Linda; nine grandchildren: Sim, Steph, Adam, Chris, Ian, Colin, Brendan, Leah, and Austin; great grandchildren: Teddy and Oceanna; sister Marion Reilly; sister-in-law Gerda Hart.

DEDICATED SERVICE



DENNIS MARTIN

25 Years of Service to the Town of Meredith

Dennis Martin graduated from Interlakes High School with the class of 1964. He is still married to his high school sweetheart, Jackie Nichols Martin. They have two grown, married daughters, Michelle O'Brien and Terri Chance and two grandchildren.

Dennis put in his time in military service with the United States Army. Dennis worked three years as a Meredith police officer. He worked as a cross country tractor trailer driver for Sublers out of Saco, Maine for a few years and then drove tractor trailer for Wallace Energy in Meredith. He returned to Meredith and during the last twenty five years of employment with the Town of Meredith, worked five years for the Water and Sewer department and finally for the last 20 years he was employed with the Highway crew where he worked in highway maintenance and as a plow truck driver.

Dennis is looking forward to not going out and plowing during winter storms! He and Jackie are also planning to travel the country on their motorcycle.

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TOWN OFFICIALS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Peter N. Miller, 2007, Chairman

Frank S. Michel, 2008, Vice Chairman

Colette Worsman, 2009

Peter F. Brothers, 2009

Miller C. Lovett, 2007

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Moderator, 2008

Town Clerk, 2008

Treasurer, 2008

Louis Kahn

Pauline L. Jones

Dennis A. Lamper

TOWN DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS

Town Manager & Tax Collector

Administrative Services Director

Town Planner

Code Enforcement Officer

Public Works Director

Assistant Public Works Director

Water & Sewer Superintendent

Assessor

Parks & Recreation Director

Parks & Recreation Program Director

Library Director

Assistant Director

Deputy Tax Collector

Deputy Town Clerk

Carol M. Granfield, ICMA-CM

Brenda L. Vittner

John C. Edgar, AICP

William M. Edney

Michael Fallor

Allan Bolduc

Robert Hill

James Commerford

Vint M. Choiniere, CPRP

Rick Desharnais

Lydia Torr

Marilyn Rushton

Valerie "Vikki" Fogg

Kerri A. Parker

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT

Stephen H. Nedeau, 2008, Meredith

Bruce Heald, 2008, Meredith

Deborah Reynolds, 2008, Senator

POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS

Kevin Morrow, Chief

Keith True, Lieutenant

FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS

Charles G. Palm, Chief

Andre Kloetz, Assistant Chief

Tom Joslin, Assistant Chief

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Charles G. Palm

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Steven R. Bennett

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Paula Wanzer, Co-Chair, 2007
Beverly Heyduk, 2008
Ann Keller, 2008

John Foster, 2009

Tammy Carpentiere, Co-Chair, 2007
Eileen Harris, 2009
Cheryl Prouty, 2009

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

Richard Pendergast, 2008

Suzanne C. Aucoin, Chairman, 2007

Barbara Clark, 2009

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Deborah K. McNeish, Chairman, 2008

Lucienne M. Boulanger, 2010

Rhetta Colon, 2012

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Duncan McNeish, Treasurer, 2009
Rhetta Colon, 2009
Delphine Clough, 2007

Laurie A. Brothers, Chairman, 2008

Paul Eldridge, Co-Chair, 2009
Linda Matson, 2008
Joseph Jay Tivnan, 2009

PLANNING BOARD

Louis Kahn, 2007
William Finer, 2008
Roger Sorell, 2009

Herb Vadney, Chairman, 2007

Bill Bayard, 2009
Pam Bliss, 2008
Colette Worsman, Selectmen's Representative

Alternates: Edward Touhey, 2007 & Robert Flanders, 2009

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

John Mack, Chairman, 2008

Fred Hawkins, 2007
Kenneth Haley, 2009

Jack Dever, 2009
Michael Pelczar, 2007

Alternates: Janice Joslin, 2009 & Diane Hommel, 2007

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

John Sherman, Chairman, 2009

Robert LeCount, 2007
Paula Novicki, 2009

Ralph Pisapia, Treasurer, 2007
Donald MacFarlane, Vice Chairman, 2007

Peter Miller, 2010
Barbara Smyth, 2007

Alternates:

Daniel Heyduk, 2009
Jacquie Colburn, 2009

Terry Lance, 2009

Paul Del Frari, 2009
Paula Wanzer, 2007

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES

Bill Bayard, 2010

Herb Vadney, 2010

Report from the Board of Selectmen

To Our Meredith Citizens:

The 2006 year has been one for the new Board of five Selectmen to learn, blend together and address immediate needs and issues as well as plan for the future. Education for our new members was most critical and all spent significant time not only attending various Town and departmental orientations, but additionally attended programs through the Selectmen Institute as well as many offerings through the Local Government Center and other organizations.

During the year, in addition to holding 23 regular Board of Selectmen meetings, the Board held 28 work sessions as well as 15 non-public sessions. We were able to accomplish a significant amount of Town business as a result of all of these meetings. In an effort to further enhance Town communications with the public, in addition to televising live all of our regular selectmen meetings, we began taping all of our workshop sessions and they are also televised on the Cable Channel. This is one more way we believe we can keep the public informed of all Town activity.

The Town experienced many successes during the year, a primary one being the completion of the Town-wide revaluation that was conducted by Vision Appraisal Technology. As a result our tax rate was reduced from \$16.25 to \$10.74. Starting in 2007, the Assessing Department will be reinspecting 20% of the Town per year so that after a 5 year cycle all properties will have been visited. By doing this the Town will forego the need for a costly revaluation every 5 to 10 years. Valuation updates will be done as necessary in order to keep the town's overall ratio between the State recommended 90%-110% of market value.

Another significant success was the result of the voters at Town Meeting passing the warrant article to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$2,297,000 by the issuance of bonds or notes for the construction of a new Police Station. The Police Department had significant space and security issues at the old station and the new facility will take care of identified needs for many years to come. An upcoming item for the Board to decide is what the disposition of the old Police Station will be. A decision must be made in 2007 whether the facility will be used to house another Town operation or if it will be placed on the Town Warrant for approval to sell.

The New Community Center opened in April 2006. This facility and utilization has far exceeded our expectations. We are very pleased with the high utilization. Next year we will conduct a thorough evaluation on the resources required to operate the facility as well as operational costs. Once we have a full year of operation, we will be able to better determine and update the Town policy pertaining to fee schedules so the facility will be both cost effective and meet the needs of our citizens.

Lastly, in the fall our Town Manager facilitated a very successful Goal Setting program with the Selectmen that included some input from department heads.

Report from the Selectmen continued...

As a result of this process, the Board of Selectmen adopted the following ten priority goals for 2007 and 2008. They are as follows...

1. Protect Water Quality of the Town's Water Supply and Meredith Bay
2. Improve Department Efficiencies to Contain Cost
3. Enhanced Town Communication
4. Add Personnel to Departments Most Critically in Need
5. Develop an Information Technology (IT) Master Plan Program
6. Improve Planning Development Review Process
7. Improve the Capital Improvement Review Process
8. Revision of Road Standards
9. Development of Workforce Housing
10. Maintain a Viable and Sustainable Community.

The 2007 budget will incorporate various programs and some funding to begin to address the adopted goals. We will further update you throughout the year on our progress.

The Parade Road roundabout received final state approval and construction began in November. This project will continue throughout 2007 which ultimately will improve the traffic flow in the area.

We thank our dedicated Town Manager and staff for their expertise we rely on. We appreciate all of our volunteer committees and boards and recognize all of you annually at our volunteer celebration. New committees this year include the Health and Dental Insurance Committee along with the Fire Station Building Committee. The work of the Insurance Committee resulted in substantial cost savings to the Town, and we look forward to learning the status of the Fire Station Building Committee work, as an expanded fire station is a next priority based on previous recommendations received from our Space Needs Committee.

We look forward to an upcoming positive year and will address its challenges in the best interests of the community.

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Board of Selectmen

Peter N. Miller

Frank S. Michel

Colette Worsman

Peter F. Brothers

Miller C. Lovett

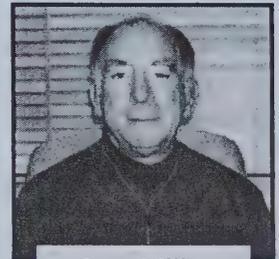
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Chairman

Frank S. Michel
Vice Chairman

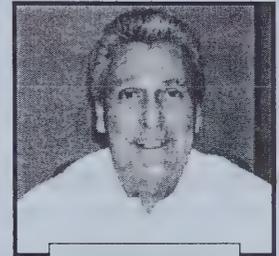
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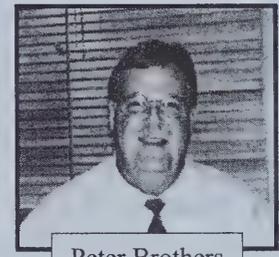
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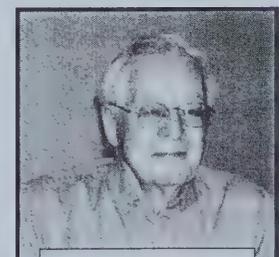
Frank Michel



Colette Worsman



Peter Brothers



Miller Lovett

Report from the Town Manager

Greeting to the Citizens of Meredith:

The year of 2006 was one filled with many on going activities as well as oversight of some key town projects, as the town project manager for both the Community Center and new Police Station. I'm pleased to report that the Community Center was completed on time and within budget. The construction management system that was utilized was of great assistance to the town, as Bauen Corporation provided many cost savings options that did not lessen the quality of the building but saved our taxpayers dollars. Following the opening of the facility a footbridge connecting Prescott Park to the Community Center was also constructed. The oversight of this resulted in some modifications to ensure safety and it will be reopened in the spring. The footbridge will not be open during the winter months.



The voters approved a warrant article to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$2,297,000 by the issuance of bonds to construct and equip a new Police Station facility. Construction began in the spring on town property so the purchase of land was not needed. Again the town utilized the Construction Management approach with a contract awarded to Bauen Corporation who worked in concert with Architect Udlesman to construct a very cost effective, well planned facility. The opening of the new building is scheduled to occur during the winter of 2007.

The Cable Show "Experience the Magic of Meredith" continued throughout the year and provided viewers with information about services and programs available from both the town and other organizations. It also had several programs that toured facilities and operations such as the Historical Society, Moulton Farms, Library and Community Center. Citizens have provided feedback that even our long term residents have learned some new items about the community or services and programs they were not aware of. I would encourage you to contact me if you have ideas for future programs.

The Beautify Meredith adopt-a-spot program continues to expand and more groups and organizations are assisting with this program. This partnership program blends the time, talent and funds of groups with public location enhancements with the town providing loom or mulch. The creativity at the ten locations has been most positive. More locations are available, so contact me if you would like to become involved with this program. This joint effort has both saved the town and taxpayers some funds and involved members of the community in a rewarding program.

Other highlights during the year included the extension of sidewalk on Waukewan Street, which now provides sidewalks from Route 104 along Waukewan, by the beach and into the downtown village. This has been well utilized since completion and one of the more visible projects that many have enjoyed.

Our Community Center and fields at Prescott Park continue to be well utilized. We also have worked jointly with many community organizations and events such as the Antique Boat Show, the Reliability Car Tour event, craft fairs, Farmers Market and many more, that have added activity and brought some revenue into the community.

Report from the Town Manager continued...

Transportation related items continue to be worked on. The roundabout at Parade Road and Route 3 is a significant project that will be worked on during 2007. It is hoped to assist with the traffic flow and improve congested areas.

The Project Advisory Committee that is studying the Route 25 and 3 corridor is comprised of over 30 individuals from town, state and surrounding community stakeholders. It has been meeting at least twice a month throughout 2006 and will continue its meetings and work during 2007. An update of the work of this group and project can be viewed at its own website of www.meredith3-25.com. This is an enormous project to work together to develop the best alternatives to improve the traffic flow along the corridor. This effort and the process utilized has been highlighted by Transportation Commissioner Carol Murray and has been recognized as a positive pilot program for improvement.

We are also evaluating some options for improvements in Meredith Center at the intersection by Child's Park. The town has been working with the State Department of Transportation, residents and staff, to develop some improvement alternatives. An informational meeting will be held in early 2007 to meet with the residents and present some ideas and alternatives to be considered. We want to hear from the residents of what they believe would work the best as their input will be invaluable in developing a positive solution. We are always trying to involve our citizens and seek input on decisions that may affect them.

As a result of a Goal Setting process with the Board of Selectmen, our town departments have ten priority goals that will be focused on during 2007 and 2008. Budgets for 2007 were developed to address the goals of the Board.

During the year all employees attended training provided by the Local Government Center on Preventing Workplace Harassment and Discrimination. This was in addition to the various technical and professional development training they attended which provide the town with a very well trained workforce. Throughout the year Employee Meetings were also conducted in order to keep our employees well informed of ongoing town activities.

Thanks to our outstanding town employees who serve the public in a positive professional manner as well as all of our volunteers who dedicate their time and talents to make Meredith the wonderful community we all enjoy.

The support of our employees and community has truly been motivating to make Meredith the best community to live, work and recreate.

Warm regards,

Carol M. Granfield
Town Manager

2006 Town Meeting Minutes

State of New Hampshire

TO THE INHABITANTS OF MEREDITH QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

You are hereby notified to meet at Flagship Room at the Chase House, 312 Daniel Webster Highway, in said Town on the second Tuesday of March, March 14, 2006,
from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM for the casting of ballots;
and at 7:00 PM Wednesday, March 15, 2006, at the Inter-Lakes Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium, 1 Laker Lane, in said Town to act on Articles 4 through 20:

BALLOT ARTICLES TO BE ACTED UPON:

ARTICLE 1

To bring your ballots for:

Two (2) Selectmen for three (3) years
Gerald W. Brooks 201
Peter F. Brothers 727
Robert C. Flanders 470
Colette Worsman 489

One (1) Selectman for one (1) year
Miller C Lovett 558
Charles W.H. Lowth III 425

One (1) Moderator for two (2) years
Louis Kahn 893

One (1) Trustee of the Trust Funds
For three (3) years
Barbara Clark 66

One (1) Supervisor of the Check List
For six (6) years
Rhetta Colon 10

Four (4) Library Trustees for three (3) years
Paul S.Eldridge 883
J. Duncan McNeish III 829
Jay Plyler 768
Joseph "Jay" Tivnan 764

ARTICLE 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Create three new Zoning Districts, called the Route 3 Commercial District (C3), the Village Residential District (VR), and the Village District (V), and change the Official Zoning Map to reflect the new districts? In addition, the amendments make certain changes to the tables of uses applicable to all Zoning Districts in town, and add a number of new and changed definitions to the Zoning Ordinance?

YES 460 NO 537

ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Create the "Lake Waukewan Watershed Overlay District" and establish a two (2) acre, minimum lot size/ dwelling unit density requirement in the district? Where the minimum lot size or density required in any existing, underlying district is greater than the two (2) acre minimum, the more restrictive shall apply?

YES 727 NO 286

DELIBERATIVE SESSION

Moderator Ralph Losee opened Meredith Town Meeting 2006, by leading all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bob Flanders made a presentation to Brenda Thibeault for her dedicated years as a Supervisor of the Check List, from 1988 to 2006. Moderator Ralph Losee was also acknowledged as Moderator from 1998 to 2006. Peter Miller spoke of the involvement that outgoing Selectman Bob Flanders has had in the community. Bob Flanders has been involved with the Master Plan, Space Needs Committee, Police Committee, CIP and various other committees over the past 15 years. Frank Michel also spoke of Bob's love and caring for the Town of Meredith working diligently for the future of Meredith.

Moderator Losee then gave the results of the Town Elections:

Selectmen Peter Brothers and Colette Worsman for three years, Miller Lovett Selectman for one year, Moderator Louis Kahn, Trustee of the Trust Funds, write-in Barbara Clark, Supervisor of the Check List, write-in Rhetta Colon, Library Trustees, Paul Eldridge, Duncan McNeish, Jay Plyler and Jay Tivnan.

Results of Inter-lakes School District: Moderator Lee Quimby, Member of the School Board from Sandwich, Dan Cunningham, from Center Harbor, Julian Shlager and from Meredith, Carl Johnson.

Article 2 creating three new zoning districts was defeated, NO 537, YES 460.

Article 3 creating Lake Waukevan Watershed Overlay District was passed, YES 727, NO 286.

Moderator Losee stated that all though Articles 4, 5 and 6 are separate, however they are all inter related and should be discussed as a whole.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed the sum of Two Million, Two Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$2,297,000) (gross budget) for the construction and original equipping of a Police Station Facility, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$2,297,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33; further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to fix the date, maturities, denominations, the interest rate and other details of said bonds or notes, and to authorize Board of Selectmen to make a temporary loan or loans in anticipation of the funds to be derived from the sale of such bonds or notes, pursuant to RSA 33:7-a; finally, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend any public or private grants or contributions that may be available in aid of the project.

**(Passage requires affirmative vote of two-thirds present and voting)
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)**

Motion by Bob Flanders and seconded by Peter Miller that the Town adopt Article 4 as Proposed.

Discussion: Bob Flanders stated that this Article is presented this year so that voters may lock in the savings that will result in the new police station being built in 2006 rather than 2007. With construction costs projected to increase 8% and borrowing costs ½% in the next year, taxpayers will save at least \$250,000 if the station is built in 2006. Crime is up in the lakes region with 17.8% more arrests in Meredith in 2005 than 2004 and felony reports increased by 20%. The new station will include a sally port (enclosed garage) for safe transport of arrests, proper holding facilities and a separate juvenile area as mandated by law. The new station will provide space for interviewing more than one suspect, witness, or victim at a time, will permit interviews to be observed and recorded and will permit secure storage of evidence. The town already owns the proposed site, which is highly accessible, requires minimal site work and has ample space for parking and further expansion.

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Moderator Losee stated that before opening this for discussion, there would be a presentation made by Kevin Peverly, co-chair of the Police Building Committee, Chuck Lowth also co-chair of the Police Building Committee and Police Chief Kevin Morrow. Kevin Peverly began by say that this project started back in 2002 as a priority for the Town to build a new Police Station.

In 2004, the Selectmen appointed a Space Needs Committee and they recommended that a Police Station be the number one priority in the Town for future building. In 2005 the Selectmen appointed the Police Building Design Committee and we have put together what we think is a very cost effective and efficient facility that will meet the Town's needs in the years to come. Police Chief Morrow explained where the facility would be located. Approximately a half-mile up on Route 3, across from Ambrose's. Both Chief Morrow and Mr. Peverly spoke extensively on the project showing their slide presentation and ending with the statement that the building will conform to all State and local standards. The total, not to exceed turnkey cost, is the \$2,297,000 this will not go above that figure.

The Board of Selectmen recommends selling the existing police station to offset the costs providing we get a good price for it. The project is to be bonded with voters' approval. The estimated results of the average taxpayers is going to be approximately \$16.00 per \$100,000 property value, put another way, 16 cents per thousand on a ten year bond. With construction cost rising 17% in the past two years with a projection of rising 6-8% in the next year and also the current bond market and interest rates are very favorable right now. Moderator Losee stated again that Article 5 is to use \$264,610 from a land use change tax fund to offset the cost of the police station and Article 6 is to use \$500,000 from the Towns General fund balance to offset that cost. Discussion opened for comments from the floor: Richard Juve asked, "What will happen to the Public room in the existing police station?" Bob Flanders answered that there will be no court room in the new police station as the cost would be around \$300,000 and the court system will not donate anything to the Town of Meredith. Richard Juve asked if it was necessary to have a locker room and where is the communications room in the police station. Will the system be up to par so as to communicate without interference with Concord and with the Pentagon in Washington DC in case of National emergency. Chief Morrow replied that in case an officer was in a scuffle he would be able to change without going home and they would have extra gear in the locker room. The communication room is in the first floor and in a secure area. Charlie Collins asked if we are taking money out of the land use change tax fund in Article 5 to fund this and then asking for more money in Article 13, to put \$75,000 back into the open space conservation trust fund. Why are we taking money out of a fund that already has that? Peter Miller stated that the justification for doing it this way is that the \$75,000 allocation to the open space expendable trust fund falls within the capitol improvement advisory committee set of recommendations and for the most part that has been funded through taxation. Selectman Michel further stated that if the \$264,610 did not go to the building of the police station it would go into the general fund balance to offset taxes. Based on last year's Warrant Article, the first \$50,000 of the land use change tax fund goes to the conservation commission. The average land use change tax, over the last several year, has been \$15,000, \$25,000 per year. Last year it was approximately 60 or 70 thousand, of which the first 50 went to the conservation commission. If this warrant article were not here tonight, the first 50, of the 300,000, would go to the conservation commission and the 264 would go into the general fund to lessen the tax burden. When you take land out of current use, it is because of growth. Since growth is causing the necessity to build and continue to improvement our capital infrastructure and we have an unusual high amount of change tax we will put it towards the police station.

Charlie Collins asked if \$50,000 is going into the open space? Selectman Michel stated that if you add the \$50,000 to the 264, we are actually collecting \$314,000 of penalties. The first 50 will go to the conservation commission and the 264, which would otherwise go into the general fund balance, is now going towards the debt reduction for the police station. Pam Bliss asked that if the meetings are now going to the community center why not renovate this police station and take a little more time and not rush into it. Holly Tetreault asked what the room on the second floor is being used for, why do we need two conference rooms? Chief Morrow explained that the squad room is for the officers to do their work in and the conference room will be used for various meetings: Regional Chiefs Meetings, meeting with juveniles and their parents and supervisor meetings.

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Holly Tetreault asked about the gym and why do we have to pay for the officers to stay in shape, that is their responsibility. Chief Morrow explained that it is a state un-funded mandate that officers pass a fitness test. Andre Kloetz spoke on behalf of the fitness room explaining that officers may encounter former customers at public fitness gyms and altercations may arise, so this is a positive approach to helping them maintain their fitness status. Mike Jackman asked if the existing police station could be used for a workout space, locker room or a storage space and build the new station smaller. Bob Flanders said that is not practical given the distance from one location to the other. The officers need to have access to all the things they need to do their jobs.

The space needs committee and the police station design committee went to a number of communities and looked at those facilities to see exactly what we needed. Frank Michel stated that we are looking to sell the existing property and we will see what the future will be. Wayne Bredvick spoke at length in favor of the police station. Ann Sprague spoke in favor of the new police station but the existing building has served its purpose, we need to have a larger facility and need to look to the future. Harold Noreen asked if the 16 cents per hundred thousand is based on this current years assessment or on the new assessments that will be coming out next year? Bob Flanders stated that 16 cents is based on total net assessed value of the Town, as it existed when the tax rate was set by DRA in October 2005, any new construction will increase the net assessed value and will cause that tax impact to drop. Selectman Miller said that the 16 cents per thousand is estimated, it assumes the borrowing will be 1.5 million and to achieve that, Articles 5 and 6 would have to be passed as well as Article 4. It also assumes that we can lock in an interest rate of approximately 4% and a borrowing time of 10 years, which is realistic.

Miller Lovett spoke of the Capital Improvement Committee, which tries to even out the tax rate and for the past several years they have been using the figure of 1.8 million dollars to cover the trust funds that we set aside for instance, the fire engine to be bought in the future. The cost of principal and interest on bonds comes out of the general fund for bond financing or for cash expenditures we have in a given year. Anything over 70 thousand dollars comes before the CIP, so we have in place a program that is sitting aside money to cover various things, including some or all of the police station. Keith Forrester stated his support of the Article. Pat Mack asked about the land we are building the new PD on as yesterday we voted in the Waukegan Watershed Overlay District in order to protect the water supply and it is my understanding that the police station and parking lot is going to be within 150 foot buffer of another prime wetland and why aren't we concerned about that. Dave Udelsman, architect for the project, stated that we are within that set back and the project has been submitted to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services for their review. We have taken all of the drainage that will come from the parking areas around here, this will be collected and put into a detention area and will slowly leech its way back into the ground water in that area and not have an effect on the adjacent brook. Richard Gerken spoke at length in favor of the Article. Diane Thomas moved the Question. Moderator Losee explained this is the blue ballot and it will be opened for one hour. (Opened 8:15PM)

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the balance available in the Land Use Change Tax Fund (Fund #14) for 2005 in the amount of Two Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand, Six Hundred Ten Dollars (\$264,610) and to place that sum in the Police Department Land/Building Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

Motion by Peter Miller and seconded by Frank Michel that the Town adopt Article 5 as proposed. Peter Miller spoke to the article explaining that in 2005, \$3,186,100 worth of land was taken out of current use. Taxed at 10%, this produced a Land Use Change Tax windfall of \$318,610. This article will place \$264,610 of that amount in the Police Department Land/Building Expendable Trust Fund to be applied to the cost of the new police station. This will reduce the amount that will have to be borrowed toward the cost of the station, saving taxpayers significant interest over the life of the debt. Land use change is a barometer of development growth.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The logic behind utilizing surplus Land Use Change Tax for major capital improvement projects is that growth is the primary factor necessitating such capital improvements. No further discussion.

Moderator Losee stated that this has been requested to be a secret ballot and please use the pink ballot. This is not a one-hour vote. Article 5-PASSED

YES 270 NO 54

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) from the town's General Fund Balance (surplus) as of December 31, 2005, and to place that sum in the Police Department Land/Building Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

Motion by Frank Michel and seconded by Bob Flanders that the Town adopt Article 6 as proposed. Frank Michel spoke to the article: The purpose of this article is to utilize monies from the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance of \$500,000 toward the cost of a new police station. The monies would be transferred into the Police Dept Land/Building Expendable Trust Fund. The Department of Revenue Administration for the State of NH recommends Towns retain between 5 and 10% of the municipality's appropriations, plus the statewide enhanced education amount and the local school net tax commitment plus the county appropriation. Based upon projections for 2006, the estimated Retained Fund Balance would be approximately \$1,250,000, which would be 5.89%. Utilizing Fund Balance will result in no additional monies being raised by taxation. The intent of this article is to reduce the amount that will have to be borrowed toward the cost of a new police station, which will save the taxpayers significant interest over the life of the debt. If and when the current police station facility is sold at fair market value, the monies received will be placed in the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance compensating for the \$500,000 that has been withdrawn. Bill Bayard stated that he strongly supports this article. Moderator Losee directed voters to use the white ballot as this also has been requested to be a secret ballot, however it is not open for one hour.

Ballots were counted and the article Passed.

YES 271 NO 39

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a parcel of land adjacent to the Town's Water and Sewer Plant of approximately .53 acres located at 44 Railroad Avenue, identified as Tax Map U05, Lot 1, owned by Gerrity Company, Inc. for the purpose of expansion of the facility, or to take the property through the exercise of eminent domain if in the judgment of the Selectmen the property cannot be purchased at a reasonable price, and to raise and appropriate Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for this purpose from the Town's General Fund Balance as of December 31, 2005, with no amount to be raised by taxes. Pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI this appropriation shall not lapse until December 31, 2011.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

Motion by Bob Flanders and seconded by Peter Miller that the Town adopt article 7 as proposed. Selectman Flanders spoke to the article stating that growth in the Town of Meredith has increased the demand for water and the Town should prepare for future plant expansion and the EPA will soon mandate changes in how water is disinfected. The water treatment plant must expand to accommodate the new disinfections procedures that will be required.

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Utilizing Unreserved General Fund Balance will result in no additional monies being raised by taxation. Gerald Brooks said that we should take it by eminent domain, we gave Gerrity that whole street and the \$50,000 is too much to pay, the land is locked in and they should give it back to us. Michael Brower asked where that figure came from, did Gerrity agree to sell it for that much money? Town Manager Carol Granfield answered, "That figure is just an amount, it is not of the assessed value and Gerrity has not indicated that they would sell the property, so the Selectmen have recommended that amount to pursue because if it does go forth with eminent domain you have to have an appraisal for the fair market value." Michael Brower asked if Gerrity does not agree to sell it for that amount, and it goes to eminent domain does that mean they are entitled to the market value based on a appraisal? Bob Flanders answered, "Yes." Michael asked further if it comes in at \$75,000, where would that money come from? Selectman Michel stated that we would be back to Town Meeting.

Brian Flanders asked if we are looking to buy this property right away. Carol Granfield replied as far as the purchasing, if it goes forth with eminent domain, that's why it's an expendable trust, we don't know the length of time we would start forth with it at this point but it might not be for a year or later.

Mike Jackman asked what are the checks and balances the Town uses when they exercise eminent domain? Selectman Flanders explained that there has been a water study done by an engineering firm for the Water Treatment Plant and the expansion of the Water Plant needs to be in this location. We have to stay within 500 feet of the water intake, so this property is the only place where we can do what we need to do. If they are unwilling to sell this property, it leaves the Town no choice but to take it by eminent domain. This is a necessity for the Town to have an adequate supply of water and be able to treat it properly and that is why we put eminent domain in here so we would have the authority to move forward with eminent domain if it became necessary.

No further discussion: By raising of voter cards Moderator Losee declared that Article 7 Passed in the Majority.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to modify the previously adopted provisions of RSA 72:39-b, II, the elderly exemption from property tax, to increase the amount of the exemption from \$20,000 to \$40,000 for ages 65 – 74; from \$30,000 to \$55,000 for ages 75 – 79; and from \$40,000 to \$75,000 for age 80 years or older. Also, to change the maximum asset level from \$60,000 to \$75,000. This change would take effect on April 1, 2006.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

Motion by Selectman Miller and seconded by Selectman Michel that the Town Adopt Article 8 as proposed. Discussion by Selectman Miller stated that the exemption amounts have not changed in many years, although there have been four valuation updates in the past 10 years there has been NO change to the exemption levels. To lessen the economic burden on the elderly who qualify, updating the exemption levels along with the values is prudent. The Town of Meredith's town-wide revaluation will be completed for April 1, 2006 and assessed valuations will change. The proposed changes are consistent with neighboring communities. The impact of the change based upon those currently eligible and enrolled would be a net overall affect of less than \$15,000 in taxes, although it is difficult to predict how many more residents will qualify with the change.

Discussion: Tom Boriso, wanted to know what the qualifications are to get this exemption. Selectman Michel indicated that it is based on your asset level. Dick Pendergast asked if this is a fixed amount or can it be fixed as a percentage so this benefit accrues as prices change? Selectman Michael indicated that Town Council Tim Bates says we can't do that, it doesn't comply with the statute. (Voice agreement by Tim Bates Town Council)

No further discussion:

Moderator Losee called the vote and with a show of hands, declared Article 8 Passed in the majority.

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ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to modify the previously adopted provisions of RSA 72:3-7-b, the disabled exemption from property tax, to increase the amount of the exemption from \$50,000 to \$75,000. Also, to change the maximum asset level from \$60,000 to \$75,000. This change would take effect on April 1, 2006.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

Motion by Selectman Michel and seconded by Selectman Flanders that the Town adopt Article 9 as proposed. Frank Michel spoke to the article stating that the purpose of this article is to be consistent with the elderly exemption, which we have previously passed. The exemption amounts have not changed in many years, although there have been four valuations updates in the past 10 years there has been no change to the exemption levels. The Town of Meredith's town-wide revaluation will be completed for April 1, 2006 an assessed valuations will change. To less the economic burden on the elderly who qualify, updating the exemption levels along with the values is prudent. The proposed changes are consistent with neighboring communities. There are currently seven residents receiving this exemption. The impact of the change based upon those residents would be a reduction of \$406 in collected taxes, although it is difficult to predict how many more residents will qualify with the change.

Discussion: Barbara Clark asked if someone could get the exemption for Article 8 and Article 9. Selectman Michel answered, "Yes". No further discussion.

Moderator Losee called the question and by a hand vote, Article 9 passed in the majority.

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to designate Keyser Road in the Town of Meredith as a Scenic Road, pursuant to RSA 231:157.

(Petitioned by 10 or more persons who are Registered Voters or who own land which abuts the road petitioned)

Motion by Jim Waldron and seconded by Holly Tetreault to table Article 10.

Moderator Losee called for a hand count and because of uncertainty, he asked the Supervisors to actually count the raised hands. After the count, motion to table 78 and 102 to continue with discussion.

Motion by Selectman Michel and seconded by Bob Flanders that the Town adopt article 10 as proposed.

Discussion: Carolyn Crosby spoke in favor of the article, indicating it is a way to hold on to our country heritage. John Hodsdon stated that generally when you designate a scenic road it constrains the Town and their ability to make improvements. Does the Town want to have those constraints? Selectman Michel answered that the Co-op and the Town have gone through and done what has to be done for safety. Selectman Michel indicated that he is for the article and referred to the scenic road statue: "One can not be involved in cutting, damage or removal of trees, tearing down or destruction of stone walls or portions thereof, except with prior written consent of the Planning Board or other official municipal bodies designate meeting that criteria after a public hearing duly advertised as to the time, date and purpose. Emergencies are excluded." Charlie Collins raised the question about Keyser Road being used as a by-way to get around the center of town. Selectman Michel stated that he is the Selectmen's representative to the DOT Commission on Rte 3& 25. The DOT at the state level has come up with a concept called "Contact Sensitive Solutions". For the next two years we are going to gather on a monthly bases and DOT is going to get our input as a community, John Moulton and Sandy Sullivan are our year round citizens representatives, we need two more citizen for our seasonal representatives. We are in a fact-gathering mode to see what we want to do with our roads. At this level there has not been any discussion whatsoever in making Keyser Road a cut through road.

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There was further lengthy discussion on Keyser Road by Richard Gerken, Peter Crosby, Fred Cobraul, Selectman Michel, Holly Tetreault, Selectman Flanders and Ted Capron. Brian Flanders moved the question. Moderator called for the vote by a show of hands and Article 10 Passed in the majority. Before reading the results of Article 4, a motion was made by David Sticht and seconded by Bill Finer, to restrict reconsideration of this article.

Moderator Losee explained this means that if such a motion comes forward in the next minute or hour to reconsider whatever the vote was on Article 4 and that passes it would mean that the reconsideration would be at another meeting at another time, it couldn't be tonight. Occasionally it happens at these meetings that when I announce the results of the article $\frac{3}{4}$ of the people get up and leave because this is what they have come to see and we go through ten more articles and there's fifteen people left and they want to reconsider this article. If we get to that point, the reconsideration would have to be at another meeting at least seven (7) days hence, and be a notice two days ahead of time and everybody would have the opportunity to come back a vote all over again.

Moderator Losee stated, "Before we take a vote on the restricting of this, I need to announce the results of Article 4 and the results are, 287 for and 102 against which is 74%, we needed 67% to have it passed so it has passed.

Moderator Losee again explained the meaning to restrict the reconsideration of the article.

By hand vote the reconsideration passed in the majority so if there is a motion to reconsideration it would have to be at a separate meeting.

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will ratify and confirm the past practice in Meredith by now voting to delegate all duties and responsibilities for the management and care of Town cemeteries to the Town Manager as authorized under RSA 289:6, II, instead of having a Board of Cemetery Trustees.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

Motion by Selectman Miller seconded by Selectman Michel that the Town adopt article 11 as proposed.

Selectman Miller spoke to the article stating that in 1993, the Meredith Village Cemetery turned all buildings and assets over to the Town of Meredith. The cemetery has operated as a town department effectively since that time. This article is a housekeeping item that takes action to continue the management and care of Town Cemeteries as has occurred since the Town took over the cemeteries.

Anne Jollimore stated, she felt that a Board of Cemetery Trustees should manage the Town cemeteries because the Town Manager already has enough to do and Meredith would be better served by having a Board of Cemetery Trustees of the residents and taxpayers of the town.

Moderator Losee called for a hand vote of the article and as it seemed close, called for a hand count. The result of the hand count was: Yes 116 and No 101 Article 11 passed.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to designate the former Feltham property, a parcel of land of approximately 207 acres located on Jenness Hill Road, identified as Tax Map U12, Lot 15, acquired by the Town by tax collector's deed in 1991, as town forest land pursuant to RSA 31:110 and to place the property under the management and control of the Meredith Conservation Commission pursuant to RSA 31:112. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board of Selectmen, following a public hearing and only with the approval of the Conservation Commission, shall have the authority to withdraw from time to time one or more portions of the property from its designation as town forest land to allow the portion or portions withdrawn to be used for some purpose other than as town forest.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

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Motion by Selectman Michel and seconded by Selectman Flanders that the Town Adopt Article 12 as proposed. Discussion: Jack Carty, point of order. In view of the hour could we wave the reading of the points to consider for each of the subsequent articles and move directly to discussion from the floor? Motion from Jack Carty and several seconds to wave the reading of the points to consider. Moderator Losee asked for a vote on the motion and it passed in the majority.

Discussion: Selectman Miller stated that the Town has owned this property for approximately fifteen years it was acquired by tax deed and since the Town took ownership the property and just been sitting there. It is used recreationally to an extent. What this article will do is designate a caretaker for the property namely the Town's Conservation Commission and what the Conservation Commission proposes to do is, create a recreational management plan for the property that would in effect make it a four-season recreational area for residents, guests and visitors to enjoy.

Anne Jollimore agreed with the article except for the approval so she moved, to amend the article by striking out the words "Conservation Commission" in the first sentence of the second paragraph and inserting the words "Town Meeting". Amendment seconded by Jeannie Cooperman

Selectman Miller spoke against the amendment and supported the original wording of the article, stating that limited, non-conservation use of this parcel is in the Town's and public's best interest and trusting, that the Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen can together make intelligent decisions for the Town regarding the best utilization of this property. Gerald Brooks stated that he read the state statute and if we give this land to the commission they will have the authority.

Selectman Miller replied that the land belongs to the Town of Meredith and the Conservation Commission is an entity of the Town of Meredith. Mr. Brooks then stated that if we turn it over to them, the state statute says they have final authority what's done to the property. Tim Bates, legal council for the Town of Meredith, agreed with the speaker but only up to a point that as general proposition conservation land that is acquired by the conservation commission or designated as conservation land by the Town Meeting is generally under the management and control of the conservation commission but it is in the power of the Town Meeting to take a vote such as in Article 12 to dedicate a portion of land, as a town forest under the control of the conservation commission but as a town forest, this is not purely conservation land it is a Town Forest and there are some strings attached that the Town Meeting would impose on the management and control, so as Town Council had a hand in drafting this Article and am confident in fact that it is legal to do it this way.

Gerald Brooks asked if turns out that it isn't legal, do we drop it and vote on it next year? Tim Bates replied that if it passes in its' current form or the amendment is adopted and then the article is passed, it is a perfectly valid vote of the Town Meeting and if someone wishes to challenge the vote, they would have to do so in Superior Court and the court would make a ruling if it was a valid article or not, unless the court struck it down then it would be a valid enactment of the Town Meeting.

Moderator Losee called for a vote on the amendment and by a show of hands, opposed in the majority.

Discussion went back to the original article. Karen Sticht asked if this was the piece of property that was being looked at for lower income or more affordable housing. Selectman Miller replied that yes, this was the property once looked at for work force housing. The Town of Meredith is looking into the possibility of utilizing the land that's on the extreme northeastern edge of this property, essentially it's right off Jenness Hill Road above the transfer station, that's where the land is flattest and driest but we don't know to what extent that land can accommodate development. There is money in this years budget to do test bores on that land to see if it could accommodate development such as work force housing.

Karen Sticht asked if this is designated forestry and turned over to the conservation commission, can the testing of the property still take place. Selectman Miller replied that the conservation commission is quite cognizance of the Town's exploratory interest in this part of the property for work force housing and based on discussions that have occurred within the commission are comfortable with the Town's exploration of that nature.

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Anne Jollimore clarified her amendment. Selectman Flanders stated that six years ago there was a request from the Lakes Region Area Land Trust inquiring if the Town had any property that would be suitable for work force housing. The Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager replied that we had these 206 acres. For work force housing, you have to have a high density and in order to have high density you have to have water and sewer. If you go up there you have swamps, wetlands, ledge and steep slopes. The Lakes Region Land Trust took one look at it and said there is no way to development work force housing here because the development costs would be too great. Moderator Losee again asked for the vote on Anne Jollimore amendment to change the conservation commission to Town Meeting. Amendment was once again opposed.

Discussion continued from Merrit Webb, resident (in favor of the article), Mike Faller, resident and Public Works Director, in favor of the article because of the necessity of snow dumping and John Sherman from the Conservation Commission spoke in favor of the article.

The question was called by Selectman Flanders and Moderator Losee stated that this is the last ballot question and to use the gold paper.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to create an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Water System Improvements Expendable Trust Fund, for the purpose of continued improvements to the infrastructure of the water system and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in this fund and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

Motion by Selectman Flanders and seconded by Selectman Miler that the Town adopt Article 13 as proposed.

Discussion: Gerald Brooks stated that the Selectmen have already raised the water rates to fund the Water Department so there is not a necessity to create this, they can take about a quarter million dollars from the meals and room taxes to fund this.

Gary Lemay spoke that every other town he has lived in, the water users paid for improvements but can someone explain why do all the taxpayers have to pay for this, instead of just the water system users. Selectman Miller explained that this issue is an ongoing discussion amongst board members and in the past capital improvements to the water system have been funded on fifty-fifty bases, fifty percent from the water fund, which is generated by fees that users pay, and fifty percent through general taxation. Recently we have gone to a sixty-forty split, sixty percent from fees and forty percent from general taxation, in effect there is a precedent in Meredith for partially paying for water system improvements through a general taxation. Is this desirable, is it wise, should it continue, this will continue to be discussed and all are welcome to participate in those discussions. Selectman Flanders stated that this \$50,000 going into the expendable trust fund is essentially to provide some seed money. This seed money helps us to do the engineering and come up with some costs in advance of a project. We can't say that just the users should pay for all of it because the water benefits everyone; it provides fire protection, supplies our schools and other public facilities. It is reasonable to have some seed money for the engineering that will be necessary to improve this water system.

Dave Sticht asked if this is a new trust fund and if so what is the "Disinfection Fund" on page 72 of the town report, is it the same or different. Selectman Flanders said no, they are not the same. The disinfections fund is there to be able to design the systems that will be necessary. The federal government is going to change the standards that they require for the water in the water system and that will require a change in our disinfecting process. That change will come into place around 2012, but that will be the dead line to have it in place, so we have to have the seed money to do the engineering for the improvement of the disinfection process. No further discussion and Moderator Losee called for the vote by a show of hands. Article 13 passed in the majority.

Before moving on to Article 14, Moderator Losee gave the results of Article 12: Yes 210 No 32 Article Passed

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ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

Motion by Selectman Miller and seconded by Selectman Michel that the Town adopt Article 14 as proposed. No discussion. By hand vote Article 14 passed in the majority.

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) to be added to the Open Space/Conservation Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Board of Selectmen are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

Motion by Selectman Michel and seconded by Selectman Flanders that the Town adopt Article 15 as proposed. Discussion: Charlie Collins spoke against the article and Bob Konchak asked why the amount is tripling from last year. John Sherman stated that they, the conservation commission, have asked for \$75,000 every year for the last three years and this year for the first time the CIP and the Selectmen did agree. Brian Flanders said we have had this discussion about value of land in this town and the scarcity, how much more do we want to by or need and do we have an expendable trust fund for up and coming families or low income housing. Selectman Flanders explained again this money is often used as seed money. If someone gives us land we have to have it surveyed, have the title searched and the transfer of deeds. Two years ago was a watershed year for the Town in that we did the Eames and Longridge Farms projects. We were able to get over 60% grant participation and the only reason we were able to do that was because we had funds set aside in an expendable trust and also money set aside for the soft costs of surveying and other things necessary to write the grants.

Miller Lovett, Ken Colburn, Fred Hatch, Selectman Miller and Bill Bayard all spoke at length in favor of the article. No further discussion and a call for the vote by Moderator Losee. By hand vote Article 15 passed in the majority.

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) to be added to the Fire Department Land/Building Fund as previously established. The Board of Selectmen are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

Motion by Selectman Flanders and seconded by Selectman Miller that the Town adopt Article 16 as proposed. No discussion. By hand vote Article 16 passed in the majority.

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ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be added to the Water Treatment Disinfection Change Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

Motion by Selectman Miller and seconded by Selectman Michel that the Town adopt Article 17 as proposed. No discussion. By hand vote Article 17 passed in the majority.

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) to improve various town roads that are eligible for 2 to 1 matching funds from the State Aid Reconstruction Program, contingent upon the receipt of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) of that amount from the State, with the balance of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be raised by taxation.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

Motion by Selectman Michel and seconded by Selectman Flanders that the Town adopt Article 18 as proposed. No discussion. By hand vote Article 18 passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) to construct restrooms at Waukewan Beach. This project is eligible for 2 to 1 matching grant funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program, administered by the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development, contingent upon the appropriation of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000), to be raised by taxation, with the balance of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) from grant funding program.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

Motion by Selectman Flanders and seconded by Selectman Miller that the Town adopt Article 19 as proposed.

Discussion: Gerald Brooks stated we should close the beaches because we just passed a watershed bill to protect our water and we have people swimming in it and votes no on the article. Anne Jollimore asked for clarification of the \$40,000 from taxation and \$20,000 from grant funding. Selectmen Flanders and Michel both agreed, yes.

No further discussion. Moderator Losee called the vote and by a hand vote Article 19 passed in the majority.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Million Two Hundred Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Four Dollars (\$11,215,934) for the necessary operational expenses of the Town for the ensuing year's budget. This sum does not include all of the amounts raised and appropriated in previous warrant articles.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

Motion by Selectman Miller and seconded by Selectman Michel that the Town adopt Article 20 as proposed.

Discussion: David Sticht questioned the amounts, on page 72 of the Town report, under Municipal Building and Solid Waste. Finance Director Brenda Vittner; explained to flip the lines, it was a typo. David Sticht then made a motion to take the \$750,000 from page 76 for reducing the tax rate and instead put it towards reducing the bond for the police station. Seconded by Karen Sticht.

Tim Bates, Town Council stated that we can't do what you are trying to do. On page 76 this is simply a work sheet on how the general fund balance is going to look at the end of the fiscal 2006-year. The intention is to use \$750,000 to reduce the amount that would otherwise have to be raised by taxation. This is only going to be a request that the Selectmen and the Town Manager make to the Department of Revenue Administration when the tax rate is actually set. This is an accounting balance sheet that is in the Town report and we can't do anything as a Town Meeting to take money out of this balance sheet to reduce the amount of bonding for the police station.

In Article 6 half a million dollars was taken out of the town's general fund balance to reduce the bonding for the police station. The reason you can't do what you want to do is because there isn't a Warrant article that raises and appropriates \$750,000 from general funds surplus to use to reduce the tax rate, this is just a statement in a general balance sheet that is included in the town report. Selectman Michel stated that Dave Sticht could accomplish what he is trying to do if he makes a motion to reconsider and amend Article 6. Tim Bates stated that you could go back and move to reconsider that article, if reconsideration passed that article has not been protected, not been restricted against reconsideration. That would have the effect but you would have to do it through a warrant article.

Glenn Worsman stated that would extend the 5 to 10% that you have to keep in reserve. Brenda Vittner, Finance Director, replied," No if you look at page 76, the statement of changes and unreserved, that \$750,000 has already been taken out of, to reach the balance of the million 248, which is what the 5.89% is. David Sticht made a motion to reconsider Article 6 and seconded by Karen Sticht.

Moderator Losee called for a hand vote and the motion to reconsider Article 6 was defeated.

Karen Sticht asked about the \$14,900 for cell phones. Brenda Vittner replied that we have changed vendors to save money. We have no pagers we have gone to cell phones strictly and with the new plan we will be saving money. Selectman Miller stated that he believes that your Board of Selectmen has been fiscally conservative in preparing the budget for your consideration.

Bill Bayard asked with the increase of water and sewer do we know how much revenue that will be? Brenda Vittner replied about 20%, estimating about \$140,000 more than the prior year. Bob Kennelly moved the question.

Moderator Losee called for a hand vote and Article 20 passed in the majority.

Meredith Town Meeting 2006 closed at 10:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline L Jones

Town Clerk

Administrative Services

Brenda L. Vittner, Director

Administrative Services encompasses many functions:

1. Finance – Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, Payroll, General Ledger, Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB). These are pronouncements from the Federal Government for Government entities to follow.
2. Purchasing – Purchasing of goods and services through State bids or preparation of bids to help the Town obtain the best quality for the lowest price.
3. Utility Billing – Billing for Water and Sewer utilities
4. Town Report Preparation
5. General Assistance
6. Information Technology – support of the Town's computer systems
7. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) – mapping of Town property

Finance Department

Carrie Compton, Town Accountant

Linda J. LaBraney, Finance Officer/General Assistance Officer

Gail Brace, Finance/Municipal Office Clerk

The finance department continues to be a hub of activity. This department is responsible for the daily, monthly and yearly financial activities of the Town. We are also a resource for the Board of Selectmen, Taxpayers, Town Departments, and other Boards and Commissions. The members of the department, Gail Brace, Carrie Compton and Linda Labraney function very well as a team and are able to accomplish an enormous amount of work and are dedicated to providing the best customer service possible. There have been significant requests to this department varying from attendance at meetings, preparing staff reports, and forecasting financial information for the future. The small dedicated staff also provides back-up coverage to other departments when short-handed. Everyone is cross-trained to some degree to allow the daily functions within Town Hall to continue. The Town of Meredith believes when a taxpayer calls, they should be able to talk to a person; and that friendly voice you hear is Gail Brace. The Town Report is a yearly project for Linda Labraney and is always handled professionally and competently. Questions related to payroll and accounts payable is handle by Carrie Compton, who's knowledge makes things run smoothly.

General Assistance

Brenda L. Vittner, General Assistance Director

Linda J. LaBraney, General Assistance Officer

During 2006, the Town of Meredith assisted over eighty clients. New Hampshire RSA 165 requires each town to assist people who live within their jurisdiction, who have no other means of support, who require temporary assistance, or whose bare minimum expenses exceeds their customary income. Following the Town of Meredith's guidelines, assistance has been granted for food, rent, heat, utilities, and prescriptions. Our General Assistance hours are 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, however in the event of an emergency, someone is available Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. We would like to thank all of the local churches that work with us to assist those in need.

Administrative Services continued...

Information Technology Department

Eric Ferland, Information Technology

Information Technology continues to work toward getting the Town's network infrastructure up to current industry standards. This includes security issues, as well as, getting the existing systems performing at full potential. Beginning in April 2006, the effort to revamp the Town's web site began; which entailed updating and maintaining the old site while simultaneously designing and coding the new site. The website is a dynamic document that is continuously updated, changed and added to with input from the public and the needs of the individual town departments. Look for a more evolving and relevant website where every effort is made to produce useful accurate information.



Eric Ferland

Information Technology is also heavily involved in many projects; such as the new police station. The department worked closely with vendors to insure that the newly installed network meets or exceeds current industry specifications and standards. The smooth transition of all phone lines and network systems to the new building without interruption of critical emergency services is also a huge responsibility.

The maintenance and enhancement of systems that are used by the public, as well as, town employees is a daily function. The goal of the department is to enhance and streamline the user experience whether it's online or on one of the three town networks.

Geographic Information Systems

Michelle Therrien, GIS Specialist

In response to an evaluation conducted in 2005, many updates and improvements to the town Geographic Information System have been implemented in 2006. One of the main objectives for the Town is to provide access to accurate digital information used to assist all town departments, committees and citizens, to accomplish various tasks. In order to support the ongoing maintenance and goals, updates have been made to the original software, ESRI ArcView 3.2, which has been upgraded to ESRI ArcGIS 9.2. The upgrade will enhance and expand the usability of the data layers within the system and increase the efficiency of complex projects.



Michelle Therrien

Many departments, committees and citizens have utilized the services offered by the GIS. Digital cartographic services have been utilized for: a map to provide both residents and tourists with downtown locations for parking that can be downloaded from the town website, for many meetings of the Planning & Zoning department to provide visual reference for meeting issues, for preliminary planning of road projects conducted by the Public Works department, and trail maps for various properties used by the public and the Conservation Commission. Other services utilized include: GPS data collection training for employees of the Water department to collect manhole locations, parcel analysis for evaluation of citizen petitions and inquiries and data editing of tax maps to keep records as current as possible.

The goals of GIS for 2007 will include designing department specific projects that can be utilized with ArcReader. ArcReader is a free program that will allow the user to view, explore and print published maps created by the GIS Specialist. Training and informational sessions are also planned for citizens and town employees throughout the year.

Assessing

Menta Martel, Assessing Office Manager
Kevin Wheeler, Field Data Collector
James Commerford, CNHA, Assessor

In 2006, the first full Revaluation was completed in Meredith since 1987. The results were an increase in the tax base from 1.164 billion dollars to 1.890 billion and a decrease in the Tax Rate from \$16.25 to \$10.74. Vacant land, Island, and Water Access properties saw the largest increases in value.

Property assessment data can now be found on-line at the link from the Town's website www.meredithnh.org to the site hosted by Vision Appraisal Technology. Searches can be done on each property or a list of sale properties can be viewed by selecting certain criteria. This has proven to be a very valuable tool for taxpayers to review their own property as well as to view assessments of similar properties. Tax Maps are now available on the town website at the Assessing Department page. The Taxpayer terminal is still located in the lobby of the Town Hall for accessing assessment information.

For 2007 the Assessing Office will begin the cyclical re-inspection program. This is a program where 20% of the town will be re-visited each year so that after five years each property will have been reviewed. This will eliminate the need for a costly revaluation every five or ten years. A sales ratio analysis will be performed yearly to determine whether a valuation update would be necessary. State guidelines require that a town's assessed/sales ratio fall between 90% and 110%.

The Tax Appeal Process

There is an appeal process available to any property owner who believes the assessment of their property is in error. The error can be either:

The physical data is incorrect.

The market value, supported by comparable sales, is incorrect.

The assessment exceeds the general level of assessment shown by comparing the property's assessment with assessments on other properties in town.

The first level of appeal is to the local Board of Selectmen. The request for abatement must be made by March 1st following notice of tax. Abatement applications are available on-line or at the town hall. If the Board of Selectmen deny or refuse to abate the tax, the second level of appeal is either to the Board of Tax and Land Appeals in Concord or to the Belknap Superior court. This appeal must be filed on or before September 1st.

Information regarding Tax Exemptions or Credits can be found either on-line or at the Assessing Office.

We are committed to providing the Taxpayer's of Meredith with a high level of service. If you have any questions or comments please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,

James Commerford

CNHA, Assessor

Fire Department

As this year came to a close, it was gratifying to see that our call volume decreased to a level more in line with prior years. This year, your department responded to 360 calls for service, a decrease from last year's record pace of 389 calls. These 360 calls represented 3,498 firefighter responses or slightly less than 10 firefighters per call. The average time required for each call was 47 minutes; therefore, expressed in terms of hours, our Department spent 2,740 hours providing emergency services for the Town. In addition, our members were obligated to spend time in training, meetings, equipment maintenance, etc.

As in past years, we in the Department always look carefully at how best to achieve our mission of servicing our Town and researching alternatives for providing these services in a **safe** and **cost** effective manner. Safety of our members is extremely important and a major concern to all of us, particularly since we have families and our regular jobs to return to after a call. Additionally, since all of our members are taxpayers, we avoid creating "wish lists" when developing goals and objectives for the Department. Some recent examples of this include: designing our apparatus to best fit the needs of members and to facilitate achieving our mission of responding to the changing demands of the public; selecting the proper type of personal protective clothing and equipment, so that our members are well protected and their safety is assured, given the nature of the calls; the designing of our station to meet the needs of what we perceive the future will hold for the Department, just to mention a few items. Part of this process is planning and getting members involved. Additionally, a process that was started a number of years ago of using expendable capital reserves has served the Department and the taxpayers extremely well. When we ordered our most recent truck, a truck study committee was formed, the committee designed the truck for our future needs, obtained price quotes and then with funds in hand, the suppliers knew that we were serious and the savings became a reality.

This same methodical process is being applied during the review of the Downtown station. Our present facility was designed and built in the mid 1950's. It was well thought out and equally well constructed. As a result, it is still functional after over 50 years of service. But as with apparatus designs, the demands placed upon us by the public result in the need to update our facility. This need has been supported by past Select Boards; the Capital Improvement Program; the Town's space needs committee, and our own members. An internal Department building committee worked for over a year looking at present and future needs, visiting other towns, etc. Their findings were forwarded to a fire station building committee, appointed by the Select Board, which has spent considerable time in reviewing these findings and performing their own analysis. The committee will soon be going to the Select Board with a recommendation to hire an architect to help design a structure that will be in service for the next 50 years. It would appear that a significant renovation to the existing station is the most prudent approach in order to house our present apparatus needs, including the much needed aerial truck. Should the need for future additions to the apparatus fleet become necessary, a small substation could be constructed in the area where the need was generated. This concept or philosophy received very positive support from the Insurance Service's Organization (ISO) during their recent review of the Department's response capabilities. As a result of this ISO review, the Department received improved insurance ratings for much of our Town. Realistically, none of us will probably see a reduction in our insurance premiums, but neither should we see as large an increase as would have been the case without the rating improvement. It is gratifying to know that an independent group has studied our operations and left with favorable findings.

As indicated above we ended the year with 360 calls for assistance, which represented a 7% decrease,

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compared to the preceding year. With this reduction, we are now back to the call volume experienced in 2004 and prior. A recap of our call volume follows:

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Fire Related (structure, vehicle and brush)	6.1%	6.7%	6.7%	8.6%
Mutual Aid (assisting neighboring towns)	8.9	14.4	13.2	19.2
Rescue (motor vehicle accidents, medical)	31.1	28.0	28.3	26.8
Public Assist (alarm activations, etc.)	53.9	50.9	51.8	45.4
	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Total number of calls	<u>360</u>	<u>389</u>	<u>357</u>	<u>291</u>

“Fire Related” activity includes responses for all types of fires, including structures, vehicle, brush. With a couple of exceptions, all of these were relatively minor in terms of property loss and most importantly no one was injured. The causes of most of these were human related, with the majority being the result of not being cautious, such as leaving a candle unattended or lack of proper maintenance, such as not cleaning a chimney. Please, take a few minutes and do a quick home inspection, checking for home safety issues, readily accessible fire extinguishers, over use of extension cords, improperly maintained chimneys and wood burning stoves. Proper follow up of these types of issues contribute to making your home fire safe. We at the Fire Department are always glad to assist if you should have questions or would like a brochure on one or more of these safety features.

“Mutual Aid” calls are those where a neighboring community has an emergency situation and due to the need for either additional equipment and/or manpower, requests the assistance of our Department. As a participant in the Lakes Region Fire Mutual Aid, we periodically are called upon to help our neighboring towns, as they in turn are called upon to help us in our time of need.

“Rescue Calls” include a variety of situations; however, 79% of our rescue calls are for motor vehicle accidents. Although the investigation of the cause of a motor vehicle accident is a police function, our observations indicate that most of the accidents are not vehicle malfunctions, but are due to driver error. Many of these accidents can be avoided with an increased attention to the driving function such as not using a cell phone and not eating while driving. In addition, many drivers need to be aware of both their personal driving capabilities and the limits of their vehicles, for example a four-wheel drive vehicle may be able to go about anywhere; however, stopping is not a function of four-wheel drive!

The last category, “Public Assist” includes a large variety of call types such as fuel spills, downed power lines, alarm activations (smoke and carbon monoxide detectors), and good intent calls (typically these are calls where the caller thought that there was a problem, which ended up not being the case - if you care enough to call, care enough to investigate the matter, maybe you can help someone in need). This past year we responded to 195 of these types of calls, of which 96 were related to alarm activations. Generally, alarm activations are referred to as “False Alarms”, and are most often the result of a lack of maintenance, such as not changing batteries regularly or not having detectors serviced periodically. In most instances once an owner is made aware of the problem, it is corrected and repeat false alarms are eliminated. For those of you who have an alarm system that is monitored by an alarm company, please contact the Fire Department and discuss the advantages of installing a Knox box at the premises. This is a secure way to store a key to your premise and it greatly facilitates our Department in gaining timely access should you not be available to give us entry.

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Now that we have discussed false alarms, a question to ask yourself is: “How many alarm activations may **not** occur when needed?” For this reason, you should test your detectors to help reduce the possibility of one not working when it should. Most detector manufacturers suggest that a smoke and carbon monoxide detectors be replaced with a new unit every ten years – this is not a huge expense, and the alternative could very well be much more costly.

Please join the Department in thanking all who assist in making the Meredith Fire Department the great team that it is. This team includes our auxiliary, the explorer post, **and** the families and employers, who so generously allow our members to continue in their efforts to serve the citizens and visitors to Meredith. Thank you and please have a safe and healthy new year.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles G. Palm, Fire Chief

Forest Fire Warden

Much like last year, the weather contributed to limiting the number of calls for fire control. The number of responses by our department continued at a high level due to receiving complaints relative to outdoor burning. Nearly all of these proved to be without merit; however, these complaints did require a response by someone from our Department.

To help avoid having the Fire Department show up, please follow a few simple guidelines:

Obtain a Permit - Permits are required to be obtained by the **landowner** whenever a fire is kindled out-of-doors. There is no charge for the permit, which can be obtained at the Downtown Fire Station, the Town Office, Y-Landing Marina or the Meredith Center Store. Also be prepared to show a photo ID, such as a driver’s license. The **ONLY** time that a permit is **NOT** required is when there is adequate snow cover, which is long overdue this year. Please check our Smokey the Bear signs. If the burning conditions are displayed, such as “LOW, MODERATE”, a permit is necessary. Permits are good for up to three days, starting with the day of issue. Seasonal permits for certain types of fires are also available. Should you kindle a fire without a valid permit, fines by the State in the amount of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail can be levied. It should be kept in mind, even with a valid permit, that under State law, any damage caused as a result of a kindled fire becomes the obligation of the party responsible for kindling the fire, including the **cost of suppression**.

Be Obviously Present while Burning - Not only is this a requirement, it also reduces many of the complaints that we receive that “there is a fire and no one is present”.

Complete Extinguishment - When you are done with your burning, make sure that the fire is completely extinguished. Extinguishment does not mean throwing a little sand on the fire, it means soaking it down thoroughly.

In closing, on behalf of myself, and our local deputy wardens, we all appreciate everyone’s awareness and express our sincere thanks in helping us do our job.

Remember Smokey the Bear’s slogan – “***Only you can prevent forest fires***”.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles G. Palm, Fire Chief

Meredith Conservation Commission

John Sherman-Chairman, Don MacFarlane-Vice Chairman Ralph Pisapia-Treasurer, Bob LeCount-Secretary

Members: Peter Miller, Pauli Novicki, Barbara Smyth

Alternates: Jacquie Colburn, Paul Del Frari, Daniel Heyduk, Terry Lance, Paula Wanzer

Stewards: Ann Keller

It has been a busy year for your Conservation Commission. One of the more interesting projects is an "on the ground" study of our 10 best natural resource areas in town including a review of the bounds of the 7 prime wetlands designated in 1983. Under contract to the Commission, this study to expand on the usefulness of the Natural Resource Inventory is being conducted by Rick Van de Poll, Ph.D, a well known local naturalist. The final report should be completed and available to the public in the spring of 2007.

Your Commission also reviewed about 90 project proposals such as docks, culverts, beaches, subdivisions, building and provided comment related to the protection of natural resources including wetlands, water, fish and wildlife and encroachments on the wetland buffer zone. Buffer zones serve an important purpose in protecting water quality and wetland dependent species as well as the functioning of the wetland itself and should be enforced.

During 2006, the Conservation Commission field reviewed 23 properties for which we are responsible to assure that the public's interest in these properties is protected. These lands range as far east as Bear Island and as far west as Hermit Woods. Many of the properties are owned by Meredith taxpayers such as Town Forests while others are privately held properties protected with Conservation Easements held by the town.

The Commission was successful in completing new hiking trails on the Eames Wildlife Area which are now open to all and can be accessed through the Hamlin Conservation and Recreation Area in the western part of town.

At the 2006 Town Meeting, voters designated the former Feltham property as the newest Town Forest. The Commission has been working on this 189 acre property which is located between Plymouth Street, Jenness Hill Road and Lake Waukegan. Progress has been made in completing a comprehensive land survey of the property conducted under contract to Dolan Surveyors and a new work group has been formed with members that include Conservation Commissioners and interested publics. The charge to the group is to explore various opportunities regarding natural resource conservation, recreational and educational uses and recommend specific actions the Commission should undertake related to the management and public uses of the property. This group will be consulting with many groups in town such as the Parks and Recreation Department, Inter-lakes School District, the Snow Streaker's snow mobile club, Boy and Girl Scouts, the Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Meredith Program and others.

The town and the Commission are paying significant attention on the quality of water in our lakes, especially Meredith Bay and Lake Waukegan. Water quality testing, some of which is conducted by the Commission, indicates that most lands and streams are of pretty good quality but there are a number of indicators showing up that raise concern in specific areas. The cumulative effect of invasions of exotic species such as Japanese knotweed, milfoil, and purple loosestrife, encroachments into protective buffer zones, the increase of impermeable surfaces and the spreading of materials such as fertilizers near our water bodies and streams, among other things, are stressing these natural systems and are not helpful. We should all remember that 25 percent of the area of town consists of bodies of water which act similar to the "canary in the mine".

All members of your all volunteer Commission are fully engaged in the town's work. We depend upon and thank the town officials and staff for their help. Most importantly we thank all the residents of town for your continuing support for the reasonable protection of Meredith's natural resources. Residents who have a more than passing interest or some expertise in natural resource management and are willing to volunteer a few hours are encouraged to participate in Commission activities or attend the bi-monthly meetings of the Commission.

Meredith Public Library

The Library completed two more projects this year from their “to do” goal list. The largest project to date was the re-carpeting of the entire building in May. We were closed for several weeks so that the professional movers, carpet crew, and library staff could move books, materials, and equipment from one section of the building to the other. “Thank You” to all the patrons and team cooperation. The undertaking was completed to everyone’s great satisfaction. In the Young Adult balcony area, new lighting fixtures were installed upgrading to a more cost effective product after twenty years. Many quotes were gathered as well for re-pointing the brick work on the outside, re-painting the interior of the library, and investigating a more energy-efficient heating/air conditioning system. These projects will be ongoing in the years to come. In the technology field, wireless computer access was installed mid summer as another convenience for our patrons.

What would we have done without Paul Ristanino and his wonderful team of workers who kept our grounds and heavy maintenance projects in the building on schedule? I want to applaud the entire department on their timely responses, always in a courteous, most efficient and congenial manner.

Two more memorial benches in honor of past Librarian, Marion Watson, 1963-1978 and ten year volunteer Sam Citron were added to the grounds in our memorial garden area.

After twenty four years of hosting the North Country Center of the Arts who perform the children’s plays at the elementary school during the eight week summer schedule, they will not be returning in the summer of 2007. This news came to Director Torr in late Fall. Due to lower audience numbers (as a result of more available children’s theater in the Lakes Region, they are going to Waterville Valley, a more rural area, to expose children to theatre. We will miss them greatly. How fortunate we have been to see 192 productions with attendance of roughly 38,000 children and families through the years, leaving us with such great memories of talent and laughter.

Children’s Librarian Linda Morgan announced in November that she will be leaving her position at the end of March, 2007. Linda has been with us for five years, bringing to a myriad of children her gift of tell-and draw stories, creative ideas, and true love of children, always stating that a library card is the most important card one will ever own”, as well as “ A positive, memorable library experience will follow a child for a lifetime”. The library community will sorely miss her. We thank you, Linda, ahead of time for your faithful dedication, concern and fondness for the youth of Meredith.

It was also announced at the end of the year that Library Director Lydia Torr will retire at the end of June 2007 and Marilyn Rushton, assistant Director, will retire at the end of November 2007. After serving the town as “ team Librarians” for a total of 76 years combined, it is time to pass the baton on to the next generation and travel another “yellow brick road”. Our lives have been truly enriched by our association with our dedicated staff, trustees, and loyal Patrons. To have served this wonderful, supportive community for so many years has made our profession a dream and an honor. Not many people can say at the close of their professional journey that going to work daily brought joy, satisfaction and camaraderie. Aren’t we exceptionally fortunate to have had all of you in our lives!

From the bottom of our hearts we thank you for everything.

Respectfully submitted,
Lydia Torr, Library Director

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Annual Circulation Report

Audio Visual Materials	27,659
Books	58,051
Periodicals	2,637
Costumes	336
Interlibrary Loans	1,554
Reference Questions Answered	2,116
Number of Registered Patrons	6,569
Passes to NH Learning/Recreation	356
Internet Usage	5,503

Acquisitions

Audio Visuals	785
Books	2,904
Gifts	343
Lost/Discarded	3,838
Total Circulation	90,593
Total Inventory	44,919

Meredith Public Library Trustees Report

The Board of Trustees would like to thank all of you who participated and contributed to our very successful summer reading program.

We greatly appreciate our strong community support.

We are especially grateful for the fine spirit of cooperation among all the Town of Meredith department heads which was illustrated several times this year, most recently when the furnace acted up.

New energy efficient lighting is being installed as part of our ongoing attempt to keep our utility costs under control.

In 2007 three staff members will be retiring. Please stop by to say farewell and to meet our new staff, too! The Library will strive to maintain their legacy of warm, friendly, and efficient service with the same spirit of adventure, flair, and fun for which the Meredith Public Library is known for.

The Board of Trustees look forward to the many new adventures and prospects which lie before us as we undergo this transition period.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Brothers

Laurie A. Brothers, Chair



Major Bedee's Civil War Statue

Parks and Recreation Department

Vint M. Choiniere, Parks and Recreation Director, CPRP

Rick Desharnais, Program Director

Russell Weeks II, Maintenance Crew Chief

We would like to thank the many volunteers and sponsors who contributed so much to the success of our programs and activities in 2006. Thank you also to town and school officials, members of the Parks and Recreation Commission, Public Works, Buildings and Grounds, Fire, Police, Water and Planning and Zoning Departments for their continued support of our activities.

Thanks also, for the support and cooperation we receive from the Inter-Lakes Youth Soccer Association, Lakes Region Youth Softball League, and the Cal Ripken Youth Baseball League. Thank you to Carl Johnson, Jr. for his tremendous volunteer support of many projects and activities over the past several years.

We would also like to thank our Parks and Recreation Department team members and Program Instructors who are all professionals in their fields. They take great pride in offering interesting and healthy recreational opportunities to our community.

Year of Transition

During the year of 2006, the Parks and Recreation Department underwent major restructuring by assuming two new substantial responsibilities:

- 1.) Operation and maintenance of the new Community Center
- 2.) Facility maintenance of the following facilities:

Lower and Upper Prescott Park, Childs Park, Waukegan Highlands Community Park, Circle Drive Park, Waukegan Beach, Leavitt Beach and Swasey Park.

Meeting these two new major responsibilities was both challenging and rewarding as our new employees joined us in late March and were immediately faced with the opening of the Community Center and opening of the outdoor season all at once. We are very proud of our dedicated Parks & Recreation team members who accepted the challenge and performed extremely well with little time to prepare.

Facility Improvements and Projects

Our maintenance team played a major role in the opening of the Community Center. This involved the assembly and installation of site amenities and furniture both indoors and outdoors such as benches, picnic tables, trash receptacles, bike racks, and a drinking fountain. They also played a significant role in the installation of Jack's Place Playground.

Many facility improvement projects were accomplished such as the installation of new drinking fountains at Childs Park and Leavitt Beach, new dugout construction and infield renovations at Prescott Park, new bridge construction at Waukegan Highlands Community Park, and daily maintenance of the athletic fields and parks.

Our goal is to provide safe, clean and accommodating facilities that our community can be proud of and enjoy for years to come.

Parks and Recreation Department continued...

Community Center Usage

Although heavy demand for use of the Community Center was predicted prior to opening, actual usage in 2006 exceeded expectations in many user group categories and demand continues to increase. Along with many new activities being offered by the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department, the Community Center hosted 15 Town of Meredith committee and board meetings on a regular basis, 55 Meredith non-profit groups, and 35 private groups in 2006. The flexibility and the many accommodating features of the Community Center placed the facility in high demand. We look forward to working together with the community to help meet the demand and make the Community Center available to as many different user groups as reasonably possible.

As always, I encourage you to get involved by sharing your thoughts and ideas with us and I look forward to working together as a community to provide quality recreational opportunities for all to enjoy now and into the future. Have a safe and healthy year in 2007.

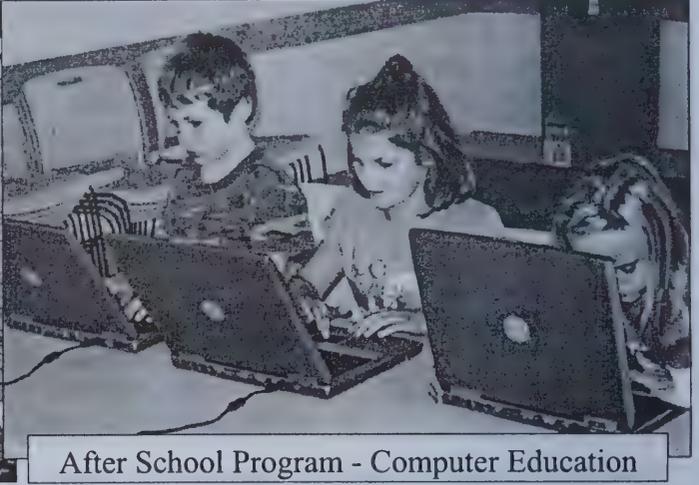
Program	Participants	Program	Participants
Adult and Youth Tennis Lessons	18	Hershey Track and Field Program	15
Adult Coed Softball	75	Holiday Open House	100+
Adult Recreational Tennis	35	Men's League Basketball	96
After School Program	33	Midsummer Night Spike Volleyball	17
American Red Cross Babysitting	29	North Pole Calling	32
Annual Christmas Tree Lighting	100+	Preschool Playgroup	18
Annual Easter Egg Hunt	100+	Ramps & Rails Competition	25
Annual Street Dance	150+	Red Sox Trip	45
Archery	10	Senior Exercise	30
Boston Pops Holiday Concert	38	Skate Park Drop-Ins	1,000+
Climbing Wall Drop-Ins	61	Skateboarding Lessons	15
Coed Pick Up Basketball	37	Snow Tubing Trip	50
Coed T-Ball	90	Summer Camp Can Do (Ages 6-14)	200
Coed Youth Soccer	89	Summer Concert Series	1,000+
Community Center Drop-Ins	2,038	Summer Kiddie Can Do Camp (Age 5)	22
Counselor in Training Program	5	Swim & Skate Trip	50
Fall Family Fun Fest	100+	Swim Lessons	75
Family Entertainment Series	100+	Swim Team	35
Family Fun Night & Lot Dance	150+	Theatre Camp	48
Fun in the Sun Day	100+	Water Carnival	100
Greetings from The Easter Bunny	30	Women's Pick Up Basketball	17
Gunstock Ski Program	40	Youth Gym & Fitness	20

Respectfully submitted,
Vint Choiniere
 Parks & Recreation Director

Parks and Recreation Department *continued*



Four Great Teammates



After School Program - Computer Education



Easter Egg Hunt



Climbing Wall



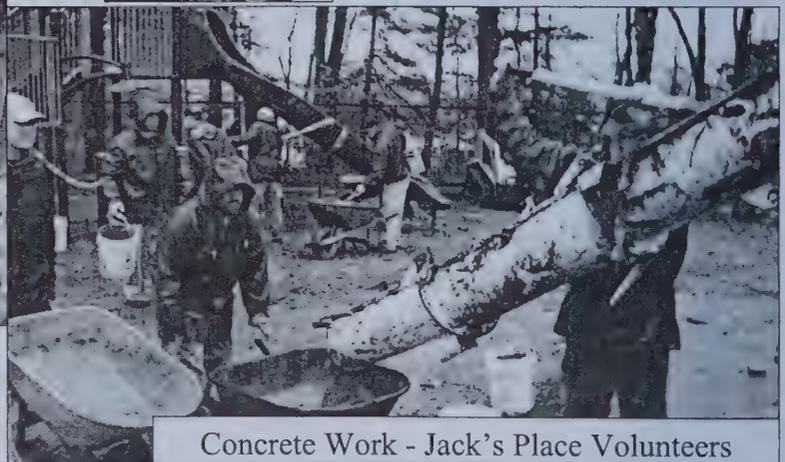
Theater Camp



Charlie Chatterton – demonstrates his handmade toys



Jack's Place



Concrete Work - Jack's Place Volunteers

Photos and Text provided by:
Vint Choiniere

Parks & Recreation Commission



Family Fun Night at Hesky Park



Youth Soccer

The Meredith Parks and Recreation Commission has had a busy year supporting the many programs of the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department. The Commission was appointed by the Board of Selectmen and meets monthly. The Mission of the Commission is to assist the Parks and Recreation Director by supporting his/her efforts to maintain the recreation facilities and programs in Meredith.

The facilities include not only the Community Center building, but extend to the stewardship of the eleven parks, beaches, playing fields, courts and walking trails. The Commission has aided in the cataloging, signage, clean-up and promotion of these facilities.

Additionally, the Commission seeks to raise awareness of the benefits of recreation for all children and adults. Studying the needs of the community and helping to propose programs to suit all needs has become a major desire of the Commission.

Of great importance to the community as a whole, the Commission sets a goal to encourage collaboration with and among other agencies and organizations. Establishing a clearinghouse of information to organizations and their contact persons is essential to this type of work. Essential also is the ongoing dialogue with the State of New Hampshire regarding areas related to the parks.

The current Commission members are a vibrant and dedicated group of residents with various backgrounds which are all valuable to the Commission's success. Members are looking forward to completing the tasks developed by its one year and long range plans.

Sincerely,

Paula Wanzer

Tami Carpentiere

Beverly Heyduk

Eileen Harris

Ann Heller

Cheryl Prouty

John Foster

Meredith Parks and Recreation Commission

Planning & Zoning Department

Christine Tivnan, Planning and Zoning Clerk

Mary Lee Harvey, Administrative Assistant

William M. Edney, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector

John C. Edgar, AICP, Town Planner

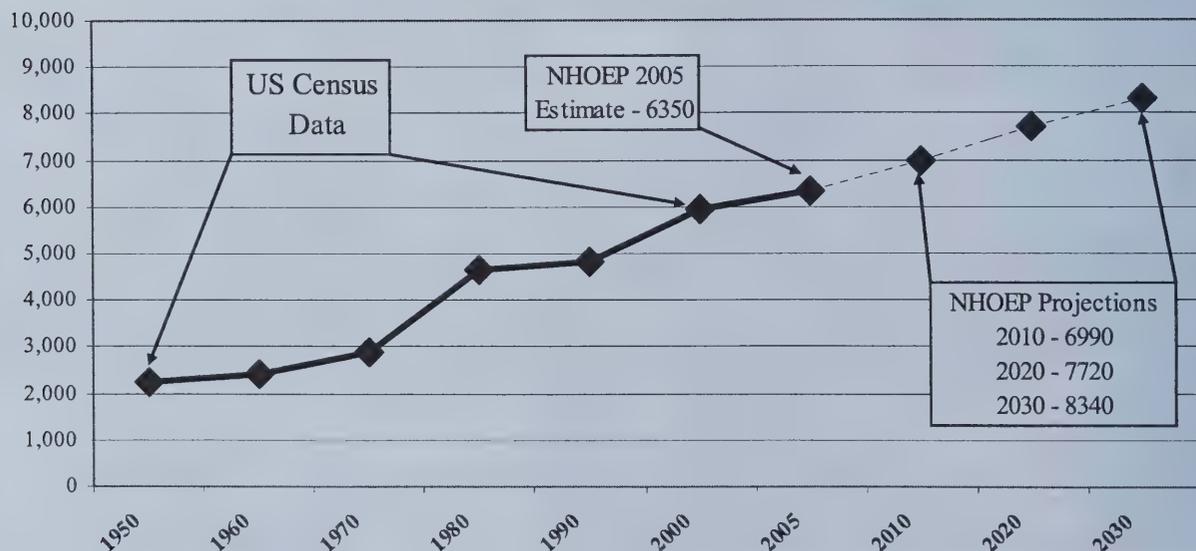
The Planning and Zoning Department is a service oriented department with varied responsibilities including:

1. Development Review
2. Community Planning
3. Zoning Administration
4. Building Permitting and Inspection
5. Public Health

The department provides technical and administrative support to town regulatory land use boards; the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment. These boards are comprised of volunteer citizens who are committed to the betterment of our community. We are indebted to their service. It is a privilege to work in support of their efforts.

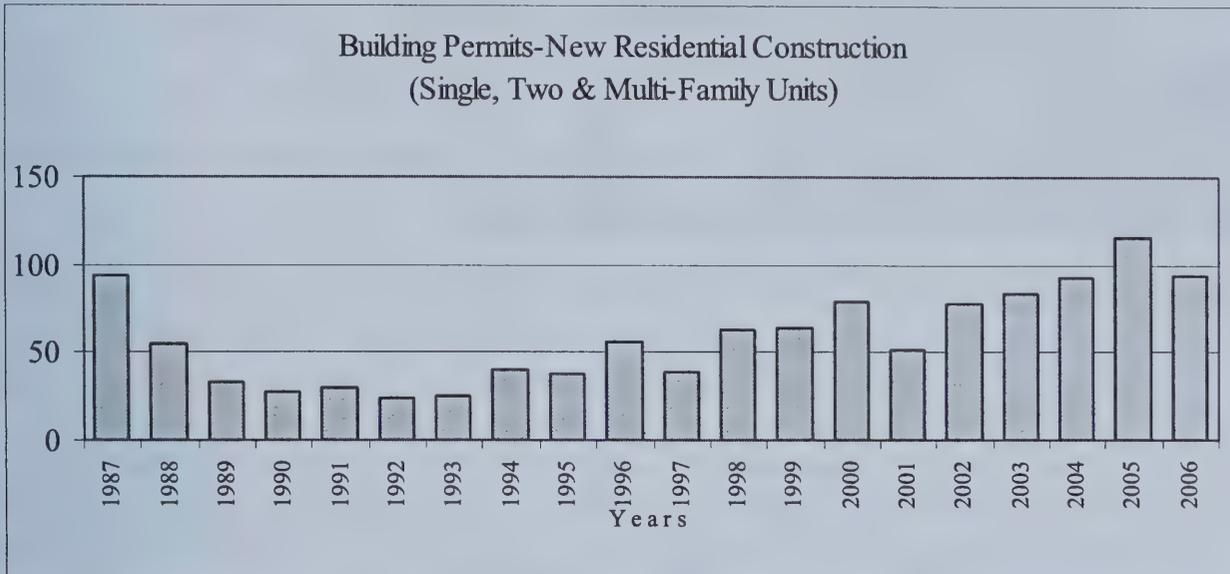
The desirability of our community and our location within the Lakes Region continues to attract people and investments to the Meredith area. Meredith landowners will continue to exercise their rights to develop their land, while many others will sell their property to others that will. Considerable growth is projected for the foreseeable future. The New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning (NHOEP) estimates that by 2020, our resident population will increase to 7,720, an increase of 30% from the last census (2000). Historical and projected populations figures are illustrated below.

Resident Population Trends & Projections Data - Meredith, NH (1950 - 2030)
NHOEP = New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning



Planning & Zoning Department continued

In 2005 we *may* have experienced the crest of the current building boom. Dwelling unit building permits for 2006 declined by 22 units compared to the previous year. Caution is warranted however. Although we issued 22 less dwelling unit permits in 2006 than in 2005, the development activity that we experienced in 2006 is very significant. Building permits for new residential dwelling units during the period 1987 to 2006 are illustrated below.



Interestingly enough, applications for subdivision and non-residential development have not yet been impacted by shifts in the economy. For example, in 2007 we expect to review applications for the redevelopment of the Meredith Shopping Center, a 43 unit condominium on Pease Road, a 71 unit condominium on Upper Ladd Hill Road, a cell tower on NH Route 104 and an assisted living facility off US Route 3, to name a few.

Projects are becoming more complex. Pressures on sensitive environmental resources are increasing. Demands are placed on the capacities of our infrastructure. Land values continue to increase, exacerbating the pressure to develop. Public response to applications increasingly takes the form of threatened or actual litigation. Development review (the micro side of planning) and everything that comes with it is intensive, complicated, and critically important. Development review consumes a tremendous amount of resources including staff time and the energy of our volunteer boards and commissions.

The more we have to respond to development pressure, the less time and resources there are to address longer range strategic planning issues (the macro side of planning) and to make improvements to our planning and regulatory tools. For example, we have yet to develop strategies for the protection of water quality protection in Meredith Bay, nor have we updated our road standards or our cluster (open space) subdivision requirements. Fortunately, the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board view these as priorities for 2007.

Planning & Zoning Department continued

There are however several ongoing non-regulatory initiatives that warrant increased levels of public awareness. These important initiatives are also driven by citizen volunteers and include:

- o An inventory of our natural resources- Phase II (Conservation Commission)
- o Planning Study of the US Route 3 & NH Route 25 Corridor
(Transportation Planning Study Project Advisory Committee)
- o Identification of needed capital improvement (CIP Advisory Committee)
- o Protecting our municipal drinking water supply (Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee)
- o Managing access along the NH Route 104 (Lakes Region Planning Commission)
- o Improving workforce housing opportunities (Laconia Area Community Land Trust)

Growth is inevitable. Change is inevitable. The challenge facing us lies in how we manage and guide that growth. As policies are developed, regulations enacted or decisions rendered, we are faced with an ever-present and difficult task of balancing a wide array of interests...the broader interests of the community, the constitutional rights of individual property owners and the interests of those impacted by our decisions. The responsibility to achieve this balance lies not with one individual or board. Rather, it is a responsibility that we all share one way or another...as residents, property owners, staff, advocates, abutters, elected officials or volunteers. These are challenging times that demand patience, constructive dialogue, careful scrutiny and civility.

We continue to look for ways to improve our processes and the techniques that we rely upon to carry out our responsibilities. If you have any suggestions, interest in any of our planning initiatives or would like to learn about volunteer opportunities, I encourage you to stop by the office (5 Highland Street), give us a call (279-4538) or send an e-mail (jedgar@meredithnh.org). Thank you.

Respectfully,
John C. Edgar, AICP, Town Planner

Planning Board Application Summary – 2006

Comm./Indus. Site Plan Approvals	23	Pre-Application Consultations	17
Home Occupation Site Plan Approvals	1	Scenic Road Tree Cutting Approvals	1
Subdivision Approvals	11	Architectural Design Reviews	5
Boundary Line Adjustment Approvals	5	Revocation and/or Disapproval	0

Zoning Board Summary – 2006

Variance Applications	21	Special Exceptions Denied	1
Variations Granted	17	Total Applications Withdrawn	8
Variations Denied	4	Equitable Waivers Granted	3
Special Exception Applications	25	Rehearing Requests Denied	5
Special Exceptions Granted	24	Administrative Decisions Denied	3

Building Permit Activity – 2006

New Single-Family Homes	51	Electrical/Plumbing	368
Two-Family Homes	1	Oil Burner	42
Multi-Family Homes (Condo)	42	Garages/Storage Buildings	51
New Commercial Buildings	5	Residential Renovations & Repairs	155
Guest Quarters	3	Commercial Renovations & Repairs	25
Mobile Homes	4	Docks/Boathouses/Repairs	18
Fences	15	Signs	36
Demolition	29	Driveways	38

Police Department

It is with the utmost sincerity that I start this year's Town Report for the Meredith Police Department by thanking the Citizens of Meredith for their support in making the dream of a new police department a reality. The construction has advanced swiftly and the excitement of moving in is more than evident in the staff. This building will more than meet the security, space and future needs of the department and the Town for a long time.



As the new building nears completion, I will organize an Open House and tour of the new building, in which I do encourage the public as well as other local law enforcement personnel to attend.

Moving on, I would like to address a few topics of interest and reminders:

Concerning Municipal Parking, Parking Extensions are available to those that find it necessary to leave a vehicle, boat and/or trailer at one of the Municipal lots. If you need an extension, you must come to the Police Department to fill out an extension request and receive a permit. This extension is for any Municipal Parking lot which goes beyond 72-hours. In addition to this, please remember that all Boat Docking is limited to 3-hours. These policies are in affect throughout the calendar year.

There is an Officer stationed within the Inter-lakes School system during the entire school year as a resource to the school and the Police Department. Officer Dickinson works in conjunction with the policies of the school and handles all cases that occur at the school and on school grounds. Although Officer Dickinson can retrieve voice mails here at the Police Department, if she is needed in reference to an ongoing case, she can be reached at the Inter-Lakes High School during school hours.

The experiment in the utilization of Traffic Controllers on Route 3 at the Meredith Town Docks during the summer months went well. We found that the Traffic Controllers helped eased the flow of traffic. At this point, we are considering utilizing them again next summer.



We have initiated the change of going to Black and White cruisers. Two of our cruisers have been repainted from the dark blue to black and white and are already back out on the road. Although we do not have a definitive time line as to when all cruisers will be switched over, the process is taking place and we are very pleased with the change. The desire to go to black and white as the color scheme was done for several reasons, a few of which being a definitive visibility and the restoration of a vintage feel to officer presence.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Police Department continued...

In regards to animal complaints, the Police Department handles all animal complaints, whether it pertains to a domestic animal or a wild animal. In cases where the NH Fish and Game needs to be notified, the Police Department still handles the initial call. We have already responded to several hundred animal complaint calls and twelve (12) Dog Bites this year. Please remember that owners of dogs are responsible to license their dog(s) with the Town every year as well as making sure all animals are properly vaccinated. Dog licenses are valid from May 1 to April 30 and are purchased at the Town Hall.

As a recap, the Meredith Police Department conducted its first ever Sobriety Checkpoint this past September and we are pleased with the results and impact. The induction of the Sobriety Checkpoint was an aggressive stance by this department in the hopes of preventing persons from driving while intoxicated. As New Hampshire has some of the most aggressive DWI laws in the country, we will use the tools available to us to their fullest extent.

During our Sobriety Checkpoint we ended with the following results: Vehicles Checked - 127, Arrests - 1, Subjects Screened - 6 Motor Vehicle Warnings/Defective Equipment Tags Issued - 12, Summons Issued: Child Restraint - 1, Open Container - 1, Operating w/out a License - 1.

I would also like to inform the public that besides their normal duties, the officers, regardless of rank, are required to attend several different training seminars. Additional training totals 1,069.50 hours this year and includes just some of the following: Harassment Training, Civil Liability, Mobile Data Terminal Training and 8 hrs of Firearms Recertification; Certification on the Intoxilyzer Machine; a 2-week Accident Reconstruction School; School in the proper Handling of Mentally Ill Subjects; a Firearms Instructor Recertification Course; a Fraudulent Identification Course; Radar Use; Prosecutor School; and Conducting Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus Test, an essential component of testing impairment in DWI cases.

S T A T I S T I C S	<u>Activities</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
	Calls for Service	13,134	14,070	15,406
	Motor Vehicle Warnings	2,515	4,804	5,677
	Motor Vehicle Summonses	207	289	204
	Arrests/Felony Arrests	342	403	417 / 40
	Accidents	316	327	288
	Incidents	500	573	546

As I conclude my second year as Chief of Police, I must reiterate how very proud I am of the men and women of the Meredith Police Department that serve this community. They do so with steadfast professionalism and dedication. My pledge remains the same as when I took this office; to keep the Town of Meredith safe and to treat people the way I would like to be treated.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Morrow
Police Chief

Public Works Department

HIGHWAY DIVISION: The highway division completed the Waukegan Sidewalk Project this year with matching Federal funds. This project ties in the entire sidewalk along Waukegan Street enabling residents to walk safely to the beach and to the downtown area. Mother Nature presented us with heavy rains and lots of mud in the spring. Then in May of 2006 torrential rains caused major flooding and road damages which kept the crews working round the clock rebuilding gravel roads. FEMA funds were applied for to reimburse the town for the cost of the repairs. An extensive culvert replacement program continued which upgraded the aging drainage systems under many roads. Beech Hill Road was completely rebuilt this year with new drainage and pavement. Pinnacle Park Road was chip sealed and pavement overlays were done on Cattle Landing Road, Patricia Drive, Bay Shore Drive, Collins Brook Road and Winona Shores Road. The winter of 2006-2007 started out with unusually mild temperatures from September to December. The frosty nights combined with the warming day temperatures caused a lot of black ice in the early mornings for the crews to salt and sand. Travis Ambrose was promoted to Highway Maintenance III to replace Andy Brackett who transferred to the BG crew. Kyle Richter was hired to fill the Highway Maintenance II vacated by Travis.

Dennis Martin retires December 31, 2006 after 25 years. Thank you, Dennis, for your many years of dedicated service to the town. We welcomed Fred Hawkins to the Public Works team in December in the Highway Maintenance II position to replace Dennis.

SOLID WASTE DIVISION: The metal storage area was cleaned up and rebuilt. This brought us into compliance with the environmental Storm Water Protection Act. Shirley Stoltz was hired to fill a vacated Solid Waste operator position due to a transfer of personnel to another division.

The Solid Waste again generated approximately \$500,000.00 in yearly revenues with our recycling. The town residents can be proud of their recycling record which is one of the highest in the state. The NH/VT Solid Waste District of which the town is a member of, will be disbanded in July of 2007 and a new contract negotiated for the transportation and disposal of our trash. This is expected to save the town considerable money in the years ahead.

2006 Year to Date Tonnage Totals taken in at Solid Waste Facility:

Trash	2,292.62 tons
Demo	1,156.00 tons
Cardboard	131.00 tons
Plastics	86.12 tons
Aluminum Cans	19.00 tons

CEMETERY: This year the historic front entrances at the Route 3 Cemetery were completely repainted. The new back burial section of the Route 3 Village Cemetery was prepped, mapped and marked out. We are in the process of GPS mapping all of the 89 cemeteries in town. Many of the smaller and older outlying cemeteries received maintenance and repair of old headstones and memorials and the brush was cut back and weeds and debris cleared from stone walls. The cemetery ordinances and fees were updated in February of 2006.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Public Works Department continued

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Andy Brackett was promoted and moved over to the Buildings and Grounds Division as the new Crew Chief. This position was vacated due to the resignation of an employee. Brian Grinavic was moved to the BG crew from Solid Waste in April, to fill the position vacated by another employee transferred to Highway. Also in April, the Public Works sign building shop and workshop building on Route 3 was torn down to make way for the new police station. We were able to move into the vacated former church building on Route 3. The BG crews did minor renovations to the building turning it into offices, workshop and sign shop.

The crew built new trash bins which were placed all around town. The new trash bins save labor due to their new design and bigger size. The frequent rains kept the grass growing at a fast clip and the crews were constantly in motion trying to keep everything trimmed and mowed. Our new BG chief implemented a new maintenance schedule for our buildings and grounds. The result is the crisp, clean look of all areas that many residents have complimented us on. The crew takes great pride in how beautiful the town looks under their care.

New lighting was installed along Route 3 at Scenic Park. The new lighting now blends in with the character of the park and lights the way for walkers enjoying their strolls along the north tip of the bay.

The men and women of the Public Works Department work diligently every day to keep our town running smoothly and looking great. They appreciate and thank everyone for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Faller

Public Works Director

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT STAFF:

Monica Bennett, *Administrative Assistant to the Public Works Director*

Al Bolduc, *Asst. Public Works Director (supervisor of Highway and Solid Waste Divisions)*

Paul Ristaino, *PW Operations Manager (supervisor of Buildings & Grounds and Cemeteries Divisions)*

Highway Division crew: Tim Anair, David (Skip) Ambrose, Travis Ambrose, Peter Bushnell, Richard Davis, Jim Hawthorne, Les Kelley, Dennis Martin (retired 12/27/2006), Fred Hawkins, Greg Pelczar, Larry Pelczar, Bruce Plummer, Kyle Richter,

Solid Waste Division crew: Tim Amabile, Dale Sargent, Shirley Stoltz, Mike Tarling, Barry Weeks

Buildings and Grounds Division crew: Andy Brackett, Tom Carbone, Brian Grinavic

Cemetery Division crew: John Calvin, H. Peter Currier

Town Clerk Department

Here we are again at the end of 2006 and the beginning of 2007. Our office is constantly busy with new residents, vehicle registrations and every thing else our office handles.

You may see a new face behind the counter and that is our new Deputy Town Clerk, Kerri Parker. Kerri has been a long time resident of Meredith and comes to us with the knowledge of the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's office and has completed her certification in both



Vikki Fogg has also joined the Clerk's Department as an Assistant. Although she is not new to the Town, she is currently the Deputy Tax Collector; she is new in our Department and also has both certifications. Both Kerri and Vikki are Deputy Fire Marshalls and can issue fire permits from this office. The Town Clerk's department welcomes Kerri and Vikki so please give them the same courtesy as they give you.

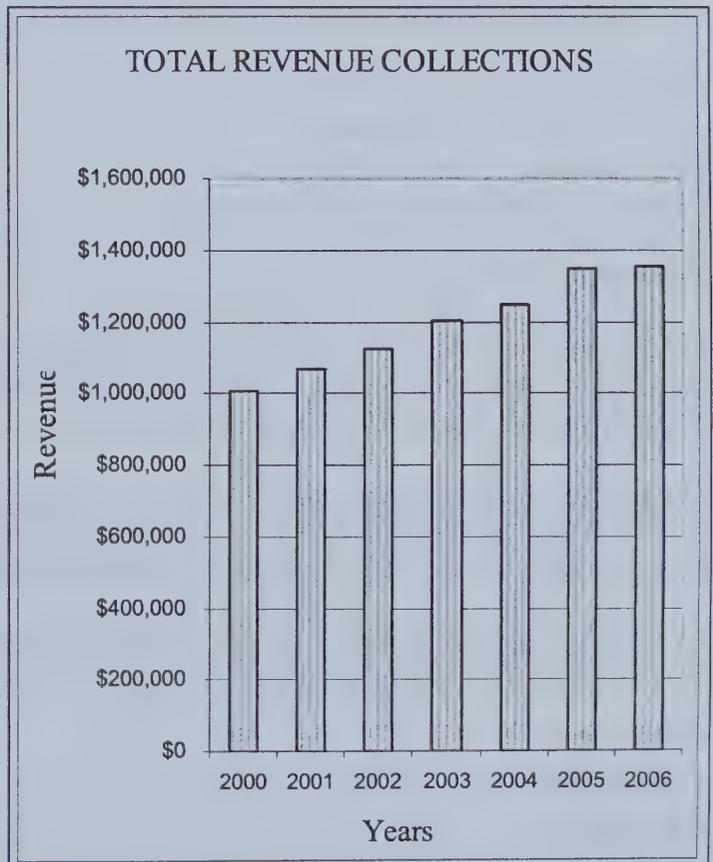
I continue to represent the Town of Meredith as a member of the New Hampshire City and Town Clerks Executive Board, Member of the Legislative Board, Lakes Region Co-Chairman, Resolution Committee and Pet Over Population Committee.

As we continually meet the needs of our residents, we also keep up to date with the State of New Hampshire changes, whether it is Motor Vehicle, Vital Records or Legislation. We are here to assist you in any way possible so if your have questions please give us a call. Have a Great 2007!

The 2006 Town Clerk Department Collections were as follows:

Auto Registrations (10,622)	1,322,696.50
Dogs (992)	7,765.00
Miscellaneous: (Includes)	<u>20,024.08</u>
UCC Filings	
Marriage Licenses	
Vital Record Copies	
Agua Therm Permits	
Dredge & Fill Permits	
Mailings	
Notary/Justice Fees	
and Dog Fines.	

Total Revenue Collected \$1,350,485.58



Water and Wastewater Departments

Department Staff: Daniel Cutting, Chuck Wade, Lee Bavis, and Donna Turner.

As Meredith continues to develop we must plan on meeting the demands for the present and future. Through the water system evaluation and management plan that was done in 2005 and 2006, we were able to identify weaknesses in the water system due to pipe age or conditions. In order to plan for the future we determined that the current infrastructure needed to be replaced before further expansion of the system were to happen. In order to move forward we first have to meet the needs of the present customers.

Presented to you at this 2006 Town Meeting is our plan for water and sewer mains replacement on Waukegan Avenue, High Street, Stevens Avenue, Red Gate Lane, and a section of Water Street. This project is associated with the Public Works project of replacement and/or addition of drainage and road reconstruction on the same above-mentioned roads. This project cannot move forward with out your support. We ask that you read the handout provided at Town Meeting to assist you in understanding this endeavor.

The water rates and charges were adopted and implemented in 2006 to meet department expenses and provide revenue for future projects. In the high demand months, with higher rates, the goal is also to provide water awareness and conservation.

The municipal wastewater collection system was originally constructed in the mid 1940's and due to age and wear are losing their efficiency because of pipe misalignment, cracks, and pipe joints opening. The sewer manholes were computer GPS mapped as part of Phase I of the wastewater evaluation and management project. Part of Phase I, step two, is to inspect and test sections of the wastewater collection pipes for failures or discrepancies. Once the wastewater mains are inspected, repairs shall begin. Rather than digging up numerous streets, closing roads and disrupting service, the wastewater mains shall be repaired by inserting an expandable pipe into the present lines and steam pressure form it into place for a permanent repair. This phase of the wastewater management plan will reduce the problems associated with pipe failures.

The Cygnet Shores Wastewater Pumping Station Renovation was awarded in 2005 and completed over 2005-2006 winter months. The new station meets or exceeds all regulations, and will serve the Meredith Neck, Barnard Ridge area for many years to come.

The engineering has been completed on the Wicwas Dam Project. This project is scheduled for 2008 construction. The new dam will meet current regulations and provide a more precise method of controlling the Wicwas Lake level for the residents around the lake, downstream and for wildlife.

As every year, I want to thank my staff and all departments for their hard work and assistance. We thank you for allowing us to serve you again this year.

Submitted by,
Robert Hill

Robert Hill

American Legion Griggs/Wyatt Post 33

Bob Kennelly, Commander Herb Vadney, Finance Officer Timer Morrill, 1st Vice Commander
Joey Shaw, Sgt-at-Arms Ryan Linke, 2nd Vice Commander
Michael Gould, Judge Advocate Elliot Finn, Adjutant Ben Wyatt, Chaplin

The Post has been at 6 Plymouth Street for over 80 years and is one of the most consistent parts of Meredith history and as such we are committed to putting Veterans and the community of Meredith first. We have about 250 Legion members, about 125 Ladies Auxiliary members and about 55 S.A.L. members. All three organizations work together to try to make our Post a well run one. We have a canteen that is open to members and their guests 7 days a week with different operating hours every day. Our meetings are held at 7pm the first Tuesday of every month except July and August.

We work with the youth of the Meredith area through the schools, the Meredith Recreation Department and the Santa Fund.

We hope to get area residents interested in our activities which are as follows:

The Fishing Derby in February Memorial Day The Fourth of July
Meredith Home Day and Fine Arts & Crafts Festival in August
6th annual 9/11 Tribute 7th annual Golf Tournament in the Fall
Halloween Veterans Day Thanksgiving
Christmas and New Years Eve and Day

Please check The Meredith News or at The Post for dates and times.

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is a non-profit, community service organization dedicated to providing disaster relief and emergency aid to people living in central and northern New Hampshire. The Red Cross helps people prevent and prepare for as well as respond to emergencies. By offering a variety of programs and services including health and safety education, disaster response, emergency preparedness, blood services, military communications and international tracings, the ARC helps build stronger and safer communities.

The Concord Area and Greater White Mountain American Red Cross chapters began working together as one organization. This collaboration was created to leverage resources from each unit, streamline operating procedures and increase efficiencies in all program areas. With new, additional resources in place, our strategic focus is to expand programs and services in the North Country and northeastern side of Lake Winnepesaukee including the cities and towns of Plymouth, Littleton, Berlin, Colebrook and Wolfeboro.

SUPPORTED OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Child and Family Services, Lakes Region Office

Walker Brown

Child and Family Services very much appreciates the support we receive from the Town of Meredith. We continue to count on your help which makes possible the provision of quality, professional services to children and their families who otherwise could not afford them.

Your support, combined with other funds, has enabled us to provide 337 hours of service to 41 Meredith residents during the 12 months ending June 2006. The services provided included Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment, Family and Children's counseling, and Integrated Home Based Services.

The Lakes Region office is located at 95 Water Street in Laconia. For more information regarding our programs please call 524-5835 or (800) 640-6486 or visit our website at www.cfsnh.org.

Community Health and Hospice, Inc.

Margaret Franckhauser, Executive Director

Community Health and Hospice is a non profit homecare, hospice and community service agency located in Laconia which serves Belknap County. In the town of Meredith, we provide services to complement those provided by the Meredith Public Health Nursing Association. In Meredith, Community Health and Hospice focuses on hospice care, homemaker service to the elderly, senior and caregiver support groups, and health and family support services to families with young children. Each of these services relies to some extent on charitable funds and municipal donations to be maintained. In addition to town funds, we are a United Way agency, and we conduct a number of fundraising activities to supplement those donations and maintain these services in communities.

During the last year, CH&H provided 299 Meredith residents with 1,998 in-home visits by professionals or support service workers. Of those visits, 1000 visits were to patients at the end of life through our hospice and palliative care program. Over 350 visits were made to families with young children to connect them with a medical home or to provide essential health services. Finally, over 500 visits were given to the elderly to help maintain them in a home setting rather than a nursing home. (Services outlined below).

Additionally, Community Health & Hospice partners with the Community Action Program in the Meredith Senior Center to conduct support groups for those caring for an elderly, frail or ill family member. The Meredith support group is very well attended and provides guidance as well as social support for those who are easily isolated in a caregiver role. It is a privilege to be able to provide services to Meredith residents, and we are grateful for the support provided by the town to enable us to carry on these health-related community functions.

Discipline	2003	2004	2005	2006
Young Family (Pediatric)	83	183	137	125
Homemaker	479	424	471	418
Adult In Home Care	540	447	176	102
Hospice/Palliative Care	285	559	814	1000
Pediatric Care Management	236	310	286	253
Medical Social Worker	29	21	48	40
Partners in Health	33	55	57	60
Total Visits Provided	1623	1923	1989	1998

Core

Shannon Swett, CoRe Coalition Interim Project Director / Outreach Coordinator

The mission of the Community Response Coalition (CoRe) is to decrease incidents of alcohol, tobacco and other drug (ATOD) use among youth in our communities by building coalition partnerships, seeking and enhancing resources, developing healthy alternatives and the creative use of the media to raise awareness and disseminate information. After Hours, funded by CoRe and the Towns of Meredith, Center Harbor and Sandwich, is a student led group at Inter-Lakes High School. Its mission is to plan fun drug-free activities and promote awareness concerning substance abuse issues in the community.

During the past year, 2006, the After Hours group and the CoRe Coalition have implemented a number of prevention strategies aimed at reducing substance use among youth. Some of these successes include:

2006 CoRe Prevention Fall Festival and YPOF Kick Butts Day Walk for Tobacco Prevention. The After Hours group has sponsored several substance-free activities. Some of these events included the "End of Year Beach Party", pizza & movie nights, a Celtics game, and Red Ribbon Week. The CoRe Coalition continues to offer a weekly parent support group for parents of students at ILMS & ILHS.

CoRe was formed in 2001 in response to disturbing findings of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, which measures high-risk behaviors among high school students. Since 2001, CoRe has diligently stressed the importance of prevention in our communities. Thank you for your support.

Emergency Management

Steve Bennett, Emergency Management Director

Peter Russell, Assistant Emergency Management Director

In May torrential rains caused considerable damage to town gravel roads. The town highway crews worked many, long hours in the cold and rain over Mother's Day weekend to save our road infrastructure. The State of NH declared an emergency situation which qualified Meredith and many other towns to apply for FEMA money to reimburse their budgets for the heavy hits they took to salvage their damaged roads.

In June we attended the Emergency Preparedness Conference in Concord, NH. Classes we attended were National Incident Management System; Planning for Isolation and Quarantine; Medical Surge Resources and Medical Point of Dispensing. These classes were held in preparation in the event of a flu pandemic or other similar, serious wide spread emergency. In addition we became involved with the Lakes Region Partnership for Public Health which was formed as a central coordinating unit for all lakes region area towns and emergency services. One of the major problems during the Hurricane Katrina emergency was the lack of coordination and no core communication between emergency service divisions. This Partnership addresses this issue and helps to prevent the duplication of efforts so everyone can work together as a cohesive unit. Along with emergency management, police, fire, ambulance, physicians and other groups are working together through this central planning committee. While we all certainly hope that we will never have to implement our training it is better to be proactive and have a working plan in place to protect our citizens. Sessions and meetings will be ongoing as there is a lot of material to cover.

Once again we would like to assure our residents that all departments of the Town of Meredith are working to plan ahead and be prepared to take care of everyone in the event of any emergency situation.

We thank you for your support over the past year.

SUPPORTED OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Genesis

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF CARING
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To the Residents of Meredith:

Genesis Behavioral Health (GBH) is grateful for the Town of Meredith's 2006 Appropriation. Your contribution has helped GBH to cover the costs of providing mental health care to residents of your town who are unable to pay the full cost of their services.

During Fiscal Year 2006 (ending June 30, 2006), a total of 244 Meredith residents came to GBH to find help for their mental health problems. Their ages break down as follows:

Age Range	Number of Clients
Ages 1 – 17	50
Ages 18 – 59	100
Age 60 and over	<u>94</u>
<i>Total</i>	<i>244</i>

From this total several residents did not have the resources to cover the cost of their services in full. "Charity care" was provided to these individuals in the amount of \$25,267.78. Your appropriation helped cover a portion of these costs.

Since 1966 GBH has provided mental health services for the residents of the Lakes Region. These services are provided to children in their homes, schools and in special programs at GBH which are designed to help them practice the skills they require to improve their lives. Elders receive services in the community including their homes, assisted living facilities and group homes. Our Gatekeeper program trains community volunteers to be alert to elders who live alone and may require assistance.

GBH also provides individual therapy for adults and children to address issues causing distress and to provide guidance towards positive behaviors. Our Community Support Program also provides services for adults living with life impacting mental illnesses. GBH Emergency Services are available 24 hours a day, everyday of the year. We are on call for individuals and their families who feel that they are a threat to themselves or others.

We are very grateful to the Town of Meredith for your 2006 appropriation. Thank you for helping us to cover the costs of providing mental health care to residents of your town who are unable to pay the full cost of their services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Coughlin".

Michael Coughlin
Executive Director - Genesis Behavioral Health

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Greater Meredith Program

In May 2006 the Town of Meredith received statewide recognition as New Hampshire's Main Street Community of the Year. This achievement was made possible because of the dedicated efforts of many including Town officials and staff, the business community, civic organizations, and last, but not least, over 100 volunteers.

The Greater Meredith Program, tracking investment back into the community, estimates over \$134,000 was spent in various programs and projects that benefited Meredith residents.

Some of these projects included:

- An expansion of the Meredith Village Farmers' Market, which provided a venue for local farmers and producers to sell their product.

- The landscape beautification project at the *Welcome to Meredith* sign on McDonald's hill.

- Implementation of the Extreme Makeover: Small Business Edition project at 55 Main Street.

Implementation of two fundraisers:

- Art! In the Garden Walking Tour & Auction.

- The Lydia Torr Roast, which raised approximately \$15,000 for reinvestment back into the community.

Beautification efforts through the Flower Barrels in the Village project.

Introduction of a new event--the Meredith Home & Garden Show.

A continuation of several successful community events including:

- Family Fun Fest, Halloween in Meredith, and a December to Remember.

Various projects to benefit the business community including:

- Retail events: a retail market analysis, a focus group, and gathering information for a business goods & services guide; and finally assisting the Town through the Design and Economic Development Committees to develop a Main Street Streetscape Plan and a Beautification Plan for the Town docks area.

The Greater Meredith Program is a community development organization seeking to enhance economic vitality, historical and cultural heritage, and town-wide beautification.

Our mission can only be achieved with the participation of our community members.

On behalf of the Greater Meredith Program Board of Directors, thank you to all those who have contributed and participated in the revitalization efforts that benefit everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanie Forrester

Executive Director

Greater Meredith Program

Inter-Lakes Day Care Center & Nursery School

Connie Pelletier, Executive Director

We wish to thank the residents of the Town of Meredith for their continued support over the past 35 years. Our Board of Directors declared a celebration of cake and balloons on the 35th anniversary of our incorporation, October 27th. The party was enjoyed by the children, parents and staff. It could be said that the recent and long-needed paving of the Center driveway was a fitting anniversary present for all to enjoy for many years to come.

In the exercise of its charter powers, Inter-Lakes Day Care Center aims to promote child development and family support for working parents, through comprehensive infant, toddler, preschool and school age developmentally appropriate curriculum. Year-round childcare is provided in educational settings at two locations for children 6 weeks to 12 years old. Services include full and part-time childcare, morning preschool programs, summer day camp programs, and USDA approved hot meals and snacks.

In conjunction with the State of New Hampshire, through the Child Care and Development Block Grant Fund, sliding fee scale tuition is available based on income level and family size for purposes of employment, training and pursuit of degree or certificate programs, job search and temporary disability. Additional services include sponsorship of the Inter-Lakes Family Daycare Nutrition Program, a group of licensed home daycare providers who receive federal reimbursements from USDA by serving approved meals and snacks while providing care for children of working parents.

Kidworks Learning Center

Jennifer Weeks, Director

With the generous support of the Town of Meredith, the Kidworks families, staff and the community, we were able to complete many safety improvements at our center on Reservoir Road. Through our fundraising endeavors and generous donations, new fencing was installed around the playground, carpet was replaced in the preschool rooms, exterior doors were installed and painting projects were completed. With the help of the Meredith Rotary Club, we purchased a new activity bus to transport our students and Paquette Signs generously donated their time to letter the bus for us.

Kidworks Learning Center is a non-profit childcare center for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years. We offer a before and after school program, as well as our own unique vacation and summer programs. Our philosophy is to provide a stimulating environment for children to learn and express themselves with an emphasis on self-esteem. A variety of activities are provided that gives each child an opportunity to progress at his or her own pace in the four major areas of development: emotional, social, cognitive, physical and speech/language. We try to implement community outreach programs in our curriculum to instill the importance of helping others and our community.

Kidworks provides the families with not only quality care and education, but with USDA approved breakfasts, snacks and lunches. In conjunction with the New Hampshire State Scholarship Program, we are able to provide reduced tuition rates for families in need of assistance.

On behalf of the families, staff, Board of Directors and friends of Kidworks Learning Center we would like to thank you for the continued support of our program.

Laconia Motorcycle Week Association

Charlie St. Clair, Executive Director

Jennifer Anderson, Director

The Laconia Motorcycle Week Association is a non-profit promotional organization for Motorcycle Week, the Lakes Region and State of New Hampshire. Throughout each year, we travel to the International Motorcycle Trade Shows, with attendance at over 400,000 people, at the following locations: New York, Minneapolis, Atlanta, Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis, Daytona Beach, Baltimore, Denver, and Boston in order to promote this area and the Oldest National Rally, Motorcycle Week. As well as, the trade shows, this Association promotes Motorcycle Week, the Lakes Region and the State of New Hampshire through an advertising campaign in trade magazines throughout the United States and Canada.

Each year, two editions of the Laconia Rally News are printed and distributed to a direct market around the world. This magazine gives helpful information for first time visitors to the area as well as those who return each year. A motel list is included with various lodging information from Laconia, Meredith, and across the State. Our Association received a matching grant through the Joint Promotional Program of the State of NH's Department of Travel and Tourism for 2007. One of our project goals for this grant is to increase overnight stays to the Lakes Region and the State of NH. The Official Motorcycle Week website www.laconiaMCweek.com averages well over a hundred thousand hits per month and offers links to other venues including information on our board members such as, the Town of Meredith.

Appropriated funds received from the town of Meredith as Board Member dues, allow this Association to have a continued partnership with the town in order to offer the Association's assistance in items to do with the Rally. The successfulness and sustainability of Motorcycle Week is made possible through our sponsors and Board members such as the Town of Meredith.

*The 84th Anniversary of Laconia Motorcycle Week is
June 9th - 17th, 2007!*

Lakes Region Community Services Council

Richard Crocker, Executive Director

Lakes Region Community Services Council provides support and services to families with children and adults who are developmentally disabled living in the Meredith area and surrounding communities. Some of the supports we provide to people with disabilities include: helping to find jobs, training to stay employed, how to be involved in community events and assist with personal care needs and transportation.

The funds received from your town continue to be used to support the recreation coordinator's position. She has been working with recreation departments and community members in several towns organizing or assisting in events that create opportunities for all to participate.

We would like to thank the citizens of Meredith for your on-going and future support for making recreation opportunities available in your community.

Lakes Region Planning Commission

Kimon Koulet, Executive Director

The Lakes Region has changed tremendously in the past 25 years. Homes and businesses have expanded along major roadways, and many of our communities have experienced dramatic changes. This growth has resulted in a number of regional challenges. The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is the area organization established to address the effects of growth at both the local and regional level. With a service area covering over 1,200 square miles in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton and Merrimack Counties, the LRPC provides a wide range of planning services to member municipalities. The Commission offers direct and support services ranging from technical assistance, geographic information systems, and transportation planning, to land use and environmental planning, and economic development. Local, state, and federal resources primarily fund the LRPC. We are contacted several times daily for answers to local and statewide issues. We also maintain a regular dialogue with state agencies as a resource for the entire Lakes Region.

Our goal remains to provide support and leadership to the governments, businesses, and citizens of the Lakes Region.

Meredith Chamber of Commerce

Susan Cerutti, Executive Director

The Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce consists of over 340 businesses that are organized to advance and promote the commercial, industrial, service, professional, tourism, and retail interests of Meredith and its trade area. While many of the activities of the Chamber are tourist related, all segments of the business community make up the membership. Members are listed on the Chambers web site-www.meredithcc.org. and in various specialty guides produced by the Chamber. The Chamber office is located at 272 Daniel Webster Highway and is open daily from May through October and Monday through Friday from November through April. Visitors to the Center find a wide array of promotional literature about the Lakes Region. 2006 Staff: Jean Greenlaw, Stephanie Whiting, Molly Landrigan & Paula Trombi.

Again this year, the Chamber conducted a national advertising campaign designed to entice people to visit the area and we produced and distributed 225,000 copies of a four color, 24 page, high quality brochure. The 2006 Meredith Area brochure was distributed at high traffic tourist attractions in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts, at corporate locations in New England and New York, and in the hotels in the Greater Boston area. The brochures are also at the state rest areas and the Manchester Airport Visitor Center and mailed out in response to inquiries received at the Chamber. All advertising materials contain the Chamber's web address, www.meredithcc.org and our toll free number.

Chamber sponsored events included the Lakes Region Fine Arts and Crafts Festival, the Fourth of July Fireworks, Meredith Area Community Golf Tournament, the St. Patrick's Day Shindig, The Community Yard Sale, and the Awards Ceremony at the Annual Meeting. Regular Business After Hours and Breakfast Forums were held and The Marine Services Guide, the Around the Town Map, the Wedding Guide, the Professional Guide, and the Service Guide were all continued.

The Chamber greatly appreciates the support of the community for its many activities and is especially appreciative of the cooperation and assistance received from the various departments of the town in carrying out its many projects.

Meredith Community Action Program

Prudence Tylenda, Area Director

The Meredith Community Action Program is a local, community based, non-profit organization dedicated to addressing the needs of the elderly and low-income residents in the Town of Meredith.

During the past year, we have provided \$662,966 in services to Meredith residents. As you are aware, our major concern has always been, and will continue to be, the delivery of needed services to the elderly, handicapped and low-income residents of the community. Some of the services we provide are administration of the Fuel Assistance Program, the Women, Infants and Children Program, congregate meals at the Senior Center, Meals on Wheels, emergency food pantry, family planning and transportation. For more information, please contact 279-4096. We wish to thank the Town of Meredith for its continued support.

Meredith Historical Society

Anne Jollimore, President 2003-2006

The Meredith Historical Society, organized in 1950, has grown from a small group to a membership of over 185 individuals, businesses, and organizations. Both the Farm Museum (the original Pottle Meeting House) located on Winona Road, and the Main Street Museum are bustling with activity year-round.

Though the Museums are open at no cost to the public during the summer season, members volunteer their time all year long to cataloging articles, cleaning textiles, organizing exhibits, creating window displays, maintaining the buildings, and researching and answering questions from the public. The Museum telephone 279-1190 is equipped with an answering machine and is checked periodically for messages. The Main Street Museum can be viewed by appointment during the off-season.

The funds for maintaining the artifacts and the two museum buildings are provided by donations from members and other interested parties. Sums designated as trust funds and bequests are encouraged, as they enable the Society to hold such amounts in trust and use only the interest as needed.

Except for the greeters at the Main Street Museum, who receive a small stipend for their time, the work of the society is done by volunteers. The greeters also volunteer their time during the off-season. One is often at the museum researching and cataloging, and the other also arranges creative window displays to reflect historical and local events as they relate to the town's history and the history of America.

Historical programs are presented at the monthly meetings. A favorite is the Annual Antiques Appraisal meeting in October at which two Meredith appraisers volunteer their time and expertise for the benefit of the Society.

Membership is open to individuals, entities, and corporations who share the purpose of this Society. Members generously provide baked goods for the bake sales that are held semi-annually to help provide proceeds for the operation and maintenance of the museums.

The Society is grateful for the consideration and support of all the people in the Town of Meredith who help to make it possible for the Society to preserve local history throughout the year and present historical programs from May through November.

SUPPORTED OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Meredith Public Health Nursing Association

Jane H. Kiah, Executive Director

MPHNA is a Medicare, Medicaid, BC/BS approved and State Licensed non-profit agency that provides Skilled Nursing, Psychiatric Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Medical Social Worker, Licensed Nurses Aide, and Homemaker Service to the residents of Meredith & Center Harbor. Meredith Public Health Nursing Association is pleased to announce a new Telehealth Program. Telehealth remotely monitors weight, blood pressure, heart rate, oxygen level, temperature, and blood sugar in the patient's home. This technology increases access to care, promotes patient compliance, and identifies complications and early changes in patient's condition.

Board of Directors include: Richard Harlow, President; Max Jenness, Vice-President; Jean Greenlaw, Secretary; Robert Laferriere, Treasurer; Janis Roberts, Asst Treasurer; Phyllis Hamblet, Thomas Pryor, Frances Secord, Virginia Stephens, and James Wallace. Our staff includes: Jane H Kiah, RN, BS, Executive Director; Patricia Heaney, RN, MS; Malissa Priestley-Carey, RN, BS; Eileen Moore, RN, MS; Joan Wood, RN, MS; Geraldine Sawyer, RN; Cherylanne Gonzalo, RN; Harriet Redmond, MS, ARNP, Beverly Hammond, MSW, Joanne McLean, PT; Renee Colby, PT; Clare Persson, OT; Judy Stoecklin, MSPA, CCC-SLP; Sheila Grad, LNA; Donna Bilodeau, LNA; Cindy Johnson, LNA; Pamela Wyatt, LNA; Dale Connolly, Office Manager; Annette Paine, Office Asst., and Aglaia Rouvalis Office Clerk.

Memorial gifts were received in memory of: Beverly Bacon, Martha Beede, Leland Collins, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Creelman, John Elmore, Mr. & Mrs W. Harry Gleason, Lewis C. Hanson, Harry Holland, Dr. Robert Hormell, Geraldine Jackson, Norvin Laubenstein, Stanley Ludwick, Mary Lund, Lynn McGuigan, Harriet McNevin, Ruby Perkins, Cecil Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Spear, John Starrett, Elizabeth Stone-Pywell, Judith Skaff, Louise Thibeault, Emanuel Varsames, and Muriel Wheeler.

A sincere thank you is extended to the residents of Meredith and our many volunteers for their continued strong support of our agency.

New Beginnings - A Women's Crisis Center

Kathy Keller, Executive Director

On behalf of New Beginnings – A Women's Crisis Center, I would like to thank the citizens of the Town of Meredith for their continued support. Your 2006 allocation has enabled us to continue to provide 24-hour crisis support, outreach, and assistance to victims of domestic and sexual assault in all of Belknap County.

Our organization operates a full-time shelter, staffs a 24-hour crisis line, provides advocacy at court, hospitals, and police stations, social service advocacy, and offers peer support groups for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. We also run community and school based education programs. We are members of the Belknap County Family Violence Prevention Forum, a task force made up of community members and professionals initiated by the Governor's Commission to take a stand against domestic and sexual violence in our county. New Beginnings had advocated and staff in Belknap County courts each working day of this budget year. New Beginnings volunteers donated 20,865 service hours. All services are provided for free.

We are members of the state-wide NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, promoting statewide networking and resource sharing among domestic violence and sexual assault programs. The coalition is the evaluating body and administrator of state and federal contracts that provide some funding for member programs and advocates for legislative change that affects victims of domestic and sexual assault.

New Hampshire Humane Society

Claudia Abdinoor, Executive Director

The New Hampshire Humane Society (NHHS) provides numerous services to the residents and companion animals in the Town of Meredith. Strays are safely housed for 7 days prior to becoming available for adoption to the public. NHHS takes in owner- relinquished pets by appointment and matches the animal with the best adoptive home. We offer the residents of your town an alternative to releasing their animal to the streets when they can no longer care for them. Quarantine facilities are made available to the town as well as animal cruelty investigation. Educational programs are offered to town schools and civic organizations. If you are interested in any of the programs, please call the administrative offices at (603) 524-8236 or contact the shelter at (603) 524-3252.

The total number of animals brought to the New Hampshire Humane Society from your Town during 2006 (to 12/31/06) is as follows:

Stray Animals from:	Town of Meredith	Owner Surrendered
Dogs & Puppies	45	7
Cats & Kittens	32	12
Other Animals	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total number of animals received	77	19
Total number of animals received		96

Winnepesaukee Wellness Center

Jannine Sutcliff, RN, BS Coordinator

The Winnepesaukee Wellness Center is a self-funded department of LRGHealthcare located on Bean Road on the Center Harbor/Moultonboro town line.

The center is a nonprofit organization that relies upon the support of the surrounding communities for ongoing operations. Community members who have chronic medical problems or anyone who can benefit from a medically supervised exercise program can attend.

In 2006 the center saw a membership of 201 people - 27 members reside in Meredith or 13.4% of the membership.

Members benefit from the social and supportive atmosphere it provides. The center offers exercise equipment and group strength training classes to maintain and improve the health and quality of life for its members.

As always, the staff and members wish to express their thanks to the town for their continued support.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

Date of Birth	Child's Name	Father's Name	Mother's Name
01/04/2006	Klaft, Karleigh Arlene	Klaft, Christopher	Ruizdelapena, Lovessa
01/16/2006	Bigue, Destiny Lynn	Bigue, Bryan	Dunn, Sara
01/17/2006	Moore, Eloise Grace	Moore, Michael	Moore, Jean
01/27/2006	Johnson, Makaylah Elizabeth	Johnson, Joseph	Johnson, Mariah
02/15/2006	LaPlante, Lucien Alexander	LaPlante, Luc	LaPlante, Nicole
02/23/2006	Allen, Brycen Cherron Lee		Allen, Lashunda
02/27/2006	Gianunzio, Faith Elizabeth	Gianunzio, Peter	Gianunzio, Pauline
03/03/2006	Flanders, Alyssa Nicole	Flanders, Mark	Flanders, Nicole
03/20/2006	Dow, Alexis Josephine	Dow, Steven	Benoit, Melissa
04/03/2006	MacDonald, Mark Oliver	MacDonald, Mark	MacDonald, Amy
04/10/2006	Trombley, Daniel Justin	Trombley, Daniel	Richards, Samantha
04/25/2006	McLeod, Devon Christopher		McLeod, Mouse
04/28/2006	England, Bridig Brennan	England, Shawn	England, Katherine
05/04/2006	Wilson, Liam Huw Bissell	Wilson, Glenn	Wilson, Sarah Jane
05/15/2006	North, Sarabeth Ann	North, Charley	Linville-North, Georgia
05/29/2006	Hodge, Daniel Scott	Hodge, Scott	Hodge, Melanie
06/05/2006	Hamblet, Adam David	Hamblet, David	Hamblet, Beth
06/09/2006	Pond, Jack Michael	Pond, Michael	Pond, Danielle
06/28/2006	Boyle, Rileigh Faye	Boyle, Brendan	Boyle, Patricia
07/03/2006	Abromowich, Benjamin Joseph	Abromovich, Decran	Abromowich, Carol
07/11/2006	Eastman, Leah Elizabeth	Eastman, Dean	Eastman, Kellie
07/18/2006	Kimball, Olivia Jean	Kimball, Scott	Kimball, Jan
07/23/2006	Milchev, George Stanley	Milchev, Valentin	Milchev, Stacey
07/24/2006	Bates, John Marc	Bates, Thomas	Bates, Maria
07/24/2006	Bates, James Ramon	Bates, Thomas	Bates, Maria
07/25/2006	Fedison, Troy Anthony		Boisvert, Crystal
07/26/2006	Sylvia, Rylei Nicole	Sylvia, Michael	White, Stacey
07/26/2006	Blankenship, Kiarra Cherie	Blankenship, Kenneth	Nadeau, Candie
07/29/2006	Hoyt, Peyton Caroline	Hoyt, Erik	Weeks, Traci
07/31/2006	Blackler, Madison Natalie	Curley, Christopher	Blackler, Jesse
08/01/2006	Sherkanowski, Sadey Lynn	Sherkanowski, Zachary	Gilman, Sarah
08/03/2006	Corrow, Damien Christopher	Corrow, Jeremy	Corrow, Colleen
08/07/2006	Stafford, Luke Samuel	Stafford, Curtis	Stafford, Brigitte
08/09/2006	Salamanca, Noah Benjamin	Salamanca, Anthony	Salamanca, Jennifer
08/16/2006	Dostie, Lila Diane	Dostie, Jacob	Dostie, Cassandra
08/24/2006	Harper, Addison Emma	Harper, Michael	Harper, Michele
08/31/2006	Gunnerson, Brenden Allen	Gunnerson, Michael	Klinghammer, Suzen

Births *continued...*

Date of Birth	Child's Name	Father's Name	Mother's Name
10/05/2006	Sargent, Miles Burton	Sargent, Jason	Sargent, Deanne
10/08/2006	Drake, Mason William Alexander		Drake, Jennifer
10/10/2006	Sleeper, Delaney Jo	Sleeper, Michael	Sleeper, Allison
10/14/2006	Hurd, Jaxon Jeffrey David	Hurd, Shawn	Desrosiers, Janelle
11/16/2006	Garden, Emma Elizabeth	Garden, Charles	Gray, Lorien
12/04/2006	Fitts, Aiden Christopher	Fitts, Christopher	Fitts, Jennifer
12/08/2006	Cote, Izabelle Victoria	Cote, Gerald	Rouse, Danielle
12/15/2006	Keniston, Samuel Scott	Keniston, Heath	Keniston, Karole-Ann
12/18/2006	Chacha, Jeiza Gabriela	Chacha, Iban	Flaherty, Kayla
12/19/2006	Hawkins, Hunter Joseph	Hawkins, Jason	Hawkins, Janelle

Marriages

Date of Marriage	Groom's Name	Groom's Residence	Bride's Name	Bride's Residence
01/01/2006	Grad, Gregory E.	Meredith, NH	Cotton, Jennifer L.	Meredith, NH
01/21/2006	Benoit, Mark J.	Meredith, NH	Kimball, Joanne N.	Belmont, NH
02/11/2006	Lumb, Wayne S.	Meredith, NH	Griesmer, Jane M.	Meredith, NH
02/18/2006	O'Connell, Kevin J.	Woburn, MA	Ciccone, Debra M.	Meredith, NH
02/19/2006	Thomas, James N.	Meredith, NH	Knibbs, Catherine N.	Meredith, NH
02/25/2006	Stebbins, Harleigh R.	Meredith, NH	Robinson, Jill M.	Belmont, NH
03/19/2006	Blackstone, Duane C.	Meredith, NH	Ainsworth, Jauna E.	Belmont, NH
04/09/2006	Talbot, Gaetan J.	Manchester, NH	Sorell, Tarra A.	Meredith, NH
04/30/2006	Frost, George R.	Meredith, NH	Charron, Sandra L.	Meredith, NH
05/06/2006	Sargent, Corey S.	Meredith, NH	Glaski, Beth E.	Meredith, NH
05/20/2006	Weisenburger, George G.	Meredith, NH	Truell, Mary D.	Meredith, NH
06/17/2006	Brown, Anthony E.	Meredith, NH	Finer, Alissa M.	Moultonboro, NH
06/21/2006	Martin, Ralph A.	Meredith, NH	Misiaszek, Linda M.	Meredith, NH
06/24/2006	Taylor, Nathan L.	Meredith, NH	Hamson, Kristen D.	Meredith, NH
06/25/2006	Hanson, Charles H.	Meredith, NH	Wing, Ann G.	Meredith, NH
07/06/2006	Tardif, David P.	Meredith, NH	Gray, Jasmyn A.	Meredith, NH
07/08/2006	Chase, Otis B.	Ft. Drum, NY	Riccioli, Tami A.	Meredith, NH
07/08/2006	Balgach, Stephen J.	Fairfield, CT	Brothers, Joanna	Meredith, NH

VITAL STATISTICS

Marriages continued...

Date of Marriage	Groom's Name	Groom's Residence	Bride's Name	Bride's Residence
07/15/2006	Trombley, Daniel J.	Meredith, NH	Richards, Samantha M.	Meredith, NH
07/22/2006	Doten, William M.	Meredith, NH	Gallagher, Ashley M.	Meredith, NH
08/12/2006	Smith, Gregory G.	Meredith, NH	Blake, Samantha J.	Meredith, NH
08/19/2006	Learned, Thomas N.	Meredith, NH	Gilpatric, Katrina E.	Meredith, NH
08/22/2006	Garden, Charles S.	New Hampton, NH	Gray, Lorien J.	Meredith, NH
08/26/2006	Meeken, Christopher R.	Meredith, NH	Whalley, Lisa M.	Meredith, NH
09/01/2006	Chase, Wayne R.	Meredith, NH	MacNeil, Mellisa A.	Meredith, NH
09/09/2006	Kortz, Kasey A.	Meredith, NH	Hawthorne, Norma L.	Meredith, NH
09/09/2006	Welch, Robert E.	Meredith, NH	McGowan, Jennilee H.	Meredith, NH
09/10/2006	Furnee, Philip M.	Meredith, NH	Buchanan, Crystal A.	Meredith, NH
09/16/2006	Ahlquist, Jason C.	Meredith, NH	Turmenne, Dara L.	Meredith, NH
09/16/2006	Faenza, Daniel M.	Meredith, NH	Gray, Susan D.	Meredith, NH
09/29/2006	Wade, Charles F.	Meredith, NH	Mackie, Patricia A.	Meredith, NH
09/30/2006	Whitney, Daniel H.	Meredith, NH	Pennellatore, Susan J.	Meredith, NH
10/06/2006	Boles, William D.	Meredith, NH	Holmberg, Suzanne M.	Meredith, NH
10/13/2006	Webb, Merritt E.	Meredith, NH	Piper, Nancy L.	Meredith, NH
10/14/2006	Eustace, Jesse J.	Meredith, NH	Vozzella, Elizabeth A.	Meredith, NH
10/22/2006	Makris, George P.	Meredith, NH	Dunne, Catherine M.	Meredith, NH
11/04/2006	King, Robert J.	Meredith, NH	Avery, Beverly J.	Meredith, NH
11/04/2006	Surprise, Todd F.	Meredith, NH	Richards, Christine A.	Meredith, NH
11/11/2006	Weiner, Noah S.	Meredith, NH	Ponomareva, Ekaterina N.	Meredith, NH
11/22/2006	Weeks, Russell E.	Meredith, NH	Morin, Andrea L.	Meredith, NH
11/18/2006	Parker, Bruce W.	Gilford, NH	Dow Charity E.	Meredith, NH
11/25/2006	Fournier, Aaron J.	Meredith, NH	Soule, Stephanie L.	Laconia, NH
11/25/2006	Kercheval, John R.	Meredith, NH	Belza, Annie S.	Meredith, NH
12/09/2006	Voydatch, Zachary K.	Laconia, NH	Kurowski, Brenda F.	Meredith, NH
12/15/2006	Hichkad, Ajay U.	Meredith, NH	Smith, Kathleen M.	Meredith, NH
12/21/2006	Rohdenburg, Brad D.	Meredith, NH	Sweton, Elizabeth K.	Meredith, NH
12/23/2006	Choice, Ken Nawa	Meredith, NH	Taylor, Gaelan L.	Meredith, NH
12/31/2006	Adams, Christopher A.	Meredith, NH	Moore, Tianna E.	Meredith, NH

Deaths and Burials

Date of Death	Decedent's Name	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
01/02/2006	Moore, Albert	Laconia, NH	Moore, Richard	Shedd, Eva
01/07/2006	Phillips, Ruth	Meredith, NH	Phillips, Paul	Loiselle, Blanche
01/11/2006	Philbrick, Beatrice	Meredith, NH	Dion, Thomas	Mayhew, Alberta
01/15/2006	Lavallee, June	Meredith, NH	Clow, Stephen	Park, Jean
01/23/2006	Beede, Martha	Concord, NH	Brown, Earl	Stevenson, Florence
01/25/2006	Goss, Theresa	Bristol, NH	Cote, Arthur	Chagnon, Leana
01/29/2006	Moyer, John	Hanover, NH	Moyer, Ray	Gould, Helen
01/31/2006	Reilly, Helen	Laconia, NH	Pina, Joseph	Roy, Emma
01/31/2006	Kent, Jeffrey	Meredith, NH	Kent, George	Stacey, Ann
02/06/2006	Stratsma, Linda	Meredith, NH	Nichols, Robert	Hutt, Virginia
02/11/2006	Bacon, Beverly	Meredith, NH	Lloyd, William	Eaton, Nella
03/01/2006	Wiener, Blanche	Laconia, NH	Siegel, Max	Wineberg, Bessie
03/06/2006	Varsames, Emanuel	Meredith, NH	Varsames, Adam	Tsaras, Mary
03/08/2006	Feierabend, Ralph	Meredith, NH	Feierabend, Frank	Frank, Elizabeth
03/10/2006	Carpenter, Ragnhild	Plymouth, NH	Klafstad, Erling	White, Regina
03/17/2006	Smethurst, Eleanor	Meredith, NH	McDonnell, Ambrose	Holmes, Ellen
04/10/2006	Sheehan, Priscilla	Meredith, NH	Miller, Alphonse	Desmond, Margaret
04/10/2006	Ludwick, Stanley	Laconia, NH	Ludwick, Clarence	Morang, Finez
04/22/2006	Cotton, Anna	Meredith, NH	Cotton, Luther	Allen, Susie
04/30/2006	Faneuf, Teresa	Meredith, NH	Gorman, John	Brennan, Teresa
05/02/2006	Woodruff, Eleanor	Laconia, NH	Beard, Nathan	Chase, Elizabeth
05/07/2006	Natola, Carlo	Boscawen, NH	Natola, Carlo	Contardi, Ceteste
05/08/2006	Wilmarth, Thomas	Franklin, NH	Wilmarth, Gordon	Unknown, Unknown
05/13/2006	Holland, Harry	Laconia, NH	Holland, Robert	Wallace, Mary
05/14/2006	Samaha, Priscilla	Laconia, NH	Thompson, Paul	Woodman, Ella
05/18/2006	Leech, Homan	Meredith, NH	Leech, Henry	Homan, Alice
05/23/2006	Clark, Roydon	Laconia, NH	Clark, Roydon	Therrien, Alice
05/24/2006	Mello, Alfred	Meredith, NH	Mello, Antone	Mello, Margaret
06/03/2006	Vanderheiden, Melicent	Meredith, NH	Weld, Max	Garland, Irene
06/07/2006	Nickerson, Josephine	Meredith, NH	Wojtas, John	Gawlick, Barbara
06/09/2006	Lampi, Barbara	Meredith, NH	Robbins, John	Dennison, Dorothea
06/10/2006	Piper, David	Meredith, NH	Piper, Ralph	Grant, Edna
06/12/2006	Sargent, Dennis	Meredith, NH	Sargent, Harold	Neill, Thelma
06/25/2006	Thompson, Caroline	Meredith, NH	Mainey, Francis	McColgan, Mary

VITAL STATISTICS

Deaths and Burials continued

Date of Death	Decedent's Name	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
06/25/2006	Dockham, Ronald	Laconia, NH	Dockham, Edward	Giguere, Bernadette
6/30/2006	Hoyt, Cynthia	Meredith, NH	Camp, Victor	Tillitson, Lottie
6/30/2006	McNevin, Harriet	Laconia, NH	Cozine, George	Lester, Lena
7/11/2006	Goodnow Jr., Alfred	Meredith, NH	Goodnow Sr., Alfred	Sanders, Alberta
7/21/2006	Blake Jr., Ernest	Meredith, NH	Blake, Ernest	MacKinney, Zelpha
7/24/2006	Nichiporuk, Elizabeth	Meredith, NH	Tashjlan, Haratoun	Kalenian, Azalouni
7/25/2006	Lawson, Joyce	Meredith, NH	Clark, Alfred	George, Jean
7/26/2006	Diemer, Antoinette	Meredith, NH	Rogall, Peter	Wenger, Marie
7/31/2006	Knowles, Elmer	Laconia, NH	Knowles, Earlon	Biesaw, Rosanna
8/4/2006	Thibault, Louise	Meredith, NH	Moulton, Benjamin	Reed, Lulu
8/13/2006	Vittum, Carroll	Meredith, NH	Vittum, Arthur	Whitehouse, Pernie
8/19/2006	Allen Sr., Ethan	Laconia, NH	Allen, Ethan	Dexter, Alice
9/3/2006	Stafford Jr., Daniel	Meredith, NH	Stafford Sr., Daniel	Howland, Beatrice
9/17/2006	Rigazio, Winifred	Meredith, NH	Jordon, Allan	Ransden, Gladys
9/18/2006	Brown, Hilda	Meredith, NH	Olson, Gustaf	Braaten, Minnie
9/22/2006	Stankovsky, Mary	Meredith, NH	Pachuta, Andrew	Cily, Elizabeth
9/28/2006	Kennedy, Lorraine	Meredith, NH	Duval, Joseph	Delorme, Aldea
10/8/2006	Hodges, Clifford	Meredith, NH	Hodges, Gilbert	Colby, Gladys
10/10/2006	Detscher Jr., Richard	Meredith, NH	Detscher Sr., Richard	Blood, Marion
10/12/2006	Young, Gertrude	Laconia, NH	Gagne, Theophil	Davis, Blanche
10/27/2006	Keravich, Daniel	Concord, NH	Keravich, Peter	Muz, Mary
11/2/2006	Grinavic, William	Laconia, NH	Grinavic, William	Antonitis, Sophia
11/3/2006	Atkinson, Doris	Meredith, NH	Utterly, Wilfred	Mercer, Evelyn
11/6/2006	Bulmer, George	Laconia, NH	Bulmer, George	St. Cyr, Aurora
11/22/2006	Elliott, Leona	Meredith, NH	Batchelder, Charles	Berry, Alice
11/23/2006	Sargent, Kenneth	Meredith, NH	Sargent Sr. Harold	Dodge, Grace
12/1/2006	Menard, Armand	Laconia, NH	Menard, Armand	Dolliver, Evelyn
12/4/2006	Skaff, Judith	Laconia, NH	Hosterman Jr., Charles	Bryne, Rose
12/5/2006	Carpenter, Edward	Meredith, NH	Carpenter, Fontinelle	Wirt, Hazel
12/11/2006	Kemp, John	Meredith, NH	Kemp, John	Foster, Marion
12/13/2006	Pillow, Edna	Meredith, NH	Nicherson, George	Taggart, Agnes
12/14/2006	Michalsky, Monica	Laconia, NH	Nagot, Casmir	Grabowski, Maria
12/15/2006	Smith, Natalie	Meredith, NH	Smith, Nathan	Clark, Blanche
12/20/2006	Hartford, Edith	Meredith, NH	Horne, Tracy	Bloniasz, Mary
12/26/2006	Whitcomb, Wayne	Meredith, NH	Whitcomb, Roger	Tucker, Joyce

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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We have substantially completed our audit of the basic financial statements of the Town of Meredith as of and for the years ended December 31, 2005. However, in June 1999, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*. This statement established new financial reporting requirements for all state and local governments. It requires new information and restructures much of the information that governments have presented in the past. The Town is required to implement this standard as of December 31, 2004.

The Town hired an independent consultant to assist the Town with the conversion of the financial statements. This required a lot of additional information in order for the consultant to complete the conversion.

Once the consultant has completed the conversion of the basic financial statements and prepared the management's discussion and analysis, we will be able to finish our audit and render opinions on the Town's basic financial statements.

February 7, 2007

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Fiscal Year Ended
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Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Group		Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue		Capital Projects	Trust and Agency	
ASSETS & OTHER DEBITS						
<u>Assets</u>						
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 6,924,607	\$ 1,141,584	\$ (842,290)	\$ 2,500,641	\$	\$ 9,724,542
Investments	2,233,738			169,371		2,403,109
Receivables (Net of Allowances for Uncollectibles)						
Interest						
Taxes	1,180,149					1,180,149
Accounts	25,306	21,350		449,014		495,670
Special Assessments-Current	57,986					57,986
Special Assessments-Noncurrent	248,720					248,720
Other	177,860					177,860
Interfund Receivable		3,048	1,593,138			1,596,186
Intergovernmental Receivable						
Statutory Tax Liens Receivable	55,751					55,751
Statutory Tax Liens Reserved Until Collected	(55,751)					(55,751)
Prepaid Items						
<u>Other Debits</u>						
Amount to be provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt					9,226,787	9,226,787
TOTAL ASSETS & OTHER DEBITS	\$ 10,848,366	\$ 1,165,982	\$ 750,848	\$ 3,119,026	\$ 9,226,787	\$ 25,111,009

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types		Account Group		Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt		
					General	Term Debt	
<u>LIABILITIES & EQUITY</u>							
<u>Liabilities</u>							
Accounts Payable	\$ 44,934	\$ 2,585	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47,519
Retainage Payable							-
Intergovernmental Payable	5,467,507						5,467,507
Interfund Payable	551,053						551,053
Escrow & Performance Deposits	381,729			60,801			442,530
Deferred Revenue	248,720						248,720
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable				451,639			451,639
General Obligation Debt Payable					8,840,752		8,840,752
Compensated Absences Payable					386,035		386,035
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 6,693,943	\$ 2,585	\$ -	\$ 512,440	\$ 9,226,787	\$ -	\$ 16,435,755
<u>EQUITY</u>							
<u>Fund Balances</u>							
Reserved for Encumbrances	575,309				84,134		659,443
Reserved for Special Purposes	1,072,748				429,632	750,848	4,859,814
<u>Unreserved</u>							
Designated for Special Purposes							
Undesignated (Deficit)	2,506,364				649,631		3,155,995
TOTAL EQUITY	4,154,422	1,163,397	750,848	2,606,586	2,606,586	8,675,253	8,675,253
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 10,848,366	\$ 1,165,982	\$ 750,848	\$ 3,119,026	\$ 9,226,787	\$ 25,111,009	\$ 25,111,009

Special Revenue Funds - Combining Balance Sheets

	Public Library	Conservation Commission	D.A.R.E. Program	Cable Franchise Fee	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Total
ASSETS							
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 23,640	\$ 179,327	\$ -	\$ 175,971	\$ 179,689	\$ 582,957	\$ 1,141,584
Receivables (Net of Allowances for Uncollectibles)							
Accounts Interfund Receivable			3,048		15,412	5,938	21,350
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 23,640	\$ 179,327	\$ 3,048	\$ 175,971	\$ 195,101	\$ 588,895	\$ 1,165,982
LIABILITIES & EQUITY							
Liabilities							
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ 266	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,267	\$ 52	\$ 2,585
Deferred Revenue-Access Fees							
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ -	\$ 266	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,267	\$ 52	\$ 2,585
Equity							
Fund Balances							
Reserved for Encumbrances	\$ -	\$ 33,901	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,700	\$ 47,533	\$ 84,134
Reserved for Special Purposes					164,479	265,153	429,632
Unreserved							
Designated for Special Purposes	23,640	145,160	3,048	175,971	25,655	276,157	649,631
TOTAL EQUITY	\$ 23,640	\$ 179,327	\$ 3,048	\$ 175,971	\$ 192,834	\$ 588,843	\$ 1,163,397
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 23,640	\$ 179,327	\$ 3,048	\$ 175,971	\$ 195,101	\$ 588,895	\$ 1,165,982

Capital Project Funds - Combining Balance Sheets

	Prescott Park	Landfill Closure	Community Center	Police Dept. Building	Fire Dept. Building	Total
ASSETS						
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 30,097	\$ 141,478	\$ (51,538)	\$ (957,299)	\$ (5,028)	\$ (842,290)
Interfund Receivable			88,110	1,500,000	5,028	1,593,138
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 30,097	\$ 141,478	\$ 36,572	\$ 542,701	\$ -	\$ 750,848
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES						
Liabilities						
Accounts Payable	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ -	\$
Due to General Fund						
Retainage Payable						
TOTAL LIABILITIES						
Fund Balances						
Reserve for Encumbrances	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Reserve for Special Purposes	30,097	141,478	36,572	542,701		750,848
Unreserved						
Undesignated (Deficit)						
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	30,097	141,478	36,572	542,701		750,848
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	\$ 30,097	\$ 141,478	\$ 36,572	\$ 542,701	\$ -	\$ 750,848

Trust and Agency Funds - Combining Balance Sheets

	Trust Funds					Totals
	Expendable		Nonexpendable		Agency Funds	
	Library	Capital Reserve	Others	Town		
ASSETS						
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 8,252	\$ 281,216	\$ 2,114,662	\$ 33,085	\$ 63,426	\$ 2,500,641
Investments	99,824			69,547		169,371
Receivables						
Interest						
Accounts					451,639	451,639
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 108,076	\$ 281,216	\$ 2,114,662	\$ 102,632	\$ 515,065	\$ 3,121,651
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES						
<u>Liabilities</u>						
Interfund Payable						
Escrow and Performance Deposits					63,426	63,426
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable					451,639	451,639
TOTAL LIABILITIES					515,065	515,065
<u>Fund Balances</u>						
Reserved For Endowments						
Reserved For Special Purposes	108,076	281,216	2,114,662	102,632		2,606,586
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	108,076	281,216	2,114,662	102,632		2,606,586
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	\$ 108,076	\$ 281,216	\$ 2,114,662	\$ 102,632	\$ 515,065	\$ 3,121,651

Agency Funds - Combining Statement of Changes in Assets and Liabilities

	Balance 1/1/2006	Additions	Deductions	Balance 12/31/2006
Developers' Performance Bond Fund				
<u>Assets:</u>				
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 43,278	\$ 22,570	\$ 5,046	\$ 60,801
<u>Liabilities:</u>				
Escrow and Performance Deposits	\$ 43,278	\$ 22,570	\$ 5,046	\$ 60,801
ICMA Deferred Compensation Plan				
<u>Assets:</u>				
Due From Others	\$ 430,167	\$ 45,510	\$ 24,037	\$ 451,639
<u>Liabilities:</u>				
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable	\$ 430,167	\$ 45,510	\$ 24,037	\$ 451,639
TOTAL - ALL AGENCY FUNDS				
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 43,278	\$ 22,570	\$ 22,570	\$ 60,801
Due From Others	430,167	45,510	24,037	451,639
Total Assets	\$ 473,445	\$ 68,080	\$ 29,083	\$ 512,441
Escrow and Performance Deposits	\$ 43,278	\$ 22,570	\$ 22,570	\$ 60,801
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable	430,167	45,510	24,037	451,639
Total Liabilities	\$ 473,445	\$ 68,080	\$ 29,083	\$ 512,441

Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds

NON-EXPENDABLE TRUSTS	PURPOSE	Beginning Balance 1/1/2006	Total Deposits	Total (Withdrawals)	Period Interest	Ending Balance 12/31/2006
WWII Memorial	Upkeep	\$ 2,342	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 108	\$ 2,450
Outlying Cemeteries	Cemetery Care	66,486	-	-	3,061	69,547
Ebon S. Roberts	Library	451	-	-	21	472
Edwin E. Beede	Library	99,301	-	4,000	4,523	99,824
Samuel W. Rollins	Library	7,023	-	-	323	7,346
J. Bennett/E. Swain	Library	1,038	-	-	48	1,086
William E. Bixby	Library	225	-	-	10	235
Hattie R. Erskine	Library Clock	261	-	-	12	273
George S. Fogg	School District	2,815	-	-	129	2,944
Town Cemetery	General	6,613	-	-	304	6,917
Caroline M. Swift	Cemetery Wreath	676	-	-	31	707
J. Beede Cemetery	Perpetual Care	10,186	-	-	469	10,655
		\$ 197,417	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 9,039	\$ 202,456

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Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds continued

EXPENDABLE TRUSTS	PURPOSE	Beginning Balance 1/1/2006	Total Deposits	Total (Withdrawals)	Period Interest	Ending Balance 12/31/2006
Cemetery Maintenance	Maintenance	\$ 17,584	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 495	\$ 18,079
Library	Maintenance	7,889			363	8,252
Employee Benefits	Severance	172,355	12,500		8,155	193,010
Landfill Closure	Landfill Closure	77,103			3,549	80,652
Municipal Building	Additional Space	157			7	164
Solid Waste	Replace Trailer	140,683		145,371	4,688	0
Fire Department	Communications	992			46	1,038
Fire Department	Replace Vehicle	633,966	100,000	200,000	31,043	565,009
Municipal Technology	Software Upgrade	54,807			2,523	57,330
Open Space/Conservation	Conservation	26,764	75,000		2,733	104,497
Boardwalk Renovations	Replace Boardwalk	37,095			1,707	38,802
Community Center	Community Center	368		368		0
Downtown Parking	Additional Space	429,427			19,824	449,251
Cygnets Shores Pump Station	Sewer Pump Station	206,352			9,454	215,806
Property Assessment Maintenance	Assessing Maintenance	219,576		226,974	7,398	0
Disinfection Water Change	Water Treatment	25,000	25,000		1,616	51,616
Fire Department Building Trust	Land/Building	129,379	75,000		3,909	208,288
Police Department Building Trust	Land/Building	171,889		181,752	9,863	0
Water Systems Improvement Trust	Infrastructure Improve		50,000		976	50,976
Total Town Expendable Trusts:		<u>2,351,386</u>	<u>337,500</u>	<u>754,465</u>	<u>108,347</u>	<u>2,042,768</u>
School - SPED	Special Education	63,392	10,000	1,342	2,884	74,934
Ruth S. Briggs	Scholarships	5,196		218	234	5,212
Total All Expendable Trusts:		<u>\$ 2,419,974</u>	<u>\$ 347,500</u>	<u>\$ 756,025</u>	<u>\$ 111,464</u>	<u>\$ 2,122,914</u>
CAPITAL RESERVES		Beginning Balance 1/1/2006	Total Deposits	Total (Withdrawals)	Period Interest	Ending Balance 12/31/2006
Fire Truck		\$ 4,684	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 215	\$ 4,899
Police		11,891			548	12,439
Water Department		33,081			1,523	34,604
Prescott Park Expansion		4,558			209	4,767
Total Town Capital Reserves		<u>54,214</u>			<u>2,495</u>	<u>56,709</u>
School Facilities Maintenance Fund		209,591			9,647	219,238
Inter-Lakes School District		5,158			112	5,270
Total Town Capital Reserves		<u>\$ 268,963</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 12,253</u>	<u>\$ 281,216</u>

Long-Term Indebtedness

Long-term debt payable at December 31, 2006 is comprised of the following individual issues:

Description of Issue	Original Amount	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate %	Outstanding at 12/31/06
1988 Cotton Hill Sewer Bond	\$ 603,200	1988	2008	3.304%	\$ 85,000
1989 Library Expansion Bond	750,000	1989	2008	3.304%	155,000
1988 Water System Improvement Bond	2,000,000	1988	2015	3.304%	1,125,000
1994 Cataldo Road Sewer Bond	229,000	1994	2013	3.304%	100,000
1998 Westbury Road Sewer Bond	55,000	1998	2010	3.304%	35,000
1998 Wagon Wheel Sewer Bond	211,874	1998	2010	3.304%	80,000
1999 Pleasant Street Bond	1,400,000	1999	2011	3.304%	630,000
2001 Neal Shore Sewer Bond	200,000	2001	2010	3.870%	71,650
2002 Plymouth St/Rte 3 North Bond	948,770	2002	2011	3.304%	300,000
2002 Plymouth St/Rte 3 North Bond	637,467	2002	2022	3.728%	509,974
2004 Conservation Bond	500,000	2004	2014	3.990%	400,000
2004 East Bluff Village Sewer Bond	115,381	2004	2014	3.870%	92,305
2005 Community Center Bond	3,500,000	2005	2025	4.000%	3,325,000
Total General Obligation Debt Payable - December 31, 2006					<u><u>\$6,908,929</u></u>

Annual Requirements To Amortize General Obligation Debt:

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2006	Governmental Fund Debt		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2007	\$ 733,411	\$ 256,686	\$ 990,097
2008	733,411	228,024	961,435
2009	698,411	202,547	930,958
2010	675,062	178,256	853,318
2011-2032	4,068,634	1,036,310	5,104,944
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$ 6,908,929</u>	<u>\$ 1,901,823</u>	<u>\$ 8,810,752</u>

Compensated Absences Payable

Vacation and Sick Leave Including Benefits	<u><u>\$ 386,035</u></u>
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Comparative Statement of Revenues - General Fund

	Estimated	Actual	Over (Under) Budget
<u>Taxes</u>			
Property	\$ 20,162,478	\$ 20,162,478	\$ 0
Yield	7,500	8,056	556
Boat	40,000	41,265	1,265
Current Land Use Change Tax		5,561	5,561
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	78,275	82,291	4,016
Total Taxes	20,288,253	20,299,651	11,398
<u>Licenses and Permits</u>			
Motor Vehicle Permits	1,250,000	1,288,500	38,500
Building Permits	85,000	90,453	5,453
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	55,275	57,654	2,379
Total Licenses and Permits	1,390,275	1,436,607	46,332
<u>Intergovernmental Revenues</u>			
<u>State/Federal</u>			
Highway Block Grant	183,129	183,129	
Railroad Tax	1,123		(1,123)
Shared Revenue	31,493	31,493	
Rooms & Meals Tax	245,765	245,765	
Water Pollution Grants	27,259	28,975	1,716
Filtration Grant		86	86
State & Forest Land Reimbursement	360	333	(27)
Other State/Federal Revenue	60,000	71,570	11,570
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	549,129	561,351	12,222
<u>Charges for Services</u>			
Income from Departments	617,938	678,713	60,775
<u>Miscellaneous Revenues</u>			
Sale of Town Property	5,500		(5,500)
Interest on Investments	200,000	308,597	108,597
Insurance & Betterment Assessments	77,000	50,329	(26,671)
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	282,500	358,926	76,426
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
<u>Interfund Transfers</u>			
Special Revenue Fund	545,759	545,759	
Total Other Financing Sources	545,759	545,759	
Voted from Unreserved Fund Balance	550,000	550,000	
Unreserved Fund Balance Used To			
Reduce Tax Rate	750,000	750,000	
Total Revenues, Other Financing Sources and Use of Fund Balance	\$ 24,973,854	\$ 25,181,007	\$ 207,153

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures - General Fund

	2005 Encumbered	2006 Appropriation	2006 Expended	2006 Encumbered	Balance (Overdrafts)
General Government					
Executive Office	\$ 4,548	\$ 231,824	\$ 224,545	\$ 12,485	\$ (658)
Executive - Municipal Administration	125,581	524,221	523,854	100,294	25,654
Personnel Administration	3,000	66,175	53,247	21,965	(6,037)
Town Clerk	1,197	154,642	143,680	5,347	6,812
Administrative Services	15,110	397,569	390,260	20,200	2,219
Assessor		188,059	182,566		5,493
Tax Collector		85,537	80,075	3,888	1,574
Community Development	12,375	326,327	322,264	17,680	(1,242)
Health Agencies		64,757	64,757		
Regional Associations	5028	139,805	133,333	11,500	
Public Safety					
Police	17,820	1,430,862	1,434,159	10,343	4,180
Ambulance		247,488	247,488		
Fire	11,899	266,290	264,492	18,085	(4,388)
Public Works					
Solid Waste Disposal	39,753	920,257	917,098	40,000	2,912
Building & Grounds	13,166	296,615	294,721	20,024	(4,964)
Cemetery	9,518	122,180	119,786	6,260	5,652
Highway Department	155,331	2,150,617	2,087,224	172,036	46,688
Water Distribution					
Hydrant Rental		69,000	69,000		
Welfare					
General Assistance		50,750	57,652		(6,902)
Culture and Recreation					
Parks and Recreation	32,729	534,766	578,698	34,977	(46,180)
Library	40,245	455,273	453,774	8,068	33,676
Economic Development					
Economic Development		12,000	12,000		
Debt Service					
Principal - Long-Term Debt		738,411	731,112		7,299
Interest - Long-Term Debt		278,996	269,477		9,519
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes		10,000			10,000
Intergovernmental					
School Appropriation		11,301,029	11,301,029		
County Appropriation		2,161,049	2,161,049		
Other Financing Uses - Interfund Transfers					
Conservation Commission	20,159	23,425	23,425	33,901	(13,742)
Capital Projects	95,174	314,500	337,516	72,158	
Expendable Trust Funds		325,000	325,000		
Total Appropriations,					
Expenditures, and Encumbrances	<u>\$ 602,633</u>	<u>\$ 23,887,424</u>	<u>\$ 23,803,281</u>	<u>\$ 609,211</u>	<u>\$ 77,565</u>

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Fiscal Year Ended
December 31, 2006 (Unaudited)

Statement of Changes in Unreserved - Undesignated Fund Balance - General Fund

Fiscal Year 2006

Unreserved - Undesignated

Fund Balance - January 1 \$ 2,771,647

Deductions

Unreserved Fund Balance Used

Amount used for Police Station (500,000)

Amount to Purchase Lane—Water Department (50,000)

Subtotal \$ 2,221,647

Additions

2006 Budget Summary

Revenue Surplus (Unaudited) \$ 207,153

Unexpended Balance of

Appropriations (Unaudited) 77,564

2006 Budget Surplus 284,717

Unreserved - Undesignated

Fund Balance - December 31 (Unaudited) \$ 2,506,364

Fiscal Year 2007 - Worksheet

Unreserved - Undesignated

Fund Balance - January 1, 2007 (Unaudited) \$ 2,506,364

Deductions

Unreserved Fund Balance Used

To Reduce 2007 Tax Rate (750,000)

Unreserved - Undesignated

Fund Balance - January 1, 2007 (Unaudited) \$ 1,756,364

Treasurer's Account Summary

General Fund - Operating

Balance 01/01/2006	6,871,780.45	
Receipts & Transfers	23,541,052.70	
Expenditures	(23,490,529.41)	
Balance 12/31/2006		<u>6,922,303.74</u>

General Fund - Investments

Balance 01/01/2006	2,145,737.19	
Receipts & Transfers	88,000.59	
Expenditures		
Balance 12/31/2006		<u>2,233,737.78</u>

Community Park

Balance 01/01/2006	2,302.08	
Receipts & Transfers	1.15	
Expenditures		
Balance 12/31/2006		<u>2,303.23</u>

Water Department

Balance 01/01/2006	294,095.70	
Receipts & Transfers	540,358.46	
Expenditures	(654,764.99)	
Balance 12/31/2006		<u>179,689.17</u>

Sewer Department

Balance 01/01/2006	564,551.83	
Receipts & Transfers	605,663.72	
Expenditures	(587,258.43)	
Balance 12/31/2006		<u>582,957.12</u>

Conservation Commission

Balance 01/01/2006	140,495.80	
Receipts & Transfers	71,606.63	
Expenditures	(32,775.37)	
Balance 12/31/2006		<u>179,327.06</u>

Cable Franchise

Balance 01/01/2006	160,820.70	
Receipts & Transfers	52,855.82	
Expenditures	(37,705.12)	
Balance 12/31/2006		<u>175,971.29</u>

Community Center

Balance 01/01/2006	788,831.66	
Receipts & Transfers	201,021.47	
Expenditures	(1,041,390.82)	
Balance 12/31/2006		<u>(51,537.69)</u>

Treasurer's Account Summary continued

Proof of Balance

Meredith Village Savings Bank

Accounts Payable		
Outstanding Checks	<u>(1,591,262.61)</u>	
Reconciled Balance		<u>(1,591,262.61)</u>
Payroll		
Outstanding Checks	<u>(27,344.21)</u>	
Reconciled Balance		<u>(27,344.21)</u>
Sweep	<u>8,715,898.51</u>	
Reconciled Balance		<u>8,715,898.51</u>
Operating Account	<u>100,000.00</u>	
Reconciled Balance		<u>100,000.00</u>
Debit Card Checking	<u>15,000.00</u>	
Reconciled Balance		<u>15,000.00</u>
Certificate of Deposit	<u>1,050,239.09</u>	
Reconciled Balance		<u>1,050,239.09</u>
Certificate of Deposit	<u>1,183,498.69</u>	
Reconciled Balance		<u>1,183,498.69</u>
Engineering Account	<u>60,801.95</u>	
Reconciled Balance		<u>60,801.95</u>
Community Park Account	<u>2,303.23</u>	
Reconciled Balance		<u>2,303.23</u>
Baby Bicentennial Account #1	43.78	
Baby Bicentennial Account #2	<u>43.78</u>	
		<u>87.56</u>
Cash on Hand	<u>630.00</u>	
		<u>630.00</u>
Reconciled Balance 12/31/2006		<u><u>9,509,852.51</u></u>

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Lamper
Dennis Lamper
Treasurer

TAX INFORMATION

Tax Collector's Summary of Warrants

<u>Debits</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Uncollected Taxes 1-1-06		
Property Taxes		\$ 827,759.83
Yield Taxes		1,784.89
Betterment Assessments		2,182.02
Land Use Change Taxes		4,000.00
Water Rents		59,320.29
Sewer Rents		109,619.77
Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property Taxes	\$20,162,478.03	131.63
Yield Taxes	10,821.34	2,112.70
Betterment Assessments	57,985.63	
Land Use Change Taxes	55,671.00	7000.00
Excavation Taxes	145.00	
Water Rents	464,011.28	
Sewer Rents	578,998.70	
Overpayments		
Property Taxes	66,232.84	17.00
Water Rents		232.00
Sewer Rents	434.44	280.00
Interest	12,698.17	38,889.55
Total Debits	<u>\$ 21,409,476.43</u>	<u>\$ 1,053,329.68</u>
 Credits		
Remitted to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$19,044,736.98	\$ 827,065.08
Yield Taxes	8,056.14	3,897.59
Betterment Assessments	50,328.69	2,182.02
Land Use Change Taxes	55,671.00	11,000.00
Excavation Taxes	145.00	
Water Rents	313,774.19	59,320.29
Sewer Rents	449,678.98	109,619.77
Interest	12,698.17	38,889.55
Abatements		
Property Taxes	3,824.91	843.38
Land Use Change Taxes		
Water Rents	1,186.54	232.00
Sewer Rents	1,593.80	280.00
Uncollected Taxes 12-31-06		
Property Taxes	1,180,148.98	
Yield Taxes	2,765.20	
Betterment Assessments	7,656.94	
Land Use Change Taxes		
Water Rents	149,050.55	
Sewer Rents	128,160.36	
Total Credits	<u>\$ 21,409,476.43</u>	<u>\$ 1,053,329.68</u>

Tax Collector's Summary of Tax Liens

<u>Debits</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Uncollected Liens 1-1-06		\$ 105,453.12	\$ 73,220.02	\$ 2,751.53
Liens Executed During 2006	\$ 210,836.57			
Interest & Costs after Lien	3,305.80	8,587.97	23,171.62	451.19
Total Debits	<u>\$ 214,142.37</u>	<u>\$ 114,041.09</u>	<u>\$ 96,391.64</u>	<u>\$ 3,202.72</u>
<u>Credits</u>				
Remitted to Treasurer				
Redemptions	\$ 83,257.29	\$ 45,375.76	\$ 67,863.04	\$ 639.73
Interest & Costs	3,305.80	8,587.97	23,171.62	451.19
Abatements		776.66	440.45	295.98
Deeded to Town				
Uncollected Liens 12-31-06	127,579.28	59,300.70	4,916.53	1,815.82
Total Credits	<u>\$ 214,142.37</u>	<u>\$ 114,041.09</u>	<u>\$ 96,391.64</u>	<u>\$ 3,202.72</u>

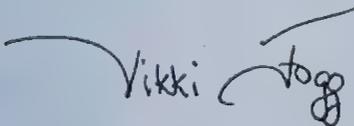
Tax Collector's Report

I'd like to thank you for making the collection of water/sewer and property payments through our lockbox payment service so successful. HOWEVER, the lockbox service can only accept checks mailed with the bottom of your property tax or water/sewer bill. They are not able to accept checks processed through your bank's bill pay service. Those payments are forwarded to the Town delaying receipt of your payments. Please use the envelopes enclosed with the tax and water/sewer bills for *on time* payments only. DON'T use the envelopes for other Town business as Lighthouse Financial at the Manchester P.O. Box has to forward those to us, again delaying receipt of your mail.

The Meredith Board of Selectmen has authorized the acceptance of prepayments on your property tax account. Taxpayers shall be allowed to prepay taxes no more than 2 years in advance of the due date of the taxes. No interest shall accrue to the taxpayer.

If you have past due taxes, please contact the tax office to make payment arrangements. If you do not have a tax escrow account, you may wish to contact your mortgage holder to ask them about setting up an escrow account for payment of your property taxes.

I would like to thank everyone for your continued support. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance to you.



Vikki Fogg
Deputy Tax Collector

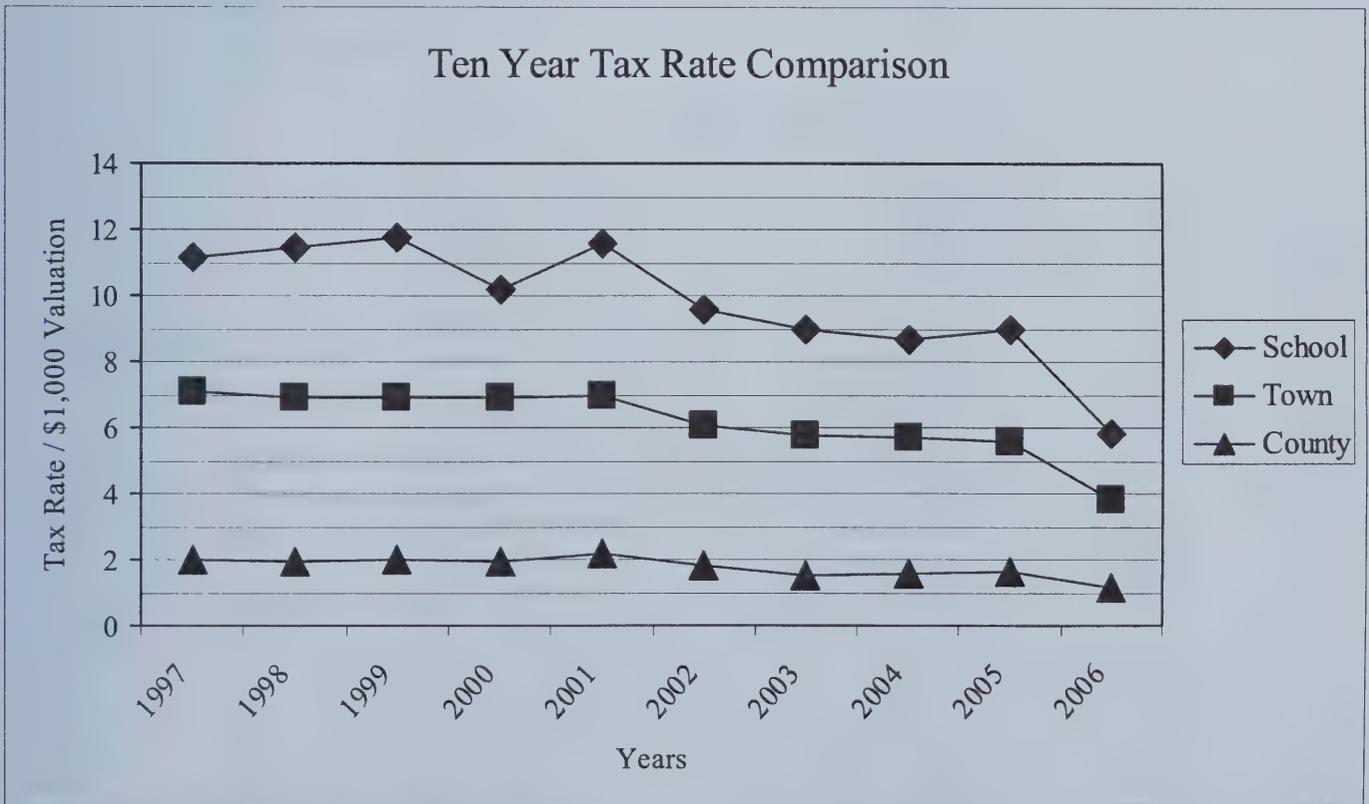
TAX INFORMATION

2006 Tax Rate Calculation

		2006 Tax Rates per \$1,000 Valuation	
		<u>Valuation</u>	
Appropriations	\$ 14,772,544		
Less: Revenues	(8,275,939)		
Less: Shared Revenues	(36,312)		
Add: Overlay	503,401		
War Service Credits	<u>237,250</u>		
Approved Town Tax Effort		7,200,944	
Municipal Tax Rate			<u>\$ 3.79</u>
Due to Regional School	11,293,619		
Less: Cost of Adequate Education	(279,612)		
Less: State Education Taxes	<u>(3,810,478)</u>		
Approved School Tax Effort		7,203,529	\$ 3.80
State Education Taxes			
Equalized Valuation (No Utilities) X	2.52		
1,515,100,566		3,810,478	\$ 2.02
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (No Utilities)			
1,890,959,000			
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State			
School Tax Rate			<u>\$ 5.82</u>
Due to County	2,161,049		
Less: Shared Revenue	<u>(8,881)</u>		
Approved County Tax Effort		2,152,168	
County Tax Rate			<u>\$ 1.13</u>
Combined Tax Rate			<u>\$ 10.74</u>
Total Property Taxes Assessed		20,367,119	
Less: War Service Credits		<u>(237,250)</u>	
Total Property Tax Commitment		<u>\$ 20,129,869</u>	
		<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Assessment</u>
Net Assessed Valuation	\$ 1,897,635,500	8.72	\$ 16,556,641
State Education Taxes	\$ 1,890,959,000	2.02	<u>\$ 3,810,478</u>
Proof of Rate			<u>\$ 20,367,119</u>

Ten-Year Tax Rate Comparison

Year	School	Town	County	Combined Tax Rate	Net Valuation
1997	11.18	7.09	2.02	20.29	579,931,823
1998	11.44	6.89	1.94	20.27	589,261,949
1999	11.77	6.89	1.98	20.64	600,781,506
2000	10.17	6.89	1.93	18.99	692,241,498
2001	11.56	6.99	2.18	20.73	706,275,825
2002	9.56	6.09	1.82	17.47	911,814,837
2003	8.97	5.74	1.52	16.23	1,092,075,621
2004	8.68	5.70	1.57	15.95	1,132,161,235
2005	9.00	5.59	1.66	16.25	1,162,607,162
2006	5.82	3.79	1.13	10.74	1,897,635,500



SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Summary of Town-Owned Property

Conservation/Recreation

Map/Lot	Acres	Location	Use
R08-014	1.31	Meredith Center Road	Childs Park
R08-015	0.86	Meredith Center Road	Childs Park
R13-005	3.96	Lake Wickwas	Peninsula
R13-006	3.18	Lake Wickwas	Island
R13-007	5.34	Lake Wickwas	Island
R14-001	304.43	Chemung Road	Hamlin Town Forest
R14-028	2.04	Chemung Road	Pickering Park
R14-029	1.00	Chemung Road	Boat Launch, Pickering Park
R17-035	2.51	Chemung Road	Abuts Hamlin Town Forest
R17-036	5.12	Chemung Road	Abuts Hamlin Town Forest
R18-009A	193.83	Tucker Mountain Road	Conservation
R21-008	13.61	Lake Pemigewasset	Waterfront - Wetlands
R22-007	22.66	Tucker Mountain Road	Town Forest
R22-013	33.12	Nedeau Road	Town Forest
R23-004	93.21	Carleton Road	Leighton Wildlife Sanctuary
R31-020	38.05	Carleton Road	Town Forest
R32-001	49.08	Hermit Woods Road	Town Forest
R32-011	63.22	Carleton Road	Leighton Wildlife Sanctuary
S02-005	3.07	Beattie Road	Former tree nursery
S22-020	13.09	Parade Road	Waukewan Highlands Park
S22-022	176.13	Parade Road	Waukewan Highlands Park
U05-002	0.30	Waukewan Street	Boat Launch, Picnic Area
U06-031	7.64	High Street/Waukewan Ave	Swasey Park
U06-060	0.19	Main Street	Community Park
U07-121	0.37	Route 25	Scenic Park
U07-123	0.02	Route 25	Scenic Park, Indian Island
U07-126	0.31	Route 3	Hesky Park
U07-127	0.51	Route 3	Hesky Park
U10-031	14.42	Route 3 North	Prescott Park
U10-033	0.33	Route 3 North	Prescott Park
U10-035	0.70	Route 3 North	Wetlands, Hawkins Brook
U11-047	.63	Greemore Road	Recreation
U11-050A	1.83	Greemore Road	Wetlands, Hawkins Brook
U11-050B	1.00	Circle Drive	Community Center Park
U14-001	21.42	Route 3 North	Prescott Park (New Fields)
U15-019A	0.26	Route 25/Pleasant Street	Clough Park
U39-058	21.19	Leavitt Park Road	Town Beach, Bathhouse, Bartlett Brook

Facilities

I02-021	0.08	Bear Island	Post Office, Dock
R08-047	0.24	Meredith Center Road	Fire Station
R08-048	0.95	Meredith Center Road	Fire Station
S15-008	28.19	Jeness Hill Road	DPW, Landfill, Snow Dump
S17-18R-1	0.00	Upper Mile Point Drive	Booster Station
S23-021	0.36	Reservoir Road	Pumping Station (Water Department)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Summary of Town-Owned Property continued

Facilities continued

Map/Lot	Acres	Location	Use
U02-40	0.26	Lower Ladd Hill Road	Pumping Station (Water Department)
U03-028A	0.21	Waukewan Street	Bathhouse, Sewer Pump Station
U03-030	0.38	Waukewan Street	Town Beach
U05-01A	0.07	Waukewan Street	Water Treatment Plant
U05-01B	0.54	Waukewan Street	Water Treatment Plant
U06-037	0.16	High Street	Parking Lot
U06-038	0.20	High Street	Parking Lot
U06-059	0.54	Main Street	Library
U06-063	0.13	Water Street	Parking Lot
U06-112	0.53	Route 3/Oak Street	Fire Station
U06-117A	0.07	Lang Street	Cemetery (historic)
U06-117C	0.25	Lang Street	Cemetery (historic)
U06-145	0.02	Route 3	Town Docks
U07-043	.14	5 Highland Street	Town Hall Annex
U07-044	0.14	Main Street	Town Hall
U07-086A	0.02	Route 3/Plymouth Street	Utility Right-of-Way
U07-088	0.36	Route 3/Plymouth Street	Parking Lot (planned)
U07-107	0.17	Route 3 North	Sewer Pump Station
U07-108	1.10	Route 3 North	Parking Lot (adjacent to Aubuchon Hardware)
U10-017	0.35	Philbrook Avenue	Sewer Pump Station
U10-034	21.05	Route 3 North	Police Department, Prime Wetlands
U11-050	3.68	1 Circle Drive	Community Center
U11-067	0.42	Kelly Lane	Fire Pond
U11-071	16.22	Route 3 North	Meredith Village Cemetery
U12-004	0.28	Philbrook Avenue	Road Turnaround
U15-027	0.09	Morrison Avenue	Road Turnaround
U33-015A	1.66	Cattle Landing Road	Parking Lot, Right-of-Way
U33-025	0.41	Cattle Landing Road	Docks, Right-of-Way
U35-010	1.06	Lovejoy Sands Road	Boat Ramp, Docks, Parking Lot

Vacant/Undesignated

I07-006	0.27	Bear Island	
R08-033	1.85	Meredith Center Road	Wetland
R17-016	0.76	Chemung Road/Camp Waldron Road	
R22-002	0.03	Upper New Hampton /Tucker Mountain	Road Intersection
R35-003	12.44	Pinnacle Ridge Road	Landlocked
S15-057	1.50	Boynnton Road	
S18-055	0.22	Tracy Way	Adjacent to Right-of-Way
S18-056	0.71	Tracy Way	
S22-027	0.74	Tracy Way/Parade Road	Intersection Sight Distance
S23-051	1.73	Foundry Avenue	Narrow strip adjacent to Reservoir Brook
U01-01A	0.40	Route 3/Neal Shore Road	
U01-034	0.09	Neal Shore Road	Adjacent to Railroad Right-of-Way
U04-025	1.04	Waukewan Street	Monkey Pond
U10-027A	0.27	Route 3 North	Water Line Loop
U12-015	174.45	Philbrook Avenue/Jeness Hill Road	
U15-014A	2.36	Pleasant Street	Landlocked, Wetland

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Summary Inventory of Valuation - All Properties

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2006

Value of Land Only		
Current Use	\$	1,694,403
Residential		967,019,742
Commercial/Industrial		<u>65,093,755</u>
Total Value of Land		1,033,807,900
Value of Buildings Only		
Residential		763,119,295
Manufactured Housing		11,715,700
Commercial/Industrial		<u>85,039,605</u>
Total Value of Buildings		859,874,600
Public Utilities		
Electric	\$	<u>6,676,500</u>
Total Valuation Before Exemptions		1,900,359,000
Exemptions		
Blind		75,000
Elderly		2,063,300
Totally & Permanently Disabled		567,300
Solar/Windpower		<u>17,900</u>
Total Exemptions		<u>2,723,500</u>
Net Taxable Valuation	\$	<u><u>1,897,635,500</u></u>

TOWN WARRANT INFORMATION

2007 Meredith Town Warrant

State of New Hampshire

TO THE INHABITANTS OF MEREDITH QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Meredith Community Center, 1 Circle Drive,
in said Town on the second Tuesday of March next March 13, 2007,
from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM for the casting of ballots;
and at 7:00 PM Wednesday, March 14, 2007,
at the Inter-Lakes Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium, 1 Laker Lane,
in said Town to act on Articles 4 through 26:

BALLOT ARTICLES TO BE ACTED UPON:

ARTICLE 1

To bring your ballots for:

Two (2) Selectman for three (3) years
One (1) Trustee of Trust Funds for three (3) years
One (1) Library Trustees for three (3) years

ARTICLE 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by petition for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Amend Article V, Section D-1, deleting cluster development from Section B such that Cluster Development will no longer be permitted in the Forestry and Conservation District?

(The Planning Board does not recommend approval of the proposed amendment.)

ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by petition for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Amend Article V Section D-1, General Purpose, such that "Development undertaken will be in concert with guidance derived from the Natural Resources Inventory and the Meredith Community Plan" and "A minimum lot size of 12 acres is required in this district."?

(The Planning Board does not recommend approval of the proposed amendment.)

TOWN WARRANT INFORMATION

DELIBERATIVE SESSION

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million, Four Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Dollars (\$2,485,000.00) (gross budget) for the purpose of replacement of existing cast iron water mains, replacement or rehabilitation of existing sewer lines; roadway and sidewalk reconstruction and drainage system improvements on Waukewan Avenue, High Street, Red Gate Lane and Stevens Avenue, said appropriation to be inclusive of State and Federal grants-in-aid, 46% (up to \$1,133,900) of the project, or contributions from other sources; to authorize the issuance of serial bonds or notes, 49% (up to \$1,220,100) of the project, and 5% (\$131,000) from project reserve, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, Chapter 33, of the said appropriation, provided that the total amount of bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants-in-aid or contributions from other sources; to authorize the Town Treasurer to make temporary borrowings, in accordance with the provisions of said Chapter, in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds or notes; and to authorize the Town Treasurer to determine the method and manner of sale of such bonds, notes and temporary borrowings, as shall be in the best interest of the Town, including the authority to enter into a Tax Regulatory Agreement containing such representations and covenants as are necessary to maintain such notes and temporary borrowings; to authorize the Selectmen and Town Manager to apply for and accept any contributions in aid of the project and to expend the appropriation in accordance herewith.

**(Passage requires an affirmative two-thirds ballot vote)
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)**

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to change the name of the Boardwalk Renovations Expendable Trust Fund established in 2001 under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Waterfront Infrastructure Improvements Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of continued improvements to the infrastructure of waterfront properties owned by the Town of Meredith, the Board of Selectmen are agents to expend.

**(Passage requires an affirmative two-thirds ballot vote)
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)**

ARTICLE 6

Shall the Town of Meredith vote to dissolve the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District?

**(Passage requires an affirmative ballot vote)
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)**

ARTICLE 7

In the event that dissolution of the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District is not approved by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the District, shall the Town of Meredith vote to withdraw from the District?

TOWN WARRANT INFORMATION

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire to the future well being of the people of Meredith.

These actions include:

1. Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of US greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the US economy.
2. Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

In addition, the Town of Meredith encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions.

The record of the vote on this article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation, to the President of the United States, and to declared candidates for those offices.

(Petitioned by 25 or more Registered Voters)

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to designate two certain parcels of land as part of the Hamlin Recreation and Conservation Area ("HRCA") and to also designate both parcels as Town Forest pursuant to RSA 31:110, as follows:

1. Tax Map R17, Lot 35 - This parcel of approximately 2.5 acres abuts the HRCA parking area at the intersection of Chemung Road and Old Stanton Road, and was deeded to the town by Dr. Robert Hamlin in exchange for a smaller parcel that was deeded to him by the town. Although the 1983 town meeting authorized the exchange of those parcels, through an oversight the parcel deeded to the town was not formally designated by the town meeting to be included in the Hamlin Recreation and Conservation Area, as it should have been.
2. Tax Map R17, Lot 36 - This parcel of approximately 5.06 acres is immediately east of Lot 35 referenced above, and was deeded to the town by Dr. Robert Hamlin to facilitate recreational development and timber harvests in the previously established HRCA, and to protect Old Stanton Road and the stream at its west end. Through an oversight this parcel was not formally designated by the town meeting to be included in the Hamlin Recreation and Conservation Area, as it should have been.

The designation of these parcels as part of the Hamlin Recreation and Conservation Area is contingent upon approval by the National Park Service, or such other Federal or State Agency approvals as are determined to be necessary to accomplish the designation."

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)

TOWN WARRANT INFORMATION

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town, pursuant to RSA 79-E, will authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept for consideration requests for community revitalization tax relief incentives.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)

ARTICLE 11

To see if the town will vote to designate three certain parcels of land as Town Forest pursuant to RSA 31:110, as follows:

1. Two parcels formerly owned by Leighton, identified in the town's records as Tax Map R23, Lot 4, located off Saddle Hill Road, comprising 93 acres and Tax Map R32, Lot 11, located on Carleton Road, comprising 79 acres;
2. One parcel formerly owned by Eames, identified in the town's records as Tax Map R18, Lot 9-a, located on Tucker Mountain Road, comprising 188 acres.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0, 1 Abstention)

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to modify the previously adopted provisions of RSA 72:37, the blind exemption from property tax, to increase the amount of the exemption from \$15,000 to \$30,000. This change would take effect on April 1, 2007.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to modify the previously adopted provisions of RSA 72:39-b, II, the elderly exemption from property tax, to increase the income limit on the exemption from property tax from \$20,000 to \$25,000 for a single person and from \$25,000 to \$33,000 for married persons. This change would take effect on April 1, 2007.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to modify the previously adopted provisions of RSA 72:37-b, III, the disabled exemption from property tax, to increase the income limit on the exemption from property tax from \$20,000 to \$25,000 for a single person and from \$25,000 to \$33,000 for married persons. This change would take effect on April 1, 2007.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)

TOWN WARRANT INFORMATION

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell either, or both, of the following properties:

The Old Police Station Building property, Tax Map U10, Lot 34, located at 347 Daniel Webster Highway;

The Town Hall Annex Building property, Tax Map U07, Lot 43, located at 5 Highland Street.

Any such sale shall be upon such terms and conditions and employing such methods to accomplish the sale as the Board of Selectmen shall deem to be in the best interests of the Town.

Further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all actions reasonably necessary to effect the sale of one or both of these properties. This warrant article shall not be construed to require the Board of Selectmen to sell either or both of the properties, but as granting authority to do so.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to designate Blueberry Hill Road in the Town of Meredith as a Scenic Road. Blueberry Hill Road is located within the town of Meredith.

(Petitioned by 10 or more Registered Voters)

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to amend the 2007 Parks & Recreation Department Budget by instructing the Board of Selectmen to convert the position of Office Clerk to full-time, and to make whatever transfers between line items are necessary to accomplish that change without an increase to the budget.

(Petitioned by 25 or more Registered Voters)

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to close the following expendable trusts funds as the purpose of the expendable trusts have been completed, there are no available funds for these trusts:

<u>Name of Expendable Trust</u>	<u>Year of Fund</u>
Reconstruction Refuse	Prior to 1995
Conservation Land Acquisition	Prior to 1995
Community Center Fund	1999
Property Assessment Maintenance	2002
Police Department Land/Building	2005

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)

TOWN WARRANT INFORMATION

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1)

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to be added to the Open Space/Conservation Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Board of Selectmen are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be added to the **Water** Treatment Disinfection Change Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1)

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be added to the **Water** Improvements Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1)

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00) to be added to the Employee Benefits Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1)

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) for the water project designated at the Prescott Park/Circle Drive Water Loop. This the first year of a two-year project. These funds are non-lapsing until December 31, 2008 or project completion.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)

TOWN WARRANT INFORMATION

ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) to improve various town roads that are eligible for 2 to 1 matching funds from the State Aid Reconstruction Program, contingent upon the receipt of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) of that amount from the State, with the balance of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be raised by taxation.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)

ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Million, Eight Hundred and Seventy Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred and Forty Two Dollars (\$11,879,842.00) for the necessary operational expenses of the Town for the ensuing year's budget.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2)

Board of Selectmen
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BUDGET INFORMATION

2007 Meredith Budget - Revenues

	2006 Estimated	2006 Actual	2007 Estimated
<u>Taxes</u>			
Yield	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Boat	40,000	41,265	40,000
Land Use Change Tax			
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	78,275	82,291	85,000
Total Taxes	<u>125,775</u>	<u>131,056</u>	<u>132,500</u>
<u>Licenses and Permits</u>			
Motor Vehicle Permits	1,250,000	1,288,500	1,300,000
Building Permits	85,000	90,453	85,000
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	55,275	57,653	55,000
Total Licenses and Permits	<u>1,390,275</u>	<u>1,436,606</u>	<u>1,440,000</u>
<u>Intergovernmental Revenues</u>			
State			
Highway Block Grant	183,129	183,129	183,129
Railroad Tax	1,123		1,123
Shared Revenue	31,493	31,493	31,493
Rooms & Meals Tax	245,765	245,765	245,765
Water Pollution Grants	27,259	28,975	25,495
Payment in Lieu of Taxes		86	50
State & Forest Land Reimbursement	360	333	333
Other State/Federal Revenue	60,000	71,570	68,551
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	<u>549,129</u>	<u>561,351</u>	<u>555,939</u>
<u>Charges for Services</u>			
Income from Departments	617,938	660,566	725,000
<u>Miscellaneous Revenues</u>			
Sale of Town Property	5,500		5,000
Interest on Investments	200,000	308,597	225,000
Insurance & Betterment Assessments	77,000	74,593	30,000
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>282,500</u>	<u>383,190</u>	<u>260,000</u>
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
Interfund Transfers			
Special Revenue Fund	545,759	545,759	286,496
Capital Projects Fund			
Trust Funds			
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>545,759</u>	<u>545,759</u>	<u>286,496</u>
Total Revenues & Other Financing Sources	3,511,376	3,718,528	3,399,935
Voted from Unreserved Fund Balance			
Unreserved Fund Balance Used To			
Reduce Tax Rate	750,000	750,000	750,000
Total Revenues, Other Financial Sources			
and Use of Fund Balance	\$ 4,261,376	\$ 4,468,528	\$ 4,149,935
Special Revenue Funds			
Sewer	568,347	578,345	607,700
Water	562,993	586,896	611,000
Grand Total All Funds	\$ 5,392,716	\$ 5,633,769	\$ 5,368,635

BUDGET INFORMATION

2007 Meredith Budget - Appropriations

	2006 Actual	2006 Expended	2007 Recommended
<u>General Government</u>			
Executive Office	\$ 231,824	\$ 224,545	\$ 237,648
Executive - Municipal Administration	605,221	604,854	538,905
Public Health - Ambulance	247,488	247,488	247,846
Personnel Administration	66,175	53,247	59,481
Town Clerk	154,642	143,680	154,108
Administrative Services	397,569	390,260	432,988
General Assistance	50,750	57,652	65,750
Assessor's Office	188,059	182,566	207,110
Tax Collector's Office	85,537	80,075	87,584
Community Development Department	326,327	322,264	372,390
CIP - Expendable Trust Funds	325,000	325,000	365,000
CIP & Non-CIP - Capital Projects	314,500	314,500	110,500
Regional Association	204,562	204,562	204,562
<u>Public Safety</u>			
Police	1,430,862	1,434,159	1,497,850
Fire	266,290	264,492	263,729
<u>Public Works</u>			
Solid Waste Facility	920,257	917,098	906,187
Building & Grounds	296,615	294,721	313,400
Cemetery	122,180	119,786	131,019
Highway Department	2,150,517	2,087,224	2,392,503
<u>Culture and Recreation</u>			
Parks and Recreation	534,766	578,698	748,214
Library	455,273	453,774	459,280
<u>Debt Service</u>			
Principal - Long-Term Debt	738,411	731,112	883,411
Interest - Long-Term Debt	278,996	269,477	320,905
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	10,000		10,000
Total General Fund	\$ 10,401,919	\$ 10,301,234	\$ 11,010,370
<u>Conservation Commission</u>	23,425	23,425	23,225
<u>Water Fund</u>	564,941	655,877	591,832
<u>Sewer Fund</u>	620,649	591,123	691,915
Total Operating Budget All Funds	\$ 11,610,934	\$ 11,571,659	\$ 12,317,342
<u>Warrant Articles Not In Operating Budget</u>			
Article #4 - Bundled Project Bond (2007)			2,485,000
Article #4 - Police Station Facility Bond (2006)	2,297,000	2,297,000	
Article #5 - Use of Land Use Change Tax (2006)	264,610	264,610	
Article #6 - Use of Fund Balance (2006)	500,000	500,000	
Article #7 - Purchase of Land (2006)	50,000	50,000	
Grand Total - Municipal Budget	\$ 14,722,544	\$ 14,683,269	\$ 14,802,342

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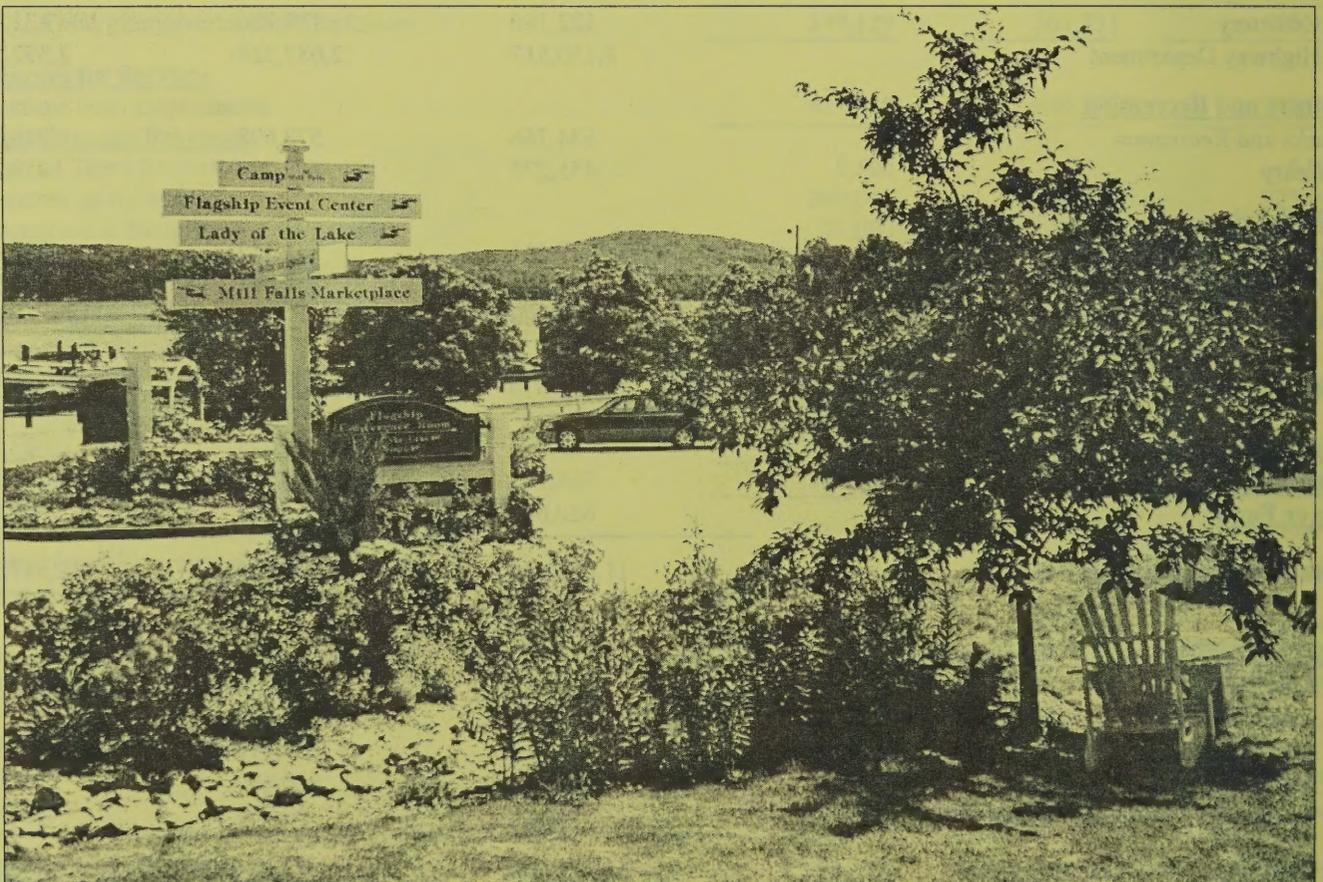
2007 Municipal Tax Rate Projection

2007 Appropriations - Approved by Board of Selectmen	\$12,317,342
Less: 2007 Estimated Revenues - Other than Property Taxes	(\$5,368,635)
Less: Shared Revenues - Town Portion	(\$36,312)
Add: Proposed Overlay	\$100,000
Add: War Service Credits (Deducted from Property Tax Warrant)	<u>\$237,550</u>
Total Net Town Appropriation to be Raised by Taxation	<u><u>\$7,249,445</u></u>

2007 Estimated Tax Rate (Municipal Portion Only) \$3.82
Compared to 2006 Tax Rate of \$3.79 (Municipal Portion Only)

Warrant Articles with Potential Tax Impact

Article #4—Bundled Water, Sewer & Road Bond Issue \$2,485,000



Meredith Area Resources

Emergency and Health Information

Community Action Program	279-4096	Emergency Management Director	279-8933
Lakes Region General Hospital	524-3211	Meredith Public Health Nursing	279-6611
Hanover Poison Information Center			1-800-562-8236

Legal Services

Belknap County Registry of Deeds	527-5420	Belknap County Superior Court	524-3570
Laconia District Court	524-4128	New Hampshire Legal Assistance	1-800-634-8989

County and State Police

Belknap County Sheriff's Department	524-3830	State Police - Tamworth	323-8112
State Police - Concord			1-800-852-3411

Permits to Kindle Fires

Main Fire Station (Chuck Palm)	279-6061	Meredith Center Store (Barry Ladd)	279-4315
Town Hall (Vikki Fogg & Kerri Parker)	279-4538	Y - Landing Marina (David Hamblet)	279-9916

Meetings of Town Boards, Committees & Commissions

Board of Selectmen - Monday

Community Center	5:30 pm	1st and 3rd Monday of the month
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Library Trustees - Tuesday

Meredith Public Library	7:00 pm	2nd Tuesday of the month
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Parks and Recreation Commission - Tuesday

Community Center	6:00 pm	3rd Tuesday of the month
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Planning Board - Tuesday

Community Center	7:00 pm	2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month
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Conservation Commission - Thursday

Community Center	7:00 pm	1st (public meeting) & 3rd (work session as needed) Thursday of the month
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Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee - Thursday

Town Annex Building	7:00 pm	2nd and 4th Thursday of the month
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Zoning Board of Adjustment - Thursday

Community Center	7:00 pm	2nd Thursday of the month
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Municipal Directory

Emergency – All Calls

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Police Department – Business
347 Daniel Webster Highway

8:00 am - 12:00 am daily

279-4561

fax 279-6636

Fire Department – Business
286 Daniel Webster Highway

8:00 am - 5:00 pm M-F

279-6061

fax 279-6061

Water & Sewer Department
50 Waukewan Street

7:00 am - 3:30 pm M-F

279-3046

fax 279-5356

Parks & Recreation

8:00 am - 9:00 pm M-F

279-8197

Community Center 1 Circle Dr. 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Sat

fax 279-7086

Public Works

7:30 am - 4:30 pm M-F

279-6352

413 Daniel Webster Highway

(includes Buildings & Grounds, Cemetery, Highway)

fax 279-4656

Solid Waste Facility

8:00 am - 3:00 pm daily

279-8480

17 Jenness Hill Road

closed Wednesdays and holidays

Town Hall / Annex

8:00 am - 5:00 pm M-F

279-4538

41 Main Street / 5 Highland Street

(includes Administrative Services, Assessing, Tax Collector,
Town Clerk, Planning & Zoning, & Town Manager)

fax 279-1042