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# Town of Ashland

## New Hampshire

# Annual Report



# 1997

# 1998 Dates to Remember

<b>January 1</b>	Fiscal Year Begins	<b>April 15</b>	Last day to file Inventory of Taxable Property
<b>March 7</b>	Annual School District Meeting Ashland School Gymnasium – 1:00 PM	<b>April 30</b>	Dog tax due. Licenses available from the Town Clerk with proof of rabies vaccination and spaying/neutering
<b>March 10</b>	Annual Town Meeting – ELECTIONS Ashland School Gymnasium – 9AM to 7PM	<b>July 1</b>	First half of semi-annual tax billing commences to draw interest at 12%
<b>March 14</b>	Annual Town Meeting – DELIBERATIVE SESSION Ashland School Gymnasium – 1PM	<b>December 1</b>	Unpaid real estate and personal taxes commence to draw interest at 12%
<b>March 21</b>	Annual Pemi-Baker Regional School District Meeting Plymouth State College Field House - 1PM	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Meetings:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Selectmen</b> First and Third Mondays of the Month, 7PM Ashland Fire Station</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Planning Board</b> Fourth Tuesday of the Month, 7PM Ashland Town Office</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Conservation Commission</b> First Wednesday of the Month, 7PM Ashland Town Office</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Zoning Board of Adjustment</b> Meetings scheduled as needed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Housing Standards Board</b> Meetings scheduled as needed.</p>	
<b>April 1</b>	All real property assessed to owner this date		
<b>April 15</b>	Last day for veterans to file for permanent tax credit with the Selectmen's Office		
	Last Day for eligible residents to file for permanent elderly exemption with the Selectmen's Office		
	Last day to file Current Use application with the Selectmen's Office		

**Annual Report of the  
Officers of the**

**TOWN OF  
ASHLAND**

**For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31**

**1997**

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**GREEN SECTION**  
1998 TOWN WARRANTS  
1998 TOWN BUDGET

## THE 1997 TOWN REPORT IS DEDICATED TO



### DORIS SMITH BAVIS TATHAM

1909 - 1997

A lifelong resident of Ashland, Doris graduated from Ashland High School and Plymouth Normal School and entered a career of teaching in nearby towns. After her marriage to Clifton Bavis, she conducted a kindergarten in her home, one of the first in town. Many years later, she concluded her teaching at the New Hampton Central School. After being widowed and marrying Leonard Tatham, she helped present the gymkhana events at horseshows at several state fairs.

However, she is best known for her lifelong interest in the history, and especially the genealogies, of Ashland. Anyone seeking information on family connections was always referred to Doris.

She was a charter member of the Ashland Historical Society, founded in 1968 after the centennial of the town's secession from the original town of Holderness. With her brother, John Smith, she compiled the Ashland Centennial Book, which was distributed widely and is the only printed history of the town. In 1976, she collaborated with David Ruell and James Rollins on the book "New Holderness in the Revolution." She also wrote an unpublished history of the Owl Brook area.

For several summers she served as the hostess at the newly established Whipple House Museum, often wearing a 19th century costume. She wrote the commentary for historical bus trips around the town and area for the Society's pleasure. Her interest in archeology also brought her to participate in a local "dig" sponsored by the University of New Hampshire.

Since her death, her voluminous notes and notebooks have been accepted by the New Hampshire Historical Society, which has opened a section under her name. Thus the work of her lifetime is guaranteed a place in the archives of the history of the state and its people. We regret that we are no longer able to "ask Doris."

*—written by Mary Ruell*

**THE 1997 TOWN REPORT IS IN MEMORY OF**



**FLOYD S. MILLS JR.**

FORMER ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT

Floyd was a lifelong resident of this community whom his neighbors and fellow Ashland residents will remember as a quiet, friendly man with a dry sense of humor. Floyd was a self taught electrician who served the community as the Electric Department Superintendent from 1955 to 1961.

# Town of Ashland Officials and Boards 1997

## **ELECTED OFFICIALS**

### **Board of Selectmen**

Kendall B. Hughes	1998	Resigned
Glenn R. Dion	1998	Appointed
Glenn W. Bricker	1999	
Thomas D. Winn	2000	

### **Town Clerk**

Patricia Tucker	1999
Deputy: Beverly Boose	

### **Town Treasurer**

Kelly Avery	1998
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### **Town Moderator**

Philip Preston	1998
Assistants:	Marion Merrill Brian Ray

### **Town Trustees**

Edward Dupuis	2000
Richard Ogden	1999
Thomas Peters	1998

### **Library Trustees**

Terry Fouts	2000
Caroline Boyle	1999
Sandra Ray	1998

### **Supervisors of the Checklist**

Douglas Ober	2002
Beverly Ober	2000
Joanne Hrdlicka	1998

### **Budget Committee**

Edward Hubbard	2000
Arnold Cummings	2000
Therese Cilley	1999
John C. Hughes	1999
Donald Porell	1999
Jeffrey Uhlman	1999
Christopher Shipp	1998
David Ruell	1998
Douglas Ober	1998
Daniel Uhlman	1998
Ann Marie Reeve	1998
Ernest Hutter	1998

Mark Hormell - School Board	Ex Officio
Caroline Boyle - School Board	Alternate
Thomas Winn - Selectmen	Ex Officio



## APPOINTED OFFICIALS - 1997

<b>Town Manager</b>	Rosemarie McNamara	
<b>Tax Collector</b>	Rosemarie McNamara	
<b>Fire Department</b>	Patricia Tucker, Deputy Chief Merritt "Skip" Fields 1st Deputy David Paquette 2nd Deputy Thomas Stewart	
<b>Superintendent - Electric Department</b>	Lee V. Nichols	
<b>Superintendent - Water/Sewer Dept</b>	Stephen Stankus	
<b>Police Department</b>	Chief Cameron M.C. Brown Sergeant Charles Tarr Administrative Sergeant Donald Marren Investigator Howard Beaudry Patrolman Dianne DeLuca Patrolman Gregory Mangers Patrolman Gary Prince Special - Peter Cook Special - Steven Calderwood Special - Thomas Rowell Special - Douglas C. Wiseman - Resigned	
<b>Planning Board</b>	John C. Hughes	1999
	Sara Weinberg	1999
	Christopher Johnstone	1998
	Eugene Bishop - Resigned	2000
	William Roach	2000
	Robert Boyle	2000
	Glenn Dion - Selectman	
	Lee Nichols - Alternate	1998
	John Mickelboro - Alternate	1999
	Robin Fisk	1998
<b>Lakes Region Planning Commission</b>	Glenn Dion	1998
<b>Zoning Board of Adjustment</b>	Mark Hormell	1999
	Kendall L. Hughes	1999
	Russell Cross Sr.	1999
	Michael Lembo	1998

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	Robert Boyle	2000
	Elaine Allard - Alternate	2000
<b>Parks and Recreation Director</b>	Margaret Grass	
<b>Health Officer</b>	Carlton Abear	
<b>Road Agent</b>	Mark Ober	
<b>Animal Control Officer</b>	Ashland Police Department	
<b>Welfare Officer</b>	Robert Hicks	
<b>Emergency Management</b>	Rosemarie McNamara	
	Cameron Brown	
	Merritt "Skip" Fields	
<b>Scribner Memorial Trustees</b>	Samuel Norman	1998
	Raymond Burke Sr.	1999
<b>Building Inspector</b>	Robert Hicks	
<b>Electrical Inspector</b>	Frank Murdock	
<b>Plumbing Inspector</b>	Fred Salvoni	
<b>Historic Commission</b>	Robert Hicks	1998
	Claire Hicks	1998
	Marilyn Rollins	1998
<b>Conservation Commission</b>	Sandra Jones	1999
	Nancy Page	1999
	James C. Beard Jr.	1998
	Ruth Knapp	2000
	Daniel Murphy - Alternate	1998
	Reggie Pettitt	1999
<b>Pemi Baker Home Health Agency</b>	Mary Ruell	
<b>Pemi Baker Solid Waste District</b>	Arnold Cummings	2000
	Mark Ober - Alternate	2000
<b>Housing Standards Board</b>	Christine Weden	2000
	Elaine Hughes	1999
	Christopher Shipp	1998
	Fire Chief Merritt Fields	
	Health Officer Carl Abear	
<b>Safety Committee</b>	Gordon Vittum	
	Timothy Paquette	
	Cameron Brown	
	Donald Marren	
	Bradley Ober	
	Ronald Niles	
	Margaret Grass	
	Rosemarie McNamara	
	Charles Tarr	
	Glenn W. Bricker	

# Selectmen's 1997 Annual Report

At the March Town Meeting the board and the citizens thanked Arnold Cummings for his years of service as a Selectman. Edward Hubbard finished his appointed term in March. Dr. Glenn W. Bricker and Thomas Winn were elected to the board and joined Kendall B. Hughes on the board. Due to work commitments Kendall resigned his position and Glenn R. Dion was appointed.

In July the Water Treatment facility was dedicated to former Water and Sewer Superintendent Wayne L. Hughes. The completion of this project was a culmination of years of hard work and contributions by all of the entities involved.

We were able to supervise the installation of new water and sewer lines in several parts of our community. Again, this is a tremendous boost to the infrastructure of this town and will be an asset that will hopefully attract industry to our community. We are looking forward to the water and sewer construction on River Street. This project will bring much needed relief to the residents in this area of town.

We opted to reinstate the use of the Inventory of Taxable Property forms. The town is able to use the accumulated information for record keeping, census and building activity.

We, as a board, have been able to conduct our business throughout the year by listening, reviewing and making informative decisions. We have been able to do this unanimously on all occasions.

Our thanks and gratitude are extended to the employees of the Town, the volunteers that serve on our boards and all the citizens and property owners of Ashland for each and every contribution that has been made with the betterment of this community as the ultimate goal.

Glenn W. Bricker

Thomas D. Winn

Glenn R. Dion

*Ashland Board of Selectmen*

# Town Manager's Report 1997

As the year draws to a close, the focus seems to be on the total dollars the town spends to provide services to you, the taxpayers and residents. Ashland is your town and my town; we each work hard to pay our tax bill. In deciding when, if, and where budget cuts are to be made please keep in mind that services will be affected. This means all town departments including police, fire, highway, parks and recreation. It can most definitely be done, however, the town services will change and each of us has to be prepared for those changes. Ashland's budget, as currently proposed, is based on the service which, prior town meeting voting, has authorized as what the taxpayers want for the tax dollar. If at town meeting this year the town decides that it wants different services the Board of Selectmen, Department Heads and I need to know what you want for your tax dollar.

The Parks and Recreation Department became a full-time department in 1997. Under the leadership of Peggy Grass many new programs were instituted and the townspeople participated. Ernie Paquette resigned as the Campground Director in the fall. The campground will now fall under the supervision of the Parks and Recreation Director.

The Fire Department ordered their new rescue vehicle. Delivery was not made at year's end. The Lee family donated a new granite marker at the Fire Station in memory of the family. A dedication ceremony was held in the fall and attended by townspeople. The members of the Fire Department continue to be trained to meet the emergency medical services required by the community. Training also occurs throughout the year in all aspects of fire service and Ashland can take pride in the dedication, professionalism and services we receive from our fire personnel.

The Transfer/Recycling Center is still a learning experience. Each year as technology changes we learn various methods about how to operate our facility more efficiently. We need the townspeople to work more vigorously at recycling. We know that we do not have full compliance and we plan on more enforcement taking place in 1998.

The Landfill closure coverage was completed in 1997. We will start paying on the bond for the closure in 1998. The length of this loan is five years.

The Highway Department continues to maintain and improve the town roads within budget constraints. In conjunction with the water and sewer departments a portion of Highland Street, Gordon Street, and School Street had the road re-built; drainage

improvements made; new water mains and some sewer improvements completed. The Highway Department crew constructed buildings at the Transfer/Recycling Center and Highway Garage for storage; chip sealed North Ashland Road; cut grass along the roads as well as their general maintenance throughout the town. The Highway Department also assists every other town department in various duties from hauling sand to the town beach, to general maintenance at the Town Office; to clearing brush at the wastewater treatment facility or picking up rubbish all over the town. The Highway Department personnel do an exceptional job of clearing the streets during snowstorms - one that is envied in other communities.

The Police Department sent two officers through the Police Standards and Training Council in 1997. We applied for, and received, funding for another COPS position, however, we returned the money to the federal government. The Police Department had computers installed in their cruisers that will allow the officers to do some of their paperwork in the cruisers thereby keeping the cruiser out in the community.

The Electric Department continued with their maintenance program throughout the year. In early 1998, we experienced first hand the value of keeping our lines clear of tree branches, resulting in a low volume of outages during the ice storm in early January as compared to other communities in the state. The Electric Department welcomed Joe Vittum as a new employee.

The Water and Sewer Department saw completion of projects. We completed the aeration project at the wastewater treatment plant. We completed the water project and the new wells went on line. In July, the new Water Treatment Plant was dedicated to Wayne L. Hughes, former superintendent of the water and sewer department. We have experienced problems with the new water system and continue to monitor the level of chemicals that the state requires us to add. The town has received many positive comments concerning the new water system. Larry Untiet left the department in September. It was decided by the remaining staff, the Board of Selectmen and myself to keep that position vacant until the end of the year for financial reasons. In January we filled the position.

The Town Office saw Peter Binette leave as our full-time Grants Administrator. We have hired Peter to continue on as a consultant for the Thompson Street and River Street projects. We will continue to utilize Peter's abilities to obtain grants for our community.

The Board of Selectmen had a complete change in 1997. Edward Hubbard and Arnold Cummings left at election time in March with Glenn Bricker and Thomas Winn filling their spots. Kendall B. Hughes resigned in April and Glenn Dion was appointed to fill his position. The new board has taken an active role in the management of the town. Each member attended the annual conference in Manchester put on by the New Hampshire Municipal Association.

In closing, I want to thank the townspeople, the Board of Selectmen, the Department Heads, the town employees and the members of various committees and commissions for all of their assistance throughout the year in working with me to provide services to our community. I hope that each and every member of our town feels free to come in and see Department Heads, Board of Selectmen, Committee members and myself with any questions or concerns you may have. Ashland is our town and only by knowing your needs can we continue to grow and serve you to the best of our abilities.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rosemarie McNamara  
*Town Manager*

# Ashland Town Warrant 1997

## The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the the Town of Ashland, in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Ashland Public School Gymnasium in said Town on Tuesday, March 11, 1997 from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM to act upon the following Articles 1 and 2 by vote by official ballot. The polls will open at 9:00 AM and will close no earlier than 7:00 PM.

ARTICLE 1. To choose all the following officers for the year ensuing:

- (a) One member of the Board of Selectmen for 3 years
- (b) One member of the Board of Selectmen for 2 years
- (c) One Town Treasurer for 1 year
- (d) One Town Trustee for 3 years
- (e) One Library Trustee for 3 years
- (f) Four Budget Committee members for 3 years
- (g) One Budget Committee member for 2 years

ARTICLE 2. To vote upon the following question:

1. Shall we adopt the provision of RSA 40:13 to allow Official Ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Ashland? (Petitioned by twenty-five or more legal voters)

You are hereby notified to meet at the Ashland Public School Gymnasium in said Town on Saturday, March 15, 1997 at 1:00 PM to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two million eight hundred forty nine thousand three hundred dollars (\$2,849,300.00) for the upgrade, extension or replacement of water and sewer mains as follows: (1) to upgrade, replace or extend sewer mains on (a) River Street from the existing ejector station to the intersection at Leavitt Hill Road including Squam Shore Drive and Candle Shore and (b) River Street and Squam Point Lane from Leavitt Hill Road to Route 3 and 25 and (2) to upgrade, replace or extend water mains on (a) River Street from the intersection of Thompson Street to the intersection at Leavitt Hill Road including Squam

Shore Drive and Candle Shore and to authorize the withdrawal from the Sewer capital reserve fund in the amount of three hundred, twenty-four thousand, three hundred dollars (\$324,300.00) plus such interest as may be available at the time of withdrawal, and to authorize the issuance of bonds or notes to fund the balance, said bonds or notes to be in an amount not more than two million five hundred twenty five thousand three hundred dollars (\$2,525,300.00) in accordance with provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and to authorize the receipt and expenditure of any Federal, State or private funds that may become available for this purpose; and to further authorize the discontinuance of the Sewer Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee) (2/3 ballot vote required)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Highway Department Equipment and Building Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$127,000.00 for the purchase of a Fire Rescue Vehicle for the Fire Department. \$77,000.00 shall be withdrawn from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund and \$50,000.00 shall come from general taxation in the 1997 tax year. (\$67,000.00 of the total amount to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Fund was authorized by vote of the 1996 Town Meeting but the funds were not used.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,000.00 to be used to replace the underground gas and diesel tanks as required by Federal Law. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee) (Majority vote required)



ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 for the purchase of a mower/tractor to be used by the various town departments. The Highway Department and Transfer/Recycling Center will pay \$16,000.00 toward the purchase of this equipment with monies raised through general taxation in 1997, the Electric, Water and Sewer departments will pay \$24,000.00 with monies raised through user revenues. (Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand eight hundred dollars (\$8,800.00) for the purchase of an additional baler to be used at the Transfer/Recycling Center. A grant application will be completed with New Hampshire the Beautiful to be used as an offset against this appropriation. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand twenty dollars (\$15,020.00) to hire an additional employee to be shared between the Highway Department, Transfer/Recycling Center, Parks and Recreation Department, Water Department and Sewer Department. This sum of money will pay for salary and uniform expenses. Of the total amount, \$13,965.00 will come from general taxation and the balance, being \$1,055.00 will come from user fees paid to the Water and Sewer Department. If this appropriation is approved, this sum will be used in addition to the Parks and Recreation Department already funded monies in their operating budget the sum of \$4200.00 for a groundskeeper position. (Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town shall modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the town of Ashland, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years \$20,000.00; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years \$30,000.00, for a person 80 years of age or older \$40,000.00. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$20,000.00 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$25,000.00; and own net assets of not in excess of \$60,000.00 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to combine the Ashland Water & Sewer Department - Water Division and the Ashland Water & Sewer Department - Sewer Division into one department which shall be called the Ashland Water & Sewer Department. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer to Cyrus Gray town owned property located on Cross Road abutting property now owned by Cyrus Gray on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem appropriate. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to exchange a parcel of town owned property, approximately the size of three (3) acres, located off Cedar Lane abutting the Carol Currier property for another property on Cedar Lane now owned by Carol Currier, on such terms and conditions as the selectmen deem appropriate, provided that no moneys are paid by the town in connection with this exchange. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer town owned property located in New Hampton, formerly used as the town water source, to the town of New Hampton on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem appropriate. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 202 - A:4-d authorizing the Library Trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose, provided, however, that no acceptance of personal property by the library trustees shall be deemed to bind the town or the library trustees to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Chapter Env-Ws 800 State of New Hampshire Septage and Sludge Management Rules, by reference pursuant to RSA 147:1. Adoption of these rules is as a health ordinance, and enforcement of the rules shall be in conjunction with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer town owned property obtained by Tax Collector's Deed, being a mobile home formerly owned by Lily Pond located in the Whispering Pines Trailer park on Spruce Drive, selling directly to Chester and Nancy Downing on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem appropriate. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following ordinance pursuant to RSA 31:39-a:

### Conflict of Interest Ordinance

1. Disqualification from Office. No appointed or elected member of any Town Board, Commission or Committee shall participate in any decision, deliberation, or proceeding as a member thereof when it is acting upon any matter involving funding or appropriation or regulations for any Town department in which that member, or a direct relation of that member, is an employee or otherwise has a direct pecuniary interest.

2. In this ordinance, "direct relation" includes: spouse, parent, sibling, child, son or daughter-in-law, step-child, parent-in-law, sibling-in-law, significant other regardless of whether the relation resides in the same household as the member. "Direct relation" also includes any person, related or not, who resides in the member's household.

3. Pursuant to RSA 31:39-a, any member of any Town Board, Commission or Committee at the time of adoption shall be exempt from the provisions hereof for a period of one year, but said member shall comply with any other applicable statutes or case law relating to disqualification from acting in office or to incompatibility of office.

4. This ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell surplus or obsolete supplies and equipment by public auction or sealed bid or to transfer items of historical significance to the Ashland Historical Society without further vote of the Town. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Reports of its Boards,

Commissions, Committees, and Officers for the year 1996 subject to corrections of errors when and if found. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750,988.00 for general municipal operations. Said sum does not include special articles addressed, except as expressly stated. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee) (Majority vote required)

Executive	\$ 2,650.00
Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	16,740.00
Financial Administration	113,898.00
Revaluation of Property	15,500.00
Legal Expense	44,000.00
Personnel Administration	52,000.00
Planning and Zoning	2,905.00
General Government Buildings	12,350.00
Cemeteries	500.00
Insurance	221,650.00
Advertising & Regional Association	1,881.00
Other General Government	10,000.00
Health	10,070.00
General Welfare	32,341.00
Other Welfare	7,206.00
Parks and Recreation	106,267.00
Library	36,000.00
Patriotic Purposes	6,750.00
Conservation Commission	200.00
Principal Long Term Bonds	35,000.00
Interest Long Term Bonds	3,080.00
Interest on TANs	20,000.00

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$436,177.00 for Public Safety. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee) (Majority vote required)

Police Department	\$ 287,749.00
Ambulance	22,647.00
Fire Department	117,256.00
Emergency Management	3,300.00

Building Inspection

8,225.00

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$519,921.00 for Highways and Streets and Transfer and Recycling. Said sum does not include special articles addressed, except as expressly stated. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee) (Majority vote required)

Highway Administration and Highways and Streets	\$ 348,803.00
Bridges	300.00
Street Lighting	25,400.00
Transfer & Recycling	145,418.00

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,863,705.00 for the operation of the Electric, Water & Sewer Enterprise Departments. Said sum does not include special articles, except as expressly stated. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee) (Majority vote required)

Water Department	\$ 325,032.00
Sewer Department	361,849.00
Electric Department	3,176,824.00

ARTICLE 27. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

a. To allow for discussion upon the following non-binding topics:

1. Does the Town of Ashland want to continue the recycling programs as currently established or does the Town wish to transfer all solid waste?

Edward J. Hubbard, Chairman  
Arnold Cummings, Member  
Kendall B. Hughes, Member  
*Board of Selectmen*  
*Town of Ashland, N.H.*

*Attest: a true copy:*

Edward J. Hubbard, Chairman  
Arnold Cummings, Member  
Kendall B. Hughes, Member  
*Board of Selectmen*  
*Town of Ashland, N.H.*

# TOWN OF ASHLAND ELECTION RESULTS

MARCH 11, 1997

In accordance with the Town of Ashland legally signed and posted warrant by the Ashland Board of Selectmen, the meeting was called to order by Philip Preston, Moderator, at the Ashland School Gymnasium.

The polls were declared open at 9:00 AM and it was declared they would be open until 7:00 PM. It was announced that the absentee ballots would be cast at 2:00 PM.

Election officials present were – Supervisors of the Checklist: Beverly Ober, Douglas Ober, Joanne Hrdlicka; Ballot Clerks: Josephine Brown, Margaret Duguay, Guinevere Newton, David Ruell; Town Clerk: Patricia Tucker; Moderator: Philip Preston; Assistant Moderator: Marion Merrill.

The following citizens were sworn in as ballot counters: Rosemarie McNamara, Patricia Tucker, David Paquette, Margaret Dobbie, Marion Merrill, Linda Pack, Kay Mudgett, Maureen Evleth, Lee Nichols, David Ruell, Caroline Boyle, Raymond Marchand, Jr., Brad Ober, Kelly Avery, Glenn Dion.

The results of the tabulation of ballots are as follows:

## *Board of Selectmen - Three Year Term*

Fred Salvoni	1	write in	
Glenn Dion	180		
Jeff Uhlman	1	write in	
John Hughes	1	write in	
<b>Thomas Winn</b>	<b>209</b>		<b>Elected</b>
Tom Peters	2	write ins	

## *Board of Selectmen - Two Year Term*

Arnold Cummings	12		
Edward J. Hubbard	70		
Fred Salvoni	58		
Glenn Dion	10	write ins	
<b>Glenn W. Bricker</b>	<b>241</b>		<b>Elected</b>

Thomas Marsh	1	write in
Thomas Winn	3	write ins

***Town Treasurer - One Year Term***

<b>Kelly Knowlton Avery</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>Elected</b>
Theresa Cilley	1	write in
John Hughes	1	write in

***Town Trustee - Three Year Term***

<b>Edward Dupuis</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>Elected</b>
Punky Marsh	1	write in
Brad Ober	1	write in

***Library Trustee - Three Year Term***

Alma Avery	1	write in
Betty O'Donnell	1	write in
Caroline Boyle	1	write in
Chris Shipp	1	write in
Christine Hobart	2	write ins
Donald Bump	1	write in
Dorothy Dupuis	1	write in
Dot Porter	1	write in
Ed Dupuis	3	write ins
Ed Hubbard	1	write in
Ed Brown	1	write in
Elaine Hughes	1	write in
Glenn Dion	1	write in
Glenn Bricker	1	write in
Greg Bavis	1	write in
Helen Knowlton	1	write in
Jill Mudgett	1	write in
Joanne Hrdlicka	1	write in

John Murphy	1	write in	
Joyce Bavis	1	write in	
Judy Bavis	1	write in	
Lorraine Marsh	5	write ins	
Marilyn Rollins	8	write ins	
Marion Merrill	2	write ins	
Mark Ober	2	write ins	
Mary Ruell	1	write in	
Maureen Evleth	1	write in	
Nancy Ruell	1	write in	
Pat Preuss	3	write ins	
Ray Poitras	1	write in	
Sam Norman	1	write in	
Sandra Jones	1	write in	
<b>Terry Fouts</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>write ins</b>	<b>Elected</b>
Tom Peters	1	write in	

***Budget Committee - Three Year Term***

Alan Cilley	1	write in	
Alex Ray	1	write in	
Ann Lamson	1	write in	
Ann Reeve	2	write ins	
<b>Arnold Cummings</b>	<b>196</b>		<b>Elected</b>
Arthur Marcroft	1	write in	
Bill Anderson	2	write ins	
Bill Pack	1	write in	
Brad Ober	4	write ins	
Brian Chalmers	3	write ins	
Chris Weden	2	write ins	
Chris Shipp	2	write ins	
Claire Hicks	1	write in	
Craig Moore	2	write ins	
Dan Uhlman	4	write ins	
Dan Murphy, Jr.	1	write in	
Dave Page	1	write in	
Dave Paquette	2	write ins	
David Ruell	4	write ins	
David Hrdlicka	2	write ins	



Dean Marcroft	2	write ins	
Don Porell	3	write ins	
Don Lester	1	write in	
Doug Ober	1	write in	
<b>Ed Hubbard</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>write ins</b>	<b>Elected</b>
Ed Brown	1	write in	
Ed Dupuis	3	write ins	
Ellison Badger	1	write in	
Ernie Paquette	1	write in	
Everett Palmer	1	write in	
Frank Murdock	2	write ins	
Fred Salvoni	5	write ins	
Gerald Gilmore	1	write in	
Glen Ober	1	write in	
<b>Glenn Dion</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>write ins</b>	<b>Elected</b>
Glenn W. Bricker	6	write ins	
Greg Bavis	3	write ins	
Harold Baker	1	write in	
James Gosse	7	write ins	
Jean Ober	1	write in	
Jeff Uhlman	5	write ins	
Jenny Hughes	1	write in	
Jill Mudgett	1	write in	
Joanne Hrdlicka	1	write in	
John Murphy	5	write ins	
John Hughes	2	write ins	
John Garnett	1	write in	
John Bomster	2	write ins	
John Duncan	1	write in	
John Cilley	1	write in	
Karen Fligg	1	write in	
Katie Burgess	1	write in	
Kelly Avery	1	write in	
Kendall L. Hughes	1	write in	
Laetitia Ash	2	write ins	
Lee Bavis	1	write in	
Linda Eastman	1	write in	
Maureen Salvoni	1	write in	
Merritt Fields	1	write in	

Mike O'Hara	1	write in	
Mike Bridges	1	write in	
Mike Evelth	1	write in	
Neale Bavis	1	write in	
Pam Duncan	1	write in	
Poochie Tarr	1	write in	
Ray Knowlton	1	write in	
Ray Mason	1	write in	
Richard Grinley	2	write ins	
Rick Farrell	1	write in	
Rick Ash	1	write in	
Ron Niles	2	write ins	
Sandra Jones	1	write in	
Scott Weden	3	write ins	
Stephanie Olin	1	write in	
Steve Murdock	4	write ins	
Steve Vachon	1	write in	
Terri Gilley	6	write ins	
Tom Peters	6	write ins	
Tom Marsh	2	write ins	
<b>Tom Winn</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>write ins</b>	<b>Elected</b>
Tom Peters	2	write ins	
Tom Will	1	write in	
Tony Randall	1	write in	
Woody Laverack	2	write ins	

***Budget Committee - Two Year Term***

Alan Gilley	1	write in	
Ann Reeve	1	write in	
Arnold Cummings	1	write in	
Barbara Patterson	1	write in	
Bette Fields	2	write ins	
Bill Koning	1	write in	
Brad Ober	1	write in	
Craig Moore	1	write in	
Dan Uhlman	2	write ins	
David Paquette	1	write in	
Ed Dupuis	1	write in	
Ed Hubbard	2	write ins	

Ernie Paquette	1	write in	
Fred Salvoni	2	write ins	
Glenn Bricker	3	write ins	
Glenn Dion	4	write ins	
Gordon McCormack Sr.	1	write in	
Greg Bavis	3	write ins	
James Gosse	1	write in	
Jerry Moore	1	write in	
Jill Mudgett	1	write in	
John Murphy	1	write in	
Laetitia Ash	1	write in	
Pam Duncan	1	write in	
Peter Smith	1	write in	
Ray Knowlton	1	write in	
Ron Niles	2	write ins	
Scott Weden	1	write in	
Stephanie Olin	1	write in	
Steve Murdock	1	write in	
Sue Ferris	1	write in	
<b>Terri Cilley</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>write ins</b>	<b>Elected</b>
Terry Fouts	1	write in	
Tom Mason	1	write in	
Tom Peters	1	write in	

QUESTION NO. 1 - Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Ashland? (Petitioned Article)

Yes 193 (53%)  
 No 171 (47%)

\*Three/Fifths (60%) plurality needed to pass

Total Number on Checklist 1295  
 Number of Ballots Cast 407  
 Percentage of Voters 31%

# ASHLAND TOWN MEETING MINUTES

ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE

MARCH 15, 1997

The deliberative session of the 1997 Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Philip Preston at 1:00 PM on March 15, 1997 at the Ashland School Gymnasium.

The following newly elected officials were sworn in by Town Clerk Patricia Tucker - Edward Dupuis, Town Trustee; Therese C.D. Cilley, Budget Committee; Jill Mudgett, School District Treasurer; Arnold Cummings, Budget Committee; Terry Fouts, Library Trustee.

Ballots counters were Beth Chalmers, Bradley Ober, Daniel Murphy and Glenn Dion.

ARTICLE 3. Moved by Rosemarie McNamara, seconded by Kendall B. Hughes to raise and appropriate the sum of two million eight hundred forty nine thousand three hundred dollars (\$2,849,300.00) for the upgrade, extension or replacement of water and sewer mains as follows: (1) to upgrade, replace or extend sewer mains on (a) River Street from the existing ejector station to the intersection at Leavitt Hill Road including Squam Shore Drive and Candle Shore and (b) River Street and Squam Point Lane from Leavitt Hill Road to Route 3 and 25 and (2) to upgrade, replace or extend waters mains on (a) River Street from the intersection of Thompson Street to the intersection at Leavitt Hill Road including Squam Shore Drive and Candle Shore and to authorize the withdrawal from the sewer capital reserve fund in the amount of three hundred, twenty-four thousand, three hundred dollars (\$324,300.00) plus such interest as may be available at the time of withdrawal, and to authorize the issuance of bonds or notes to fund the balance, said bonds or notes to be in an amount not more than two million five hundred twenty five thousand three hundred dollars (\$2,525,300.00) in accordance with provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and to authorize the receipt and expenditure of any Federal, State or private funds that may become available for this purpose; and to further authorize the discontinuance of the Sewer Capital Reserve Fund.

It was moved by Glenn W. Bricker, seconded by Kendall B. Hughes to allow a non-voter to speak on the motion. The vote was in the affirmative.

Following discussion the polls were declared open at 1:22 PM and it was declared that they would remain open until 2:22 PM. The meeting recessed for voting until 1:38 PM.

A separate ballot box was used for the bond issue. Results of the voting were:

Votes cast - 141

Yes - 128

No - 13

Two-thirds needed to pass (94) - the moderator declared the article adopted.

ARTICLE 4. Moved by Rosemarie McNamara, seconded by Thomas Winn to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Highway Department Equipment and Building Capital Reserve Fund.

The article was declared passed by voice vote with no dissent.

ARTICLE 5. Moved by Thomas Winn, seconded by Glenn W. Bricker to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

The article was declared passed by voice vote with no dissent.

ARTICLE 6. Moved by Glenn W. Bricker, seconded by David Ruell to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund.

The article was declared passed by voice vote with no dissent.

ARTICLE 7. Moved by Thomas Winn, seconded by Glenn W. Bricker to raise and appropriate the sum of \$127,000.00 for the purchase of a Fire Rescue Vehicle for the Fire Department. \$77,000.00 shall be withdrawn from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund and \$50,000.00 shall come from general taxation in the 1997 tax year. (\$67,000.00 of the total amount to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Fund was authorized by vote of the 1996 Town Meeting but the funds were not used.)

The article was declared passed by voice vote with no dissent.

ARTICLE 8. Moved by Thomas Winn, seconded by Rosemarie McNamara to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,000.00 to be used to replace the underground gas and diesel tanks as required by Federal Law.

The article was declared passed by voice vote with no dissent.

ARTICLE 9. Moved by Glenn W. Bricker, seconded by Thomas Winn to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 for the purchase of a mower/tractor to be used

by the various town departments. The Highway Department and Transfer/Recycling Center will pay \$16,000.00 toward the purchase of this equipment with monies raised through general taxation in 1997, the Electric, Water and Sewer departments will pay \$24,000.00 with monies raised through user revenues.

The article was declared passed by hand vote with dissent.

ARTICLE 10. Moved by Rosemarie McNamara, seconded by Glenn W. Bricker to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand eight hundred dollars (\$8,800.00) for the purchase of an additional baler to be used at the Transfer/Recycling Center. A grant application will be completed with New Hampshire the Beautiful to be used as an offset against this appropriation.

The article was declared passed by voice vote with dissent.

ARTICLE 11. Moved by Thomas Winn, seconded by Rosemarie McNamara to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand twenty dollars (\$15,020.00) to hire an additional employee to be shared between the Highway Department, Transfer/Recycling Center, Parks and Recreation Department, Water Department and Sewer Department. This sum of money will pay for salary and uniform expenses. Of the total amount, \$13,965.00 will come from general taxation and the balance, being \$1,055.00 will come from user fees paid to the Water and Sewer Department. If this appropriation is approved, this sum will be used in addition to the Parks and Recreation Department already funded monies in their operating budget the sum of \$4200.00 for a groundskeeper position.

Discussion ensued, the question was moved and seconded with a vote in the affirmative.

The article was declared defeated by hand vote.

ARTICLE 12. Moved by Glenn W. Bricker, seconded by Thomas Winn to modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the town of Ashland, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years \$20,000.00; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years \$30,000.00, for a person 80 years of age or older \$40,000.00. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$20,000.00 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$25,000.00; and own net assets of not in excess of \$60,000.00 excluding the value of the person's residence.

A ballot vote was required for this article. The results of the balloting:

Votes cast - 121; Yes - 111; No - 10

The article was declared passed.

ARTICLE 13. Moved by Kendall B. Hughes, seconded by Glenn W. Bricker to combine the Ashland Water & Sewer Department - Water Division and the Ashland Water & Sewer Department - Sewer Division into one department which shall be called the Ashland Water & Sewer Department.

The article was declared passed with no dissent.

ARTICLE 14. Moved by Thomas Winn, seconded by Glenn W. Bricker to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer to Cyrus Gray town owned property located on Cross Road abutting property now owned by Cyrus Gray on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem appropriate.

The article was declared passed by voice vote with no dissent.

ARTICLE 15. Moved by Glenn W. Bricker, seconded by Thomas Winn to authorize the Board of Selectmen to exchange a parcel of town owned property, approximately the size of 0.68 acres, located off Cedar Lane abutting the Carol Currier property for a permanent easement deeded to the town for access on Cedar Lane now owned by Carol Currier, on such terms and conditions as the selectmen deem appropriate, provided that no moneys are paid by the town in connection with this exchange.

Following discussion the question was moved, seconded and vote in the affirmative.

The article was declared passed by voice vote with no dissent.

ARTICLE 16. Moved by Kendall B. Hughes, seconded by Rosemarie McNamara to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer town owned property located in New Hampton, formerly used as the town water source, to the town of New Hampton on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem appropriate.

The article was declared passed by hand vote with dissent.

ARTICLE 17. Moved by Thomas Winn, seconded by Rosemarie McNamara

to adopt the provisions of RSA 202 - A:4-d authorizing the Library Trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose, provided, however, that no acceptance of personal property by the library trustees shall be deemed to bind the town or the library trustees to raise, appropriate, or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property.

The article was declared passed by voice vote with no dissent.

ARTICLE 18. Moved by Kendall B. Hughes, seconded by Rosemarie McNamara to adopt the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Chapter Env-Ws 800 State of New Hampshire Septage and Sludge Management Rules, by reference pursuant to RSA 147:1. Adoption of these rules is as a health ordinance, and enforcement of the rules shall be in conjunction with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.

The article was declared passed by hand vote with dissent.

ARTICLE 19. Moved by Rosemarie McNamara, seconded by Thomas Winn to dismiss.

The article was dismissed by voice vote with no dissent.

ARTICLE 20. Moved by Thomas Winn, seconded by Glenn W. Bricker to dismiss.

The article was dismissed by voice vote with no dissent.

ARTICLE 21. Moved by Glenn W. Bricker, seconded by Thomas Winn to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell surplus or obsolete supplies and equipment by public auction or sealed bid or to transfer items of historical significance to the Ashland Historical Society without further vote of the Town.

The article was declared passed by voice vote with no dissent.

ARTICLE 22. Moved by Kendall B. Hughes, seconded by Thomas Winn to accept the Reports of its Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Officers for the year 1996 subject to corrections of errors when and if found.

The article was declared passed by voice vote with no dissent.



ARTICLE 23. Moved by Thomas Winn, seconded by David Ruell to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750,988.00 for general municipal operations. Said sum does not include special articles addressed, except as expressly stated.

Executive	\$ 2,650.00
Election, Registration and Vital Statistics	16,740.00
Financial Administration	\$ 113,898.00
Revaluation of Property	15,500.00
Legal Expense	44,000.00
Personnel Administration	52,000.00
Planning and Zoning	2,905.00
General Government Buildings	12,350.00
Cemeteries	500.00
Insurance	221,650.00
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	1,881.00
Other General Government	10,000.00
Health	10,070.00
General Welfare	32,341.00
Other Welfare	7,206.00
Parks and Recreation	106,267.00
Library	36,000.00
Patriotic Purposes	6,750.00
Conservation Commission	200.00
Principal Long Term Bonds	35,000.00
Interest Long Term Bonds	3,080.00
Interest on TANS	20,000.00

The article was declared passed by voice vote with dissent.

ARTICLE 24. Moved by Glenn W. Bricker, seconded by Thomas Winn to raise and appropriate the sum of \$436,177.00 for Public Safety.

Police Department	\$284,749.00
Ambulance	22,647.00
Fire Department	117,256.00
Emergency Management	3,300.00
Building Inspection	8,225.00

The article was declared passed by voice vote with dissent.

ARTICLE 25. Moved by Kendall B. Hughes, seconded by Glenn W. Bricker to raise and appropriate the sum of \$505,956.00 for Highways and Streets and Transfer and Recycling. Said sum does not include special articles addressed, except as expressly stated.

Highway Administration and Highways and Streets	\$ 348,803.00
Bridges	300.00
Street Lighting	25,400.00
Transfer & Recycling	145,418.00

The article was declared passed by voice vote with dissent.

ARTICLE 26. Moved by Thomas Winn, seconded by Kendall B. Hughes to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,863,705.00 for the operation of the Electric, Water & Sewer Enterprise Departments. Said sum does not include special articles, except as expressly stated. This article includes Article #9.

Water Department	\$ 325,032.00
Sewer Department	361,849.00
Electric Department	3,176,824.00

The article was declared passed by voice vote with dissent.

ARTICLE 27. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

A standing ovation for Arnold Cummings was given following the reading of the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, Arnold Cummings, has been a valued member of the Board of Selectmen for six years;

WHEREAS, Arnold Cummings, has demonstrated dedicated interest in serving as a representative for the Town of Ashland on the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District;

WHEREAS, Arnold Cummings, has contributed to the Town of Ashland as the Board of Selectmen's representative on the Budget committee;

WHEREAS, Arnold Cummings, has been a dedicated "Supervisor" of the various aspects of any and all of the construction projects in the Town of Ashland;

WHEREAS, Arnold Cummings, is a man who is not afraid to speak his mind

on any subject;

WHEREAS, Arnold Cummings, has always looked out for the best interest of the Town of Ashland;

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that Arnold Cummings has earned the respect and sincere appreciation of all of the residents of the Town of Ashland and we want to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to him on the 15th day of March 1997.

Rosemarie McNamara  
*Town Manager*

Glenn W. Bricker  
*Selectman*

Kendall B. Hughes  
*Selectman*

Thomas D. Winn  
*Selectman*

The continuation of the recycling program was discussed and a show of hands indicated that recycling should be continued.

The 1997 Town Meeting was declared adjourned by Moderator Philip Preston at 3:37 PM.

Patricia Tucker  
*Ashland Town Clerk*  
March 15, 1997

# ASHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Annual Report - 1997

In 1997 we all experienced the murders of Trooper Scott Phillips, Trooper Leslie Lord and Officer Jeremy Charon. These senseless deaths only serve to remind us how eternally unpredictable and potentially deadly this job can be, no matter where you are. These fine men and their families will always be in our thoughts and prayers.

This was a year of stability for the Police Department. For the first time in three consecutive years no full-time police officers resigned or left the Department to go elsewhere.

As always, we are happy to provide support and assistance to our neighboring police departments, and are grateful when they offer the same to us. Since the beginning of the year however, we have not relied on another police department to provide primary police services in Ashland as we have in the past. There has been an Ashland police officer on duty and available 24 hours a day in Ashland. We are very proud of this and feel that this provides our community with the best possible level of police protection.

This year we were also able to see the completion of the technical part of the COPS/MORE grant. This grant, started in 1995, has allowed us to install computers in the police cruisers. This will enable us to do reports and access information in the police cruiser rather than having to return to the station. We are eagerly awaiting the necessary software and programming that will allow us to retrieve information through the State Police network and enable us to file simpler electronic reports. All of this is hopefully anticipated sometime in 1998. The community can be extremely proud that their Police Department is one of the 3 or 4 departments that are leaders in the state in the use of this law enforcement technology.

Our calls for service continue to increase from one year to the next and, unfortunately so do our criminal cases; fortunately the statistics show that services provided to the community still out number criminal events, a trend we hope will continue.

All of our successes and achievements would not have been possible without the continuing assistance and support of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Manager, the other Department Heads and all the citizens of Ashland. The members of the Department and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your help, encouragement and friendship in 1997 and look forward to serving you in 1998.

Cameron Brown, *Police Chief*

## Annual Police Activity Report - 1997

### Service Calls

Aid to Public	1382	Foots Patrols	361
School Crossing	305	Missing Persons	7
Vacant House Checks	837	Domestic Disputes	52
Civil Standby	62	Animal Complaints	171
Alarms	57	Untimely Deaths	3
Protective Custody	18	Department Meetings/Training	22
Lost & Found Property	59	Business Checks	41,363

### Juvenile Cases

Abuse/Neglect	4	Harassment	4
Criminal Mischief	5	Simple Assault	9
Criminal Trespass	3	Theft	6
Criminal Threatening	3	Missing/Runaway	16
Disorderly Conduct	4	Suspicious Activity	22
Truants	34	Possession of Tobacco	7
Sexual Assault	5	Possession of Drugs	4
		Possession of Weapons	1

### Juvenile Court Cases

Delinquents	26	Counsel & Release	80
Diversion	11		

### Criminal Cases

Burglary	10	Adult Arrest (not m.v.)	79
Theft	64	Stalking	1
Criminal Mischief	45	Sexual Assaults	4
Criminal Trespass	19	Drugs	21
Criminal Threatening	13	Harassment	24
Disorderly Conduct	25	Liquor Laws	20
Assault	14	Issuing Bad Checks	45
False Report to L.E.	2	Miscellaneous	232
Hindering Apprehension	3	Adult Court Cases	172

**Motor Vehicle Cases**

Summons Issued	262	Conduct After Accident	5
Warnings Issued	1781	Parking Tickets	182
DWI	21	Towed M/V	18
Motorist Assist	182	Other M/V Arrests	11
M/V Lockouts	41	Operating after Suspension	13
Accidents	79	Miscellaneous	209

**Community Programs**

Halloween Safety	PSC Community Council
Drug/Alcohol Awareness	Police Explorer Post
School Reading Programs	Food For All Program
D.A.R.E	Big Brothers/Big Sisters
School Lunch Program	

# ASHLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

## TOWN REPORT 1997

Emergency activity for the Fire Department was at three hundred and six (306) calls this year. Although this represents a small decrease in emergency calls all other activity was up this year. The design and specifications process for the new rescue truck took considerable time and quite a few meetings. We were late in approving the final design and freightliner has had delivery problems with chassis so as of January first we are still awaiting delivery. The Rescue squad has also been very busy this year taking on the added responsibility and training to administer IV drugs. Three EMT's, Chris Shipp, Bradley Ober and Steve Vachon are IV certified, 4 others are currently taking the required courses. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Fire Department for their support and willingness to respond in a very timely manner to all calls for assistance no matter what the situation or incident. Many hours are given to make the Ashland Fire Department one that all residents can be proud of. And lastly I would like to Thank the people of Ashland for all the support they have given the Fire Department over the last year.

### Breakdown of the calls for 1997

Alarm activations & malfunctions	10	Outside Fires	6
Brush or Grass	2	Power Lines Down or Arching	6
Chimney fires	5	Search & Rescue	1
Carbon Monoxide investigation	1	Service Calls	9
Emergency medical calls	172	Smoke in Building	4
Flooded oil burners	6	Smoke Investigation	3
Fuel Spills	8	Structure fires	4
Motor vehicle accidents	36	Water evacuations	4
Mutual Aid Cover Truck	1	Vehicle fires	5
Mutual Aid Structure Fires	16	Snowmobile accidents	2
Odor of Propane	3	Wood Stove Problems	2

Respectfully Submitted, Merritt, (Skip) Fields, *Chief*

### OPERATION SANTA

This year we were able to assisted 66 children from 25 families. We also like to remember those who are alone and brought gifts to 5 adults in our town. This heartwarming project would not be possible without the support of all the local businesses and people who give donations to the Ashland Operation Santa Fund.

It has been brought to our attention many think the money raised in the area for Santa Funds or other similar projects is divided with the towns in our area. This is not always the case. If you would like to help those in OUR town you should send your donation to the Ashland Fire Department Assoc. for the Operation Santa Fund. Donations are accepted anytime.

# Ashland Firemen's Association

## 1997 Annual Report

This was a year of change for the association and its members. In an effort to unify the association, a committee met and created a proposal to combine fund raising activities. The proposal passed by majority vote and proved to be successful resulting in a record year for funds raised. The funds raised allowed the association to continue its charitable contributions to Operation Santa, Children's Christmas, The retired Firefighters Party, and the Fourth of July activities. The association retired two long-term members this year: Dean Marcroft and Carl Abear. Their contributions were many, and their presence will be missed. The association has undertaken a project to improve the ice-skating facilities at the ballpark. The project is in its preliminary stage and seeking support from the community.

From the auxiliary - This past year the auxiliary has fortunately not had to respond to many large incidences. The North Ashland Road fire, we responded with refreshments and support. The majority of our efforts were directed toward fund raising and charitable work in the community. The auxiliary has also started work on updating the kitchen facilities at the fire station. We would like to thank all of you who have supported our efforts in the past and hope we can count on your continued support in the future. - The Ashland Firemen's Auxiliary

Respectfully submitted,  
Donald Lester  
*President*





# REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000.00 and /or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

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

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The 1997 fire season was a safe period for wildland firefighters with no major injuries reported. The drought conditions experienced during the early summer months was a significant factor resulting in the total number of fires reported during the season.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

## 1997 FIRES STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1997)

### Fires Reported by County

Belknap . . . . . 58	Rockingham . . . . . 54
Carroll . . . . . 96	Strafford . . . . . 63
Cheshire . . . . . 63	Sullivan . . . . . 19
Coos . . . . . 29	
Grafton . . . . . 51	
Hillsborough . . . . . 145	TOTAL FIRES . . . . . 726
Merrimack . . . . . 148	TOTAL ACRES . . . . . 177.17

## Causes of Fires Reported

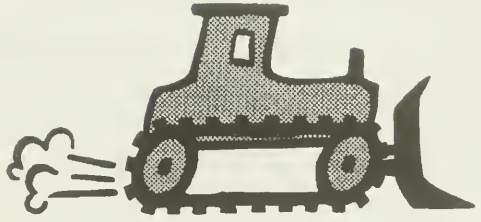
Smoking . . . . .	54
Debris Burning. . . . .	261
Campfire . . . . .	99
Power Line. . . . .	33
Railroad. . . . .	3
Equipment Use. . . . .	23

Lightning . . . . .	14
Children. . . . .	60
OHRV . . . . .	0
Miscellaneous . . . . .	130
Incendiary . . . . .	33
Fireworks. . . . .	16

Robert E. Boyd  
*Forest Ranger*

Merritt J. Fields  
*Forest Fire Warden*

# ASHLAND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT 1997



The year of 1997 for the Highway Department was another busy one. Some of the projects that were completed this year were:

- chip sealing North Ashland Road
- a combination water, sewer and road improvement on School, Gordon and Highland Streets, and;
- the completion of the Mill, Elm and Murray Street project

In July, the Highway Department took delivery of a new tractor and mower, to do road side mowing and mowing at the Landfill site.

Planned water, sewer and highway improvement projects on River and Thompson Streets are scheduled to begin this summer.

Several good road maintenance programs were done this year.

Mark W. Ober  
*Road Agent*

# REPORT OF THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

1997 has seen continuing improvements to the Water and Wastewater departments. The wastewater aeration system upgrade has been completed and is fully operational. The water system upgrade has been completed. We have been operating on the new well system since April. The line from the reservoir has been disconnected and all water is supplied from the wells. The water mains on School and Gordon Streets have been replaced as well as a section of Highland Street. The sewer system on these streets was upgraded as needed with a total replacement of a small section of Highland Street.

The replacement and extension of the water system on River Street is set to begin in the spring. The sewer system will be extended at the same time as the water system. A 1500-foot section of Thompson Street is also slated for 1998. We have started to work on the lab area as well as the pump and blower buildings this year. Installation of the new water meters continues with the anticipated completion of this project by late 1998 or early 1999.

Some concern has been expressed by our customers about the hardness of the new water source. Tests done by the state laboratory have shown that the water at the wells is 81.7 PPM (parts per million) and 89.9 PPM. This places the water at the low end of the medium hard range. The moderate range is from 81.0 to 150.0

Both departments continue to strive to improve the service to our customers and thank them for their understanding and cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully,  
Stephen H. Stankus  
*Water and Sewer Superintendent*

ASHLAND WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT

**Sewer Division**

**Receipts**

Appropriation	\$2,779,143.00
Total Appropriation	\$2,779,143.00

**Expenses**

SDS Sewer Salaries . . . . .	\$ 16,752.02
SDS Sewer FICA . . . . .	1,929.77
SDS Sewer NH Retirement . . . . .	644.72
SDS Sewer Training . . . . .	320.00
SDS Sewer Ejector Station Power . . . . .	801.67
SDS Sewer Vehicle Expense . . . . .	4,413.82
SDS Sewer Health Insurance . . . . .	7,126.43
SDS Sewer Life & Disability Ins. . . . .	541.68
SDS Sewer Prop, Liab & Auto Ins . . . . .	2,779.80
SDS Workmen's Compensation . . . . .	1,965.72
SDS Sewer Advertising . . . . .	125.00
SDS Sewer Supplies. . . . .	1,138.77
SDS Sewer General Expenses . . . . .	670.24
SDS Sewer Uniforms . . . . .	543.67
SDS Sewer Ejector Station Maint. . . . .	676.22
SDS Sewer Mains & Manholes Rep. . . . .	3,622.98
SDS Sewer New Equipment . . . . .	3,583.05
SDP Plant Salaries. . . . .	42,659.31
SDP Plant NH Retirement. . . . .	670.70
SDP Plant Engineering. . . . .	22,418.63
SDP Plant Legal Expense . . . . .	11,017.23
SDP Plant Training. . . . .	517.00
SDP Plant Electric. . . . .	33,466.29
SDP Plant Water . . . . .	2,467.96
SDP Plant Vehicle Expenses. . . . .	2,679.52
SDP Plant Computer Expenses . . . . .	1,103.87
SDP Plant Office Equipment . . . . .	319.45
SDP Plant Health Insurance. . . . .	7,126.46

SDP Plant Life & Disability Insurance . . . . .	531.23
SDP Plant Prop, Auto & Liab Ins . . . . .	2,779.80
SDP Plant Workmen's Comp . . . . .	1,965.80
SDP Plant Telephone . . . . .	1,047.30
SDP Plant Advertising. . . . .	150.92
SDP Plant Outside Labs . . . . .	5,905.65
SDP Plant Dues . . . . .	45.00
SDP Plant Supplies. . . . .	209.78
SDP Plant General Expenses. . . . .	309.22
SDP Plant Uniforms . . . . .	429.62
SDP Plant Superintendent Expense . . . . .	68.27
SDP Plant Lagoon Maintenance . . . . .	704.86
SDP Plant Blower Maintenance. . . . .	974.28
SDP Plant Instrument & Alarm. . . . .	1,761.19
SDP Plant Generator Maintenance . . . . .	1,884.56
SDP Plant Laboratory Chemicals . . . . .	901.45
SDP Plant Bldg/Outside Maint . . . . .	2,574.14
SDP Plant Mains & Manholes . . . . .	99.44
SDP Plant Lab Supplies . . . . .	3,942.87
SDP Plant Laboratory Equipment . . . . .	3,934.79
SDP Plant New Equipment . . . . .	3,583.05
SDS Sewer Office Salaries . . . . .	9,623.09
SDS Sewer Office Electric. . . . .	673.06
SDS Sewer Office Heat . . . . .	121.14
SDS Sewer Office Water . . . . .	54.19
SDS Sewer Computer Expense . . . . .	892.99
SDS Sewer Office Supplies . . . . .	142.50
SDS Sewer Postage . . . . .	1.60
SDP Plant Office Wages . . . . .	12,104.62
SDP Plant FICA . . . . .	3,999.60
SDP Plant Audit . . . . .	525.00
SDP Plant Office Electric . . . . .	239.47
SDP Plant Office Heat . . . . .	413.31
SDP Plant Office Water. . . . .	30.79
SDP Plant Office Supplies. . . . .	449.16
SDP Construction Project . . . . .	6,184.70

Balance of Appropriation . . . . . 2,537,802.58

Total Expenses & Balance of Appropriation . . . . . \$2,779,143.00

# ASHLAND WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENTS

## Water Division

### Receipts

Appropriation	\$763,029.00
Total Appropriation	\$763,029.00

### Expenses

WD Salaries . . . . .	\$ 28,552.94
WD FICA . . . . .	3,112.71
WD NH Retirement . . . . .	1,315.39
WD Legal Expense . . . . .	362.50
WD Training . . . . .	278.87
WD Chlorinator Electric . . . . .	2,902.77
WD Health Insurance . . . . .	7,655.26
WD Life & Disability Insurance . . . . .	577.42
WD Property, Auto & Liab Ins . . . . .	4,582.08
WD Workmen's Compensation . . . . .	2,103.94
WD Telephone . . . . .	663.74
WD Advertising . . . . .	228.98
WD Professional Dues . . . . .	353.00
WD General Expense . . . . .	4,005.91
WD Chlorine . . . . .	4,506.63
WD Uniforms . . . . .	852.30
WD Superintendent Expense . . . . .	54.95
WD Pond/Reservoir . . . . .	1,178.29
WD Office Wages . . . . .	12,136.24
WD Audit . . . . .	750.00
WD Office Electric . . . . .	652.56
WD Office Heat . . . . .	534.45
WD Office Water . . . . .	70.98
WD Computer Expense . . . . .	464.33
WD Computer Maintenance . . . . .	229.97
WD Office Supplies . . . . .	597.71

WD Postage . . . . .	1.60
WD Water Tests. . . . .	2,164.00
WD New Equipment . . . . .	19,954.62
WD Water Bond Principal . . . . .	20,000.00
WD Water Bond Interest . . . . .	21,140.00
WD RECD Bond Principal . . . . .	101,648.00
WD Water Tower . . . . .	190.58
WD Water Repairs. . . . .	2,666.89
WD Hydrant Repairs . . . . .	239.09
WD New Meters. . . . .	391.32
WD Equipment Maintenance (Rep) . . . . .	464.70
WD Repairs to Services . . . . .	1,336.28
WD New Services. . . . .	173.33
WD Water Structures . . . . .	406.73
WD Purification Repairs. . . . .	272.16
WD Main Repairs . . . . .	2,327.84
WD New Hydrants. . . . .	2,268.16
WD Garage Electric . . . . .	177.02
WD Garage Water . . . . .	13.96
WD Vehicle Expense . . . . .	5,998.59
WD Pump Station Propane. . . . .	629.63
WD Instrumentation & Alarm . . . . .	87.46
WD Pump Station Maintenance . . . . .	1,165.43
WD Water System Computer Maint . . . . .	161.56
WD Water System Software & Supp . . . . .	507.91
WD New Construction . . . . .	29,535.79
Balance of Appropriation. . . . .	\$470,382.43

Total Expenses & Balance of Appropriation . . . . . \$763,029.00

Balance in Checking Accounts December 31, 1997 . . . . . \$297,575.41



# Ashland Electric Department

## 1997 Report

During 1997 the Electric Department issued 15 meter sockets, set 6 poles and ran 831 feet of secondary wire. We have also set into place an aggressive tree trimming policy.

As our current contract with Public Service of New Hampshire begins to wind down, and expires starting 2001, the department, in conjunction with the town office has opened negotiations with nine different energy suppliers.

Due to our contract, rates for 1998 will continue to rise. We are making every effort to keep our cost down and the continuity of service up; a long standing attribute of Ashland Electric Department.

We wish each and everyone a joyous New Year.

Lee Nichols  
*Superintendent*  
Ashland Electric Department

# ASHLAND ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

## Receipts

Appropriation . . . . .	\$3,176,824.00
Total Appropriation. . . . .	\$3,176,824.00

## Expenses

ED Building . . . . .	\$1,450.23
ED Substation . . . . .	860.00
ED Distribution Poles & Fixtures . . . . .	7,974.52
ED Distribution Overhead Conductors . . . . .	3,404.00
ED Services . . . . .	5,779.68
ED Line Transformers . . . . .	3,032.50
ED Customer Meters . . . . .	3,070.50
ED Street Light Equipment . . . . .	2,227.24
ED Office Equipment . . . . .	277.00
ED General Tools & Equipment . . . . .	2,047.44
ED Prop, Auto & Liab Insurance . . . . .	15,387.05
ED Workmen's Compensation . . . . .	3,308.28
ED Superintendence . . . . .	14,336.95
ED FICA . . . . .	9,746.89
ED Audit . . . . .	750.00
ED Truck Expense . . . . .	7,221.77
ED Stores & Shop . . . . .	2,508.29
ED Power Purchase . . . . .	2,264,061.75
ED Maint.-Structures & Equipment . . . . .	5,103.22
ED Maint.-Substation . . . . .	4,700.94
ED Maint.-Distribution . . . . .	8,005.39
ED Maint.-Primary . . . . .	6,414.85
ED Maint.- Secondary Service . . . . .	5,748.61
ED Maint.-Trees & Right-of-Way . . . . .	7,665.57
ED Maint.-Meters & Transformers . . . . .	1,491.93
ED Maint.- Street Lights . . . . .	1,895.20
ED Customer Meter Reading . . . . .	5,237.42
ED Stores & Shop . . . . .	96.00
ED FICA . . . . .	272.86
ED Billing & Accounting . . . . .	21,780.69

ED Deposits . . . . .	3,175.62
ED Computer Expense . . . . .	3,305.50
ED Heating Fuel . . . . .	767.68
ED Telephone . . . . .	1,845.56
ED Office Supply . . . . .	2,124.62
ED Postage . . . . .	5,259.17
ED Copier Expense . . . . .	495.50
ED Miscellaneous Office Equipment . . . . .	850.99
ED Postage Meter Expense . . . . .	604.66
ED Office Utilities . . . . .	836.30
ED Miscellaneous Office Expense . . . . .	2,295.33
ED General Office Salary . . . . .	7,632.99
ED Legal Expense . . . . .	16,581.07
ED PCB Disposal . . . . .	0.00
ED Transformer Disposal . . . . .	0.00
ED Engineering . . . . .	850.00
ED Rate Study . . . . .	0.00
ED In Lieu of Taxes . . . . .	25,000.00
ED Hydro Maintenance . . . . .	1,118.12
ED Hydro Contingency . . . . .	4,573.92
ED Hydro Maintenance Expense . . . . .	0.00
ED Hydro Contingency . . . . .	0.00
ED Health Insurance . . . . .	21,108.75
ED Life & Disability Insurance . . . . .	1,211.40
ED New Construction . . . . .	0.00
ED North Ashland Road Expansion . . . . .	1,690.00
ED Building-New Construction . . . . .	22,856.77
ED New Substation . . . . .	2,445.00
ED Distribution of Poles & Fixtures . . . . .	0.00
ED Distribution Overhead Conductors . . . . .	0.00
ED Services . . . . .	0.00
ED Line Transformers . . . . .	0.00
ED Customer Meters . . . . .	2,000.00
ED Street Light Equipment . . . . .	0.00
ED New Office Equipment . . . . .	13,369.50
ED General Tools & Equipment . . . . .	7,166.60
ED Maintenance of Substation . . . . .	0.00
Balance of Appropriation . . . . .	\$ 611,802.18

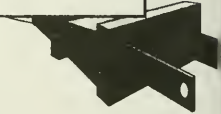
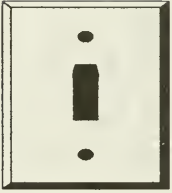
Appropriation total . . . . . \$3,176,824.00

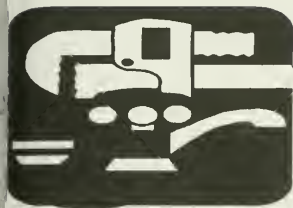
Balance in checking Accounts, December 31,1997 . . . . . \$508,636.95

## **ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR 1997**

During 1997 there was considerable activity in building. Many of the permits were for up-grading electrical systems which indicates that people are becoming more aware of the danger of old and dangerous house wiring, this is a good sign. Please remember that only qualified and licensed craftsmen should be allowed to tamper with your electrical problems.

Francis L. Murdock





## PLUMBING INSPECTOR'S REPORT 1997

The following is an account of the plumbing inspections done in 1997.

Commercial Buildings	3
Rough and Finish	
Residential Buildings	8
Rough and Finish	
Ashland Schools	4
Rough only. I had to inspect plumbing during different phases of the job.	
Cold Springs	2
Group of 3 condo units	
Cold Springs Resort Building	1
Rough underground only	

Al Salvoni  
Plumbing Inspector

## Safety Committee Report

A safety committee was formally appointed by the Town Manager in late summer of 1997. The committee has been meeting regularly, and has attended a session with Compensation Funds of New Hampshire. The session gave us tips for running a productive meeting, a better understanding of our role and responsibilities, and an outline of the more common workplace issues we might face.

The safety committee will “survey” all town owned property and buildings and recommend changes, or not, where needed. Our schedule will be to meet at a different facility each month. The safety committee will also look at training programs presently in place for all town employees. We will be working with the New Hampshire Municipal Association to recommend training programs from directing traffic to emergency vehicle response.

The safety committee realizes we can't prevent every accident from happening. With safety awareness and training we can certainly strive for an accident-free workplace and safer buildings for public assembly.

### *Safety Committee Members:*

Rosemarie McNamara

Glenn Bricker

Charlie Tarr

Don Marren

Cam Brown

Joe Vittum

Brad Ober

Ron Niles

Tim Paquette

Peggy Grass

# Ashland Parks and Recreation

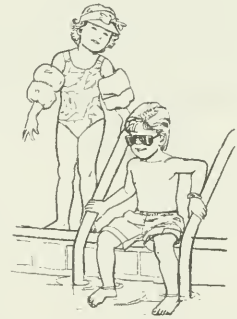
## TOWN REPORT 1997

The year 1997 definitely saw growth and expansion in the Parks and Recreation Department. After being voted in as a full-time department at March's town meeting, we went into full swing.

The Afterschool Center expanded from two days per week to five days. It is now running four days per week due to building usage. A Playgroup was offered one day per week for parents and their young children. It provided an atmosphere for socialization both for parent and child. The Teen Drop-in Center was made available for youth in grades 5-8 at the Booster Club. Game tables are set up and activities are available. The idea behind this center is so these members of the Ashland community feel they have a place to go.

Other new programs included child care for holiday shoppers, Easter Egg Hunts, a Preschool Fun Center. This started up in September for children ages 3-5 and is held three mornings per week at the Booster Club and will continue through May. It is exciting to watch our young citizens grow and change throughout the year. They are being enjoyed very much. Other programs which continue to be successful include tennis instruction, tee-ball, public swim lessons.

The biggest program continues to be the Summer Day Camp. The day camp program is offered for children ages 3 to grade 8 and averaged 135 children per day. The program includes the Play camp for our youngest campers, the Day camp and our new program, Adventure Camp for youth entering grades 6-8. This program offered hiking, rock climbing and kayaking. It was a huge success. Further expansion of this program is anticipated in '98.



The Edward N. Doggett Beach continues to be a very popular spot for residents and vacationers. I would like to thank the "Beach Ladies" for taking their duties of holding down the sand so seriously and reporting to the beach faithfully every day.

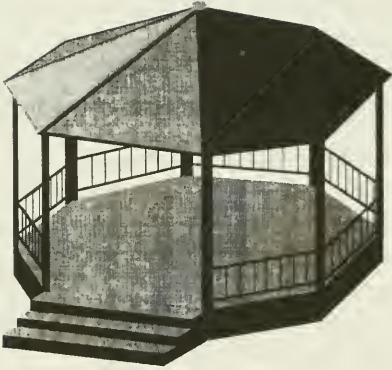
The Little Squam Campground had a transitional year and will be starting up in May with some changes. We said good-bye to Ernie Paquette as our Campground Manager and want to thank him for his dedicated service to the campground over past years.

The recreational programming in Ashland is just beginning. Further expansion is planned in '98. I hope you like the results.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Margaret R. Grass  
*Parks and Recreation Director*

# Ashland Memorial Park

## 1997 Report



The Ashland Memorial Park continues to be a beauty spot that all who pass through town can see and enjoy. This has been a quiet year in most respects. The park was used for the annual Day In The Park and for Christmas Night in Ashland. We have also noted that many more people are taking advantage of the park where they can sit and watch the ducks while they eat their lunch.

At this time, we would like to suggest that a gift to the park in honor of a loved one whether living or deceased is a fitting memorial. It will be recorded in a memory book and will help to keep this delightful spot a living remembrance for years to come.

We thank the garden club for the annual plantings and care of the flower beds. The flowers provide the sparkle that catches the eye throughout the summer months. We also thank the town for their help and the Ashland Business Association for lighting up the park throughout the holidays.

### *Memorial Park Commissioners*

Mary Ruell

Tim Gotwols & Sandra Jones

Marion Merrill



**MEMORIAL PARK**  
**1997 FINANCIAL REPORT**

Balance, January 1, 1997 \$19,053.11

**Receipts**

Interest on accounts

Checkbook \$ 10.82

Passbook 48.28

Certificate of Deposit 824.34 \$883.44

Memorial Gift \$ 100.00 \$100.00

Total Receipts \$983.44

Total Available \$20,036.55

**Expenditures**

Sign supplies \$63.56

P.O. Box rental 8.00

Total Expenditures \$71.56

Balance, December 31, 1997 \$19,964.99

Recap

MVSB, passbook \$1,996.72

MVSB, checkbook \$1,143.93

MVSB, certificate 16,824.34

\$19,964.99

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# July 4th Annual Report 1997

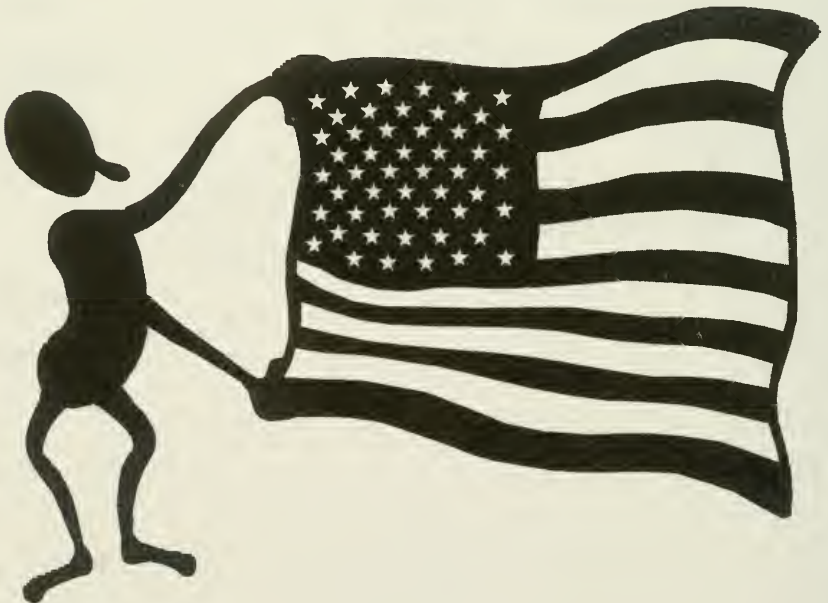
Once again, Ashland and its neighbors enjoyed a fine parade and a remarkable display of fireworks. The celebration took place on the morning of July 4 and the late afternoon and evening of July 5. The fireworks display was divided into two locations for safety's sake and two detonators were required to activate the program.

For the 1998 celebration when July 4 is on a Saturday arrangements have been made to return to a one-day format. Each year has its own idiosyncrasies and the committee tries to negotiate to the best advantage.

The committee is constantly looking for new ideas and events and would welcome additional ideas and helping hands. As you may have noticed, you see the same familiar faces in many situations. Come and help. You will become addicted to being on the inside of this annual tribute to our country's independence and the response of this community to the call to celebrate the *Fourth of July!*

Many thanks to all who participated and/or contributed especially the newcomers to the group.

Mary W. Ruell, *Treasurer*



# FOURTH OF JULY FINANCIAL REPORT

## 1997 Celebration

Balance January 1, 1997			\$3,693.16
Interest			<u>59.05</u>
			\$3,752.21
Receipts - Donations			
	Town of Ashland	\$1500.00	
	Ashland Woman's Club	300.00	
	Pauline E. Glidden	500.00	
	Businesses	975.00	\$3,275.00
Receipts - Committee Activities			
	Pancake Breakfast	\$1277.00	
	Chicken Barbecue	895.50	
	Food Booth	778.50	2,951.00
	Button Sales - July 4th	653.34	
	Button Sales - July 5th	1800.00	2,453.34
Receipts - Concessions			
		1061.36	1,061.36
	<b>TOTAL RAISED IN 1997</b>		9,740.70
	<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE</b>		13,492.91
Expenditures - Fireworks Display			
	Detonators (2)	1000.00	6,500.00
	Parade		
	Mad Bavarian Band	450.00	
	Belmont High School	400.00	
	Shriners Cyclists	350.00	1,200.00
	Entertainment - July 5th		150.00
	Sanitary Facilities		360.00
	Advertising		49.00
	Cost of food and supplies		531.48
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		8,790.48
	<b>BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 1997</b>		4,702.43
Meredith Village Savings Bank			
	Account 23662300		\$4,702.43

# Health Officer Report 1997



I was appointed as Health Officer in June of this year. The State of New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services appoints the Health Officer for each town. Since being appointed I have attended training seminars in Concord for my new position.

The complaints since June 1997 are as follows:

Bad Food . . . . .	1
Day Care Inspection . . . . .	1
Failed Septic Systems . . . . .	10
Gasoline Odors . . . . .	1
CO <sup>2</sup> Odors . . . . .	1
Unsatisfactory Housing . . . . .	2

In 1998 I plan to attend more seminars in Concord in order to improve the services to the Town of Ashland.

Carlton Abear  
*Town of Ashland*  
*Health Officer*

# Enhanced 9-1-1 Committee 1997

The past year has been one of waiting and addressing some small “house cleaning” issues which included addressing some items that needed clarification in the Street Numbering Ordinance. The final street addressing map was received from the State, after waiting for an extended period of time, near the end of the year.

We are now in the process of using that map to match the new street addresses with everyone’s current address so that a final revised list can be sent to Bell Atlantic to update the State’s computer first. We are also working with the Post Office so that all those who receive their mail via rural delivery will have an actual street address to mail to. Once the work with the Post Office is complete and Bell Atlantic has updated their files, the new addresses will be released to everyone.

We realize that everyone is anxious to receive their new address, and that many are to the point of frustration in waiting for these address changes. Many businesses and individuals have been holding off on ordering new stationery, checks, and other related material in anticipation of these changes. We fully understand that and are working as best we can to keep the process moving forward. As has been stated previously in this report, the State undertook the mapping portion of the E-911 project in an effort to help communities come on line, without totally realizing the magnitude of how many communities would participate. This participation was overwhelming and has caused extensive delays.

We can only continue to ask the citizens of Ashland to be patient. It has been a long process, but now that we have the final addressing map in our possession, we can continue to work towards completing the final steps of this process and get on to the business of issuing everyone their new addresses. Again, the Committee would like to express our thanks to all of you for your patience.

Personally, I would again like to extend my appreciation to the Committee members, the Town Office and all the Town employees who have helped this past year. Without their help, completing this project would not be possible. In closing, I would like to quote a saying that is heard each year around this time as the Red Sox head to Florida for spring training. For as many times as we have said it about them maybe it will actu-

ally work for us. That saying is “Hopefully This Is The Year.”

Respectfully submitted,  
David A. Paquette, *Chairman*

*Enhanced 9-1-1 Committee Members*

Greg Bavis  
Brad Crosby  
Cam Brown  
Skip Fields  
Rosie McNamara  
David Paquette  
Brad Ober  
Charles Tarr  
Jeff Uhlman

# ASHLAND PLANNING BOARD

## 1997 Annual Report

The Ashland Planning Board has had a very busy year with 31 items on the board agenda and 2 joint meetings with the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The Planning Board has written two warrant articles to be proposed at the 1998 Annual Town Meeting.

Together with Municipal Resources, Inc., several local businesses and public input, the Planning Board has compiled The Ashland Municipal Enterprise Plan or Master Plan.

This year we said goodbye to Eugene Bishop who resigned as a regular member of the planning board. We wish him the best of luck.

In 1997 we have welcomed regular member Robin Fisk and alternate members Lee Nichols and John Mickelboro.

The Ashland Planning Board anticipates another very active year in 1998.

Sara Weinberg, *Chairman*

# HOUSING STANDARDS BOARD

## 1997 Annual Report

The Housing Standards Board had only one complaint to resolve this year. Due to the urgency of the complaint it was turned over to the Town Manager and selectmen. It was resolved successfully in a timely manner.

Anyone renting or leasing property who has a problem with the landlord which they have tried unsuccessfully to resolve may go to the Town office to file a complaint. The complaints must fall in certain categories which deal mainly with living conditions and safety conditions. A copy of the Standard is available at the town office.

I would like to thank Elaine Hughes, Chris Shipp, Chris Weden and Carl Abear for their help in making this another successful year.

Respectfully submitted  
Merritt (Skip) Fields  
*Chairman*



# ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

## 1997 Annual Report

The Board has a full regular membership, but only has one alternate member. Additional members are needed. If any person wishes to be appointed, they may contact the town office. Since caseload was light in 1997 members concentrated on training to be better prepared for future appeals.

Activity during 1997 was consistent with prior years with four (4) requests for special exemption filed. At the subsequent hearings, all four were granted in spite of abutter opposition in at least one case.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Hormell  
*Chairman*

# ASHLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## Town Report 1997

The Ashland Conservation Commission (ACC) has had an active year in 1997. The Commission's membership at year's end included: Sandra Jones (Chairperson), James Beard, Jr., Ruth Knapp, Nancy Page, and new member Reggie Pettitt. The Commission lost Dan Murphy as a member due to moving out of town. The Commission was sorry to see him leave and we would like to thank Dan for his involvement over the years. On December 30, 1997, Reggie Pettitt was sworn in as a one-year member. We would like to officially welcome Reggie to the Commission. The Commission has two alternate member positions vacant and anyone interested in serving should attend a monthly meeting or speak with the town office.

As part of the Commission's continuous focus on Squam River, a River Clean-up Day was held on Saturday, April 19, 1997. Commission members along with Ashland seventh graders and many others, cleaned four dump truck loads of trash from the river's banks and waters. The Commission would like to thank the Grumman Fund and Meredith Village Savings Bank for their support of this event. Another River Clean Up is in the planning stages for 1998, to take place on or around Earth Day in April. We encourage the public to get involved, please watch the newspaper for details.

The Commission would like to remind Ashland residents, that our town has a Conservation Fund for the purpose of conservation activities in Ashland. The unexpended portion of the Commissions' annual budget is deposited each year into the fund. For anyone interested in financially supporting conservation activities in Ashland, donations by the public can be made to the Ashland Conservation Fund.

The A.C.C. reviewed a small number of State of NH Wetlands permits in 1997 - The Commission would like to remind all Ashland residents that the State of NH requires wetlands permits for all projects that take place in a lake, river, stream, or wetland for such things as bank stabilization, dock repair, beach replenishment, constructing a seasonal dock, harvesting aquatic weed, constructing a pond or timber cuts. The purpose of the permits is to help protect the water quality and integrity of Ashland's lakes, rivers, streams and marshes. Most projects fall under the "Minimum Impact" permitting process. A new law mandates that these permits be reviewed by the state within 30 days therefore making it much easier for landowners to get on with their plans. Wetlands permits can be picked up at the Ashland Town Hall.

The Commission would like to take this opportunity to make Ashland residents aware of state resources that will help you educate yourself before embarking on a project that involves wetlands or land that might impact a wetland.

- 1) The Division of Environmental Services has a Public Permitting Information Office (PIP) that can be reached by calling (603) 271-3503. They have publications and fact sheets free to the public on varied topics concerning rules, regulations, and how to care for wetlands and shorelands.
- 2) If you have questions about wetlands permits the Wetlands Bureau has an "Inspector of the Day" willing to answer your general questions. The number there is (603) 271-2147.
- 3) Recently, the Bureau has assigned inspectors to oversee certain regions in the state. Currently, the Wetlands Inspector for Ashland is Inspector Andrew Chapman. On Wednesday afternoons he holds pre-application appointments for anyone considering submitting a permit for work in a Wetland. You must call the Bureau first to schedule the appointment. He is willing to meet with you to answer your questions at no charge.

The Ashland Conservation Commission is committed to helping residents work through the State of NH Wetlands permitting process and to learn more about conservation practices. The Commission meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM and would be happy to answer any questions. In addition, the A.C.C. has fact sheets on NH Wetlands Permits, a copy of the Wetlands Board's Administrative Rules and information on other conservation topics, such as conservation easements, available to the public at the Ashland Town Hall.

The Ashland Conservation Commission looks forward to a productive year in 1998 working with residents and town officials to conserve Ashland's natural resources.

Sincerely,  
Sandra Jones  
*Ashland Conservation Commission Chairperson*

# Grafton County Commissioner's Report

## Fiscal Year 1997

The Grafton County Board of Commissioners is pleased to present the following reports and financial statements. We hope they will increase your understanding of Grafton County's finances and operations and assure citizens that their County tax dollars have been expended wisely.

During FY 1997, funds received exceeded the Budget by \$419,841.91 for a total of \$16,649,986.91 actual County revenues. This was primarily due to the receipt of Medicaid Proportionate Share Payment, given by the Federal Government to partially offset the cost of serving a disproportionate share of Medicaid recipients at the Grafton County Nursing Home. The actual Medicaid Proportionate Share Payment was \$372,125. Actual expenditures totaled \$16,778,961.80, which was \$451,183.20 less than had been budgeted.

The bottom line for FY 1997 shows that revenue exceeded expenditures by \$871,025.11 leaving the County in a sound financial position at the end of its fiscal year. The commissioners feel extremely proud of this financial picture, which exemplifies good management by all County department heads, both elected and appointed.

Grafton County experienced some major occurrences during FY 1997, some of which were the hiring a fund manager for the Grafton County Regional Economic Development Council; union activity was defeated in both the Sheriff's Department and the Nursing Home; the Grafton County Nursing Home entered a float in the 4th of July Parade; construction of a new parking lot for Nursing Home employees; the Nursing Home received a deficiency free survey; Family Court began in July 1996; there were some repairs and painting done to the farm buildings; Charlie Page retired in May 1997 from the Grafton County Farm after 38 years of service; Grafton County had all underground fuel tanks replaced in June 1997; the Commissioners held their regular meetings in each of the three districts, with meetings being held in Bristol, Littleton, and Lebanon.

All other County departments were extremely busy during FY 1997. The County Treasurer continues to do an excellent job in investing County funds, and investment income exceeded the county Budget figure by \$49,330.02. The County Attorney performs well in his office and the number of backlogged cases has been reduced drastically. His relationship with law enforcement agencies has improved the overall operations of the office. Once again, the activity in the Sheriff's Department, through Dispatch, increases with activity, yet remains as effective and efficient as always. Carol Elliott,

Register of Deeds, and her staff also continue to be overwhelmed with work and do an excellent job to generate a great deal of revenue for Grafton County and the State of New Hampshire.

For FY 1997, the Commissioners concluded with preparation of the FY 1998 County Budget, which was adopted by the County Legislation Delegation in late June.

The Grafton County Board of Commissioners hold regular weekly meetings at the County Administration Building on Route 10 just north of the County Courthouse in North Haverhill, with periodic tours of the Nursing Home, Department of Corrections, County Farm and Courthouse. The Commissioners also attend monthly meetings of the Grafton County Executive Committee. All meetings are public, interested citizens and members of the press are encouraged to attend. Call the Commissioners' office at 787-6941 to confirm date, time and schedule.

In closing, we wish to express our appreciation to staff members, elected officials, other agency personnel and the public for their efforts in serving the citizens of Grafton County.

Respectfully submitted,

*Grafton County Commissioners*

Barbara B. Hill, Chair (District 1)

Steve Panaguolis, Vice-Chair (District 3)

Raymond S. Burton, Clerk (District 2)

# Building Inspector's Report

## 1997

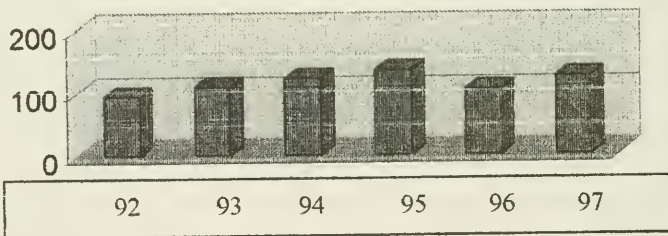
Ashland issued 20% more permits than the previous year. One hundred twenty five permits were issued in 1997; the majority were additions and alterations. Totals were up from 1996 substantially, keeping Ashland's inspectors busy.

Having five inspectors, Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Life Safety and Highway, helps to give the very best possible service to our citizens. Making the process as quick, fair and pain free as possible. Efforts are ongoing with the Ashland Planning Board, to upgrade the Building codes to the 1996 BOCA regulations. This will eventually help with individual homeowners insurance rates in our town.

The Building Inspectors hours are 1PM to 5PM each Thursday at the town hall, inspections are by appointment.

Permits are required for: Building, Roofing, any remodeling or repairs, Siding, Electric, Plumbing, Mobile Home, Driveway, Heating Systems and Demolition, all are \$25, with only the Building Permits requiring a .06 per sq. ft. added charge. However a site plan might be needed. Permits remain good as long as the project is started within six months and completed by eighteen months.

**Permits issued from 1992 - 1997**



This year the new addition to the Ashland Elementary School building began, and will be completed early in 1998. Another building project is the restoration of the Old Train Depot by the Ashland Historical Society. This should also be completed in 1998.

More than 125 permits were issued for 1997. Plumbing 16, Electric 31 & Combined Building 78.

Respectfully Submitted, Robert B. Hicks  
*Town of Ashland Building Inspector*

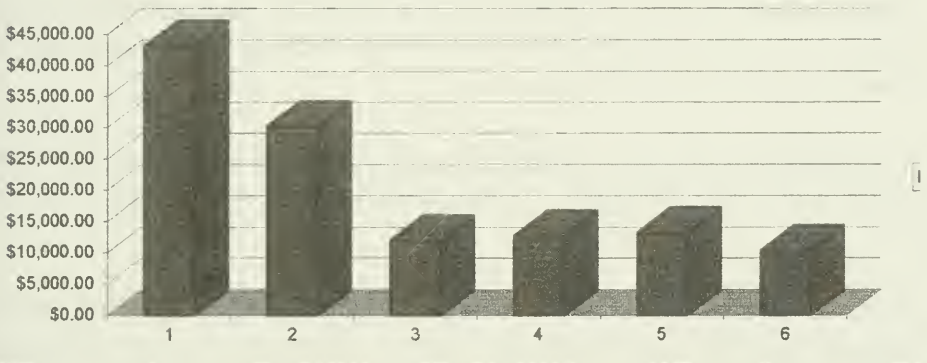
# TOWN WELFARE REPORT

## 1997

The totals for emergency assistance in 1997 were down slightly from last year. The lowest in a decade, in fact since 1987. Dozens of our citizens received assistance for housing, fuel, electrical, medical, and food costs, with housing continuing to be the greatest need.

The Welfare and Social Security systems are no longer in place for the poor or disabled as in prior years. Funding has been cut for agencies that once served people who need assistance to live independently. The possibilities of becoming a homeless person, whether through bad planning, hospitalization, unemployment or domestic unrest is greater than ever. No one is immune from this situation. (PBH)

Ashland has realized a reduction of the Town Welfare Budget by more than 68 percent since 1992. While enduring to help more residents through difficult times, a challenging & rewarding assignment.



1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
43,092.00	30,126.00	11,860.00	12,661.00	13,183.00	10,322.00

*Welfare Officer, Robert B. Hicks*

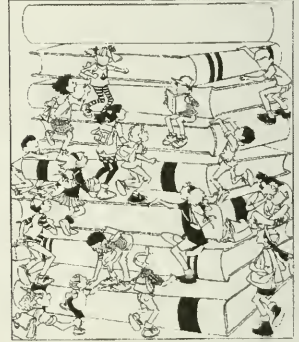
# ASHLAND TOWN LIBRARY

## 1997

The Ashland Town Library has seen a prosperous year. The registration of patrons has increased, as has the circulation of books, magazines, audiotapes, videos and puzzles. Our book selection includes the latest in current fiction.

The variety of magazines in our collection includes such favorites as Better Homes and Gardens, Country Journal, Taste of Home and Sports Illustrated. These are a few of the 35 magazines for children and adults, which are available for our patrons.

Every two months we have a new selection of videos, which are available for your viewing. These are through the Scrooge and Marley Library Coop of which we are a part.



We also offer interlibrary loan services for our patrons. If you need a book that we do not have, we will try to acquire it from another library. We also loan books to other libraries upon request. During 1997, we borrowed 125 books for our patrons, and we loaned 31 books to other libraries.

New technological services are available for our patron usage. A computer is available for word processing and research. A fax machine has been installed and is also available.

During the summer we held a Story Hour, planned in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Program. A special program with Warren Rasmussen was held in July with over 80 children participating. This was funded with a matching grant through "Kids, Books and Arts" through the New Hampshire State Library. Everyone enjoyed the program.

Our many services include having books at the Highland Apartments for the residents to read. Approximately 100 books have circulated within this group.

The year ended with a visit from Santa during the Ashland Christmas festivities. We had 130 children and families come in for a picture-taking visit and everyone enjoyed the fun.



1998 will bring many changes in programs and services at the library. We invite you all to use the library and benefit from changes being made.

Marilyn Rollins, *Library Administrator*

*The Board of Trustees wishes to thank Marilyn for her many years of service to the library. She has accomplished much in terms of updating and expanding the library collection and services. Her efforts and dedication to the very large task of making the library more current and useful to the patrons is greatly appreciated. We wish her a vigorous and enjoyable retirement.*

Many thanks and best wishes,  
Sandy Ray, Caroline Boyle and Terry Fouts

# Library Trustees Financial Report

1997

## Receipts

Balance on hand January 1, 1997 . . . . .	\$ 12,496.77
Appropriation 1997 . . . . .	36,000.00
Fines, copy machine, books sold, gifts received . . .	565.24
Interest checking account . . . . .	74.82
Miscellaneous income . . . . .	251.73
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Total Income . . . . .	\$49,388.56

## Expenses:

Books purchased . . . . .	\$8,942.47
Magazines . . . . .	1,080.80
Supplies . . . . .	439.02
Miscellaneous . . . . .	1,408.53
Salaries . . . . .	15,204.23
FICA W/H . . . . .	4,384.12
Utilities . . . . .	1,403.33
Electronics . . . . .	2,711.65
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Total Expenses . . . . .	\$35,574.15
Balance on hand December 31, 1997 . . . . .	\$13,814.41

## Library Trustees Bank Accounts

### FRANCES M. PLATT FUND

Balance on hand January 1, 1997 . . . . .	\$736.70
Interest . . . . .	18.45
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Balance on hand December 31, 1997 . . . . .	755.15

### PAULINE PACKARD MEMORIAL FUND

Balance on hand January 1, 1997 . . . . .	\$3106.58
Deposit - L.W. Packard & Co. . . . .	250.00

Interest . . . . .77.80

Balance on hand December 31, 1997 . . . . .3434.38

**PHILIP STEVENS BOOK FUND**

Balance on hand January 1, 1997 . . . . . \$845.14

Interest . . . . .21.17

Balance on hand December 31, 1997 . . . . .866.31

**CHENEY FUND**

Balance on hand January 1, 1997 . . . . . \$2395.11

Interest . . . . .60.01

Balance on hand December 31, 1997 . . . . .2455.12

**ORDWAY FUND**

Balance on hand January 1, 1997 . . . . . \$2113.97

Interest . . . . .52.94

Balance on hand December 31, 1997 . . . . .2166.91

**HARRIETT ADDISON FUND**

Balance on hand January 1, 1997 . . . . . \$2570.79

Interest . . . . .64.39

Balance on hand December 31, 1997 . . . . .2635.18

# SCRIBNER MEMORIAL TRUST

## December 31, 1997

Balance as of December 31, 1996 \$190,478.51

### Expenses:

Maintenance . . . . .	\$ 7,317.82
Supplies . . . . .	598.47
Garbage . . . . .	89.00
Telephone . . . . .	440.10
Insurance . . . . .	847.00
FICA . . . . .	569.84
Trustees . . . . .	1,337.20
Bookkeeper . . . . .	692.62
Fuel . . . . .	1,257.85
Misc. . . . .	62.50
TOTAL . . . . .	\$13,212.40

### Income:

Rent . . . . .	\$ 720.00
Pioneer II . . . . .	641.58
MVSB Interest . . . . .	34.86
Putnam Div. Income . . . . .	2,422.31
Inc. Fund of America . . . . .	3,658.31
CD 80001759 . . . . .	100.84
Transferred Funds - CD . . . . .	3,000.00
TOTAL . . . . .	\$10,577.90

### Account Balances:

MVSB 23479801 . . . . .	\$ 1956.15
MVSB14364 . . . . .	162.13
MVSB 80001759 . . . . .	2,000.00
Inc. Fund of America-value . . . . .	57,605.74
Pioneer II-value . . . . .	63,632.26
Pioneer Mid-Cap Fund-value . . . . .	44,615.28
Putnam Diversified-value . . . . .	39,016.91
TOTAL . . . . .	\$ 208,988.47

Balance as of December 31, 1997 \$208,988.47

Samuel R. Norman  
Raymond F. Burke Sr.  
Richard E. Ogden  
Thomas E. Peters  
Edward A. Dupuis  
*Scribner Trustees*

# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

## 1997

Balance on hand, January 1, 1997 \$25.00

Receipts:

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$194,698.00
Dog Licenses	2,325.50
Vital Records	944.00
Title Applications	14.00
Court Fines	5.00
Dog Fines	10.00
Articles of Agreement	5.00
Filing Fees	10.00
Landfill Contractor Fees	665.80

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Remittances to Treasurer \$198,677.30

Balance on hand, December 31, 1997 \$25.00

Patricia Tucker  
*Town Clerk*

# GRANT ADMINISTRATION AND DEVELOPMENT

1997 was another busy year in grant administration and development. A third grant from Rural Development in the amount of \$136,000.00 helped add the School, Gordon and a section of Highland Streets to the ongoing water improvement project. That project was successfully completed in the early fall. Also, the town received a \$12,000.00 grant from the Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG) to do a pre-design study on the lower section of Thompson Street. This information led to a full implementation grant application submitted in July of this year. We were fortunate to get a second CDBG grant for maximum grant award of \$350,000.00 to replace existing water mains, replace existing sewer manholes, install new drainage and re-construct the roadway on approximately 1,500 l.f. of lower Thompson Street. This work is currently in design and is expected to begin this spring.

Concurrently, funding sources were solidified for the River Street water and sewer expansion. New Hampshire DES has committed approximately \$700,000.00 to the project in grants and our application to Rural Development is expected to be approved for approximately \$970,000.00 more in grants. The town Capital Reserve account has exceeded the original estimates by almost \$100,000.00 in extra interest, which is certainly good news for the project. This project is currently in the design phase, and work is expected to begin this spring as well.

As you may, or may not know, I left the town as a full time employee in early November to begin my own consulting business. I am pleased that the town has shown confidence in me by choosing me to administer both the Thompson and River Street projects. Thanks as always to the town hall staff for all their help.

Respectfully Submitted  
Peter Binette  
*Grants Administrator*

Pam Kelly  
*Office Manager*

# GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.

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Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. works through its local programs to support the health and well being of our older citizens and to assist them to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible. Through eight locations throughout the County, including Plymouth, Bristol, Canaan, Lebanon, Orford, Haverhill, Littleton and Lincoln, older adults and their families are able to obtain community based long term care services such as home delivered meals, senior dining room programs, transportation, social work services, information and referral, health and educational programs, adult day care, recreation and opportunities to be of service to the community through volunteering.

During 1997, 90 older residents of Ashland were able to make use of one or more of GCSCC's services, offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center. These individuals enjoyed 1,339 balanced meals in the company of the friends in a senior dining room, received 3,768 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers, were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 959 occasions by our lift-equipped buses, were helped through 268 visits by a trained social worker and found opportunities to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 459 hours of volunteer service. The cost to provide these services for Ashland residents in 1997 was \$35,163.89.

Community based services provided by GCSCC and its many volunteers for older residents of Ashland were often important to their efforts to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care despite chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars and contributing to the quality of life of our older friends and neighbors.

GCSCC very much appreciates the support of the Ashland community for services which enhance the independence and dignity of our older citizens and assists them to meet the challenges of aging in place.

Carol W. Dustin  
*Executive Director*

# GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.

## STATISTICS FOR THE TOWN OF ASHLAND OCTOBER 1, 1996 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1997

During this fiscal year, GCSCC served 90 Ashland residents  
(out of 314 residents over 60, 1990 census)

<u>Services</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Units of Service</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>Unit Cost=</u>	<u>TOTAL COST</u> <u>of Service</u>
Congregate/Home					
Delivered	Meals	5,107		\$ 4.90	\$25,024.30
Transportation	Trips	959		7.01	6,722.59
Adult Day Service	Hours	-0-		3.11	0.00
Social Services	Half-Hours	268		12.75	3,417.00

Number of Ashland Volunteers: 9

Number of Volunteer Hours: 459

GCSCC cost to provide services for Ashland residents only \$35,163.89

Request for Senior Services for 1997	2,500.00
Received from Town of Ashland for 1997	2,500.00
Request for Senior Services for 1998	2,575.00



# Ashland Recycling and Transfer Station

## 1997 Report

The Transfer Station total tons of household rubbish hauled in 1997 was 745 tons; construction and demolition material totaled 256 tons.

The Recycling Center recycled 190 tons of material in 1997.

A new storage shed was built by the highway crew, with another addition going on in the spring of 1998. Hopefully with the changes it will make recycling more efficient.

This summer was the first time the landfill site was mowed. The mowing is a project that will have to be done at least once and maybe twice a year. The purchase of the new 4-wheel drive tractor with mower made this project possible.

Thank you,  
Mark W. Ober



# Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District

## 1997 Annual Report

The Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District committee met seven times during the 1997 calendar year. The District continued its work of organizing the Household Hazardous Waste program for the 11 Pemi-Baker District towns and keeping each other apprised of recycling news and initiatives.

In June of 1997, the District held its biennial Household Hazardous Waste collection day. The collection sites were held at three district town's facilities (Ashland, Plymouth, and Campton/Thornton), where over 1,950 gallons of materials were collected. Ashland, Campton/Thornton, Plymouth and Rumney also collected paint and batteries for recycling year round resulting in the collection of an additional 500 gallons of paint. The District received grants from the State of New Hampshire, Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to help cover the disposal and coordination costs of both programs.

This was our first year for a fluorescent light tube collection program. All the District's towns collected tubes at their facilities. In August and December the collected tubes were brought to the Plymouth facility where they were picked-up for recycling by Global Recycling Technologies. This was a very successful program as we recycled nearly 5000 feet of light tubes.

During the upcoming year the District committee will again organize and coordinate paint & battery and fluorescent light tube recycling and will continue to explore possible options for regional cooperative projects which could ultimately save the towns money on solid waste disposal, transportation, and recycling. Citizens interested in participating in the process are welcome to attend the District meetings. Each town receives notices of upcoming meetings and information regarding the place and time of meetings should be available at your town offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Berti, *Chairman*

Daniel Woods, *District Coordinator*

Arnold Cummings

*Town of Ashland Representative*

Mark Ober

*Town of Ashland*

*Alternate Representative*

# New Hampshire Humane Society



Office of Selectmen  
Town of Ashland

Dear Selectmen,

The 1997 totals of the number of animals brought to the New Hampshire Humane Society from your town are as follows:

## By Your Animal Control Officer:

Dogs & Puppies	13	Returned to Owner	12
Cats & Kittens	2	Returned to Owner	0
Stray Other	0		
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Total received from ACO	15		

## From Residents:

Dogs & Puppies	14		
Cats & Kittens	12		
Stray dogs from residents	1	Returned to Owner	0
Stray cats from residents	18	Returned to Owner	1
Res other	1		
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Total received from residents	44		

Total number of all animals received: 59

Your Society's shelter has been inspected and licensed by the State and fulfills your animal shelter requirements. Every town has stray animal problems and we encourage your town and especially your Animal Control Officer to call upon us in 1998 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Barry Walker  
*Executive Director*

FOR THE 1997 ANNUAL REPORT

## LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lakes Region Planning Commission is a voluntary, non-profit association of local governments formed for the purpose of bringing area municipalities together. By associating and pooling resources, local governments have access to a highly trained professional staff for a wide variety of services. The LRPC works to benefit the member communities and the region overall. The LRPC has expertise in land use and transportation planning, master planning, environmental planning, capital improvement programming, economic and community development, housing, fiscal and environmental impact analysis, geographic information systems, household hazardous waste collections, engineering and site plan review. Circuit rider planning and public facilitation services are also available from the Commission.

Your support helps the LRPC maintain a regional presence working on behalf of all local governments in the Lakes Region. Over the past year the LRPC:

- Co-hosted and organized three public Municipal Law Lectures where practicing attorneys provide a legal perspective on local planning, zoning and other municipal issues.
- Presented a public workshop for local land use boards and the public on the application of biosolids.
- Convened a public workshop on conservation open-space zoning for planning board members and others interested in conserving the amount of open space in their communities.
- Completed and distributed a comprehensive update of the *Lakes Region Transportation Plan*. The Transportation Plan is the policy document which supports additions to the regional and state transportation improvement programs.
- Completed and approved the 1997 Lakes Region Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) which prioritized local transportation projects. Submitted the TIP to the N.H. Department of Transportation for consideration in the State Transportation Improvement Program, as required under State Statute.
- Represented the region on the N.H. Heritage Trail Advisory Committee.

- Continued to update the digital regional land use map using geographic information system technology.
- Provided support and helped shape area economic development policy as a board member of the Belknap County Economic Development Council. Received funding to support regional economic development from the NH Community Development Finance Authority.
- Continued to monitor progress by the State that would lead to the opening of Governor's State Park along Lake Winnisquam as a member of the Governor's State Park Advisory Committee.
- Served as the Lakes Region's data clearinghouse for U.S. Census, demographic and statistical data. These data are available to community officials and the public.
- Retained regional interest in locating a state sponsored conference facility in the Lakes Region.
- Provided support to the U.S. Americorps staff who focused on working with local land owners on issues related to water quality and land management.
- As part of the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program, the LRPC staffed the Pemigewasset River Advisory Committee.
- Completed a report that compares single-day household hazardous waste (HHW) collections with permanent HHW collection facilities.
- Established subareas of the Lakes Region as forums to discuss regional planning issues.
- Initiated a planning process for the development of applications to the State Transportation Enhancement Program.
- Developed an informational brochure on Access Management techniques that municipalities can use to improve vehicle movement and safety along our roadways.

We look forward to serving Ashland in the future. Feel free to contact us at 279-8171 whenever we can be of assistance.

# ASHLAND HISTORIC COMMISSION

1997

The Historic Commission met and considered the Whipple House Museum, home of the Ashland Historic Society. Work was completed on the windows, chimney flashing and apartment, preserving the building's soundness, also restoration began on the the old railroad station, with completion scheduled for May 1998.

Ashland's historic abandoned cemeteries were cleaned up with minor repairs to some of the older stones. Ashland has several locations with very old burial grounds some date back to 1770.



Ashland N.H.  
1868

Finally the Grafton County Historic & Genealogy Society (Ashland chapter) has completed another year of documenting Ashland's residents from the pioneer days to present. Newsletters for 1997 featured family genealogies of Scribner, Lyford and Shepard. Public use of the files is encouraged by the society, and are available at the Ashland Town Library. The Society now in its 10th year has held regular meetings since 1988.

**Submitted by Robert B. Hicks**

# ASHLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

1997

The major event for the Historical Society in 1997 was the beginning of the restoration of the Railroad Station as a museum and meeting place. The building was given to the Society in 1980. Since then, the Society has been gradually working on the building. But, in 1994, the opportunity arose to do virtually all the work at once, under the ISTEA program, which allowed state administered federal funds to be used for the restoration of historic transportation structures. The Society successfully applied for 80% matching funds for a project to restore and renovate the station. At that time, we estimated that the project would cost \$100,000, so our share would be \$20,000. In the spring of this year, we completed raising our share and some extra for the additional costs of furnishing the building.

Samyn-D'Elia Architects were hired to prepare the plans for the restoration project. Unfortunately, they discovered additional work that had to be done, such as the replacement of the slate roof and the installation of basement drainage, but which had not been included in our original estimate. And, since the 1994 estimate, construction costs have risen. So, when the project was put out to bid in the spring, the only bid received far exceeded the money assigned to the project. The N.H. Department of Transportation, which administers the project, rejected the bid, and the project went back to the drawing board. Both the NH DOT and the Historical Society agreed to raise more money for the Railroad Station.

When the project was put out to bid again, five bidders responded. The contract was awarded in the fall to Laferriere Construction of West Danville, VT., the low bidder. The builders began work in late October and had made substantial progress by the end of the year, despite the winter weather. The foundation and sills have been repaired. The basement now has a new concrete floor with a perimeter drain to a dry well. A track-side platform and a new chimney have been built. The carpentry and electrical work were underway. The work is slated to be completed by mid May. The contract includes the replacement of the slate roof, restoration of the exterior with a new waiting room door and restored window and signs, the installation of a modern electrical system, the restoration of the interior with repairs and refinishing of the floors, walls, ceilings, and cabinetry, the updating of one restroom, and the conversion of the other restroom to a kitchenette.

The project is now estimated to cost nearly \$206,000, which raised the Society's share to over \$41,000. Although we nearly emptied our treasury, we had to borrow \$14,000

to meet our obligations. By the end of the year, we still had nearly \$12,000 in principal to repay. We devoted the proceeds of two successful fund raisers, an April Fools Dinner and the annual Country Fair in August, to the Railroad Station project. We have also been soliciting donations from foundations and individuals, through direct appeals and the sale of planks on the new platform. We will continue fund raising until our loan is paid off and we can open the building as a museum. For 1998, we have already planned a gourmet dinner in March, another April Fools Dinner, a benefit auction in June, and the sale of Yankee magazine subscriptions. We will of course accept any donations, which can be mailed to the Society at P.O. Box 175.

The other milestone this year was the completion of the gift of the Pauline E. Glidden toy collection to the Historical Society. The toy museum, which Mrs. Glidden gave to us in December of 1989, has been a major asset to the community and the area since it opened in 1991.

Another project that the Historical Society began this year was the restoration of the Civil War Monument, which was originally erected in front of the Town Hall in 1899 and was moved to its present site the following year. The statue, like so many other outdoor bronze statues, is severely corroded from the effects of acid rain and snow. The Society, with the Ashland Woman's Club and the Town of Ashland, have contracted with Harvard University conservator Henry Lie, to examine the statue and report on what needs to be done to restore it and to protect it in the future. We would also like to replace the granite balls that once adorned the base of the monument. We hope that the restoration of the monument can be completed in time for its 100th birthday in 1999.

The normal activities of the Society continued through 1997. We had several programs on local history, including deputy state archaeologist Richard Boisvert on recent archaeological excavations in Ashland, PSC Prof. Katherine Donahue on the Draper Maynard Co., Rev. Geraldine MacNeil on the Methodist Church, David Boynton and Noreen Crawford on the Squam Lake Grange, the Ashland news of 1897, and Dartmouth Prof. Robert McGrath on the art history of Mount Chocorua. The Toy Museum had a Childrens Art Show in June and Young Ladies Tea in August. We ended the year with a Christmas Party, and participated in Christmas Night in Ashland by sponsoring Santa Claus photographs and a Christmas ornament workshop.

Both the Whipple House Museum and the Glidden Toy Museum were open all summer, as usual. We thank all the many volunteers who staffed and maintained the museums, and worked on our programs and fund raising events and activities, as well as the many donors whose generosity has enabled the Society to continue and expand its activities and facilities.

David Ruell, *President*



**ASHLAND TOWN REPORT**

# **VITAL STATISTICS**

**For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31**

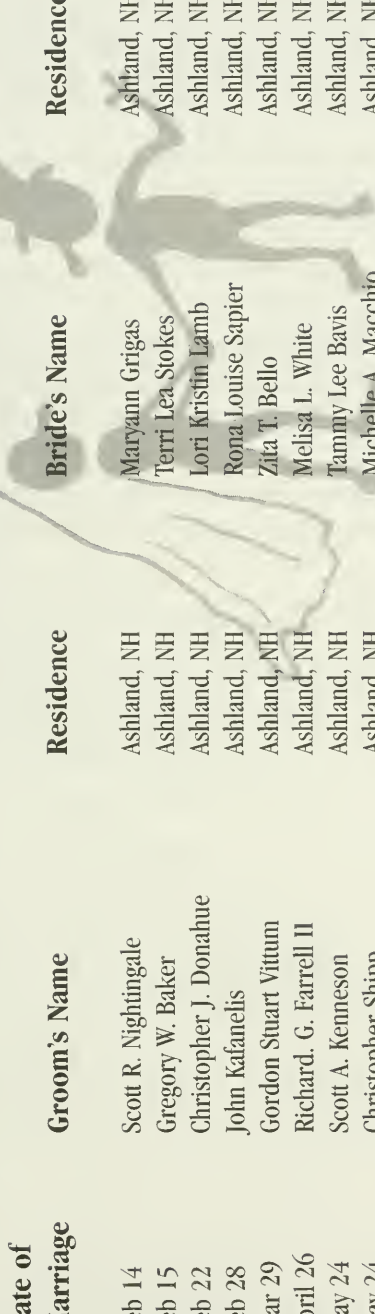
**1997**



# BIRTHS

<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Child's Name</b>	<b>Name of Father</b>	<b>Maiden Name of Mother</b>	<b>Place of Birth</b>
Jan 3	Dalton Sims Puffer	Bradford Puffer	Britta Sims Luff	Plymouth, NH
Feb 20	Maddison Mae King	Joshua Jason King	Heather Dawn Jones	Concord, NH
May 16	Emily Anne Holt	Robert S. Holt	Jennifer A. Dunn	Plymouth, NH
May 31	Dimitrios M. Kafanelis	John Kafanelis	Rona L. Sapier	Plymouth, NH
June 6	Lauren N. Paquette	Timothy Paquette	Patricia Benjamin	Plymouth, NH
June 7	Jeanne A. Cristiano	Joseph T. Cristiano Jr.	Julie A. Patterson	Plymouth, NH
July 7	Chase A. Dickinson	Michael G. Dickinson	Suzanne A. Mills	Laconia, NH
Sept. 24	Sarah Ann Chalmers	Brian James Chalmers	Beth Ann Johnson	Laconia, NH
Sept. 26	Nolan Robert Swanson	Chris Robert Swanson	Shelly Cross	Laconia, NH
Nov 10	Amanda Noelle Leroux	Bobby Carl Leroux	Stephanie Mitchell	Plymouth, NH
Nov 13	Lydia W. Burgess	Richard N. Burgess Jr.	Kathleen Batchelder	Plymouth, NH

# Marriages



<b>Date of Marriage</b>	<b>Groom's Name</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Bride's Name</b>	<b>Residence</b>
Feb 14	Scott R. Nightingale	Ashland, NH	Maryann Grigas	Ashland, NH
Feb 15	Gregory W. Baker	Ashland, NH	Terri Lea Stokes	Ashland, NH
Feb 22	Christopher J. Donahue	Ashland, NH	Lori Kristin Lamb	Ashland, NH
Feb 28	John Kafanelis	Ashland, NH	Rona Louise Sapien	Ashland, NH
Mar 29	Gordon Stuart Vittum	Ashland, NH	Zita T. Bello	Ashland, NH
April 26	Richard. G. Farrell II	Ashland, NH	Melisa L. White	Ashland, NH
May 24	Scott A. Kenneson	Ashland, NH	Tammy Lee Bavis	Ashland, NH
May 24	Christopher Shipp	Ashland, NH	Michelle A. Macchito	Ashland, NH
June 5	David F. Colburn	Ashland, NH	Annette W. Woodson	Plymouth, NH
June 21	Thomas Vitella	New Brunswick, NJ	Heather E. Marcroft	Ashland, NH
June 21	Adam J. Kuczkowski	Ashland, NH	Kathleen M. True	Ashland, NH
June 28	Guy B. Torsey Jr.	Ashland, NH	Karen A. Marsh	Ashland, NH
Aug 23	Robert H. Johnson Jr.	New York, NY	Pamela M. Batchelder	New York, NY
Aug 23	Thomas J. Hughes	Ashland, NH	Sandra M. Jackson	Ashland, NH
Sep 13	Shawn H. Smith	Ashland, NH	Julia L. Webster	Ashland, NH
Sep 14	Vernon. L. Marion	Ashland, NH	Barbara L. Smith	Ashland, NH
Sep 20	Anthony L. Randall	Ashland, NH	Christine L. Hobart	Ashland, NH
Sep 27	Jason S. Hiltz	Ashland, NH	Robin J. Fisk	Concord, NH
Oct 5	Michael F. Plummer	Ashland, NH	Melissa A. Rollins	Ashland, NH
Oct 11	David L. Walker	Center Harbor, NH	Wendy S. Elliott	Plymouth, NH
Oct 31	Michael A. Ferreira	Laconia, NH	Jody L. Miller	Laconia, NH
Nov 15	Albert O. Perry Jr.	Ashland, NH	Cynthia A. Lewen	Ashland, NH



# Deaths

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name of Deceased</b>	<b>Place of Death</b>	<b>Name of Father</b>	<b>Name of Mother</b>
Jan 1	Marjorie Kelleher	Ashland, NH	Roger W. Calley	Pauline Maraghy
Jan 4	Richard S. Downing	Plymouth, NH	Ezra Downing	Marion Tobine
Jan 4	Floyd G. Danforth	Laconia, NH	George Danforth	Lilian Adams
Jan 25	Corinne R. Woodbury	Ashland, NH	Charles F. Robinson	Maude B. Bartlett
Feb 14	Mary A. Jordan	Plymouth, NH	Steve Melanaski	Anna Unknown
Mar 7	Alfred T. Bilodeau	Ashland, NH	Thomas Bilodeau	Clara Graveson
Mar 16	Philip M. Eastman	Concord, NH	Philip S. Eastman	Helen Berkery
Mar 18	Bertha A. Field	Plymouth, NH	Louis Poitras	Almina Demeritt
April 11	Mary M. Flanders	Manchester, NH	William H. Meehan	Anne Keeny
May 5	Roland M. Pillsbury	Haverhill, NH	John A. Pillsbury	Edith Brackett
June 14	Harold P. Eaton Jr.	Plymouth, NH	Harold P. Eaton Sr.	Grace Ringer
July 17	Albert W. Page Jr.	Ashland, NH	Albert W. Page Sr.	Elizabeth Moulton
July 30	Doris E. Hammond	Franklin, NH	Otis M. Quint	Maude E. Willey
Aug 19	Stanley W. Heath	Plymouth, NH	Newell Heath	Elizabeth Dunn
Aug 29	Elaine G. Brown	Plymouth, NH	Albani Vaillant	Irene LaPlante
Sep 2	Floyd S. Mills Jr.	Ashland, NH	Floyd S. Mills Sr.	Caroline Jewell
Oct 11	Desmond G. Potter	Plymouth, NH	Earl Gray	Rena Smith
Oct 18	Doris Baert	Plymouth, NH	Henry Mills	Martha Burgess
Nov 2	Geraldine S. Samson	Laconia, NH	William Sproul	Edna Condon
Nov 19	Forrest D. Smith	Laconia, NH	Edward H. Smith	Leona M. Bilodeau
Dec 20	Doris Tatham	Plymouth, NH	Edward H. Smith	Leona M. Bilodeau

# ***Report to the Citizens of District One***

*By*

***Raymond S. Burton***

*Councilor*

*District One*

*State of New Hampshire*

It is a pleasure to report to the people of District One, which consists of 98 towns and four cities here in northern New Hampshire. The Council acts much like a board of directors at the very top of your Executive Branch of your New Hampshire State Government. We confirm gubernatorial nominations to many regulatory, advisory and governing boards and commissions within the Executive Branch of your government. We also confirm gubernatorial nominations to the entire Judicial Branch of the New Hampshire State Government, approve contracts to outside agencies, businesses, municipalities and individuals and a host of other duties.

***A good list of phone numbers for citizens to gain information throughout this district to have on hand would be the following:***

AIDS Hotline . . . . .	1-800-752-AIDS
Children, Youth & Families . . . . .	1-800-852-3345
Consumer Complaints, Utilities . . . . .	1-800-852-3793
Consumer Complaints, Insurance . . . . .	1-800-852-3416
Disabilities Assistance . . . . .	1-800-852-3345
Elderly & Adult Assistance . . . . .	1-800-442-5640
Fuel Assistance . . . . .	1-800-552-4617
Emergency Assistance . . . . .	.911
Employment Opportunities . . . . .	1-800-852-3400
Job Training Information . . . . .	1-800-772-7001
NH State Library . . . . .	1-800-499-1232
NH State Police . . . . .	1-800-525-5555
NH Tech. Community Colleges . . . . .	1-800-247-3420
NH Help Line (24 hour) . . . . .	1-800-852-3388
NH Operation Game Thief . . . . .	1-800-344-4262
NH Veterans Council . . . . .	1-800-622-9230
NH Corrections Dept. . . . .	1-800-479-0688
NH Dept. of Labor . . . . .	1-800-272-4353

NH Housing Authority . . . . .	1-800-439-7247
NH Higher Educational Ass't . . . . .	1-800-525-2577
Headrest Teenline . . . . .	1-800-826-3700
NH Independent Living Found. . . . .	1-800-826-3700
NH Charitable Foundation . . . . .	1-800-464-6641

It is a pleasure to serve you as one of your public servants.  
 My office is at your service.

***Raymond S. Burton***

*Councilor*

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# Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency

## *A Year of Many Challenges*

1997 has been a year of intense challenges for the Home Care Industry. Since President Clinton signed the Balanced Budget Act of 1996 on August 5th, home care has received a tremendous amount of attention from federal legislators and regulators on proposals to alter the payment, structure and guidelines of the home care benefit under Medicare. These sweeping changes, coupled with the impact of Managed Care, have enabled the Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency to reassess its internal processes, program development and implementation and medical services offered to the community.

Services will be case managed in order to provide optimal assistance to those home-bound patients who are unable to care for themselves while they are recuperating from an illness. Nothing about the quality of care will change but there will be decreases in the numbers of visits available to Medicare patients throughout the country. We are charged with caring for our patients and complying with new rules and regulations about how and when that care will be delivered. Our clinical staff has been working diligently to reorganize service delivery patterns. Administrative staff continues to proactively plan to take the necessary financial, technological, educational and procedural steps that will enable us to remain competitive and viable in the home health market. Pemi-Baker Home Health will continue to develop alliances with other not-for-profit home health agencies as well as other community healthcare facilities. Our future is collaboration and strengthening relationships with service providers in order to bring you the best care possible.

Our agency has had some major accomplishments over the past year. Several of our nurses have attained certificates in Hospice, Gerontology and other specialties. Staff at all levels receive ongoing training and education in the latest medical and management techniques. Skills are continually fine-tuned in order to bring our patients the most comprehensive care available in home health.

In July we celebrated our 30th year bringing home care to Plymouth and the surrounding communities we serve. We have not only grown in numbers and visits but in compassion, understanding and love of what we do in bringing these services to those we serve. Our programs have expanded and we will continue to focus on and improve upon the much needed care that is delivered to those of all ages in their homes.

Our second year of fundraising has been very successful and is helping to cover the costs of Hospice, Children's services and our Homemaker program. Funding is being

reduced and some eliminated altogether but our community has joined together to help us continue to provide these programs. We wish to thank everyone who has helped make a difference.

There will be a new design to home care nationwide. The Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency will be a part of that design which will enable us to guide our own destiny into the 21st century of quality healthcare.

Margaret Terrasi, *Executive Director*

Mary Ruell, *Ashland Representative*



# Pemi-Baker Youth & Family Services Council, Inc.

## 1997 Annual Report

The Pemi-Baker Youth & Family Service Council, Inc. is an organization that is dedicated to promoting community-wide approaches which aid in the development of healthy youths and their families. *The Council currently coordinates six programs which are available to people in Eastern Grafton County (Lincoln to Alexandria):*

- 1. Juvenile Court Diversion** - a voluntary program for first-time juvenile offenders which holds them accountable for their actions without going to court. The process involves the participants with volunteers from the community who develop a contract with each youth and his/her family. Contracts may include community service, referrals to other agencies and programs, personal development tasks, etc. We have found that, of the youths who graduated from Diversion in 1995 and 1996, 92.5% have not committed a subsequent offense since, saving tens of thousands of dollars in court-ordered services.
- 2. OSS (Opportunities for Suspended Students)** - Based on the Juvenile Court Diversion model, the Council has begun a pilot program to work with students and their families from Plymouth Regional High School who are at-risk of losing course credit due to repeated suspensions. This community-based approach connects families to services in the region which help the students and families develop their strengths.
- 3. The Challenge Course** - a 15-hour early intervention program for teens which focuses on issues around alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Courses are non-judgmental and confidential. Teens in the small groups are asked to assess their relationships with these substances and learn what they can do to reduce their use or stop using entirely. Additional topics of discussion include high-risk behaviors and HIV/AIDS education.
- 4. The Rated PG Program** - a program for parents and guardians who would like to learn more about alcohol and other drugs and how to talk with young people about these subjects. It also provides information on what they and their children can do to reduce the risk of ever experiencing an alcohol-related health or impairment problem.

5. **OCTAA (On Campus Talking About Alcohol & Other Drugs)** - offered in cooperation with local police departments and Plymouth State College, OCTAA provides an effective educational opportunity for anyone between the ages of 18-21. This is also a lifetime risk-reduction program on the use and abuse of drugs.
6. **Information and Referral** - provides area residents with a clearinghouse of information on regional human service agencies and programs. People with a variety of needs can receive free and confidential assistance on how to access these resources. Callers in the past have requested information on how to report suspected child abuse, how to access public assistance or counseling services, where to find after-school activities for children, etc. The Council also distributed 750 comprehensive *Guide to Community Resources* in 1997 to help towns, police, schools and other human service providers find services for the people they work with. A more extensive guide will be published in February of 1998.

***Total service figures for the Council  
in the calendar year 1997 are as follows:***

Juvenile Court Diversion . . . . .	25
OSS Program (began 11/97) . . . . .	4
Challenge Course . . . . .	28
Rated PG (began 10/97). . . . .	6
Information and Referral . . . . .	166
8th Grade Conference. . . . .	200
OCTAA (began 10/97) . . . . .	38

Respectfully submitted,  
 Steven P. Bradley  
*Executive Director*

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1997

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	-----Levies Of-----		
	1997	1996	1995
<b>Uncollected Taxes</b>			
<b>Beginning of Fiscal Year:</b>			
Property Taxes		\$317,896.97	
Resident Taxes		1,410.00	
Land Use Change Taxes			
Yield Taxes			
Avery Street Betterment		113.57	
<b>Taxes Committed to Collector:</b>			
Property Taxes	\$3,168,860.45		
Resident Taxes	12,180.00		
Land Use Change Taxes			
Yield Taxes	13,226.02		
Avery Street Betterment	2,247.30		
<b>Added Taxes:</b>			
Property Taxes	\$ 533.89		
Resident Taxes	1,940.00		
<b>Overpayments:</b>			
a/c Property Taxes			
a/c Resident Taxes			
a/c Yield Taxes			
a/c Avery Street Betterment			
<b>Interest Collected on</b>			
<b>Delinquent Taxes:</b>	\$1,699.00	\$15,192.01	
<b>Penalties Collected on</b>			
<b>Resident Taxes</b>	\$26.00	\$124.00	
<b>Total Debits</b>	\$3,200,712.66	\$334,736.55	\$ 0.00

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**Remittance to Treasurer**

**During Fiscal Year:**

Property Taxes	\$2,875,427.28	\$316,211.11	
Resident Taxes	11,520.00	600.00	
Yield Taxes	13,226.02		
Avery Street Betterment	854.97		
Land Use Change Taxes			
<b>Interest Collected During Year:</b>	1,699.00	15,192.01	0.00
<b>Penalties on Resident Taxes:</b>	26.00	124.00	0.00
<b>Abatements Made During Year:</b>			
Property Taxes	6,694.32	1,739.43	
Resident Taxes	1,220.00	870.00	
Yield Taxes			
Land Use Change Taxes			
Avery Street Betterment			
<b>Tax Deeded Properties:</b>			
<b>Uncollected Taxes - End of Fiscal Year:</b>			
Property Taxes	\$287,272.85		
Resident Taxes	1,380.00		
Yield Taxes			
Land Use Change Taxes			
Avery Street Betterment	1,392.22		
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$3,200,712.66</b>	<b>\$334,736.55</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

## Tax Lien Accounts December 31, 1997

	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992
<b>- DB-</b>					
<b>Balance of Unredeemed Taxes</b>					
<b>Beginning of Fiscal Year:</b>		\$91,432.48	\$58,070.02	\$7,372.29	
<b>Taxes Sold to Town during Fiscal Year:</b>	\$189,186.71				
<b>Interest Collected After Lien:</b>	\$ 10,256.09	\$ 10,636.90	\$18,905.60	\$2,113.05	
<b>Total Debits</b>	\$199,442.80	\$102,069.38	\$76,975.62	\$9,485.34	\$0.00
<b>-CR-</b>					
<b>Remittances to Treasurer</b>					
<b>During Year:</b>					
Redemptions	\$105,170.23	\$ 42,508.42	\$49,956.07	\$3,486.15	
Interest & Costs collected after Lien:	\$ 10,256.09	\$ 10,636.90	\$18,905.60	\$2,113.05	\$ 0.00
Deed to Town During Fiscal Year:					
Abatements	\$ 1,459.46	\$ ...438.70	\$ 477.34	\$ 400.44	
Unredeemed Taxes:	\$ 82,557.02	\$ 48,485.36	\$ 7,636.61	\$ 6,894.95	
<b>Total Credits:</b>	\$199,442.80	\$102,069.38	\$76,975.62	\$12,894.59	\$0.00

Respectfully Submitted  
Rosemarie McNamara  
*Tax Collector*

## INVENTORY OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY

003-001-012	Depot Street - old dump site	3.6 ac
018-004-001	Avery Street	.55 ac
016-007-001	Highland Street - Town Hall	.61 ac
017-006-009	Pleasant Street - Whipple House	.93 ac
018-001-001	Rte 132/Collins Street - Town Garage	3.5 ac
017-009-001	Main Street - Fire Station	.59 ac
017-007-001	Main Street - Scribner Library	.40 ac
012-005-003	Leavitt Hill - Little Squam Campground	5.2 ac
004-004-001	Main Street - Recreation Building/Ball Park	7.0 ac
003-002-004	Collins Street - Transfer/Recycling Center	28.4 ac
003-003-002	Collins St/I-93 - Sewer Treatment Plant	108.0 ac
016-009-009	Main St./Riverside Dr - Memorial Park	.94 ac
003-003-001	Land - New Hampton town line	3.4 ac
015-002-019	River Street	1.4 ac
017-011-002	Depot Street	.02 ac
016-002-001	Highland and Main Street	.046 ac
017-007-012	Main Street	.75 ac
017-008-001	Main and Mechanic Street	.31 ac
015-002-020	River Street	.04 ac
015-001-020	River Street/Cross Road	1.1 ac
017-001	Main Street/Corner Depot	.07 ac
004-002-015	Jct Hillside Ave/Main Street	.44 ac
014-001-020	River Street - Public Boat Launch	.15 ac
018-004-002	Avery Street	.52 ac
018-004-034	Off Avery Street	1.2 ac
011-006-004	Leavitt Hill - Town Beach	1.5 ac
016-003-020	Highland /School St - Ashland Public Schools	26.0 ac
	Town Clock - Recorded Town Clerk Book	
	May 22, 1894	
016-009-004	Riverside Drive	.06 ac
014-001-001	Bld on land of State of NH	
004-001-003	Off Cedar Lane - Water Treatment Plant	36.34 ac

# Annual Treasurer's Report

## 1997

Balance on Hand 12/31/96 \$ 21,095.29

### Total Receipts 12/31/97

General Fund Checking 6,029,131.51

General Fund Savings 261,869.85

### Total Expenditures 12/31/97

General Fund Checking 5,909,743.20

General Fund Savings 304,938.31

Balance on Hand 12/31/97 97,415.14

### Proof

Balance in Meredith Village Savings 12/31/97

General Fund Checking 92,859.91

General Fund Savings 4,555.23

Balance 97,415.14

This is a true statement of the Town treasury transactions of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire during the period of January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Knowlton Avery  
*Town Treasurer*

# Summary of Inventory Valuation 1997

## Value of Land Only:

Current Use	\$ 234,900.00	
Residential	31,140,910.00	
Commerical /Industrial	6,435,500.00	
Total Taxable Land		\$ 37,811,310.00

## Value of Buildings Only:

Residential	\$48,419,656.00	
Commerical/Industrial	19,897,900.00	
Total Taxable Buildings		68,317,556.00

## Public Utilities:

Electric Utilities	535,535.00	
Total Public Utilities		535,535.00

Valuation before Exemptions 106,664,401.00

Blind Exemptions	\$ 45,000.00	
Elderly Exemptions	1,284,800.00	

Total Exemptions Allowed 1,329,800.00

Total Valuation on which Tax Rate is computed \$105,334,601.00



# Statement of Appropriations and Taxes Assessed

For the Tax Year 1997 of the  
Town of Ashland in Grafton County

## Appropriations

### General Government

Executive	\$2,650.00
Election, Registration, Vital Statistics	16,740.00
Financial Administration	113,898.00
Revaluation of Property	15,500.00
Legal Expense	44,000.00
Personnel Administration	52,000.00
Planning & Zoning	2,905.00
General Government Buildings	12,350.00
Cemeteries	500.00
Insurance	221,650.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	1,881.00
Other General Government	10,000.00

### Public Safety

Police	\$284,749.00
Ambulance	22,647.00
Fire	117,256.00
Building Inspection	8,225.00
Emergency Management	3,300.00

### Highways and Streets

Administration	\$137,767.00
Highways and Streets	197,071.00
Bridges	300.00
Street Lighting	25,400.00

### Sanitation

Solid Waste Disposal	\$145,418.00
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**Health**

Pest Control	\$ 404.00
Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other	9,666.00

**Welfare**

Administration & Direct Assistance	\$32,341.00
Vendor Payment & Other	7,206.00

**Culture & Recreation**

Parks & Recreation	\$106,267.00
Library	36,000.00
Other Culture & Recreation	6,750.00

**Conservation**

Administration	\$200.00
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**Debt Service**

Principal - Long Term Bonds & Notes	\$35,000.00
Interest - Long Term Bonds & Notes	3,080.00
Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	20,000.00

**Capital Outlay**

Land & Improvements	\$ 28,000.00
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	151,800.00

**Operating Transfers Out**

Municipal Sewer Fund	\$2,775,149.00
Municipal Water Fund	761,032.00
Municipal Electric Fund	3,176,824.00
To Capital Reserve Funds	15,000.00

**Total Voted Appropriations**

\$8,600,926.00

# 1997 Tax Rate Computations

## Town Portion

Total Town Appropriations	\$8,624,926
Less: Revenues	7,741,079
Less: Shared Revenues	33,105
Add: Overlay	20,281
War Service Credits	15,200

Net Town Appropriations	\$886,223
Special Adjustment	0
Approved Town Tax Effort	886,223

MUNICIPAL TAX RATE \$8.41

## School Portion

Due Local School District	\$1,414,340
Due to Regional School District	790,883
Less: Shared Revenues	63,694

Net School Appropriations	\$2,141,529
Special Adjustment	0
Approved Schools Tax Effort	\$2,141,529

SCHOOL(S) TAX RATE \$20.33

## County Portion

Due to County	\$156,513
Special Adjustment	0
Approved County Tax Effort	\$156,513

COUNTY TAX RATE \$ 1.49

COMBINED TAX RATE \$30.23

## Commitment Analysis

Total Property Taxes Assessed	\$3,184,265
Less: War Service Credits	(15,200)
Add: Village District Commitment	0

Total Property Tax Commitment \$3,169,065

## Proof of Rate

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
\$105,334,601	\$30.23	\$3,184,265

# Statement of Debt Service Requirements

*As of December 31, 1997*

Sewer Bonds  
(State Guaranteed)  
4.4 Percent

Amount of Original Issue

\$1,100,000.

Date of Issue

September 1, 1968

Principal Payment Date

September 1st

Interest Payable Date

March 1st & September 1st

Payable at

Boston Safe Deposit  
Trust Company, Boston, Ma

Maturities -

- Total -

Fiscal Year Ending

Principal

Interest

December 31, 1997

35,000.00

1,540.00

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35,000.00

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1,540.00

# Statement of Debt Service Requirements

*As of December 31, 1997*

	Water Improvement Bond
Amount of Original Issue	\$448,000.00
Date of Issue	June 16, 1987
Principal Payable Date	January 15th
Principal & Interest Payable Date	July 15th

	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>
December 31, 1998	\$20,000.00	19,690.00
December 31, 1999	20,000.00	18,210.00
December 31, 2000	20,000.00	16,700.00
December 31, 2001	20,000.00	15,150.00
December 31, 2002	15,000.00	13,560.00
December 31, 2003	15,000.00	12,345.00
December 31, 2004	15,000.00	11,122.50
December 31, 2005	15,000.00	9,900.00
December 31, 2006	15,000.00	8,662.50
December 31, 2007	15,000.00	7,425.00
December 31, 2008	15,000.00	6,187.50
December 31, 2009	15,000.00	4,950.00
December 31, 2010	15,000.00	3,712.50
December 31, 2011	15,000.00	2,475.00
December 31, 2012	15,000.00	1,237.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>245,000.00</b>	<b>151,327.00</b>

# Statement of Debt Service Requirements

*As of December 31, 1997*

## Water Improvements Bond

Amount of Original Issue	\$1,600,000.00
Date of Issue	July 16, 1996
Principal Payable Date	July 16th
Principal & Interest Payable Date	July 16th

	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>
December 31, 1997	\$29,648.00	\$72,000.00
December 31, 1998	30,982.00	70,666.00
December 31, 1999	32,376.00	69,272.00
December 31, 2000	33,833.00	67,815.00
December 31, 2001	35,356.00	66,292.00
December 31, 2002	36,947.00	64,701.00
December 31, 2003	38,609.00	63,039.00
December 31, 2004	40,347.00	61,301.00
December 31, 2005	42,162.00	59,486.00
December 31, 2006	44,060.00	57,588.00
December 31, 2007	46,042.00	55,606.00
December 31, 2008	48,114.00	53,534.00
December 31, 2009	50,279.00	51,369.00
December 31, 2010	52,542.00	49,106.00
December 31, 2011	54,906.00	46,742.00
December 31, 2012	57,377.00	44,271.00
December 31, 2013	59,959.00	41,689.00
December 31, 2014	62,657.00	38,991.00
December 31, 2015	65,477.00	36,171.00
December 31, 2016	68,423.00	33,225.00
December 31, 2017	71,502.00	30,146.00
December 31, 2018	74,720.00	26,928.00
December 31, 2019	78,083.00	23,565.00
December 31, 2020	81,596.00	20,052.00
December 31, 2021	85,268.00	16,380.00
December 31, 2022	89,105.00	12,543.00
December 31, 2023	93,115.00	8,533.00
December 31, 2024	96,515.00	4,339.00
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	\$1,600,000.00	\$1,245,350.00

# SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

*As of December 31, 1997*

Town hall, lands and buildings	\$ 244,100
Furniture and equipment	200,000
Libraries, lands and buildings	176,500
Furniture and equipment	80,000
Police Department equipment	150,000
Fire Department, land and buildings	393,300
Equipment	100,000
Highway Department, land and buildings	410,700
Equipment	190,000
Parks, commons and playgrounds	694,600
Equipment	15,000
Water Supply facilities	387,900
Electric Light plant	750,000
Sewer Plant and facilities	6,613,200
Equipment	250,000
Schools, land and buildings	2,118,700
Other lands	76,600
Transfer/Recycling Facility	128,700
Water Mains	2,352,000
Whipple House	171,800
Furniture and contents	50,000
Water Pump Station, land and buildings	600,000

# Town Deeds List

	<b>Book</b>	<b>Page</b>
Ashland Bathing Beach - Leavitt Hill Road	863	431
Easement - Water Main Extension - Thompson St (Norman)	815	279
Playground Deeds, Main Street		
Sullivan	562	119
Spaulding	826	71
Kilpatrick	969	156
Brown	770	328
Firemen's Hall and land – Main – Hillside Ave	425	82
Road to Cross – Gray Properties – off River Street	959	75
Land between Beatrice Hill's and Squam River-River St	471	126
Cottage Place	939	225
Cottage Place	973	358
Water Works Deed	92	304
Sawmill Property (see partial sale to Squam Lakes Association 8/66)	480	1
Electric Company purchase	541	484
Substation right of way - Hussey Land	1003	10
Cote-Gould Land - Collins Street	1016	222
Spaulding Land - Main Street	1032	378
Main Street Deed - Garage	661	84
Flag Area - Main/River Streets	1077	598
Land Carr Avenue	1491	545
Knapp Property - Main Street	1087	510
Marine Land - Corner River/Main Streets	1099	430
Sirles Land - Main Street	1099	429
Whipple Property - Pleasant Street	1120	106
Transfer/Recycling Property	1142	551
Town Property - Main Street	1204	415
Town Hall Deed	319	514
Luff Land - Intersection Main/Mill	1267	264
Main Street - Municipal Parking Lot	712	169
Collins Street - Municipal Garage		
Morrison Property - Avery Street - Water Storage Tank	1424	233
Land - off Avery Street - Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bk	1416	659
Land - Depot Street	1678	639



Fletcher - Land Only - Collins Street  
Water Pumping Station - Cedar Lane

Belknap County

Jackson Pond - Berry Land	92	321/322
Jackson Pond - Flowage/Drainage Rights	92	339/340
Jackson Pond - Smith Land	89	4
Reservoir - Plaisted Land ROW for main	336	526
Reservoir Road and ROW - Plaisted	104	387
Reservoir Road and ROW - Berry	104	388
Jackson Pond - Thompson Land-Flowage/Drainage Rights	92	272
Jackson Pond - Smith Land	92	270/271
Town Clock Deed - Recorded Town Clerk Book - May 22, 1894		

# Statement of Appropriations & Expenditures 1997

Account Description	1997 Appropriation	12/31/97 Expenditures	Over/ Under
<b>EXECUTIVE</b>			
EXEC Selectmen' s Secretary	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
EXEC Board of Selectmen	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.00
EXEC Board of Selectmen Expense	\$500.00	\$974.10	-\$474.10
 Total Executive	 \$2,650.00	 \$2,774.10	 -\$124.10
<b>ELECTION &amp; REGISTRATION</b>			
ER Town Clerk Salary	\$10,827.00	\$10,945.62	-\$118.62
ER Town Clerk Advertising	\$175.00	\$58.80	\$116.20
ER Town Clerk State Fees	\$1,620.00	\$2,032.46	-\$412.46
ER Town Clerk's Expenses	\$1,422.00	\$1,232.81	\$189.19
ER Town Clerk Postage	\$200.00	\$82.82	\$117.18
ER Supervisors of the Checklist	\$2,266.00	\$1,078.00	\$1,188.00
ER Supervisors of Cklist Advertising	\$200.00	\$19.60	\$180.40
ER Supervisors of Cklist Postage	\$30.00	\$46.40	-\$16.40
 Total Election & Registration	 \$16,740.00	 \$15,496.51	 \$1,243.49
<b>FINANCIAL</b>			
FIN Town Treasurer Salary	\$4,371.00	\$4,157.19	\$213.81
FIN Town Office Salaries	\$60,000.00	\$53,853.59	\$6,146.41
FIN Audit	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	\$6,500.00
FIN Training	\$1,500.00	\$1,610.45	-\$110.45
FIN Computer Expenses	\$2,500.00	\$2,079.80	\$420.20
FIN Telephone	\$3,000.00	\$3,232.77	-\$232.77
FIN Printing	\$5,500.00	\$4,613.68	\$886.32
FIN Advertising	\$500.00	\$456.84	\$43.16
FIN Professional Dues	\$1,000.00	\$2,140.43	-\$1,140.43
FIN Publications	\$700.00	\$972.49	-\$272.49
FIN General Expense	\$500.00	\$1,284.66	-\$784.66
FIN Supplies	\$2,500.00	\$4,376.77	-\$1,876.77
FIN Postage	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
FIN Equipment Maintenance	\$5,000.00	\$6,240.41	-\$1,240.41
FIN Equipment	\$100.00	\$249.99	-\$149.99
FIN Register of Deeds	\$600.00	\$111.15	\$488.85
FIN Tax Deed Sales	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
FIN Town Manager's Expense	\$500.00	\$890.30	-\$390.30
FIN TC Tax Collector Salary	\$10,827.00	\$10,917.96	-\$90.96
FIN TC General Supplies	\$5,500.00	\$4,965.80	\$534.20
FIN Town Trustees Salaries	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
FIN Budget Committee Expenses	\$300.00	\$270.23	\$29.77
			\$0.00

Total Financial	\$113,898.00	\$104,724.51	\$9,173.49
<b>REVALUATION OF PROPERTY:</b>			
REVAL Appraisal Expense	\$13,500.00	\$13,082.23	\$417.77
REVAL Tax Assessment Appeals	\$1,500.00	\$7,758.14	-\$6,258.14
REVAL Tax Map Updates	\$500.00	\$875.00	-\$375.00
			\$0.00
Total Revaluation	\$15,500.00	\$21,715.37	-\$6,215.37
<b>LEGAL EXPENSE:</b>			
LE Town Officers' Legal Expense	\$40,000.00	\$36,798.62	\$3,201.38
LE Police Legal Expense	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
			\$0.00
Total Legal	\$44,000.00	\$36,798.62	\$7,201.38
<b>PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION:</b>			
PERS Social Security	\$31,500.00	\$30,600.65	\$899.35
PERS Employee Retirement	\$9,200.00	\$7,206.30	\$1,993.70
PERS Police Retirement	\$7,300.00	\$7,111.85	\$188.15
PERS Unemployment Compensation	\$4,000.00	\$10.00	\$3,990.00
Total Personnel Administration	\$52,000.00	\$44,928.80	\$7,071.20
<b>PLANNING AND ZONING:</b>			
PZ Planning Board Salary	\$1,000.00	\$541.91	\$458.09
PZ Planning Board Training	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
PZ Planning Board Printing	\$250.00	\$52.02	\$197.98
PZ Planning Board Advertising	\$500.00	\$277.94	\$222.06
PZ Planning Board General Expense	\$100.00	\$507.04	-\$407.04
PZ Planning Board Postage	\$100.00	\$372.02	-\$272.02
PZ Zoning Board Salary	\$250.00	\$315.00	-\$65.00
PZ Zoning Board Training	\$175.00	\$90.00	\$85.00
PZ Zoning Board Advertising	\$200.00	\$216.78	-\$16.78
PZ Zoning Board General Expense	\$30.00	\$66.00	-\$36.00
PZ Zoning Board Postage	\$200.00	\$97.35	\$102.65
Total Planning and Zoning	\$2,905.00	\$2,536.06	\$368.94
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS:</b>			
GGB Electricity	\$4,000.00	\$3,287.85	\$712.15
GGB Heat and Oil	\$4,000.00	\$3,797.96	\$202.04
GGB Water	\$600.00	\$275.45	\$324.55
GGB Sewer	\$350.00	\$187.79	\$162.21
GGB General Expense	\$3,000.00	\$6,268.20	-\$3,268.20
GGB Covered Bridge Telephone	\$400.00	\$360.20	\$39.80
Total General Government Bldgs.	\$12,350.00	\$14,177.45	-\$1,827.45
<b>CEMETERIES:</b>			
GEM General Expense	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00

Total Cemeteries	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
<b>INSURANCES:</b>			
INS Health Insurance	\$130,000.00	\$101,426.08	\$28,573.92
INS Life & Disability Insurance	\$7,400.00	\$7,157.51	\$242.49
INS Prop, Auto & Liability Ins	\$47,000.00	\$37,801.64	\$9,198.36
INS Workmen's Compensation	\$37,250.00	\$37,581.06	-\$331.06
Total Insurance	\$221,650.00	\$183,966.29	\$37,683.71
<b>ADVERTISING AND REGIONAL:</b>			
AR Lakes Region Planning Comm	\$1,881.00	\$1,886.00	-\$5.00
AR Lakes Region Association	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Advertising & Regional	\$1,881.00	\$1,886.00	-\$5.00
<b>CONTINGENCY FUND:</b>			
OTHER Contingency Fund	\$10,000.00	\$20,458.11	-\$10,458.11
Total Other General Government	\$10,000.00	\$20,458.11	-\$10,458.11
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT:</b>			
PD Police Salaries	\$207,307.00	\$216,087.08	-\$8,780.08
PD Part time Officer Wages	\$16,000.00	\$11,858.68	\$4,141.32
PD Equipment Maintenance	\$2,000.00	\$788.10	\$1,211.90
PD CRIS System Maintenance	\$1,750.00	\$1,500.00	\$250.00
PD Computer System Maintenance	\$2,100.00	\$2,303.00	-\$203.00
PD Vehicle Maintenance	\$5,500.00	\$5,637.80	-\$137.80
PD Telephone	\$4,500.00	\$4,705.25	-\$205.25
PD Cellular Phone	\$750.00	\$654.88	\$95.12
PD Pager Fees	\$1,056.00	\$702.20	\$353.80
PD Printing	\$800.00	\$697.81	\$102.19
PD Dues	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
PD Publications	\$1,214.00	\$1,162.00	\$52.00
PD Mileage Expense	\$350.00	\$360.24	-\$10.24
PD Chief's Expense	\$600.00	\$232.01	\$367.99
PD General Expense	\$2,500.00	\$2,326.89	\$173.11
PD Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$523.87	\$476.13
PD Uniforms	\$3,500.00	\$2,213.85	\$1,286.15
PD Postage	\$250.00	\$207.23	\$42.77
PD Gasoline	\$4,500.00	\$3,961.30	\$538.70
PD Police Physicals	\$500.00	\$38.00	\$462.00
PD Medical Services	\$500.00	\$401.45	\$98.55
PD Police Equipment	\$2,900.00	\$2,485.70	\$414.30
PD Police Special Programs	\$500.00	\$208.21	\$291.79
PD Police Training	\$2,000.00	\$1,460.99	\$539.01
PD CRIS System Training	\$1,500.00	\$710.20	\$789.80
PD Police Dispatch	\$19,372.00	\$19,372.67	-\$0.67
PD Police Building Expense	\$400.00	\$182.24	\$217.76
PD Janitor Service	\$1,200.00	\$1,400.00	-\$200.00

Total Police Department	\$284,749.00	\$282,381.65	\$2,367.35
<b>AMBULANCE:</b>			
AMB Ambulance Contract	\$22,647.00	\$22,647.00	\$0.00
Total Ambulance	\$22,647.00	\$22,647.00	\$0.00

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

FD Salaries	\$39,100.00	\$35,027.00	\$4,073.00
FD Fire Training	\$3,000.00	\$1,775.00	\$1,225.00
FD Electricity	\$3,200.00	\$1,884.99	\$1,315.01
FD Heating Oil	\$3,500.00	\$1,340.17	\$2,159.83
FD Water	\$1,800.00	\$454.57	\$1,345.43
FD Sewer	\$1,500.00	\$452.82	\$1,047.18
FD Equipment Maintenance	\$4,000.00	\$1,987.59	\$2,012.41
FD Vehicle Maintenance	\$5,000.00	\$4,615.08	\$384.92
FD Telephone	\$1,450.00	\$1,566.57	-\$116.57
FD Printing	\$300.00	\$404.66	-\$104.66
FD Publications	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
FD General Expense	\$2,000.00	\$1,808.27	\$191.73
FD Supplies	\$450.00	\$89.20	\$360.80
FD Uniforms	\$4,800.00	\$1,361.24	\$3,438.76
FD Postage	\$50.00	\$15.63	\$34.37
FD Fuel	\$1,000.00	\$740.68	\$259.32
FD Chief's Expense	\$400.00	\$286.54	\$113.46
FD Physicals	\$150.00	\$30.00	\$120.00
FD Equipment	\$9,000.00	\$3,188.76	\$5,811.24
FD Mutual Aid Dues	\$7,127.00	\$7,166.34	-\$39.34
FD Forestry Equipment	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
FD Bldg & Grounds Expense	\$5,500.00	\$1,094.45	\$4,405.55
FD Fire Truck Lease Payment	\$22,629.00	\$22,629.12	-\$0.12
Total Fire Department	\$117,256.00	\$88,418.68	\$28,837.32

**BUILDING INSPECTION:**

BI Building Inspector Salary	\$7,725.00	\$4,019.23	\$3,705.77
BI General Expense	\$500.00	\$506.14	-\$6.14
Total Building Inspection	\$8,225.00	\$4,525.37	\$3,699.63

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

EM General Expense	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
EM Forest Fire Assessment	\$1,300.00	\$542.10	\$757.90
Total Emergency Management	\$3,300.00	\$542.10	\$2,757.90

**HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES:**

Highway Administration:			
HA Salaries	\$137,547.00	\$141,918.53	-\$4,371.53

HA Training	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
HA Professional Dues	\$50.00	\$54.00	-\$4.00
HA Publications	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
HA Road Agent's Expenses	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
<b>Total Highway Administration</b>	<b>\$137,767.00</b>	<b>\$141,972.53</b>	<b>-\$4,205.53</b>
<b>Highways &amp; Streets:</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>
HWY Street Improvements	\$73,500.00	\$73,500.00	\$0.00
HWY Electricity	\$1,500.00	\$827.26	\$672.74
HWY Heat	\$1,500.00	\$2,620.29	-\$1,120.29
HWY Water	\$200.00	\$217.86	-\$17.86
HWY Equipment Maintenance	\$7,000.00	\$8,644.91	-\$1,644.91
HWY Vehicle Expense	\$5,000.00	\$6,995.53	-\$1,995.53
HWY Garage Telephone	\$650.00	\$653.75	-\$3.75
HWY Advertising	\$150.00	\$19.60	\$130.40
HWY Summer Maintenance	\$15,400.00	\$0.00	\$15,400.00
HWY Supplies	\$2,500.00	\$2,724.76	-\$224.76
HWY Main Street Cleaning	\$200.00	\$116.61	\$83.39
HWY Uniforms	\$3,000.00	\$2,174.40	\$825.60
HWY Fuel	\$3,000.00	\$5,316.17	-\$2,316.17
HWY Highway Block Grant	\$38,310.00	\$3,946.29	\$34,363.71
HWY Traffic Improvements	\$1,000.00	\$651.06	\$348.94
HWY Equipment	\$5,400.00	\$5,237.05	\$162.95
HWY Winter Maintenance	\$20,000.00	\$23,611.26	-\$3,611.26
HWY Building Expense	\$1,000.00	\$152.88	\$847.12
HWY Highway Truck Lease Payment	\$17,761.00	\$17,760.48	\$0.52
<b>Total Highways &amp; Streets</b>	<b>\$197,071.00</b>	<b>\$155,170.16</b>	<b>\$41,900.84</b>
<b>Bridges:</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>
BRIDGE General Expense	\$300.00	\$63.42	\$236.58
<b>Total Bridges</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>	<b>\$63.42</b>	<b>\$236.58</b>
<b>STREET LIGHTING:</b>			
SL Ashland Electric Department	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
SL NH Electric Co-Op	\$400.00	\$312.48	\$87.52
<b>Total Street Lighting</b>	<b>\$25,400.00</b>	<b>\$25,312.48</b>	<b>\$87.52</b>
<b>TRANSFER/RECYCLING CENTER:</b>			
SWD Transfer/Recycling Salaries	\$27,920.00	\$24,798.29	\$3,121.71
SWD Transfer/Recycling Testing	\$11,150.00	\$6,052.57	\$5,097.43
SWD Transfer/Recycling Training	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
SWD Transfer/Recycling License	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$0.00
SWD Transfer/Recycling Electric	\$1,200.00	\$764.86	\$435.14
SWD Transfer/Recycling Chemical	\$800.00	\$600.00	\$200.00
SWD Transfer/Recycling Telephone	\$350.00	\$260.77	\$89.23
SWD Transfer/Recycling Loader	\$4,813.00	\$4,822.43	-\$9.43
SWD Transfer/Recycling General Exp	\$5,500.00	\$2,343.32	\$3,156.68

SWD Transfer/Recycling Supplies	\$4,500.00	\$5,688.14	-\$1,188.14
SWD Transfer/Recycling Equipment	\$3,000.00	\$2,201.49	\$798.51
SWD Transfer/Recycling Fuel	\$500.00	\$128.75	\$371.25
SWD Transfer/Recycling General Exp	\$200.00	\$95.71	\$104.29
SWD Solid Waste Dues	\$150.00	\$249.88	-\$99.88
SWD Transfer/Recycling Hauling	\$85,000.00	\$75,552.74	\$9,447.26
<b>Total Transfer/Recycling Center</b>	<b>\$145,418.00</b>	<b>\$123,893.95</b>	<b>\$21,524.05</b>

**HEALTH:**

HAN Health Officer's Salary	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
HAN Pemi Baker Home Health	\$8,866.00	\$8,866.00	\$0.00
HAN General Expense	\$50.00	\$99.50	-\$49.50
<b>Total Health Expenses</b>	<b>\$9,666.00</b>	<b>\$9,715.50</b>	<b>-\$49.50</b>

**ANIMAL CONTROL:**

AC NH Humane Society	\$404.00	\$404.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Animal Control</b>	<b>\$404.00</b>	<b>\$404.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**WELFARE:**

WEL Welfare Director's Salary	\$3,341.00	\$3,268.33	\$72.67
WEL General Expense	\$29,000.00	\$10,316.44	\$18,683.56
<b>Total Welfare Expenses</b>	<b>\$32,341.00</b>	<b>\$13,584.77</b>	<b>\$18,756.23</b>

**OTHER WELFARE:**

OW Tri County Cap	\$1,170.00	\$1,125.00	\$45.00
OW Plymouth Area Task Force	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
OW Grafton County Senior Citizens	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
OW Youth & Family Services	\$1,236.00	\$1,236.00	\$0.00
OW Plymouth Regional Clinic	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
OW Big Brothers/Big Sisters	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Other Welfare</b>	<b>\$7,206.00</b>	<b>\$6,361.00</b>	<b>\$845.00</b>

**PARKS & RECREATION:**

P&R Director's Salary	\$20,000.00	\$22,268.14	-\$2,268.14
P&R Advertising	\$150.00	\$126.00	\$24.00
P&R General Expense	\$300.00	\$547.12	-\$247.12
P&R Postage	\$25.00	\$110.96	-\$85.96
P&R Special Program	\$500.00	\$3,158.67	-\$2,658.67
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>\$20,975.00</b>	<b>\$26,210.89</b>	<b>-\$5,235.89</b>
P&R Memorial Park Electricity	\$1,200.00	\$1,145.66	\$54.34
P&R Memorial Park Water	\$200.00	\$47.40	\$152.60
P&R Memorial Park Lawn Care	\$1,000.00	\$1,061.41	-\$61.41
P&R Memorial Park Maintenance	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00

Total Memorial Park	\$2,500.00	\$2,254.47	\$245.53
P&R Beach Salaries	\$11,930.00	\$12,802.77	-\$872.77
P&R Beach Electricity	\$400.00	\$133.77	\$266.23
P&R Beach Telephone	\$200.00	\$248.93	-\$48.93
P&R Beach General Expense	\$1,000.00	\$605.50	\$394.50
P&R Beach Supplies	\$2,400.00	\$2,041.32	\$358.68
P&R Beach Equipment Maintenance	\$200.00	\$219.15	-\$19.15
P&R Beach Construction	\$500.00	\$91.66	\$408.34
P&R Beach Equipment	\$200.00	\$219.56	-\$19.56
P&R Beach Maintenance	\$200.00	\$272.58	-\$72.58
P&R Beach Swim Program	\$1,495.00	\$1,647.50	-\$152.50
<b>Total Beach</b>	<b>\$18,525.00</b>	<b>\$18,282.74</b>	<b>\$242.26</b>
P&R Playground Salaries	\$32,398.00	\$33,862.23	-\$1,464.23
P&R Playground Training	\$300.00	\$30.00	\$270.00
P&R Playground Electricity	\$300.00	\$272.53	\$27.47
P&R Playground Water	\$1,500.00	\$1,332.21	\$167.79
P&R Playground General Expense	\$200.00	\$425.37	-\$225.37
P&R Playground Supplies	\$350.00	\$881.74	-\$531.74
P&R Playground Equipment Maint	\$300.00	\$731.48	-\$431.48
P&R Playground BLD/Grounds	\$2,500.00	\$2,640.95	-\$140.95
P&R Playground New Equipment	\$370.00	\$297.82	\$72.18
P&R Playground Spec Prog - Bus	\$12,500.00	\$10,898.74	\$1,601.26
P&R Playground Arts & Crafts	\$500.00	\$420.16	\$79.84
P&R Tennis Courts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Playground</b>	<b>\$51,218.00</b>	<b>\$51,793.23</b>	<b>-\$575.23</b>
P&R Campground Salaries	\$1,854.00	\$0.00	\$1,854.00
P&R Campground Electricity	\$2,000.00	\$1,994.97	\$5.03
P&R Campground Oil	\$45.00	\$33.73	\$11.27
P&R Campground Telephone	\$400.00	\$238.76	\$161.24
P&R Campground Chemical Toilet	\$1,000.00	\$657.15	\$342.85
P&R Campground General Expense	\$1,000.00	\$1,452.64	-\$452.64
P&R Campground Supplies	\$400.00	\$27.95	\$372.05
<b>Total Campground</b>	<b>\$6,699.00</b>	<b>\$4,405.20</b>	<b>\$2,293.80</b>
P&R Clubhouse Electricity	\$2,500.00	\$2,109.37	\$390.63
P&R Clubhouse Oil	\$1,200.00	\$494.99	\$705.01
P&R Clubhouse Water	\$400.00	\$224.56	\$175.44
P&R Clubhouse Sewer	\$250.00	\$180.59	\$69.41
P&R Clubhouse Telephone	\$400.00	\$532.33	-\$132.33
P&R Clubhouse Chemical Toilet	\$500.00	\$300.00	\$200.00
P&R Clubhouse Maintenance	\$600.00	\$802.30	-\$202.30
P&R Clubhouse Supplies	\$500.00	\$285.46	\$214.54
P&R Clubhouse Reconstruction	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Clubhouse</b>	<b>\$6,350.00</b>	<b>\$4,929.60</b>	<b>\$1,420.40</b>



Total Parks & Recreation	\$106,267.00	\$107,876.13	-\$1,609.13
<b>LIBRARY:</b>			
LIB General Expenses	\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$0.00
Total Library	\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$0.00
<b>PATRIOTIC PURPOSES:</b>			
PP Memorial Day	\$500.00	\$300.00	\$200.00
PP 4th of July	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	-\$500.00
PP 4th of July Police Coverage	\$5,000.00	\$2,377.11	\$2,622.89
PP Flags	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Total Patriotic Purposes	\$6,750.00	\$4,177.11	\$2,572.89
<b>CONSERVATION:</b>			
CON General Expense	\$200.00	\$82.94	\$117.06
Total Conservation Commission	\$200.00	\$82.94	\$117.06
<b>DEBT SERVICE:</b>			
DS Sewer Bond Principal	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$0.00
Total Debt Service	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$0.00
<b>INTEREST LONG TERM BONDS AND NOTES:</b>			
INT Sewer Bond Interest	\$3,080.00	\$3,080.00	\$0.00
Total Interest - Long Term Bonds	\$3,080.00	\$3,080.00	\$0.00
<b>INTEREST TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES:</b>			
INT Tax Anticipation Notes	\$20,000.00	\$17,945.70	\$2,054.30
Total Interest - TAN Notes	\$20,000.00	\$17,945.70	\$2,054.30
<b>CAPITOL OUTLAY:</b>			
CO Highway Tank Replacement	\$28,000.00	\$0.00	\$28,000.00
CO Landfill Baler	\$8,800.00	\$0.00	\$8,800.00
CO Fire Dept Rescue Vehicle	\$127,000.00	\$1,100.00	\$125,900.00
CO Highway Tractor/Mower	\$40,000.00	\$40,206.10	-\$206.10
Total Capitol Outlay	\$203,800.00	\$41,306.10	\$162,493.90
<b>CAPITAL RESERVE:</b>			
CR Police Department	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
CR Fire Department	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
CR Highway Department	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
Total Capital Reserve	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00

**OPERATING TRANSFER OUT:**

Municipal Water Department	\$763,029.00	\$763,029.00	\$0.00
Municipal Sewer Department	\$2,779,143.00	\$2,779,143.00	\$0.00
Municipal Electric Department	\$3,176,824.00	\$3,176,824.00	\$0.00
Total Operating Transfers Out	\$6,718,996.00	\$6,718,996.00	\$0.00

**PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS:**

Ashland School District	\$1,543,706.00	\$1,543,706.00	\$0.00
Pemi-Baker School District	\$773,044.00	\$773,044.00	\$0.00
Grafton County	\$160,337.00	\$160,337.00	\$0.00
Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions	\$2,477,087.00	\$2,477,087.00	\$0.00

**TOTAL BUDGETARY APPROPRIATIONS**

<b>AND EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$11,108,004.00</b>	<b>\$10,781,505.41</b>	<b>\$326,498.59</b>
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# Report of The Trust Capital Reserve Funds of the Town Of Ashland

December 31, 1997

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL					INCOME					Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year	
				Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or Losses on Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year			
	Cemetery			8728.36						2413.60	679.39			3092.99	11,821.35
	Cummings/Berry			1331.38						790.13	50.79			840.92	2172.30
	Thompson			200.00						362.96	11.40			374.36	574.36
	LIBRARY:														
	P. Packard			1000.00						62.03	310.48			372.51	1372.51
	Cheney/Ordway			1500.00						100.48	487.90			588.38	2088.38
	H. Addison			1000.00						234.76		139.93		94.83	1094.83
	Doggett			2000.00						707.42	55.29			762.71	2762.71
	Memorial Park			10,535.27						6736.00	786.15			7522.15	18,057.42
	J. Rollins Trust			3200.00						388.01	842.04			1230.05	4430.05
	AJ Addison			10,000.00						963.58	1704.28	1900.00		767.86	10,767.86
	CAPITAL RESERVE:														
	Sanitary			319,633.86	20,000.00		339,633.86	0		48,866.59	9784.81	58,671.40		0.00	0.00
	Highway			16,400.00	5000.00					2023.12	247.00			2270.12	23,670.12
	Fire			69,000.00	5000.00	15,929.24	74,000.00	15,929.24		9212.01	2482.33	11,375.49		318.85	16,248.09
	Landfill			0.00						2972.32		2972.32		0.00	0.00
	Police			5000.00	5000.00		10,000.00			0.00	127.38	0.00		127.38	10,127.38



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**ASHLAND  
TOWN WARRANT  
AND  
BUDGET**



# Ashland Town Warrant 1998

## The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Ashland, in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Ashland Public School Gymnasium in said Town on Tuesday, March 10, 1998 from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM to act upon the following Articles, 1,2 and 3 by vote by official ballot. The polls will open at 9:00 AM and will close no earlier than 7:00 PM.

ARTICLE 1. To choose all of the following officers for the year ensuing:

- (a) One Member of the Board of Selectmen for 3 years
- (b) One Town Treasurer for 1 year
- (c) One Town Moderator for 2 years
- (d) One Town Trustee for 3 years
- (e) One Library Trustee for 3 years
- (f) One Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years
- (g) Four Budget Committee members for 3 years
- (h) Two Budget Committee members for 2 years

ARTICLE 2. Are you in favor of amending the Town of Ashland Zoning Regulations as proposed by the Planning Board? (This will add "Bed and Breakfast " as an allowed use in all zones.)

ARTICLE 3. Are you in favor of amending the Town of Ashland Building Regulations as proposed by the Planning Board? (This contains upgrading the building codes to the newest editions for BOCA Basis Building Code, Basic Plumbing Code, Life Safety Code and National Fire Prevention.)

You are hereby notified to meet at the Ashland Public School gymnasium in said town on Saturday, March 14, 1998 at 1:00 PM to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following snow plowing regulation: Any person who shall put or place or cause to be put or placed any snow or ice upon the traveled surface of any town roadway for any purpose shall be punished by a fine up to \$1,000.00 for each violation. (The selectmen recommend this article). (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (The selectmen and budget committee recommends this appropriation). (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve fund. (The selectmen and budget committee recommends this appropriation). (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (The selectmen and budget committee recommends this appropriation). (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to create a new Capital Reserve Fund as per RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Parks and Recreation Building and Equipment and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be deposited in the fund. (The selectmen recommended and the budget committee did not recommend this appropriation). (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) to construct a sidewalk on Main Street from the Pemigewasset National Bank to the intersection of West Street and on West Street from Main Street to the Ashland Lumber Property. (The selectmen and budget committee recommends this appropriation). (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,358.00 for the purchase of a one ton truck, with \$10,000.00 to be withdrawn from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund and the balance of \$28,358.00 to be raised through



general taxation. (The selectmen and budget committee recommends this appropriation). (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000.00 for the purchase of a used vehicle for the Fire Department to be raised through general taxation. (The selectmen and budget committee recommends this appropriation). (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of property taxes and to authorize the Tax Collector to accept such prepayment as provided by RSA 80:52-a. (The selectmen recommend this article). (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell surplus or obsolete supplies and equipment by public auction or sealed bid or to transfer items of historical significance to the Ashland Historical Society without further vote of the Town. (The selectmen recommend this article). (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer town owned property located in the town of New Hampton, formerly used as the town water source, to the State of New Hampshire Fish and Game Division on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem appropriate. (The selectmen recommend this article). (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Reports of its Boards, Commissions, Committees and Officers for the year 1997 subject to corrections of errors when and if found. (The selectmen recommend this article). (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,837,852.00 which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include the monies previously voted in Articles 5 through 11. (The selectmen and budget committee recommends this appropriation). (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 17. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Glenn W. Bricker, *Chairman*

Thomas D. Winn, *Member*

Glenn R. Dion, *Member*

**Board of Selectmen  
Town of Ashland, NH**

Attest: A true copy:

Glenn W. Bricker, *Chairman*

Thomas D. Winn, *Member*

Glenn R. Dion, *Member*

**Board of Selectmen  
Town of Ashland, NH**

# 1998 Budget of the Town of Ashland

## Selectmen's Appropriations for Ensuing Fiscal Year

## Budget Committee's Appropriations for Ensuing Fiscal Year

Acct. No.	Purpose of Appropriation (RSA 32:3, V)	W.A. No.	Appropriations		Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations for Ensuing Fiscal Year		Budget Committee's Appropriations for Ensuing Fiscal Year	
			As Approved By D.R.A.	Prior Year		Recommended	Not Recommended	Recommended	Not Recommended
			\$		\$		\$		
4130-4139	Executive		2,650.00		2,774.10	4,150.00	3,650.00	500.00	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		16,740.00		15,496.51	19,807.00	19,607.00	200.00	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		113,898.00		104,724.51	110,527.00	110,527.00		
4152	Revaluation of Property		15,500.00		21,715.37	15,300.00	15,300.00		
4153	Legal Expense		44,000.00		36,798.62	16,000.00	16,000.00		
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		52,000.00		44,928.80	53,000.00	51,618.00	1,382.00	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		2,905.00		2,536.06	3,155.00	2,905.00	250.00	
4194	General Government Buildings		12,350.00		14,177.45	14,400.00	13,950.00	450.00	
4195	Cemeteries		500.00		500.00	500.00	500.00		
4196	Insurance		221,650.00		183,966.29	199,400.00	194,800.00	4,600.00	
4197	Advertising & Regional Association		1,881.00		1,886.00	2,302.00	2,302.00		
4199	Other General Government		10,000.00		20,458.11	11,000.00	11,000.00		
			284,749.00		282,381.65	281,621.00	286,608.00	400.00	
4210-4214	Police		22,647.00		22,647.00	23,345.00	23,345.00		
4215-4219	Ambulance		117,256.00		88,418.68	114,679.00	113,879.00	800.00	
4220-4229	Fire		8,225.00		4,525.37	5,500.00	5,500.00		
4240-4249	Building Inspection		3,300.00		542.10	2,000.00	2,000.00		
4290-4298	Emergency Management								

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

## PUBLIC SAFETY

**Selectmen's  
Appropriations for  
Ensuing Fiscal Year**

**Budget Committee's  
Appropriations for  
Ensuing Fiscal Year**

Acct. No.	Purpose of Appropriation (RSA 32:3,V)	W.A. No.	Appropriations		Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Recom- mended	Not Recom- mended
			Prior Year As Approved By D.R.A.	Prior Year			
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>							
4311-4312	Admin., Highways & Streets	\$	334,838.00	\$	310,666.72	\$ 358,451.00	\$ 2,500.24
4313	Bridges		300.00		63.42	300.00	
4316	Street Lighting		25,400.00		25,312.48	30,300.00	
<b>SANITATION</b>							
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		145,418.00		123,893.95	123,367.00	100.00
4326-4329	Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other		2,775,149.00		241,340.42	395,035.74	.74
<b>WATER DISTRIBUTION &amp; TREATMENT</b>							
4331-4332	Admin. & Water Services		712,182.00		281,704.30	252,590.00	
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation & Other		48,850.00		10,942.27	45,200.00	

**Selectmen's  
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**Budget Committee's  
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Acct. No.	Purpose of Appropriation (RSA 32:3, V)	W.A. No.	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By D.R.A.	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Recom- mended	Not Recom- mended
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**ELECTRIC**

4351-4352	Admin. & Generation		\$ 217,824.00	\$ 174,730.43	\$ 162,600.00	
4353	Purchase Costs		2,860,000.00	2,264,061.75	3,110,000.00	
4354	Electric Equipment Maint.		60,500.00	50,851.77	63,500.00	
4359	Other Electric Costs		38,500.00	75,377.87	83,000.00	

**HEALTH AND WELFARE**

4411-4414	Admin. & Pest Control		1,204.00	1,253.50	1,500.00	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other		8,866.00	8,866.00	9,711.60	.60
4441-4442	Admin. & Direct Assistance		32,341.00	13,584.77	29,341.00	2,000.00
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		7,206.00	6,361.00	8,253.00	8,892.00

**CULTURE & RECREATION**

4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		106,267.00	107,876.13	126,762.00	114,958.00
4550-4559	Library		36,000.00	36,000.00	36,000.00	36,000.00
4583	Patriotic Purposes		6,750.00	4,177.11	6,250.00	6,250.00

Selectmen's  
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Acct. No.	Purpose of Appropriation (RSA 32:3, V)	W.A. No.	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By D.R.A.	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Recom- mended	Not Recom- mended
<b>CONSERVATION</b>						
4611-4612	Admin. & Purchases of Natural Resources		\$ 200.00	\$ 82.94	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>						
4711	Princ. — Long Term Bonds & Notes		35,000.00	35,000.00	105,226.00	105,226.00
4721	Interest — Long Term Bonds & Notes		3,080.00	3,080.00	15,040.00	15,040.00
4723	Interest on TANS		20,000.00	17,945.70	15,000.00	15,000.00
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>						
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	10,11	175,800.00	41,306.10	64,000.00	47,358.00
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.	9	28,000.00		12,000.00	12,000.00
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	5,6,7,8	15,000.00		20,000.00	15,000.00
<b>Total Appropriations</b>			<b>\$8,624,926.00</b>	<b>\$4,697,955.25</b>	<b>\$5,953,013.58</b>	<b>\$5,912,210.00</b>
<b>(Subtotal)</b>						<b>\$46,629.58</b>

**Budget Committee's  
Appropriations for  
Ensuing Fiscal Year**

**Selectmen's  
Appropriations for  
Ensuing Fiscal Year**

Acct. No.	Purpose of Appropriation (RSA 32:3,V)	W.A. No.	Appropriations		Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Recom- mended	Not Recom- mended
			Prior Year As Approved By D.R.A.	As Approved By D.R.A.			
		5	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
	Highway Cap. Res.						
	Police Cap. Res	6	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00	
	Fire Dept. Cap. Res	7	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00	
	Parks & Rec. Cap. Res	8			5,000.00		5,000.00

**SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES**

**INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES**

	Sidewalk, Main Street	9			\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	
	Highway Truck	10			44,000.00	38,358.00	5,642.00
	Fire Dept. Vehicle	11			20,000.00	9,000.00	11,000.00

Acct. No.	Source of Revenue	W.A. No.	Estimated	Actual	Estimated
			Revenue Prior Year	Revenue Prior Year	Revenue Ensuing Year
3180	Resident Taxes		\$14,000.00	\$14,120.00	\$14,000.00
3185	Yield Taxes		13,000.00	13,266.02	3,500.00
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		2,900.00	2,915.18	3,300.00
3189	Other Taxes		5,000.00	6,550.28	4,500.00
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		90,000.00	80,326.15	85,000.00

**TAXES**

**LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES**

3210	Business Licenses & Permits		2,500.00	2,414.17	4,000.00
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		185,000.00	194,698.00	190,000.00
3230	Building Permits		2,500.00	3,331.17	4,000.00
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		6,000.00	3,979.30	8,700.00
3311 - 3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		928,044.00	960,737.90	16,000.00

**FROM STATE**

3351	Shared Revenues		32,115.00	132,738.46	48,222.00
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		21,621.00	21,644.33	30,000.00
3353	Highway Block Grant		40,153.00	40,152.90	39,069.00
3354	Water Pollution Grant		21,176.00	21,176.00	21,176.00
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimb.		71.00	71.42	70.00
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		44,744.00	44,744.06	18,617.00
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		35,000.00	76,141.89	35,000.00



Acct. No.	Source of Revenue	W.A. No.	Estimated Revenue		Actual Revenue		Estimated Revenue	
			Prior Year	Year	Prior Year	Year	Prior Year	Year
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>								
3401-3406	Income from Departments		\$100,000.00		\$121,916.00		\$125,000.00	
3409	Other Charges		3,500.00		6,566.18		3,500.00	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>								
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		5,000.00		123.65		5,000.00	
3502	Interest on Investments		4,000.00		2,953.71		5,000.00	
3503-3509	Other		3,500.00		48,534.09		75,000.00	
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>								
3914	From Enterprise Funds:							
	Sewer - (Offset)		361,849.00		361,849.00		395,035.00	
	Water - (Offset)		325,032.00		325,032.00		297,790.00	
	Electric - (Offset)		3,176,824.00		3,176,824.00		3,419,100.00	
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		401,300.00		441,183.95		10,000.00	
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds						1,500.00	
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>								
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes		1,641,250.00		1,641,250.00			

Acct. No.	Source of Revenue	W.A. No.	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	Estimated Revenue Ensiung Year
	<b>Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes</b>		\$275,000.00	\$275,000.00	\$225,000.00
	<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; CREDITS</b>		\$7,741,079.00	\$8,020,239.81	\$5,087,079.00

***Budget Summary***

	<b>SELECTMEN . . . . . BUDGET COMMITTEE</b>
SUBTOTAL 1 Recommended . . . . .	\$5,953,013.58 . . . . . \$5,912,210.00
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended . . . . .	in Subtotal 1 . . . . . in Subtotal 1
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended . . . . .	in Subtotal 1 . . . . . In Subtotal 1
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended . . . . .	\$5,953,013.58 . . . . . \$5,912,210.00
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above) . . . . .	\$5,087,079.00 . . . . . \$5,087,079.00
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised . . . . .	\$865,934.58 . . . . . \$825,131.00





# Town of Ashland Offices

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## Selectmen's Office

20 Highland Street, Town Office Bldg.  
M, T, W, F 8 AM - 4 PM  
Th 8 AM - 5 PM  
968-4432

## Town Clerk

20 Highland Street, Town Office Bldg.  
M, T, W, F 8 AM - 4 PM  
Th 8 AM - 5 PM  
968-4432

## Tax Collector

20 Highland Street, Town Office Bldg.  
M, T, W, F 8 AM - 4 PM  
Th 8AM - 5 PM  
968-4432

## Police Department

Administration Office, Town Office Bldg.  
M - F 8 AM - 4:30 PM  
968-7598

## Electric Department

Billing Office: Collins Street  
M - F 8 AM - 5 PM  
968-3083

## Water/Sewer Department

Billing Office: Collins Street  
M - F 8 AM - 5 PM  
968-4002

## Highway Department

Collins Street  
M - F 7 AM - 4 PM  
968-3166

## Recycling/Transfer Center

Collins Street  
M, W, F 12 PM - 4 PM  
Saturday 8 AM - 4 PM  
968-9032

## Parks and Recreation

Main Street, Booster Club Bldg.  
968-9209

## Fire Department

Main Street  
968-7772

## Scribner Public Library

Main Street  
Monday 2 PM - 8 PM  
Tuesday 2 PM - 8 PM  
Thursday 2 PM - 8 PM  
Saturday 10AM - 2 PM  
968-7928

## Public Welfare Office

20 Highland Street  
Town Office Building  
Thursday 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
968-4432

## Building Inspector

20 Highland Street  
Town Office Building  
Thursday 1 PM - 5 PM  
968-4432

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Ashland Emergency Numbers:

Fire and Ambulance

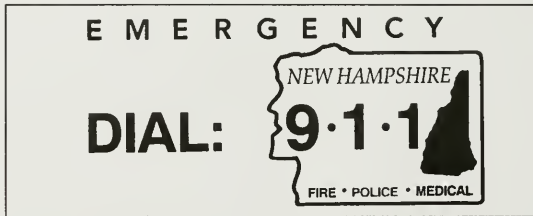
**911**

Police

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# In case of emergency – call:



Be sure to give your name and address clearly,  
as well as the nature of your emergency.

**DO NOT HANG UP** until you are sure  
that your message has been understood.

## INFORMATION DIRECTORY

### FOR ANSWERS ON: . . . . .CALL THE:

Administration . . . . .	Town Manager . . . . .	968-4432
Assessments . . . . .	Town Office . . . . .	968-4432
Births, Marriages, & Deaths . . . . .	Town Clerk . . . . .	968-4432
Building Permits . . . . .	Building Inspector . . . . .	968-4432
Burning Permits . . . . .	Skip Fields, Fire Chief . . . . .	968-7772
Dogs – Licenses . . . . .	Town Clerk . . . . .	968-4432
Dogs – At Large . . . . .	Police Department . . . . .	968-7598
Elections, Voter Registration . . . . .	Town Clerk . . . . .	968-4432
Electric Service . . . . .	Utility Office . . . . .	968-3083
Health Complaints & Inspections . . . . .	Health Officer . . . . .	968-4432
Library . . . . .	Scribner Library . . . . .	968-7928
Motor Vehicle Registration . . . . .	Town Clerk . . . . .	968-4432
Planning Board . . . . .	Town Office . . . . .	968-4432
Police (Routine) . . . . .	Police Department . . . . .	968-7598
Recreation . . . . .	Booster Club . . . . .	968-9209
Recycling . . . . .	Recycling/Transfer Center . . . . .	968-9032
Road Maintenance . . . . .	Road Agent . . . . .	968-3166
School Registration . . . . .	Elementary School . . . . .	968-7622
	Plymouth Regional High School . . . . .	536-1444
Taxes . . . . .	Tax Collector . . . . .	968-4432
Water/Sewer Service . . . . .	Utility Office . . . . .	968-4002
Welfare – Public Assistance . . . . .	Welfare Director . . . . .	968-4432
Zoning & Land Use Regulations . . . . .	Town Office . . . . .	968-4432
Ashland Community Center – Food Pantry . . . . .		968-9698
Pemi Baker Home Health Agency . . . . .		536-2232
Tri-County Outreach Program . . . . .		536-8222