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/Inspections	Health Officer	968-4432
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Vehicle Registration	Town Clerk	968-4432
Planning Board	Town Office	968-4432
Police – Routine	Police Department	968-7598
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Recycling	Recycling/Transfer Station	968-9032
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Water/Sewer Service	Utility Office	968-4002
Welfare	Welfare Director	968-4432
Zoning/Land Use Regs	Zoning Board	968-4432

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HAROLD O. "Mike" LANDROCHE

1923-2000

"We are richer for having known you...Poorer with your going"

This unattributed quotation is an apt description of the high esteem in which "Mike" Landroche was held by the many that came to know him over the years. Mike's life was one of SERVICE: service to Country during World War II including participation in the invasion of Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944; service to the Community of Ashland as a Selectmen and as a police officer; service to the Plymouth State College Community as Chief of Security for 19 years; service to countless individuals in need of help. His passing leaves a void in our community, which will be most difficult to fill.

Contributed by Leon Dustin



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August 8, 2000

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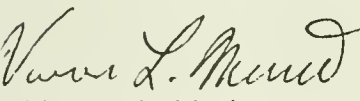
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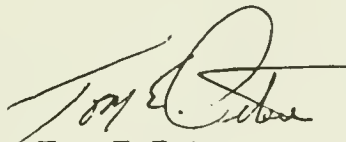
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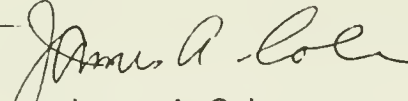
The Board of Selectmen would like to thank you for allowing the Town the liberty of continuing the agreement of using your land for a radio repeater transmitting site at no cost to the community. We understand and appreciate during these difficult financial times it can be challenging to offer a gesture of this magnitude.

Regards,

TOWN OF ASHLAND
Board of Selectmen


Vernon L. Marion


Tom E. Peters


James A. Cole

BOARDS AND OFFICIALS 2000

Elected Officials

Selectmen	Vernon L. Marion 2001 – Thomas E. Peters 2002 – James A. Cole 2003
Moderator	Glenn Dion 2002
Town Clerk	Patricia Tucker 2002
Town Treasurer	Linda Eastman 2001
Town Trustees	Richard Ogden 2002 – Edward Dupuis 2003 – Richard Pare 2001
Library Trustees	Jill Mudgett 2003 – Caroline Boyle 2002 – Sandy Ray 2001
Supervisors of the Checklist	Beverly Ober 2006 – Joanne Hrdlicka 2004 – Douglas Ober 2002
Budget Committee	Dana Buck 2003 (resigned) – Maureen Evleth 2003 – James Gosse 2003 – Glenn Dion 2003 – Robert Boyle 2002 – Alan Cilley 2002 Francis Murdock 2002 – Douglas Ober 2001 – David Ruell 2001 John Murphy 2001 – James Alba 2001 – M. Edward Simes 2001 Janice Munro 2001 – Selectmen Rep Tom Peters – School Board Rep Lynn Davis and Caroline Boyle

Appointed Officials

Town Administrator	Thomas Gaydos
Administrative Assistant	Anne Abear
Tax Collector	Patricia Tucker
Deputy Tax Collector/Clerk	Anne Abear
Fire Department	Chief N. Scott Weden – 1 st Deputy David Paquette 2 nd Deputy Thomas Stewart
Electric Department	Superintendent Lee V. Nichols – Linesman Nathan Tate
Utility Office Staff	Linda Pack – Kay Mudgett
Water/Sewer Department	Woodard and Curren Plant Manager Russell Cross Jr – Lee Bavis
Police Department	Interim Chief Donald Marren– Sergeant Charles Tarr Patrolman Howard Beaudry – Patrolman Dianne DeLucca Patrolman Peter Cook (resigned) – Specials Michael Berry – Sheryl Labbe – Steven Calderwood – Ryan Kelly Chaplin Shirley Marcroft
Planning Board	Andrew St. Godard 2002 – Kendall L. Hughes 2002 (resigned) – Robert Boyle 2002 (resigned) – Christopher Johnstone 2001 – Robin Fisk 2001 – Lee Nichols 2001 – Selectman James Cole – Alternate Lynne Nesbitt 2002 – Alternate Elisabeth Peoples 2002 – Alternate Margaret Smith 2002
LR Planning Commission Rep	Christopher Johnstone 2001

Zoning Board of Adjustment	Robert Boyle 2002 – Mark Hormell 2002 – Ellison Badger 2002 (resigned) – James Alba 2002 – James Lesure 2002 (resigned) – Michael Lembo 2001 – Alternate Elaine Allard 2002
Parks/Recreation Director	Jessica Bickford
Health Officer	Carlton Abear 2003 – Deputy Russell Cross Jr.
Road Agent	Mark Ober
Highway Department	Timothy Paquette – Paul Rogers
Town Mechanic	Lee Huckins
Transfer/Recycling Facility	James Godville – Donald Lott
Animal Control	Ashland Police Department
Welfare Officer	Robert Hicks
Emergency Management	N. Scott Weden 2002
Scribner Trustees	Samuel Norman 2002 – Raymond Burke Sr. 2001
Building Inspector	Robert Hicks 2002
Electrical Inspector	Francis Murdock
Plumbing Inspector	Thomas Glidden
Historic Commission	Robert Hicks 2001–Claire Hicks 2001–Marilyn Rollins 2001
Conservation Commission	Sandra Jones 2002 (resigned) – Melissa Laverack 2002 (resigned) – Ruth Knapp 2002 – Gerard Chouinard 2001
Pemi–Baker Home Health Agency Representative	Mary Ruell 2001 – Alternate Ann Marie Reever
Pemi Baker Solid Waste District Representative	Mark Ober 2003
Housing Standards Board	Elaine Hughes 2002 – Bradley Ober 2002 – Christopher Shipp 2001 – Fire Chief Weden – Health Officer Abear
Safety Committee	Timothy Paquette 2002 – Donald Marren 2002 – Anne Abear 2002 – Bradley Ober 2001 – Howard Beaudry 2001 – Selectman Rep Vernon Marion
Memorial Park Trustee	Sandra Jones 2002 – Mary Ruell 2003 Timothy Gotwols 2002 – Marion Merrill 2003
Fire Warden	Scott Weden
Fire Deputy Wardens	Greg Bavis – Charles Fouts – Stephen Heath – Brad Ober David A. Paquette – Christopher Shipp – Thomas B. Stewart Jeff Uhlman – Stephen Vachon
N.H. State and Federal Officials	
U.S Senators	Robert C. Smith – Judd Gregg
U.S. Representatives	John E. Sununu – Charles Bass
NH State Senator	Ned Gordon
NH House Representatives	District #8 William Gabler – Burton Williams

SELECTMEN'S REPORT 2000

Submitted by Selectmen Vernon L. Marion, Tom E. Peters, James A. Cole

First, we would like to take this opportunity to give our sincere thanks to all of the dedicated individuals who so generously gave of their time in serving on various town boards and committees and to those who have dedicated their time and energy in a variety of ways, all to better our community. Ashland is a special place to live, not just for its desirable location, surrounded by beautiful lakes and mountains, but because of its people who are willing to help others in so many ways.

The year 2000 will be remembered as a year that we all survived the dreaded Y2K computer crisis.

For the town of Ashland, it was truly a year of reconciliation and intense review of all the town's departments. We have taken many steps to make departments more efficient and more accountable. For example, through our review process we learned that our water and sewer departments were not billing out enough to cover the costs of their budget driving these departments deeper into debt each year. Having no other place in the Town budget to absorb this growing fiscal problem, we had no alternative but to raise water and sewer rates to cover the costs. Having found and implemented better operational methods we have made these departments more efficient and through restructuring of the debt burden we have reduced water and sewer rates to a more manageable level.

The River Street sewer extension project is well underway, having completed pipeline installation and road construction. In the summer of 2001 there will be another layer of pavement applied, pump stations installed and home connections will be made.

By state law the campground will be closed for 2001 and will only reopen upon the approval of the Town to meet state standards.

As we mentioned in last year's report a group of Town employees were granted membership in a union. The Board and our administrative staff devoted many hours this year to finalize a reasonable contract with this Union.

The audit nightmare: We currently have draft audits for the years 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999. It appears that each time we look into the past years records we find more surprises. We are currently putting together yet another special audit report. This new report and past reports will add to the potential sum that we are confident we can recover through our insurance claim.

\$2,000,000 Bond: The people voted to fund this bond in order to fill a huge deficit left to us by our fiscally dysfunctional "old management". It was expected to have increased our tax rate by approximately \$5 per thousand. Through the effort of each department head watching their spending and our administrator making sure that we generate as much revenue as possible, "new management" was able to reduce this expected increase to \$2.25 per thousand.

For more details of this year's activity please refer to the "Selectmen's Year in Review". If you have not received this report in the mail, you may acquire a copy from the Town Office.

In closing, this Board will take every step available to recover funds that have been stolen, misappropriated and or lost through gross mismanagement. We will ensure that justice will be served.

We are formulating and implementing plans to reduce our huge deficit and increase revenue in a sincere effort to substantially reduce our tax burden.

We are focused on developing a government that works as efficient as possible while still providing the services the people desire and a government the people of Ashland will have confidence in.



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January 8, 2001

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Board of Selectmen
Town of Ashland
Town Office
Ashland, New Hampshire 03217

Dear Selectmen:

Our audits for the years 1995 through 1999 are moving forward. I have met with the Board several times over the last six months or so to review the various draft reports for each of those years. We are currently, at the request of the Board, examining additional areas at the Town. The release of the final audit reports will be postponed until the work in these additional areas has been completed and the related special reports issued to the Board.

We would like to thank the Town's employees, management and elected officials for their complete cooperation since October 1998 in assisting us with our work and responding timely to any and all of our requests for additional information. It has been a demanding and challenging time for all involved in the process, but the Town has taken the steps needed to correct the course of its financial ship.

Sincerely,

John E. Lyford, CPA

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NEW HAMPSHIRE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY RESULTS

FEBRUARY 1, 2000

The polls were declared open at 8:00 AM by Moderator Glenn Dion. Election officials were Supervisors of the Checklist Douglas Ober, Beverly Ober, Joanne Hrdlicka; Ballot Clerks Margaret Duguay, Josephine Brown, David Ruell, Guinevere Newton; Town Clerk Patricia Tucker; Moderator Glenn Dion.

The polls were closed at 7:00 PM. The following citizens were sworn in as ballot counters – Anne Abear, Gwendolyn Randall, James Gosse, Robert Boyle, Philip Preston, Catherine Hahn, Margaret Smith, Kathryn Lucente, Pamela Ober, Marion Merrill, Vernon Marion.

ELECTION RESULTS

Republican – President

Gary Bauer	3
Samuel H. Berry Jr.	0
George W. Bush	129
Kenneth A. Capalbo	0
Steve Forbes	69
Mark Dick Harnes	0
Orrin G. Hatch	1
Alan Lee Keyes	43
Andy Martin	0
John McCain	172
Timothy Lee Mosby	0
Tom Oyler	0
Richard C. Peet	0
Dorian Yeager	0

Republican – President Write-ins

Bill Bradley	3
Al Gore	1

Republican – Vice President

William Bryk	44
Russell J. Fornwalt	36

Republican – Vice President Write-ins

George Bush	5
Elizabeth Dole	13
Orrin Hatch	3
Al Gore	1
Alan Keyes	15
John McCain	9
F. Roy Fitzsimmons	1
Dorian Yeager	1
Steve Forbes	6
John Dow	1
Gary Bauer	3
Pat Tucker	1
Ray Normandin	1
Bob Smith	1

Democratic – President

Bill Bradley	99
Charles Buckley	0
Willie Felix Carter	0
Randolph W. Crow	0
John B. Eaton	0
Al Gore	103
Mark Greenstein	0
Vincent S. Hamm	0
Heather Harder	0
Thomas Koos	0
Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr	0
Nathaniel Thomas Mullins	0
Edward T. O'Donnell Jr.	0
Jeffrey B. Peters	0
Michael Skok	0
Jim Taylor	0

Democratic – President Write-ins

George W. Bush	1
Steve Forbes	2
Alan Lee Keyes	2
John McCain	4

Democratic – Vice President

Sam Costello	16
Wladislav David Kubiak	32

Democratic – Vice Pres. Write-ins

Bill Bradley	3
Al Gore	4
Charlie Gibson	1
Ralph Nader	1
Wayne King	1
Jeanne Shaheen	1
Elizabeth Dole	1
Pat Tucker	1
Bill Clinton	1

*Patricia Tucker, Town Clerk
February 1, 2000*

REPUBLICAN BALLOTS CAST	422	TOTAL ON CHECKLIST	1243
DEMOCRAT BALLOTS CAST	212	PERCENTAGE VOTING	51%

Minutes of Town Meeting Ashland, New Hampshire

February 12, 2000

Moderator Glenn Dion called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Moderator Dion introduced Attorney Walter Mitchell who explained the procedures of the SB 2 town meeting. At the head table were Moderator Glenn Dion; Selectmen Vernon Marion, Thomas Winn, Tom Peters; Town Administrator Thomas Gaydos; Attorney Walter Mitchell; Town Clerk Patricia Tucker; Budget Committee Members Edward Hubbard, David Ruell, John Murphy.

Moderator Dion explained that each article would be read, discussed and if no amendment was offered, we would move on to the next article. Moderator Dion stated that the voting on the articles would take place on March 14, 2000 with polling hours from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM at the Ashland School Gymnasium.

Article 1:

To see if the Town will vote to change the name and purpose of the existing Parks & Recreation Building and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to the Parks and Recreation Skating Rink Capital Reserve fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee) (2/3 Vote Required)

This article was read and discussed. No amendments were made; article will appear on ballot as written.

Article 2:

To see if the Town of Ashland will accept the streets, drives, lanes or ways; namely, Squam Shore Drive, Squam Lane, Wildwood Drive and Island Drive, as public ways and that they be maintained, improved, and serviced as appropriate or necessary, just as any other public way in the Town; or to take any other action that may be necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article. (Petitioned article) (Majority Vote Required)

Amendment #1: It was moved by Vernon Marion, seconded by David Ruell to **delete** "or to take any other action that may be necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article **and replace it with** "provided that all such streets shall first be rebuilt to the road construction standards found in the subdivision regulations at no cost to the town".

Discussion followed. A voice vote on the amendment was in the affirmative. The article will appear on the ballot as amended.

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Article 3:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000) for the payment of the Town's portion of the Lakes Region Mutual Aid: Communication Building Project, with the amount of Twenty Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000) to be withdrawn from the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

(Majority Vote Required)

The article was read and discussed, no amendments were made, and article will appear on ballot as written.

Article 4:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of Phase I upgrade of the Fire Department's Radio Equipment in order to be compatible with the new Lakes Region Mutual Aid: Communication System, with Five Thousand Ninety-Nine (\$5,099) plus interest to date to be withdrawn from the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve fund and the balance of up to Four Thousand Nine Hundred One Dollars (\$4901) to be raised through taxation. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required) A "YES" vote will discontinue this fund.

Amendment #1: It was moved by Caroline Gosse, seconded by Maureen Evleth to **remove** "A yes vote will discontinue this fund". A voice vote on the amendment was in the affirmative with dissent. The article will appear on the ballot as amended.

Article 5:

To see if the Town will vote to change the name and the purpose of the existing Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and it shall thereafter be known as the Fire Department Radio Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee) (2/3 Vote Required)

The article was read and discussed, no amendments were made, and article will appear on ballot as written.

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Article 6:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Six Thousand Dollars (\$26,000) for the purpose of purchasing and outfitting a police cruiser by withdrawing all funds from the police department equipment capital reserve fund in the amount of Twenty Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Dollars (\$20,840) plus interest to date and the balance shall be raised by taxation, up to maximum of Five Thousand One Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$5,160). A "YES" vote will discontinue this fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

The article was read and discussed, no amendments were made, and article will appear on ballot as written.

Article 7:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty One Thousand, Nine Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$41,925) for the purpose of employing a Recreational Director and operating a summer camp program and other special activities (Anticipated Revenues of \$15,600.00 will be produced by the program and results in a projected cost to the taxpayer of \$26,325). (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

Amendment #1: It was moved by Mary Ruell, seconded by Caroline Gosse to **substitute for the word** "camp" **with** "playground and beach program". This amendment was discussed. A voice vote on the amendment was in the affirmative with dissent.

Amendment #2 It was moved by Barbara Marion, seconded by Nancy Hubbard to **change** "\$41,925 to \$30,000 and to **change** \$26,325 to \$14,400. The voice vote on this amendment was negative and the amendment was defeated.

Amendment #3: It was moved by Kathleen Burgess, seconded by Richard Burgess "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$41,925 for the purpose of employing a Recreational Director (full time during the summer program and part time for the remainder of the year) and operating a summer program and other special activities.

The voice vote on this amendment was in the affirmative with dissent. The article as amended will appear on the ballot.

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Article 8:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and transact the sale of the assets of the Ashland Electric Company with the proceeds from such sale to be used to offset the general fund deficit. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)
(Majority Vote Required)

Amendment #1: It was moved by Edward Hubbard, seconded by numerous voters to **remove** “and transact” and **add after deficit.** “ Any sale shall be approved by the voters at a future town meeting”. There was discussion on the amendment; the question was moved by Jane Sawyer, seconded by Skip Fields. The voice vote on the amendment was in the affirmative. The article as amended will appear on the ballot.

Article 9:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell a parcel of town owned property located in said town on Washington Street, listed as tax map, 017-013-008, described as .402 acres and presently assessed at a value of \$5500 on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem appropriate. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

The article was read and discussed, no amendments were made, and article will appear on ballot as written.

Article 10:

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 transfer items of historical significance to the Ashland Historical Society without further vote of the Town and until rescinded by Town Meeting. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the budget committee) (Majority vote required)

The article was read and discussed, no amendments were made, and article will appear on ballot as written.

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Article 11:

To see if the town will vote to rescind Article 7 adopted by vote of the 1999 town meeting, and in its place vote to establish a committee, to be known as the Trustees of Ashland Memorial Park, to have the responsibility of managing the land and structures thereon known as Ashland Memorial Park and abutting land (all described on the respective deeds as recorded at the Grafton County Registry of Deeds in Book 2155, Page 649, and Book 1099, Page 430 (Ashland Memorial Park Areas) and in Book 1077, Page 598, (Flag Pole Area), and in Book 1099, Page 429, (Water Trough Area).

And to further authorize that all funds in the possession of the Town, now and hereafter, that are dedicated for the purpose of the care, maintenance, and protection of the Ashland Memorial Park (and abutting stated areas) be used and administered in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Ashland Memorial Park Trust and the general purpose as stated herein (or as otherwise directed by any specific “gift”);

And to further authorize that the said Ashland Memorial Park Board of Trustees shall consist of four (4) members who shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, initially with two such members for terms of two (2) years, and two (2) such members for terms of (3) years, and thereafter all to serve terms of (3) years; and that the first appointments by the Board of Selectmen shall consist of members of the current Ashland Memorial Park Committee; and that the Board of Selectmen shall have the power to fill any vacancies for unexpired terms:

And to further authorize that said Trustees shall account for the receipts and disbursements and improvements to the Ashland Memorial Park properties annually to the Board of Selectmen, and at such more frequent times as said Board of Selectmen may require; Said Trustees shall give bond to the Town for the faithful discharge of their duties in such amount and with such surety as said Board of Selectmen may deem necessary and approve. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

The article was read and discussed, no amendments were made, and article will appear on ballot as written.

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Article 12:

To see if the Town will vote to continue the funding of Police Coverage on a 24 hour per day, 365 day per year basis. Non-binding.

The article was read and discussed, no amendments were made, and article will appear on ballot as written.

Article 13:

To see if the Town will vote to require the Board of Selectmen to ensure that the Town's Annual Audit Report will be completed within the year following the close of the Town's fiscal year and that the auditors overview be printed in each Annual Town Report. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

The article was read and discussed, no amendments were made, and article will appear on ballot as written.

Article 14:

To see if the Town will vote to apply any funds recovered through insurance claims or litigation process directly against the general fund deficit. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

The article was read and discussed, no amendments were made, and article will appear on ballot as written.

Article 15:

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$6,044,066. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$6,313,274.00, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

The article was read and discussed, no amendments were made, and article will appear on ballot as written.

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Article 16:

To see if the Town will vote to accept the Reports of its Boards, Commissioners, Committees and Officers for the year 1999 subject to corrections of errors when and if found. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

The article was read and discussed, no amendments were made, and article will appear on ballot as written.

Article 17:

Shall the Town limit the police force to no more than one full-time officer for each 500, or portion thereof, permanent residents of the Town of Ashland. (Petitioned article)

Amendment #1 It was moved by Daniel Uhlman, seconded by Edward Hubbard to **add to the end** “non-binding”.

The voice vote on the amendment was in the affirmative; the article will appear on the ballot as amended.

Article 18:

To see if the Town will vote to send the following resolution to the New Hampshire General Court: Resolved, New Hampshire’s natural, cultural and historic resources are worthy of protection and therefore, the State of New Hampshire should establish and fund a permanent public/private partnership for the voluntary conservation of these important resources. (Petitioned article) (Majority Vote Required)

The article was read and discussed, no amendments were made, and article will appear on ballot as written.

Article 19:

Shall we **rescind** the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) as adopted by the Town of Ashland on March 9, 1999 so that the Official Ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by State Law? (Petitioned article) (3/5 vote required)

The article was read and discussed, no amendments were made, and article will appear on ballot as written.

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Article 20:

Shall the Town vest the management, control, and direction of the municipal electric system in a board of electric commissioners to consist of three citizens of the Town, such commissioners having full power and authority and duty to manage, control, and direct the electric system and having terms of office of three years (except for terms of the first commissioners of one, two and three years, respectively) to be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Town of Ashland in the year 2001. (Petitioned article) (Majority Vote Required)

The article was read and discussed, no amendments were made, and article will appear on ballot as written.

Article 21:

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 Year
- (d) One Town Trustee for 3 Years
- (e) One Town Trustee for 1 Year
- (f) One Library Trustee for 3 Years
- (g) One Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years
- (h) Four Members of the Budget Committee for 3 Years

The list of candidates for the respective offices was read.

Article 22:

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment #1 to the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the planning board to regulate the placement, maintenance and eventual removal of wireless communication towers and devices? The amendment prohibits communication towers in the Little Squam Overlay District and the Pemigewasset Overlay District, and allows them in other areas of town if the specific proposal complies with the standards contained in the amendment which are designed to minimize the impact of such communication towers and devices. *Federal law prohibits towns from adopting ordinances that ban communication towers or communication devices, but does allow towns to regulate their placement, maintenance and removal.* (Majority Vote Required)

The article was read and discussed, no amendments were made, and article will appear on ballot as written.

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Article 23:

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment #2 to the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the planning board, as follows: to delete the last sentence of section 7.1 which incorrectly states that the planning board may decide whether permits have been properly issued when, in fact, the zoning board of adjustment has the authority under State law? (Majority Vote Required)

The article was read and discussed, no amendments were made, and article will appear on ballot as written.

Article 24:

Are you in favor of amending the Town of Ashland Building Regulations as proposed by the Planning Board to upgrading the building codes to the 1999 BOCA Basic Building Code, to the 1997 Life Safety Code and to the 1997 National Fire Prevention Code. (Majority Vote Required)

The article was read and discussed, no amendments were made, and article will appear on ballot as written.

Article 25:

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

Moderator Glenn Dion declared the meeting adjourned at 5:02 PM.



Patricia Tucker
Ashland Town Clerk
February 12, 2000

Results of the Official Balloting
Town of Ashland, New Hampshire
March 14, 2000

Article 1:

To see if the Town will vote to change the name and purpose of the existing Parks & Recreation Building and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to the Parks and Recreation Skating Rink Capital Reserve fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee) (2/3 Vote Required)

YES 357 NO 104

Article 2:

To see if the Town of Ashland will accept the streets, drives, lanes or ways; namely, Squam Shore Drive, Squam Lane, Wildwood Drive and Island Drive, as public ways and that they be maintained, improved, and serviced as appropriate or necessary, just as any other public way in the Town; provided that all such streets shall first be rebuilt to the road construction standards found in the subdivision regulations at no cost to the town". (Petitioned article) (Majority Vote Required)

YES 233 NO 216

Article 3:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000) for the payment of the Town's portion of the Lakes Region Mutual Aid: Communication Building Project, with the amount of Twenty Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000) to be withdrawn from the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

YES 371 NO 85

Article 4:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of Phase I upgrade of the Fire Department's Radio Equipment in order to be compatible with the new Lakes Region Mutual Aid: Communication System, with Five Thousand Ninety-Nine (\$5,099) plus interest to date to be withdrawn from the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve fund and the balance of up to Four Thousand Nine Hundred One Dollars (\$4901) to be raised through taxation. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

YES 351 NO 107

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Article 5:

To see if the Town will vote to change the name and the purpose of the existing Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and it shall thereafter be known as the Fire Department Radio Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee) (2/3 Vote Required)

YES 311 NO 142

Article 6:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Six Thousand Dollars (\$26,000) for the purpose of purchasing and outfitting a police cruiser by withdrawing all funds from the police department equipment capital reserve fund in the amount of Twenty Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Dollars (\$20,840) plus interest to date and the balance shall be raised by taxation, up to maximum of Five Thousand One Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$5,160). A “YES” vote will discontinue this fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

YES 267 NO 187

Article 7:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$41,925 for the purpose of employing a Recreational Director (full time during the summer program and part time for the remainder of the year) and operating a summer program and other special activities. (Anticipated revenues of \$15,6000 will be produced by the program and results in a projected cost to the taxpayers of \$26,325)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
(Majority Vote Required)

YES 253 NO 206

Article 8:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate the sale of the assets of the Ashland Electric Company with the proceeds from such sale to be used to offset the general fund deficit. Any sale shall be approved by the voters at a future town meeting.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority Vote Required)

YES 156 NO 301

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Article 9:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell a parcel of town owned property located in said town on Washington Street, listed as tax map, 017-013-008, described as .402 acres and presently assessed at a value of \$5500 on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem appropriate. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

YES 394 NO 61

Article 10:

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 transfer items of historical significance to the Ashland Historical Society without further vote of the Town and until rescinded by Town Meeting. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the budget committee) (Majority vote required)

YES 396 NO 58

Article 11:

To see if the town will vote to rescind Article 7 adopted by vote of the 1999 town meeting, and in its place vote to establish a committee, to be known as the Trustees of Ashland Memorial Park, to have the responsibility of managing the land and structures thereon known as Ashland Memorial Park and abutting land (all described on the respective deeds as recorded at the Grafton County Registry of Deeds in Book 2155, Page 649, and Book 1099, Page 430 (Ashland Memorial Park Areas) and in Book 1077, Page 598, (Flag Pole Area), and in Book 1099, Page 429, (Water Trough Area).

And to further authorize that all funds in the possession of the Town, now and hereafter, that are dedicated for the purpose of the care, maintenance, and protection of the Ashland Memorial Park (and abutting stated areas) be used and administered in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Ashland Memorial Park Trust and the general purpose as stated herein (or as otherwise directed by any specific "gift");

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And to further authorize that the said Ashland Memorial Park Board of Trustees shall consist of four (4) members who shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, initially with two such members for terms of two (2) years, and two (2) such members for terms of (3) years, and thereafter all to serve terms of (3) years; and that the first appointments by the Board of Selectmen shall consist of members of the current Ashland Memorial Park Committee; and that the Board of Selectmen shall have the power to fill any vacancies for unexpired terms:

And to further authorize that said Trustees shall account for the receipts and disbursements and improvements to the Ashland Memorial Park properties annually to the Board of Selectmen, and at such more frequent times as said Board of Selectmen may require; Said Trustees shall give bond to the Town for the faithful discharge of their duties in such amount and with such surety as said Board of Selectmen may deem necessary and approve. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

YES 380 NO 72

Article 12:

To see if the Town will vote to continue the funding of Police Coverage on a 24 hour per day, 365 day per year basis. Non-binding.

YES 267 NO 183

Article 13:

To see if the Town will vote to require the Board of Selectmen to ensure that the Town's Annual Audit Report will be completed within the year following the close of the Town's fiscal year and that the auditors overview be printed in each Annual Town Report. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

YES 442 NO 5

Article 14:

To see if the Town will vote to apply any funds recovered through insurance claims or litigation process directly against the general fund deficit. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

YES 433 NO 17

Article 15:

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$6,044,066. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$6,313,274.00, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

YES 365 NO 74

Article 16:

To see if the Town will vote to accept the Reports of its Boards, Commissioners, Committees and Officers for the year 1999 subject to corrections of errors when and if found. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

YES 405 NO 36

Article 17:

Shall the Town limit the police force to no more than one full-time officer for each 500, or portion thereof, permanent residents of the Town of Ashland. (Petitioned article) Non-binding

YES 244 NO 196

Article 18:

To see if the Town will vote to send the following resolution to the New Hampshire General Court: Resolved, New Hampshire's natural, cultural and historic resources are worthy of protection and therefore, the State of New Hampshire should establish and fund a permanent public/private partnership for the voluntary conservation of these important resources. (Petitioned article) (Majority Vote Required)

YES 332 NO 104

Article 19:

Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) as adopted by the Town of Ashland on March 9, 1999 so that the Official Ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by State Law? (Petitioned article) (3/5 vote required)

YES 188 NO 244

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Article 20:

Shall the Town vest the management, control, and direction of the municipal electric system in a board of electric commissioners to consist of three citizens of the Town, such commissioners having full power and authority and duty to manage, control, and direct the electric system and having terms of office of three years (except for terms of the first commissioners of one, two and three years, respectively) to be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Town of Ashland in the year 2001. (Petitioned article) (Majority Vote Required)

YES 233 NO 188

Article 21:

To choose all of the following officers for the year ensuing:

Board of Selectmen – 3 years

James Cole 289

Thomas Winn 159

Town Treasurer – 1 year

Linda Eastman 413

Town Moderator – 2 years

Glenn Dion 392

Town Trustee – 3 years

Edward A. Dupuis 374

Town Trustee – 1 year

Rick Pare 369

Library Trustee – 3 years

Jill Mudgett 412

Supervisor of the Checklist – 6 years

Christine Austin 94

Beverly Ober 313

Budget Committee Members – 3 years

Vote for four

Dana Buck 278

Glenn Dion 322

Maureen Evleth 316

James Gosse 299

Edward Hubbard 245

Article 22:

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment #1 to the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the planning board to regulate the placement, maintenance and eventual removal of wireless communication towers and devices? The amendment prohibits communication towers in the Little Squam Overlay District and the Pemigewasset Overlay District, and allows them in other areas of town if the specific proposal complies with the standards contained in the amendment which are designed to minimize the impact of such communication towers and devices. *Federal law prohibits towns from adopting ordinances that ban communication towers or communication devices, but does allow towns to regulate their placement, maintenance and removal.* (Majority Vote Required)

YES 316 NO 118

Article 23:

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment #2 to the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the planning board, as follows: to delete the last sentence of section 7.1 which incorrectly states that the planning board may decide whether permits have been properly issued when, in fact, the zoning board of adjustment has the authority under State law? (Majority Vote Required)

YES 353 NO 78

Article 24:

Are you in favor of amending the Town of Ashland Building Regulations as proposed by the Planning Board to upgrading the building codes to the 1999 BOCA Basic Building Code, to the 1997 Life Safety Code and to the 1997 National Fire Prevention Code. (Majority Vote Required)

YES 319 NO 83



Patricia Tucker

Ashland Town Clerk

March 14, 2000

STATE PRIMARY ELECTION – SEPTEMBER 12, 2000

In accordance with the legally signed and posted Notice to Voters, Moderator Glenn Dion opened the polls at 8:00 AM. The ballot box had been examined and the voting machine tested. The polls were open until 7:00 PM when they were declared closed by Moderator Dion.

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

Write-in votes were counted by Patricia Tucker and Anne Abear.

Democratic Ballot

For Governor	
Mark Fernald	38
Jeanne Shaheen	74
For Representative in Congress	
Barney Brannen	50
Norman H. Jackman	42
For Executive Councilor	
For State Senator	
For State Representative	
Helyn A. Townsend	61
For Sheriff	
For County Attorney	
For County Treasurer	
For Register of Deeds	
For Register of Probate	
For County Commissioner	
Number of Votes Cast	312
#Republicans on Checklist	500
#Democrats on Checklist	291
Undeclared on Checklist	446
Percentage Voting	25

Patricia Tucker, Town Clerk

Republican Ballot

For Governor	
Gordon Humphrey	117
Jim Marron	4
James Squires	34
Fred Bramante	3
Jeff Howard	32
For Representative in Congress	
Charles Bass	175
For Executive Councilor	
Raymond S. Burton	165
Peter H. Estabrooks	24
For State Senator	
Edward Ned Gordon	172
For State Representatives	
Bill Gabler	107
Burton W. Williams	116
For Sheriff	
Charles E. Barry	161
For County Attorney	
Ken Anderson	126
Kenneth Ryan	56
For County Treasurer	
Kathleen Ward	153
For Register of Deeds	
Carol Elliott	168
Phil Weber	18
For Register of Probate	
Rebecca Wyman	158
For County Commissioner	
Steve Panagoulis	164
For Delegate to the State Convention	
Norma Cole	14 w-ins

GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 7, 2000

State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Ashland in the County of Grafton, New Hampshire;
You are hereby notified to meet at the Ashland School Gymnasium–Highland Street on Tuesday, the seventh of November 2000. The polls will be open between the hours of 8:00AM and 7:00 PM to act upon the following subjects:

To bring in your votes for President and Vice President of the United States, Governor, United States Representative, Executive Councilor, State Senator, State Representative and County Officers

To bring in your votes on the question relating to constitutional amendments as proposed by the 1999 General Court

Given under our hands and seal this 16 day of October, in the year of Our Lord two thousand.

Vernon L. Marion

Tom E. Peters

James A. Cole Selectmen of Ashland

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within names, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting an attested copy of the above Warrant at the place of meeting and at the office of the Town Clerk on the 16 day of October, 2000.

Vernon L. Marion

Tom E. Peters

James A. Cole Selectmen of Ashland

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT

George Bush/Dick Cheney	480
Al Gore/Joe Lieberman	342
Harry Browne/Art Olivier	3
Ralph Nadar/Winona LaDuke	48
Howard Phillips/J. Curtis Frazier	0
Pat Buchanan/Ezola Foster	6

Write ins

Steve Forbes	1
Jessey Ventura	1
John Hagelin	1

GOVERNOR

Gordon Humphrey	439
Jeanne Shaheen	370
Mary Brown	59
John J. Babiarz	12

Write ins

Gordon Humphrey	1
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REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Charles Bass	543
Barney Brannen	283
Brian Christeson	21
Roy Kendel	8

EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR

Raymond S. Burton	676
Rosalie T. Babiarz	93

STATE SENATOR

Edward "Ned" Gordon	619
Lynn Rudmin Chong	218

Write ins

Mickey Mouse	1
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE- VOTE FOR 2

Bill Gabler	446
Burton W. Williams	393
Helyn A. Townsend	340

Write ins

Bob Barker	3
Sandra Jones	1
Patricia Scott	1

FOR SHERIFF

Charles Barry	664
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Write ins

John Doe	1
John Fortune	1

Joe Smith	1
Poochie Tarr	1
Dale Gutderlet	1

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY

Ken Anderson	630
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Write Ins

Squires	1
John Doe	1
Gabe Nizetic	2
Bruce Lozier	1
Ross Deachman	2
Harvey Garod	1
Paul Hunt	1
Tom Cowie	1
Christopher Keeten	1

Ken Ryan	1	
Jennifer Dorsett	1	
<u>FOR COUNTY TREASURER</u>		
Kathleen W. Ward		656
Write Ins		
John Doe	1	
Matthew Mickewicz	1	
<u>FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS</u>		
Carole A. Elliott		691
Write Ins		
John Doe	1	
<u>FOR REGISTER OF PROBATE</u>		
Rebecca R. Wyman		653
Write Ins		
John Doe	1	
<u>FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER</u>		
Steve Panagoulis		653
Write Ins		
John Doe	1	
Joe Smith	1	
Mickey Mouse	1	
Tom Peters	1	

question is submitted to the voters by the 1999 Legislature on votes of 262 to 62 in the House of Representatives and 19 to 3 in the Senate. CACR 6

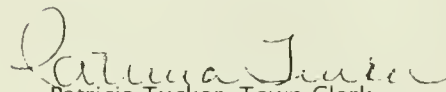
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Patricia Tucker, Town Clerk

TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS	1355
VOTES CAST	894
PERCENTAGE VOTING	66%

The polls were opened at 8:00 AM by Moderator Glenn Dion. The ballot box was examined by the ballot clerks. Absentee ballots were processed at 1:00 PM. Election officials present were Moderator Glenn Dion, Town Clerk Patricia Tucker, Ballot Clerks David Ruell, Josephine Brown, Margaret Duguay, Guinevere Newton; Supervisors of the Checklist Joanne Hrdlicka, Douglas Ober, Beverly Ober.

The polls were closed at 7:00 PM.


Patricia Tucker, Town Clerk

Question Relating to Constitutional Amendments proposed by the 1999 General Court
Are you in favor of amending the constitution to provide that municipalities shall have home rule authority to exercise such powers and perform such functions pertaining to its government and affairs which are not prohibited by the state constitution, state statute, or common law, and that the state shall retain its right of preemption over municipal powers and functions?

Upon passage of this questions the first part of the New Hampshire Constitution will be amended by inserting after Article 39 the following new article:

(Art) 40(Home Rule Authority Granted.) A municipality may exercise such powers and perform such functions pertaining to its government and affairs which are not prohibited by the state constitution, state statute, or common law. Nothing in this article shall be construed to alter or limit in any way the state's right of preemption over municipal powers and functions. (This



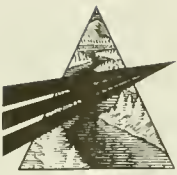
Open Letter to the Residents of the Town of Ashland

In January, 2000, Woodard & Curran was contacted by the Town of Ashland's Representatives to view the water and wastewater systems. The Town was facing a number of issues including a significant number of maintenance/repair items. Some of the more significant ones were:

- Two (2) out of the three (3) blowers had failed and were out of commission. These blowers represent 80% of the overall effectiveness in the wastewater treatment plant. Woodard & Curran made the repairs in the first week and have kept all three in service since.
- In February, 2000, the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Service issued a letter of deficiency to the Town. Upon assuming responsibility in March, 2000, Woodard & Curran corrected all the deficiencies listed and have passed all State inspection since.
- The Town was faced with providing properly qualified licensed personnel as specified by the State. Woodard & Curran provided experienced and properly licensed personnel. In addition to the on-site staff, Woodard & Curran provides management and technical support from our Concord office for process control, lab, compliance, maintenance, electrical and computer support.

Woodard & Curran submitted a proposal to the Town of Ashland to contract operate the water and wastewater facilities in January, 2000. After reviewing our qualifications and cost, the selectmen gave us a notice to proceed for a 1 March, 2000 start date. The Town budget for fiscal year 2000 for the Operations and Maintenance (not including office cost and bond payments) of the water and wastewater facilities was \$272,316; Woodard & Curran's cost was \$268,404. In addition to the budget cost savings, Woodard & Curran also provided a cost saving program in our contract with the Town and to date has provided additional savings with a payback to the Town of \$8,460 for a total anticipated first year savings of \$12,372. Although the bottom line savings is the most definitive method of realizing the benefits of contract operations, some of the indirect benefits that may not be as readily seen include:

- Responsibility for effluent and finish water quality, **GUARANTEERING** the compliance of the facilities within their design limits.
- Providing operations, maintenance and technical support from other nearby facilities and offices, putting the technical and management expertise of a professional firm at the Town's disposal.
- Putting in place a strong management team that specializes in managing staff, facilities and contracted services as well as supporting on-site operational staff



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with day to day problems and challenges along with their own long term professional development.

- Bulk purchasing power for chemicals and supplies, sharing the buying power of many of our facilities across New England.

The Selectman's decision of Woodard & Curran was also based on our qualifications. Woodard & Curran is a New England based firm with over 380 employees of whom 175 are certified water and wastewater professionals all of which can be drawn from to support the Town of Ashland. Woodard & Curran also operates forty-one (41) plants of which eleven (11) facilities are in New Hampshire. Woodard & Curran has won a number of awards from the State and EPA, including, "Plant of the Year", for our Littleton, New Hampshire Plant in 1997. Woodard & Curran has enjoyed the partnership with the Town and looks forward to the upcoming years. While a lot has been accomplished since March, 2000, the following is a brief list of accomplishments:

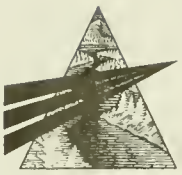
- ❖ Repaired air leak on aeration system in primary #3 lagoon
- ❖ Several repairs to the chemical feed system at the water pump station (new pump heads, diagrams, piping and valves)
- ❖ Installed 60' of 4" sewer line on School Street for a service
- ❖ Several repairs to the ejector station (diagrams, relays and a new electric motor for the air pump)
- ❖ Purchased new printer for pump station computer
- ❖ Repaired water service leak on River Side Drive
- ❖ Marked out water services for State DOT and SCI construction
- ❖ All lab equipment inspected and calibrated
- ❖ All flow meters calibrated including master meter at water pump station
- ❖ Wrote daily lab procedures book
- ❖ Computer SCADA system for water system repaired
- ❖ Working on water spotting problem
- ❖ Repaired sewer service on Summer Street (installed clean out)
- ❖ Repaired sewer service on Mill Street (installed clean out)
- ❖ Replaced wooden section of fence at treatment plant
- ❖ Routinely change oil and maintain blowers
- ❖ Keep grass mowed at treatment plant, water plant and water tower
- ❖ Replace malfunctioning chlorine injector nozzle at water pump station
- ❖ Repair grit chamber cover (long overdue)
- ❖ Purchased and installed new fuel tank for generator at treatment plant which included pouring a concrete pad
- ❖ Back flow inspections completed
- ❖ Replaced & aligned 2 out of 3 couplings on 2 blowers that had failed at treatment plant
- ❖ Installed 2 new water service lines this year

- ❖ Replaced portable generator at treatment plant
- ❖ Checked several meters because of high use complaints

- ❖ Installed 2 new hydrants (Highland Street and Winona Road)
- ❖ Raised gate valves on Winona Road for paving
- ❖ Repaired gate valve for hydrant on Winona Road
- ❖ Have done our own service work on generator at water plant
- ❖ Repaired malfunctioning solar system at tower
- ❖ Rebuilt caustic pump at water plant
- ❖ Flushed water distribution system
- ❖ Flushed many sections of the sewer system
- ❖ Repaired hydrant hit by snow plow on Thompson Street
- ❖ Replaced malfunctioning flow meter at west flume
- ❖ Installed new heater in pump room at treatment plant
- ❖ Took care of several safety issues at both water and wastewater plants
- ❖ Repaired cracks on clarifiers
- ❖ Repaired several curb boxes throughout distribution system
- ❖ Replaced batteries for generator at treatment plant
- ❖ Re-sealed hatchway to pump room at treatment plant
- ❖ Repaired broken valve on flushing truck
- ❖ Drained and checked fire hydrants before cold weather
- ❖ Repaired sewer manhole cover on Depot Street and one on Spring Street
- ❖ Turned on and off approximately 23 seasonal water services
- ❖ Repaired roof flashing on blower building
- ❖ Repaired rear main seal on backup generator at treatment plant and repaired the new exhaust system
- ❖ Finished installing 168 water meters that was started two years prior to our contract
- ❖ Installed cable and signs at town right of way on Winter Street
- ❖ Purchased new sludge pump that has needed replacement for the last 4 years
- ❖ Installed booster pump for customer on Highland Street
- ❖ Seven calls this year for frozen water meters
- ❖ Sent out lead education document
- ❖ Completed and sent out Customer Confidence Report
- ❖ Completed monitoring wells

On a regular basis we do:

- ❖ Yearly water quality samples for water system
- ❖ Adjust and blow off condensations lines on aeration system
- ❖ Monthly bacteria samples for water system
- ❖ Weekly checks at Jackson Pond Dam and maintenance
- ❖ Daily tests for PH, Temperature, Dissolved Oxygen, Chlorine



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- ❖ Dissolved oxygen readings in all 4 lagoons
- ❖ Lead and copper samples for water system

- ❖ Copper samples for treatment plant
- ❖ Color samples for treatment plant
- ❖ Weekly permit work for BOD, TSS and E.Coli
- ❖ DMR study 20 tests for EPA
- ❖ Monthly state and EPA reports
- ❖ Quarterly toxicity testing
- ❖ Daily PH readings for water system

We have helped the community by:

- ❖ Providing a licensed operator to run the beach/campground water system at no cost to the town
- ❖ Assisted Highway Department with water leak at beach/campground water system
- ❖ Check meter readings monthly for utility office- high readings only
- ❖ Posted notices monthly for utility office- shut off
- ❖ Donated money for the Ashland Community Day

Woodard & Curran looks forward to continuing to improve the Town with these services as we move into the future as your partner providing quality services at the best value to the residents of Ashland.

ASHLAND FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT 2000

Submitted by Fire Chief Norman S. Weden

This year the Ashland Fire & Rescue Department experienced another very busy year. Emergency activity is on the rise to an all time high. The increase in calls comes from response to Emergency Medical calls and Fire-associated calls. As of December 12, 2000 we are showing an increase of 41 calls over last year. The Fire and Rescue Department continues to be very busy with Life Safety Code Inspections, Boiler Inspections and the issuance of permits.

During Fire Prevention week, the firefighters were at the school and we had classes visit the fire station to educate the students on the importance of fire safety and other aspects of the fire service. We continue our endeavor to work with community groups on the importance of fire prevention. The firefighters and EMT's have continued to achieve a variety of continuing education goals. We now have two firefighters that are in the process of becoming Paramedics.

This year the fire department has started a fundraiser for purchasing a Thermal Imaging Camera. This camera will assist the firefighters at a structure fire. It will allow firefighters to see through fire and smoke, in the assistance of locating possible victims. Another valuable use for the camera is the locating of hot spots that are not visible to the naked eye. We have been raising funds for the past six months

and have reached our 50% mark. Along with this fundraiser, we are committed to continue our fundraising efforts to attempt to offset costs that are associated with the fire service.

Again, as in previous years the Ashland Fireman's Women's Auxiliary is in the process of another successful Operation Santa Claus. Last year they were able to assist over 30 families from Ashland that were in need over the holiday season. In closing, I would like to thank the members of the department, other town departments and employees along with the administration and residents for their support over the past year.

2000 Run Summary

Alarm Activation	24
Animal Rescue	2
Chimney Fire	5
Dishwasher Fire	1
Electrical Problem	1
Excavator Fire	1
Explosion	2
Flooded Oil Burner	3
Fuel Spill	8
Medical	186
Motor Vehicle Accident	54
Motor Vehicle Fire	11
Mutual Aid	20
Outside Fire	9
Overtured Boat	1
Service Call	21
Smoke Investigation	7
Snowmobile Fire	1
Trees on Wires	4
Utility Pole Fire	4

ASHLAND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 2000

Submitted by Road Agent Mark Ober

Report of the Highway Department

The year 2000 was an improvement over the 1999 year. During the summer and fall we installed one hundred and sixty five feet (165) of culvert pipe and built a new catch basin.

The River Street project was started and a good part of the work has been completed.

The following maintenance projects were done throughout the year - street sweeping, road grading, ditch cleaning, roadside mowing and patching roads.

During the year we also assisted other town departments in some of their projects.

Report of the Transfer and Recycling Station

As of November 30, 2000 the Transfer Station processed seven hundred thirty one (731) tons of household rubbish and one hundred eighty one (181) tons of construction and demolition materials. The recycling center handled two hundred thirty six (236) tons of recycled materials - a savings of \$16,300.

Recycling has had its ups and downs; tonnage for household rubbish is more this year and recycling material is less. *We all need to do our part to improve this statistic.*

Report of the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District

The year of 2000 was my first full year as the Ashland representative to the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District.

In the fall the District held their Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. This gives citizens a place to dispose of any hazardous materials that they may have in their homes; this will be done again in the fall of 2001.

The price of trash removal is about to take a large increase.

The Pemi-Baker District has negotiated a new 5-year agreement with North Country Environmental Services. As a member of the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District, Ashland can be part of this agreement as long as they sign on before July 1, 2001. Our contract with Waste Management comes up for renewal April 1, 2001.

ASHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT 2000

Submitted by Interim Chief Donald Marren

The year 2000 was another year of change for the Ashland Police Department. Chief Cameron Brown left in February to become the Deputy Chief with the Littleton Police Department. We wish him well and success with his new Department. It is with sadness that I report the unexpected death of part time officer Thomas Rowell. Officer Rowell was one of the most well admired and respected officers in the area. The community of Ashland has lost a very valuable employee and friend with his passing.

I am happy to report that even through the changes in personnel and staff shortages; the department has received training in courses presented by Police Standards and Training, Compensation Funds of New Hampshire, The New Hampshire State Police and the Office of the Attorney General. The courses and the topics selected provided our officers with current, up to date training that law enforcement requires. The training and knowledge gained by our officers is brought back to allow the Police Department to serve our community better.

As Interim Chief, I have made schedule changes within the police department in order to make our juvenile officer Howard Beaudry available and to be able to provide his services at the Ashland School to the students and staff. He brings his many years of experience and training into the school community. He regularly teaches DARE and attends special events at the school.

Throughout the year the department has updated our inventory of outdated equipment to provide the best possible equipment for our officers to have available,

purchased at the best prices for savings to the Town.

Our statistics for 2000 show a dramatic increase of criminal cases up from 250 to 440; our motor vehicle enforcement fell from 951 to 690 – but overall calls for police service was up by 950 calls. The almost double amount of criminal cases causes our officers to be tied up with investigations and did not allow for our patrol division to be out as much as I would have liked to into the community. In 2001, if staffing needs are met, I will be able to have an officer available to perform the duties of follow-up investigation. This will allow other officers to direct their attention to our community policing needs.

Throughout the year your police department was involved in many Town Events enjoyed by the town and its guests such as Memorial Day Parade, Fourth of July Parade and the famous Ashland Fireworks display; the Ashland Halloween School Parade, Halloween night (many thank to Fire Chief Scott Weden and his daughter for handing out candy) and finally Christmas Night in Ashland.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Board of Selectmen and their staff for their support and to the surrounding Local, County and State agencies that provided assistance. I would especially like to thank the Town of Ashland's Electric Department, Department of Public Works and Ashland Fire Department for all of their help and support in assisting us in maintaining public safety in the Town of Ashland.

BUILDING INSPECTOR & CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Submitted by Building Inspector Robert Hicks

Ashland's start of the 21st century for building and general improvements has been remarkable. So many of our citizens are improving their homes, some that date back to the late 1700's. Ashland is a beautiful little New Hampshire town; we encourage keeping up our community.

Maintaining good, safe, building and code compliance is what we all want for Ashland. We have a good team with Frank Murdock, our electrical inspector and Tom Glidden our plumbing inspector, both quality men and knowledgeable in their trade. We are happy to help with suggestions and enjoy accommodating our residents.

We are a part-time operation; our hours are Thursday from 1 to 5, but we are always just a phone call away. Applications for permits can be obtained during regular town office hours, five days a week, 8AM to 4PM. Arrangements can be made for on site meetings. Inspections are made within a reasonable appointed time.

2000 has been a very active year for Ashland building. One hundred and six permits have been issued since January 1, with six new housing starts. Fifty building permits make 2000 one of the busiest years for Ashland building.

Income for permits total \$4071.93 as of December 7, 2000.

1.	Building permits	50
2.	Electrical permits	24
3.	Plumbing permits	11
4.	Oil Burner permits	14
5.	Driveway permits	4
6.	Sign permits	1
7.	Demolition permits	4
8.	Mobile Home permits	2

Nine new septic approvals were issued by the state; this is a good indicator of future growth. Ongoing projects are - updating the permits and data entry of building permits back to 1984. Computer reports are updated each week.

Inspections and site planning have increased this year. We have received many inquires for building regulations and information regarding new business and zoning. New warrant articles have been submitted for updating the Basic Building BOCA Codes to the new National Building Codes 2000.

ASHLAND PARKS AND RECREATION 2000

Submitted by Jessica Bickford, Director

This has been a pivotal year for the Park and Recreation Department. It was decided in 1999 to put all Park and Recreational Programming on a warrant article (\$41,925) which was voted on in March. This warrant article was passed, thanks to the large number of residents who rallied around recreational programming. Since the vote in March we have moved forward.

During the spring we offered many different programs. Regular weekly programming included Parent/Toddler Playgroup, Racing Tikes, Blooming Artists, Pick-up Basketball for Adult and Teens, and a Crafter's Group. During April vacation we also offered a variety of activities for the different age groups. During May and June we were able to offer our traditional T-Ball program for ages 5-7. (Thank you to our volunteer coaches Glenn Dion, Daniel Uhlman, Diane Gallien and Rick Burgess)

The summer brought a busy time with the Day Camp Program, the Beach, and the Campground. The Day Camp Program was a huge success with over 100 different children attending. The children took part in arts and crafts, games, swim lessons, trips and special events. The younger children attended the Ashland Library's Summer Reading Program. A few of the summer program highlights include: hiking Rattlesnake and in Waterville Valley, a trip to the ocean, a visit to the Statehouse, a visit from Andre and Alice Boucher of Derry

with one of their hot air balloons, and a potluck bar-b-que at the end of the program.

The beach had over 5000 visits throughout the summer during beach hours. This is a great number considering that the weather was unseasonably cool. Plans are being drafted up to bring needed repairs to the beach next year.

The fall and early winter has brought a new line of programs. The most successful programs included the After School Program for grades K-2, Holiday Childcare, Kid's Night Out and the Parent Toddler Playgroup. Throughout the programming we strive to integrate learning experiences that the child will carry with them.

Another program of interest was the Mittens for Kids Program. Thanks to Chuck Roast Fleece of North Conway and the help of several Ashland residents we were able to make over 90 pairs of mittens for the children of Ashland. These were distributed the week before Christmas through the school nurse.

Financial Breakdown as of 12/20/00

Total Warrant Article	\$41,925
Total Amount Spent	\$31,525
Total Program Income	\$20,121.96

TOWN WELFARE OFFICER REPORT 2000

Submitted by Welfare Officer Robert Hicks

Town welfare is for emergency assistance.

Town welfare dollars have leveled over the past several years, but 2000 has seen a trend upward. This, despite our robust economy, is due mainly as a result of the state welfare system cutting funds and narrowing the guidelines used to approve recipients for benefits. While the state boasts of cutting budgets, the burden remains and simply falls on others. The time involved in certification is the biggest problem, what to do in between time is the dilemma. As a result, dozens of our citizens received emergency assistance for basic needs – housing, fuel, electric, medical and food, with housing continuing to be the greatest need.

Our citizens are proud New Hampshire people, and never enjoy asking for help. Most make tremendous efforts to re-establish their situations and reimburse the town when able.

Vouchers for emergency assistance totaled, as of December 7, 2000, \$9,463.35. The breakdown is as follows: Housing \$5755.82, Electric \$1715.92, Food \$1245.00, Medication \$389.61, Utilities \$357.00.

As welfare director I see first hand the needs and concerns of some of our citizens. Our little community of 2000 cares for our own – a very rewarding task.



HEALTH OFFICER REPORT 2000

Submitted by Health Officer Carlton Abear

The Ashland Health Department works with several local officials and state agencies to support the health and well being of its residents.

During the year 2000 we are pleased to report that our required responses were down from prior years.

The year 2000 issues consisted of - (2) unregistered car complaints; (1) foster family home health inspections; (2) daycare home provider inspections; (2) West Nile Virus - bird testiness (both were negative); (2) complaints of seepage from septic

I would like to recognize and thank Rusty Cross, Deputy Health Officer for his assistance this year.

FOREST FIRE WARDEN REPORT

There are 2,200 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 number of fires reported during the 2000 fire season was below average as referenced in the statistics below. Despite this, our network of fire towers and detection patrols were still quite busy with the fire towers being first to report over 135 fires. These fires were quickly and accurately reported to the local fire department for their prompt and effective suppression efforts. Wildland fires occurring in areas where homes are situated in the woodlands are a serious concern for both landowners and firefighters. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate free space around them and making sure that houses are properly identified with street numbers. Please contact the Forest Protection Bureau to request a brochure to assist you in assessing fire safety around your home and woodlands.

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 before doing **ALL** outside burning. Fire permits are required for any open burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow where the burning will be done. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable of up to \$2000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are eleven Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. Forest Rangers have investigated numerous complaints regarding violations of the timber harvest and forest fire laws, and taken enforcement action to ensure compliance. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217 or for general information visit our website at www.dred.state.nh.us.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contact aircraft patrols. This early detection system and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. These factors are critical in controlling the size of wildland fires, keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible. Due to permitting and fire safety concerns, please contact your local fire department **BEFORE** using portable outdoor fire places and vessels, including those constructed of clay, concrete or wire mesh.

Please contact your local fire department before doing **ANY** outside burning.

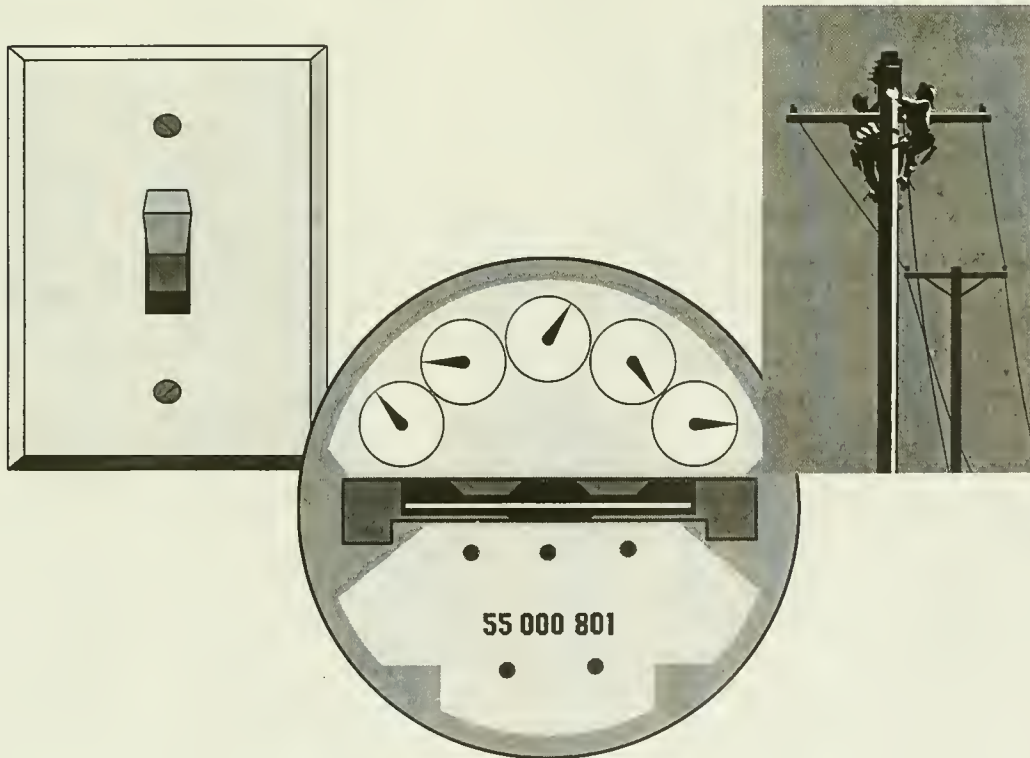
Totals by County	Numbers/Acres		Causes of Fires Reported	
Hillsborough	118	40		
Rockingham	49	24	Debris Burning	263
Merrimack	92	16	Miscellaneous*	151
Belknap	54	13	Smoking	30
Cheshire	41	20	Children	17
Strafford	58	13	Campfire	16
Carroll	46	10	Arson/Suspicious	14
Grafton	16	7	Equipment Use	9
Sullivan	12	2	Lightning	9
Coos	30	4	Railroad	7
Total				
2000	516	149	*Misc (powerlines, fireworks, structures, OHRV, unknown)	
1999	1301	452		
1998	798	443		

ASHLAND ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT 2000

Submitted by Superintendent Lee V. Nichols

The year 2000 was a continued growth year for Ashland Electric. We set nine (9) new poles, ran nineteen hundred (1900) feet of secondary and primary wire and added seven (7) new customers. There also was fourteen (14) meter sockets issued primarily for service upgrades.

Joe Vittum left the Electric Department in April and I would like to thank him for his 2½ years of employment. In December we welcomed aboard Nathan Tate.



LAND USE BOARDS

Zoning Board of Adjustment/Zoning Board of Appeals

Submitted by Ellison L. Badger, Chair **

The Board continues to have trouble finding people who wish to serve, we advertised for people to fill the vacant positions and received no response.

Mr. James Lesure resigned from the Board in August as a full member. James Alba was selected to the Board and the Board of Selectmen to move from an Alternate Member to a Full Member.

The Board changed its meeting date to the fourth Tuesday of the month. Five special exceptions were granted. A new ZBA application and procedure was developed.

The Board elected Ellison Badger as chairperson, Michael Lembo as Vice Chairman and James Alba as board clerk.

** Mr. Badger has since resigned from the Board.

Ashland Planning Board

The Planning Board makes unbiased decisions based on regulations and factual information. There are times that these decisions are very difficult and may not seem to be in the best interest of the town, but they are based on regulations enacted by the townspeople and by state law. We must be able to defend them legally.

The Board spent much of its meeting time with ongoing training. The proposed amendments for the Zoning Ordinance (Communication Towers) were passed by vote of the official town ballot. The board continues to work on the Master Plan for the Town of Ashland.

Throughout the year the Board dealt with informational issues. Several site plan reviews were granted.

ASHLAND MEMORIAL PARK TRUSTEES REPORT

Submitted by Mary Ruell

The Trustees of Memorial Park are pleased with the appearance and condition of the park and commend Ali-Di Properties for their conscientious and enthusiastic care of the property. Positive comments are frequently heard that reinforce our own perception. The park has become a place for many to enjoy the river and the fountain, the walk along the shore, and plantings by the Ashland Garden Club. The gazebo has been the site of two weddings this year, and other parties have used the park for the background of their wedding pictures. On the fourth of July, the Sixth New Hampshire volunteers held an encampment in the park, which drew many to understand the living conditions of soldiers during the Civil War.

Using a contribution from the McMillan foundation this year allowed the moneys in the Trust Fund to settle in and develop earning that will be available in 2001. It also made possible more basic work that had been postponed over the past few years. The hard work of fundraising for the past 30 years is keeping possible our pledge that park maintenance will never become a cost in the Town's budget.

Attention is currently being called to the unfortunate appearance of milfoil in the Squam River and the need for its eradication as soon as possible. Memorial Park joins the Ashland Woman's club, the Conservation Commission, the State, local businesses

and other in whatever steps must be taken. A letter from the Conservation Commission, financed by the Woman's Club, has alerted abutters of the problem and calls on everyone to identify and destroy this invading weed. Control of the widespread bamboo growth is another problem we are attacking.

The Ashland Beautification Committee is now raising funds to supply effective and attractive trash containers for use in the park and other locations. The Ashland Garden club has replanted the Flag Triangle and Sherry Norman is pruning shrubbery in the watering trough area, both adjuncts of the park. All these efforts are greatly appreciated.

Financial Report 12/31/00

Balance on hand 01/01/00	\$5796.86
Interest on CD	\$ 101.33
Monthly Interest	\$ 18.72
Total Funds Available	\$5916.91

Expenditures

Park Maintenance- Labor	\$3265.00
- Supplies	\$ 503.80
Post Office Box	\$ 14.00
Memorial Park Sign	\$ 120.00
Total Expenditures	\$3902.80

Balance, December 31, 2000 \$2014.11

MVSB Checking Account	\$2004.11
MVSB Passbook	\$ 10.00

ASHLAND FOURTH OF JULY ANNUAL REPORT 2000

Submitted by Mary W. Ruell

With the Fourth on Tuesday this year, we had a nice weekend that was packed full of activities. The basic elements of the celebration were split, with the fireworks display on the evening of July 3, preceded by the lobster/chicken dinner and entertainment. On the morning of the fourth, the pancake breakfast was followed by the parade. Lumina Straw was the parade marshal, riding with Art Harriman at the head of the parade.

During the entire weekend, an art exhibit was held at the Baptist Church dining room to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Squam River Covered Bridge, which had been dedicated on July 1, 1990. The exhibit was limited to art works featuring the bridge and was augmented by historical material on its construction and the achievements of the Graton family as bridge builders. Many viewed the exhibit and voted for their favorite works.

On the fourth, the Sixth New Hampshire Volunteers set up an encampment in Memorial Park which demonstrated living conditions of soldiers during the Civil War. Members of the group participated in the rededication of the restored Civil War Monument in the afternoon.

During the day the Parks and Recreation Department held a silent auction and other activities. The Glidden Toy Museum was also open on the morning of the Fourth.

All these events made for an exciting and interesting Fourth of July 2000. Much appreciation goes to all who plan and work at the celebration and to those who make contributions and participate in the activities.

Financial Report - 12/31/00

Balance 01/01/00	\$5773.05
Interest for year	\$ 25.41
Interest on CD	\$ 128.70
1999 payment on concession	\$ 450.00
Cash on Hand	\$6377.16
July 4 Committee Activities (Net proceeds)	
Donations -Businesses	\$1295.00
- Organizations	\$ 550.00
- Individuals	\$ 300.00
Button Sales	\$ 646.84
Pancake breakfast	\$1289.60
Lobster/Chicken dinner	\$1357.84
Food booth	\$ 317.89
Field collection	\$ 724.02
50/50 raffle	\$ 579.00
Concessions	\$1300.00
Total earned in 2000	\$8360.19
Total funds available	\$14737.35
Expenditures	
Advertising	\$ 130.25
Parade-Belmont HS Band	\$ 450.00
Mad Bavarians	\$ 500.00
Baker River Valley Band	\$ 450.00
Bektash Temple	\$ 400.00
Sixth NH Volunteers	\$ 100.00
Entertainment	
Blake Mountain Band	\$ 150.00
Art Harriman	\$ 150.00
Fireworks-Atlas Pyrotechnic Inc	\$7500.00
Other - Portable toilets	\$ 260.00
- Tape and stakes	\$ 27.18
Total Expenditures	\$10117.43
Balance in Meredith Village 5B	\$4619.92

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Ashland Conservation Commission continues to meet monthly to address issues concerning wetlands and other conservation issues in the town of Ashland. The Commission meets on the first Saturday morning of the month at 8:30 am at the Ashland Town Hall. There are vacant seats on the commission, if any Ashland resident is interested in serving please feel free to express your desire to the town office or attend any meeting.

The Commission would like to thank Ashland residents for their strong support for the warrant article we placed on last year's warrant concerning the creation of the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program - a fund for land conservation and historic preservation in New Hampshire. Since March, the state bill calling for the creation of this fund passed the NH House and Senate convincingly! Currently, the Commission is working with the Ashland Historical Society and the School Board to apply to this fund for money to renovate the Old Ashland Elementary School.

This has been a great year for Conservation in New Hampshire. New Hampshire now has a Conservation License Plate available to residents. The annual fee for the plate is \$30 with an additional \$5 fee for the first year you purchase the plates. The revenues from the sale benefit existing state conservation, wildlife and historic preservation programs. The Commission urges Ashland residents to show their support for conservation through the use of these plates. They are available at the Plymouth Town Office.

The Commission continues to make fact sheets produced by the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) available to the public in a stand up file at the town hall. Shoreland owners who are considering doing any work to their docks or lake/river frontage, are strongly encouraged to discuss their plans first with a representative at DES. The Department has a person available every day to answer the public's questions about such things as Wetland Applications and the Shoreland Protection Act regulations in which waterfront landowners must comply. The phone number is (603) 271-2147.

The Commission would like to make residents aware of an excellent resource published by the North Country Resource Conservation and Development Area. It is called *A Guide to Developing and Re-Developing Shoreland Property in New Hampshire, A Blueprint to Help You Live by the Water*. This 40-page guide "will provide you with the understanding and tools necessary to develop your shoreland property in a manner that meets your goals while at the same time maintaining the quality of the waterbody for everyone". To order a copy (\$3.00 plus mailing) call the North Country Resource Conservation and Development at (603) 527-2093.

The Ashland Conservation Commission and the Ashland Woman's Club worked together in November to send a mailing to Ashland Waterfront residents informing them of the exotic plant problem in Squam River and Little Squam Lake. Thus far, only a small amount of the exotic plant, Milfoil, has been identified in Little Squam Lake but the problem is extensive in Squam River between the River Street Bridge and the dam at the old gristmill building on South Main Street. A fact sheet on Milfoil is available in the Conservation Commission's public file at the Ashland Town Hall. All residents are urged to educate themselves on how to identify and prevent the spreading of Milfoil that could potentially choke our lake and river, harm our native vegetation and wildlife and have a significant impact on Squam Lake's water recreation activities.

To help stop Milfoil from spreading, the Squam Lake Association (SLA) is organizing volunteers to be weed watchers. Any one willing to watch a small area of the Lake or the River and report the plant's existence or appearance should call the Squam Lake Association at (603) 968-7444 or e-mail them at squamla@cyberportal.net to volunteer. In spring of '01 the SLA will host a workshop on how to identify the weed and will provide volunteers with a Weed Watcher Kit produced by the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES).

Sincerely,
Sandra Jones

Outgoing Chairperson

For more information on the NH Land and Community Investment Program visit the website www.specialplaces.org. For more information on how to obtain a NH Conservation License Plate visit www.state.nh.us.



ASHLAND TOWN LIBRARY

Submitted by Trustees Sandy Ray, Caroline Boyle, Jill Mudgett

It seems that Ashland Residents are discovering the many benefits available through the library. The number of registered patrons increased from 1,632 in 1999 to 1,780 in 2000! Not only are more citizens registering, more of them are using the library more frequently. In this information age libraries are more important than ever as a link to the wider world. To toot our own horn a bit, we view the increased patronage also as a positive endorsement of the expansion and updating of the materials and services over the past few years.

A popular program that began in 1999 is the book discussion group that meets at the library on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM. Sara Weinberg, the library director, is suggesting a series focusing on NH and NE authors as well as one on the classics for the upcoming year.

Each Tuesday during February and March about 20 elementary school students attended the after school program. The Library director introduced activities such as origami and quilting on a beginner level. This is a free annual program open to all elementary students.

During July and August the summer reading program was underway with an enrollment of 35 to 40 youngsters. This year's theme was "Reading Cats and Dogs". Visits from a representative of the NH Humane Society as well as from a local

Veterinarian, Cindy Hoisington, were added highlights. Sara obtained a grant that provided an afternoon of storytelling by Angela Kingler. The American Legion sponsored a program about flag etiquette that has become a regular feature of the summer reading program. McDonald's contributed gift certificates to those readers who had read the most books.

The library welcomed participants of the Parks and Recreation Department's creative writing project during May. Tri County Cap, an organization that helps people with fuel assistance, used the library as a satellite office from November to January. In November the Ashland Brownie and Daisy Troops visited the library on a field trip.

Among the changes this year, the new circulation desk is probably the most visible. Designed and built by local fine woodworker Ken Forbes, it is a beautiful piece that compliments the existing woodwork and style of the building. Funds for the desk were a gift from the Harriet Addison Trust.

Other changes included the greatly anticipated conversion to the use of a bar-coded system to check materials out of the library. The new system will be a big boon to the librarians in their work of keeping track of the collection materials. Also, it is now possible to search the library's collection via a computer that replaces the now outdated card file system.

There is a computer terminal in the library dedicated to the collection searching function.

The board of trustees of the library would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the staff and volunteers of the library for their dedication and diligent work throughout the year. They are the ones who deserve credit for the usefulness, helpfulness, and overall ambiance of the library. The assistance of those who volunteer their time and energy is crucial in our small library where the funds are limited. The board also extends a sincere "Thank You" to the many organizations, businesses and individuals who support the library by the contribution of funds, books and other materials, passes and gift certificates. Some of these include passes to the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium (from the Pauline Packard Trust), and to the Science Center (From The Meredith Village Savings Bank); the American Legion's presentation of a flag etiquette program as well as assistance with tables and manpower for book sales; the Woman's Club book donation; McDonald's gift certificates for the summer reading program winners; Penworks for a generous financial donation; Scribner Trustees for new carpeting on the second floor; the NH State Library for an on-line periodical guide; Don Porell for CD ROM programs; Rosie McNamara for many volumes of current fiction and Joan Conway for volumes of current non-fiction. Many thanks to all.

During the year 2000, the library conducted a survey among its users to

determine what services and materials were desired. The results indicated that you all want more of everything: more hours, more programs, more books and other materials. Every effort is being made to continually update and expand the offerings of the library. As you all know, budget cuts were mandated in every town department during the year 2000. The funds needed to meet the library's budget shortfall have been taken from the interest money that had accrued from trust funds owned by the library. Now that the interest money has been spent down to cover last year's budget cut there is no longer a reserve available. The library board of trustees has put forth a well-substantiated budget proposal of \$36, 000 for the upcoming year of 2001, the same as last year" request. This is the minimum amount that the library requires to operate at the present level. At this writing it remains to be seen whether the budget committee will recommend the necessary funds for the continuation of this level of service. The library board of trustees and the library staff will do whatever can be done as we attempt to meet the needs of the townspeople. It should also be noted that there are state standards for libraries that the board is trying to meet. Compliance with those standards offers a large range of benefits to the library that would otherwise not be available. We have made great strides in the recent past and we sincerely hope there will not have to be a backward slide.

LIBRARY FINANCIAL 2000

Receipts

Balance on Hand January 1, 2000	\$	11,757.14
Town Appropriation 2000	\$	20,000.00
Fees and fines	\$	414.35
Donations	\$	50.00
Grant for Storyteller	\$	150.00
Interest-checking account	\$	52.02
Miscellaneous Income	\$	122.27
Total Income	\$	32,545.78

Expenses

Wages & Payroll	\$	19,945.09
Professional Dues	\$	67.00
Collection	\$	6,872.23
Books	\$	5,773.37
Books on Tape	\$	746.04
Videos	\$	352.82
Programs	\$	237.24
Electronics	\$	545.00
Electronics	\$	150.00
Tech Support	\$	395.00
Utilities	\$	1,113.98
Supplies	\$	1,391.12
Audio Supplies	\$	723.40
Book Supplies	\$	293.36
Office Supplies	\$	228.90
Postage	\$	145.46
Periodicals	\$	348.96
Telephone	\$	1,160.86
Hardware	\$	232.80
Insurance	\$	244.00
Legal	\$	375.00
Memorials	\$	12.50
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	32,545.78

Bank Accounts

CHENEY FUND	
Balance 01/01/00	\$ 658.66
Interest	\$ 15.82
Balance 12/31/00	\$ 674.48
ORDWAY FUND	
Balance 01/01/00	\$ 1,715.91
Interest	\$ 24.00
Withdrawals	\$ 1,060.06
Balance 12/31/00	\$ 679.85
PAULINE PACKARD MEMORIAL FUND	
Balance 01/01/00	\$ 2,934.35
Interest	\$ 46.53
Withdrawals	\$ 2,506.27
Balance 12/31/00	\$ 474.61
PHILIP STEVENS BOOK FUND	
Balance 01/01/00	\$ 910.25
Interest	\$ 16.82
Withdrawals	\$ 455.34
Balance 12/31/00	\$ 471.43
FRANCES M PLATT FUND	
Balance 01/01/00	\$ 507.16
Interest	\$ 12.18
Balance 12/31/00	\$ 519.34
HARRIET ADDISON FUND	
Balance 01/01/00	\$ 3,176.73
Interest	\$ 59.53
Withdrawals	\$ 2,622.27
Balance 12/31/00	\$ 613.99
FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT	
Balance 01/01/00	\$ 374.27
Interest	\$ 12.47
Withdrawals	\$ 475.46
Balance 12/31/00	\$ 862.20
PENWORKS ACCOUNT	
Balance 01/01/00	\$ 1,000.00
Interest	\$ 5.29
Withdrawals	\$ 151.35
Balance 12/31/00	\$ 853.94

ASHLAND HISTORIC COMMISSION 2000

Submitted by Robert Hicks, Claire Hicks, Marilyn Rollins

As we set foot in a new century and millennium, the task of preserving our wonderful history in Ashland has taken on quite a new look. Just a few years ago searching through volumes of dusty old books seemed the only way to look into the mysterious days of yesteryear. Today with new technology words like – Net, Web, Surf, Mouse, Download, Upload – to name a few, have taken on a whole new meaning, when collecting and cataloging history is the assignment. Of course, old dusty books will always be dear to the hearts of genealogists and historians. Nothing will ever compare to the feel and scent of a library, and actually holding a real book within your hands, turning page upon page. Well that's nostalgia – today we have a floppy disk.

Ashland History and Genealogy Web Site

<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Acropolis/6447/ashland.htm>

Ashland has for many years provided for the preservation of our historic, abandoned cemeteries with clean up and minor repairs at seven locations. (These are prepared for Memorial Day visitors.) These cemeteries are some of our greatest historic assets.

1. The Church Hill Cemetery – located several hundred feet off Route 175
2. Ruben Whitten Cemetery – Highland Street
3. Hicks Hill Cemetery – Hicks Hill Road
4. The Mooney Cemetery – Thompson Street
5. Owl Brook Cemetery – Owl Brook Road
6. Baker Cemetery – Near Ashland Water Tower
7. Howe-Clark Cemetery – Leavitt Hill Road

Since 1988 we have been members of the Grafton County Historic and Genealogy Society. Public use of these files is encouraged by the Society and is available at the Ashland Town Library.

Our Ashland Historical Society has labored year after year to preserve our history. The year 2000 has seen many worthy projects completed.

ASHLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Submitted by David Ruell, President

The high point of the year for the Ashland Historical Society was the restoration of the Civil War Monument. The Society, which has been interested for some years in the monument's condition, initiated the movement to obtain a conservation report on the monument and to organize the Civil War Monument Committee. Many society members were active in the efforts to raise funds and to plan the restoration. The full story of the project can be found in the report of the *Civil War Monument Committee* in this town report.

The Society's three museums were all open this summer, an effort that requires many volunteers. To attract more visitors, a new brochure describing the three museums was prepared, published and distributed. The two museum signs on Route 3 were replaced with larger signs that now include the Railroad Station Museum. A directional sign for the Railroad Station has been prepared and will be erected at the corner of Winter and Main Streets.

The eighth grade social studies class under teacher Brad Wolff created a diorama of the railroad station area as it once appeared and presented it to the Railroad Station Museum. The station meeting room has been furnished with chairs donated by the Common Man and folding tables purchased by the Society. The restoration of the order board signals will soon be completed by the installations of an authentic light recently acquired by the Society. The station again served as the departure point for fall foliage train rides. It was also a stop on special train rides, such as councilor Ray Burton's annual excursion in October and the track section car rally in June. At the end of the year, a track section car was presented to the Society for display at the museum. In June, the Society sponsored a model railroad show in the school gymnasium; a fascinating exhibition by model railroad hobbyists, which we hope, will become an annual event.

The Whipple House Museum was the site of our annual Flea Market, a major fundraiser for the Society. In November, the Ashland Garden Club decorated the rooms of the Whipple House and the Pauline E. Glidden Toy Museum for the biennial Christmas at the Museums, another significant fundraiser for both groups that brings many visitors to the two museums. The Toy Museum hosted the annual Young Ladies Tea in July.

The rest of the Toy Museum fence was painted and two sides of the Toy Museum itself were prepped and primed, as part of a project to repaint the Museum. Our tenant, Ron Newton, painted the driveway fence, a dormer and two apartment-shed walls at the Whipple House. We did lose the last grand old tree on the Whipple House grounds, a large oak that stood next to the shed. After a neighbor spotted a growing crack in the trunk, tree experts warned us that the tree might soon fall, probably doing extensive damage to the town-owned building when it did. The Society much appreciates the prompt action of the Ashland Electric and Highway Departments to remove the tree before it fell.

The tenth anniversary of the Squam River Covered Bridge was celebrated by a special art exhibit in the Baptist Church dining room on the Fourth of July weekend. The bridge has become a favorite of artists and photographers. The exhibit presented 34 artworks depicting the bridge to over 200 visitors. Prizes were donated as awards in different media for the artists, with the visitors voting on their favorite pieces. The art exhibit was supplemented by exhibits on the history of the bridge and the other covered bridges the Graton's have built. Some of the art and part of the historical display were shown at the Whipple House for the rest of the summer. The bridge itself was decorated with patriotic bunting for the holiday, but unfortunately most of the bunting was stolen. When the covered bridge was completed in 1990, the Society was left with some extra money that had been raised for its construction. This money was invested in a special fund, but it remained in a legal limbo, as it could not be used for the purpose for which it was raised. So the Society successfully petitioned the Grafton County Probate Court for permission to use the remaining funds for other purposes related to the Squam River Covered Bridge, including repairs and improvements, landscaping, special events, decorations, signs, exhibits and publications.

As always, the Society had a full schedule of programs on local and regional history open to the public. Speakers covered many topics: The Ashland news of 1900, the Province Road, New Hampshire's covered bridges, Indian New Hampshire, the Flying Yankee train, and New England town bands. The annual Christmas party featured a dessert buffet and a Yankee gift swap.

One issue that has occupied much of the Society's attention over the year, including no less than nine special meetings on the topic, has been the preservation of the old school buildings. The Society opposed the demolition of the two buildings that was proposed at the annual school district meeting, and the article was defeated. The society has discussed a number of options for the two buildings, particularly the older elementary school which most agree is the more valuable of the two buildings, both architecturally and historically. To research this issue, the Society has gathered information from many sources and has commissioned two professional studies, a structural engineer's examination of the buildings and a cost estimator's report on the costs of various repairs and renovations. A separate fund was established for school preservation, to which several donors have contributed, although there have been no formal fundraising appeals. Money was raised for the fund by an April Fool's dinner and a concert of old school songs in August. The Society is researching grants to restore the building(s), notably the state's new Land and Community Heritage Investment Program, abbreviated as LCHIP. (The society joined the Conservation Commission in supporting and gathering petition signatures for a town meeting resolution in favor of LCHIP, which was approved by the voters over 3 to 1.) The old elementary school is not only a local landmark, it is also one of the finest Victorian school buildings still standing in the state. Although it needs repairs, the building is structurally sound, and if renovated, could serve a useful purpose for many years. The Historical Society will continue to work for its restoration.

ASHLAND CIVIL WAR MONUMENT COMMITTEE

David Ruell, Chairman

Last year's report described the formation of the Ashland Civil War Monument committee by the Ashland Historical Society, Ashland Woman's Club, Squam Lake Grange, Ashland Rebekahs, Dupuis-Cross American Legion Post and Auxiliary to restore the monument. A 1998 conservation report by Daedalus Inc. had noted that the bronze statue and plaques were corroding from acid rain and snow, the granite was dirty, and the granite balls that once decorated the base were missing.

Most of the fundraising for the monument restoration was done in 1999. That March, the voters approved \$6000 for an expendable trust fund for the restoration. A Memorial Day Concert and a Duck Derby were quite successful, and many private donations were received. At the end of 1999, it appeared that all the money needed had been raised. But, as often happens, the actual costs exceeded the estimates. So additional funds were solicited from private donors in the spring. By the end of the project, direct donations had been received from seventeen individuals, four Main Street businesses, two foundations, an Ashland High School reunion committee, and all the organizations that formed the monument committee. The total cost of the restoration was \$14,443. The town trust fund, including interest, provided \$6,063.79. The remaining \$8,379.21

was raised by the Civil War Monument Committee.

The actual restoration work began in October 1999 when Pemi-Baker Memorials cleaned the granite. The Paquettes, who own the firm, returned in April to clean some residual stains and to remove the old iron pins that once held the decorative balls.

The most intensive and expensive part of the project was the restoration of the bronze statue and plaques. On May 1 and 2, Seacoast Scaffold & Equipment of Concord set up an impressive scaffold around the monument to reach the statue. The scaffold was protected from traffic by concrete barriers loaned by Michael E. Latulippe and installed by the town highway crew. A team of three conservators from Daedalus, Inc. (Michael Morris, Joshua Craine and Karen Fix) worked from May 3 through 7 on the bronze work. The corroded material was removed by blasting with high-pressure water. The original dark brown color was restored by applying an iron-based chemical with heat on the metal. The bronze surfaces were then coated with lacquer and finally with wax to protect them from acid rain and snow. The high quality of the conservation work was quickly recognized, particularly after the scaffolding was removed. (Samyn & D'Elia provided the water and the Gosses donated part of the lodging for

the conservators.) The shrubs around the base were destroyed during the restoration, so the Ashland Garden Club later replanted the area.

The last step was the return and replacement of the decorative granite balls on the monument base. One night in the 1980's three of the four balls were removed by persons unknown. The remaining ball was then stored away by the town. In April of 1999, Kendall B. Hughes discovered one of the missing balls under the porch of the house he had purchased on Thompson Street. Divers Michael Evleth and Michelle Gage searched the Squam River for the other balls but did not find any. The Committee offered a reward, but no one responded to it. However, the news of the search did reach two former Ashland residents who thought they could locate one of the balls. They successfully negotiated the recovery of the ball from an unidentified person. The ball was returned through an intermediary on June 24. The only cost to the committee was \$57 for shipping the ball from somewhere to New Hampshire. Although they remain anonymous, the Committee is grateful to all who helped in the return of the ball. The last missing ball was never found. So, Pemi-Baker Memorials ordered a replacement ball from Granite Importers of Barre, Vermont. This specialty firm fabricated the ball from granite taken from the same Concord quarry used for the monument in 1899. The new ball is such a perfect match that it can not now be distinguished from the three original balls. The four balls were installed on stainless steel

pins with modern cements at no charge by Pemi-Baker Memorials on July 1.

The restored monument was dedicated on the afternoon of the Fourth of July. Among the participants were the Sixth N.H. Volunteers, Civil War reenactors who marched in the morning parade and gave demonstrations at their encampment in Memorial Park. They paraded with the Dupuis Cross Post and Auxiliary from the park to the monument to open the ceremony, which included Civil War songs and readings, a history of the monument, the acceptance by the town, the roll of honor, and a wreath laying, and which ended with a rifle salute and "Taps".

At this writing, the monument is in the best condition seen in living memory, thanks to the high quality of the work by all who helped to restore the monument. But, its future depends on the constant upkeep of the coatings that now protect the bronze from acid rain and snow. They must be maintained regularly to prevent renewed corrosion of the metal.

The Committee would like to publish a small booklet on the history of the monument and the military service of the 83 Ashland men listed on its plaques. Anyone who wishes to support the booklet project can send a donation to the Ashland Historical Society at PO Box 175.

In closing, the Ashland Civil War Monument Committee thanks all who participated in the monument restoration, particularly those who donated their time, money and other gifts to this very successful effort.

PEMI-BAKER HOME HEALTH AGENCY REPORT 2000

Representative Mary Ruell and Alternate Ann Marie Reever

The initial panic of seeing in a new century has come and gone. Computer systems did not break down and it was business as usual on January 1. It has been an interesting year for home care providers as anxiety levels increase to meet new Medicare demands. In addition, the home health community is facing nationwide shortages of nurses and home health aides. This of course, is troublesome if we stop to figure out how many "baby boomers" are going to slide into the age group that is primarily served by home care.

There are 2053 visits made to the town of Ashland in the year 2000, an increase from 1999. We are indeed fortunate to have this agency and its services available to all of us.

New Hampshire has some interesting statistics pertaining to home care services. Home care agencies in New Hampshire provide more than 1.3 million visits per year to residents who are recovering from illness or injury, or who are receiving long-term care in the home. Staffs of NH home care agencies traveled more than eight million miles to deliver care in New Hampshire homes in 1998, according to the latest statistics. These figures are actually down because of the impact on the home health benefit as a result of the Balance Budget Act of 1997. The latest figures out show that the \$16.1 billion cut from the home health benefit will actually end up to be \$69 billion—more that four times the estimated target.

What does this all mean to home care and to the communities served by home care agencies? It means it becomes increasingly more important to support home care agencies in your local community. As reimbursement decreases and the need

for services increases, the actual dollars for care are less than they were seven years ago. Additional cuts are in the future which will have an even more dramatic effect on the amount of care delivered and the dollars spent on home health in New Hampshire.

Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency, serving our community since 1967, continues to meet the health care demands of our rural communities. Their philosophy of care and dedication to the work they do as well as the services they perform, remain intact. They are truly here for those who need home care, and we, as member towns, will continue to support and commend their efforts to serve our residents.

Pemi-Baker Home Health is a non-profit New Hampshire licensed Medicare Homecare and Hospice certified agency. Services include skilled nursing care, geriatric nursing, IV nursing, Hospice nursing, Obstetric/Pediatric nursing, Psychiatric nursing, Physical therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, social Workers, Home Health Aides, Homemakers, home safety assessments, Alzheimer's Respite (by arrangement), blood pressure clinics, diabetic education and support, annual flu clinic, DNR program, Hospice program, Long Term Care program, ostomy education and support, Private duty and Respiratory Therapy (by arrangement), immunization clinics and community education programs.

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL

Carol W. Dustin, Executive Director

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our older citizens. The council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln and also sponsors the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of the Upper Valley and White Mountains (RSVP). Through the centers and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, adult day care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2000, 100 older residents of Ashland were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center.

- Older adults from Ashland enjoyed 1560 balanced meals in the company of friends in the Plymouth center's dining room
- They received 5449 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers
- Ashland residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 805 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 299 visits by a trained social worker.
- Ashland's elderly citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 297 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Ashland residents in 2000 was \$50,228.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. In addition, community-based services offered by the Council save tax dollars over nursing home care or other long-term care options. As our populations grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Ashland's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Statistics for the Town of Ashland October 1, 1999 to September 30, 2000

GCSCC served 100 Ashland residents (out of 314 residents over 60/1990 census)

Delivered Meals	7009	X	\$ 5.49	=	\$38,379.41
Transportation	805	X	\$ 8.76	=	\$ 7,051.80
Adult Day Service Hours	0				
Social Services Half Hours	229	X	\$20.51	=	\$ 4,696.79

Number of Ashland volunteers: 11 Number of Volunteer Hours: 297

GCSCC cost to provide services for Ashland residents only	\$ 50,228.00
Request for Senior Services for 2000	\$ 2,650.00
Received from Town of Ashland for 2000	\$ 2,650.00
Request for Senior Services for 2001	\$ 2,730.00

UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION – GRAFTON COUNTY

Submitted by Deborah B. Maes, Extension Educator and County Office Administrator

Our mission: UNH cooperative Extension provides residents of Grafton County with researched-based education and information enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth and families and communities, sustain natural resources and improve the economy.

UNH Cooperative Extension is a unique partnership among the Federal, State and County Governments who provide the funding and support for this educational outreach component of the University of New Hampshire. With an Extension Office in each New Hampshire county and campus-based subject matter specialists we serve the entire state.

Our education programs are designed to respond to the local needs of county residents through the direction and support of a volunteer advisory council. Our current programs focus on: Dairy and Pasture Management – Agriculture Profitability and Nutrient Management – Forest & Wildlife Habitat Management and Stewardship – Nutrition, Food Safety, Parenting Education and Family Financial Management – 4H Club and Volunteer Management that promotes Positive Youth Development – Water Quality Education for communities, landowners and citizens – Family Lifeskills Program (LEAP) – After-school programs.

The Extension Staff works out of our North Haverhill office in the Grafton County Courthouse. We travel all over the county. Other grant-funded staff members provide programs through

satellite offices in Plymouth, Littleton and Lebanon. Information and education are presented through phone calls, farm/office /home/agency visits, the media, workshops and educational series. Volunteers help expand our efforts through the Master Gardeners Program, 4H Clubs, Parenting Education Volunteers and the Coverts Project. Our work is supported by an office staff of three. Early in 2000 UNH Cooperative Extension opened a toll-free Info Line staffed by trained volunteers to answer many consumer questions. Citizens can access this line Monday through Friday from 9AM to 2PM at 1-877-398-4769.

Here are some ways that local resident benefited from the work of Cooperative Extension: Residents in your town receive our bi-monthly newsletter providing the latest research findings • Hundreds of families with young children receive monthly newsletters helping parents understand the crucial first years of life • Families with limited resources have access to nutrition and financial education to help them stretch their food dollars, thereby providing a more balanced diet for their children • Other families participated in the many educational workshops that help them to purchase and prepare nutritious foods, stretch their monthly

budget and cope with raising children in an ever-changing world • Local farmers participated in agricultural practices that reduced the runoff from fields thereby continuing to keep our waterways clean • Research on soils and nitrates has reduced the level of commercial fertilizers being applied to farm lands thereby reducing costs for crop production • An educational kit "Preserving Rural Character Through Agriculture" developed by the NH Coalition for Sustaining Agriculture was distributed throughout the state and country • Students at a regional high school participated in a comprehensive survey. The results were shared with the community, service agencies and their parents • Another town participated in a two-day Community Profile process to help local citizens look at the issues affecting them and make plans for the future • Food service workers throughout the county participated in food safety programs to make sure that the food they serve is safe for everyone to eat • Hundreds of children and volunteers participate in 4H activities each year that include: dairy, horse, working steer, arts and crafts, science and technology, food preparation, nutrition, public speaking, shooting sports and clothing construction projects • The Fourteenth Annual Conservation Field Day provided more than three hundred fifth grade students with a chance to tour the county farm and learn about conservation issues • Landowners who were impacted by the Ice Storm of 1998 were able to benefit from programs designed to reduce the financial and

environmental impacts of that event • Agricultural businesses received help with business plans, marketing, computer usage and crop diversification • Educational workshops on land use, current use, wildlife management and tree farm production helped many landowners care for their land and their environment • A water testing lab was established at a local high school to work with communities and individuals to test surface waters • Individuals moving from welfare to work participated in an intensive three-week program that prepared them for employment and the challenges of working families • Cooperative Extension staff members served as resources to residents and agencies throughout the county • By collaborating with many county, state and federal agencies we were able to multiply our efforts

Here in Grafton County the office is located on Route 10 in North Haverhill in the Grafton County Courthouse. We are open from 8 AM to 4 PM Monday through Friday. You can reach us: by phone 787-6944; fax 787-2009; email grafton@ceunhce.unh.edu; at our office in North Haverhill; or through our UNHCE Web Site <http://ceinfo.unh.edu>

RAY BURTON, GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL- DISTRICT ONE

Submitted by Ray Burton

It is once again a privilege to report to the people of this large Northern Council District 98 towns and four cities spread throughout Coos, Grafton, Carroll, Belknap and Sullivan Counties.

The constitutional and statutory responsibilities of the Executive Council are within the Executive Branch of your New Hampshire State government. Our role is much like a board of directors of a large company. We are charged with carrying out the laws and budget passed by the New Hampshire House and Senate. The Governor and Council employ 294 Commissioners and Directors to administer over 100 departments and agencies to carry out the details of the laws and budget of your State Government. The Council has an overall supervisory role in assisting citizens, business, agencies, towns, cities, and counties in effectively working with State government.

Preparing for the coming two-year term that I have been elected to as one of your public servants, I share with you the following ideas and requests:

- If anyone is interested in making a volunteer contribution of their time and talent on a Board or Commission through the appointment process of the Governor and Council, please contact my office or Kathy Goode, Council Liaison, Governor's Office, State House, Concord, NH 03301, Tel. 271-2121, and ask for the appointment list for 2001. As your Councilor, I am always looking for people to serve on a multitude of Boards and Commissions in your State Government.
- The Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (five Executive Councilors and the Commissioner of Transportation) will be holding hearings around the State on citizen and regional planning commission recommendations for improving our highways system throughout New Hampshire. If you have suggestions on a needed improvement, please send them to your regional planning commission or to my office soon so they may be given consideration.
- The Regional Health Planning District Councils continue to meet and consider major changes in the health maintenance system for citizens both at the local and state levels. Anyone wishing to serve on your region's District Health Council should contact my office or Lori Real, Director of Planning Research at NH Health and Human Services Department, Tel 271-4235.
- As one of your elected officials, I would urge your town and region to be in constant contact with our New Hampshire Congressional Delegations to let them know of your ideas, concerns and desires. I am interested in promoting projects to send to Senators Smith and Gregg and Congressmen Sununu and Bass. They are effective in their committee assignments and should always have a list from back home in New Hampshire to advance in our nation's Capitol.
- I recommend use of the NH Webster System. It is the official state locator for your New Hampshire State Government at <http://www.state.nh.us>. A complete directory of phone numbers and addresses of all state agencies is listed for your convenience. Utilize your local Town/City Library to access the Webster System, which is administered and maintained by the New Hampshire State Library.
- My office has available a handy 800 toll-free phone card of organizations for rural areas.
- Always know my office is at your service. Contact me anytime! 271-3632 - Rburton4@gte.net

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

Submitted by The Lakes Region Planning Commission

The following is a sample of the services provided by the LRPC as a benefit to the Community:

- ◆ Researched information on vested fights grandfathering at the request of the Planning Board
- ◆ Provided information to the Ashland Planning Board regarding adult entertainment ordinances
- ◆ Ordered and delivered to the Ashland Planning Board thirteen copies of the 99-00 Planning and Land Use Regulation books at considerable savings
- ◆ Co-hosted and organized three public Municipal Law Lectures where practicing attorneys provide a legal perspective on local planning, zoning and other municipal issues
- ◆ Updated the Region's Transportation Plan which lays the ground work for local projects to be included in the biennial update of the Regional Transportation Improvement Program
- ◆ Continued to convene frequent meetings of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee to improve transportation planning around the region
- ◆ In cooperation with the NH Municipal Association, LRPC organized a workshop on "Planning Board Basics" which was well received by area participants
- ◆ Coordinated the 15th annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection, the largest single day, multi-site collection in New Hampshire
- ◆ Prepared and released an annual report on Development Trends in the Lakes Region. Over 92% of all development in the region remains residential
- ◆ Prepared an assessment on the way area communities regulate home occupations through zoning ordinances
- ◆ Represented local interests on the policy boards of area economic development councils
- ◆ Performed approximately 130 traffic counts around the region, as the result of a new initiative with the NH Department of Transportation
- ◆ Continued to provide support to the Pemigewasset river Local Advisory Committee
- ◆ Co-sponsored a regional meeting, in cooperation with the NH Office of State Planning, on the federal and state flood insurance program
- ◆ Expanded the digital, regional land use database; twenty-one municipalities are now completed
- ◆ Completed and submitted the Lakes Region tour Scenic byway Plan, a unique resource to aid regional transportation and tourism
- ◆ Convened four area commission meetings that focused on transportation, historic preservation, Main Street and groundwater

WHOLE VILLAGE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Submitted by Jaye Olmstead, Outreach Coordinator

The Whole Village Family Resource Center is comprised of 17 health, education and social service agencies committed to collaborating together to provide families and individuals from the 17 towns of the Plymouth District Court Area, as well as New Hampton and Sandwich, with better, more comprehensive services. Despite this common goal, it must be recognized that these are all *autonomous* organizations, each with its own governing body, budget and funding initiatives. All the agencies have unique and invaluable strengths on their own, but by combining efforts with other Whole Village agencies many new possibilities, for innovative and integrated service provision have been, and continue to be, created.

The Whole Village Parent-Child Program is a prevention-based program, which provides support to families and educates parents to meet the challenges of raising safe, healthy children who will thrive. Parent-Child has two tiers of support for families with children ages five and under. The first level, providing more intensive family support, has a special emphasis on equipping very young parents for their responsibilities as parents, providers, and positive role models for their children. The second level of family support is provided in varying degrees for all others raising children ages birth to five. The program enlists the

expertise of staff within each of the agencies to benefit all families.

Of the 222 families who accessed Parent-Child services in 2000, 24 were from Ashland.

Parent-Child Program activities include:

- ◆ Weekly Play and Learn Group
- ◆ On-site respite childcare for children while their parents visit Whole Village
- ◆ Welcome Baby! Newborn home visiting program
- ◆ Family Fun Events
- ◆ Support groups
- ◆ Parenting Education classes
- ◆ Special topic parenting series
- ◆ Information and referral
- ◆ The *First Books* Program with New Hampshire Public Television
- ◆ Intensive Support Program for Teen Parents:
 - GED preparation course for parents (child care and transportation provided)
 - Family support visits for young parents
 - Transportation
 - Social service/medical advocacy
 - Great Beginnings (nutrition program) in collaboration with UNH Cooperative Extension Expanded Food and Nutrition Education (EFNEP) Program

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VITAL RECORDS 2000

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MARRIAGES

Date	Groom	Residence	Bride	Residence
29-Jan	Christopher Allen	Tynsboro, MA	Marilyn Stowe	Tynsboro, MA
9-Feb	David A. Baron	Manchester, NH	Vicki Brosius	Ashland, NH
12-Feb	Karl Davis	Ashland, NH	Brenda Perry	Ashland, NH
28-Apr	Steven Eastman	Ashland, NH	Lauri Eastman	Ashland, NH
13-May	Walter W. Blake	Ashland, NH	Dawn M. Gordon	Ashland, NH
20-May	Jeff C. Mudgett	Ashland, NH	Tara Chamberlin	Ashland, NH
25-May	Jeffrey Hebert	Ashland, NH	Eleanor Lawson	Ashland, NH
27-May	Michael Paradise	Ashland, NH	Brenda Cote	Ashland, NH
3-Jun	Michael Bertholet	Ashland, NH	Heather M. Defosses	Ashland, NH
10-Jun	Charles Johnson	Ashland, NH	Sharon Monahan	Ashland, NH
10-Jun	Kevin Lessard	Ashland, NH	Shannon Cote	Ashland, NH
10-Jun	Erik Anderson	Pittsfield, IL	Kristen Lary	Pittsfield, IL
11-Jun	Todd A. Randlett	Ashland, NH	Katrina A. Lyford	Ashland, NH
24-Jun	Angel Rodriguez	Ashland, NH	Kelly Sharps	Ashland, NH
24-Jun	James DiMauro	Haverhill, MA	Linda McDuffie	Haverhill, MA
24-Jun	Kenneth Hickey	Ashland, NH	Sandra Campbell	Ashland, NH
1-Jul	Jesse Farrar	Ashland, NH	Rebecca Chicoine	Ashland, NH
1-Jul	Corey Bushaw	Ashland, NH	Bernadette Cerami	Ashland, NH
8-Jul	Robert Stafford	Ashland, NH	Alysha Gaudet	Ashland, NH
15-Jul	Douglas Thibeau	Ashland, NH	Tanya Weeks	Ashland, NH
29-Jul	Charles H. Caissie Jr	Hull, MA	Brigitte Caissie	Chambly, Que
5-Aug	Meldon L. Lamson	Ashland, NH	Linda M. Thibodeau	Ashland, NH
5-Aug	Jacob Sawyer	Ashland, NH	Sarah K. O'Bryan	Ashland, NH
19-Aug	Deven S. McIver	Ashland, NH	Ingrid D. Hayes	Ashland, NH
19-Aug	Ted W. Jenna	Ashland, NH	Marion C. Caldwell	Ashland, NH
19-Aug	John S. Fish	Ashland, NH	Wendy A. Serrell	Ashland, NH
20-Aug	J. Dallas Wrath	Ashland, NH	Jennifer O'Connor	Ashland, NH
20-Aug	John A. Latuch	Plymouth, NH	Mary Ann White	Ashland, NH
2-Sep	Craig M. Fogg	Ashland, NH	Chrissy Leighton	Ashland, NH
9-Sep	Bruce A. Leonard	Ashland, NH	Diane L. Sullivan	Ashland, NH
10-Sep	Jason A. Dukette-Rule	Ashland, NH	Alysia Renfrew	Ashland, NH
16-Sep	William B. Anderson	Ashland, NH	Claire T. Applebee	Marblehead, MA
23-Sep	James A. Rogers Sr	Ashland, NH	Germaine B. Granger	Ashland, NH
7-Oct	Jeffrey S. Cagle	Port Allen, LA	Andrea R. Hughes	Port Allen, LA
14-Oct	Daniel M. Rienzo	Ashland, NH	Kimberly K. Betourne	Ashland, NH

VITAL RECORDS 2000

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BIRTHS

Date	Child's Name	Name of Father	Name of Mother	Place of Birth
24-Feb	Kendall T.J. Critcher	Douglas Critcher	Kimberly Critcher	Plymouth
3-Mar	Sammie A. King	Sammie King	Tara King	Laconia
16-Mar	Conner L. Shipp	Christopher Shipp	Michelle Shipp	Lebanon
20-Mar	Dominic M. Inkel	John Perry	Antonette Perry	Laconia
16-Apr	Logan R. Hillger	Jeremy Hillger	Sharon Hillger	Plymouth
9-May	Troy N. Tedeschi	Frank Tedeschi	Beverly Tedeschi	Laconia
11-May	Liam A. Crowley	Kevin Crowley	Stephanie Crowley	Laconia
25-May	Charlotte C. Murdock	Eric Murdock	Darcie Murdock	Plymouth
26-May	Tessa L. Thompson	Daniel Thompson	Heidi Thompson	Lebanon
19-Jul	Benjamin A. Vachon	Michael Vachon	Dianna Vachon	Laconia
23-Jul	Colby Richard Moore	Craig Moore	Hillary Moore	Concord
2-Sep	Jonathan J. Monty	Richard Monty	Jennifer Monty	Laconia
23-Sep	Nicole E. Bragdon	Michael Bragdon	Hallie Bragdon	Laconia
26-Dec	Jarrett William Downing	Chad Downing	Sherrie Downing	Plymouth
27-Dec	Taylor Marie Paquette	Timothy Paquette	Patricia Paquette	Plymouth
29-Dec	Annabelle Rose Lyford	Jamie Lyford	Jennifer Lyford	Laconia

DEATHS

Date	Name of Deceased	Place of Death	Name of Father	Name of Mother
13-Jan	Ruth Rosen	Goffstown, NH	Edward Levenson	Sarah Kosofsky
18-Jan	Doris J. Graton	Plymouth, NH	Allen Howe	Clementine Evans
8-Feb	Madeline S. Hickey	Manchester, NH	Bert Moody	Haddie Rogers
19-Mar	Joyce M. Amsden	Ashland, NH	Walter Morton	Anne Pascal
21-May	John Boutte	Laconia, NH	Hurbert Boutte	Louise Minnick
24-May	Rita M. Sears	Meredith, NH	Charles Hutchins	Ada Hatch
18-Jun	Glenn D. Grier	Ashland, NH	Glenn Grier	Mina Root
12-Jul	Ziba A. Smith	Plymouth, NH	Ziba Smith	Minnie Torsey
21-Jul	Albert R. Allard	Plymouth, NH	Albert Allard	Stella Brake
23-Sep	Harold O. Landroche	Ashland, NH	Arthur Landroche	Annie Tanguay
24-Sep	William M. Brunt	Manchester, NH	William Brunt	Dorothy Baker
12-Oct	Harvey M. Stewart	Ashland, NH	Leo Stewart	Alice Tilton
4-Nov	Lawrence R. Morse	Laconia, NH	Robert Morse	Delia Bellevance
6-Nov	Harriet F. Keniston	Laconia, NH	Aaron Allen	Laura Woodward
15-Nov	Beth W. Baker	Plymouth, NH	Everett Baker	Lucy Marsters
11-Dec	Henry T. Silva	Ashland, NH	Henry Silva	Frances Mellilo
18-Dec	Grace B. Vachon	Franklin, NH	George Brunt	Celia Hill

INVENTORY OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY

LOCATION	ACREAGE	LAND VALUE	BUILDING VALUE
018-004-001	AVERY STREET - LAND ONLY	0.55	\$ 5,700
016-007-001	HIGHLAND STREET-TOWN HALL	0.61	\$ 39,000
017-006-009	PLEASANT STREET-WHIPPLE HOUSE	0.93	\$ 11,600
018-001-001	COLLINS STREET - TOWN GARAGE	3.50	\$ 40,500
017-009-001	MAIN STREET - FIRE STATION	0.59	\$ 51,900
017-007-001	MAIN STREET - SCRIBNER LIBRARY	0.4	\$ 39,300
012-005-003	LEAVITT HILL ROAD - CAMPGROUND	5.20	\$ 158,200
004-004-001	MAIN ST-BALLPARK/BOOSTER CLUB	7.00	\$ 60,100
003-002-004	COLLINS STREET - LANDFILL	28.40	\$ 71,400
003-003-002	COLLINS STREET - WWTF	108.00	\$ 153,200
016-009-009	MAIN ST/RIVERSIDE - MEMORIAL PARK	0.94	\$ 24,900
003-003-001	NEW HAMPTON TOWN LINE	3.40	\$ 4,300
015-002-019	RIVER STREET	1.40	\$ 7,400
017-011-002	DEPOT STREET	0.02	\$ 700
016-002-001	HIGHLAND AND MAIN STREET	0.046	\$ 4,700
017-007-012	MAIN STREET-LEGION BLD LAND	0.75	\$ 39,300
017-008-001	MAIN AND MECHANIC STREET	0.31	\$ 31,400
015-002-020	RIVER STREET	0.04	\$ 1,800
015-001-020	RIVER STREET/CROSS ROAD	1.10	\$ 15,200
017-001	MAIN STREET/DEPOT STREET	0.07	\$ 1,200
004-002-015	JCT HILLSIDE AVE/MAIN STREET	0.44	\$ 8,600
014-001-020	RIVER STREET/BOAT LAUNCH	0.15	\$ 25,200
018-004-002	AVERY STREET	0.52	\$ 5,800
018-004-034	AVERY STREET	1.20	\$ 8,400
011-006-004	LEAVITT HILL ROAD - BEACH	1.50	\$ 315,800
016-003-020	EDUCATION WAY - SCHOOLS	26.00	\$ 149,000
016-009-004	RIVERSIDE DRIVE	0.06	\$ 4,300
014-001-001	HYDRO DAM ON STATE LAND		\$ 106,100
004-001-003	PUMP STATION - CEDAR LANE	36.34	\$ 162,400
011-003-010	RTE 3/OWL BROOK ROAD	0.04	\$ 3,800
015-002-021	RIVER STREET	1.30	\$ 700
011-003-008	RTE 3/OWL BROOK ROAD	0.05	\$ 2,800
017-013-008	WASHINGTON STREET	0.402	\$ 5,500
	WATER MAINS		\$ 2,352,000

Source - Assessment Cards

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

As of December 31, 2000

Use	Address	Building	Contents	Mobile Equipment	Misc
Town Office	20 Highland Street	\$ 242,600	\$ 200,000		
Fire Station	9 Main Street	\$ 393,300	\$ 100,000	\$ 4,000	
Library	41 Main Street	\$ 175,600	\$ 80,000		
Historical Museum	12 Pleasant Street	\$ 171,800	\$ 50,000		
Town Garage	18 Collins Street	\$ 304,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 127,000	
Storage Shed	Collins Street	\$ 1,650	\$ 30,000		
Storage Shed	Collins Street	\$ 58,000	\$ 50,000		
Sewer Plant	137 Collins Street	\$ 6,613,200	\$ 250,000		
Substation	Collins Street	\$ 750,000		\$ 37,000	
Park and Rec Building	99 Main Street	\$ 67,100	\$ 15,000		
Bath House	Leavitt Hill Road	\$ 6,000	\$ 1,000		
Squam River Covered Bridge	River Street				\$ 260,000
Repeater Antenna	Peppercorn Road				\$ 6,000
Water Treatment Plant	72 Cedar Lane	\$ 77,000	\$ 300,000		
		\$ 8,860,250	\$ 1,226,000	\$ 168,000	\$ 266,000

Source: New Hampshire Municipal Association Property Schedule

TOWN DEEDS

Source - old town reports - new recordings

	Book	Page
Edward Doggett Beach - Leavitt Hill Road	863	431
Easement - Water Main Extension - Thompson Street - Norman	815	279
Playground Deeds - Main Street		
Sullivan	562	119
Spaulding	826	71
Kilpatrick	969	156
Brown	770	328
Fireman's Hall and Land	425	82
Road to Gray-Cross Properties	959	75
Land between Beatrice Hill's and Squam River	471	126
Cottage Place	939	225
Cottage Place	973	358
Water Works Deed	92	304
Sawmill Property (see partial sale to Squam Lakes Assoc 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 Riverside/Main Street	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	1359	656
Morrison Property-Avery Street-Water Storage Tank	1424	233
Fletcher - Land Only - Collins Street		
Water Pumping Station - Cedar Lane	1016	222
Land - Washington Street	2394	650
Land - Route 3/Owl Brook Road	2394	653
Land - Route 3/Owl Brook Road	2394	651
Land - River Street	2394	652
Town Clock Deed - Recorded Town Clerk Book - May 22, 1894		
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 - Plasited	104	387
Reservoir - Road and ROW - Berry	104	388
Jackson Pond - Thompson Land - Drainage/Flowage Rights	92	272
Jackson Pond - Smith Land	90	270/271

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION

Value of Land Only

Current Use	\$ 247,654
Residential	\$ 30,108,200
Commercial/Industrial	\$ 6,568,900
Total Taxable Land	\$ 36,924,754

Value of Buildings Only

Residential	\$ 47,911,806
Manufactured Housing	\$ 1,145,900
Commercial/Industrial	\$ 15,952,200
Total Taxable Buildings	\$ 65,009,906

Public Utilities

Electric Utilities	\$ 1,120,401
Total Public Utilities	\$ 1,120,401

Valuation Before Exemptions \$103,055,061

Blind Exemptions	\$ 75,000
Elderly Exemptions	\$ 851,933
Total Exemptions Allowed	\$ 926,933

- Net valuation on which the tax rate For municipal, county, local tax is computed	\$102,128,128
- Net valuation on which the tax rate for state education tax is computed	\$101,007,727

This information is taken from the MS-1 (2000 Summary of Inventory of Valuation)

TAX RATE COMPUTATIONS - 2000

Town Portion

Total Town Appropriations	\$6,143,991	
Less: Revenues	4,583,973	
Less: Shared revenues	33,105	
Add: Overlay	15,306	
War Service Credits	18,600	
Net Town Appropriations		\$1,560,819
Approved Town/City Tax Effort		\$1,560,819
MUNICIPAL TAX RATE		\$15.28

School Portion

Net Local School Budget	\$1,655,860	
Regional School Apportionment	995,939	
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(754,114)	
State Education Taxes	(729,053)	
Approved School(s) Tax Effort		\$1,168,632
LOCAL EDUCATION TAX RATE		\$11.44

State Education Taxes		
Equalized Valuation (no utilities) X	\$6.60	
\$110,462,540		\$ 729,053
STATE SCHOOL RATE		\$ 7.22

County Portion

Due to County	\$164,822	
Less: Shared Revenues	(3,824)	
Approved County Tax Effort		\$160,998
COUNTY TAX RATE		\$ 1.58
COMBINED TAX RATE		\$35.52

Total Property Taxes Assessed	\$3,619,502
Less: War Service Credits	(18,600)
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$3,600,902

PROOF OF RATE

Net Assessed Valuations	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax \$101,007,727	\$ 7.22	\$ 729,053
All Other Taxes \$102,128,128	\$28.30	\$2,890,449

Signed by Barbara J. Robinson - DRA - 10/15/00

Town of Ashland General Long Term Debt Accounts

Name of Account	Principal Payment year 2000	Interest Payment year 2000	Balance Due
Landfill Closure Bond \$621,264.55 @ 1.3175% Final Payment 2002	\$ 124,231.63	\$ 4,975.23	\$ 253,395.06
Water System Bond \$300,000 @ 4.501% Final Payment 2026	\$ 5,729.86	\$ 12,996.14	\$ 283,073.36
Sewer Lagoon Aeration Bond \$601,725.85 @ 1.4% Final Payment 2002	\$ 120,321.91	\$ 5,124.60	\$ 245,720.93
Water Project \$1,600,000 @ 4.501% Final Payment 2025	\$ 33,784.22	\$ 67,863.78	\$ 1,507,053.20
Water Bonds \$448,000 @ 5.4 - 8.25% Final Payment 2012	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 16,700.00	\$ 188,000.00
Fire Truck Lease \$210,600 @ 7.33% Final Payment 2005	\$ 15,947.41	\$ 6,681.71	\$ 82,420.83
Deficit Bond \$2,000,000 @ 5.75% Final Payment 2004	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 86,394.45	\$ 1,600,000.00
Totals	\$ 720,015.03	\$ 200,735.91	\$ 4,159,663.38

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT 2000

Submitted by Linda M. Eastman, Treasurer

Beginning Balance January 1, 2000	\$	204,470.21
Deposits	\$	19,667,698.65
Expenditures	\$	18,247,136.29
.	\$	1,625,032.57
Proof of Balance		
MVSB Checking Account	\$	1,395.86
MVSB Cash Manager	\$	1,623,636.71
Total Cash on Hand December 31, 2000	\$	1,625,032.57

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Submitted by Patricia Tucker, Town Clerk

The following is an unaudited statement of town receipts for the Town Clerk to the Town Treasurer for the year ending December 31, 2000:

Motor Vehicle Permits and Title Fees	\$225,071.00
Dog Licenses and Penalties	\$ 1,996.50
Vital Records	\$ 474.00
Filing Fees, UCC Recordings	\$ 1,535.56
Commercial Hauler Permits	\$ 462.80
Dog Fines	\$ 10.00
Deposited with Treasurer	\$229,549.86

Dog licenses are to be renewed by April 30, tags are now available at the Town Clerk's office. The licensing of dogs is a state mandated law, RSA 466:1.

Remember that your vehicle registration expires at the end of your birth month, unless your vehicle is leased or in a trust - if this is the case please check your registration for the expiration date.

Boat registrations are revenue to the town only if they are completed at our local agent - Riveredge Marina. If you register your boat with the state, they keep all of the revenue.

The Title Law requires that 1989 and newer vehicles be titled. A new law effective January 1, 2001 (RSA 261:2-a) requires that any 1988 or older vehicle registered on or after January 1st will require in addition to the bill of sale one of the following documents:

- A: Previous issued N.H. registration
- B: Valid out of state title
- C: Verification of VIN (form 19A - available at town clerk's office)

Please call if you have any questions at 968-4432.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT MS-61

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FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF ASHLAND YEAR ENDING 2000 UNAUDITED

DEBITS	Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES (Please specify years)		
UNCOLLECTED TAXES- BEG. OF YEAR* :				
Property Taxes		320,609.40	(15.00)	0.00
Resident Taxes		1,870.00	300.00	0.00
Land Use Change		0.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes		51.12	0.00	(11,065.00)
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd		0.00	0.00	0.00
Excavation Activity Tax		0.00	0.00	0.00
Utility Charges		0.00	0.00	(88.18)
BETTERMENT ASSESSMENT		227.14	0.00	(759.29)
TAXES COMMITTED				
Property Taxes #3110	3,627,444.42	0.00		
Resident Taxes #3180	14,060.00	450.00		
Land Use Change #3120	0.00	0.00		
Yield Taxes #3185	1,855.09	0.00		
Excavation Tax #3187	70.00	0.00		
Excav. Activity Tax #3188	9,235.20	0.00		
Utility Charges #3189	0.00	0.00		
BETTERMENT ASSESSMENT	2,247.30	0.00		
OVERPAYMENT:				
Property Taxes #3110	12,795.94	0.00	0.00	0.00
Resident Taxes #3180	70.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Land Use Change #3120	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes #3185	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Excavation Tax #3187	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Excav. Activity Tax #3188	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest - Late Tax & PENALTIES #3190	2,360.68	17,257.46	0.00	0.00
Resident Tax Penalty #3190	16.00	45.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 3,670,154.63	\$ 340,510.12	\$ 375.00	\$(11912.47)

* This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF ASHLAND **YEAR ENDING** 2000 **UNAUDITED**

CREDITS	Levy for This Year	PRIOR LEVIES (Please specify years)		
REMITTED TO TREASURER:				
Property Taxes	3,288,936.44	318,551.50	0.00	0.00
Resident Taxes	11,510.00	910.00	0.00	0.00
Land Use Change	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	1,217.99	51.12	0.00	0.00
Interest	2,360.68	15,608.46	0.00	0.00
Penalties	16.00	1,694.00	0.00	0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd.	70.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Excavation Activity Tax	9,235.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
Utility Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	(88.18)
Conversion to Lien (should equal line 2, pg.3)				
BETTERMENT ASSESSMENT	2,103.74	227.14	0.00	0.00
DISCOUNTS ALLOWED:				
ABATEMENTS MADE:				
Property Taxes	35,671.29	2,057.90	0.00	0.00
Resident Taxes	620.00	930.00	390.00	0.00
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd.				
Excavation Activity Tax				
Utility Charges				
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED				
UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR #1080				
Property Taxes	315,632.63	0.00	(15.00)	0.00
Resident Taxes	2,000.00	480.00	0.00	0.00
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes	637.10	0.00	0.00	(11,065.00)
Excavation and Excavation Activity Taxes				
Utility Charges				
BETTERMENT ASSESSMENT	143.56			(759.29)
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 3670154.63	\$ 340,510.12	\$ 375.00	\$ (11912.47)

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF ASHLAND YEAR ENDING 2000 UNAUDITED

DEBITS	Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES (Please specify years)		
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Yr.		75,695.49	36,262.38	19,499.09
Liens Executed During Fiscal Yr.	146,029.94			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	2,455.05	7,825.52	10,483.11	0.00
ABATEMENT OF PENALTIES	23.50			
TOTAL DEBITS.	\$ 148,508.49	\$ 83,521.01	\$ 46,745.49	\$ 19,499.09

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER:	Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES (Please specify years)		
Redemptions	45,749.95	24,669.95	32,393.62	10,732.87
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	2,455.05	7,825.52	10,483.11	
ABATEMENT OF PENALTIES	23.50			
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	1,557.73	197.23	3,501.24	
Liens Deeded To Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Bal. End of Yr. #1110	98,722.26	50,828.31	367.52	8,766.22
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 148,508.49	\$ 83,521.01	\$ 46,745.49	\$ 19,499.09

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a) ? YES

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE *Latina Tucker*

DATE: Jan 25, 2001

SCRIBNER MEMORIAL TRUST
DECEMBER 31, 2000

Balance as of December 31, 1999 \$177,138.55

Expenses:

Maintenance	\$ 3,495.80
Supplies	2,991.86
Garbage	122.00
Insurance	849.00
FICA	461.36
Trustees	1,292.87
Bookkeeper	554.10
Fuel	660.56
Misc.	<u>5,064.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 15,491.55

Income:

Pioneer II	\$ 513.18
MVSB Interest	49.68
Putnam Div. Income	5,483.53
Inc. Fund of America	3,210.03
Transferred Funds-CD	<u>5,129.41</u>
TOTAL	\$ 14,385.83

Account Balances:

MVSB 23479801	\$ 6,047.77
MVSB 14364	174.06
Inc. Fund of America-value	61,614.60
Cash Balance	82.15
Pioneer II-value	61,459.76
Putnam Diversified-value	<u>52,277.21</u>
TOTAL	\$ 181,655.55

Balance as of December 31, 2000 \$ 181,655.55

Submitted by the Scribner Trustees

STATEMENT - APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

For the tax year 2000 of the Town of Ashland in Grafton County

Appropriations	2000 Budget	Actual Expenditures	Difference
General Government			
Executive	\$ 4,185.00	\$ 3,988.99	\$ 196.01
Election, Registration, vitals	\$ 20,960.00	\$ 21,206.26	\$ (246.26)
Financial Administration	\$ 242,146.00	\$ 222,998.13	\$ 19,147.87
Revaluation of Property	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 14,882.11	\$ 8,117.89
Legal Expense	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 42,944.66	\$ (17,944.66)
Personnel Administration	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 3,964.00
Planning and Zoning	\$ 5,150.00	\$ 1,816.90	\$ 3,333.10
General Government Buildings	\$ 16,831.00	\$ 16,643.16	\$ 187.84
Cemeteries	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Insurance	\$ 73,724.00	\$ 71,533.25	\$ 2,190.75
Advertising & Regional Associations	\$ 1,797.00	\$ 1,797.00	\$ -
Other General Government	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 2,931.32	\$ 15,068.68
Public Safety			
Police	\$ 294,909.00	\$ 273,866.39	\$ 21,042.61
Ambulance	\$ 22,989.00	\$ 22,988.61	\$ 0.39
Fire	\$ 86,035.00	\$ 80,725.19	\$ 5,309.81
Building Inspection	\$ 5,044.00	\$ 5,615.82	\$ (571.82)
Emergency Management	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Highways and Streets			
Administration	\$ 158,568.00	\$ 128,390.45	\$ 30,177.55
Highways and Streets	\$ 79,740.00	\$ 66,143.79	\$ 13,596.21
Bridges	\$ 900.00	\$ 348.39	\$ 551.61
Town Mechanic	\$ 46,093.00	\$ 44,634.97	\$ 1,458.03
Street Lighting	\$ 30,402.00	\$ 354.68	\$ 30,047.32
Sanitation			
Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 124,616.00	\$ 121,171.37	\$ 3,444.63
Health			
Administration	\$ 11,396.00	\$ 11,145.65	\$ 250.35
Pest Control	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,680.00	\$ 720.00
Welfare			
Administration & Direct Assistance	\$ 18,431.00	\$ 12,598.50	\$ 5,832.50
Vendor Payments and Other	\$ 9,439.00	\$ 9,439.00	\$ -
Culture and Recreation			
Parks and Recreation	\$ 101,593.00	\$ 87,663.39	\$ 13,929.61
Library	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -

STATEMENT - APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

For the tax year 2000 of the Town of Ashland in Grafton County

	2000 Budget	Actual Expenditures
Patriotic Purposes	\$ 6,640.00	\$ 4,987.37
Town Trustees	\$ 648.00	\$ 645.96
Conservation	\$ 200.00	\$ 34.00
Debt Service		\$ -
Principal - Long Term bonds/notes	\$ 529,936.00	\$ 529,935.63
Interest - Long Term bonds/notes	\$ 127,998.00	\$ 104,391.68
Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,822.21
Capital Outlay		\$ -
Machinery, Vehicles, Equipment	\$ 64,696.00	\$ 37,813.24
Warrant Article Lakes Region Mutual Aid	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,200.00
Warrant Article Fire Radio Equipment	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Warrant Article Police Cruiser	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 25,142.90
Operating Transfers Out to Enterprise Funds		
Municipal Sewer Fund	\$ 373,201.00	\$ 317,935.22
Municipal Water Fund	\$ 291,883.00	\$ 318,759.06
Municipal Electric Fund	\$ 3,225,941.00	\$ 2,212,329.77
		\$ 1,013,611.23

**2001
ASHLAND
TOWN WARRANT
AND
BUDGET**

Town of Ashland
State of New Hampshire
Warrant- Year 2001

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 Saturday, February 10, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. to act upon the following articles. Vote by official ballot will take place on March 13, 2001 at the Ashland School Gymnasium. Polls will be open from 9:00 a.m. and will close no earlier than 7:00 p.m.

Article 1:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to Thirty Five Thousand Ninety Three Dollars (\$35,093) for the purpose of Phase II upgrade of the Fire Department's Radio Equipment in order to be compatible with the new Lakes Region Mutual Aid: Communication System, with \$6,913 plus interest to date to be withdrawn from the Fire Department Radio Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve Fund; with \$240 plus interest to date to be withdrawn from the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and the balance to be raised through taxation. Note: A "YES" vote will discontinue these funds. (Majority Vote Required) The Ashland Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend this Article.

Article 2:

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the State Employees Association of New Hampshire SEIU Local 1984, AFL-CIO, CLC, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits: Year 2001 \$ 11,495.43; Year 2002 \$12,551.53; Year 2003 \$13,745.31 and raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,495.43 for the 2001 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. The Ashland Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend this Article. (Majority Vote Required)

Article 3:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to lease to Dupuis Cross Post 15, for a period of 99 years, the parcel of town owned property presently used as a parking lot adjacent to the American Legion building. The lease would be for \$1.00 per year, and would be entered into on the condition that the Legion name the Town as an additional insured on its liability insurance policy, to the satisfaction of the Selectmen and on the further condition that the lease shall terminate if Dupuis Cross Post 15 shall cease to exist or cease to actively use its building. Recommended by the Ashland Board of Selectmen. (Majority Vote Required)

Article 4:

To see if the Town will vote to eliminate inter-fund balances between the Town's General Fund, the Water Enterprise Fund, the Sewer Enterprise Fund and the Electric Enterprise Fund as follows:

- That the Water Enterprise Fund forgive \$426,770 owed from the Town General Fund;
- That the Sewer Enterprise Fund forgive \$355,753 owed from the Water Enterprise Fund;
- That the Electric Enterprise Fund forgive \$433,578 owed from the Town General Fund;
- That the Town General Fund forgive \$644,375 owed from the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

These figures are estimate in nature according to the year end 1999 draft audit and may be adjusted by the Board of Selectmen accordingly when the accounting reports are received from the auditor. Recommended by the Ashland Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee (Majority Vote Required)

Article 5:

To see if the Town will vote to accept and reclassify as a Class V town maintained road two portions of Highland Street consisting of approximately 3,765 linear feet that is currently classified as a State II highway, subject to the State of New Hampshire completing repairs and improvements thereto to improve drainage, roadway surface, and curbing were indicated, at an estimated cost to the State of New Hampshire (not the Town of Ashland) of between \$30,000 and \$50,000, upon completion of which the entirety of Highland Street would become a Class V town maintained road? Recommended by the Ashland Board of Selectmen. (Majority Vote Required)

Article 6:

To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a lease agreement for town owned property shown on Ashland Tax Map 003 Lot 003 Parcel 002 to one or more companies for the purpose of constructing one or more personal wireless service facilities (communication towers) thereon, the commencement date of any such lease to be conditioned upon the lessee obtaining all necessary approvals for construction of a personal wireless service facility on the site? Recommended by the Ashland Board of Selectmen. (Majority Vote Required)

Article 7:

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:1-c which authorize any town or city to elect not to assess, levy and collect a resident tax? The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

Article 8:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$150,000 for the purpose of renovating Town owned property known as the Ashland Campground to bring the property into compliance with the State's requirements. The Ashland Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

Article 9:

Are you in favor of amending the Town of Ashland's Building Regulations as proposed by the Planning Board to upgrade the building codes to the 2000 International Building Code from the 1999 BOCA Basic Building Code and updating the plumbing codes to the 2000 International Plumbing Code from the 1999 BOCA Basic Plumbing Code. (Majority Vote Required)

Article 10:

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$6,097,542. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$6,044,066 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. The Ashland Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority Vote Required)

Article 11:

To see if the Town will vote to accept the Reports of its Boards, Commissioners, Committees and Officers for the year 2000 subject to corrections of errors when and if found. (Majority Vote Required)

Article 12:

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 Trustee for 3 years
- (d) One Library Trustee for 3 years
- (e) One Budget Committee member for 2 years
- (f) One Budget Committee member for 1 year
- (g) Four Budget Committee members for 3 years
- (h) One Electric Commissioner for 1 year
- (i) One Electric Commissioner for 2 years
- (j) One Electric Commissioner for 3 years

Article 13:

Resolved, that the voters of Ashland support the application to the N.H. Land and Community Heritage Investment Program for a matching grant to restore and rehabilitate the old Ashland elementary school, and endorse the efforts of the Ashland Historical Society and others to raise the private funds needed to match the grant. (Adoption of this resolution does not raise or appropriate any town funds for this project.) Petitioned Article (Majority Vote Required)

Article 14:

Shall the Town vest the management, control, and direction of the municipal water-sewer systems in a board of water-sewer commissioners to consist of three citizens of the town, such commissioners having full power and authority and duty to manage, control, and direct the water-sewer system and having terms of office of three years (except for terms of the first commissioners of one, two and three years respectively).
Petitioned Article (Majority Vote Required)

Article 15:

If the Town votes in favor of establishing a Board of Water-Sewer Commissioners, shall the Town elect Ann Reeve, Robert A. Boyle, and Ernest A. Paquette as Water-Sewer Commissioners for one, two, and three years respectively? Petitioned Article (Majority Vote Required)

Article 16:

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

Town of Ashland
Board of Selectmen

Attest: A true copy.



Vernon L. Marion



Tom E. Peters, III



James A. Cole

DATED AND POSTED 1/29/01

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
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BUDGET OF THE TOWN/CITY

OF: ASHLAND

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001

or Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

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| <p>1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.</p> <p>2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.</p> <p>3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the above address.</p> |
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We Certify This Form Was Posted on (Date): _____

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

Tom E. O'Brien

Paul Hull

[Signature]

Deborah O'Brien

Caroline Boyle

Robert A. Boyle

Maureen G. Eweth

James A. Stone

James O'Brien

J.M. Edward Stone

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

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ACCT. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	WARR. ART.#	Appropriations		Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS	
			Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Prior Year		ENSUING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	ENSUING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED

GENERAL GOVERNMENT									
4130-4139	Executive		4185	3988.99	4685	4685	4685	4685	XXXXXX
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		20960	21206.26	22923	22923	22923	22923	XXXXXX
4150-4151	Financial Administration		242146	222998.13	258698	258698	258698	258698	XXXXXX
4152	Revaluation of Property		23000	14882.11	22000	22000	22000	22000	XXXXXX
4153	Legal Expense		25000	42944.66	50000	50000	50000	50000	XXXXXX
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		4000	36	1000	1000	1000	1000	XXXXXX
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		5150	1816.90	3750	3750	3750	3750	XXXXXX
4194	General Government Buildings		16831	16643.16	28331	28331	28331	28331	XXXXXX
4195	Cemeteries		500	500	700	700	700	700	XXXXXX
4196	Insurance		73724	71533.25	76004	76004	76004	76004	XXXXXX
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		1797	1797	1770	1770	1770	1770	XXXXXX
4199	Other General Government		18000	2931.32	20000	20000	20000	20000	XXXXXX

PUBLIC SAFETY									
4210-4214	Police		294,909	273,866.39	320,957	320,957	320,957	320,957	XXXXXX
4215-4219	Ambulance		22,989	22,989.61	25,200	25,200	25,200	25,200	XXXXXX
4220-4229	Fire		86,035	80,725.19	89,175	89,175	89,175	89,175	XXXXXX
4240-4249	Building Inspection		5,044	5,615.82	5,684	5,684	5,684	5,684	XXXXXX
4290-4298	Emergency Management		2,000		2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	XXXXXX
4299	Other (Including Communications)								XXXXXX

AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER									
4301-4309	Airport Operations								XXXXXX
HIGHWAYS & STREETS									
4311	Administration		158,568	128,390.45	147,915.98	147,915.98	147,915.98	147,915.98	XXXXXX
4312	Highways & Streets		79,740	66,143.79	124,100	124,100	124,100	124,100	XXXXXX
4313	Bridges		900	348.39	600	600	600	600	XXXXXX

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ACCT. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3, V)	Appropriations		Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATION	
		WARR. Prior Year As ART.# Approved by DRA	Prior Year As		ENSURING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	ENSURING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED

HIGHWAYS & STREETS cont.

4316	Street Lighting		30,402	354.68	30,402		30,402	
4319	Other		46,093	44,634.97	45,840.11		45,840.11	
SANITATION								
4321	Administration							
4323	Solid Waste Collection							
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		124,616	121,171.37	144,466.53		144,466.53	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up							
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other							

WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT

4331	Administration							
4332	Water Services							
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other							

ELECTRIC

4351-4352	Admin. and Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4359	Other Electric Costs							

HEALTH/WELFARE

4411	Administration		11,396	11,145.65	1,596		1,596	
4414	Pest Control		2,400	1,680	2,400		2,400	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other							
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		18,431	12,598.50	18,431		18,431	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		9,439	9,439	19,542.50		19,542.50	

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ACCT. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	APPROPRIATIONS		Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATION ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		
		WARR. ART.# Approved by DRA	Prior Year As		RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	
CULTURE & RECREATION									
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		101,593	87,663.39	113,160		113,160		
4550-4559	Library		20,000	20,000	25,500	10,500	36,000		
4583	Patriotic Purposes		6,640	4,987.37	6,706		6,706		
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		648	645.96	648		648		
CONSERVATION									
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources		200	34	200		200		
4619	Other Conservation								
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING								
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT								
DEBT SERVICE									
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		529,936	529,935.63	710,068		710,068		
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		127,998	104,391.68	197,102		197,102		
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		15,000	10,822.21	1		1		
4790-4799	Other Debt Service								
CAPITAL OUTLAY									
4901	Land								
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		64,696	37,813.24	22,640		22,640		
4903	Buildings								
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.								
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT									
4912	To Special Revenue Fund								
4913	To Capital Projects Fund								
4914	To Enterprise Fund		373,201	317,935.22	256,109.06		256,109.06		
	Sewer-		291,883	318,759.06	155,038		155,038		
	Water-								

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ACCT.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	WARR. ART.#	APPROPRIATIONS Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATION	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT cont.									
	Electric-		3,225,941	2,212,329.77	3,131,098.86			3,131,098.86	
	Airport-								
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund								
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917								
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds								
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds								
4919	To Agency Funds								
SUBTOTAL 1			6,143,991	4,882,986.01	6,087,042			6,097,542	

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount	Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSUING YEAR
TAXES					
			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes				
3180	Resident Taxes		14,000	14,500	
3185	Timber Taxes		1,500	1,855.09	1,500
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		30,000	1,200	3,000
3189	Other Taxes			8,527.58	8,500
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		40,000	43,261.17	40,000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)			9,305.20	4,700
3188	Excavation Activity Tax				
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES					
			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		2,500	2,842.31	3,100
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fee		207,000	225,296	207,000
3230	Building Permits		7,500	4,653.39	7,500
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees			2,786.90	2,500
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
FROM STATE					
			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenue		32,000	69,363	33,000
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution				
3353	Highway Block Grant		37,800	40,049.57	43,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		25,000		25,000
3355	Housing & Community Development		38,000	46,355.62	38,000
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		75	100.78	100
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)			98,083.61	
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS			1,115.88	650
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		53,800	61,309.75	44,025
3409	Other Charges		81,629	88067.15	70,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		5,500	4,180	2,000
3502	Interest on Investments		15,750	64,115.26	30,000
3503-3509	Other		33,540	14,896.89	43,800
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN					
			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				

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Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSUING YEAR
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN cont.			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		63,539	48,358.27	7,000
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")				
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes				
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			689,133	850,223.42	641,375

BUDGET SUMMARY

	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 5)	6,087,042	6,097,542
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 6)		
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 6)	196,588.43	196,588.43
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	6,283,630.43	6,294,130.43
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above, column 6)	641,375	641,375
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	5,642,255.43	5,652,755.43

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: _____
 (See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

TOWN OF ASHLAND

Welcome to the Ashland Community, we hope that the following general information will be helpful to you. We, the staff at the Ashland Town Office, have tried to put together information that we feel would benefit newcomers to the town. If you have any questions feel free to call us at 603-968-4432.

- Ashland is 19.1 square miles located in Grafton County geographically the center of New Hampshire directly off Interstate 93 at Exit 24 with the east end of the town abutting Little Squam Lake and to the northwest we abut the Pemigewasset River.
- Two hours north of Boston
- Four hours south of Montreal
- Two Hours west of Portland
- Form of Government - Board of Selectmen
- Town Administrator - Senate Bill 2

Town Departments

Administrator - 20 Highland St - 968-4432

Selectmen's Office-20 Highland St -968-4432
MTWF 8-4 TH 8-5

Ashland Electric - Collins Street -968-3083
MTWTHF 8-4

Wastewater Treatment Plant 968-7193
Billing Office 968-3002

Ashland Police - 20 Highland Street 968-7598
EMERGENCY 9 1 1

Ashland Fire - Main Street 968-7772
EMERGENCY 9 1 1

Ashland Parks/ Recreation - Main St- 968-9209
Summer Programs

Winter Programs
Campground (closed 2001 season)
Public Beach*

Booster Club Building Rental
*Passes required

Tax Collector - 20 Highland St - 968-4432
MTWF 8-4 TH 8-5

Town Clerk - 20 Highland St - 968-4432
MTWF 8-4 TH 8-5

Animal Control

Police Department 968-7598

Building Inspector - 20 Highland St - 968-4432
TH 1-5

Permits required for Building, Electric,
Plumbing, Oil Burner, Mobile Homes,
Demolition, and Driveway

Welfare Office - 20 Highland St - 968-4432
TH 5:30-7:30

Recycling/Transfer Station - Collins Street
968-9032
MWF 12-4 Sat 8-4
Permit required - present auto
registration at the town office - fee
schedule available

Scribner Public Library - Main Street
968-7928 MTTH 2-8 Sat 10-2

You can leave a message at the Town Office 968-4432 for the following boards:

Planning Board
Zoning Board
Conservation Commission
Housing Standards Board
Health Officer

Ashland Elementary School 968-7622
Grades K-8

Plymouth Regional High School 536-1444
Grades 9-12

Religious Affiliations

St Agnes Catholic - Hill Avenue 968-4433

St Marks Episcopal- Highland St

United Methodist - Washington St

Free Will Baptist - Main St 968-7770

Hospital Facilities

Speare Memorial - Plymouth - 536-1120

Lakes Region General - Laconia 524-3211

Concord Hospital - Concord 800-327-0464

State Representatives

Senator Ned Gordon 271-1110

Rep. William Gabler 271-1110

Rep. Burton Williams 271-1110

US Senators and Representatives

Senator Robert C. Smith 635-5000

Senator Judd Gregg 622-7979

Rep. John Sununu 641-9536

Rep. Charles Bass 226-0249

2001 DATES TO REMEMBER

January 1	Fiscal year begins
February 8	Deliberative Session Pemi Baker Regional 6:30 PM
February 10	Deliberative Session Annual Town Meeting – 1 PM
March 1	Deadline for filing property tax abatements
March 8	Ashland School District Meeting – 7PM
March 13	SB2 Balloting/Elections – All Day
April 1	All real property assessed to owner
April 15	Last day for veterans to file for permanent tax credit Last day for eligible resident to file for elderly exemptions Last day to file Current Use application
April 30	2000 Dog licenses expire – renew with Town Clerk
July 1	First half of semi-annual tax billing commences to draw interest at 12%
December 1	Unpaid real estate taxes and personal taxes commence to draw interest at 12%

BOARDS AND COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

*Subject to change with notice

Board of Selectmen	First/Third Monday of the Month 7PM School Cafeteria Second and Fourth Tuesday 3PM – Town Office
Planning Board	Third Wednesday of the Month
Board of Adjustment	Fourth Tuesday of the Month
Conservation Commission	First Saturday of the Month – 8:30 – Town Hall
Housing Standards Board	As needed
Budget Committee	As posted