

# TOWN OF ASHLAND NEW HAMPSHIRE ANNUAL REPORT



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# WELCOME TO ASHLAND

TOWN OFFICE HOURS - MON, TUES, WED, FRI 8-4 , THURS 8-5

WELFARE OFFICE HOURS – THURS 5:30-7:30

BUILDING INSPECTOR HOURS – THURS 4-5

ADMINISTRATION	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	968-4432
ASSESSING	TOWN OFFICE	968-4432
BUILDING PERMITS	BUILDING INSPECTOR	968-4432
BURN PERMITS	FIRE DEPARTMENT	968-7772
DOGS-LICENSING	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
DOGS – AT LARGE	POLICE DEPARTMENT	968-4000
ELECTIONS	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
VOTER REGISTRATION	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
ELECTRIC SERVICE	ASHLAND ELECTRIC	968-3083
HEALTH OFFICER	TOWN OFFICE	968-4432
TOWN LIBRARY	SCRIBNER LIBRARY	968-7928
VEHICLE RESISTRATION	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
LAND USE	TOWN OFFICE	968-4432
POLICE	POLICE DEPARTMENT	968-4000
PARKS AND RECREATION	P/R DEPARTMENT	968-9209
RECYCLING	TRANSFER STATION	968-7032
ROAD MAINTENANCE	HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	968-3166
SCHOOLS	ASHLAND ELEMENTARY	968-7622
	PLYMOUTH REGIONAL HS	536-1444
PROPERTY TAXES	TAX COLLECTOR	968-4432
VITAL RECORDS	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
WATER/SEWER DEPT	BILLING OFFICE	968-4002
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WELFARE	TOWN OFFICE	968-4432

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# TOWN REPORT DEDICATION



This community is fortunate to have citizens who like to work behind the scenes - caring for others, advocating for children, and jumping into the forefront if needed - doing what they do best - just for the betterment of this community and its citizens.

This year the Ashland Town Report is dedicated to such an individual. We share some of pertinent facts about our friend and fellow citizen - ***Lumina Provencher Straw***.

- Born October 5, 1920 in Ashland to Henry and Leona Provencher
- Married to Richard Straw for 62 years
- Three Children
- Nine Grandchildren
- 16 Great Grandchildren

## Education

- Attended Ashland Schools, graduating in 1938
- Graduated Notre Dame School of Nursing 1943
- Received Teacher Certification from Plymouth College

## Work History

- Head Obstetrics Nurse, Notre Dame Hospital
- Visiting Nurse, Ashland
  - Provided in home care
- Ashland School Nurse for 25 years
  - Led the School Nurses Club

## Associations

- American Nurses Association
- Retired Teachers Association
- Lakes Region Retired Teachers Association
- American Legion Auxiliary
  - Volunteer for numerous events including bingo, breakfasts, etc.
  - Participated in Parades
- Ashland Women's Club
  - Volunteer for numerous events
- Beach Booster Association
  - Worked to build beach for children of Ashland
  - Volunteer for numerous events
- Member St. Agnes Parish
  - Coordinator for Religious Education
  - Religious Education Teacher
  - Eucharistic Minister (take communion to shut ins)
  - Director Children's Choir
  - Coordinator St Patrick's Supper
  - Volunteer for numerous events
- Participated in Food for All
- Worked on 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee and volunteered at events



WE REMEMBER....

I'd like the memory of me  
to be a happy one,  
I'd like to leave an afterglow  
of smiles when life is done,  
I'd like to leave an echo  
whispering softly down the ways,  
of happy times and laughing  
times and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who  
grieve, to dry before the sun  
of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

*Author Unknown*

***With fond memories we remember the citizens we have lost this year.***

*Clifton Moody  
H. Kenneth Dane  
Pauline Heath  
Romenia Hughes  
Jeremy Becker  
Arlene Hall  
Kathleen Huff  
Evelyn Magoon*

*Leon Boisvert  
Richard Straw  
Andrew Evans  
Howard Good  
Albert Reitsma Jr.  
Pauline Macchio  
Ruth Knapp  
Catherine Pethtel*

*Russell "Joe" Yeaton*





# **TOWN OFFICIALS AND BOARDS**

# BOARDS AND OFFICIALS 2007

BOARD/COMMITTEE	MEMBER	TERM
<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN (ELECTED)</b>	GLENN DION	2008
	LEIGH SHARPS	2008
	BETH BARTLETT	2009
	DANIEL GOLDEN	2010
	JEANETTE I. STEWART	2010
<b>TOWN ADMINISTRATOR</b>	RICHARD J. ALPERS	APPOINTED
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT</b>	LAURA PLUMMER	RESIGNED
<b>OFFICE ASSISTANT</b>	PATRICIA CROWELL	APPOINTED
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>	PATRICIA TUCKER	2008
<b>DEPUTY TOWN CLERK</b>	LAURA PLUMMER	RESIGNED
<b>DEPUTY TOWN CLERK</b>	ANNE ABEAR	APPOINTED
<b>TAX COLLECTOR</b>	PATRICIA TUCKER	APPOINTED
<b>DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR</b>	LAURA PLUMMER	RESIGNED
<b>DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR</b>	ANNE ABEAR	APPOINTED
<b>TOWN TREASURER</b>	LINDA GUYOTTE	2008
<b>DEPUTY TREASURER</b>	LINDA EASTMAN	APPOINTED
<b>TOWN MODERATOR</b>	PHILIP PRESTON	2008
<b>TOWN TRUSTEES</b>	RICHARD PARE	2008
	EDWARD DUPUIS	2009
	RICHARD OGDEN	2010
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</b>	JULIA SMITH	2008
	LYNN DAVIS	2009
	ALICE STAPLES	2010
<b>SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST</b>	DOUGLAS OBER	RESIGNED
	TERI LINDEN	APPOINTED (08)
	MARYANN REINHOLZ	2010
	BEVERLY OBER	2012
<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND TRANSFER STATION</b>	MARK OBER - ROAD AGENT	
	TIMOTHY PAQUETTE	
	DANIEL DEFOSSES	
	DANIEL THOMPSON	
	SHELLY THOMPSON	RESIGNED
<b>PARKS AND RECREATION</b>	JAMES GLEICH, DIRECTOR	
<b>ASHLAND POLICE DEPT</b>	CHIEF JOSEPH CHIVELL	
	LT. DONALD MARREN	
	SGT. STEPHEN ROWE	
	PTLMAN DANIEL HAMILTON	
	PTLMAN ANGELA BERGERON	RESIGNED
	PTLMAN CHRISTOPHER PAQUETTE	
	PTLMAN JOSEPH MCCOMISKEY JR	
ADM. DAVID MOSER		
PART TIME JAMIE LYFORD		
<b>TOWN MECHANIC</b>	LEE HUCKINS	

<b>SCRIBNER TRUSTEES</b>	DEAN MARCROFT THOMAS PETERS	2008
<b>CONSERVATION COMM.</b>	RUTH KNAPP ANNE ALLEN TERRY MYSHRALL MARK SCHULTZ RENEE LIEBERT	2008 2008 2010 2010 2009
<b>WELFARE DIRECTOR</b>	ROBERT HICKS	
<b>HOUSING STANDARDS BOARD</b>	ASHLAND FIRE CHIEF ASHLAND HEALTH OFFICER ROBERT HICKS CLAIRE HICKS	2011 2010
<b>PEMI BAKER SOLID WASTE</b>	MARK OBER	
<b>HEALTH OFFICER</b>	BETH BARTLETT RICHARD J. ALPERS, DEPUTY	RESIGNED
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS</b>	CHIEF THOMAS STEWART DEPUTY BRADLEY OBER DEPUTY CHARLES FOUTS	
<b>ASHLAND ELECTRIC DEPT</b>	SUPERINTENDENT LEE NICHOLS JOE VITTUM JEFFREY HLADYK LINDA PACK, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY PATRICIA FLIGG, OFFICE STAFF	
<b>ELECTRIC COMMISSIONERS</b>	RAYMOND KNOWLTON MELVIN HOLLAND SANDRA COLEMAN KENDALL L. HUGHES	2008 RESIGNED (09) 2008 2010
<b>WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT</b>	OPERATOR - UNITED WATER PLANT MANAGER - RUSSELL CROSS JR KAY MUDGETT, OFFICE STAFF	
<b>WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS</b>	ROBERT BOYLE ANDREW DAME ERNEST PAQUETTE	2008 2009 2010
<b>ASHLAND PLANNING BOARD</b>	DON LATULIPPE MICHAEL EVLETH ANDREW FITCH KENDALL B. HUGHES RYAN MacDONALD ROBERT BOYLE ALT. ANTHONY RANDALL ALT. EDWARD D'AMBRUOSO	2008 2008 2008 2009 RESIGNED 2010 2010 2010
<b>ASHLAND ZONING BOARD</b>	PAUL BRADBURY FRANCIS MURDOCK ERIC BAKER MICHELLE FISTEK ROBERT BOYLE	2008 2008 2009 2010 2009

<b>BUDGET COMMITTEE</b>	ROBERTA HOERTER	2008
	KENDALL B. HUGHES	2008
	ANNE SULLIVAN	2008
	DENNIS POTTER	2008
	JAMES GOSSE	2008
	DAVID RUELL	2009
	SANDRA COLEMAN	2010
	GLENN DION - SELECTMEN REP	
	MIRIAM BROWN - SCHOOL BOARD REP	
<b>BUILDING INSPECTOR CODE ENFORCEMENT</b>	ROBERT HICKS	
<b>PLUMBING INSPECTOR</b>	DALE GRAY	
<b>ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR</b>	FRANCIS MURDOCK	
<b>HEATING SYSTEM INSPECTOR</b>	ASHLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT	
<b>HISTORIC COMMISSION</b>	ROBERT HICKS	
	CLAIRE HICKS	
<b>MEMORIAL PARK TRUSTEES</b>	ERNEST HUTTER	
	PHILIP PRESTON	
	MARY RUELL	
	MARION MERRILL	
<b>PEMI BAKER HOME HEALTH AGENCY REP</b>	MARY RUELL	
	PHILIP PRESTON	
<p>DURING THE YEAR THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OFTEN FIND THAT THEY HAVE VACANCIES ON SOME OF THE BOARDS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING YOUR SERVICES AND EXPERTISE FOR OUR COMMUNITY PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWN OFFICE. WE WILL BE GLAD TO PUT YOUR NAME ON THE CONTACT LIST WE USE WHEN SUCH A VACANCY SHOULD OCCUR.</p>		
<p>YOU MAY BE IN LUCK AND NOT HAVE TO WAIT, SOME OF OUR BOARDS HAVE VACANCIES AT THIS TIME. GIVE US A CALL AT 968-4432.</p>		
<h1><b><i>THANKS TO ALL</i></b></h1>		

**2007  
TOWN  
ELECTION  
AND  
OFFICIAL  
BALLOTING  
RESULTS**

**Minutes of the Deliberative Session  
Town of Ashland, New Hampshire  
February 3, 2007**

In accordance with the legally posted meeting, Moderator Philip Preston called the session to order at 1:00 PM. It was announced that the official ballot voting on the articles would take place on March 13, 2007 from 9 AM to 7 PM at the Ashland School Gymnasium.

The Dedication of the 2006 Town Report was presented to Nancy Cross.

Present at the head table were: Budget Committee Members Robin Fisk, Dennis Potter, Helen Knowlton, David Ruell; Town Clerk Patricia Tucker; Moderator Philip Preston; Selectmen Glenn Dion, Daniel Golden, Beth Gillespy, Jeanette Stewart, Thomas Peters; Town Administrator Richard Alpers; Town Attorney Laura Spector.

The Moderator read the following articles:

**Article 1:**

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

(2)	Selectmen	3 Year Term
(1)	Selectman	1 Year Term
(1)	Town Trustee	3 Year Term
(1)	Library Trustee	3 Year Term
(1)	Electric Commissioner	3 Year Term
(1)	Water/Sewer Commissioner	3 Year Term
(3)	Budget Committee	3 Year Term
(2)	Budget Committee	2 Year Term
(2)	Budget Committee	1 Year Term

**This article will appear on the ballot as written with the candidates that have signed up for the positions.**

**Article 2:**

**Amendment #1** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: to amend Section 2.3e [Population Density] of the Zoning Ordinance by changing the minimum land area per dwelling unit or mobile home in the Rural Residential Zone for areas with municipal water and sewer, municipal water only and municipal sewer only? (Majority Vote Required)

**Amendment #2** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: to amend Section 4.6a.2 [Home Occupation Signage] of the Zoning Ordinance so as to limit the size of signage permitted for a home occupation? (Majority Vote Required)

**Amendment #3** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: to amend Section 2.2f [Little Squam Lake and Squam River Overlay District] of the Zoning Ordinance by removing dug-in boathouses or other structures requiring or resulting in any alteration of the shoreline as a prohibited use?



**Amendment #4** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: to amend Section 4.9 of the Zoning Ordinance [Flood Hazard Areas] by changing or adding several provisions as necessary to comply with the requirements of the National Insurance Program?

**Article 2 will appear on a separate ballot to be acted upon.**

**Article 3:**

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to employ a full time paid fire chief at an annual salary of \$49,500 and to raise and appropriate \$42,000 to compensate that full time paid fire chief in 2007, instead of continuing to utilize the services of a part time volunteer fire chief. This article was submitted by petition. *The Budget Committee voted 6-3 to support this article. The Board of Selectmen supports this article.* (Majority vote required)

**This article was read, presentation given, there was no discussion, and it was declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.**

**Article 4:**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 5 year lease agreement for the purpose of acquiring 13 sets of fire protective clothing for members of the fire department and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,685 which represents the first years payment for that purpose. The total lease amount over five years is \$23,425. This amount includes interest. This lease agreement does contain a non-appropriations clause. *The Budget Committee voted 7-2 to support this article. The Board of Selectman recommends this article.* (Majority vote required)

**This article was read, there was no discussion, and it was declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.**

**Article 5:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$11,108 for the purpose of reducing the general fund deficit pursuant to RSA 41:9,V for the year 2005. The Department of Revenue Administration recommends this article. *The Board of Selectmen supports this article. The Budget Committee voted 8-1 to support this article.* (Majority vote required)

**This article was read, an explanation was given, there was no further discussion, and it was declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.**

**Article 6:**

Shall we modify the provisions of RSA 72:28 II, The Optional Veterans' Tax Credit whose procedure for modification is authorized by RSA 72:27-a, III to increase the optional veterans' tax credit from its current amount of \$100 to \$250 such amount to be subtracted each year from the property tax on the veteran's residential property. (Majority vote required)

**This article was read, there was no discussion, and it was declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.**

**Article 7:**

Are you in favor of amending Article 6 of the Town of Ashland Building Regulations to utilize the 2006 International Building Codes? (Majority vote required)

**This article was read, following a brief explanation, it was declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.**

**Article 8:**

Are you in favor of amending Article 6 of the Town of Ashland Building Regulations to utilize the 2006 International Residential Code? (Majority vote required)

**This article was read, following a brief explanation, it was declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.**

**Article 9:**

Are you in favor of amending the Town of Ashland Building Regulations to adopt the most current edition of NFPA 1 Uniform Fire Code T, as adopted by reference in the most current version of the State of New Hampshire State Fire Code, Chapter Saf-C 6000? (Majority vote required)

**This article was read, following a brief explanation, it was declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.**

**Article 10:**

To see if the Town will vote to immediately discontinue the Board of Electric Commissioners and return the management, control, and direction of the municipal electric system to the authority of the Board of Selectmen. This article was submitted by petition. (Majority vote required)

**This article was read, following brief discussion, it was declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.**

**Article 11:**

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 amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote on the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$5,852,856. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$5,765,057 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. (Majority vote required)

The article was read:

David Ruell moved, seconded by Dennis Potter to decrease the Fire Department Vehicle Maintenance line by \$12,000, making that line read \$13,500. A brief explanation of the reason for the amendment was given, there was no further discussion.

**Moderator Preston called for the vote, and declared the amendment passed by voice vote with no dissention.**

Ernest Paquette moved, seconded by Shaun Magoon to increase the Highway Department Street Improvement line by \$85,000 of which \$63,000 will be for Cross Road to work in conjunction with the Water and Sewer Improvement Project. A brief explanation of the reason for the amendment was given, there was no further discussion.

**Moderator Preston called for the vote, and declared the amendment passed by voice vote with dissention.**

There being no further amendments to Article 11, Moderator Preston stated that the article to be voted on would read:

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**Article 11 as amended, will appear on the ballot.**

**Article 12:** To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

There being no further business to come before said meeting, Moderator Preston declared the meeting adjourned at 1:57 PM.

Patricia Tucker, Ashland Town Clerk  
February 3, 2007

**TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
OFFICIAL BALLOTING  
MARCH 13, 2007**

In accordance with the legally posted warrant, Moderator Philip Preston opened the polls at 9 AM. He announced that the absentee ballots would be cast at 1 PM and the polls would not close before 7 PM.

Election officials present were: Moderator Philip Preston, Town Clerk Patricia Tucker, Supervisors of the Checklist Douglas Ober, Beverly Ober, Maryann Reinholz; Ballot Clerks Margaret Duguay, Josephine Brown, David Ruell, Eleanor Lyford.

Total votes cast	483
Percentage	38%

# SAMPLE BALLOT

BALLOT 1 OF 2



OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 13, 2007

*Patricia Jester*  
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.

<p><b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b></p> <p>Three Year Term <span style="float: right;">Vote for not more than two</span></p> <p>DANIEL GOLDEN <b>336</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JEANETTE LYFORD STEWART <b>313</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b></p> <p>Three Year Term <span style="float: right;">Vote for not more than one</span></p> <p>ALICE STAPLES <b>402</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>ELECTRIC COMMISSIONER</b></p> <p>Three Year Term <span style="float: right;">Vote for not more than one</span></p> <p>KENDALL L. HUGHES <b>322</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONER</b></p> <p>Three Year Term <span style="float: right;">Vote for not more than one</span></p> <p>ERNEST A. PAQUETTE <b>393</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>BUDGET COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>Three Year Term <span style="float: right;">Vote for not more than three</span></p> <p>SANDRA A. COLEMAN <b>370</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>BUDGET COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>Two Year Term <span style="float: right;">Vote for not more than two</span></p> <p>DAVID RUELL <b>386</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>BUDGET COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>One Year Term <span style="float: right;">Vote for not more than two</span></p> <p>BOBBI HOERTER <b>347</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
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ARTICLES

Article 3:

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to employ a full time paid fire chief at an annual salary of \$49,500 and to raise and appropriate \$42,000 to compensate that full time paid fire chief in 2007, instead of continuing to utilize the services of a part time volunteer fire chief. This article was submitted by petition. The Budget Committee voted 6-3 to support this article. The Board of Selectmen supports this article. (Majority vote required)

YES  **206**

NO  **266**

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Article 4:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 5 year lease agreement for the purpose of acquiring 13 sets of fire protective clothing for members of the fire department and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,685 which represents the first years payment for that purpose. The total lease amount over five years is \$23,425. This amount includes interest. This lease agreement does contain a non-appropriations clause. The Budget Committee voted 7-2 to support this article. The Board of Selectman recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

YES  **354**

NO  **118**

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Article 5:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$11,108 for the purpose of reducing the general fund deficit pursuant to RSA 41:9-V for the year 2005. The Department of Revenue Administration recommends this article. The Board of Selectmen supports this article. The Budget Committee voted 8-1 to support this article. (Majority vote required)

YES  **323**

NO  **136**

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Article 6:

Shall we modify the provisions of RSA 72:28 II, The Optional Veterans' Tax Credit whose procedure for modification is authorized by RSA 72:27-a, III to increase the optional veterans' tax credit from its current amount of \$100 to \$250 such amount to be subtracted each year from the property tax on the veteran's residential property. (Majority vote required)

YES  **376**

NO  **80**

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

*Patricia Jester*  
Ashland Town Clerk



# SAMPLE BALLOT

BALLOT 2 OF 2

OFFICIAL BALLOT  
PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 13, 2007

*Susan M. Desjardis*  
Pemi-Baker Regional  
School District Clerk

PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

<b>MODERATOR</b>  <small>(1-Year Term)</small> Vote for not more than one <b>QUENTIN BLAINE 350</b> <input type="radio"/> (Write-In) <input type="radio"/>	<b>SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FROM PLYMOUTH</b>  <small>(3-Year Term)</small> Vote for not more than one <b>KEN SUTHERLAND 336</b> <input type="radio"/> (Write-In) <input type="radio"/>	<b>SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FROM WENTWORTH</b>  <small>(3-Year Term)</small> Vote for not more than one <b>SUSAN JUDD 324</b> <input type="radio"/> (Write-In) <input type="radio"/>
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<b>SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FROM HOLDERNESS</b>  <small>(3-Year Term)</small> Vote for not more than one <b>JEFFREY O. MCIVER, SR. 331</b> <input type="radio"/> (Write-In) <input type="radio"/>		
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ARTICLES

Article 1: Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred sixty-seven thousand dollars (\$667,000) for the construction and original equipping of a new recreation/athletic field (track) on land owned by the School District and to authorize the issuance of not more than six hundred sixty-seven thousand dollars (\$667,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the School Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.) (3/5 [60%] ballot vote required.)

YES  185  
NO  264

Article 2: Shall the School District vote to 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. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

YES  321  
NO  122

Article 3: Shall the School District vote to establish a contingency fund in accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated 19B:4-b, such contingency fund to meet the cost of unanticipated expenses that may arise during the year and, further, to see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for such contingency fund. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

YES  225  
NO  208

Article 4: Shall the School District vote to approve the cost items included in a three-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the School Board and the Plymouth Regional Educational Support Staff, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits

Year	Estimated Increases
2007-2008	\$100,204
2008-2009	\$ 82,199
2009-2010	\$ 89,858

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand two hundred four dollars (\$100,204) for the 2007-2008 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.) (Majority vote required.)

YES  204  
NO  234

Article 5: To see if the School District will vote to authorize and empower the School Board to borrow up to one hundred four thousand dollars (\$104,000) representing a portion of the State of New Hampshire's share of special education costs for the 2007-2008 school year, pursuant to RSA 19B: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 19B:20-d; or to take any action in relation thereto. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

YES  260  
NO  178

Article 6: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth in the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session (deliberative session) for the purpose set forth therein, totaling twelve million four hundred seventeen thousand two hundred eighty-two dollars (\$12,417,282). The Board recommends this article (Majority vote required.)

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be twelve million one hundred seventy-four thousand seven hundred thirty-three dollars (\$12,174,733), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments 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. This sum excludes the sums in Warrant Articles 1, 3 and 4

YES  218  
NO  225

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

*Patricia Tucker*  
Ashland Town Clerk



# SAMPLE BALLOT

## ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 7:

Are you in favor of amending Article 6 of the Town of Ashland Building Regulations to utilize the 2006 International Building Codes? (Majority vote required) YES  NO

247  
169

Article 8:

Are you in favor of amending Article 6 of the Town of Ashland Building Regulations to utilize the 2006 International Residential Code? (Majority vote required) YES  NO

230  
179

Article 9:

Are you in favor of amending the Town of Ashland Building Regulations to adopt the most current edition of NFPA 1 Uniform Fire Code T, as adopted by reference in the most current version of the State of New Hampshire State Fire Code, Chapter Sa-C 6000? (Majority vote required) YES  NO

278  
129

Article 10:

To see if the Town will vote to immediately discontinue the Board of Electric Commissioners and return the management, control, and direction of the municipal electric system to the authority of the Board of Selectmen. This article was submitted by petition. (Majority vote required) YES  NO

205  
258

Article 11:

Should the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote on the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$5,925,856. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$5,765,057 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. (Majority vote required) YES  NO

201  
226

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE ASHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

### SCHOOL BOARD

Three Year Term Vote for not more than two  
 MIRIAM E. BROWN **308**  
 RICHARD N. BURGESS JR. **301**  
 (Write-in)   
 (Write-in)

### SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR

One Year Term Vote for not more than one  
 PHILIP PRESTON **391**   
 (Write-in)

### SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

One Year Term Vote for not more than one  
 BRIAN CHALMERS **358**   
 (Write-in)

### SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

One Year Term Vote for not more than one  
 PATRICIA TUCKER **395**   
 (Write-in)

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

*Patricia Tucker*  
*Ashland Town Clerk*

# SAMPLE BALLOT



OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
ZONING BALLOT  
ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 13, 2007

*Patricia Tucker*  
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this:

AMENDMENTS

Amendment #1 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: to amend Section 2.3e [Population Density] of the Zoning Ordinance by changing the minimum land area per dwelling unit or mobile home in the Rural Residential Zone for areas with municipal water and sewer, municipal water only and municipal sewer only?

YES

191

NO

258

Amendment #2 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: to amend Section 4.6a.2 [Home Occupation Signage] of the Zoning Ordinance so as to limit the size of signage permitted for a home occupation?

YES

229

NO

223

Amendment #3 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: to amend Section 2.2f [Little Squam Lake and Squam River Overlay District] of the Zoning Ordinance by removing dug-in boathouses or other structures requiring or resulting in any alteration of the shoreline as a prohibited use?

YES

231

NO

219

Amendment #4 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: to amend Section 4.9 of the Zoning Ordinance [Flood Hazard Areas] by changing or adding several provisions as necessary to comply with the requirements of the National Insurance Program?

YES

300

NO

139

*Patricia Tucker*  
Ashland Town Clerk

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# **TOWN DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**



# TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Submitted by Richard J. Alpers

It is with great pleasure that I present my annual report to the residents of Ashland for the year 2007. I would like to start off by thanking all the folks that read my report last year. If you read my report you may recall that I asked all residents of Ashland if they have questions regarding their town they should stop by Town Hall or attend a selectmen's meeting to obtain the answers to their questions. Well it happened! I did see an increase in folks attending meetings and stopping by the counter at Town Hall. Thanks for getting involved.

This past year we said goodbye to Laura Plummer who worked in the Town Office for over 5 years. We wish her well and thank her for all her hard work over the years. We welcomed Pat Crowell to the staff. Pat was hired in October and is our new Office Assistant and she is going to be a great addition to the team.

This past year you saw the tax rate decrease for the first time in a while. Why you might ask? There are a few contributing factors as to why. First, the Ashland School Board returned unspent monies from the end of their fiscal year to the town to help reduce the tax rate; second, the town operating budget was slightly less than the year before, third; the overall land value of the Town of Ashland rose 12 million dollars in value (this was due to increasing amounts of residential and commercial developments around town); and fourth, the Board of Selectmen voted to use \$70,000 of the unreserved fund balance to be put against the tax rate. Together all these factors lowered the tax rate by \$2.50.

Last year I mentioned some items that the Board of Selectman had on the docket for this past year. First was the replacement of the handicap ramp at the beach. I am pleased to announce that the selectmen purchased a ramp for the beach from a local craftsman, George Russell. George did a great job and I think you all will be impressed when you see the ramp this spring. The new ramp will be installed for the start of the 2008 beach season.

Second, the board mentioned last year that it wanted to analyze and study the ambulance contract for the town. They charged a committee of 5 to look at and research all the options that may be the best fit for the town. The committee representatives were: Select Board Reps Glenn Dion and Leigh Sharps, Fire Department Reps Deputy Chief Brad Ober and Captain Steve Heath, Citizen Reps James Gosse and Rhetta Brown. This committee met over the course of three months and studied several options as to what would be the best ambulance care and coverage for the Town of Ashland. The committee's recommendation to the Board of Selectman was to remain with the Town of Plymouth as their primary transport service. The board accepted the report and agreed with the committee's recommendation. If you would like a copy of the committee's report please stop by Town Hall at any time to obtain a copy.

Third, the Board of Selectman wanted to look at curbing rising health care costs. We were fortunate enough to see a 10 % reduction in costs as of July 1 2007. But we are seeing a 1.4% increase as of July 1, 2008. The Town is in the middle of negotiations



with the employees union, and health care is a topic of discussion. The board has spent many hours reviewing plans from our insurance company to offer to the union.

Fourth, the Board of Selectmen wanted to work with the Ashland School Board in order to help reduce taxes. The Board of Selectmen met with the School Board during the year and also sent a letter of encouragement asking them to return the end of the year's unspent monies back to the taxpayers. The school board did just that. Thank you Ashland School Board!

The Board has many items on the docket for 2008. Some of them are to finalize a new union contract, properly oversee the property revaluation and to charge a recycling committee to study the "Pay As You Throw" program.

One of the biggest projects for this coming year is for our contracted assessors. After four years of visiting all the properties in Ashland they are now charged with assigning a new value to all the properties in town. Your new values should arrive to you sometime later this summer. Once you have reviewed your new value and all the supporting documentation you will have a chance to review your new value with the assessor. I will be carefully monitoring the assessor's work throughout this process to ensure that the revaluation is completed properly. I have absolute confidence in our assessing company Commerford, Nieder and Perkins.

The selectman have tax deeded another property last year for many years of unpaid taxes. They hope to sell the house by public auction sometime this spring to a buyer who will take care of the building, and put the house back on the tax rolls.

This year again I would like to encourage all the citizens of Ashland to get involved in your town. You can volunteer for an endless number of positions in town. If you are interested in getting involved to help your community in some fashion, please just give me a call at 968-4432 or email me at [ralpers@ashland.nh.gov](mailto:ralpers@ashland.nh.gov).

In closing I would like to thank Patsy and Jen for all their hard work this past year. I couldn't have done it without them. Both Jen and Patsy really stepped up to the plate when we had a vacancy in the office for a better part of the year. I welcome Pat Crowell to the team. As always if you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss them with you. My door is always open!!

# ASHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Joe Chivell, Chief of Police

As we venture into 2008 it is time to reflect back on the events and activities of 2007.

Being an agency that staffs officers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 52 weeks out of the year, we see a lot of different activities and interact with many different people.

As you see us traveling past your house or business we are in a proactive patrol trying our best to prevent unsafe or illegal activity. Unfortunately many of the issues we need to react to are driven by alcohol, drugs, greed, and/or anger.

Domestic disputes, often driven by anger and fueled by drugs or alcohol, are an all too common situation we are called to handle. It can be dangerous for the people involved along with the officer that is attempting to intervene. All attempts are made to keep the persons involved safe and to educate them in ways to better deal with the issues at hand or offer information of different agencies that can help address areas of need. But the law mandates arrests in most all of these situations, which doesn't always sit well with those involved.

Theft is another incident that we are called to throughout the year. Sometimes greed and sometimes addiction to drugs or alcohol are the driving force behind individuals committing theft. Please help us to protect you by locking your house and car doors. Most thefts are of unsecured property.

Aggressive driving also places us all in an unsafe situation along our roadways. Officer visibility is one deterrent. A motor vehicle stop resulting in warnings is another, and lastly the dreaded traffic ticket may be the needed result.

So if you see an officer go past he may be on proactive patrol or he may be responding to one of a variety of different calls we have each year. Either way, he is doing everything possible to keep you safe.

We have been able to add or replace equipment this year aided by the generous donations from the community and grant funding.

We were able to obtain two Tasers that are assigned to the duty officers. The purchase of these items was made possible when the Board of Selectmen voted to accept monetary donations from Anthony DiGiovanni and Dave Bissonette.

We were also able to upgrade the shotguns that are assigned to the cruisers. A monetary donation from Dr. Fredrick Bieber was accepted by the Ashland Board of Selectmen and allowed us to replace a shotgun that was at least 10 years old. It also allowed us to have the same make and model shotguns in all the cruisers.

At the end of the year we received notice that we were awarded a State of New Hampshire Highway Safety grant to fund the purchase of an in-cruiser video camera. The installation of this equipment should be completed within the next month.

With funding awarded by the Federal Government we continue to replace ballistic vests that are issued to the patrol officers. The purchase of this equipment is yet another step that is taken to provide you with a professional service and to do our best to keep the officers safe as well.

I would like to thank all of the members of the Ashland Police Department for their dedication and hard work and for working those odd hours, nights, weekends, and holidays.

I would also like to thank you, the community, for your continued support of our efforts.

## 2007 POLICE ACTIVITY

### DISPATCH CALLS FOR SERVICE 4802

#### General Information

Aid to Fire/Ambulance	171
Aid to Law Enforcement	164
Aid to Town	32
Aid to School	24
Alarms	79
911 Hang ups	28
REDDI Calls	24
Animal Complaints	89
Business/vacant house checks	14021
M/V complaints	76
Attempted suicide/suicides	2
Restraining Orders	20
Sex Offenders	10
Suspicious Activity	155

#### JUVENILE

Delinquency	3
C.H.I.N.S./Unruly Juvenile	18
Child Neglect/Protection	7

#### Criminal Activity

Adult Arrest	221
Arrests Involving Alcohol	32
Arrests Involving Drugs	10
Arrests Involving Domestic Violence	21
Total Offences	1916
Assaults	36
Sexual Assaults	5
Liquor Law Violations	35
Criminal Mischief	35
Violation of Court Order/Probation	39
Attempted Burglary/Burglary	4
Domestic Violence Act	81
Shoplifting	9
Theft of Services	20
Theft (all other)	40
Violation of Protective Order	11
Disorderly Conduct	43
Disorderly Actions	35
Trespass	18

#### Motor Vehicle Activity

Summons Issued	224
Warnings Issued	1001
DWI	28
Motor Vehicle Accidents	51
Parking Tickets Issued	102
Transporting Alcohol/Drugs	20
Motorist Assist	147
Abandon Vehicles	18

#### Community Involvement

D.A.R.E.
C.A.D.Y.
NH Special Olympics
Project Childsafe
July 4th Committee
Halloween Safety
Community Day
Christmas in Ashland
Voices Against Violence





# PARKS AND RECREATION 2007

Submitted by Director James R. Gleich

Ashland Parks and Recreation has had another wonderful year. Working in conjunction with the Ashland Town Library, Ashland Parks and Recreation continued its efforts to offer free introductory computer classes every Tuesday. The turn out for this program continues to grow.

Ashland Parks and Recreation has been working closely with the Lakes Region Community Services Council (LRCSC) to help provide opportunities for Ashland town residents, as-well-as area community members working with LRCSC to participate in social and community based activities. These activities include but are not limited to the following: Baking Classes, Exercise Classes, and Social Gatherings.

The Summer Day Camp Program continued to be one the busiest day camps in the area. The summer camp had 62 campers registered; seven of the students were sponsored through money raised by the "Ashland Adopt a Camper Scholarship Program." Our Summer Camp Staff did an outstanding job with all of the children under the guidance of Head Counselor Diane Hill. We are looking forward to another great camp season with the anticipation of many returning camp staff. I would like to thank all of the counselors and staff for all of their great work.

With help from a successful summer program, our After School Program has remained consistent with 15 students registered at the start of the school year. The program concluded with a December registration peak of 25 students. Some of these students are with us on a part-time status. Lisa Hill Fligg has returned as the After School Program Assistant along with Rita Frekot. Their dedication to the program and students clearly makes them a valuable part of the staff at Ashland Parks and Recreation. Rita is about to embark onto the next stage of her teaching experience, student teaching. She will be taking her leave from the After School Program, but she will be visiting the program as time permits. Good luck student teaching Rita and thank you ladies for all that you have done this year.

The Ashland Firemen's Association did an outstanding job with the ice rink during the winter months and with the creation of a new asphalt skating rink. This new rink, located behind the bandstand at the ball field, will help offer skating opportunities for everyone throughout the year; ice in the winter and a smooth riding surface during the warmer months. Our thanks go out to these fine members of the Ashland community.

Throughout the year many Ashland residents participated in numerous programs sponsored through Parks and Recreation. These activities included movie field trips, holiday parties, bowling, computer classes (co-sponsored by the Ashland Town Library) and more. Many of these programs will be repeated in 2008 due to their popularity. If you would like to see a particular program in Ashland, just let me know and I will try my best to bring it to life.

The campground and beach has had another great season. The Edward Doggett Campground was at full capacity again this past year. We are looking forward to another packed summer at the campground.

The Ashland Town Beach was a blur of activity during the summer. The raft was removed in an effort to help reduce the high E-coli level experienced during the 2006 beach season. Water testing continued throughout the 2007 beach season yielding low

E-coli level than the past season. The beach did not close at all this year. The raft will return to the beach area in 2008. A new wheelchair accessible ramp will be installed in June.

The "Snack Shack" concession booth was a big hit again this past summer. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the lifeguards and beach staff for all of their long hours and dedication to the beach and the beach patrons.

Throughout 2007 many of our facilities have been involved in some type of renovation or refurbishment. All of these improvements have helped to increase the quality of our buildings but also the quality of our programming available to the community. Proposed improvements for 2008 are as follows: painting of the Booster Club Building, preventive maintenance with the removal and replacement of some older trees at the Edward N. Doggett Campground and placement of the wheelchair accessible ramp at the town beach.

Many thanks need to go out to all the members of the community who had helped make these repairs and programs possible. Without all of your help, contributions of time, effort, and donations these repairs and upkeep would be impossible. My thanks to Mark Ober, and all of the gentlemen at the Highway Department, Lee Nichols of the Electric Department, Rusty Cross of the Water and Sewer Department, the Ashland Firemen's Association, and for all of the ladies in the Utilities Office for your assistance with the various project throughout the year. Last but not least, I would like to thank Rick, Patsy, Jen, and Pat for everything they have helped me with throughout the year. Your assistance really makes a difference.

There are many ways for you (residents of Ashland) to become involved within Parks & Recreation:

- Attend programs
- Volunteer some of your time to help an activity happen.
- Suggest or teach a class of interest
- Chaperone a trip
- Sponsor a camper
- Become a counselor at the summer program
- Serve on the Parks & Recreation Committee.
- Be a concerned citizen and let us know if you notice something out of the ordinary
- Donate some time to help build something
- Think of us when you are cleaning out those attics, garages, playrooms, and basements. (Many thanks to the individuals who did this in 2006; your donations helps make many of our programs possible)

These are just a few ways in which individuals can become a part of our Parks and Recreation program. The more people that get involved, the more the Ashland Community can grow. Help us bring even more diverse program to the Ashland community. Help us grow to meet the needs of our great community. Many thanks to everyone whom helped make the 2007-year possible. Let us all make 2008 an even better year.

# **ASHLAND ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT**

**Submitted by Commissioners Kendall L. Hughes, Raymond Knowlton,  
Sandra Coleman and Superintendent Lee V. Nichols**

The year 2007 has drawn to a close with Ashland Electric Department continuing to grow. During the year, we set 49 new meters, installed 2,186 feet of primary wire and 1,200 feet of secondary wire. We anticipate 2008 to grow along the same path.

Also in 2007, Mr. Mel Holland resigned due to time constraints. Mr. Holland was a valuable asset to the department for many years and will be greatly missed. We welcome Sandra Coleman who replaced Mr. Holland.



# ASHLAND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TRANSFER/RECYCLING CENTER

Submitted by Mark W. Ober

The good news to the good people of Ashland is that recycling is working. Your diligence and commitment to the cause has again resulted in the total tons of rubbish being hauled away (at a cost to the taxpayer) to be near or below 600 tons.

**We can do better!!** Statistics show that towns larger than Ashland are shipping out less than we are. The reason for this is the "Pay as you Throw Program" that towns have instituted. This program encourages users to recycle more conscientiously. The concept of the program is that the more you recycle the fewer bags you have to purchase. The basic concept is that each user would pay for their own rubbish hauling. If your household chooses not to recycle, you would just throw your bags, full of all items from trash to paper to empty milk jugs in the container. The downside of not recycling is that you have to purchase "Ashland Trash Bags" and they would be the only bags allowed to be tossed into the hopper. If your household chooses not to recycle it would cost you more, because you would have to buy more bags. The money raised from the selling of the "Ashland Trash" bags would go to the general fund as revenue from the Transfer/Recycling Center, which would help offset the operational costs of the center.

The 2007 revenues from the Transfer/Recycling Center were landfill receipts of \$12,071.00 and recycling receipts of \$25,810.13.

Due to the 2007 town vote, the monies for any road construction project were cut. The members of the department continued with regular maintenance projects throughout the year. As usual, jobs arise during the year that are not scheduled. Our department helps the other departments in town with projects that may arise within their domain.

We thank the citizens for the patience exhibited throughout the year; we are a small department within the town and do our best to make this a safe and clean community for all to live in.

# ASHLAND TOWN LIBRARY

Submitted by Trustees Alice Staples, Julia Smith, Lynn Davis

## Ashland Town Library “by the numbers”

- Patron visits: January-November – 9,392 ● Programs offered: 104
- Items circulated: 12,505 ● Computer users: 1,827

Ashland Town Library is like the well-known children’s book, “The Little Engine That Could”. With very little resources, including budget, staff, and space, the hard-working staff continue to provide superior library services to the town of Ashland. This is especially true of the children’s programming.

Reading among young children and teens is on the decline in the United States. Public libraries play an important role in encouraging reading and the Ashland Town Library works very hard to provide fun and interesting programming for Ashland’s children. Twenty-two programs for children were offered this year, including the very popular summer reading programs.

Adult programs such as the Book Discussion Group and the Knitting Group are well-attended.

In a great example of inter-departmental cooperation, the library works with Parks and Recreation to provide space and computers for computer classes, after school programs and Kinder Camp in the summer.

The Ashland Town Library continued their involvement in town activities, sponsoring a Meet the Candidates night in February, participating in Day on the Town in August, hosting the Halloween parade and hosting Santa Claus for Christmas Night in Ashland.

Requests for multi-media items, such as audio books and DVDs are on the rise. The Friends of the Library have been generously augmenting sparse library funds to purchase quality entertainment and educational media items.

As more school assignments require computer use, the library computers are being used heavily for homework, and also by adults for a variety of purposes, such as job searching, health information and more.

A survey was conducted this year to assess town satisfaction with library services. More computers and increased open hours were frequently mentioned, as well as the overcrowding issues of the current library building. As the computers are more heavily used, maintenance becomes an important issue that must be funded, as well as replacement costs for outdated hardware.

The library collaborated with students at the Holderness School to design a new website for the library. It’s an attractive site, with up-to-date information on library activities. Go to <http://www.ashlandtownlibrary.org> to find out more.

The Friends of the Library are always looking for new members. Contact the Ashland Town Library if you are interested in joining the Friends in their support of the library. The success of the library depends on all the volunteers that donate time, energy and funds throughout the year, and they are greatly appreciated for all their hard work.

The Board of Trustees of Ashland Town Library would like to especially thank the very hard-working library staff, Sara Weinberg, Terry Fouts, Noreen Crawford and Lisa Rollins. All of the above mentioned accomplishments are due to their commitment to bring the best possible service and information resources to the citizens of Ashland.

**Special Funds**

**Carolyn Boyle Memorial Fund**

12/31/2006	\$896.46
Deposits	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$3.08
Withdrawals	\$899.54
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/07</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**Copier Fees**

Balance 12/31/06	\$404.24
Deposits	\$235.50
Interest Earned	\$1.17
Withdrawals	\$462.92
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/07</b>	<b>\$177.99</b>

**Patron Fees**

Balance 12/31/06	\$815.73
Deposits	\$393.00
Interest Earned	\$2.91
Withdrawals	\$0.00
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/07</b>	<b>\$1,211.64</b>

**Cheney Fund**

Balance 12/31/06	\$493.53
Deposits	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$1.60
Withdrawals	\$0.00
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/06</b>	<b>\$495.13</b>

**Pauline Packard Memorial Fund**

Balance 12/31/06	\$69.89
Withdrawals	\$69.89
Interest	\$0.00
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/06</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**Donations**

Balance 12/31/06	\$1,413.64
Deposits	\$481.89
Interest Earned	\$4.04
Withdrawals	\$511.82
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/07</b>	<b>\$1,387.75</b>

**Harriet Addison Fund**

Balance 12/31/06	\$124.87
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/07</b>	<b>\$124.87</b>

**Ordway Fund**

Balance 12/31/06	\$432.33
Deposits	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$1.41
Withdrawals	\$0.00
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/06</b>	<b>\$433.74</b>

**Income**

Beginning Balance	\$4,104.79
Town Appropriations	\$50,000.00
Caroline Boyle Mem.	\$899.54
Transfer from Copier Fees	\$462.92
Transferred from Donations	\$460.82
Gifts Received	\$50.00
NH State Grant	\$275.00
Interest Income	\$3.00
Other Income	\$2.00
Scribner Trustees	\$594.70
xfer from Patron Fees	\$0.00

**Total Income** \$52,747.98

**Total Funds**

\$56,852.77

**Due From Town of 12/31/07**

**(\$4,784.18)**

\$52,068.59

**Expenses**

Audios	\$1,603.15
Bank Charges	\$0.00
Books	\$7,006.06
Collection supplies	\$238.98
Dues	\$80.00
Education	\$118.00
Equipment	\$0.00
Mileage	\$211.95
Computer Maintenance	\$1,497.60
Office Supplies	\$857.27
Payroll	<b>\$31,884.87</b>
Postage	\$176.00
Printing Expense	\$15.00
Programs	\$989.34
Software	\$139.99
Subscriptions	\$442.20
Supplies	\$462.92
Taxes	<b>\$2,857.81</b>
Tech Support	\$395.00
Utilities	\$1,824.82
Videos	\$1,156.64

**Total Expenses** \$51,957.60

Income less expenses \$110.99

**Ck Book yr End o7** \$110.99

Difference should be 0 \$0.00

# ASHLAND FIRE AND RESCUE

Submitted by Chief Thomas B. Stewart

Another year ends and a new year begins. I would like to start by thanking everyone that supported us and our request for a full time fire chief last year, and hope you will support us again this year. We have high hopes that this will pass this year.

The year ended with 126 fire calls, 13 station coverage, 247 medical calls and 73 motor vehicle accidents for a total of 459 calls. This is an increase of 12% from last year.

With oil prices at an all time high, we are seeing people using space heaters, wood stoves and any other source of heating that they can to keep warm. I'm hoping that this will not increase our fire call volume. Please be very careful.

This year the selectmen had an ambulance committee looking into how we could get cheaper rates for ambulance service. They looked into us doing the transfers ourselves and other ambulance services doing the transfers, and in the end Plymouth ambulance service was the most affordable and efficient. At this time our town has decided to stay with the Plymouth ambulance service.

The fire department is now in negotiations with Dave Rivers Associates to start doing the monthly training for our EMS. He does trainings for Bristol, New Hampton, Tilton/Northfield, Alton and Moultonboro to name a few. So the training will be the best to help all the people in Ashland.

We are fortunate to have two more men join our department with EMS background. Kendall B. Hughes and James Gagne joined our department this year. Kendall is an EMT-Intermediate and Jim is a Paramedic who currently works fulltime with Londonderry, NH. We are glad to have them around with us!

The association has worked hard on the skating rink this year, to give all who enjoy skating a permanent place to have fun. Thank you to everyone who helped us with this project and make it possible.

To my fellow firefighters and EMTs, my sincere thanks for all your hard work and devotion that you have given. Without you there would not be a Fire Department here in town. Your willingness to volunteer your time and effort means so much to the townspeople and me.

And again thank you to the town's people for all your support.



# **WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT**

**Submitted by Commissioners Robert Boyle, Ernest Paquette, Andrew Dame and Plant Manager Russell Cross Jr.**

Aquarion Operating Services who has the contract to operate the Water & Wastewater plants were bought by United Water. The transition was completed on July 1, 2007.

The electrical system at the wastewater plant is being upgraded.

Plans are still being worked on for replacing the old 2" galvanized water main on Cross Road. The State is strongly recommending the replacement of all old galvanized lines. Cross Road is the last galvanized water main in town to be replaced.

A septage receiving feasibility study had been completed. The study came back with significant costs to complete and funding options are being looked at.

## **THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS WERE COMPLETED IN 2007:**

- \*Repaired water main break on Collins Street
- \*Repaired eight water service line leaks
- \*Repaired two sewer main plugs
- \*Completed four new water and sewer connections
- \*Brush cutting at the wastewater plant
- \*Flush sewer mains throughout town
- \*Flushed and cleaned 2000 feet of 16" sewer main at the wastewater plant
- \*Completed extensive interior painting at the wastewater plant
- \*Flushed hydrants and water mains in May



# ASHLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Submitted by David Ruell, President

This year saw the reorganization of the Society under a revised constitution and bylaws with a new board of six directors and five officers taking over most of the decision making for the Society. The board approved the annual budget, created several committees to carry out various tasks and appointed assistant curators for the Toy Museum and the Railroad Station Museum. The society's dues schedule was enlarged beyond the basic \$10 individual membership to add new categories of membership for families and for those who wished to contribute more. Also created for the first time in our history, were Business sponsorships. The board decided to no longer offer life memberships, although, of course, the existing life memberships will continue to be honored.

Money to fund our museums and projects is always a major issue for our Society. In addition to the increased membership categories, we sent our first ever annual appeal to our members. The general fund benefited from three fundraising events. The *Lobster Dinner* in August catered by the Common Man was again delicious and profitable for the Society. The *Dinner in a Bowl* in October was cooked by members and friends of the Society helped this year by two restaurants. As we were running low on the original bowls given by Karen Ray, new bowls were made by two local potters and by the schoolchildren. The *Town Wide Yard Sale* in September gave us the opportunity to sell much of the left over flea market stuff. The Railroad Station has its own fundraisers. The annual *Veterans Weekend Turkey Dinner Train Ride* on the Hobo Railroad was catered by Hart's. The *Veterans Day Concert* focused this year on railroad songs with the free will donations dedicated to the Railroad Station. A raffle of the quilted throw and pillows and an afghan also benefited the Station.

The Whipple House Museum saw some improvements and repairs. In the Platt bedroom on the second floor, the ceiling and trim were painted. The four first story windows on the front and most of the front entry were also painted. The biggest expense was in the apartment where the toilet had to be replaced. The grounds saw tree trimming and brush removal. A large tree on the north boundary was trimmed by the Ashland Electric Department. Dr. Whipple's large photographic portrait was reproduced, as the original had deteriorated. Dr. Whipple's personal journal for 1914-15, recording his marriage, honeymoon and trip to California to take over the Hooper Foundation, given to us last year by his granddaughter was scanned and reproduced, with copies going to institutions interested in Dr. Whipple's life. The special exhibit at the Whipple House this summer was focused on the L.W. Packard Company and the making of cloth.

The Railroad Station saw some exterior repairs, with the replacement of some rotten clapboards and trim on the ticket office and restroom additions. A few dead or dying trees were removed by the Ashland Electric Department. Two

commercial display cases have been acquired. The work by the state highway department on the Route 132 railroad crossing is on state property, but it will indirectly benefit the Station. It includes new track laid on the main line in front of the station, flashing crossing lights and the beginning of a new passing siding on the other side of the main line from the Station.

The Pauline E. Glidden Toy Museum's major summer event was a ten day *Dollhouse Show*, which displayed 38 dollhouses in both the Toy Museum and the Whipple House and attracted over 250 visitors. The *Annual Young Ladies Tea* in August was held inside this year for the first time because of poor weather. A window air conditioner was installed. A new street sign/planted box has been built to replace the sandwich board displayed on Main Street in the summer.

To promote the museums, 1000 new museum brochures were printed and distributed. The website, [www.ashlandnh.org](http://www.ashlandnh.org), originally set up by Jim Hodsdon was formally taken over by the Society. The historic photograph section of the website was much enlarged.

Our outside exhibits are based on historic photographs, mostly from our collections, that have been enlarged and laminated. They are used for a regular series of small exhibits every three months at the Ashland Utility Office, which this year included the Asquam Transportation Company, town buildings and structures, Little Squam Lake and the 1902 Railroad Bridge Disaster. The photographs were also used for displays on Transportation in Ashland at the Day in the Town held in Memorial Park in August and on Ashland churches at Christmas Night in Ashland held in December. This fall the photos began being used for displays at the Ashland Elementary School. These various historical photo displays are a good way of reaching different audiences with some Ashland history.

The Society sponsored four free public programs including a presentation by the Currier Museum of Art on New Hampshire art and another on the Conway Scenic Railroad. The Indian Wars of New England was the topic of a N.H. Humanities Council program. The bridges over the Pemigewasset River were the subject of a joint program with the Bridgewater Historical Society.

In August, the Boston Post Cane was presented to Irene Flanders at the community center at the elderly housing on White Mountain Court, a very pleasant event with her family and friends. In September the society hosted the fall meeting/potluck lunch of the Pemi Baker Valley Historical Society Council, followed by tours of our museums.

The old school project was still the subject of ongoing negotiations between the school board and Tri County Community Action Program. To help the project, the Society did nominate the school for the NH Preservation Alliance's Seven to Save program, which annually highlights historical buildings and places in the state that are in need of saving. Our last minute application was successful. The listing of the Ashland School as part of the Seven to Save was announced on October 16. We hope that this publicity will help with the future fundraising when TCCAP gains control of the property.

# ASHLAND PLANNING BOARD 2007

## ASHLAND ZONING BOARD 2007

The members of the Ashland Planning Board for 2007 included Michael Evleth, Andrew Fitch, Don Latulippe, Robert Boyle, Kendall B. Hughes, Jeanette I. Stewart (Selectmen's Representative), Ryan MacDonald, Alternate Edward D'Ambruoso and Alternate Anthony Randall.

The board acted on and approved the following:

- Map 017-004-020 Site Plan
- Map 015-001-026/015-001-020 Boundary Line Adjustment
- Map 016-001-008 Site Plan
- Map 013-005-006 2 Lot Subdivision
- Map 017-004-015/017-004-016/017-008-002 Boundary Line Adjustment
- Map 016-005-007 Site Plan
- Map 018-002-006 Site Plan
- Map 012-005-018 13 Lot Subdivision

The Board held a public hearing on Building Permit fees and as a result the fees were increased.

The Board amended the Site Plan and Subdivision Regulations in order to comply with the Zoning Ordinance changes that were passed in March 2007.

The Board accepted the resignation of member Ryan MacDonald.

An upcoming challenge for the Board will be updating the Master Plan. This is a very cumbersome project and the residents will be asked to step up and help the board complete this task. We are always looking for citizens that would be interested in serving on the board. We generally meet twice a month, historically the first and third Wednesday.

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The Zoning Board members are Francis Murdock, Paul Bradbury, Robert Boyle, Eric Baker and Michelle Fistek.

This year three cases came before the board:

- Map 013-001-008/013-001-015 Variance granted
- Map 013-005-006 Variance granted
- Map 013-002-008 Variance granted

# TOWN WELFARE REPORT

(For emergency assistance)

Submitted by Robert B. Hicks, Director

Town welfare dollars for 2007 continue a trend up, mainly due to housing and fuel. Many people who are working or receive state benefits cannot find affordable housing, or pay for fuel oil. Likewise rent is up, also due to heating costs.

Over the past years I have seen the costs related to everyday living turn up, while welfare funding and social security seem to be standing still at 3%. An Average rent in Ashland is about \$700 - \$1000 dollars. The average social security check covers housing.

Churches in Ashland, and our Community Center, do a great job supplying people in need with food.

Just over two hundred fifty vouchers were written for emergency assistance. The breakdown of assistance is as follows: Electric \$7254.44, Water \$543.00, General \$3301.14, Rent \$28401.50, Food \$1258.98, Medical \$412.43 and Fuel \$4408.54.

As welfare director I see first hand the concerns of our citizens for basic needs. We help with information on housing, jobs, and guide clients to the proper agency to provide short and long term needs.



# **BUILDING INSPECTOR 2007**

**Submitted by Robert B. Hicks**

This has been another busy year for building. Homeowners are investing in their homes and the town by adding on or fixing up their property. We have new businesses in town. The old Packard Mill buildings have several new businesses off and running, laundry, printing, wood and coal heating, welding, truck and heavy equipment storage. Eight townhouse units and twenty eight senior housing units have been completed.

2007 has been a busy year, 176 permits have been issued since January, with 43 new housing units. The total for all permit improvements in Ashland for 2007 was \$ 6,179,667.00.

Maintaining good, safe buildings and code compliance is what we all want for Ashland. We have a good team with Frank Murdock our electrical inspector and Dale Gray our plumbing inspector, both quality men, and knowledgeable in their trade.

Approved permits were, 45 residential building permits and 23 commercial building permits, 41 electric, 27 plumbing, 24 heating, 3 demolition, 8 signs, and 4 driveways.

Inspections and site planning have increased this year, we have received many inquires for building regulations and information regarding new business and zoning. We use The International Building Code 2006, along with our Ashland Building and Zoning Regulations. Our goal is to provide help for Ashland's Residents with their building needs, to administer the regulations as fair and promptly as possible.

The Building Inspector Department generated permit revenues of \$17,340.00; up from \$10,752.29 in 2006.



# ASHLAND HISTORIC COMMISSION

Claire M. Hicks, Chair Robert B. Hicks, Selectman Beth Bartlett

The Whipple House had several minor repairs, some painting and electrical.

Our Historic old cemeteries were maintained for Memorial Day, Owl Brook – Hicks Hill – Leavitt Hill – Col.Mooney – Ruben Whitten – Col.Baker – Church Hill - Thompson, they are reported in good condition with no physical damage to the monuments.

The oldest burial ground in Ashland is Church Hill. This cemetery was the first town cemetery for New Holderness, now Ashland. The earliest pioneers rest at this location. During the eighteenth century, Hicks Hill Road continued over the summit to Church Hill, crossing North Ashland Road. This was the original settlement; there were several log homes on this road. One of the first three selectmen, Charles Cox is buried there; along with Margaret Hicks, wife of Capt. Joseph Hicks who was also one of the first three selectmen. Another Revolutionary war soldier, Capt. Joseph Shepard rests there. Most of the pioneer settlement was from the Durham, Dover area.

Thanks to developer Don Latulippe there is a new road off Route 175 called Blue Sky Drive that now makes this historical cemetery accessible. Mr. Latulippe has offered to improve the fence and the landscape leading to the cemetery. Also, the Ashland Historic Commission is working to install a proper sign for this location.

# ASHLAND JULY 4 CELEBRATION

**Submitted by Chairman Patty Heinz**

The Ashland Public School was named EDIES (EXCELLENT SCHOOL K-8) in the State of New Hampshire. This means that Ashland Public School met the criteria and standards set by the New Hampshire Department of Education. We were proud to have them the Marshall of the Fourth of July Parade.

With the help of the Highway and Water Department we were able to bring water to all of the vendors on the midway. We would like to thank the Beautification Committee for purchasing more flags for the light poles.

Donation from area businesses, American Legion Auxiliary and the Ashland Woman's Club continue to be very generous. The Squam Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce did well with the popular 50/50 raffle. The winner made a generous donation to the July 4 committee.

The July 4 committee desperately needs people to help with the many activities that take place at the celebration.

I would like to thank the members that have made the past celebrations so successful – the Electric, Water, Highway Departments, Town Administrator Rick Alpers, Glenn Dion, Chief Chivell, Chief Stewart, Alex Ray, Jason Lyons, Mary Ruell, Caroline Gosse, Nancy Cross, Phyllis Reitsma, Jim Gleich, Wilma Garland, Patricia Holland and Doug Woodbury. We really need many volunteers as the Celebration continues to grow.

FINANCIAL REPORT  
ASHLAND JULY 4 COMMITTEE  
December 31, 2007

Balance on hand , January 1, 2007	\$ 20,769.51
Town Patriotic Appropriation	\$ 1,400.00
Interest for year	\$ 8.18
	<b>\$ 22,177.69</b>

Income - Committee Activities

    Donations

Organizations (3)	\$ 800.00	
Individuals (3)	\$ 300.00	
Businesses (24)	\$ 2,070.00	\$ 3,170.00
Field Collection	\$ 1,250.51	
Button Collection	\$ 1,118.63	\$ 2,369.14
Tee Shirt Sales		\$ 1,156.00
Vendors (Chesley)	\$ 2,350.00	
Vendors (Other)	\$ 250.00	\$ 2,600.00
Food Events		
Barbecue	\$ 1,040.00	
Food Booth	\$ 1,080.50	
Pancake Breakfast	\$ 3,181.00	\$ 5,301.50
50/50 Raffle		\$ 1,189.00
Rides		\$ 400.00

Total Earned	<b>\$ 16,185.64</b>
Total Available	<b>\$ 38,363.33</b>

Less Expenditures

Fireworks Display	\$ 9,000.00	
Parade Units (5)	\$ 2,250.00	
Award Ribbons	\$ 193.28	
Entertainment/Sound	\$ 525.00	
Advertising/Publicity	\$ 223.00	
Toilet Rentals (6)	\$ 725.00	
Button Costs	\$ 385.00	
Postage	\$ 49.20	
Food Cost (3 events)	\$ 1,903.98	
Tee Shirt cost	\$ 1,102.50	
<b>Total Expenditures 2007</b>	<b>\$ 16,356.96</b>	
Total before Special Expenditures		<b>\$ 22,006.37</b>

Less Special Expenditures

Unpaid bal. 2006 toilet rentals	\$ 353.75	
2006 ck cashed in 2007	\$ 300.00	
Wining in ballfield - 2007	\$ 1,361.70	\$ 2,015.45

<b>Balance in Meredith Village SavingS Bank 12/31/07</b>	<b>\$ 19,990.92</b>
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# ASHLAND MEMORIAL PARK

Submitted by Marion Merrill, Chairman,  
Mary Ruell, Ernest Hutter, Philip Preston

As another year rolls around, we are pleased to report that we will continue to make as many improvements as our funds permit.

During 2007, the benches were scraped and painted. Our only cost was for supplies used by several detainees at the Grafton County Jail, who provided the labor through an arrangement with the town. We are grateful to the town and the detainees for such a valuable service.

The trees and shrubs by the steps were trimmed and two overgrown shrubs near the fountain removed, as well as a dying ash tree. We expect to evaluate and remove others this year and improve the areas where they had been growing. Much needed trash barrels were also added with some financial help from the Beautification Committee and the winter labor of the Highway Department.

We appreciate the donations for the Community Council in return for the use of the park for community events and are happy to have the park used in this way.

A new sign has been posted which identifies the activities that are not permitted in the park. Please note – this is necessary to preserve this beauty spot for the benefit of all. With your cooperation and help, we will continue to be proud of the Ashland Memorial Park for years to come.

## Ashland Memorial Park Financial Statement – December 31, 2007 – Mary W, Ruell, Treasurer

<b>Opening balance, January 1, 2007</b>		<b>\$1,978.89</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Interest for year	\$ 1.53	
Transfer from Trust Fund	\$ 7,500.00	
Redemption of 2006 CD + interest	\$ 2,023.60	\$9,525.13
<b>Donations</b>		
Community Council		
Day on Town \$40		
Town wide Yard Sale \$65	\$ 105.00	
*Ashland Beautification –		
For trash containers \$93	\$ 198.00	
<b>Total available</b>		<b>\$ 11,702.02</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Maintenance (Ali-Di Properties)		
Mowing \$975; Mulch \$550; Overall care \$1,715		
*Special Activities (tree/shrub removal) \$900		\$4,140.00
Supplies		
*Ash Hardware/benches		\$ 100.65
*Ashland Lumber/trash containers		\$ 293.00
PO Box		\$ 26.00
Transfer to CD for 2008 expenses		\$5,000.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>\$9,559.65</b>
<b>Balance in Meredith Village Savings Bank, Dec 31, 2007</b>		<b>\$2,142.37</b>
*Improvements \$1,200		

# **TOWN VITAL RECORDS**



**VITAL RECORDS 2007**

<b>BIRTHS 2007</b>	<b>CHILDS NAME</b>	<b>FATHER</b>	<b>MOTHER</b>	<b>BIRTHPLACE</b>
1/12/2007	BRONSON DANIEL PAIGE	KENNETH PAIGE	HEATHER BERTHOLET	PLYMOUTH, NH
1/19/2007	GERALD ALAN MOORE	JOSEPH MOORE	VICKIE MOORE	LEBANON, NH
2/5/2007	LANDON SCOTT GOVONI	ROBERT GOVONI	ARLEE GOVONI	PLYMOUTH, NH
2/23/2007	KYLIE RENEE TENLEY	JOSHUA TENLEY	JESSICA TENLEY	LACONIA, NH
2/28/2007	SHELBY ROSE MONTAGUE	JOSHUA MONTAGUE	SAMANTHA MONTAGUE	PLYMOUTH, NH
3/8/2007	RACHEL LYNN HANS	WILLIAM HANS	TARA SHAW	CONCORD, NH
3/8/2007	KATHRYN LEE LANE	JOSEPH LANE	STACY LUKE	CONCORD, NH
4/3/2007	TRENTEN BENJAMIN PAWLIK	JUSTIN PAWLIK	AMANDA BERG	PLYMOUTH, NH
4/11/2007	CODY EDGAR BALLOU	RONALD BALLOU	SARAH BALLOU	CONCORD, NH
5/13/2007	ELISE JULIANNA CIARLEGLIO	DANIEL CIARLEGLIO	DANIELLE CIARLEGLIO	PLYMOUTH, NH
5/24/2007	GRIFFIN JESSE HIBBARD	JASON HIBBARD	JILL GAGNON	CONCORD, NH
6/5/2007	ANNA ELIZABETH BOYER	ROGER BOYER	DEBORAH BOYER	PLYMOUTH, NH
6/9/2007	JOHN GRADY MCHUGH	JOHN MCHUGH	HEATHER LETOURNEAU	LACONIA, NH
7/8/2007	GRIFFIN SEAVEY DIXON	SAMUEL DIXON	AMY DIXON	PLYMOUTH, NH
7/19/2007	ANDREW MATTHEW WENDELBOE	JONATHAN WENDELBOE	ALISHA WENDELBOE	LACONIA, NH
7/25/2007	SAMUEL WEBB LIEBERT	MARK LIEBERT	RENEE LIEBERT	PLYMOUTH, NH
8/8/2007	SADIE ROSE RAFFERTY	RYAN RAFFERTY	RICHELLE RAFFERTY	PLYMOUTH, NH
8/30/2007	NICHOLAS DAVID MCKENZIE	JOSHUA MCKENZIE	CHANTAL MCKENZIE	PLYMOUTH, NH
9/10/2007	OLIVIA ISABELLE FROST	RYAN FROST	CAREY FROST	PLYMOUTH, NH
9/11/2007	DRAKE AIDAN GARLAND		SARA GARLAND	PLYMOUTH, NH
9/18/2007	RUBY GRACE PERRY	ALBERT PERRY	SHERRI PERRY	PLYMOUTH, NH
10/4/2007	JACOB AARON KOSTELAK	ZACHARIAH KOSTELAK	CHRISTINA KOSTELAK	LACONIA, NH
10/9/2007	ISABELLA LILY WU	LEI WU	XIANYUN LI	PLYMOUTH, NH
11/15/2007	JIANNA LYNN JACHEO	JOSEPH JACHEO	TANYA STEWART	PLYMOUTH, NH

**MARRIAGES 2007**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>GROOM</b>	<b>BRIDE</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
1/18/2007	CHRISTOPHER J ROGAN	MARIE A WOODWARD	CONCORD
3/6/2007	BRUCE L LARIVIERE	SHANNON M DONAHUE	ASHLAND
4/20/2007	BRIAN S STEARNS	JENNIFER S HORMELL	ASHLAND
4/22/2007	ADAM D JENNA	JUSTINE C WHITTEMORE	PENACOOK
6/2/2007	ANDREW M SIMONDS	JULIE A JOHNSTON	ALTON
6/16/2007	CHRISTOPHER D WHITE	ELIZABETH A FOURNIER	ASHLAND
6/16/2007	JESSIE K JENNINGS	ELIZABETH A FREITAS	PLYMOUTH
7/14/2007	ROY T FRENCH	DEBRA A GREEN	ASHLAND
7/20/2007	JEFFREY A LUTZ	KARLA J LUTZ	LACONIA
7/29/2007	JOSHUA R HILL	LISA Y FLIGG	LACONIA
8/11/2007	GARY R HANCOCK	JILL A LEVINE	PLYMOUTH
8/18/2007	ERIC J HARRIS	JESSICA M GRATON	PLYMOUTH
9/2/2007	JOSHUA R TACKETT	KAITLIN A SOUCY	HILLSBOROUGH
9/7/2007	DONALD J LADEAU	BARBARA A GLIDDEN	HOLDERNESS
9/15/2007	ERIC F GEIB	ERIN R GREENE	MEREDITH
9/22/2007	STEPHEN J MILLS	HILLARY L MOORE	SUGAR HILL
9/27/2007	KRISTOFF VON BONSDORFF	ADRIANE J DEWOLFE	BRETTON WOODS

**DEATHS 2007**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>FATHER</b>	<b>MOTHER</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
1/20/2007	CLIFTON MOODY	DANIEL MOODY	GRACE PHILBRICK	PLYMOUTH
1/21/2007	LEON BOISVERT	JOSEPH BOISVERT	ALMA DUCHARME	LACONIA
2/13/2007	H. KENNETH DANE	CHARLES DANE	ODESSA DOUGLAS	PLYMOUTH
3/12/2007	RICHARD STRAW	EDSON STRAW	MAY LITTLE	PLYMOUTH
3/23/2007	PAULINE HEATH	RUDOLPH ANDREWS	HELEN PLUMER	ASHLAND
04/10/07	ANDREW EVANS	JOHN EVANS	MARIAN LONGAKER	ASHLAND
4/21/2007	ROMENIA HUGHES	EDWIN YEATON	BESSIE ALLEN	FRANKLIN
5/5/2007	HOWARD GOOD	LOUIS GOOD	ANNE GOODSTEIN	PLYMOUTH
5/5/2007	JEREMY BECKER	JOSEPH BECKER	COLLEEN C'CONNOR	PLYMOUTH
5/7/2007	ALBERT REITSMA JR	ALBERT REITSMA SR	PHYLLISS LARCROIX	PLYMOUTH
5/18/2007	ARLENE HALL	UNKNOWN	MARION LAROCHE	ASHLAND
7/24/2007	PAULINE MACCHIO	LOUIS BOHRER	MARY BANNON	ASHLAND
8/10/2007	KATHLEEN HUFF	DANVILLE HUFF	LEE PHILLIPS	PLYMOUTH
10/4/2007	RUTH KNAPP	ELWIN BICKFORD	IDA SHAW	PLYMOUTH
10/20/2007	EVELYN MAGOON	ALBERT PAGE	ELIZABETH MOULTON	LEBANON
11/18/2007	CATHERINE PETHTEL	ALBERT ROBERTS	BERTHA POITRAS	FRANKLIN
12/28/2007	RUSSELL YEATON	EDWIN YEATON	MARY ROBERTS	LEBANON

**TOWN  
STATISTICAL  
AND  
FINANCIAL  
INFORMATION**

# TAX RATE COMPUTATIONS 2007

## TOWN PORTION

TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATIONS	\$	5,780,850.00		
LESS - REVENUES	\$	4,255,578.00		
LESS - SHARED REVENUES	\$	33,105.00		
ADD - OVERLAY	\$	25,011.00		
ADD - WAR SERVICE CREDITS	\$	33,300.00		
NET TOWN APPROPRIATIONS			\$	1,550,478.00
APPROVED TOWN TAX EFFORT			\$	1,550,478.00
MUNICIPAL TAX RATE				\$ 7.98

## SCHOOL PORTION

NET SCHOOL BUDGET	\$	2,407,460.00		
REGIONAL SCHOOL APPORTIONMENT	\$	1,114,122.00		
LESS - ADEQUATE EDUCATION GRANT	\$	(649,974.00)		
LESS - STATE EDUCATION TAXES	\$	(513,448.00)		
APPROVED SCHOOL TAX EFFORT			\$	2,358,160.00
LOCAL EDUCATION TAX RATE				\$ 12.13

## STATE EDUCATION TAXES

EQUALIZATION VALUATION (NO UTILITIES) X	\$	2.24		
\$ 229,217,693.00			\$	513,448.00
STATE SCHOOL TAX RATE				\$ 2.70

## COUNTY PORTION

DUE TO COUNTY	\$	315,453.00		
LESS - SHARED REVENUES	\$	(3,824.00)		
APPROVED COUNTY TAX EFFORT			\$	311,629.00
COUNTY TAX RATE				\$ 1.60

TOTAL TAX RATE \$ 24.41

TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES ASSESSED	\$	4,733,715.00
LESS WAR SERVICES CREDITS	\$	(33,300.00)
ADD VILLAGE DISTRICT COMMITMENT	\$	-
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX COMMITMENT	\$	4,700,415.00

	PROOF OF RATE		
NET ASSESSED VALUATION		TAX RATE	ASSESSMENT
STATE EDUCATION TAX (NO UTILITIES)	\$ 190,053,895.00	\$ 2.70	\$ 513,448.00
ALL OTHER TAXES	\$ 194,406,695.00	\$ 21.71	\$ 4,220,267.00
			\$ 4,733,715.00

Signed by Barbara Robinson, Department of Revenue



# SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

VALUE OF LAND ONLY	
CURRENT USE	\$ 229,304.00
CONSERVATION RESTRICTION	\$ 1,224.00
RESIDENTIAL	\$ 38,450,700.00
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	\$ 10,627,450.00
TOTAL TAXABLE LAND	\$ 49,308,678.00
VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY	
RESIDENTIAL	\$ 112,173,100.00
MANUFACTURED HOUSING	\$ 1,912,900.00
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	\$ 27,599,300.00
TOTAL TAXABLE BUILDINGS	\$ 141,685,300.00
PUBLIC UTILITIES	
ELECTRIC UTILITIES	\$ 4,352,800.00
TOTAL PUBLIC UTILITIES	\$ 4,325,800.00
VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS	\$ 195,346,778.00
BLIND EXEMPTIONS	\$ 45,000.00
ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS	\$ 895,083.00
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED	\$ 940,083.00
NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL COUNTY, LOCAL TAX IS COMPUTED	\$ 194,406,695.00
NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED	\$ 190,053,895.00

*INFORMATION IS TAKEN FROM THE DRA MS1 FORM  
(2007 SUMMARY VALUATION OF INVENTORY)*



INVENTORY OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY		2007					
MAP/LOT	DESCRIPTION	ACRES	LAND VALUE	BUILDING VALUE	BOOK	PAGE	DATE
003-002-004	96 COLLINS STREET (LANDFILL)	28.4	\$ 45,800.00	\$ 22,100.00	1142	551	6/9/1971
003-003-001	NEW HAMPTON TOWN LINE	3.4	\$ 17,900.00				
003-003-002	137 COLLINS STREET (WWTF)	108	\$167,400.00	\$ 9,024,000.00		222	4/22/1955
004-001-003	72 CEDAR LANE (PUMP STATION)	36.34	\$ 82,800.00	\$ 17,800.00	2191	54	4/15/1996
004-002-015	JCT HILLSIDE AVE/MAIN STREET	0.44	\$ 8,800.00				
004-004-001	99 MAIN STREET (BALL FIELD / BOOSTER CLUB)	7	\$233,700.00	\$ 164,000.00			
	DEED - SULLIVAN				562	119	
	DEED - SPAULDING				826	71	11/1/1952
	DEED - KILPATRICK				969	156	4/30/1962
	DEED - BROWN				770	328	
	DEED - KNAPP				1087	510	1/8/1969
011-003-008	ROUTE 3 (SCENIC VIEW ROAD) / OWL BROOK RD	0.05	\$ 1,000.00		2394	653	5/24/1999
011-003-010	ROUTE 3 (SCENIC VIEW ROAD) / OWL BROOK RD	0.04	\$ 950.00		2394	651	5/24/1999
011-006-004	LEAVITT HILL ROAD (EDWARD DOGGETT BEACH)	1.5	\$239,500.00	\$ 3,300.00	863	431	5/18/1955
012-005-003	LEAVITT HILL ROAD ( E. DOGGETT CAMPGROUND)	5.2	\$ 39,250.00	\$ 28,200.00			
014-001-001-002	HYDRO DAM ON STATE LAND			\$ 147,500.00			
014-001-020	RIVER STREET (BOAT LAUNCH)	0.15	\$ 35,750.00				
015-001-001-A	RIVER STREET/CROSS ROAD		\$ 23,300.00				
015-001-020	RIVER STREET / CROSS ROAD	1.1	\$ 1,850.00		549	503	
015-002-019	RIVER STREET	1.4	\$ 23,900.00		471	126	
015-002-020	RIVER STREET	0.04	\$ 900.00		1109	519	3/3/1970
015-002-021	RIVER STREET	1.3	\$ 12,050.00		2394	652	5/24/1999
016-002-001	HIGHLAND AND MAIN STREET	0.046	\$ 8,800.00				
016-003-020	EDUCATION WAY (ASHLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS)	26	\$312,200.00	\$ 2,879,200.00			
016-007-001	20 HIGHLAND STREET (ASHLAND TOWN HALL)	0.61	\$ 49,150.00	\$ 306,700.00	1167	405	7/3/1972
016-009-004	RIVERSIDE DRIVE	0.06	\$ 5,100.00		2155	649	8/24/1995
					2155	653	8/24/1995
016-009-009	MAIN STREET/RIVERSIDE DRIVE (MEMORIAL PARK)	0.94	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 3,200.00			
	DEED - MARINE LAND				1099	430	8/25/1969
	DEED - SIRLES LAND				1099	425	9/26/1969
	DEED - HAVLOCK LAND				1029	500	
017-001	MAIN STREET / DEPOT STREET	0.07					
017-006-009	12 PLEASANT STREET (WHIPPLE HOUSE)	0.93	\$ 56,700.00	\$ 202,100.00	1120	106	7/21/1970
017-007-001	41 MAIN STREET (SCRIBNER LIBRARY)	0.4	\$154,850.00	\$ 169,200.00	SCRIBNER WILL JAN 1935		
017-007-012	MAIN STREET (LEGION BUILDING LAND)	0.75	\$191,100.00		712	169	
017-008-001	MAIN AND MECHANIC STREET (PARKING LOT)	0.31	\$ 71,700.00	\$ 4,900.00	661	84	
017-009-001	9 MAIN STREET (ASHLAND FIRE STATION)	0.59	\$175,800.00	\$ 351,300.00			
017-011-002	DEPOT STREET	0.02	\$ 800.00				
017-013-008	WASHINGTON STREET	0.402	\$ 17,150.00		2394	650	5/24/1999
018-001-001	6 COLLINS STREET (UTILITY/TOWN GARAGE)	3.5	\$ 35,600.00	\$ 236,500.00	1359	656	
018-004-020	99 WINONA ROAD	2.5	\$ 26,100.00	\$ 138,200.00	3470	882	11/29/2007
018-004-001	HAROLD AVERY ROAD	0.55	\$ 9,600.00		1416	659	3/5/1981
018-004-002	HAROLD AVERY ROAD	0.52	\$ 9,500.00		1416	659	3/5/1981
018-004-034	HAROLD AVERY ROAD (WATER TOWER)	1.2	\$ 23,500.00	\$ 828,000.00	1424	233	6/17/1981
025-002-005	WEST SIDE TOWN LINE - RANGE		\$ 16,700.00				
	SOURCE - DEEDS AND PREVIOUS TOWN REPORTS SUBJECT TO CORRECTIONS IF FOUND						

# SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY 2007

		BLD VALUE	CONTENTS
TOWN OFFICE BLD/POLICE STATION	20 HIGHLAND STREET	\$ 2,426,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
FIRE STATION	9 MAIN STREEET	\$ 393,300.00	\$ 130,000.00
LIBRARY	41 MAIN STREET		\$ 451,000.00
HISTORICAL MUSEUM	12 PLEASANT STREET	\$ 171,800.00	\$ 50,000.00
TOWN GARAGE	6 COLLINS STREET	\$ 304,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
STORAGE SHED - ELECTRIC	6 COLLINS STREET	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 30,000.00
STORAGE SHED (4) AT HIGHWAY	6 COLLINS STREET	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
SEWER PLANT - 5 BUILDINGS	137 COLLINS STREET	\$ 6,613,200.00	\$ 250,000.00
SUBSTATION	18 COLLINS STREET	\$ 750,000.00	
PARK/RECREATION BUILIDNG	99 MAIN STREET	\$ 71,700.00	\$ 40,000.00
BATHHOUSE - CAMPGROUND SIDE	284 RIVER STREET	\$ 20,700.00	\$ 1,000.00
CAMPGROUND LAND	284 RIVER STREET	\$ 50,000.00	
SQUAM RIVER COVERED BRIDGE	RIVER STREET	\$ 260,000.00	
REPEATER ANTENNA	PEPPERCORN ROAD	\$ 6,000.00	
WATER TREATMENT PLANT	72 CEDAR LANE	\$ 77,000.00	\$ 300,000.00
TWO DUGOUTS - BALL FIELD	99 MAIN STREET	\$ 3,400.00	
GATE HOUSE / BATHHOUSE - BEACHSIDE	19 LEAVITT HILL ROAD	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
GAZEBO AT BALL PARK	99 MAIN STREET	\$ 3,500.00	
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	99 MAIN STREET	\$ 2,500.00	
WATER STORAGE TANK	68 HAROLD AVERY RD	\$ 10,000.00	
TRANSFER STATION BUILDINGS	96 COLLINS STREET	\$ 30,000.00	
SKATING RINK		\$ 17,387.00	
SEWER PUMP STATION	148 RIVER STREET	\$ 200,000.00	
SEWER PUMP STATION #2	242 RIVER STREET	\$ 200,000.00	
SEWER PUMP STATION #3	RIVERSIDE DRIVE	\$ 200,000.00	
GRINDER PUMP	299 RIVER STREET	\$ 2,500.00	
L/B 99 WINONA ROAD	99 WINONA ROAD	\$ 164,200.00	

\*\*SOURCE - LGC PROPERTY SCHEDULE

# TOWN CLERK AND TAX COLLECTOR

Submitted by Patricia Tucker

This 2007 year has been a very productive one for this office. We have welcomed Pat Crowell in the office, working as assistant clerk and tax collector. Laura Plummer left this year to pursue other avenues.

I have completed my certification as tax collector, which is a three year program sponsored by the Town Clerk and Tax Collector Associations. I am currently serving as President of the New Hampshire Tax Collector's Association.

I will complete my final year in the certification program this August which will be my town clerk certification.

This office is always a busy place. We are in charge of motor vehicle registrations, dog licensing, vital records, titling of vehicles, elections and any other issue that may come our way. All boards, committees and commissions are required to file their meeting minutes with the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk's office has a notary public available for the citizens.

The 2008 dog licenses are available after the first of the year. If you no longer have your dog please notify this office so that we may correct our records.

We are able to produce certified copies of certain birth, death, marriage and divorce certificates. The charge is \$12 for a copy, \$8 for each additional copy produced at the same time.

We are open 8-4 (Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri) and 8-5 on Thursday for your convenience.

As of December 31, 2007 [93.86 %] of the 2007 warranted taxes have been collected. The tax collector's office is able to accept prepayments on taxes. This means that any time during the year you may make a payment toward your account. The more you pay against the principal, the less interest you have to pay. You do not have to wait until you have the full amount to make a payment.

The Tax Collector's report is found on the following pages. This is the form that I need to send to the state at the end of the year. Please feel free to contact me with any questions that you may have concerning the report.

The unaudited revenue report for the Town Clerk is as follows:

Motor Vehicle Registrations/Title fees	\$296730.99
Dog Licenses – town portion	\$ 2015.00
Dog Licenses – state portion	\$ 787.50
Vital Record Copies – town portion	\$ 769.00
Vital Record Copies – state portion	\$ 1695.00
Misc. fees collected	\$ 1654.00
Number of Registrations and Titles processed =	13861

The taxpayers of Ashland are what keep this community going. Thank you for your outstanding commitment to this endeavor.

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**For the Municipality of ASHLAND Year Ending 2007**DEBITS**

UNCOLLECTED TAXES-		Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES	
BEG. OF YEAR*			(PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)	
Property Taxes	#3110	XXXXXX	\$324,471.49	
Resident Taxes	#3180	XXXXXX	\$0.00	
Land Use Change	#3120	XXXXXX	0	
Yield Taxes	#3185	XXXXXX	0	
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	XXXXXX	0	
Utility Charges	#3189	XXXXXX	\$2,944.17	
		XXXXXX		

**TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR**

Property Taxes	#3110	\$4,705,794.62	0
Resident Taxes	#3180	0	0
Land Use Change	#3120	\$10,294	\$4,900
Yield Taxes	#3185	\$3,753.13	\$0
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	\$300	\$20.00
Utility Charges	#3189	\$0	\$0
OTHER CHARGES			\$826.75

**FOR DRA USE ONLY****OVERPAYMENT:**

Property Taxes	#3110	\$4,708.27	0	
Resident Taxes	#3180	0	0	
Land Use Change	#3120	0	0	
Yield Taxes	#3185	0	0	
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	0	0	
COSTS BEFORE LIEN			\$1,138.25	
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	\$5,475.81	\$15,489.28	
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190			
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>		<b>\$4,730,325.83</b>	<b>\$349,789.94</b>	<b>\$</b>

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

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION  
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487  
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# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of ASHLAND Year Ending 2007

## CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	Levy for this Year	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
Property Taxes	\$ 4,412,859.61	\$ 248,099.23		
Resident Taxes	\$ -	\$ -		
Land Use Change	\$ 10,294.00	\$ 4,900.00		
Yield Taxes	\$ 3,753.13	\$ -		
Interest (Include lien conversion)	\$ 5,475.81	\$ 10,274.04		
Penalties	\$ -	\$ -		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 299.41	\$ 20.00		
Utility Charges	\$ -	\$ 1,542.05		
Conversion to Lien		\$ 84,069.67		
OTHER CHARGES	\$ -	\$ 826.75		
<b>DISCOUNTS ALLOWED</b>				

## ABATEMENTS MADE

Property Taxes	\$ 4,919.02	\$ 58.20		
Resident Taxes	\$ -	\$ -		
Land Use Change	\$ -	\$ -		
Yield Taxes	\$ 0.59	\$ -		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ -	\$ -		
Utility Charges	\$ -	\$ -		
		\$ -		
<b>CURRENT LEVY DEEDED</b>	<b>\$ 4,010.56</b>	<b>\$ -</b>		

## UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR #1080

Property Taxes	\$ 288,713.60			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd				
Utility Charges				
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$ 4,730,325.83</b>	<b>\$ 349,789.94</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>



# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of ASHLAND Year Ending 2007

## DEBITS

	Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Year		\$ 39,644.17	\$ 29,132.45	\$ 47,128.93
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$ 84,069.67			
Interest & Costs Collected (AFTER LIEN EXECUTION)	\$ 2,539.13	\$ 1,687.91	\$ 5,763.17	\$ 1,398.92
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$86,608.80</b>	<b>\$41,332.08</b>	<b>\$34,895.62</b>	<b>\$48,527.85</b>

## CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER:		Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
Redemptions		\$ 32,307.34	\$ 8,355.16	\$ 12,416.67	\$ 5,490.82
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	#3190	\$ 1,855.13	\$ 1,915.16	\$ 5,913.17	\$ 1,423.92
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Liens Deeded to Municipality		\$ 5,381.29	\$ 4,795.54	\$ 4,771.55	\$ 10,808.24
Unredeemed Liens Balance					
End of Year	#1110	\$ 47,065.04	\$ 26,266.22	\$ 11,794.23	\$ 30,804.87
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>\$ 86,608.80</b>	<b>\$ 41,332.08</b>	<b>\$ 34,895.62</b>	<b>\$ 48,527.85</b>

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

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE *Catrina Jones* DATE 1-21-08

Report of the Trust Fund of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire on December 31, 2007

Date of Contribution	Purpose of Trust Fund	Beginning Balance	New Funds Received	Increase (Decrease) in Fair Value	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Income	Increase (Decrease) in Fair Value	Ending Balance	Total Principal and Interest	Price per Share	Return on Average Balance	Investments		Account Number	Account Balance
													Type of Account	Bank/Brokerage		
Various	Nonspendable Trusts:															
09/18/06	Green Grove Cemetery	7,950.00			7,950.00	1,187.39	644.14	(1,212.88)	543.65	8,493.65	9,137.39	7.31%	UBS	Mut Fund	CV 6555333	8,493.65
	Crimminge & Barry Cemetery	800.00		(149.62)	650.38	1,901.75	209.67	50.27	2,161.69	2,812.07	2,701.75	9.43%	UBS	Mut Fund	CV 7555333	2,812.07
	Library Trusts:															
02/08/77	Pauline Packard Memorial Fund	1,013.39		(344.67)	668.72	196.15	71.14	16.94	284.23	952.95	1,209.54	1.19%	American Fund was UBS	Mut Fund	86453 CV 6555	952.95
08/07/74	Orlway Cheney Library	2,109.90		(250.03)	1,859.87	(184.01)	131.55	(5.34)	(57.80)	1,802.07	1,925.89	6.77%	American Fund was UBS	Mut Fund	86453 CV 6555	1,802.07
05/13/85	Harnet Addison Library	983.86			983.86	128.70		112.74	241.44	1,225.30	1,112.56	9.64%	Procter	Mut Fund	908-0065738	1,225.30
03/01/95	J Rollins Trust	3,578.23			3,578.23	1,398.20	234.23	269.70	1,902.13	5,480.36	4,976.43	9.64%	Panama/usa UBS	Mut Fund	CV 6013533	5,480.36
08/12/93	Memorial Park Maintenance	33,069.37		(5,744.32)	43,760.43	22,866.68	3,856.98	(3,540.87)	23,107.79	66,868.22	72,371.43	-0.43%	AG Edwards	Mut Fund	4101-00746-045	46,101.82
	Expendable Trusts															
	Capital Reserve Funds															
03/09/04	River Street Bridge	54,000.00			54,000.00	3,148.76	2,909.04		6,057.80	60,057.80	57,148.76	4.96%	NHPDP	Pool	JH-01-0120-000	60,057.80
03/09/04	Highway Truck	55,000.00			55,000.00	2,142.92	2,749.97		4,892.89	59,892.89	57,142.92	4.70%	NHPDP	Pool	JH-01-0120-000	59,892.89
07/12/02	Employee Disability Payment Fund	7,300.00			7,300.00	702.50	407.54		1,110.04	8,410.04	8,002.50	4.97%	NHPDP	Pool	JH-01-0120-000	8,410.04
04/01/07	Ashland Electric	37,000.00			37,000.00	705.52	705.52		1,411.04	38,411.04	37,000.00	7.54%	NHPDP	Pool	JH-01-0120-000	38,411.04
	Ashland Sewer	52,500.00			52,500.00	1,196.40	1,196.40		2,392.80	54,892.80	53,696.40	4.46%	NHPDP	Pool	JH-01-0120-000	53,696.40
	Ashland Water	102,500.00			102,500.00	2,335.66	2,335.66		4,671.32	107,171.32	104,835.66	4.46%	NHPDP	Pool	JH-01-0120-000	104,835.66
	Ashland Water	116,300.00			116,300.00	5,994.18	10,304.13		16,298.31	132,598.31	122,294.18	4.82%	NHPDP	Pool	JH-01-0120-000	130,598.31
	Agency Trusts															
01/23/03	Ashland School District															
01/23/03	School District Special	55,298.66			55,298.66	5,275.50	3,083.43		8,358.93	63,657.59	60,374.16	4.96%	NHPDP	Pool	JH-01-0120-000	63,657.59
05/13/85	Alice June Addison Memorial Scholarship	10,836.34		(1,005.25)	9,831.09	3,191.90	949.89	(782.90)	3,288.89	13,114.98	14,028.24	7.00%	UBS	Mut Fund	CV 6555333	13,114.98
05/13/85	Alice June Addison Memorial Scholarship	2,012.62		(1,005.25)	1,007.37	1,247.99	1,247.99		2,455.36	4,462.73	4,462.73	7.06%	MAYS	Prmsnd	10284933	4,462.73
08/16/87	Edward M. Dwight Memorial Scholarship	68,147.62		(2,654.44)	65,493.18	8,592.19	4,751.16	(680.57)	12,573.78	79,072.21	76,822.44	6.10%	UBS	Mut Fund	CV 7555333	79,072.21
	Totals	233,952.37		(27,998.76)	205,953.61	37,453.05	18,916.27	(4,221.44)	51,979.88	451,338.74	271,488.05	5.23%				451,338.74

SCRIBNER MEMORIAL TRUST  
DECEMBER 31, 2007

Balance as of December 31, 2006 \$187,964.66

	2006	2007
Expenses		
Maintenance	\$ 4,495.44	\$6,912.03
Supplies	1,212.40	959.44
Garbage	185.00	352.00
Insurance	737.00	737.00
FICA	138.45	289.22
Trustees	1,588.11	1,038.92
Bookkeeper	600.27	692.62
Fuel	2,482.98	1,738.41
Misc.	<u>176.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$11,615.65	\$12,819.64

Income:

MVSB Interest	\$ 1.64	\$ 1.02
Transferred Funds-CD	12,500.00	none
Transferred Funds-Stock		<u>11,860.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$12,501.64</u>	\$ 11,861.02

Account Balances:

MVSB 23479801	\$ 1,081.08	\$ 2,891.54
Inc. Fund of America-value	79,487.25	83,092.89
Cash Balance	9.44	none
Centennial Money Market	0	4,523.16
Pioneer II-value	54,336.43	37,696.20
Putnam Diversified-value	<u>53,050.46</u>	<u>53,310.56</u>
TOTAL	\$187,964.66	\$ 181,514.35

Balance as of December 31, 2007 \$181.514.35

Submitted by  
Edward A. Dupuis  
Rick Pare'  
Thomas Peters  
Richard Ogden  
Dean Marcroft

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED**

FOR THE TAX YEAR 2006 - TOWN OF ASHLAND - GRAFTON COUNTY

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2007 BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	BALANCE REMAINING
EXECUTIVE	\$ 6,168.00	\$ 7,412.77	\$ (1,244.77)
ELECTION, REGISTRATION, VITALS	\$ 29,347.00	\$ 28,346.18	\$ 1,000.82
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 243,880.00	\$ 214,712.15	\$ 29,167.85
REVALUATION OF PROPERTY	\$ 39,500.00	\$ 50,898.33	\$ (11,398.33)
LEGAL EXPENSE	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 13,563.97	\$ (3,563.97)
PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
BALLOT CODING	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,633.45	\$ 866.55
PLANNING AND ZONING	\$ 8,261.00	\$ 8,081.97	\$ 179.03
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS	\$ 36,101.00	\$ 38,499.87	\$ (2,398.87)
CEMETERIES	\$ 400.00	\$ 430.60	\$ (30.60)
INSURANCE	\$ 70,678.00	\$ 51,676.03	\$ 19,001.97
ADVERTISING/REGIONAL ASSOC	\$ 1,850.00	\$ 1,850.00	\$ -
OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 20,215.00	\$ 12,361.02	\$ 7,853.98
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>			\$ -
POLICE	\$ 531,511.00	\$ 534,762.91	\$ (3,251.91)
POLICE DETAIL	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 4,245.45	\$ 3,254.55
AMBULANCE	\$ 32,179.00	\$ 31,589.83	\$ 589.17
FIRE	\$ 152,211.00	\$ 152,061.85	\$ 149.15
BUILDING INSPECTION	\$ 7,074.00	\$ 8,608.57	\$ (1,534.57)
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$ 2,315.00	\$ -	\$ 2,315.00
<b>HIGHWAYS AND STREETS</b>			\$ -
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 209,734.00	\$ 209,181.86	\$ 552.14
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS	\$ 140,953.00	\$ 142,262.63	\$ (1,309.63)
BRIDGES	\$ 400.00	\$ 446.29	\$ (46.29)
TOWN MECHANIC	\$ 68,419.00	\$ 65,391.01	\$ 3,027.99
STREET LIGHTING	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 39,756.12	\$ 3,243.88
<b>SANITATION</b>			\$ -
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	\$ 154,840.00	\$ 143,266.90	\$ 11,573.10
<b>HEALTH</b>			\$ -
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 2,453.00	\$ 2,684.53	\$ (231.53)
PEST CONTROL	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 200.00
<b>WELFARE</b>			\$ -
ADMINISTRATION / ASSISTANCE	\$ 38,213.00	\$ 49,517.47	\$ (11,304.47)
VENDOR PAYMENTS / OTHER	\$ 23,487.00	\$ 23,487.00	\$ -
<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>			\$ -
PARKS AND RECREATION	\$ 186,068.00	\$ 174,359.92	\$ 11,708.08
LIBRARY	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	\$ 7,006.00	\$ 5,798.65	\$ 1,207.35
TOWN TRUSTEES	\$ 646.00	\$ 645.96	\$ 0.04
CONSERVATION	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
			\$ -
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>			\$ -
PRINCIPAL - LONG TERM	\$ 181,401.00	\$ 181,401.00	\$ -
INTEREST - LONG TERM	\$ 156,441.00	\$ 156,440.80	\$ 0.20
INTEREST - TAN	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ (550.00)
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>			\$ -
WARRANT ARTICLES	\$ 15,793.00	\$ 4,685.00	\$ 11,108.00
DEFAULT DISCOUNTS		\$ (354.91)	\$ 354.91
			\$ -
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	\$ 2,485,144.00	# \$ 2,414,155.18	# \$ 70,988.82
			\$ -
<b>OUT TO ENTERPRISE FUNDS</b>			\$ -
			\$ -
			\$ -
MUNICIPAL SEWER FUND	\$ 301,739.00	\$ 279,907.00	\$ 21,832.00
MUNICIPAL WATER FUND	\$ 183,123.00	\$ 129,826.00	\$ 53,297.00
MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC FUND	\$ 2,810,845.00	\$ 2,590,597.00	\$ 220,248.00
<b>UNAUDITED</b>			



ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT - 2007  
 Submitted by Linda Guyolte, Treasurer

CHECKING ACCOUNTS	TOWN	ELECTRIC	WATER	SEWER
BEGINNING BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2007	\$ 1,373,992.53	\$ 128,068.30	\$ 103,092.74	\$ 51,836.85
DEPOSITS	\$ 6,286,174.40	\$ 2,743,832.03	\$ 214,048.36	\$ 534,018.01
EXPENDITURES	\$ 7,265,448.20	\$ 2,857,224.49	\$ 292,357.32	\$ 546,462.06
INTEREST	\$ 3,938.47	\$ 223.99	\$ 460.47	\$ 691.97
TOTAL	\$ 398,657.20	\$ 14,899.83	\$ 25,244.25	\$ 40,084.77
PROOF OF BALANCE 12/31/2007				
MVSB CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 24,121.91	\$ -		
MVSB CASH MANAGER ACCOUNT	\$ 374,535.29	\$ 14,899.83	\$ 25,244.25	\$ 40,084.77
TOTAL MEREDITH VILLAGE SAVINGS	\$ 398,657.20	\$ 14,899.83	\$ 25,244.25	\$ 40,084.77
FSB CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 5,840.89			
FSB MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	\$ 105,905.17			
TOTAL FRANKLIN SAVINGS ACCOUNT	\$ 111,746.06			
INVESTED FUNDS				
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ -	\$ 72,665.00	\$ 60,621.71	\$ 247,945.60
CONTRIBUTION TO NH PUBLIC INVESTORS POOL	\$ 1,050,000.00	\$ 4,637.35	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 77,833.25
WITHDRAWALS FSB & CGSB	\$ -	\$ 31,637.35	\$ -	\$ -
WITHDRAWALS NH PUBLIC INVESTORS POOL	\$ 260,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 52,500.00	\$ 111,850.00
INTEREST	\$ 8,565.82	\$ 2,285.32	\$ 1,905.40	\$ 10,779.43
TOTAL	\$ 798,565.82	\$ 27,950.32	\$ 130,027.11	\$ 224,708.28
PROOF OF BALANCE 12/31/007				
NH PUBLIC DEPOSIT INVESTORS POOL	\$ 798,565.82	\$ 27,950.32	\$ 130,027.11	\$ 224,708.28
FRANKLIN SAVINGS BANK	\$ -	\$ -		
COMMUNITY GUARANTY SAVINGS	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00		
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ 27,950.32	\$ 130,027.11	\$ -
TOTAL CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2007	\$ 1,197,223.02	\$ 154,596.21	\$ 155,271.36	\$ 264,793.05



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF CONTROL DEFICIENCIES 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 financial statements of Town of Ashland as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Town's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Town of Ashland's internal control.

A *control deficiency* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. A *material weakness* is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses.

In connection with our consideration of Town of Ashland's internal control as described above, we are pleased to report that we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we considered to be material weaknesses, as defined above. Rather, it appears that the community continues to be proactive in its development of financial systems and is striving for further cooperation and efficiencies between the various governing boards and departments. Areas of opportunity for further consideration include:

- Development of formal policies and minutes of meetings for the Trustees of Trust Funds
- Clarification of the Memorial Park Committee and the Trustees of Trusts Funds fiduciary responsibilities over park care resources in the hands of Memorial Park Trustees
- Developing stronger operating reserves in the general fund and electric departments to reduce the need for short-term borrowing in meeting current obligations and to provide stability in case of emergencies
- A system for documenting welfare transactions that provides internal control as well as confidentiality

Other matters coming to our attention were generally of a procedural nature. We reviewed these matters with responsible personnel during the course of our fieldwork.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the organization and is not intended and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Since our audit was not fully complete at the time of this letter, other matters may come to our attention that will be outlined in our final report or communication to those charged with governance.

*Paul J. Mercier, Jr. CPA*

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The Mercier Group, a professional corporation  
January 30, 2007



**INFORMATIONAL  
REPORTS  
FROM  
OUTSIDE  
AGENCIES**

## **2007 Annual Report**

Pemi-Baker Home Health & Hospice strives to provide the citizens of the area with a multitude of services and programs. The goal of our services is to allow people to remain at home in a safe environment. Important initiatives during 2007 have been...

- ◆ Monthly Foot Care Clinic at the Plymouth Regional Senior Center for the purpose of grooming toenails and recommendations to physicians if necessary.
- ◆ Participation in the Plymouth Regional High School's Licensed Nursing Assistant training program. Provided a six week internship in Home Health for the students. Member of the Board of Directors for the program.
- ◆ Annual Hospice Tree Lightings, hosted by Dresser's Unlimited and the Woodsville Bank. The Hospice Memorial trees honor past and present Hospice patients. A \$5.00 donation to the Hospice program gives the donor a light on the memorial tree in honor of their loved one.
- ◆ Held a Memorial Service at the Plymouth Methodist Church with family and friends of past Hospice patients to honor and celebrate the lives of these Hospice patients.
- ◆ Ongoing participation with Speare Memorial Hospital Wellness Series, including participation in Health Fairs for the citizens of Plymouth.
- ◆ Member of the Community Disaster Planning Committee with other professional community members.
- ◆ Opened Outpatient Aquatic Therapy and Wellness Center at 101 Boulder Point
- ◆ Opened Homecare and Hospice offices at 101 Boulder Point Drive

Our mission as a non-profit organization is to serve citizens of our surrounding communities with appropriate Homecare services. We appreciate and thank you for your ongoing loyal support of our services and our staff.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Lary, Executive Director





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December 27, 2007

*Executive Councilor  
District One*

## **Report to the People of District One By Ray Burton, Councilor District One**

It is a pleasure to serve this large northern district of 98 towns, 4 cities, and 5 counties with a population of 247,000 people. The Executive Council is at the top of your Executive Branch of NH State Government. The Governor and Executive Council appoint 352 Commissions and Directors who administer NH law and budget as prescribed by the NH House and Senate.

2008 is the year to keep an eye on and follow the progress of the NH Transportation Plan. The recommended projects in the highway and bridge plan can be accomplished with existing revenue from the state gasoline tax, bonds and matching federal funds. The Executive Council held public hearings on the projects throughout the state and forwarded their recommendations to Governor Lynch. Governor Lynch will review our recommendations and then submit his recommended plan to the NH House and Senate by January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Without any new revenues for additional projects we will be lucky to maintain the existing state highway and bridge system. If more work is desired than new revenues will have to be voted by the Members of the House and Senate and signed by the Governor. Contact your local legislators- House and Senate. Find them by going to [www.nh.gov](http://www.nh.gov)

This large northern district needs more people on state mandated volunteer boards and commissions. Send your letter of interest and resume to my office, or to Kathy Goode, Director of Appointments/Liaison to the Council, Governor's Office, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301. Tel. (603) 271-2121. To find out what openings are available and to see a list of boards, visit the NH Secretary of State website at [www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index/htm](http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index/htm).

I have available from my office informational items about the NH Executive Council, NH Constitution, NH Tourist Map, 2007 Consumer Handbook, and District Maps. IF you would like to receive my Monday morning report by e-mail please send an e-mail address to [rburton@nh.gov](mailto:rburton@nh.gov).

It is an honor to continue to serve you in my now 30 years as a public servant. Contact my office anytime about your ideas, concerns and problems with state government. I respond to all inquiries and challenges.

### **COOS COUNTY:**

Berlin, Carroll, Clarksville,  
Colebrook, Columbia, Dalton,  
Dixville, Drummer, Errol,  
Gorham, Jefferson, Lancaster,  
Milan, Millsfield, Northumberland,  
Pittsburg, Randolph, Shelburne,  
Stewartstown, Stark, Straford,  
Whitefield

### **SULLIVAN COUNTY:**

Charlestown, Claremont,  
Cornish, Croydon, Grantham,  
Newport, Plainfield, Springfield,  
Sunapee 59

Sincerely,



### *Towns in Council District #1*

#### **CARROLL COUNTY:**

Albany, Bartlett,  
Chatham, Conway, Easton,  
Effingham, Freedom, Hart's Loc,  
Jackson, Madison, Moultonborough,  
Ossipee, Sandwich, Tamworth,  
Tuftonboro, Wakefield, Wolfeboro

#### **GRAFTON COUNTY:**

Alexandria, Ashland, Bath,  
Benton, Bethlehem, Bridgewater,  
Bristol, Campton, Canaan,  
Dorchester, Easton, Ellsworth,  
Enfield, Franconia, Grafton,  
Groton, Hanover, Haverhill,  
Hebron, Holderness, Landaff,  
Lebanon, Lincoln, Lisbon,  
Livermore, Littleton, Lyman,  
Lyme, Monroe, Orange, Orford,  
Piermont, Plymouth, Rumney,  
Sugar Hill, Thornton, Warren,  
Waterville Valley, Wentworth,  
Woodstock

#### **BELKNAP COUNTY:**

Alton, Belmont, Center Harbor,  
Gilford, Laconia, Meredith,  
New Hampton, Sanbornton, Tilton



## **UNH Cooperative Extension - Grafton County Annual Report, 2007**

University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension, Grafton County, has been serving the people of our county in the following ways:

The Nutrition Connections program, coordinated by Robin Peters, reached over 100 families in their adult programs and 200 children in their youth programs. The children were from various Head Start programs; local elementary schools; Whole Village Family Resource Center's Child Care Center; the 21<sup>st</sup> Century After School Program; North Country Academy Charter School and the Circle Program's summer camp.

The Family and Consumer Resources program Educator, Deb Maes, has worked with a new collaboration in Plymouth that allowed limited resource families to participate in a five-week Making Money Work for You program. In addition, over 400 food service workers participated in either a two-day food safety class or an intensive one day class as part of the Family and Consumer Resources program. Of those attending, over 83% scored 75% or higher on the National Restaurant Association's exam and were certified for five years based on their food safety knowledge. Deb also taught participants in the Grafton County Academy Program nutrition and food budgeting tips, money management, parent education and people-skills as part of their education prior to graduating from the program.

Nutrient management in the production of forages, vegetables and fruits continues to be a major focus of the Agricultural Resources program. Nutrient Management Plans on more than 4000 acres of corn and forages were reviewed and updated by Tom Buob, Extension Educator. Through the use of the UNHCE Soil Testing Program farmers were encouraged to maximize the utilization of their on-farm resources to minimize costs and improve profits. Forty producers submitted 160 samples in this process.

Agricultural Resources programs continued to expand efforts with vegetable farmers to incorporate more environmentally sound management practices into their overall management schemes, including: drip irrigation, individual row fertigation, and the introduction of disease resistant varieties to reduce pesticide use. The use of floating row covers was promoted and demonstrated to reduce the use of insecticides and encourage earlier production of various vegetable crops. The vegetable produce from the demonstration plots (several tons of tomatoes, squash, cucumbers, etc) was donated to various Senior Centers in the Upper Valley.

The 4-H Youth Development program has over 300 members and 110 leaders supporting 23 traditional clubs. Volunteers in the 4-H program provided over 4,000 hours of service in 2006-2007 to support the educational objectives of the program. A 4-H Afterschool group was formed in Littleton. In addition, Kathy Jablonski, 4-H Youth Development Educator, has provided assistance to four community's and their after school programs. One program in Littleton, Project REACH, received a JC Penney 4-H Afterschool Grant. Consultation for grants has been done with several other programs. Statewide training in positive youth development theory has been presented at Plustime, 21<sup>st</sup> Century and Extension sponsored conferences.

This year the Master Gardener and the 4-H horticulture programs have been supported by a program associate. The approximately 25 MG's have given hundreds of hours of support to the Grafton County communities. Their showpiece project, the perennial gardens at the county complex, has been coordinating with the County Commissioners. In addition, Dana Karuza Tulp, Volunteer Management Coordinator, coordinated the 4-H summer gardening program for 60 youth and their leaders. A series of 10 workshops, open to 4-Hers and the general public, were held on a variety of horticultural topics throughout the spring and summer months.

Michal Lunak, Extension Dairy Specialist, has also been working with local dairy producers on herd management, farm transfer planning, and quality milk production. He also facilitated with a series of bio-security workshops that were co-sponsored by UNH Cooperative Extension and the New Hampshire State Veterinarian. In all, 77 agricultural professionals and 72 producers, youth, and general public participated.

Northam Parr, Forestry Resources Educator, spent considerable time assessing the damage from the spring storms and connecting wood lot owners with the correct agencies and providers. The Tree Farm program continues to be supported, including the New Hampshire Tree Farm Field Day. In addition, Northam has worked on sustainable forestry plans with landowners and has facilitated with certified logging professional workshops.

Northam Parr and Michal Lunak serve on the county farm committee to help to develop a sustainability plan for the county farmlands, woodlands, and dairy herd. Deb Maes, Nory Parr and Robin Peters have assisted the communities of Landaff, Rumney and Canaan in their Community Profile work and follow up activities.

UNHCE continues to provide New Hampshire's citizens with research based education, information and technical assistance, enhancing their abilities to make informed decisions strengthening youth, families and communities while sustaining natural resources and improving the economy. Funded through the federal, state and county government and competitive grants, educational programs are designed to respond to the local needs of citizens through direction and support of the elected volunteer Extension Advisory Council.

For information, please contact our office Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. by calling: 603-787-6944 or emailing: [grafton@ceunh.unh.edu](mailto:grafton@ceunh.unh.edu). You will find current information on our website: [www.extension.unh.edu](http://www.extension.unh.edu)

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen E. Jablonski, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development, and County Office Administrator

# REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Except from Report received at Town Office

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forest and Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local forest fire warden or Fire Department (968-7772) to determine if a permit is required before doing **ANY** outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The NH Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect NH forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests and Lands at 271-2214, or online at [www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org).

Fire activity was very busy during the spring of 2007, particularly late April into early May. As the forests and fields greened up in later May the fire danger decreased. However, a very dry late summer created very high fire danger again from August into September, with fire danger reaching very high on Labor Day weekend. Even with the dry conditions, the acreage burned was less than half that of 2006. The largest forest fire during the 2007 season burned approximately 26 acres on the side of Wantastiquet Mountain in Chesterfield during the month of May. Our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where home and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2007 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fires from spreading to their homes. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around you home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear; you locate fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe.

## 2007 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 8, 2007 – figures do not include fires on the  
White Mountain National Forest)

### County Statistics

County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	30	95
Carroll	11	53
Cheshire	44	36
Coos	6	15
Grafton	4	30
Hillsborough	61	71
Merrimack	16	73
Rockingham	16	22
Strafford	19	32
Sullivan	5	10

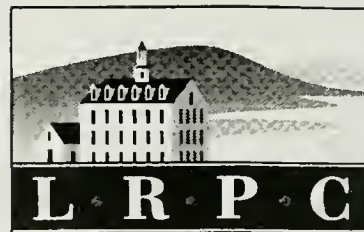
### Causes of Fires Reported

Arson	5
Debris	197
Campfire	38
Children	22
Smoking	41
Railroad	5
Equipment	3
Lightning	7
Misc (power lines, fireworks electric fences etc)	119



# LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

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## LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

2006 – 2007 (FY-07)

The Lakes Region continues to grow and evolve. Homes and businesses have expanded along major roadways, and many of our communities have experienced dramatic changes. This growth has resulted in a number of regional challenges. The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is an organization established to provide area communities with the capability to respond to and shape the pressures of growth in a purposeful way. With a service area covering over 1,200 square miles in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton and Merrimack Counties, the LRPC provides a wide range of planning services to member municipalities. The Commission offers direct and support services including technical assistance, geographic information systems, transportation planning, land use, environmental planning, hazard planning and economic development. Local, state, and federal resources primarily fund the LRPC. We are contacted several times daily for answers to local and statewide issues. We also maintain a regular dialogue with state agencies as a resource for the entire Lakes Region. Our goal remains to provide support, knowledge, and leadership to the governments, businesses, and citizens of the Lakes Region.

Listed below are some of the services performed on behalf of the Town of Ashland and the region in the past fiscal year:

- ❖ Completed and distributed the 2007 *Development Activity in the Lakes Region* report on the Lakes Region residential and commercial development trends. Prepared and distributed a new development survey for 2007-2008.
- ❖ Planned and coordinated the 21<sup>st</sup> annual household hazardous waste collection in the Lakes Region. Two consecutive Saturdays were designated as collection days for 24 participating communities. An estimated 20,000 total gallons of waste were collected, containerized, and transported to EPA approved end-of-life locations around the country.
- ❖ In cooperation with area communities, developed an update of the top regional transportation priorities and submitted it to the NHDOT as required by state statute. Continuously to advocate for needed projects.
- ❖ Convened several meetings of the LRPC Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to enhance local involvement in transportation planning and project development. The TAC advises the LRPC on transportation projects of regional significance.
- ❖ In cooperation with the NH Local Government Center, hosted and organized three public Municipal Law Lectures where practicing attorneys provide a legal perspective on local planning, zoning and other municipal issues. Recent lectures included: Procedural Basics for Planning and Zoning Boards; Environmental Permitting: The Role of Local Officials; and Road Access and the Municipal Planning Process.
- ❖ Secured funding from the NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) to assist local communities with the preparation of all hazard management plans.



- ❖ Awarded \$50,000 from the U.S. Economic Development Administration to prepare a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Lakes Region. A completed CEDS will provide communities with improved access to EDA funding for infrastructure and economic development projects, a benefit not currently available.
- ❖ Conducted over 160 traffic counts around the region, in cooperation with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (DOT). LRPC is also preparing and updating local road inventories, on a town-by-town basis, that will be used by the DOT.
- ❖ Convened six Commission meetings, which featured a diverse range of topics ranging from: a Legislative Night which featured a broad array of proposed legislation, including implementation of a new woodland buffer provisions in shoreland areas, expanding job creation incentives in the LRPC area, swim lines in public waters, and promoting agritourism; presentations on climate challenges including global warming and the effects on NH resources and economy as well as opportunities presented by climate change; an update of LRPC's Regional Goals and Objectives which was accomplished with discussions and recommendations over the four area meetings and adoption in September of this year; an amendment to the Standing Rules and Procedures for the LRPC Transportation Advisory Committee; and an opportunity to exchange viewpoints and make recommendations for amendments to the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act (CSPA).
- ❖ Continue to represent the region on several boards and committees related to the economic and environmental well-being of the region, e.g., the Belknap County Economic Development Council, the Grafton County Economic Development Council, the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee, etc.
- ❖ Reviewed project proposals through the NH Intergovernmental Review Agreement that provides the region and local communities an opportunity to respond to applications seeking state and federal aid. LRPC reviewed many proposals having a combined investment total greater than \$131 million in the Lakes Region.
- ❖ Held a hands-on GIS workshop for local officials on the use of GIS.
- ❖ Authored and presented a model steep slope ordinance for use by municipalities interested in preserving steep slopes, in cooperation with the NH Department of Environmental Services.
- ❖ Continue to represent the region at meetings of the Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility in order to explore the ways and means that the facility may encourage other communities to participate.
- ❖ Completed an inventory of age restricted housing in New Hampshire in cooperation with the NH Housing Finance Authority.
- ❖ Completed a School Enrollment Study which showed that the number of school-aged children generated from new single family housing is declining in both NH and the Lakes Region.
- ❖ Conducted the Granite Municipal GIS Survey in cooperation with the UNH Complex Systems Research Institute.
- ❖ Ordered and distributed many copies of the NH Planning and Land Use Regulation books to member planning boards at considerable savings.

## Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District 2007 Annual Report

The Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District met five (5) times during 2007. This past year District programs provided residents access for proper disposal of their household hazardous wastes (HHW), paint, fluorescent light bulbs, antifreeze and rechargeable batteries

### HHW Program

#### PARTICIPATION RESULTS

The District held two (2) one-day collections - in Lisbon (May) and in Plymouth (September). 181 participants (vehicles) took part serving an estimated 434 residents. This estimate is based on the number of vehicles coming to the collection site and multiplying that figure by 2.4 - the average number of people per household (see tables 1 & 2).\* This year's participation decline can be attributed to at least two factors; (1) the District held only 2 collections instead of 3 as in past years, and (2) moving the collection usually held in Littleton to Lisbon. It should be noted that even though participation numbers were down over 50% from 2006, volume totals for this year were down only 24%. Member communities also brought waste that had been dropped off at their individual transfer stations. There is no effective means to record an accurate number of residents that are being served in this capacity so it should be understood that the participation numbers reported are conservative. In reality, the District's program is serving a greater percentage of the District population than is being reported.

**Table 1. 2007 Participation Results**

Year	# of Collections	Program Population	# of Vehicles	Est. Population Served *	Percentage of Population Served (est.)
2007	2	29,971	180	432	1.44%

**Table 2. 2002 - 2007 Participation Results**

Year	# of Collections	Program Population	# of Vehicles	Est. Population Served *	Percentage of Population Served (est.)
2002	5	26,627	352	845	3.17%
2003	3	26,627	291	698	2.62%
2004	3	26,627	253	607	2.27%
2005	3	26,627	209	502	1.88%
2006	3	26,627	386	926	3.48%
2007	2	29,971	180	432	1.44%

\* Derived by multiplying the number of vehicles by 2.4 (the average household size)

## PROGRAM COSTS

The total cost for disposal for the one-day collection program was \$22,500. The cost per capita was down considerably from last year and this can simply be attributed to the decrease of \$8,000 in program costs. The rise in average cost per vehicle and average cost per "participant" figures can be attributed to the sharp decrease in participation numbers paired with modest decrease in program costs. The District received over \$8,900 in grant funds from the State of NH's HHW grant program to help offset this year's collection costs.

**Table 3. 2007 Program Costs**

Year	Program Pop.	# of Vehicles	Est. Population Served	Total Costs (Disposal & Fees)	Cost/ Capita	Cost/ Vehicle	Cost/ "Participant"
2007	29,971	181	432	\$22,500	\$.75	\$124.31	\$52.08

**Table 4. 2002 – 2007 Program Costs**

Year	Program Pop.	# of Vehicles	Est. Population Served	Total Costs (Disposal & Fees)	Cost/ Capita	Cost/ Vehicle	Cost/ "Participant"
2002	26,627	352	845	\$27,810	\$1.04	\$79.00	\$32.91
2003	26,627	291	698	\$22,587	\$.85	\$77.62	\$32.35
2004	26,627	253	607	\$22,342	\$.84	\$88.31	\$36.81
2005	26,627	209	502	\$22,015	\$.83	\$105.33	\$43.85
2006	26,627	386	926	\$30,980	\$1.16	\$80.26	\$33.46
2007	29,971	181	432	\$22,500	\$.75	\$124.31	\$52.08

## WASTE VOLUMES COLLECTED

As noted earlier the estimated 34,528 pounds of waste collected was down approximately 24% from 2006. However, the 2007 figure is higher than the 2003, 2004, and 2005 numbers, when three collections were held (only two in 2007). The pounds/participant and pounds/vehicle numbers were the highest seen by the District in recent years. This is consistent with what was seen at the events as a number of participants brought large quantities of waste to the sites with some participants making multiple drop-offs. Even with the fluctuations in participation, volumes of waste collected, etc. it should be noted that the cost per pound of waste collected declined slightly from 2006 and has remained relatively stable over the past six (6) years.

**Table 5. 2007 Waste Volumes Collected**

Year	# of Vehicles	Est. Population Served	Total Pounds	Total Costs (Disposal & Fees)	lbs/Vehicle	lbs/ "Participant"	Cost/lb.
2007	181	432	34,528	\$22,500	191	80	\$.65

Table 6. 2002-2007 Waste Volumes Collected

Year	# of Vehicles	Est. Population Served	Total Pounds	Total Costs (Disposal & Fees)	lbs/Vehicle	Lbs/ "Participant"	cost/lb.
2002	352	845	50,360	\$27,810	143	60	\$.55
2003	291	698	33,080	\$22,587	114	47	\$.68
2004	253	607	32,176	\$22,342	127	53	\$.69
2005	209	502	33,090	\$22,015	158	66	\$.66
2006	386	926	45,408	\$30,980	118	49	\$.68
2007	181	432	34,528	\$22,500	191	80	\$.65

In 2008 the District plans to hold two (2) collections, one in the Lisbon/Littleton area on September 13<sup>th</sup> and the second in Plymouth on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Paint Recycling and Universal Waste Collections

Accompanying the one-day HHW collection program were the individual municipal transfer station collections for paint and fluorescent lights. Over 640 gallons of paint and 34,000 feet of fluorescent light bulbs were collected through these programs. These ongoing collections not only provide less expensive recycling options for wastes typically collected at HHW collections, but they also allow residents greater access to disposal opportunities, in turn minimizing the potential for improper disposal.

## Other Issues

The District supported a legislative proposal, HB 503, which would levy a \$.01 fee/tax on beverage containers at the wholesale level (Milk, wine and liquor bottles would be exempt). This proposal would raise approximately 10 million dollars annually for recycling and HHW programs. It is estimated that \$800,000 dollars would be set aside for HHW grants annually, four times the current amount allocated to the State's HHW grant program.

In 2008, the District will continue to promote its cooperative approach to solid waste management and recycling and continue its HHW and universal waste collection programs. By working together, District members can minimize disposal, transportation and recycling costs and help ease the strain on municipal budgets. Citizens interested in participating in the development of the District's programs are welcome to attend the District meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at all municipal offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Berti  
PBSWD Chairman



**2008  
WARRANT  
AND  
BUDGET**



**TOWN OF ASHLAND  
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
WARRANT – YEAR 2008**

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 School Gymnasium, 27 Highland Street in said Town on Saturday, February 2, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. to act upon the following articles. Vote by official ballot will take place on March 11, 2008 at the Ashland School Gymnasium, 27 Highland Street. **Polls will be open from 9:00 a.m. and will close no earlier than 7:00 p.m.**

**Article 1:**

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

(2)	Selectmen	3 Year Term
(1)	Town Trustee	3 Year Term
(1)	Library Trustee	3 Year Term
(1)	Electric Commissioner	3 Year Term
(1)	Electric Commissioner	1 Year Term
(1)	Town Clerk	3 Year Term
(1)	Town Treasurer	3 Year Term
(1)	Town Moderator	2 Year Term
(1)	Supervisor of the Checklist	6 Year Term
(2)	Budget Committee	3 Year Term
(2)	Budget Committee	2 Year Term
(1)	Budget Committee	1 Year Term
(1)	Water & Sewer Commissioner	3 Year Term

**Article 2:**

**Amendment #1** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Ashland Planning Board for Ashland Zoning Ordinance as follows: to amend 2.3a by adding “No driveway shall be located within fifteen (15) feet of the side or rear boundary”?

**Amendment #2** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Ashland Planning Board for the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as follows: to amend 2.3b to require that setbacks for wells, septic tanks, leach fields and components comply with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Code of Administrative Rules Chapter Env-Ws 1000?

**Amendment #3** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Ashland Planning Board for the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as follows: to amend 2.4a to

clarify that subdivisions with community water systems may benefit from reduced minimum lot size requirements?

**Amendment #4** Are you in favor of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Ashland Planning Board for the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as follows: to adopt the following definition of Community Water System – “as defined in RSA 485:1-a”?

**Amendment #5** Are you in favor of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Ashland Planning Board for the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as follows: to adopt the following definition of Municipal Water Supply – potable water supplied by town or municipality?

### **Article 3:**

To see if the town will vote to accept the reports of its boards, commissions, and officers for the year of 2007 subject to corrections of errors when and if found.

### **Article 4:**

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 amount 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 **\$6,001,698 [as amended at the first session February 2, 2008]**? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$6,216,099 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; 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.

### **Article 5:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) to be deposited into the River Street Bridge Repair Capital Reserve Fund for the repair of the River Street Bridge over Squam River. The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

### **Article 6:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty-seven thousand dollars (\$157,000) to purchase a 2008 Highway Truck and Equipment and to authorize the withdrawal of fifty-nine thousand six hundred and fifty dollars (\$59,650) from the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund, with the balance of ninety-seven thousand three hundred and fifty dollars (\$97,350) to be raised by general taxation. The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

### **Article 7:**

To see if the Town will vote to create a Highway Sidewalk Plow Capital Reserve Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirty five thousand (\$35,000) [as amended at the first session on February 2, 2008]** to be deposited into that said account for the purpose of purchasing a new sidewalk plow in the future. The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

### **Article 8:**

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to employ a full time paid fire chief at an annual salary of \$49,500 and to raise and appropriate \$42,000 to compensate that full time paid fire chief in 2008, instead of continuing to utilize the services of a part time volunteer fire chief. The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

### **Article 9:**

To see if the Town will vote to increase the selectman's salaries from \$900 to \$1,500 per year per selectman and to increase the chairperson's salary from \$1,200 to \$1,800 per year for the chairman. The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

### **Article 10:**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the rules and procedures of Municipal Budget Law RSA 32:5 v-a **to require that all votes by the budget committee and the board of selectmen relative to budget items or warrant articles shall be recorded votes and the numerical tally of any such vote shall be printed in the town warrants next to the affected warrant article [as amended at the first session February 2, 2008].** (Majority Vote Required)

### **Article 11:**

**By Petition:** To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator, and our Governor:

Resolved: We the citizens of Ashland, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. State leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representatives, our State Senator, and our Governor to reject the "Pledge", have an open discussion covering all options, and adopt a revenue system that lowers property taxes.

**Article 12:**

**By Petition:** To see if the Town will vote to immediately discontinue the Board of Electric Commissioners and return the management, control, and direction of the municipal electric system to the authority of the Board of Selectman. (Majority Vote Required)

**Article 13:**

**By Petition:** I. Shall the government of the police department of the Town of Ashland be entrusted to a police commission?

II. If so, shall such police commissioners be chosen by:

- (a) Popular election at Town election; or
- (b) Appointment of the governor with consent of the council?

**Article 14:**

**By Petition:** RSA 41:47 Election – To have the Town of Ashland vote to elect by ballot the police chief for a term of 2 years and rescind the current process of appointing a police chief by the selectmen?

**Article 15:**

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

*TOWN OF ASHLAND  
Board of Selectmen*

*Attest: A True Copy*

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Glenn R. Dion

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Daniel P. Golden

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Beth G. Bartlett

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeanette I. Stewart

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Leigh Sharps

Dated and Posted 01/25/08





# BUDGET OF THE TOWN WITH A MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

OF: Ashland New Hampshire

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, 2008 to December 31, 2008

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

### IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. All proposed appropriations must be on this form.
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 address below within 20 days after the meeting.

This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): 1.25.08

### BUDGET COMMITTEE

*Please sign in ink.*

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**THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT**

FOR DRA USE ONLY

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

*Received 1/25/08*

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations 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		6168	7413	7367		7367	XXXXXX
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		31847	29980	39943		40093	XXXXXX
4150-4151	Financial Administration		243880	214712	237231		237231	XXXXXX
4152	Revaluation of Property		39500	50898	67140		67140	XXXXXX
4153	Legal Expense		10000	13564	15000		15000	XXXXXX
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		500	0	500		500	XXXXXX
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		8261	8082	7654		7654	XXXXXX
4194	General Government Buildings		36101	38500	76150		63150	XXXXXX
4195	Cemeteries		400	431	500		500	XXXXXX
4196	Insurance		70678	51676	69929		69929	XXXXXX
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		1850	1850	1894		1894	XXXXXX
4199	Other General Government		20213	12361	8000		8000	XXXXXX
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>								
4210-4214	Police		539011	539008	575765		547954	XXXXXX
4215-4219	Ambulance		32179	31590	32577		32577	XXXXXX
4220-4229	Fire		152211	152062	150939		158459	XXXXXX
4240-4249	Building Inspection		7074	8609	9012		9012	XXXXXX
4290-4298	Emergency Management		2315	0	2315		2315	XXXXXX
4299	Other (Discount)			-355				XXXXXX
<b>AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER</b>								
4301-4309	Airport Operations							XXXXXX
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>								
4311	Administration		209734	209182	216725		216725	XXXXXX
4312	Highways & Streets		140953	142263	220138		220138	XXXXXX
4313	Bridges		400	446	500		500	XXXXXX

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)		OP Bud. Appropriations		Actual Expenditures		SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS	
	Warr. Art.#	Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Prior Year	Prior Year	(RECOMMENDED)	(NDT RECOMMENDED)	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED		
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS cont.</b>										
4316		43000	39756	39000			43000			
4319		68419	65391	70307			70307			
<b>SANITATION</b>										
4321										
4323										
4324		154840	143267	148133			148133			
4325										
4326-4329										
<b>WATER DISTRIBUTION &amp; TREATMENT</b>										
4331										
4332										
4335-4339										
<b>ELECTRIC</b>										
4351-4352										
4353										
4354										
4359										
<b>HEALTH/WELFARE</b>										
4411		2453	2684	3191			3191			
4414		3100	2900	3100			3100			
4415-4419										
4441-4442		38213	49517	49765			49765			
4444										
4445-4449		23487	23487	23200			25200			

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations		Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS	
			Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Prior Year		(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>									
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		186067	174360	183515		183265		250
4550-4559	Library		50000	50000	53940		52940		1000
4583	Patriotic Purposes		7006	5799	7221		7221		
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		646	646	646		646		
<b>CONSERVATION</b>									
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources		500	500	500		500		
4619	Other Conservation								
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING								
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT								
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>									
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		181401	181401	187074		187074		
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		156441	156441	148350		148350		
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		500	1050	1500		1500		
4790-4799	Other Debt Service								
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>									
4901	Land								
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment								
4903	Buildings								
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.		4685	4685	4685		4685		
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>									
4912	To Special Revenue Fund								
4913	To Capital Projects Fund								
4914	To Enterprise Fund								
	Sewer-		301738	279907	345069		305969		39100
	Water-		183123	129826	207919		195818		9101



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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year NOT RECOMMENDED
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT cont.</b>								
	Electric-		2810845	#2792137	3409584	XXXXXXX	3209584	XXXXXXX
	Airport-							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund *							
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917 *							
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds *							
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
4919	To Fiduciary Funds							
<b>OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL</b>			5769739	5616026	6813052	0	6346386	290262

\* Use special warrant article section on next page.

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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>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		13000	15194	1300
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		5000	4004	3000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		43000	43000	43000
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		32000	33198	32000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		0	320	100
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		5016	1711	1527
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		301355	301650	294900
3230	Building Permits		11363	18022	11160
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		3300	4513	3850
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		0	89	0
<b>FROM STATE</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3351	Shared Revenues		57298	69044	55000
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		85429	85429	85000
3353	Highway Block Grant		44103	44103	45000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		57298	57298	56947
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		71	71	1
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)				
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		0	0	3
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3401-3406	Income from Departments		177685	163096	163553
3409	Other Charges		0	3000	1
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		47000	42120	80002
3502	Interest on Investments		3500	12444	7000
3503-3509	Other		28106	27529	16082
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
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)		301738	348686	305969
	Water - (Offset)		183123	183336	195818
	Electric - (Offset)		2810845	2724754	3209584
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds				59650
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds				
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
Amounts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")					
Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes			80000	70530	
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			4290230	4250049	4670447

**\*\*BUDGET SUMMARY\*\***

	PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)	5769739	6813052	6346386
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)		27000	27000
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	11108	202000	202000
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	5780847	7042052	6575386
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	4290230	4918648	4670447
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	1490617	2123404	1904939

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: \_\_\_\_\_ 623,314.90  
 (See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

**BUDGET COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**  
 (For Calculating 10% Maximum Increase)  
 (RSA 32:18, 19, & 32:21)

**VERSION #1: Use if you have no Collective Bargaining Cost Items or RSA 32:21 Water Costs**

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	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT
1. Total <b>RECOMMENDED</b> by Budget Comm. (See Posted Budget MS7, 27, or 37)	6,575,386
<b>LESS EXCLUSIONS:</b>	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	187,074
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	148,350
4. Capital Outlays Funded From Long-Term Bonds & Notes per RSA 33:8 & 33:7-b.	4,685
5. Mandatory Assessments	2,128
6. Total exclusions (Sum of rows 2 - 5)	< 342,237 >
7. Amount recommended less recommended exclusion amounts (line 1 less line 6)	6,233,149
8. Line 7 times 10%	623,314.90
9. Maximum Allowable Appropriations (lines 1 + 8)	7,198,700.90

Line 8 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.

Please attach a copy of this completed supplemental schedule to the back of the budget form.





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# DATES TO REMEMBER

1-Jan	Fiscal year begins
1-Feb	Town Deliberative Session Ashland School Gymnasium - 1PM
6-Feb	Pemi Baker Regional School District Deliberative Session
1-Mar	Filing deadline for property tax abatements
11-Mar	SB2 Official Balloting Ashland School Gymnasium - Polls open 9-7
13-Mar	Ashland School District Meeting Ashland School Gymnasium - 7PM
1-Apr	All real property assessed to owner
15-Apr	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.
15-Apr	Deadline for Credits/Exemptions for year preceding setting of tax rate
15-Apr	Last day to file report of cut for 2006-07 year
15-Apr	Last day to file Current Use Application for 2008 tax year
30-Apr	2007 Dog Tags expire
1-Jul	First issue 2008 tax bill due
9-Sep	State Primary Election
4-Nov	General Election
1-Dec	Second issue 2008 tax bill due

## MEETING SCHEDULES

\*\*\*\* Subject to change with notice

Board of Selectmen	First/Third Monday of the Month 7PM - Ashland School Library
BOS - Work Session	Second Monday of the month - 10 AM - Ashland Town Office
Planning Board	First Wednesday of the Month - 7PM - School Library
PB - Work Session	Third Wednesday of the Month - 6:30 PM - Town Office
Zoning Board of Appeals	Scheduled as needed - posted in Town Office and Post Office
Conservation Commission	First Wednesday of the Month - 6PM - Town Hall
Housing Standards Board	Called as needed
Budget Committee	Posted as needed
Electric Commissioners	Second and Fourth Tuesday - 7PM - Utility Office
Water/Sewer Commissioners	First and Third Thursday - 4PM - Utility Office