

TOWN OF ASHLAND  
NEW HAMPSHIRE  
ANNUAL REPORT



**2001**

## In Case of Emergency – call 9 1 1

Be sure to give your name and address clearly, as well as the nature of your emergency.  
DO NOT HANG UP until you are sure that your message has been understood

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

Administration	Town Administrator	968-4432
MON, TUES, WED, FRI 8-4 THURS 8-5 – 20 HIGHLAND STREET		
Assessments	Town Office	968-4432
MON, TUES, WED, FRI 8-4 THURS 8-5 – 20 HIGHLAND STREET		
Building Permits	Building Inspector	968-4432
THURS OFFICE OPEN 1-5, INSPECTOR IN FROM 4-5 – 20 HIGHLAND STREET		
Burn Permits	Fire Station	968-7772
Dogs- Licensing	Town Clerk	968-4432
MON, TUES, WED, FRI 8-4 THURS 8-5 – 20 HIGHLAND STREET		
Dogs – At Large	Police Department	968-7598
Elections	Town Clerk	968-4432
MON, TUES, WED, FRI 8-4 THURS 8-5 – 20 HIGHLAND STREET		
Voter Registration	Town Clerk	968-4432
MON, TUES, WED, FRI 8-4 THURS 8-5 – 20 HIGHLAND STREET		
Electric Service	Utility Office	968-3083
MON – FRI 8-4 – 18 COLLINS STREET		
Health Complaints/ Inspections	Town Office	968-4432
Library	Scribner Library	968-7928
MON, TUES, THURS 2-8 - FRI 10-1 - SAT 10-2 – 41 MAIN STREET		
Vehicle Registration	Town Clerk	968-4432
MON, TUES, WED, FRI 8-4 THURS 8-5 – 20 HIGHLAND STREET		
Planning Board	Town Office	968-4432
Police – non emergency	Police Department	968-7598
Recreation	Booster Club	968-9209
Recycling	Recycling/Transfer Station	968-9032
MON, WED, FRI 12-4 SAT 8-4 – 96 COLLINS STREET		
Road Maintenance	Road Agent	968-3166
School Registration	Elementary School	968-7622
	Plymouth Regional H.S.	536-1444
Taxes	Tax Collector	968-4432
MON, TUES, WED, FRI 8-4 THURS 8-5 – 20 HIGHLAND STREET		
Vital Records	Town Clerk	968-4432
MON, TUES, WED, FRI 8-4 THURS 8-5 – 20 HIGHLAND STREET		
Water/Sewer Service	Utility Office	968-4002
MON – FRI 8-4 – 18 COLLINS STREET		
Waste Water Treatment Plant		968-7193
MON –FRI 7:30 – 3:30 – 137 COLLINS STREET		
Welfare	Welfare Director	968-4432
THURSDAY 5:30 – 7:30 – 20 HIGHLAND STREET		
Zoning/Land Use	Zoning Board	968-4432
Ashland Community Center – Food Pantry 968-9698		
Pemi Baker Home Health Agency 536-2232		

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2002 TOWN WARRANT AND BUDGET

# DEDICATION/APPRECIATION

The 2001 Town Report is dedicated to the Citizens and Taxpayers of the Town of Ashland. Their resilience through good times and troubled times should not go without recognition.

This Community would not be the place that it is without

- The *Employees* of the town and their dedication to the jobs that have been assigned to them
- The *Volunteers* who serve on boards and committees, all for the betterment of the town
- The *Taxpayers* who are faithful in their monetary responsibilities
- The *Voters* who make it their mission to provide guidance and wisdom
- The *Residents* who take it upon themselves to make Ashland a brighter and cleaner place to live

You may find yourself in one or all of these categories, whichever the case may be, consider yourself an essential branch of the Town of Ashland.

# BOARDS AND OFFICIALS 2001

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TOM E PETERS 2002  
 JAMES A COLE 2003  
 NEALE BAVIS 2004

## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

THOMAS GAYDOS

## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

ANNE ABEAR

## OFFICE SECRETARY

LAURA PLUMMER

## TAX COLLECTOR

PATRICIA TUCKER

## TOWN CLERK

PATRICIA TUCKER 2002

## TOWN TREASURER

LINDA GUYOTTE 2002

## TOWN MODERATOR

GLENN DION 2002 Resigned

## TOWN TRUSTEES

RICHARD OGDEN 2002  
 EDWARD DUPUIS 2003  
 RICHARD PARE 2004

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES

CAROLINE BOYLE 2002  
 JILL MUDGETT 2003  
 ALESA REYNOLDS 2004

## SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

DOUGLAS OBER 2002  
 JOANNE HRDLICKA 2004 Resigned  
 BEVERLY OBER 2006  
 MARYANN RIENHOLZ 2002 Appointed

## BUDGET COMMITTEE

DAVID RUELL 2004  
 DOUGLAS OBER 2004  
 JOAN EVERSOLE 2004  
 PAMELA OBER 2004  
 JAMES GOSSE 2003  
 MAUREEN EVLETH 2003  
 GLENN DION 2003  
 MICHELLE MARSH 2003  
 FRANCIS MURDOCK 2002 Resigned  
 DANIEL SULLIVAN 2002  
 ALAN CILLEY 2002  
 ANN MARIE REEVER 2002  
 ROBERT BOYLE 2002  
 CAROLINE BOYLE SCHOOL BOARD  
 THOMAS STEWART SCHOOL BOARD  
 TOM PETERS SELECTMAN

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

MARK OBER  
 TIMOTHY PAQUETTE  
 PAIGE MORRILL

## HEALTH OFFICER

CARLTON ABEAR 2003  
 RUSSELL CROSS JR

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF N. SCOTT WEDEN  
 1ST DEPUTY DAVID PAQUETTE  
 2ND DEPUTY THOMAS STEWART

## ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

LEE V. NICHOLS  
 NATHAN TATE  
 LINDA PACK

## WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

WOODARD AND CURREN  
 RUSSELL CROSS JR  
 RICK NOBLEY  
 KAY MUDGETT

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF JOSEPH CHIVELL II  
 SGT CHARLES TARR Resigned  
 LT DONALD MARREN  
 PTRLMAN HOWARD BEAUDRY  
 SGT JOSEPH McCOMISKEY  
 PTRLMAN RYAN OLESON  
 SPEC. STEVE CALDERWOOD  
 SPEC. MICHAEL BERRY  
 CHAPLIN SHIRLEY MARCROFT

## PLANNING BOARD

ALT. ROBIN FISK 2003  
 LEE V. NICHOLS (Resigned) 2003  
 ANDREW ST. GODARD 2002  
 ALT. MARGARET SMITH 2002  
 ALT. LIZ PEOPLES 2002  
 ALT. LYNNE NESBITT 2002  
 JOHN BALKUS 2003  
 ALT. ALAN CILLEY 2004  
 SELECTMAN NEALE BAVIS

## LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

MARK HORMELL 2002  
 MICHAEL LEMBO 2004  
 ROBERT BOYLE 2002  
 ELAINE ALLARD 2004  
 JAMES ALBA 2002

## PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

JESSICA BICKFORD

## TOWN MECHANIC

LEE HUCKINS

## ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

ASHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MEMORIAL PARK TRUSTEES

MARY RUELL 2003  
 SANDRA JONES 2002  
 TIMOTHY GOTWALS 2002  
 MARION MERRILL 2003



**WELFARE DIRECTOR**  
 ROBERT HICKS

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**  
 N. SCOTT WEDEN 2002

**SCRIBNER MEMORIAL TRUSTEES**  
 SAMUEL NORMAN 2002  
 RAYMOND BURKE SR 2003

**BUILDING INSPECTOR**  
 ROBERT HICKS 2002

**ELECTRIC INSPECTOR**  
 FRANCIS MURDOCK

**PLUMBING INSPECTOR**  
 JERRY BRIDGHAM

**HISTORIC COMMISSION**  
 ROBERT HICKS 2003  
 CLAIRE HICKS 2003  
 MARILYN ROLLINS 2003

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
 GORDON VITTUM 2003  
 DANIEL GOLDEN 2003  
 RUTH KNAPP 2002  
 JAMES GROVER 2003

**PEMI-BAKER HOME HEALTH AGENCY REP**  
 MARY RUELL 2001  
 MARION MERRILL, ALT  
 GAIL LARY, ALT

**PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT REP**  
 MARK OBER 2003

**HOUSING STANDARDS BOARD**  
 ELAINE HUGHES 2002  
 BRAD OBER 2002  
 FIRE CHIEF WEDEN  
 HEALTH OFFICER CARL ABEAR

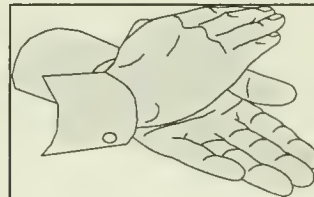
**SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
 ANNE ABEAR 2002  
 PAIGE MORRILL 2003  
 DONALD MARREN 2002  
 BRADLEY OBER 2003  
 TIMOTHY PAQUETTE 2002

**GRAFTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEV REP**  
 ELLISON BADGER

**DEPUTY FIRE WARDEN**  
 GREG BAVIS - CHARLES FOUTS  
 STEPHEN HEATH - BRAD OBER  
 DAVID PAQUETTE - CHRISTOPHER SHIPP  
 THOMAS STEWART - JEFF UHLMAN  
 STEPHEN VACHON - SCOTT WEDEN

**ELECTRIC COMMISSIONERS**  
 GLENN DION 2003  
 ERNEST HUTTER 2004  
 RAYMOND KNOWLTON 2002

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
 JEN ALBA - JESSICA BICKFORD  
 JERRY CHOUINARD - LORI CUSHING  
 JIM GOSSE - DIANA GREEN  
 HELEN KNOWLTON - BARBARA SHARROW



**THANK YOU TO ALL THE EMPLOYEES AND  
 VOLUNTEERS THAT ARE COMMITTED  
 TO THE BETTERMENT OF THIS COMMUNITY**

# ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Submitted by Tom E. Peters, James Cole, Neale Bavis

We thank all those who have given their time to participate on boards and committees. You do so willingly in an effort to enhance the community. It is much appreciated.

The year 2001 marks the year of the admission of guilt by our former town manager to theft of town funds. This admission will help us in our efforts to recover our losses.

Over the past few years our town government has been compelled to become fiscally disciplined. By doing so we were able to enjoy \$1,050,000 in undesignated surplus, which was reported to us in our finished year 2000 audit.

Our special two million-dollar bond costs taxpayers about \$5.00 per thousand on our tax rate. An increase in the local school budget \$2.51, regional school \$.17 and a reduction in state funding \$.57 results in a \$8.21 impact on our tax rate. In spite of this fact we managed to reduce the overall tax rate to slightly less than last years by using money from surplus. With the recovery of losses through our insurance claim and with the final payment of two large bonds scheduled for next year we should all enjoy a substantial reduction in our tax bill soon. This is, of course, if fiscally responsible spending continues.

As well as saving money we have also looked at ways of generating more revenue to offset the tax rate. Last year the town approved the leasing of town property for a possible cell tower installation. We have signed a long-term lease agreement for such a use and now the town will receive financial gain from this contract for many years to come.

As scheduled, Collins Street was rebuilt and paved making everyone's trip to the recycling center much nicer indeed. There are many roads that are in need of attention in Ashland. In general, we are scheduling this work in conjunction with water and sewer projects, where possible, in order to take full advantage of state funding.

The River Street sewer extension project is now complete and the final coat of paving is done. Over the next several months the affected residents well be connecting to the sewer system.

North Avenue, next to Ashland Lumber, became an emergency situation with the water quality being so bad that the pipes needed replacing. While installing new water pipes, sewer lines were also run on North Avenue making sewer hookup available.

Through Woodard and Curran's regular maintenance inspection process there were two collapsed underground sewer pipes found on Main Street. The problem was swiftly corrected avoiding major problems that would have eventually occurred. Woodard and Curran is a huge asset to the Ashland Water and Sewer Department.

For more than a year the Ashland Police Department has been understaffed. We hired a new police chief and this chief's leadership quality has attracted qualified applicants enabling him to staff our police department at a level that satisfies the demand for 24-hour coverage.

Summer camp activities have grown to include all four seasons. Our camp director has created a situation that has resulted in the taxpayer funding about half the cost of the program, with the other half being paid by the users and from contributions. The director has come in under budget and has attracted more in contributions than anticipated.

We would like to give special recognition to the many community service organizations in our town. Groups like the Ashland Woman's Club, The American Legion, the Beautification Committee to name a few. These organizations provide ongoing services that benefit us all in a variety of ways. The many scholarship funds sponsored by these groups, for example, help put our children through college. These groups set an important example for all to learn from. We give sincere thanks for all that you do.

In closing, we are squarely on the road to recovery. The pitfalls of the past are behind us and we can now see where we are and plan where we are going. Our dedicated Town Office staff has been essential in our reorganization and deserves lots of credit for the progress we have made.



# TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Submitted by Thomas Gaydos

This recent year emphasized completing our goals of 1999 and setting new directions for the future. Progress has been steady and sometimes we've had to reevaluate the path taken to achieve our goals.

We were successful in completing the financial audits of years 1995 through 2000 and, accordingly, able to complete and submit our insurance claims. Accounting systems have been improved and steps have been instituted to improve oversight and reporting.

The River Street Improvement Project was substantially completed with a few enhancements to the original design. We are anticipating a majority of the households to connect to the sewer system this spring. Some surplus funds exist from the federal grant and uses for those funds are being explored.

Other Water and Sewer projects were completed as well in 2001: major sewer line flaws were identified and corrected in the downtown area. North Avenue water quality was addressed with the water line being replaced and the installation of a sewer service at the same time. Although water service was connected immediately, sewer service will wait until 2002.

Electrical supply contracts were completed in the Spring of 2001 and the Electric Commissioners now have a reliable supply as well as delivery contract. Although some unforeseen costs were experienced in severing our old supply agreement, the Electric Enterprise Fund will enjoy a healthy surplus balance at the end of 2001.

The Campground project will proceed now that property lines have been defined and water and sewer service is available. Layout of sites and construction will proceed in 2002 although it is doubtful if all necessary work will be completed for the camping season.

The Selectmen signed the telecommunication town agreement leasing town land for erection of a cell tower. Final Planning Board approval is anticipated in 2002. The cell tower will improve area communications and provide our emergency services with increased effectiveness. The town will also see increased rental revenues with which to offset your taxes.

In closing, I would like to thank all the department heads and co-workers for their hard work. Additionally, thanks are extended to the many volunteers who have shown consideration and helped us make difficult decisions so that Ashland is a better place to live.

MINUTES OF THE  
ASHLAND TOWN MEETING DELIBERATIVE SESSION  
ASHLAND SCHOOL GYMNASIUM  
FEBRUARY 10, 2001

The Deliberative Session of the Ashland Town Meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM by Moderator Glenn Dion.

It was moved by Edward Hubbard, seconded by Thomas Marsh to bring Article 16 "To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting " to the floor first. A voice vote was called and the motion passed with dissent.

Following discussion, Edward Hubbard moved to condemn the "Selectmen's Letter in Review", seconded, a voice vote was called and the motion passed with dissent.

**Article 1:**

It was moved by Vernon Marion, seconded by Tom Peters 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.

This article was read, discussed, no amendments were made, the article will appear on the official ballot as written.

**Article 2:**

It was moved by Vernon Marion, seconded by Tom Peters 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)

This article was read, discussed, no amendments were made, the article will appear on the official ballot as written.

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**Article 3:**

It was moved by James Cole, seconded by Vernon Marion 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)

This article was read, discussed, no amendments were made, the article will appear on the official ballot as written.

**Article 4:**

It was moved by Vernon Marion, seconded by Tom Peters 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)

**Amendment 1** - It was moved by Robert Boyle, seconded by Ernest Paquette to replace "*That the Water Enterprise Fund forgive \$426,770.00 owed from the Town General Fund*" with "*that the Water Enterprise Fund forgive all owed from the Town General fund; provided, however, that if the people of this town choose to establish a Water-Sewer Commission, then the Water Enterprise Fund shall forgive all but \$150,000 owed from the Town General Fund for the period ending on February 28, 2001, with the remaining \$150,000 to be paid by the Town General fund into a separate account to be used at the direction of the Water-Sewer Commission for the Water Department, including to pay all costs related to the provision of water services on and after March 1, 2001.*"

Following discussion, the motion was rescinded by Robert Boyle and moved to replace the figure of \$150,000 with \$75,000.

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Following discussion the vote for the amendment failed with dissent by voice vote. The article will appear on the official ballot as originally written.

**Article 5:**

It was moved by Vernon Marion, seconded by James Cole 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)

This article was read, discussed, no amendments were made, the article will appear on the official ballot as written.

**Article 6:**

It was moved by Vernon Marion, seconded by Tom Peters 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)

This article was read, discussed, no amendments were made, the article will appear on the official ballot as written.

**Article 7:**

It was moved by Vernon Marion, seconded by James Cole to 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)

This article was read, discussed, no amendments were made, the article will appear on the official ballot as written.



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**Article 8:**

It was moved by Vernon Marion, seconded by Tom Peters 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)

This article was read, discussed, no amendments were made, the article will appear on the official ballot as written.

**Article 9:**

It was moved by Vernon Marion, seconded by James Cole to see if the Town shall amend 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)

This article was read, discussed, no amendments were made, the article will appear on the official ballot as written.

**Article 10:**

It was moved by David Ruell, seconded by Vernon Marion to see if the Town of Ashland shall 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)

**Amendment #1** – It was moved by Edward Hubbard, seconded by Joan Eversole to remove \$284,792 from the General Fund portion of the total budget and move it to the appropriate section of the Water/Sewer Fund.

Following discussion the moderator declared the motion out of order. Mr. Hubbard rescinded the motion.

**Amendment #2** – It was moved by Edward Hubbard, seconded by Joan Eversole to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,812,750 for the operating budget, replacing the amount of \$6,097,542.

Following discussion the motion was declared defeated by voice vote by the moderator. Article 10 will appear on the official ballot as originally written.



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**Article 11:**

It was moved by Vernon Marion, seconded by Tom Peters 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)

This article was read, discussed, no amendments were made, the article will appear on the official ballot as written.

**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

This article will appear on the ballot as written.

**Article 13:**

It was moved by David Ruell, seconded by Vernon Marion 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)

**Amendment 1** – It was moved by David Ruell, seconded by Sandra Jones to see if the voters of Ashland will approve the following resolution:

*"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 to house educational and community service programs, and endorse the efforts of the Tri-County Community Action Program, the Ashland Historical Society and others to raise the funds needed to match the grant."  
(Adoption of this resolution does not raise or appropriate any town funds for this project)*

Following discussion, the amendment passed by voice vote with no dissent.

Article 14:

It was moved by Ann Reeve, seconded by Ernest Paquette that 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)

*Amendment 1 – It was moved by Ernest Paquette, seconded by Robert Boyle “that the town vest the management , control, and direction of the municipal water-sewer systems in an elected 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 systems and having terms of office of three years (except for terms of the first commissioners of one, two and three years, respectively.)*

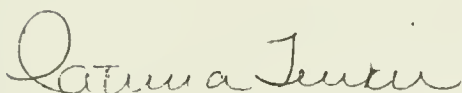
Following discussion, the amendment passed by voice vote with dissent.

Article 15:

It was moved by Ann Reeve, seconded by Robert Boyle that 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)

*Amendment 1 - It was moved by David Marsh, seconded by Karen Nichols that if the town votes in favor of establishing a Board of Water-Sewer Commissioners the town shall strongly recommend that the Board of Selectmen appoint Ann Reeve, Robert A. Boyle, and Ernest A. Paquette to serve as interim Water-Sewer Commissioners until such elected positions may be filled for 1, 2, and 3 year terms at the 2002 elections.*

Meeting adjourned at 4:42 PM.



Patricia Tucker  
Ashland Town Clerk

OFFICIAL BALLOTING  
TOWN OF ASHLAND  
ASHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PEMI BAKER SCHOOL DISTRICT

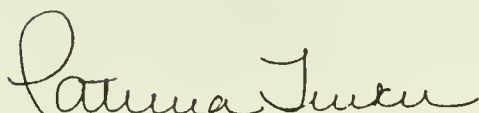
MARCH 13, 2001

According to the posted warrant the polls were open at 9AM by Moderator Pro Tem Philip Preston. The ballot box was inspected and it was declared that the absentee ballots would be cast at 1 PM and that the polls would close at 7 PM.

Election workers were – Moderator Pro Tem Philip Preston, Town Clerk Patricia Tucker, Supervisors of the Checklist Joanne Hrdlicka, Douglas Ober, Beverly Ober; Ballot Clerks David Ruell, Guinevere Newton, Margaret Duguay, Josephine Brown.

Following the close of the polls the following were sworn in as ballot counters – David Paquette, Anne Abear, Rhonda Fahrner, Helen Knowlton.

Moderator Philip Preston announced results of the voting.

  
Patricia Tucker  
Ashland Town Clerk

# SAMPLE BALLOT

MARCH 13, 2001

434 VOTES CAST

Ballot 1 of 2

OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION  
ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 13, 2001

*Patricia Tucker*  
TOWN CLERK

### INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice (s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

### ARTICLES

#### Article 1:

Shall the Town 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.

YES  362  
NO  69

#### Article 2:

Shall the Town 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)

YES  301  
NO  123

#### Article 3:

Shall the Town 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)

YES  388  
NO  40

#### Article 4:

Shall the Town 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

YES  247  
NO  179

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:

Shall the Town 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)

YES  375  
NO  53

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING



# SAMPLE BALLOT

## ARTICLES CONTINUED

**Article 6:**

Shall the town 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)

YES  ----- 331  
NO  ----- 90

**Article 7:**

Shall the town 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)

YES  ----- 333  
NO  ----- 88

**Article 8:**

Shall the Town 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)

YES  ----- 293  
NO  ----- 132

**Article 9:**

Shall the Town amend 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)

YES  ----- 212  
NO  ----- 206

**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)

YES  ----- 318  
NO  ----- 98

**Article 11:**

Shall the Town 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)

YES  ----- 369  
NO  ----- 20

**Article 12:**

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

SELECTMAN	BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER	ELECTRIC COMMISSIONER
3 Year Term Vote for One	3 Year Term Vote for Four	3 Year Term Vote for One
NEALE BAVIS 288 <input type="radio"/>	DOUGLAS OBER 321 <input type="radio"/>	ERNEST C. HUTTER 317 <input checked="" type="radio"/>
VERNON L. MARION 128 <input type="radio"/>	PAM OBER 298 <input type="radio"/>	JOHN MURPHY 95 <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	DAVID RUELL 349 <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
<b>TOWN TREASURER</b>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<b>ELECTRIC COMMISSIONER</b>
1 Year Term Vote for One	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	2 Year Term Vote for One
ROBIN BRUNT 152 <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	EDWARD A. BROWN 198 <input type="radio"/>
LINDA D. GUYOTTE 253 <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	GLENN DION 213 <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
<b>TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS</b>	<b>BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER</b>	<b>ELECTRIC COMMISSIONER</b>
3 Year Term Vote for One	2 Year Term Vote for One	1 Year Term Vote for One
RICHARD PARE 359 <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	RAYMOND KNOWLTON 342 <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<b>BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER</b>	DAVID W. PAGE 68 <input type="radio"/>
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b>	1 Year Term Vote for One	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
3 Year Term Vote for One	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<b>GO TO NEXT BALLOT TO CONTINUE VOTING</b>
ALESA REYNOLDS 377 <input type="radio"/>		
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>		



# SAMPLE BALLOT

Ballot 2 of 2

**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION  
ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 13, 2001**

*Patricia Tucker*  
TOWN CLERK

**ARTICLES**

**Article 13:**

Shall the voters of Ashland support the following resolution: 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 to house educational and community service programs, and endorse the efforts of the Tri-County Community Action Program, the Ashland Historical Society and others to raise the 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)

YES  --- 324  
NO  --- 88

**Article 14:**

Shall the Town vest the management, control, and direction of the municipal water-sewer systems in an elected 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)

YES  --- 302  
NO  --- 107

**Article 15:**

Shall the Town, if it votes in favor of establishing a Board of Water-Sewer Commissioners, strongly recommend that the Board of Selectmen appoint Ann Raevar, Robert A. Boyle, and Ernest A. Paquette as Interim Water-Sewer Commissioners until such elected positions may be filled for 1,2 and 3 year terms at the 2002 elections. Petitioned Article (Majority Vote Required)

YES  --- 287  
NO  --- 113

**ASHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER**

3 Year Term Vote for two  
RICHARD N. BURGESS JR. 281  
BRIAN J. CHALMERS 319  
(Write-in)   
(Write-in)

**SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TREASURER**

1 Year Term Vote for one  
JILL A. MUDGETT 373   
(Write-in)

**SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MODERATOR**

1 Year Term Vote for One  
(Write-in)

**SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CLERK**

1 Year Term Vote for one  
(Write-in)

**PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MODERATOR**

1 Year Term Vote for one  
(Write-in)

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER  
FROM PLYMOUTH**

3 Year Term Vote for one  
FRANCIS M CLOUD 252   
(Write-in)

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER  
FROM THORNTON**

2 Year Term Vote for One  
HOWARD W. CLEMENT 239   
(Write-in)

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER  
FROM WENTWORTH**

3 Year Term Vote for one  
(Write-in)

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER  
FROM CAMPTON**

1 Year Term Vote for One  
FREDERICK C. ANDERSON 233   
(Write-in)

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER  
FROM HOLDERNESS**

3 Year Term Vote for one  
(Write-in)

**TURN BALLOT OVER  
AND CONTINUE VOTING**

# SAMPLE BALLOT

## PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 1: Shall the School District authorize the School Board to negotiate and execute such tuition contracts as the board may determine advisable for students inside or outside the Pemi-Baker Regional School District? YES  314  
NO  53

Article 2: Shall the School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Pemi-Baker Regional School Board and the Plymouth Education Support Personnel Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Amounts
2001-2002	\$55,937
2002-2003	\$62,292
2003-2004	\$53,994

And further raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-five thousand, nine hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$55,937) for the 2001-2002 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 School Board recommends this appropriation. YES  260  
NO  112

Article 3: Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-three thousand eight hundred sixty-four dollars (\$33,864) for the purpose of purchasing computer equipment? The School Board recommends this article. YES  268  
NO  99

Article 4: Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the purpose of construction and renovations to the high school and authorize the transfer/use of that amount from the June 30, 2001 undesignated fund balance for this purpose? (This amount is equivalent to the interest earned on the building loan, transferred to the general fund on or before June 30.) The School Board recommends this article. YES  259  
NO  111

Article 5: Shall the School District vote to establish a contingency fund in accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated 198 4-b, such contingency fund to meet the cost of unanticipated expenses that may arise during the year and further, shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000) for such contingency fund? The School Board recommends this appropriation. YES  235  
NO  132

Article 6: Shall the School District vote to authorize and empower the School Board to borrow up to two hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$290,000) representing a portion of the State of New Hampshire's share of special education costs for the 2001-2002 school year, pursuant to RSA 198:20-d upon such terms and conditions as the School Board determines in the best interests of the District, said sum together with the costs of borrowing to be repaid by the State of New Hampshire pursuant to RSA 198:20-d; or to take any action in relation thereto? The School Board recommends this appropriation. YES  268  
NO  101

Article 7: Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) to contract with an engineering firm to develop a land survey, do necessary borings and engineering and to develop cost estimates for the construction of a soccer field and a track on land owned by the School District? Submitted by petition. The School Board does not recommend this article. YES  116  
NO  256

Article 8: Shall the Pemi-Baker Regional School District 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 \$11,126,808 (eleven million one hundred twenty-six thousand eight hundred eight dollars)? This sum excludes the sums in warrant articles 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7. The board recommends this article. YES  254  
NO  116

(Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$10,937,328 (ten million nine hundred thirty-seven thousand three hundred twenty-eight dollars), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Pemi-Baker Regional School District 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)

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

*Latina Tucker*  
Town Clerk  
3/13/01



# WOODARD AND CURRAN – WWTF

Submitted by Russell Cross Jr., Plant Manager

It has been a successful and busy year for the water and wastewater departments.

Many improvements have been made at both the water and wastewater facilities. At the wastewater treatment plant a new sludge return pump has been installed, an extensive amount of painting completed and many other smaller repairs have also been completed. The wastewater plant has met all permit requirements for 2001. The water plant has seen repairs to the chemical injector system and rebuilding of both chemical feed pumps which help maintain the PH levels. We continue to work on the water-spotting problem.

The water distribution system has been functioning well with the exception of a few areas of town that still have older piping in place. To help this the system is flushed once a year in the spring.

The wastewater collections system has been flushed and inspected in many areas of town. Two sections of Main Street were inspected using a camera and both sections had problems with the old clay pipe that had begun to collapse – both sections were repaired.

The River Street water and sewer project is complete, adding three new pump stations to the collection system. Many residents have already connected to the collection system.

We would like to thank all of our customers for their patience and cooperation during the past year as we continue to make improvements to the water and wastewater systems.



# ASHLAND FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Fire Chief N. Scott Weden

As I sit and think about the past year, it comes at a very troubling time for our Country. In the past we have been able to feel safe and secure within our communities, but with the tragic events of September 11, 2001, I believe our views have changed. It makes those of us involved in Public Safety put a different perspective on what truly defines an emergency. I will give the definition as outlined in the Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary: **Emergency** – An unforeseen combination of circumstances or the resulting state that calls for immediate action.

The Ashland Fire and Rescue Department has experienced an increase in calls for services in 2001. These calls mostly relate to Emergency Medical Calls for service. As outlined in the above paragraph, I think we need to evaluate what is an emergency. As of December 3, 2001 calls for service have increased by 20% over the year 2000, remembering we still have a month to go. This represents an increase in the department budget for the upcoming year. Not only are salaries increased, but also the need to replenish supplies based on the increased call volume.

The Fire and Rescue Department has been very busy with training, fire prevention and other community-based programs. The Thermal Imaging Camera has proven to be a very valuable resource for the department. The department received a very comprehensive two-day school on the use and technology of the camera. The Fire and Rescue Department would like to thank all of the donators for their very generous contributions.

Our Firefighters and EMT's have continued to attend a variety of continuing education programs in hopes of providing the most effective and efficient services to the citizens of Ashland.

Again, as in previous years the Ashland Fireman's Association Women's Auxiliary is in the process of running another successful Operation Santa for those families that are in need over the holiday season. In closing, I would like to thank the members of the department, and truly say that the members of the Ashland Fire and Rescue Department continue to strive to make a department that we can all be very proud of. I would like to thank other town departments and employees along with the administration and the residents for their support over the past year.

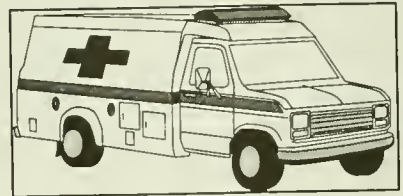


# FIRE AND RESCUE ACTIVITY SUMMARY

BUILDING FIRE	13
UNCLASSIFIED FIRE	1
COOKING FIRE	1
CHIMNEY FIRE	8
MOBILE PROPERTY FIRE	2
PASSENGER VEHICLE FIRE	2
GRASS FIRE	3
FOREST/WOODS FIRE	2
BRUSH FIRE	4
OUTSIDE RUBBISH FIRE	2
EMERGENCY MEDICAL CALLS	193
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	42
MOTOR VEHICLE/PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS	1
WATERCRAFT RESCUE	1
RESCUE/EMS STANDBY	2
HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS	3
GASOLINE SPILL	3
GAS LEAK (NATURAL GAS OR LPG)	4
OIL OR OTHER COMBUSTIBLE LIQUID SPILL	3
TOXIC CONDITION	1
CARBON MONOXIDE INCIDENT	4
ELECTRICAL PROBLEM	9
PERSON IN DISTRESS	4
PUBLIC SERVICE ASSISTANCE	1
ASSIST POLICE OR OTHER GOVERNMENT	3
COVER ASSIGNMENT	4
GOOD INTENT CALL	9
DISPATCHED & CANCELLED ENROUTE	16
AUTHORIZED CONTROLLED BURNING	3
SMOKE IN THE BUILDING	11
STEAM, VAPOR, FOG OR DUST	2
FALSE ALARM OR FALSE CALL	2
MUNICIPAL ALARM SYSTEM	3
FIRE ALARM SYSTEM MALFUNCTION	3
SPECIAL TYPE OF INCIDENT	5

TOTAL 370

\*AS OF 12/10/01



# ASHLAND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ASHLAND TRANSFER/RECYCLING CENTER

Submitted by Road Agent Mark W. Ober

## **Transfer Station and Recycling Report**

During the year of 2001 the idea of starting a pay-as-you-throw program at the center has been discussed. This program has been very successful in bringing both the tonnage and budget expenses down in communities that participate.

As of 11/30/01 the transfer station has processed 737 tons of household rubbish and 198 tons of construction and demolition materials. The recycling center handled 214 tons of recycled materials for savings of \$17,358.

## **Highway Department**

I would like to start my report off by talking about the winter of 2000-01. The first part of the season went by without any snow, after January we got it all. Who could forget the storm that dumped 32 inches!!

2001 was a busy year. A section of Collins Street was reconstructed and paved. Two new catch basins were installed, two catch basins were rebuilt and 100 feet of culvert pipe was put in. The Towns of Holderness and Ashland traded off work time by doing some of the planned projects that both towns wanted to do. This program seemed to benefit both communities.

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

During the year we assisted other town departments with some of their projects. I would like to thank all town employees for the help they have given my department throughout the year.

## **Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District**

This being my second full year as the Ashland representative to the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District, I would like to list what the membership dues pay for.

The most important item on the list is materials that are hazardous. Items that need to be kept separate are as follows: televisions, computers, propane tanks, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs and oil base paints.

These items are picked up a couple times a year. The district still has a hazardous waste collection day in the fall of the year. A Freon extractor to remove Freon from refrigerators and air conditioners was bought by the district and can be used by the member towns at no charge.

The charge to have a company come to our site to remove Freon is anywhere from \$7 to \$15 per unit.

I hope that this information has given some insight as to how the Town of Ashland benefits from the dues paid to the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District

# BUILDING INSPECTOR CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Submitted by Robert Hicks

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 Jerry Bridgham our Plumbing Inspector, both quality men, and knowledgeable in their trade. There have been seven new homes built and one building for a new business. We have also seen many additions and other building improvements.

We are a part time department; our hours are Thursday from 1 to 5 PM, Claire Hicks answers questions and disperses applications at the town hall. Applications for permits can also be obtained during regular Town Office hours, four days a week 8-4, Thursday 8-5. We are always just a phone call away. Arrangements can be made for on site meetings and inspections are made with a reasonable appointed time.

2001 has been a very active year for Ashland, 110 permits have been issued since January 1<sup>st</sup>, with seven new housing starts. The issuance of 52 building permits made 2001 on of the busiest years for Ashland building.

Income for permits total	\$ 5,619.24 as of 12/06/01
Total town improvements	\$1,589,968.48 as of 12/06/01

#1	Building permits	52
#2	Electrical permits	19
#3	Plumbing permits	14
#4	Oil Burner permits	9
#5	Driveway permits	8
#6	Sign permits	2
#7	Demolition permits	5
#8	Mobile Home permits	1

Eight new septic approvals were issued by the state; this is a good indicator of future growth. On-going projects are – updating the permits and data entry of Building Permits back to 1984. Computer reports are updated each week.

All building applications and permits for 2001 are now filed by Ashland Tax Map numbers. This method will assist the homeowner to see all past repairs made to their property. This project will take some time to complete for the prior years.

Inspections and site planning have increased this year. We have received many inquiries for building regulations and information regarding new business and zoning. We use Boca Basic Building Codes and the National Building Codes 2000, along with our Ashland Building and Zoning Regulations.

Many other dedicated people on the Zoning Board of Adjustment, Ashland Planning Board, Ashland Fire Department, Highway Department, Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, and Town Office staff all provide support and help with this office.

Our goal is to provide help for Ashland's residents with their building needs and to administer the regulations as fairly and promptly as possible. Good building planning helps our town provide safe housing, growth for residential homes and the right kind of new business opportunities for our community.

# ASHLAND PARKS AND RECREATION

Submitted by Jessica Bickford, Director

This year has, once again, been full of progress. The town decided to have a full-time year round program for those in the community. We have seen increased numbers in almost all of our programs. This year we were able to add several new programs to our offerings including softball for girls ages 7-12, a holiday craft fair with over 20 crafters, increased after-school programs with an average enrollment of 18 in December.

We would like to thank the residents and business owners of Ashland for their ongoing support. This year the donations for the Adopt-a-Camper program were sufficient to meet the needs of those asking for assistance. Many businesses have stepped up to support the programs through donations of items for various events. We thank the many parents who took time out of their busy schedules to coach our sports programs or volunteer in other areas. Finally we thank the many people who have thought of us when cleaning out their attics, basements and garages. The various art and craft supplies, games, books and toys have been greatly appreciated. The children have benefited enormously from everyone's generosity; you can see the appreciation in their smiles as they participate in the programs you have helped to support.

The question has been raised –“Why does the Park and Recreation Department fundraise and charge for their programs when we already pay for the programs in our taxes?” This is a good question, the funds raised through program fees and fundraisers help to offset the expenditures incurred in offering such a wide variety of programs, therefore reducing the need to increase the budget for the Park and Recreation programs that are raised through taxation. Most of this is seen in the summer camp program, as it is the largest program. Fundraising also provides those that use and support the programs a chance to reduce the burden of those that do not currently have need of our offerings. This is the breakdown of the programming expenses and revenues for the entire year round program:

2001 Budgeted Program Expense	\$113,760.00
2001 Actual Expenditures	\$101,846.75
Revenue Generated	\$ 33,957.32
Amount Covered through Taxes	\$ 67,889.43

We would encourage anyone who would like to, to become involved through volunteering, donations or just sharing ideas by contacting us at 968-9209. We are continually looking for ways to improve our programs for you, and are always opens to suggestions or help.



# TOWN WELFARE OFFICER REPORT

Submitted by Robert Hicks

(For Emergency Assistance)

Town welfare dollars for 2001 have seen a trend upward, due mainly as a direct result of the state welfare system cutting funds, narrowing guidelines and the certification process used to approve recipients for benefits – such as Social Security, Disability, Medicare, food stamps and other programs.

While the state boasts of cutting budgets, the burden remains and simply falls onto others. The time involved in certification is the biggest problem, what to do in between time is the dilemma. Three to four months is not uncommon to wait; as a result of this time-frame dozens of our citizens receive emergency assistance for basic needs such as housing, fuel, electrical, medical and food costs, with housing continuing to be the greatest need.

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

The breakdown of voucher disbursements as of December 5, 2001 are as follows: Housing costs - \$4587.51; Electric utility costs - \$1619.49; Food - \$1400.00; Medication - \$2483.97; Utilities - \$440.78 – Totaling \$10,531.75.

As welfare director I see first hand the concerns of some of our citizens for basic needs. We try to help with information on housing and jobs by directing clients to the proper agency to provide long term needs. Our little community of 2000 residents, with the help of our churches, food pantry, and many of our private citizens (very special people) care for our own. This is a very rewarding task.



# ASHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Chief Joseph Chivell

I would like to use this opportunity of introduce myself to those of you I have not had the chance to meet. My name is Joe Chivell and I was appointed as the Ashland Police Chief effective September 10, 2001.

I've worked in the surrounding area as a full time officer for the past 16 years. During my first months in Ashland, I have met with many area groups, business leaders and individuals, and I would like to express my appreciation for the warm and professional welcome that I have received. If we have not yet met, please feel free to stop by the police station or give me a call.

Directly or indirectly we will forever live in the shadow of the September 11<sup>th</sup> tragedy. Although we are hundreds of miles away from ground zero it is the goal and duty of your police department to assure that every one in the Town of Ashland has a feeling of safety. This can be achieved through many different means such as education, presence and reliability.

The Ashland Police Department will utilize its resources to secure a uniformed presence in our town to assure the community that we are able and willing to respond to your needs and help deter unlawful activities. To this end, we will do our best to educate our officers using the latest techniques available. We are currently in the process of updating our department operating policies to assure that officers responding to your calls follow a set course of action and make decisions based on current law and court rulings. This will also assure that all officers will treat all cases equally and fairly. The department will do its best to educate the public on how to keep you and your loved ones safe.

A few personnel changes have taken place. Officer Joe McComiskey joined the police department on September 11, 2001. Officer McComiskey has over eight years of law enforcement experience in the surrounding area and has specialized training in computer investigations.

Sergeant Charlie Tarr resigned effective November 23, 2001. Charlie had spent the past fourteen years with the Town of Ashland. He will continue his law enforcement career with the State of New Hampshire Department of Enforcement. We all wish Charlie the best in his new endeavors.

Officer Ray Oleson joined the department on November 30, 2001. Officer Oleson has worked in the surrounding area for the past four years and was the recipient of the Manchester Union Leader Hero Award for a water rescue last year.

Don Marren was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on May 21, 2001. Lieutenant Marren did an excellent job as the officer in charge while the town completed its search for a new police chief.

Officer Howard Beaudry received the New Hampshire D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year Award. To receive this you must first be nominated by a non-law enforcement member of the community, then all nominees are screened at the State level to find the award-winning officer. The town can take pride that the quality of the Ashland D.A.R.E. program was tops in the state.

I would like to thank all the members of the department for their efforts during the past year, it is greatly appreciated. Also, a thank you is in order to the other town departments, it is because of your cooperation that we can better serve the Town of Ashland.

We appreciate the continued support received by the community and ask that you let us know your needs.



# ASHLAND ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Commissioners Glenn Dion, Ernest Hutter, Raymond Knowlton  
Superintendent Lee V. Nichols

The year 2001 has been a year of change for Ashland Electric. In March new electric commissioners for Ashland Electric were elected and took office. April brought the first year of a new contract to purchase power from Vermont Public Power Supply Authority (VPPSA). With this new contract we were able to have a rate reduction.

The commissioners spent the first few months getting organized and familiar with the operation of Ashland Electric. We reviewed issues dealing with safety, inventory, budgets, environmental issues and accounts payable. Once this review was complete the commissioners adopted new safety regulations and started the process of inventorying Ashland Electric capital assets and inventory stock. We started a program to replace our "mercury" streetlights with sodium streetlights for environmental reasons. We reviewed the budget and restructured the budget accounts to provide us with better management tools for the 2002 budget.

The other project the commissioners worked on during the year 2001 was preparing for the accounts payable to be handled by Ashland Electric. This change will allow the Ashland Electric Commissioners and the Superintendent to have better real time information to manage in a more efficient manner.

Ashland Electric was also busy working on our delivery system. The sewer pumping stations on River Street were energized along with eleven (11) new cable booster stations. Also installed were ten (10) new meter sets, thirteen (13) pole sets, seven hundred fifteen (715) feet of secondary wire and one thousand seven hundred twenty (1720) feet of primary underground wire. We had thermal imaging completed of our system to identify possible problem areas and plan proper maintenance schedules.

With all the changes one thing will not change, Ashland Electric will continue to deliver the best combination of service and rates to our customers and fellow Ashland residents.

# LAND USE BOARDS

The “Land Use Boards” consisting of the Ashland Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment have had a full year of activity.

The Planning Board meets the first Wednesday of the month for public hearings or for work sessions. There were six subdivision/boundary line adjustments approved. The board approved two (2) cell tower applications.

There were several informational meetings with concerned citizens as well as several site plan approvals.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment meets only when there is a need for an appeal hearing. This year the board granted several variances and a special exception for a cell tower.

The members of the Planning and Zoning Boards are volunteer citizens of the town. They have the task of interpreting the site plan regulations, subdivision regulations, and the zoning ordinance as it relates to the issues that come before them.

## HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT

Submitted by Carlton Abear

The following inspections were made by the Health Officer in 2001:

- Five (5) Septic Systems
- Four (4) Day Care Inspections
- Two (2) Outdated Foods

We also responded to several nuisance-related calls for inspection that were corrected without problems.



# ASHLAND MEMORIAL PARK

Submitted by the Memorial Park Trustees

Memorial Park continues to improve in appearance as shrubs are trimmed and bamboo is controlled. However, as time goes on, repairs are needed to the infrastructure here and there.

We are planning additional lighting in the gazebo area, where we occasionally find careless damage to the structure. We appreciate the cooperation of the Police Department and the Electric Department in these matters.

It is encouraging to learn as of this writing that the milfoil problem is being addressed by the Town of Ashland, L.W. Packard Company and the NH Department of Environmental Services. The Ashland Woman's Club and the Conservation Commission have been "riding herd" on the problem. The first effort to get rid of this invasive weed is to draw down the river to allow the cold weather to kill it by freezing the roots. The fountain at the Park was deactivated this year to prevent its being damaged by the milfoil. We hope the new procedure will be successful.

It seems that many are using the park to enjoy the river and its peace and quiet. Please continue to do so with respect and care.

## Financial Report

Balance January 1, 2001		\$2,014.11
Receipts		
Transfer form Memorial Park Trust Fund	\$3,000.00	
Interest on CDs	76.92	
Monthly interest on MVSBS account for year	4.59	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$3,081.51</b>	
Total funds available		\$5,095.62
Expenditures		
Park Maintenance – Labor	\$3,100.00	
Supplies and plants	530.00	
Repairs to gazebo	118.38	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$3,768.38</b>	
<b>Balance December 31, 2001</b>		<b>\$1,327.24</b>
Recap – Meredith Village Savings Bank Checking Account		\$1,317.24
Meredith Village Savings Bank Passbook		10.00

# ASHLAND FOURTH OF JULY REPORT

Submitted by Mary Ruell

Compared to the event-filled weekend of the Fourth of July 2000, the celebration of 2001 was low key. The mid-week day, surrounded by workdays, led to modest activities. In addition, the annual lobster-chicken dinner could not be arranged, thereby reducing our income.

However, we did have an excellent display of fireworks on the evening of July 3 and one of the best parades in recent years on the Fourth. Peggy Duguay was the honorary grand marshal. Peggy has been a loyal volunteer for the fourth, taking charge of contacting potential entries in the parade.

Other volunteers on the Planning Committee are hardworking chairman Brian Chalmers, treasurer Mary Ruell, Jo Brown, Alan Cilley, Brad Ober, Wilma Garland, a representative from the Police Department, and sometimes others. Alex Ray is always involved and very generous with his facilities and donations. David Paquette has been coordinating the parade for many years. A large number of volunteers appear to serve the Pancake Breakfast each year, as well as to work in the Food Booth and lobster-chicken dinner, notably the Garlands and Ralph Lyford Sr. and Jr. Before the parade a number of ladies pass among the crowd with this year's version of the Ashland July 4<sup>th</sup> button, a collectors' item. We have also had good rapport with Charlie of the Atlas Fireworks Company, who provides outstanding displays and undergoes a precarious trip through the wood to detonate the "big ones". The Police and Fire Departments are also essential in safety matters and traffic control of the thousands who come into town for the best display around. We also could not manage without the support of all the businesses and organizations who donate, as well as the town's patriotic observance appropriation. We must not forget the clean-up volunteers who appear in the

early morning hours to make the ball field look as if nothing had ever happened the night before.

Additional volunteers are always welcome. Watch the paper for the dates of planning sessions during the spring.

## Financial Report 12/31/01

<b>Balance 01/01/01</b>	<b>\$4,619.92</b>
Interest on CD	40.80
Interest for year	13.66
<b>Cash on Hand</b>	<b>\$4,674.38</b>
<b>Town Appropriation</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>

## **Committee Activities (Net Proceeds)**

Donations-Businesses	\$1,400.00
Donations-Organization	300.00
Button Sales	951.40
Field Collection	1,804.69
Food Booth	802.00
Pancake Breakfast	1,601.00
Concessions	995.00
<b>Total Earned in 2001</b>	<b>\$7,854.09</b>

**Total Funds Available \$14,028.47**

## **Expenditures**

Atlas Fireworks Display	\$7,500.00
Parade	
Belmont High School	450.00
Baker River Valley Bank	450.00
Mad Bavarians	450.00
Bektash Temple Cyclists	450.00
Entertainment-A. Harriman	150.00
Other - Advertising	193.00
Portable Toilets	260.00
Tapes and Stakes	27.60
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$9,930.60</b>

**Bal. MVSb 12/31/01 \$4,097.87**

# SQUAM LAKES CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Submitted by Laurie Beeson

We are a land preservation and conservation organization – a land trust – dedicated to the protection of the natural environment for the benefit of all present and future residents and visitors to the Squam Lakes Watershed. We've been active since 1960, with a membership that currently includes over 575 families and 25 local businesses. We own outright, or hold conservation easements, which prevent development on over 1400 acres in the watershed. Many of these lands are managed for public use, e.g. the 163-acre Unsworth Preserve in Moultonborough, East Rattlesnake Mountain, the Holderness Town Beach and Five Finger Point.

The pressures for development in our area have never been greater: high real estate taxes which may go higher still, unprecedented number of estates passing from generation to generation, a decade of solid economic growth, and skyrocketing real estate costs elsewhere that make our land look bargain-priced.

Much of the development we are seeing in communities like ours consists of large seasonal homes that tax existing infrastructure and contribute little to ongoing economic progress. Some development even involves the destruction of older homes and camps that define our community's character. It costs far less to provide town services for open land than for developed land. The land preservation we do benefits all of us in the long term, not only by enhancing the quality of our lives but also by maintaining the natural beauty that sustains our tourism industry.

We are seeking the support of area families and businesses – through membership, through volunteering (e.g. for land monitoring), and through understanding of our goals and programs. Please call 968-7900 for further information, or go to [www.squamlakes.com](http://www.squamlakes.com).

# ASHLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Submitted by the Conservation Commission

Our year started in December 2000 after Sandra Jones resigned in November. We miss her. This left Ruth Knapp and Gerald Chouinard who did not renew his office. (We will miss his river and lake reports.) James Grover joined in December and Joseph Vittum and Daniel Golden joined in April, still leaving two vacancies.

We changed the date of our monthly meetings at the Town Hall to 7:00 PM, the first Wednesday of the month.

2001 was a learning year for the Commission. We reviewed the history of the commission and state, county, regional and Ashland materials and maps.

On the milfoil problem: Commissioner member Daniel Golden, with Selectman Neale Bavis and June Bavis met with representatives of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES); James Grover attended a DES meeting at the Squam Lakes Association; and other Commission members worked with the Ashland Woman's Club on the milfoil problem in Squam Lake and River, and reported these meetings to the Commission for discussion of the problem at length.

Member Joseph Vittum attended the Fall Workshop on Wildlife and Natural Resources held in Meredith at the Lakes Region Planning Commission. It was sponsored by NH Association of Conservation Commissions and UNH.

We had an amendment to a permit and two timber cutting checks. We made two site reviews for Dredge and Fill Permits.

The Commission continues to make DES fact sheets available to the public in the Town Hall Tax Map room.

There are two (2) vacant seats on the Conservation Commission. Any Ashland resident can learn about membership at the Town offices daily or at Commission Meetings at 7:00 PM on the first Wednesday of the month.

Ruth Knapp, Chair  
Joseph Vittum  
Daniel Golden  
James Grover, Sec.



# ASHLAND TOWN LIBRARY

Submitted by Trustees Jill Mudgett, Caroline Boyle, Alesa Reynolds

The Ashland Town Library has once again experienced a year of growth and expansion. Over the course of the last year, we have increased our number of registered patrons to 2361, including approximately 200 summer residents. We have expanded our business hours to 25 per week. This includes three additional hours to our Friday morning schedule. These additional hours brought us into compliance with State Standards, which require the library to remain open for at least 25 hours per week.

With the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>, we have all reflected on our lives and are thankful for what we have for our community and ourselves. When we examine the Town of Ashland and what it has to offer its residents, the Library is a valuable asset. Our Library offers many benefits to the people of Ashland. We offer a variety of programs, such as Book Discussion Group, After School Program and Summer Reading Program. In addition, we instituted a Pre-School Story Hour on Friday mornings.

The Library would not be able to effectively serve our community or offer these programs without the dedication of its staff, its trustees and the many volunteers from our community who have given so generously of their time over the years. Therefore, we felt this report would be an appropriate way to offer our thanks to a variety of individuals and organizations.

We extend our thanks to members of the community who have generously offered passes to area attractions. The Christa McAuliffe Planetarium passes are donated by the Pauline Packard Trust. Meredith Village Savings Bank provides passes to the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center and the Ashland Woman's Club donates passes to the Sea Coast Science Center. All of these passes are widely used throughout the year and benefit many of our patrons. We thank these benefactors for their continued generosity.

The Library extends a sincere thanks to Sandra Ray for six years of dedicated service on the Library Board of Trustees. Sandy worked tirelessly to ensure that we had policies and procedures that were both current and in compliance with State Standards. Sandy was also a proponent of continued training and education for our staff. We thank Sandy for her efforts and her leadership. Without her, we would not be where we are today.

We would like to extend a very special thank you to our large group of volunteers and library supporters. These folks are the backbone of our Library. This area would not be complete without mentioning a few of these volunteers. Our friends at Dupuis Cross Post #15 continue to support us in many ways – they present a patriotic program every year during the Summer Reading Program on the history and etiquette of our flag. This program has become a favorite of our children. Our legion friends can also be found volunteering time to set up tables for our annual book sale. We also offer our thanks to Angela Jaquith. As a volunteer over the last several years, Angela has spent innumerable hours working on many projects which would not have reached completion without her. We extend to her our sincerest thanks.

The Library's growth and expansion would not have been possible without the dedication of our staff. Sara Weinberg, Library Director, has worked diligently since she started work in 1998 to bring our library forward in terms of collection and technology. Sara has been successful in her efforts to advance the library's offerings while maintaining a competent and efficient staff. We, as trustees, would like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks to Sara for her tireless devotion to the Ashland Library and the residents of Ashland.

During times when the library was shorthanded, there were two employees who deserve special recognition for stepping up to the plate and filling a very large void. These thanks are extended to Suzanne Peoples and Terry Fouts. They graciously stepped in to work on a moment's notice, assuming new hours and new responsibilities. We appreciate the dedication of both of these individuals. Additionally, we extend sincere thanks to Noreen Crawford for her continued dedication and service to the Ashland Town Library.

Last, but certainly not least, as the library continues to grow and offer a variety of programs, we extend our thanks to the Ashland Community, our efforts would not be possible without your support.

# LIBRARY FINANCIAL 2001

## Receipts

Balance on Hand January 1, 2001	\$ -
Town Appropriation 2001	\$ 36,000.00
Fees and Fines	\$ 271.02
donations	\$ 50.00
Grant for Storyteller	\$ 200.00
Interest- checking account	\$ 17.59
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 324.56

## TOTAL INCOME

\$ 36,863.17

## Expenses

Wages and Payroll	\$ 17,981.76
Taxes	\$ 5,340.56
Collection	
Books	\$ 5,338.34
Books on Tape	\$ 508.51
Video	\$ 452.08
Programs	\$ 379.47
Electronics	
Software	\$ 234.00
Tech Support	\$ 395.00
Utilities	\$ 1,320.62
Supplies	
Audio Supplies	\$ 378.93
Office Supplies	\$ 527.81
Professional Dues	\$ 171.00
Postage	\$ 154.00
Periodicals	\$ 919.99
Telephone	\$ 1,407.03
Education	\$ 140.00
Insurance	\$ 272.00
Advertising	\$ 173.75
Memorials	\$ 13.95
Equipment	\$ 746.10
Misc. Expense	\$ 8.27
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 38,863.17</b>

## Bank Accounts

### CHENEY FUND

Balance 01/01/01	\$ 674.48
Interest	\$ 11.90
Deposit	\$ 99.00
Withdrawals	\$ 399.00
Balance 12/31/01	\$ 386.38

### ORDWAY FUND

Balance 01/01/01	\$ 679.85
Interest	\$ 11.99
Deposit	\$ 99.00
Withdrawals	\$ 400.00
Balance 12/31/01	\$ 390.84

### PAULINE PACKARD MEMORIAL FUND

Balance 01/01/01	\$ 474.61
Interest	\$ 8.01
Deposit	\$ 174.00
Withdrawals	
Balance 12/31/01	\$ 656.62

### PHILIP STEVENS BOOK FUND

Balance 01/01/01	\$ 471.73
Interest	\$ 8.35
Withdrawals	
Balance 12/31/01	\$ 480.08

### FRANCES M. PLATT FUND

Balance 01/01/01	\$ 519.34
Interest	\$ 9.19
Withdrawals	
Balance 12/31/01	\$ 528.53

### HARRIET ADDISON FUND

Balance 01/01/01	\$ 613.99
Interest	\$ 10.85
Deposit	\$ 122.27
Withdrawals	\$ 324.56
Balance 12/31/01	\$ 422.55

### FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT

Balance 01/01/01	\$ 862.20
Interest	\$ 18.35
Deposit	\$ 1,658.09
Withdrawals	\$ 1,430.87
Balance 12/31/01	\$ 1,107.77

### PENWORKS ACCOUNT

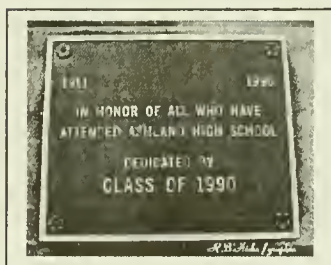
Balance 01/01/01	\$ 853.94
Interest	\$ 12.22
Withdrawals	\$ 274.90
Balance 12/31/01	\$ 591.26



# ASHLAND HISTORIC COMMISSION 2001

Submitted by Commissioners Robert Hicks, Claire Hicks, Marilyn Rollins

The fight for our town's history was intense in 2001. Our old school buildings were at the forefront of the battle. Meetings with the school board, Ashland's Historical Society and town meetings were at times heated and direct. Many towns' people trying to keep our historic town school buildings. On the other side was, new replacing the old, fiscal reality, and practical use of the property. However in November the plaque on the sturdy granite entrance was removed.



“ 1911 - 1990 In Honor of All Who Have Attended Ashland High School, Dedicated By Class Of 1990.”

Many of Ashland's faithful, some past students, with memories of their youth, stood and watched with sorrow as the old High School was dismantled piece by piece. Some just stood and watched, others took photographs, and marked the day on paper as well as in their minds. But the fight for the older of the two buildings is still on going.

Ashland Historic Commission and Genealogy web site.  
<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Acropolis/6447/ashland.htm>

Ashland for many years has provided for the preservation of our historic, abandoned cemeteries, with clean up and minor repairs at seven locations. (Prepared for Memorial Day visitors.) They are one of our greatest historic assets. The Church Hill cemetery, our oldest, from the pioneer days, had a special workday this year to clear many trees that had encroached upon the cemetery grounds.

1. The Church Hill Cemetery located several hundred feet off Route 175.
2. Ruben Whitten Cemetery (Highland Street) (maintained by property owner)
3. Hicks Hill Cemetery (Hicks Hill Rd.)
4. The Mooney Cemetery on Thompson St (maintained by property owner)
5. Owl Brook Cemetery, Owl Brook Road.
6. Baker Cemetery (near water tower) (maintained by property owner)
7. Howe-Clark Cemetery (Leavitt Hill)

Our Ashland Historical Society has labored, year after year to preserve our history. 2001 has seen many worthy projects completed.

Since 1988 The Ashland Genealogy Society, has encouraged public use of their genealogy files, available at the Ashland Town Library.



# ASHLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Submitted by David Ruell, President

2001 was another active year for the Ashland Historical Society. Much of our efforts were devoted to saving the old Ashland elementary school, one of the town's and the state's landmarks. In January, we were very encouraged when Tri County Community Action Program, represented by Phyllis Powell and Miriam Brown, joined that effort. TCCAP proposed to use the building for an expansion of Headstart, which that agency runs in the three northern counties. Step by Step, a career counseling program, Plymouth State College and the College for Lifelong Learning were also interested in space in the building.

The School Board proposed the demolition of the old elementary school and the old high school to the annual school district meeting in March. The Society reluctantly agreed that the high school should be demolished to provide parking spaces for the reuse of the old elementary school, but opposed the demolition of the old elementary school. The Society therefore sponsored its own warrant articles and urged people to attend the meeting through a mailer and other means. The school district meeting adopted our articles instructing the School Board to not demolish the old elementary school, to authorize application for an LCHIP grant for the buildings, and to sell it and suitable land to TCCAP. The article to fund the demolition of the two buildings was amended to allow the demolition of the high school and the sale of the elementary school. At the town election, the voters overwhelmingly endorsed another Society sponsored article supporting the LCHIP application and the efforts of TCCAP and the Society to raise funds for the project. It was very gratifying to see the public support that the project received.

TCCAP and the Society then turned to fund raising. We worked together on preparing an application to the new N.H. Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP). Many local organizations and officials expressed their support for our application. Hundreds of people, including many residents of the School Street – Highland Street area, signed petitions in favor of the proposal. The project received the second largest LCHIP grant awarded in the program's first round of grants, a matching grant of \$300,000, demonstrating the statewide importance of the building. An application for a Community Development Block Grant proved unsuccessful, but TCCAP and the Society have been pursuing other funding opportunities.

The Society also undertook special fundraising projects of its own. An April Fool's Eve Dinner was a fun and profitable event for the Old School Fund. Pewter ornaments depicting the old school were commissioned from Hampshire Pewter Company and have proven so popular that they have been reordered twice. A Duck Derby on the Squam River on the Day in the Park in August, with 1582 ducks racing for 55 prizes donated by 36 area businesses, was a popular event, even if the ducks were reluctant to head toward the finish line. We also appreciate the direct donations of individuals and groups to our fund. Items donated from a

former antique/collectibles business were sold at our Flea Market, Plymouth Town Wide Yard Sale, and a yard sale at the Booster Club to benefit the fund.

TCCAP negotiated privately with a subcommittee of the School Board on the sale of the building and land and developed a subdivision and site plan. The Society assisted by funding a traffic impact study that was requested by the School Board. The study by the transportation planners of the Lakes Region Planning Commission, based on data from mechanical traffic counters and observations of pedestrians and vehicle turns by volunteers, determined that the project would have "little negative impact" on the vehicular and pedestrian traffic to and from the Ober School in the peak travel periods at the opening and closing of the school. The Society and TCCAP were greatly disappointed by the early December rejection by the School Board of the purchase and sale agreement negotiated by TCCAP. The School Board cited a concern for traffic and pedestrian safety and the failure of TCCAP to raise all the funds necessary as the reasons for rejecting the agreement. To the Society and TCCAP, the traffic study indicates that any safety issues could be easily resolved. TCCAP was also confident that sufficient funds could be raised for the renovation, particularly if there was a purchase and sales agreement in place to reassure potential donors and the buyers of tax credits. As this is written, the School Board has offered to work with the Society on the issues surrounding the old elementary school. The Society is resolved to continue working to save this fine historic building.

The Society also continued its usual programs. As always, operating our three museums requires much effort. The Pauline E. Glidden Toy Museum had 31 volunteers, who attended an annual training session, hosted at the museum, and were treated by Mrs. Glidden to a mystery ride and lunch. The Toy Museum sponsored the annual Young Ladies Tea and was featured in presentations to two other historical societies. Eighteen volunteer hostesses at the Whipple House enjoyed the hospitality of Caroline Gosse to begin the season. The Whipple House grounds hosted the annual Flea Market in August. This fall, the front roof slope and the two dormers of the Whipple House were resingled. The former town flagpole was moved and re-erected at the Railroad Station Museum by town crews. The outside station benches were refurbished, and the ticket office stove replaced by a smaller one. A ham and bean supper in May and a model train show in June raised funds for the station. Ridership on the fall foliage train rides from the Ashland station was the highest ever. The station hosted Ray Burton's annual train ride and a meeting of the Boston and Maine Railroad Historical Society. The station museum collection grew by gift and purchase, as well as the long-term loan of a maintenance car and trailer.

Several historical programs were offered free to the public, including talks on Ashland news of 1901, the Ashland Woman's Club, Dudley Leavitt, the Cornish Colony, the history of weather prediction, and life on a 19<sup>th</sup> century style farm.

All of these projects and events require much time and labor from our members and other volunteers, as well as funds and other gifts from the many donors who have supported our efforts. We much appreciate all who have helped us in 2001.

# PEMI BAKER HOME HEALTH AGENCY

Submitted by the Agency

Town of Ashland Representative Mary Ruell  
Town of Ashland Alternate Gail Lary

Serving the community since 1967, Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency serves ten member towns as set forth in the constitution and by-laws of the corporation. Many services are partially paid for by a variety of funding sources but the agency must ask its member towns for an appropriation to help defray the costs of services to Ashland residents. In addition to fundraising efforts by the agency, a sliding fee scale is offered for those patients who cannot afford to pay or who can only afford to pay a minimal amount. For these purposes, the agency uses donations from generous community members. In 2001, the agency provided 2135 visits to patients in Ashland.

Pemi-Baker Home Health skilled nursing program provides ten specialties including adult psychiatric nursing, geriatric nursing and newborn visits. Rehabilitation services include Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy and Respiratory Therapy (by arrangement). Social workers, home health aides and homemakers provide other specialty services to patients. The agency's Community Outreach provides education and support services to Ashland including Alzheimer's Respite, Long Term Care and seven other community programs.

Home health offers comprehensive home health care services  
Home health is provided to all ages  
Home health care treats the patient with respect and consideration  
Home health promotes patient independence

Pemi-Baker Home Health is a non-profit New Hampshire licensed Medicare Homecare and Hospice certified agency.

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. We are indeed fortunate to have this agency and its services available to all of us.



# RAY BURTON, GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL

Submitted by Ray Burton

The Governor and five member Executive Council are very much like an elected "Board of Directors", who along with 294 Commissioners and Directors, administer the laws and budget as passed by the New Hampshire General Court (House and Senate).

We perform a variety of Executive Branch functions, such as, general supervision of all state departments and state expenditures, pardon matters, eminent domain, state contract and leases, public waters, the planning of the Transportation 10-year plan, and confirmation of the governor's nominations to the Judicial Branch of your NH State Government (for a complete explanation, please contact my office).

As we look into the immediate future, I would encourage all citizens to be in contact with all of us in your elected representative bodies, at the local, state and federal levels. We cannot truly represent you if we do not know of your ideas, concerns or aspirations.

If you are interested in serving on a volunteer commission or board, please contact my office at 271-3632 or Kathy Goode, Director of Appointments and Governor Shaheen' Liaison to the Council at 271-2121. The District Health Councils are always looking for members; if interested, please call Lori Real at 1-800-852-3345 ext. 4235 and request a packet of information about what this key planning process is all about. All of the Governor and Council appointments to Boards and Commissions are listed in the Webster System at [webster.state.nh.us/sos/redbook/index.htm](http://webster.state.nh.us/sos/redbook/index.htm).

We need to work our NH Congressional Delegation in Washington. Senators Judd Gregg and Bob Smith and Congressmen Charlie Bass and John Sununu all have strong and powerful committee assignments and are well connected to do more for NH. We need to let them know what is needed for our localities and regions, so ring their bell ...Senator Gregg at 603-225-7115; Senator Smith at 1-800-922-2230; Congressman Bass at 603-226-0249 and Congressman Sununu at 603-641-9536.

It is a pleasure to serve you. Please contact my office for a listing of toll free 800 numbers and a copy of the newly printed NH Constitution. Always know that I am ready to assist you, your town and region.

Raymond S. Burton  
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# UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION GRAFTON COUNTY

Submitted by Deborah B. Maes, Administrator

UNH Cooperative Extension provides New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources and improve the economy. Funded through the federal, state and county governments, UNH Cooperative Extension provides education and research for local residents. Education programs are designed to respond to the local needs of citizens through direction and support of an elected volunteer advisory council.

## **Education Programs focus on:**

Dairy and Pasture Management	Forestry & Wildlife Resources
Agricultural Resources	Family Development
4-H Youth Development	Water Quality
Nutrition and Food Safety	Community Development

Education programs and assistance are objective, informal and practical in nature. Clients' needs are met through phone calls, letters and education materials, hands-on workshops, on-site visits, educational series and conferences. Media outlets help us reach one of every three residents. Our staff is able to provide information for clients, respond quickly with needed information via electronic mail, keep up-to-date on the latest research and information and keep in touch with many agency personnel.

A professional staff of Educators, Program Associates and a UNH Specialist work out of the Extension Office located in the Grafton County Courthouse in North Haverhill. An additional staff member works out of the Whole Village Family Resource Center in Plymouth providing nutrition education to limited resource families and local schools. Additional support is provided through trained volunteers who assist with our programs and increase our outreach capabilities.

## **New and enhanced efforts during FY01 included:**

- Continued an after-school program in Haverhill that reached over 20 students during 2000-01 school year
- The town of Canaan began organizing for a Community Profile in November
- Water Quality research focused on phosphorus in the soil with several research plots sited in the county
- Local farm stands were targeted with Good Agricultural Practices that focus on a safe food supply for farm workers and consumers
- Sawmills received assistance from Extensions Forest Industry Specialist to maintain competitive in the marketplace
- An Americorps Promise Fellow provided 1700 volunteer hours teaching nutrition in area schools and assisted with other programming

- Educational efforts at Hannah House and the Wreath School focused on the needs of young parents and child nutrition
- New colorized aerial photos allow foresters and landowners to assess the impact of damage from the 1998 ice storm
- Continuing grant monies allows us to keep the Water Quality Laboratory at Woodsville High School open and train volunteers to monitor their waterways.
- The 4H program continued to show a strong presence in clubs throughout the county and at the North Haverhill Fair. The Grafton 4H Leaders Association ran the Fifth Annual "Playing for Clover" Golf Tournament to raise money to support youth activities. Teen club members traveled to Tennessee in a weeklong exchange program. 4H members participated in state, regional and national events.
- A timber sale on the Grafton County Farm Tree Farm produced revenue for the far. This forest is used as a demonstration site for professional logger and forester training programs.
- Forest Stewardship plans continue to be implemented on thousands of acres damaged by the 1998 ice storm, to restore habitat, recreation utility and timber productivity.
- Volunteers trained 19 youth in entrepreneurship and ran a six-week Mini-Society.
- The students at Lin-Wood Junior/Senior High School participated in the Teen Assessment Project, a 160-question survey. Presentations to school personnel and community leaders have started the process of working with the community to analyze the data and implement changes to reduce risky behavior. In the Plymouth Regional High School community 900 parents received a series of six newsletters dealing with their TAP data.
- Money Management classes were started at the Friendship House in Bethlehem and with the Academy Diversion adult program out of Woodsville. In addition, all county Head Start programs received training in nutrition and parenting.
- Eleven adults attended LEAP classes to help make the welfare-to-work transition. Four are going on to college, others have either gotten jobs or received more training to help them in the work marketplace.

Extension Office Hours are Monday through Friday form 8 AM to 4 PM.  
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*Extension programs and policies are nondiscriminatory with regard to age, color, handicap, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientating and veteran's status*

# LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

Submitted by the Lakes Region Planning Commission

With a service area covering over 1,200 square miles in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton and Merrimack Counties, the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) provides a wide range of planning services to its members. Our work program is as comprehensive as it is full, with activities ranging from technical assistance, geographic information systems, transportation, land use and environmental planning, to economic development. We are funded from multiple sources including local and state government, as well as special studies. LRPC is contacted many times each week for answers to local issues. We also continue to maintain a regular dialogue with state agencies that depend on us as a resource for the entire Lakes Region. Our goal remains to provide support and leadership to the region, its governments, businesses, and citizens.

Here are a few of our accomplishments over the past year:

- Provided the Ashland Planning Board with information on Master Planning
- Provided the Ashland Planning Board with two copies of the 2000-01 NH Edition Planning and Land Use Regulation books at considerable savings
- Completed the Lakes Region Transportation Improvement Program and forwarded a prioritized list of projects to the NH DOT as part of the biennial update of the NH State Transportation Improvement Program
- Coordinated the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection, with nearly 2,400 households from 27 communities participating. Over 16,000 gallons of toxic household products were removed.
- Performed approximately 130 traffic counts and several local road inventories in cooperation with the NH Department of Transportation.
- Completed the Region's first digital land use map, which is available to local and regional organizations.
- Updated the *Development Trends in the Lakes Region Annual Report* using survey data
- Provided administrative and technical support to the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee leading to the completion of the draft Management Plan for the Pemigewasset River
- Located childcare centers, assisted housing, public transportation and major employers across the region to assist with local regional development planning.
- Co-hosted and organized three public Municipal Law Lectures where practicing attorneys provided a legal perspective on "The How, Who,

What, Where, and Why Plan”; “Towers, Traditions, and Topless Dancers”; and “Innovative Land Use Regulations”

- Entered into an Agreement with the NH Office of Emergency Management to prepare two pilot all hazard mitigation plans. These plans are used to facilitate mitigation funds from the federal government
- In cooperation with the Society for the Protection of NH Forests and the University of New Hampshire, initiated data collection for new municipal conservation lands
- Prepared and hosted citizen education workshops on How to Prepare a Master Plan, and Planning Board Processes and Procedures
- Convened four area commission meetings that focused on transportation, historic preservation, Main Street, and groundwater, highlighted by a nationally renown planning expert at the summer annual meeting
- Organized National Flood Insurance (NFIP) workshops for local officials
- Prepared an innovative land use and transportation Power Point presentation for local communities focusing on sprawl reducing and community building strategies. The presentation can be customized and made available to any community, upon request
- Coordinated the Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility Committee to examine the possibility of siting a permanent household hazardous product facility
- Continued to organize and convene meetings of the LRPC Transportation Technical Advisory Committee to improve transportation planning
- Completed Plan 2000, an update of the Lakes Region Transportation Plan, the policy plan for the region’s transportation network
- Completed a survey and report on issues that affect home based employment
- Hosted a statewide meeting to discuss the update of the NH DOT Rail Plan

We look forward to assisting your community in the future.



# FOREST FIRE WARDEN REPORT

Submitted by Chief Robert "Bud" Nelson

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate and coordinate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ALL outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for any open burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding areas) is completely covered with snow. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to \$2000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs. Open burning is a privilege, **NOT** a right. Help us to protect you and our forest resource! Build small brush piles that can be quickly burned and extinguished.

New Hampshire experienced over 940 wildland fires in 2001. Most of the fires were human caused. Due to dry conditions fires spread quickly impacting more than 20 structures. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around the house and make sure that the house number is correct and visible. **Only You Can Prevent Wildland Fires.** Contact your local Fire Department or the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands website [www.nhdf.l.com](http://www.nhdf.l.com) or call 271-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

## 2001 Fire Statistics

(All fires Reported thru November 26, 2001)

<u>Totals by County</u>			<u>Causes of Fires Reported</u>	
	<b>#of Fires</b>	<b>Acres</b>		
Belknap	89	18	Illegal	279
Carroll	62	12	Unknown	201
Cheshire	147	41	Smoking	86
Coos	53	16	Children	69
Grafton	109	99	Campfires	49
Hillsborough	198	68	Rekindle of Permit	45
Merrimack	70	20	Arson	31
Rockingham	135	90	Lightning	24
Strafford	57	54	Misc <sup>x</sup>	158
Sullivan	22	10		

(Misc: powerlines, fireworks, railroad, ashes, debris, structures, equipment, etc)

	Total Fires	Total Acres
2001	942	428
2000	516	149
1999	1301	452

# VITAL RECORDS 2001

AS RECEIVED AND RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK

## MARRIAGES 2001

13-Apr	GLENN ALAN MERRILL	ASHLAND	PAULA MARIE SMITH	ASHLAND
12-May	GEORGE S. THOMPSON	LACONIA	SHELLY A. BROOKS	ASHLAND
12-May	JAMES H. JOHNSTON	ASHLAND	SARAH WATSON	BATH
27-May	ANDREW ST. GODARD	ASHLAND	MARY JEANNE POTERUCHA	ASHLAND
2-Jun	TODD MICHAEL BOYCE	BROOKLYN, NY	ANGELICA D.C. HERRERA	BROOKLYN, NY
30-Jun	ANDREW J. SWIFT	ASHLAND	AMY L. WILLIAMS	ASHLAND
14-Jul	KEVIN M. LACASSE	ASHLAND	NHERRIZA L. BURLOCK	ASHLAND
14-Jul	CHAD R. PASHO	NEEDHAM, MA	DEBORAH J. MARCROFT	ASHLAND
14-Jul	BRANDON D. NICHOLS	ASHLAND	LORI BETH DUCLOS	ASHLAND
15-Jul	E. JOHN MELLO	ASHLAND	APRIL L. BROWN	ASHLAND
28-Jul	COREY A. ROUX	ASHLAND	MEGAN E. MILLER	ASHLAND
28-Jul	JEFFREY A. HLADYK	ASHLAND	STACEY L. BEAMAN	ASHLAND
10-Aug	RALSTON K CILLEY	ASHLAND	HAZEL B. HUGHES	ASHLAND
26-Aug	KENNETH J. SAMSON	ASHLAND	MIRA R. VANDINE	ASHLAND
21-Dec	RAYMOND C. MAYES	ASHLAND	CHRISTINE L. CHENEY	ASHLAND

## BIRTHS 2001

	CHILD'S NAME	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH
3-Jan	DAKOTA ROSE BERTHOLET	MICHAEL BERTHOLET	HEATHER BERTHOLET	PLYMOUTH, NH
15-Feb	BENJAMIN AVERY HUGHES	KENDALL B. HUGHES	JENNIFFER HUGHES	LACONIA, NH
15-Apr	HUNTER JAMES LESSARD	KEVIN LESSARD	SHANNON LESSARD	PLYMOUTH, NH
26-Apr	ILA ELIZABETH ARTHURS	DAMIEN ARTHURS	KELLY ARTHURS	LACONIA, NH
19-May	DYLAN MARK PERKINS	CHRISTOPHER PERKINS	JENNIFFER PERKINS	LACONIA, NH

**BIRTHS 2001 (CONT)**

14-Jun	GRAHAM ALLEN POGUE	JAMES POGUE	ELISABETH PEOPLES	LEBANON, NH
8-Nov	RUTH GABRIELLE MERRILL	FABIAN MERRILL	HEATHER MERRILL	PLYMOUTH, NH
18-Dec	ANJA G. SWANSON	ARVID SWANSON	ANNA SWANSON	LACONIA, NH

**DEATHS NAME**

	<b>DEATHS NAME</b>	<b>PLACE OF DEATH</b>	<b>FATHER'S NAME</b>	<b>MOTHER'S NAME</b>
1/12/99	LEONARD RUSSELL	LACONIA, NH	LORAIN D. RUSSELL	ROSE HERCEG
12/8/99	CARROLL LORENZO ASH	WHITE RIVER JCT, VT	HERBERT HOWLAND	ELIZABETH MAE FRIEND

**DEATHS 2001**

7-Jan	LESLIE WEEKS	PLYMOUTH, NH	WEEKS, HAROLD	JESSIE TILLISON
24-Jan	KATHLEEN H. CILLEY	PLYMOUTH, NH	HUGHES, LAWRENCE	GLADYS BOYNTON
4-Feb	CEDRIC G. HICKEY	WHITE RIVER JCT, VT	CHARLES HICKEY	GERTRUDE BYES
17-Apr	PAUL MIKALUSKAS	WALPOLE, MA	PAUL R. MIKALUSKAS	PATRICIA MURDOCK
27-Apr	DOROTHY F. LATULIPPE	ASHLAND, NH	HARVEY HUCKINS	MARJORIE SMITH
6-May	ROMEO J. BILODEAU	FRANKLIN, NH	THEODORE BILODEAU	ADDIE JACQUES
21-Jun	VIOLET G. CHANNELL	ASHLAND, NH	WILLIAM BERGERON	VINA CHADBOURNE
1-Jul	STEWART R. MOSES	CONCORD, NH	MORTON MOSES	ELLA EWENS
21-Jul	ELIZABETH D. HEATH	PLYMOUTH, NH	WILLIAM DUNN	ORA SMITH
10-Aug	BRYAN A. GREENE	LEBANON, NH	LLOYD GREENE	MARGARET MERRILL
19-Aug	JOHN C. LONGLEY	LEBANON, NH	CELESTAIN LONGLEY	MARION DRAPER
15-Sep	HAROLD E. KILBURN	CONCORD, NH	UNKNOWN KILBURN	TERESIA SMITH
16-Nov	IRENE ANIA HEATH	ASHLAND, NH	WILLIAM ALEXANDER	EXELIA UNKNOWN
19-Nov	VIRGINIA R RAINEY	NO HAVERHILL, NH	FRANK DORMAN	EVA BECK
20-Dec	WILLIAM A. PORTER	DERRY, NH	GEORGE PORTER	E. GAMACHE
21-Dec	JOHN R. HOMER	ASHLAND, NH	JOHN HOMER	BERTHA SCHMIDT

Vital Record Information as provided by the Bureau of Vital Records in Concord, NH

# INVENTORY OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	ACRES	LAND VALUE	BUILDING VALUE		
003-002-004	96 COLLINS STREET - LANDFILL	28.4	\$ 71,400.00	\$ 27,300.00	1142	551
003-003-001	NEW HAMPTON TOWN LINE	3.4	\$ 4,300.00			
003-003-002	137 COLLINS STREET - WWTF	108	\$ 153,200.00	\$ 6,460,000.00	1016	222
004-001-003	72 CEDAR LANE - PUMP STATION	36.34	\$ 162,400.00	\$ 77,000.00	2191	54
004-002-015	JCT HILLSIDE AVE/ MAIN STREET	0.44	\$ 8,600.00			
004-004-001	99 MAIN ST - BALLPARK/BOOSTER CLUB	7	\$ 60,100.00	\$ 71,700.00		
	DEED - SULLIVAN				562	119
	DEED - SPAULDING				826	71
	DEED - KILPATRICK				969	156
	DEED - BROWN				770	328
	DEED - KNAPP				1087	510
011-003-008	RTE 3/ OWL BROOK ROAD	0.05	\$ 2,800.00		2394	653
011-003-010	RTE 3/ OWL BROOK ROAD	0.04	\$ 3,800.00		2394	651
011-006-004	LEAVITT HILL RD-EDWARD DOGGETT BEACH	1.5	\$ 315,800.00	\$ 800.00	863	431
012-005-003	LEAVITT HILL ROAD - CAMPGROUND	5.2	\$ 158,200.00	\$ 20,700.00		
014-001-001	HYDRO DAM ON STATE LAND			\$ 106,100.00		
014-001-020	RIVER STREET/BOAT LAUNCH	0.15	\$ 25,200.00			
015-001-020	RIVER STREET / CROSS ROAD	1.1	\$ 15,200.00		549	503
015-002-019	RIVER STREET	1.4	\$ 7,400.00		471	126
015-002-020	RIVER STREET	0.04	\$ 1,800.00		1109	519
015-002-021	RIVER STREET	1.3	\$ 700.00		2394	652
016-002-001	HIGHLAND AND MAIN STREET	0.046	\$ 4,700.00			
016-003-020	EDUCATION WAY - ASHLAND SCHOOLS	26	\$ 149,000.00	\$ 2,689,500.00		
016-007-001	20 HIGHLAND STREET - TOWN HALL	0.61	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 205,100.00	1167	405
016-009-004	RIVERSIDE DRIVE	0.06	\$ 4,300.00		2155	649
					2155	653
016-009-009	MAIN ST/RIVERSIDE DR - MEMORIAL PARK	0.94	\$ 24,900.00	\$ 1,000.00		
	DEED - MARINE LAND				1099	430
	DEED - SIRLES LAND				1099	428
017-001	MAIN STREET / DEPOT STREET	0.07	\$ 1,200.00			
017-006-009	12 PLEASANT STREET - WHIPPLE HOUSE	0.93	\$ 11,600.00	\$ 160,200.00	1120	106
017-007-001	41 MAIN STREET - SCRIBNER LIBRARY	0.4	\$ 39,300.00	\$ 137,200.00	EMMA SCRIBNER WILL	1/29/35
017-007-012	MAIN STREET - LEGION BLD LAND	0.75	\$ 39,300.00		712	169
017-008-001	MAIN AND MECHANIC STREET	0.31	\$ 31,400.00		661	84



017-009-001	9 MAIN STREET - FIRE STATION	0.59	\$	51,900.00	\$	341,400.00			
017-011-002	DEPOT STREET	0.02	\$	700.00					
017-013-008	WASHINGTON STREET	0.402	\$	5,500.00			2394	650	5/24/99
018-001-001	6 COLLINS STREET - TOWN GARAGE	3.5	\$	40,500.00	\$	310,200.00	1359	656	
018-004-001	AVERY STREET - LAND ONLY	0.55	\$	5,700.00			1416	659	3/5/81
018-004-002	AVERY STREET - LAND ONLY	0.52	\$	5,800.00			1416	659	3/5/81
018-004-034	AVERY STREET - WATER TOWER WATER MAINS	1.2	\$	8,400.00	\$	375,200.00	1424	233	6/17/81
	Source - Assessment Cards		\$	2,352,000.00					

# SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY - 2001

USE	ADDRESS	BUILDING VALUE	VALUE OF CONTENTS	MOBILE EQUIPMENT	MISC.
TOWN OFFICE (INCLUDES POLICE)	20 HIGHLAND STREET	\$ 242,600	\$ 200,000		
FIRE STATION	9 MAIN STREET	\$ 393,300	\$ 100,000	\$ 18,100	
LIBRARY	41 MAIN STREET	\$ 175,600	\$ 350,000		
HISTORICAL MUSEUM	12 PLEASANT STREET	\$ 171,800	\$ 50,000		
TOWN GARAGE	18 COLLINS STREET	\$ 304,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 130,300	
STORAGE SHED - ELECTRIC	COLLINS STREET	\$ 1,650	\$ 30,000	\$ 29,900	
STORAGE SHED - 4 HIGHWAY	COLLINS STREET	\$ 58,000	\$ 50,000		
SEWER PLANT - 5 BUILDINGS	137 COLLINS STREET	\$ 6,613,200	\$ 250,000		
SUBSTATION	COLLINS STREET	\$ 750,000		\$ 52,901	
PARK/RECREATION BLD	99 MAIN STREET	\$ 71,700	\$ 40,000		
BATH HOUSE	LEAVITT HILL ROAD	\$ 20,700	\$ 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		
TWO DUGOUTS - BALLPARK	99 MAIN STREET	\$ 3,400			
GAZEBO - BALLPARK	99 MAIN STREET	\$ 3,500			
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	99 MAIN STREET				\$ 2,500
CONCESSION STAND - BALLPARK	99 MAIN STREET	\$ 800			
GATEHOUSE - ASHLAND BEACH	99 MAIN STREET	\$ 1,000			
WATER STORAGE TANK	LEAVITT HILL ROAD				\$ 10,000
TRANSFER STATION - 3 BUILDINGS	96 COLLINS STREET	\$ 30,000			

Source: New Hampshire Municipal Association Property Schedule

# SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

<b>VALUE OF LAND ONLY</b>	
CURRENT USE	\$ 273,958.00
CONSERVATION RESTRICTION	\$ 1,561.00
RESIDENTIAL	\$ 30,172,813.00
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	\$ 6,289,800.00
TOTAL TAXABLE LAND	\$ 36,738,132.00
<b>VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY</b>	
RESIDENTIAL	\$ 48,517,956.00
MANUFACTURED HOUSING	\$ 1,166,700.00
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	\$ 15,776,200.00
TOTAL TAXABLE BUILDINGS	\$ 65,460,856.00
<b>PUBLIC UTILITIES</b>	
ELECTRIC UTILITIES	\$ 1,039,440.00
TOTAL PUBLIC UTILITIES	\$ 1,039,440.00
<b>VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS</b>	\$ 103,238,428.00
BLIND EXEMPTIONS	\$ 75,000.00
ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS	\$ 947,033.00
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED	\$ 1,022,033.00
Net valuation on which the tax rate for Municipal, county, local tax is computed	\$ 102,216,395.00
Net valuation on which the tax rate for state education tax is computed	\$ 101,176,955.00

This information is taken from the MS-1 (2001 Summary Valuation of Inventory)

# TAX RATE COMPUTATIONS - 2001

## Town Portion

Total Town Appropriations	\$ 6,294,130	
Less - Revenues	\$ 5,046,300	
Less - Shared Revenues	\$ 33,105	
Add: Overlay	\$ 15,465	
Add: War Service Credits	\$ 17,200	
Net Town Appropriations		\$ 1,247,390
Approved Town/City Tax Effort		

**MUNICIPAL TAX RATE** \$ 12.20

## School Portion

Net Local School Budget	\$ 1,907,745	
Regional School Apportionment	\$ 1,008,021	
Less: Adequate Education Grant	\$ (736,588)	
Less: State Education Taxes	\$ (688,917)	
Approved School(s) Tax Effort		
<b>LOCAL EDUCATION TAX RATE</b>		\$ 14.58

State Education Taxes  
 Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x \$6.60  
 \$104,381,296  
**STATE SCHOOL RATE** \$ 6.81

## County Portion

Due to County	\$ 190,682	
Less: Shared Revenues	\$ (3,824)	
Approved County Tax Effort		\$ 186,858
<b>COUNTY TAX RATE</b>		\$ 1.83

**COMBINED TAX RATE** \$ 35.42

Total Property Taxes Assessed	\$ 3,613,416
Less: War Service Credits	\$ (17,200)
<b>Total Property Tax Commitment</b>	\$ 3,596,226

## PROOF OF RATE

Net Assessed Valuations		Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax	\$ 101,176,955	\$ 6.81	\$ 688,917
All Other Taxes	\$ 102,216,395	\$ 28.61	\$ 2,924,509
			\$ 3,613,426

*Signed by Barbara J. Robinson - DRA -  
 31-Oct-01*





# ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT 2001

Submitted by Linda Guyotte, Treasurer

Beginning Balance January 1, 2001	\$ 1,625,032.57
Deposits	\$ 15,378,976.24
Interest	\$ 57,734.88

Proof of Balance	
MVSB Checking Account	\$ 35,386.74
MVSB Cash Manager	\$ 1,501,183.67
Total Cash on Hand December 31, 2001	\$ 1,536,570.41

Funds Invested	
Deposits	\$ 500,000.00
Interest	\$ 4,361.89
Total	\$ 504,361.89

Proof of Balance	
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool 12/31/01	\$ 504,361.86

Ashland Electric	
Beginning Balance January 1, 2001	\$ -
Deposits	\$ 163,760.19
Expenditures	\$ 100.00
Interest	\$ 57.83
Total	\$ 163,718.02

Proof of Balance	
MVSB Checking Account	\$ 100.00
MVSB Cash Manager	\$ 163,618.02
Total Cah on Hand December 31, 2001	\$ 163,718.02

# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Submitted by Patricia Tucker

I would like to thank the dog owners in Ashland for complying with the dog license laws. I would also like to thank the Ashland Police Department for their cooperation in seeing that the law is followed through.

This office is open from 8-4 Monday – Friday, Thursday 8-5. We are available for motor vehicle registrations, dog licenses, vital records, voter registration as well as a multitude of information concerning the town of Ashland.

The following is an unaudited account of the town clerk receipts:

Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$238,871.00
Dog Fees Paid to Town	\$ 1,931.00
Dog Fees Sent to State	\$ 912.50
Vital Record Fees kept by town	\$ 252.00
Vital Record Fees sent to state	\$ 776.00
UCC fees and filing fees	\$ 1,182.18
Miscellaneous fees	\$ 556.94
Total	\$244,481.62

The Tax Collector's Office is open 8-4 Monday – Friday, Thursday 8-5. The Tax Collector's Report in the form of the state MS61 is included in this report.

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

MS-61

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 FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF ASHLAND YEAR ENDING 2001

DEBITS	Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES (Please specify years)		
<b>UNCOLLECTED TAXES- BEG. OF YEAR* :</b>				
Property Taxes		315,632.63	0	0
Resident Taxes		2,000.00	480.00	0
Land Use Change		0.00	0.00	0
Yield Taxes		637.10	0.00	(11,065.00)
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd		0.00	0.00	0
Excavation Activity Tax		0.00	0.00	0
Utility Charges		0.00	0.00	0
AVERY STREET BETTERMENT		143.56		(759.29)
<b>TAXES COMMITTED</b>				
Property Taxes #3110	3,608,606.85	0.00	0.00	0.00
Resident Taxes #3180	0.00	370.00	0.00	0.00
Land Use Change #3120	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes #3185	2,902.02	0.00	0.00	6527.41
Excavation Tax #3187	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Excav. Activity Tax #3188	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Utility Charges #3189	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
AVERY STREET BETTERMENT	1,836.26	0.00	0.00	759.29
<b>OVERPAYMENT:</b>				
Property Taxes #3110	1,512.70	0.00	0.00	0.00
Resident Taxes #3180	0.00	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	4537.59
Excavation Tax #3187	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Excav. Activity Tax #3188	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CREDIT MEMO 2002	2,473.73	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest - Late Tax #3190	7,159.34	15,903.22	0.00	0.00
Resident Tax Penalty #3190		50.00	4.00	
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$ 3,624,530.90</b>	<b>\$ 334,736.51</b>	<b>\$ 484.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

\* 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 2001

CREDITS	Levy for This Year	PRIOR LEVIES (Please specify years)		
REMITTED TO TREASURER:	2001	2000	1999	1998
Property Taxes	3,313,102.27	315,604.12	0.00	0.00
Resident Taxes	0.00	870.00	40.00	0.00
Land Use Change	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	2,902.02	637.10	0.00	0.00
Interest	7,159.34	15,953.22	0.00	0.00
Penalties	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd.	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Excavation Activity Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Utility Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Conversion to Lien (should equal line 2, pg.3)				
AVERY STREET BETTERMENT	1,737.82	142.14		
CREDIT MEMO 2002	2,473.73			
<b>DISCOUNTS ALLOWED:</b>				
<b>ABATEMENTS MADE:</b>				
Property Taxes	2,028.39	28.51	0.00	0.00
Resident Taxes	0.00	1500.00	440.00	0.00
Land Use Change	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Excavation Activity Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Utility Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
AVERY STREET BETTERMENT	0.00	1.42	0.00	0.00
<b>CURRENT LEVY DEEDED</b>	554.11	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR #1080</b>				
Property Taxes	294,434.78	0.00	0.00	0.00
Resident Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Land Use Change	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Excavation and Excavation Activity Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Utility Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
AVERY STREET BETTERMENT	98.44	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$ 3,624,530.94</b>	<b>\$ 334,736.51</b>	<b>\$ 484.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

MS-61

FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF ASHLAND YEAR ENDING 2002

DEBITS	Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES (Please specify years)		
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Yr.	0	98,722.26	50,828.31	9,133.74
Liens Executed During Fiscal Yr.	165,646.80			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	3,075.80	9,628.85	13,339.62	5,073.15
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$ 168,722.60</b>	<b>\$ 108,351.11</b>	<b>\$ 64,167.93</b>	<b>\$ 14,206.89</b>

## CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER:	Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES (Please specify years)		
Redemptions	38,174.85	37,982.95	42,549.38	9,133.74
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	3,075.80	9,628.85	13,339.62	5,073.15
REFUND			230.10	
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes			5,136.13	
Liens Deeded To Municipality	1,222.78	1,163.28	1,747.43	
Unredeemed Liens Bal. End of Yr. #1110	126,249.17	59,576.03	1,165.27	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$ 168,722.60</b>	<b>\$ 108,351.11</b>	<b>\$ 64,167.93</b>	<b>\$ 14,206.89</b>

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

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE Deputy Anne M. Abaar DATE: 2/5/02

# SCRIBNER MEMORIAL TRUST

DECEMBER 31, 2001

Balance as of December 31, 2001 \$ 181,655.55

## 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.	\$ 5,064.00

## 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	\$ 5,129.41

## 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	\$ 52,277.21

## TOTAL

\$ 181,655.55

Balance as of December 31, 2001 \$ 181,655.55

Submitted by the Scribner Trustees

Edward A. Dupuis - Sam Norman - Richard Ogden - Richard Pare - Raymond Burke

# Report of the Trust Fund of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire on December 31, 2001

Date of Creation	Name and Purpose of Trust	Purpose of Trust Fund	Principal				Income			Total Principal and Income	Prior Year Balances	Return on Average Balance	Investments		Account Number	Account Balance
			Beginning Balance	Change to Fair Value	Withdrawals	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Income	Increase (decrease) in Fair Value				Expended	Ending Balance		
Nonexpendable Trusts:																
Cemetery Care Trusts:																
Various	Green Grove Cemetery	Cemetery	7,287.53	2,499.24	403.70	(297.74)	(1,000.00)	1,605.20	8,892.73	9,786.77	4.32%	Paine Webber	Mut Fnds CV 65553 33	8,892.73		
09/18/66	Cummings/Berry	Cemetery	1,331.38	905.18	39.56		944.74	2,276.12	2,276.12	2,236.56	1.75%	MVS Passbook	64845	2,276.12		
06/01/30	Thompson Cemetery	Cemetery	200.00	155.43	6.28		161.71	361.71	361.71	355.43	1.75%	MVS Passbook	12058	361.71		
Library Trusts:																
02/08/77	Pauline Packard Memorial Fund	Library	1,000.00	(19.00)			(174.00)	981.00	981.00	1,203.60	-2.71%	Paine Webber	Mut Fnds CV 65553 33	981.00		
08/07/74	Orway Cheney	Library	1,881.80	351.44	76.82	(171.68)	(198.00)	58.58	1,940.38	2,233.24	-4.55%	Paine Webber	Mut Fnds CV 65554 33	1,940.38		
05/13/85	Harriet Addison Memorial Park	Library	1,000.00	(68.48)		(51.24)		931.52	931.52	1,051.24	-5.17%	Pioneer	Mut Fnds 38-00806573	931.52		
03/01/95	J. Rollins Trust	Mem. Park	3,200.00		241.23	(1,845.12)		2,338.57	5,538.57	7,142.46	-25.30%	Paine Webber	Mut Fnds CV 69135 07	5,538.57		
08/12/93	Memorial Park	Maintenance	30,418.29		2,618.87		(3,000.00)	18,945.17	49,363.46	49,744.59	5.28%	AG Edwards	Mut Fnds 10-100746-0v	49,363.46		
<i>variance with audited financial statements</i>																
			46,319.00	(87.48)	3,426.50	(2,435.42)	(4,372.00)	24,053.97	70,285.49	73,753.89	1.38%			70,285.49		
Expendable Trusts:																
Capital Reserve Funds:																
03/08/77	Sewer Main Extension			244.48	1.35		(245.83)			244.48	1.10%	MVS	Chk 95981202	Closed		
03/14/92	Fire Department Radio											MVS	Passbook 76012	Closed		
03/14/00	Fire Department Radio	was HYWY	6,806.12	(6,806.12)	38.43		(199.66)			6,967.35	1.10%	MVS	Passbook 75038	Closed		
03/14/99	Fire Department Radio		5,491.44	131.90	99.46			231.36	5,722.80	5,623.34	1.75%	MVS	Passbook 77025	5,722.80		
03/14/99	Highway, Fire & Police		10,197.72	415.20	187.71			602.91	10,800.63	10,612.92	1.75%	MVS	Passbook 76950	10,800.63		
			22,495.28	(6,806.12)	326.95		(445.49)	834.27	16,523.43	23,448.09	1.64%			16,523.43		
Agency Trusts:																
Ashland School District																
05/13/85	Alice June Addison Memorial	Scholarship	13,388.94	(614.35)	484.54	(484.54)			12,774.59	13,388.94	3.70%	Paine Webber	Mut Fnds CV 65552 07	12,774.59		
05/13/85	Alice June Addison Memorial	Scholarship	194.20		1,877.06	(593.21)	(1,200.00)	83.85	278.05	2,071.26		MVS	Passbook 71196	278.05		
08/16/87	Edward M. Doggett Memorial	Scholarship	2,000.00		49.16			483.74	2,483.74	2,434.58	2.00%	MVS	Passbook 64289	2,483.74		
			15,583.14	(614.35)	533.70	(1,077.75)	(1,200.00)	567.59	15,536.38	17,894.78	3.19%			15,536.38		
			84,397.42	(701.83)	4,287.15	(3,513.17)	(6,017.49)	25,455.83	102,345.30	115,096.76	3.94%			102,345.30		
Totals																



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Ashland  
Ashland, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2000. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

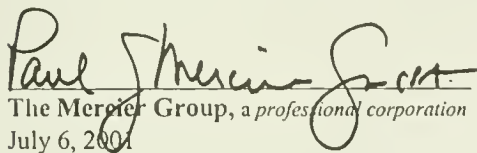
We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group, which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 2000, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund types and nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit organizations*, and other schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated July 6, 2001 on our consideration of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire's internal control structure and a report dated July 6, 2001 on its compliance with laws and regulations.

  
The Mercier Group, a professional corporation  
July 6, 2001

∴ THE COMPLETE AUDIT IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT THE ASHLAND TOWN OFFICE

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Ashland  
Ashland, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 2000, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

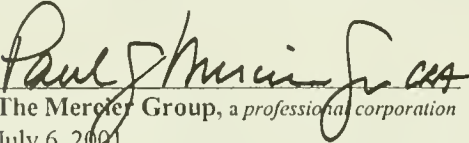
Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above. During the course of our audit, we noted the following matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operations that were not considered material weaknesses:

### General Accounting System

Realizing that the Town has been through a difficult period, it was evident from our review of accounting systems that much work has been done to overcome the deficiencies disclosed by the recently concluded fraud investigation. Over the course of the past year, the Town has been addressing its accounting needs and is making progress on an overall strategic plan to improve its financial management and accounting systems. While some weakness continued though out the 2000 fiscal year, these pertained mainly to learning curves and the training of new accounting personnel. During the course of our audit, we assisted the community with the reconciliation of general ledger accounts and as part of an on-going commitment, we will continue to provide oversight and training during the current fiscal year. Areas of opportunity for further consideration identified as priorities include:

- Continued training of accounting personnel
- Development of electronic accounting records to include all funds
- Development of decentralized accounting records – Trust Funds
- Financial reporting and distribution of information to the utility departments

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management as an aid in improving systems and procedures. It should not be used for any other purpose.

  
The Mercier Group, a professional corporation  
July 6, 2001

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## *INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION*

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Ashland, New Hampshire  
Ashland, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Ashland as of and for the year ended December 31, 2001, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group, which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 2001, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Paul J. Mercier, Jr. CPA

The Mercier Group, *a professional corporation*

January 22, 2002



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Ashland, New Hampshire  
Ashland, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 2001, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

Since the conclusion of our last audit in July 2001, the Town has continued to improve accounting skills and bring accounting functions in-house. While some weaknesses will exist until all new procedures are fully implemented, we do not consider them material as defined above. We are pleased by the progress that has been made by Town personnel and will continue to monitor and provide training as needed through the coming year.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration as a resource for improving operations. It is not intended and should not be used for any other purpose.

*Paul J. Mercier, Jr. CPA*

**The Mercier Group**, a professional corporation  
January 22, 2002



# STATEMENT - APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

For the tax year 2001 of the Town of Ashland in Grafton County

	2001 Budget	Actual Expenditures	Encumbrances	Balance Remaining
<b>General Government</b>				
Executive	\$ 4,685.00	\$ 4,205.01	\$ 970.00	\$ (490.01)
Election, Registration, Vitals	\$ 22,923.00	\$ 27,256.62		\$ (4,333.62)
Financial Administration	\$ 258,698.00	\$ 238,202.42		\$ 20,495.58
Revaluation of Property	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 17,451.75	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 548.25
Legal Expense	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 28,585.13		\$ 21,414.87
Personnel Administration	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -		\$ 1,000.00
Planning and Zoning	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 2,676.76		\$ 1,073.24
General Government Buildings	\$ 28,331.00	\$ 16,477.04		\$ 11,853.96
Cemeteries	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00		\$ -
Insurance	\$ 76,004.00	\$ 62,117.37		\$ 13,886.63
Advertising and Regional Associations	\$ 1,770.00	\$ 1,770.00		\$ -
Other General Government	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 13,027.92		\$ 6,972.08
<b>Public Safety</b>				
Police	\$ 320,957.00	\$ 299,668.97		\$ 21,288.03
Ambulance	\$ 25,200.00	\$ 25,191.79		\$ 8.21
Fire	\$ 89,175.00	\$ 83,831.35		\$ 5,343.65
Building Inspection	\$ 5,684.00	\$ 4,952.07		\$ 731.93
Emergency Management	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -		\$ 2,000.00
<b>Highways and Streets</b>				
Administration	* \$ 152,705.98	\$ 128,640.59		\$ 24,065.39
Highways and Streets	\$ 124,100.00	\$ 111,580.43		\$ 12,519.57
Bridges	\$ 600.00	\$ 123.51		\$ 476.49
Town Mechanic	* \$ 47,289.11	\$ 46,254.19		\$ 1,034.92
Street Lighting	\$ 30,402.00	\$ 61,892.79		\$ (31,490.79)
Sanitation				
Solid Waste Disposal	* \$ 145,124.53	\$ 125,880.16		\$ 19,244.37
Health				
Administration	\$ 1,596.00	\$ 1,345.65		\$ 250.35
Pest Control	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,900.00		\$ 500.00

Welfare							\$ -
Administration and Direct Assistance	\$ 18,431.00	\$ 15,324.69					\$ 3,106.31
Vendor Payments and Other	\$ 19,542.50	\$ 19,542.50					\$ -
Culture and Recreation							\$ -
Parks and Recreation	\$ 113,760.00	\$ 101,846.75					\$ 11,913.25
Library	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 36,000.00					\$ -
Patriotic Purposes	\$ 6,706.00	\$ 3,941.00					\$ 2,765.00
Town Trustees	\$ 648.00	\$ 645.96					\$ 2.04
Conservation	\$ 200.00	\$ 451.35					\$ (251.35)
Debt Service							\$ -
Principal - Long Term bonds/notes	\$ 710,068.00	\$ 710,216.45					\$ (148.45)
Interest - Long Term bonds/notes	\$ 197,102.00	\$ 198,512.13					\$ (1,410.13)
Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	\$ 1.00	\$ -					\$ 1.00
Capital Outlay							\$ -
Machinery, Vehicles, Equipment	* \$ 207,733.00	\$ 55,936.82			\$ 148,900.00		\$ 2,896.18
Default Accounts	\$ -	\$ (28.06)					\$ 28.06
							\$ -
* Includes Warrant Articles							
Total General Fund	\$ 2,747,286.12	\$ 2,446,121.11			\$ 153,870.00		\$ 147,295.01
Operating Transfers							\$ -
Out to Enterprise Funds							
Municipal Sewer Fund	* \$ 256,595.06	\$ 294,435.66					\$ (37,840.60)
Municipal Water Fund	* \$ 155,039.00	\$ 136,385.18					\$ 18,653.82
Municipal Electric Fund	* \$ 3,135,210.86	\$ 1,821,698.94					\$ 1,313,511.92

**2002**

**ASHLAND  
TOWN WARRANT  
AND  
BUDGET**

Town of Ashland  
State of New Hampshire  
Warrant – Year 2002

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 2, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. to act upon the following articles. Vote by official ballot will take place on March 12, 2002 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 establish an expendable general trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a to be known as the Employee Disability Payment Fund for the purpose of paying short and long term disability claims suffered by Town employees and to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand three hundred dollars (\$7,300) to be placed into this fund, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

**Article 2:**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing a Highway Truck including plow, wing, and dump body, and to raise and appropriate the sum of forty five thousand dollars (\$45,000) to be placed into this fund, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

**Article 3:**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the date of August 1 as the filing date for elderly exemption from the property tax. (Majority vote required).

**Article 4:**

To see if the Town will vote to purchase new computers and accompanying software and hardware for town offices and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty one thousand three hundred twelve dollars (\$21,312) for this purpose. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

**Article 5:**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a 5 year lease agreement for the purpose of acquiring fire protective clothing for members of the fire department and to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand five hundred thirty five dollars (\$6,535) which represents the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required).



Article 6:

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrants articles and other appropriations voted separately, 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 \$5,644,768. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$6,222,498 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 revised operating budget only. The Ashland Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority Vote Required).

Article 7:

To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of its Boards, Commissioners, Committees and Officers for the year 2001 subject to corrections of errors when and if found. (Majority Vote Required).

Article 8:

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 Clerk for 3 years
- (c) One Town Treasurer for 1 year
- (d) One Town Moderator for 2 years
- (e) One Town Trustee for 3 years
- (f) Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years
- (g) Supervisor of the Checklist for 2 years
- (h) Library Trustee for 3 years
- (i) Electric Commissioner for 3 years
- (j) Water & Sewer Commissioner for 3 years
- (k) Water & Sewer Commissioner for 2 years
- (l) Water & Sewer Commissioner for 1 year
- (m) Four Budget Committee Members for 3 years

Article 9:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of property taxes and authorize the Tax Collector to accept such prepayment as provided by RSA 80:52-a. (Majority Vote Required)

Article 10:

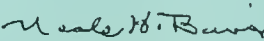
To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

*Town of Ashland  
Board of Selectmen*

Attest: A true copy.

  
Tom E. Peters, III

  
James A. Cole

  
Neale H. Bavis

DATED AND POSTED: 1/28/02

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION  
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487  
(603)271-3397



### 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, 2002 to December 31, 2002

or Fiscal Year From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

#### IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

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.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
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.

We Certify This Form Was Posted on (Date): JANUARY 28, 2002

#### BUDGET COMMITTEE

*Please sign in ink.*

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Pamela R. Ober  
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THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

ACCT. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	WARR. ART. #	Appropriation: Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>								
4130-4139	Executive		4685	4205	5135		5135	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		22923	27257	25025		25025	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		258698	237779	264922		264922	
4152	Revaluation of Property		22000	17452	56000		56000	
4153	Legal Expense		50000	27989	50000		50000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		1000	0	1		1	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		3750	2597	3250		3250	
4194	General Government Buildings		28331	14656	31081		31081	
4195	Cemeteries		700	700	500		500	
4196	Insurance		76004	62117	78035		78035	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		1770	1770	1770		1770	
4199	Other General Government		20000	13028	20000		20000	
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>								
4210-4214	Police		320957	299286	393243		393243	
4215-4219	Ambulance		25200	25192	26691		26691	
4220-4229	Fire		89175	83149	102639		102639	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		5684	4952	5685		5685	
4290-4298	Emergency Management		2000	0	2000		2000	
4299	Other (Including Communications)							
<b>AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER</b>								
4301-4309	Airport Operations							
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>								
4311	Administration		152706	128641	158654		158654	
4312	Highways & Streets		124100	111357	176260		176260	
4313	Bridges		600	124	350		350	

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

HIGHWAYS & STREETS cont.

4316	Street Lighting		30402	61893	41402		41402		41402		XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
4314	Other Mechanic		47289	46254	49253		49253		49253		XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
SANITATION												
4321	Administration										XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
4323	Solid Waste Collection										XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		145124	125729	127946	815	128761		128761		XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up										XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other										XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX

WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT

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

ELECTRIC

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

HEALTH/WELFARE

4411	Administration		1596	1346	1596		1596		1596		XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
4414	Pest Control		2400	1900	3800		3800		3800		XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other										XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		18431	14498	18431		18431		18431		XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments										XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		19543	19543	3858		3858		3858		XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX









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Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSUING YEAR
<b>TAXES</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes				
3180	Resident Taxes			370	
3185	Timber Taxes		3748	11265	1500
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		30000	48764	41000
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		40000	43676	40000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		4700	0	4700
3188	Excavation Activity Tax				
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		3100	4076	2150
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		207000	238686	210000
3230	Building Permits		7500	5718	5000
	Boat Reg.				
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		11000	10344	12370
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
<b>FROM STATE</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		33000	69044	34522
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution				
3353	Highway Block Grant		43000	42846	42846
3354	Water Pollution Grant		25000	70889	72980
	Rooms & Meals				
3355	Housing & Community Development		38000	50935	38000
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		100	107	100
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)			27528	25335
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		44025	65275	71048
3409	Other Charges		70609	46904	45500
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		2000		
3502	Interest on Investments		30000	58547	20000
3503-3509	Other		43800	78538	40800
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>			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)		256110	395684	258610
	Water - (Offset)		155038	176613	147135
	Electric - (Offset)		3131099	2282932	2361511
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		7000	7252	
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			4185829	3735993	3476607

\*\*BUDGET SUMMARY\*\*

	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 5)	5638553	5644768
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 6)	52300	52300
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 6)	27847	27847
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	5718700	5724915
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above, column 6)	3476607	3476607
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	2,242,093	2,248,308

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: 6193917  
 (See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

# BUDGET COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

(For Calculating 10% Maximum Increase)

(RSA 32:18, 19, & 32:21)

Revised 2000

VERSION #2: Use if you have Collective Bargaining Cost Items

LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNIT: Ashland      Calendar 2002  
 FISCAL YEAR END 2002

Col. A

	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT		
1. Total RECOMMENDED by Budget Committee (see budget MS7, 27, or 37)	5724915		
LESS EXCLUSIONS:			
2. Principle: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	788504		
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	219574		
4. Capital Outlays Funded From Long-Term Bonds & Notes per RSA 33:8 & 33:7-b	26821		
5. Mandatory Assessments	.		
6. TOTAL EXCLUSIONS (Sum of rows 2-5)	< 1034899. >		
7. Amount recommended less recommended exclusion amounts (Line 1 less Line 6)	4690016		
8. Line 7 times 10%	469002	Col. B	Col. C
9. Maximum allowable appropriation prior to vote (Line 1 + 8)	6193917	Col. B	(Col. B-A)
10. Collective Bargaining Cost Items, RSA 32:19 & 273-A:1, IV, (Complete Col. A prior to meeting & Col. B and Col. C at meeting)	24048	Cost Items recommended	Cost Items voted Amt. voted above recommended

**MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE APPROPRIATIONS VOTED**

At meeting, add Line 9 + Column C.      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Line 8 plus any not recommended collective bargaining cost items or increases to cost items voted is the maximum allowable increase to budget committee's recommended budget. Please enter this amount on the bottom of the posted budget form, MS7, 27, or 37.

# TOWN OF ASHLAND

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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 Street	968-4432
Selectmen – 20 Highland Street	968-4432
Ashland Electric – 6 Collins St	968-3083
Wastewater Treatment – Collins St	968-7193
Ashland Police – 20 Highland St	968-7598
<b>EMERGENCY 9 1 1</b>	
Ashland Fire Dept – 9 Main St	968-7772
<b>EMERGENCY 9 1 1</b>	
Ashland Parks and Recreation	968-9209
Summer Programs	
Winter Programs	
Campground (Reopening 2002)	
Public Beach (Passes required)	
Booster Club Building Rental	
Ball Fields	
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 Dept	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	
Zoning Ordinance – <b>YES</b>	
Welfare Office – 20 Highland St	968-4432
TH 5:30 – 7:30	
Recycling/Transfer Station	
96 Collins Street	968-9032

**Permit Required – present auto registration at the Town Office – fee schedule available**

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

Planning Board  
Board of Adjustment  
Conservation Commission  
Housing Standards Board  
Health Officer

## **Schools**

Ashland Elementary	968-7622
Education Way	Grades K-8
Plymouth Regional High School	536-1444
Old Ward Bridge Rd	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 Street	968-7770

## **Hospitals**

Speare Memorial – Plymouth	536-1120
Lakes Region General-Laconia	524-3211
Concord Hospital – Concord	800-327-0464

## **Community Affiliates**

Ashland Community Center	968-9698
Food Pantry	
Thrift Shop	

## **State Representatives**

Sen. Ned Gordon	271-1110
Rep. William Gabler	271-1110
Rep. Burton Williams	271-1110

## **US Senators and Representatives**

Sen. Bob Smith	635-5000
Sen. Judd Gregg	622-7979
Rep. John Sununu	641-9536
Rep. Charles Bass	226-0249

# 2002 DATES TO REMEMBER

January 1	Fiscal year begins
February 2, 2002	Deliberative Session - Town of Ashland Warrant - 1 P.M. Ashland School Gymnasium
February 7, 2002	Deliberative Session - Pemi Baker Regional School District - 6:30 PM Place - Plymouth Regional High School
March 7, 2002	Ashland School District Meeting Ashland School Gymnasium - 7PM
March 1, 2002	Last day to file application for property tax exemption, credit, abatement or deferral for 2001 tax year.
March 1, 2003	Last day to file application for property tax exemption, credit, abatement or deferral for 2002 tax year.
March 12, 2002	SB2 Official Balloting and Town/School Elections Ashland School Gymnasium 9AM - 7 PM
April 1	All Real Property assessed to owner
April 15	Last day for religious, educational, and charitable organizations to file annual list of all exempt property with assessing officials. Refusal to file may be grounds for denial. Last day to file "Report of Cut" for the 2000-01 year Last day to file Current Use application for the 2002 year
April 30	2001 Dog licenses expire - renew with Town Clerk
July 1	Property tax - first issue due
December 1	Property tax - second issue due

## BOARDS AND COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULES

\*Subject to change with notice

Board of Selectmen	First/Third Monday of the month 6 PM - Ashland School Cafeteria
Planning Board	Third Wednesday of the month <b>Call 968-4432 for information</b>
Board of Adjustment	Meetings scheduled as needed
Conservation Commission	First Wednesday of the month - 7PM town hall
Housing Standards Board	As needed
Budget Committee	As posted
Electric Commissioners	Every other Thursday 10 AM at Utility Office

*Meeting notices are posted at the Ashland Town Office*