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2009 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

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HONORABLE MENTIONS

In 2009, many Town citizens volunteered their time, talents, and efforts to serve on various elected and appointed boards, commissions, and committees. We would like to take this opportunity to thank and recognize the following individuals for the important contributions they made to the community.

Town Council

Catherine Leach
Henry Smith

Conservation Commission

Duane Hyde

DCAT Governance Committee

George Kachadorian

Durham Energy Committee

Nat Balch
Vasiliki Partinoudi

Economic Development Committee

Charles (Chuck) Cressy
Peter Ventura

Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee

Jenna Jambeck

Rental Housing Commission

Diane Woods

NEW FACES IN 2009



Steve McCusker

Deputy Chief of Fire
Prevention and Safety
DOH: 6-1-09



Michael Mengers

Parks and Recreation Director
DOH: 8-4-09



Sarah Graham

Fire Fighter/EMT-1
DOH: 10-12-09



Shane Bickford

Department of Public Works,
Highway
DOH: 11-16-09

OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

OFFICIAL/BOARD	ADDRESS	PHONE	TERM	EXPIRES	APPT AUTH.
ELECTED OFFICIALS					
Durham Town Council					
Neil Niman, <i>Chair</i>	10 Cold Spring Rd.	862-3336	3 Yrs	3/12	Elected
Diana Carroll	54 Canney Rd.	868-2935	3 Yrs	3/12	Elected
Douglas Clark	56 Sandy Brook Dr.	868-7046	3 Yrs	3/11	Elected
Robin Mower	11 Faculty Rd.	868-2716	3 Yrs	3/12	Elected
Gerald Needell	36 Bagdad Rd.	868-1552	3 Yrs	3/10	Elected
Michael Sievert	28 Riverview Rd.	868-3383	3 Yrs	3/11	Elected
Julian Smith	246 Packers Falls Rd.	659-2098	3 Yrs	3/11	Elected
Peter Stanhope	37 Dover Rd.	868-3710	3 Yrs	3/10	Elected
Karl Van Asselt	17 Fairchild Dr.	868-6353	3 Yrs	3/10	Elected
Durham Public Library Board Of Trustees					
Douglas Bencks, <i>Chair</i>	7 York Dr.	868-6559	3 Yrs	3/12	Elected
Elise Daniel	4 Palmer Dr.	868-5786	3 Yrs	3/11	Elected
Robin Balducci	40 Colony Cove Rd.	868-3189	3 Yrs	3/12	Elected
Annmarie Harris	56 Oyster River Rd.	868-5182	3 Yrs	3/10	Elected
David Moore	4 Stevens Way	868-6390	3 Yrs	3/10	Elected
Julian Smith	246 Packers Falls Rd.	659-2098	3 Yrs	3/10	Elected
Renee Vannata	5 Wood Rd.	868-8145	3 Yrs	3/11	Elected
Sibylle Carlson, <i>Alt.</i>	26 Colony Cove Rd.	868-5365	1 Yr	4/10	Council
Emily Smith, <i>Alt.</i>	17 Orchard Dr.	868-5013	1 Yr	4/10	Council
Ann Windsor, <i>Alt.</i>	16 Riverview Rd.	868-2004	1 Yr	4/10	Council
Moderator					
Christopher T. Regan	16 Littlehale Rd.	868-2293	2 Yrs	3/10	Elected
Elisabeth Vail Maurice, <i>Asst.</i>	36 Woodman Ave.	868-7447	2 Yrs	3/10	Moderator
Shirley Thompson, <i>Deputy</i>	48 Bagdad Rd.	868-5138	2 Yrs	3/10	Moderator
Supervisors Of The Checklist					
Ann Shump, <i>Chair</i>	10 Fogg Dr.	868-1342	6 Yrs	3/14	Elected
Roni Pekins	10 Beard's Landing	868-2041	6 Yrs	3/12	Elected
Judith Aiken	104 Madbury Rd.	Unlisted	6 Yrs	3/10	Elected
Town Clerk/Tax Collector					
Lorrie Pitt	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-5577	3 Yrs	3/11	Elected
Town Treasurer					
Richard Lilly	62 Bagdad Rd.	868-5571	3 Yrs	3/11	Elected
William Bowes, <i>Deputy</i>	5 Magrath Rd.	868-2906	3 Yrs	3/11	Treasurer

OFFICIAL/BOARD	ADDRESS	PHONE	TERM	EXPIRES	APPT AUTH.
Trustees Of The Trust Funds And Cemeteries					
Bruce Bragdon, <i>Chair</i>	7 Colony Cove Rd.	868-5435	3 Yrs	3/11	Elected
George Frick	13 Edgewood Rd.	868-2750	3 Yrs	3/12	Elected
Craig Seymour	110 Durham Pt. Rd.	868-2441	3 Yrs	3/10	Elected
Gerald Needell, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	36 Bagdad Rd.	868-1552	1 Yr	3/10	Appt.
Neil Niman, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	10 Cold Spring Rd.	862-3336	1 Yr	3/10	Appt.
Peter Stanhope, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	37 Dover Rd.	868-3710	1 Yr	3/10	Appt.

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Cemetery Committee

Craig Seymour, <i>Chair</i>	110 Durham Pt. Rd.	868-2441	3 Yrs	3/10	Elected
Bruce Bragdon	7 Colony Cove Rd.	868-5435	3 Yrs	3/11	Elected
George Frick	13 Edgewood Rd.	868-2750	3 Yrs	3/12	Elected
Gerald Needell, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	36 Bagdad Rd.	868-1552	1 Yr	3/10	Council
Neil Niman, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	10 Cold Spring Rd.	862-3336	1 Yr	3/10	Council
Peter Stanhope, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	17 Fairchild Dr.	868-6353	1 Yr	3/10	Council

Conservation Commission

James Houle, <i>Chair</i>	95 Mill Rd.	868-1408	3 Yrs	4/12	Council
Dwight Baldwin	6 Fairchild Dr.	868-5759	3 Yrs	4/11	Council
Beryl Harper	7 Davis Ave.	868-3369	3 Yrs	4/11	Council
Larry Harris	56 Oyster River Rd.	868-5182	3 Yrs	4/10	Council
George Thomas	77 Piscataqua Rd.	868-5606	3 Yrs	4/10	Council
Stephen Burns, <i>Alt.</i>	20 Newmarket Rd.	868-7152	3 Yrs	4/12	Council
Peter Smith, <i>Alt.</i>	PO Box 136	868-7500	3 Yrs	4/10	Council
Ann Welsh, <i>Alt.</i>	3 Fairchild Dr.	868-2996	3 Yrs	4/12	Council
Gerald Needell, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	36 Bagdad Rd.	868-1552	1 Yr	3/10	Council
Stephen Roberts, <i>PB Rep</i>	174 Packers Falls Rd.	659-3761	1 Yr	4/10	Plan Board

Economic Development Committee (EDC)

Chris Mueller, <i>Chair</i>	6 Timberbrook Ln.	397-5900	3 Yrs	4/12	Council
Jason Lenk	12 Mathes Terrace	868-2149	2 Yrs	4/11	Council
Thomas Elliott	26 Edgewood Rd.	995-1666	2 Yrs	4/10	Council
Richard England, <i>Alt.</i>	18 Orchard Dr.	868-5314	2 Yrs	4/11	Council
VACANT, <i>Alt.</i>			2 Yrs	4/10	Council
Douglas Clark, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	56 Sandy Brook Dr.	868-7046	1 Yr	3/10	Council
Susan Fuller, <i>PB Rep</i>	68 Bennett Rd.	659-7871	1 Yr	4/09	Plan Board
Jim Campbell, <i>Planner</i>	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-8064	N/A	N/A	N/A

Historic District Commission

Nicholas Isaak, <i>Chair</i>	35 Oyster River Rd.	397-5077	3 Yrs	4/10	Council
Crawford Mills, <i>V. Chair</i>	12 Cutts Rd.	868-1410	3 Yrs	4/11	Council
Andrea Bodo, <i>Secretary</i>	20 Newmarket Rd.	868-7152	3 Yrs	4/11	Council
Erich Ingelfinger	35 Bagdad Rd.	868-3980	3 Yrs	4/12	Council
Leslie Schwartz	24 Laurel Ln.	868-3210	3 Yrs	4/12	Council

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OFFICIAL/BOARD	ADDRESS	PHONE	TERM	EXPIRES	APPT AUTH.
Peter Stanhope, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	37 Dover Rd.	868-3710	1 Yr	3/10	Council
Susan Fuller, <i>PB Rep.</i>	68 Bennett Rd.	659-7871	3 Yrs	4/11	Plan. Board

Parks And Recreation Committee

Sara Wilson, <i>Chair</i>	9 Cold Spring Rd.	659-3016	3 Yrs	4/12	Council
Amy Cunningham	12 Cutts Rd.	868-1410	3 Yrs	4/11	Council
Patrick Houle	22 Edgewood Rd.	868-2160	3 Yrs	4/11	Council
David Leach	14 Fairchild Dr.	868-5992	3 Yrs	4/10	Council
Gregg Moore	343 Dame Rd.	868-6775	3 Yrs	4/10	Council
Jenna Roberts	15 Cowell Dr.	868-7402	3 Yrs	4/12	Council
Emily Slama	367 Durham Pt. Rd.	868-1210	3 Yrs	4/11	Council
Jean Olson, <i>Alt.</i>	55 Mill Pond Rd.	868-7989	3 Yrs	4/10	Council
Michael Sievert, <i>Cncl Rep.</i>	28 Riverview Rd.	868-3383	1 Yr	3/10	Council

Planning Board

Lorne Parnell, <i>Chair</i>	2 Deer Meadow Rd.	868-1240	3 Yrs	4/10	Council
Susan Fuller, <i>V. Chair</i>	68 Bennett Rd.	659-7871	3 Yrs	4/11	Council
Stephen Roberts, <i>Secretary</i>	174 Packers Falls Rd.	659-3761	3 Yrs	4/12	Council
Richard Kelley	47 Stagecoach Rd.	659-2207	3 Yrs	4/11	Council
William McGowan	135 Packers Falls Rd.	659-8210	3 Yrs	4/12	Council
Richard Ozenich	15 Fitts Farm Dr.	868-6091	3 Yrs	4/10	Council
Kevin Gardner, <i>Alt.</i>	1 Stevens Way	868-1238	3 Yrs	4/11	Council
Wayne Lewis, <i>Alt.</i>	11 Edendale Ln.	659-5697	3 Yrs	4/12	Council
VACANT, <i>Alt.</i>			3 Yrs	4/10	Council
Julian Smith, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	246 Packers Falls Rd.	659-2098	1 Yr	3/10	Council
Neil Niman, <i>Alt Cncl Rep</i>	10 Cold Spring Rd.	862-3336	1 Yr	3/10	Council

Rental Housing Commission

Paul Berton, <i>Chair</i>	482 Broad St, Portsmouth	431-0068	N/A	N/A	Council
Rene Kelly, <i>Durham Police</i>	86 Dover Rd.	868-2324	N/A	N/A	Council
Perry Bryant, <i>DLA Rep.</i>	PO Box 1170, Durham	659-5263	N/A	N/A	DLA
Mark Henderson	12 Pendexter Rd. Madbury	868-2912	N/A	N/A	DLA
Ken Barrows	83 Main St., UNH, MUB 122	862-3559	N/A	N/A	UNH
Brett Gagnon	83 Main St., UNH, MUB 122	862-2163	N/A	N/A	UNH
Karl Van Asselt, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	17 Fairchild Dr.	868-6353	1 Yr	3/10	Council
Ryan Deziel, <i>Student Organ.</i>	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	DLA/Council
VACANT, <i>Tenant Rep.</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Council
Flanders, Samuel, <i>Nbrhd Rep.</i>	6 Glassford Ln.	397-4654	N/A	N/A	Council

Zoning Board Of Adjustment

Jay Gooze, <i>Chair</i>	9 Meadow Rd.	868-2497	3 Yrs	4/12	Council
Robbi Woodburn, <i>Vice Chair</i>	6 Cormorant Cir.	868-3618	3 Yrs	4/12	Council
Jerry Gottsacker, <i>Secretary</i>	107 Madbury Rd.	868-6866	3 Yrs	4/10	Council
Ruth Davis	2 Maple St.	868-9827	3 Yrs	4/11	Council
Carden Welsh	3 Fairchild Dr.	868-2996	3 Yrs	4/10	Council
Edmund Harvey, <i>Alt.</i>	196 Packers Falls Rd.	292-5917	3 Yrs	4/11	Council
Christopher Mulligan, <i>Alt.</i>	79 Newmarket Rd.	969-0537	3 Yrs	4/12	Council
Sean Starkey, <i>Alt.</i>	80 Madbury Rd.	868-1556	3 Yrs	4/10	Council

TOWN WORKING COMMITTEES

Churchill Rink At Jackson's Landing Advisory Committee

Pam Appleton	92 Bucks Hill Rd.	868-3768	3 Yrs	4/11	Council
Eric Fisher	3 Gerrish Dr.	868-3448	3 Yrs	4/12	Council
Cheryl Hoffman	300 Durham Pt. Rd.	868-3333	3 Yrs	4/10	Council
Mark Lanoue	48 Ross Rd.	659-6561	3 Yrs	4/12	Council
Michael Mullaney	8 Fairchild Dr.	868-1771	3 Yrs	4/10	Council
Andy Buckman, <i>DPW</i>	18 Grove St.	749-9714	N/A	N/A	Council
Douglas Bullen, <i>DPW</i>	1 Stone Quarry Dr.	868-5578	N/A	N/A	Council
Michael Lynch, <i>DPW</i>	1 Stone Quarry Dr.	868-5578	N/A	N/A	Council

Durham Cable Access Television (DCAT) Governance Committee

Dianne Thompson, <i>Chair</i>	11 Marden Way	397-5858	3 Yrs	4/12	Council
Edward Valena, <i>Secretary</i>	9 Bagdad Rd.	868-1577	3 Yrs	4/11	Council
David Langley	50 Langley Rd.	868-5650	3 Yrs	4/10	Council
Earl Neal	11 Riverview Rd.	868-3226	3 Yrs	4/11	Council
Todd Ziemek	41 Emerson Rd.	275-2267	3 Yrs	4/12	Council
VACANT, <i>Alt.</i>			2 Yrs	4/11	Council
Kathleen Young, <i>ORCSD Rep.</i>	ORHS, 36 Coe Dr.	868-5100	1 Yr	4/10	Council
Erika Mantz, <i>UNH Rep.</i>	Schofield House, UNH	862-1567	1 Yr	4/10	Council
Diana Carroll, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	54 Canney Rd.	868-2935	1 Yr	3/10	Elected

Durham Energy Committee

Kevin Gardner, <i>Chair</i>	1 Stevens Way	868-1238	N/A	N/A	Council
Donald Brautigam	122 Packers Falls Rd.	659-5641	N/A	N/A	Council
Filson Glanz	25 Orchard Dr.	868-5398	N/A	N/A	Council
Michael Hoffman	300 Durham Pt. Rd.	868-3333	N/A	N/A	Council
VACANT	N/A	N/A	Council		
VACANT	N/A	N/A	Council		
VACANT			N/A	N/A	Council
David Cedarholm, <i>DPW Rep</i>	1 Stone Quarry Dr.	868-5578	N/A	N/A	Council
Robin Mower, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	56 11 Faculty Rd.	868-2716	1 Yr	3/10	Elected

Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee

Chuck Baldwin, <i>Chair</i>	22 Emerson Rd.	868-2727	N/A	N/A	Council
Matthew Courtland	12 Sumac Ln.	205-3354	N/A	N/A	Council
Neal W. Ferris	24 Woodridge Rd.	868-1521	N/A	N/A	Council
Heather Harvey	196 Packers Falls Rd.	292-5917	N/A	N/A	Council
Nell Neal	11 Riverview Rd.	868-3226	N/A	N/A	Council
VACANT			N/A	N/A	Council
VACANT, <i>Alt.</i>			N/A	N/A	Council
Diana Carroll, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	54 Canney Rd.	868-2935	1 Yr	3/10	Elected

Lamprey River Management Advisory Committee

William Hall	Smith Park Ln.	868-7400	3 Yrs	4/10	State
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James Hewitt	4 Fairchild Dr.	868-3516	3 Yrs	4/09	State
Richard Kelley	47 Stagecoach Rd.	659-2207	3 Yrs	4/09	State
Richard Lord	85 Bennett Rd.	659-2721	3 Yrs	4/10	State
Richard Lyons	68 Wiswall Rd.		3 Yrs	4/10	State

Pease Airport Noise Compatibility Study Committee

Craig Seymour	110 Durham Pt. Rd.	868-2441	3 Yrs	4/12	Council
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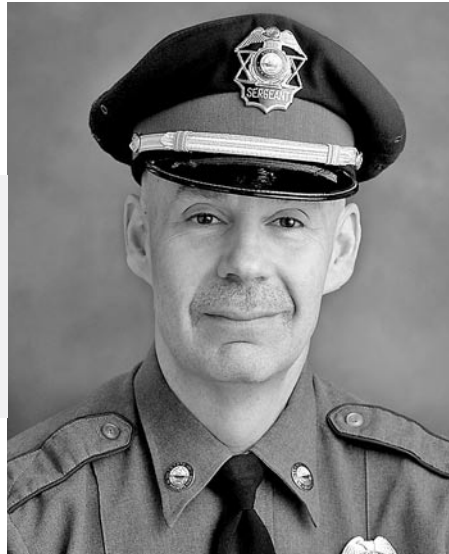
Strafford Regional Planning Commission & Mpo Policy Committee

Wayne Burton	106 Madbury Rd.	868-5037	4 Yrs	4/12	Council
Peter Stanhope	37 Dover Rd.	868-3710	4 Yrs	4/10	Council
John Parry	5 Denbow Rd.	868-3352	4 Yrs	4/11	Council

Wiswall Historic Interpretation Committee

Andrea Bodo	20 Newmarket Rd.	868-7152	N/A	N/A	Council
Howard Burrows	40 Wiswall Rd.	659-7714	N/A	N/A	Council
Frank Carter	28 Wiswall Rd.	659-5106	N/A	N/A	Council
Joan Carter	28 Wiswall Rd.	659-5106	N/A	N/A	Council
David Cedarholm	100 Stone Quarry Dr.	868-5578	N/A	N/A	Council
Richard Lord	85 Bennett Rd.	659-2721	N/A	N/A	Council
Henry Smith	93 Packers Falls Rd.	659-8396	N/A	N/A	Council
Julian Smith	246 Packers Falls Rd.	659-2098	N/A	N/A	Council
Robbi Woodburn	6 Cormorant Cir.	868-3618	N/A	N/A	Council

RETIREMENT



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Sergeant Edward Levesque Police Department

Sergeant Edward “Ed” Levesque began his service to the Town on August 15, 1989. Ed retired on November 8, 2009 after twenty (20) years of dedicated service to the Durham community.

When he accepted employment with the Town of Durham, Ed had already worked four years with the Lee Police Department in a variety of capacities rising to the rank of Corporal. Recognizing that he was bringing a wealth of talent to the department, the Town of Durham quickly hired Ed as a patrol officer. He later served as a detective where he was instrumental in solving an arson case that occurred at the Oyster River High School on December 1, 1999. The perseverance and tenacity he demonstrated during the investigation of this case resulted in the arrest of the individuals responsible.

Ed was the first School Resource Officer (SRO) assigned to the Oyster River Middle and High Schools where he was promoted to the rank of sergeant. As the SRO, he admirably represented the department as he interacted with, mentored, and guided the youth of the Durham, Lee, and Madbury communities. He had an uncanny ability to combine his demonstrated work ethic and high degree of care and consideration with his skills, knowledge, and experience while continually ensuring that the citizens of Durham received the most professional and compassionate services possible.

When not on duty, Ed was committed to his daughter Samantha. Ed always brought a new joke every day to share with department members. While some of his jokes were better than others, it was seeing Ed’s face light up regardless of the punch line, or lack thereof, which made everyone around him smile! Ed has truly left an indelible impact upon the community, the Oyster River schools, and the men and women of the Durham Police Department. We wish Ed all the happiness in his retirement as he has truly earned it.

TOWN ELECTION RESULTS

March 10, 2009

For Councilor (Three, 3-year terms)

Michael Skubisz	539
Neil Niman.....	724
Richard Kelley.....	653
Diana Carroll.....	825
Christopher Mueller.....	113
Robin Mower.....	791
Scattered (write-in).....	12

Library Trustees (Two, 3-yr terms)

Douglas Bencks.....	942
Robin Balducci.....	888
Scattered (write-in).....	2

Trustees Of The Trust Fund (One, 3-yr term)

George Frick.....	991
Sam Pollard.....	1

Article 2 – Charter Amendment To Article 7 “Conduct Of Officials”, Section 7.1(C)

Yes.....	1143
No.....	100

Article 3 – Charter Amendment To Article 9 “Town Report”, Section 9.1

Yes.....	1129
No.....	160

WARRANT

Election, Tuesday, March 9, 2010

To the inhabitants of the Town of Durham, the County of Strafford, New Hampshire.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Oyster River High School, located on Coe Drive in said Durham, New Hampshire, on Tuesday, the ninth day of March 2010 (the polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM) to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1:

To bring in your votes for three (3) Councilors (3-year terms); three (3) Durham Public Library Board of Trustees (3-year terms); one (1) Moderator (2-year term); one (1) Supervisor of the Checklist (6-year term); and one (1) Trustee of the Trust Fund (3-year term).

Given under our hands and seal this **7th** day of **December** in the year of our Lord **Two Thousand Nine**.

Councilors of Durham:

Neil Niman, *Chair*
Karl VanAsselt, *Chair Pro Tem (Absent)*
Diana Carroll
Douglas Clark
Robin Mower
Gerald Needell (*Absent*)
Michael Sievert
Julian Smith
Peter Stanhope



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ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY

BUSINESS OFFICE

Gail E. Jablonski
BUSINESS MANAGER

The Business Office provides accounting, purchasing, payroll, assessing, computer support services, accounts receivable billing and collection, and cash management services for the Town as well as support services to all Town departments by working interactively with department heads and their staff. The Business Office strives to provide timely and reliable information by which department managers, the Town Administrator, and ultimately the Town Council can make informed decisions in the best interest of the Town.

The Business Office provides support to the Town Administrator in preparation of the annual operating budget and the ten-year Capital Improvement Plan. The Business Manager is also designated as the Welfare Officer for the Town.

The Town recognizes that these are difficult economic times for its citizens and has suffered its own losses of revenue in several areas. The most significant occurred with approval of the State of New Hampshire Fiscal Year 2010 Budget which reflected an elimination of Shared Revenues to cities and towns. The impact to the Town of Durham was a loss of \$162,084 that had been projected in our 2009 Budget as anticipated revenue. In addition, the downturn in the economy has caused the Town to experience shortfalls in several areas of revenue collection such as motor vehicle registrations and interest earnings. To compensate for the

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Administrative Summary

estimated \$250,000 in revenue loss the Town used \$210,000 of fund balance to maintain the Town portion of the tax rate at a zero percent increase. In addition each department closely monitored its expenditures with the goal of showing savings. 2010 will be another challenging year as we attempt to manage the budget with fewer revenues.

On August 3, 2009, Robert Dix left employment with the Town of Durham after serving as its Assessor for eight years. Shortly thereafter, the Town began advertising for both private firms to provide assessing services as well as individual applicants with the appropriate qualifications to fill the full-time Town Assessor position. A total of 8 applications were received (5 individuals, 3 appraisal firms). A selection group carefully reviewed the application materials and made the decision to utilize a private firm to provide assessing services for the Town believing that a private company would be better able to pool all of its resources and thereby sup-

ply the best overall service to the Town. Upon making this decision, the group interviewed two appraisal firms and ultimately the Town Council approved a contract with Cross Country Appraisal Group, LLC, of Concord, NH to provide assessing services to the Town of Durham for a period of two years.

Goals for 2010:

- *Continue to negotiate contracts with three of the Town's bargaining units.*
- *Develop training programs for all departments using resources available through the New Hampshire Local Government Center and Primex (NH Public Risk Management Exchange).*
- *Bid out services for property/liability insurance and worker's compensation to insure that the Town of Durham is receiving the best value.*

Once again, I would like to thank Barbara Ross, Lisa Beaudoin, and Luke Vincent for all their hard work throughout the year.

Manager of Information Technology

Luke Vincent

2009 Accomplishments:

2009 saw the end of major work on the dispatch service transition. The transition had been plagued by faulty radio transport equipment and misunderstandings between the communication vendor and public safety departments. Through numerous meetings and much unforeseen work, which included major radio coverage enhancement throughout Town, the situation has improved drastically over the prior year. While there were instances of frustration experienced by all involved, the transition was successful and savings are anticipated.

A virtualization pilot project started in 2009 in order to squeeze as much useful life out of the Town's server infrastructure as possible. Server virtualization abstracts the operating system from the underlying hardware into a series of files that allow for, among other things, multiple instances to run on a single physical host. Currently, two production servers are running on the Town's small virtual platform as a proof of concept. Based on initial results from the pilot, many more Town servers are good candidates for virtualization and will be implemented as such in the coming months.

2010 Goals:

The last complete update of the Town's web site took place almost a decade ago. In the coming year, the MIS department will be continuing the work it started mid-way

Business Office (l-r): Barbara Ross, Staff Accountant; Lisa Beaudoin, Administrative Assistant; Luke Vincent, Manager of Information Technology; Gail Jablonski, Business Manager.



through 2009 to convert the Town’s existing web site to take advantage of model-view-controller-based content management using an open source software component named Joomla (www.joomla.org). As focus has shifted away from this project, work on the conversion has slowed. Even at the slowed pace, the department continues to flesh out a skeletal structure for the new site with revised content. What seems at first to be a trivial task, moving content between sites becomes complex when factoring in the structure and design of the existing site. Extracting useful content is a painstaking process but necessary

to provide a good content base for the re-launch of the Town’s web-site. In the coming year the MIS department will accelerate efforts to complete the project.

The lack of bandwidth between Town buildings is preventing the MIS department from deploying technology uniformly across the Town’s infrastructure. The non-uniform deployment leads to service level inconsistency and higher maintenance and management costs. Connecting buildings via Town-owned fiber optic cable will allow the Town to reduce the number of required leased connections currently utilized thereby reducing

the overall communications costs for the Town. Other department priorities, including the dispatch service transition, have delayed the 2007 Capital Improvement Plan approved project. In 2010, the MIS department will be putting out a Request for Proposal (RFP) to fulfill the need for a municipal network build-out. Neighboring towns and cities have used this model successfully to reduce costs and increase overall availability of services. The expectation is that proposals will return at or below the projected project cost and crews will be able to start installing cable in the spring.

2009 ORDINANCES

- 2009-01 Amending Chapter 175 “Zoning”, Article XXIV “Septic Systems”, Sections 175-139 and 175-140 of the Durham Town Code.....Passed.....02/16/09
- 2009-02 Amending Chapter 4, “Administrative Code”, Article IV, Section 4018(9)(a) of the Durham Town Code by reducing the number of Council representatives on the Economic Development Committee from two to onePassed.....02/16/09
- 2009-03 Amending Chapter 153 “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 153-34 “Schedule II: Speed Limits” of the Durham Town Code by adding two sections of Mill Road into the code and reducing the current speed limit on a section of Mill Road (from Main Street to Oyster River Road) from 30 MPH to 25 MPH.....Passed.....03/16/09
- 2009-04 Amending Chapter 4, “Administrative Code”, Article IV, Section 4-18 of the Durham Town Code by correcting the membership on the Economic Development Committee and changing the terms to have a mix of both three and two-year termsPassed.....05/18/09
- 2009-05 Amending Chapter 153 “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 153-49 “Parking Prohibited Certain Hours” by allowing only vehicles with a boat trailer attached to park in the waterfront area of Jackson’s Landing.....Passed.....07/20/09
- 2009-06 Amending Chapter 153 “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 153-54 “Schedule XXII: Loading Zones” of the Durham Town Code to establish loading zones on a section of Jenkins Court.....Passed.....07/20/09

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- 2009-07 Amending Chapter 153 “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 153-46 “Parking Prohibited at all Times” of the Durham Town Code by establishing no parking on a section of Madbury Road.....Passed.....07/20/09
- 2009-08 Amending Chapter 132 “Tax Exemptions and Credits”, Section 132-3 of the Durham Town Code to increase criteria and exemption amounts for the elderly in order to offer meaningful property tax relief to qualified elderly residents.....Passed.....09/14/09
- 2009-09 Amending Chapter 106 “Sewers”, Section 106-2 by authorizing the Town to grant waivers from the wastewater discharge connection requirement outlined within subparagraph B of this section pursuant to RSA 147:8.....Passed.....09/14/09

2008 Ordinances Passed in 2009

- 2008-20 Amending Chapter 4, “Administrative Code”, Article IV, Section 4-18 of the Durham Town Code by amending the provisions to allow for alternate members on the Economic Development Committee.....Passed01/12/09

2009 RESOLUTIONS

- 2009-01 Recognizing members of the Kaizen payroll team for their efforts in improving upon and streamlining the process for completing the Town’s biweekly payroll process.....Passed.....02/02/09
- 2009-02 Recognizing and congratulating Dr. Dennis Meadows, Professor Emeritus of Systems Management at the University of New Hampshire, for his achievement in receiving the prestigious International 2009 Japan Prize from the Science of Technology Foundation of Japan for “Transformation Towards a Sustainable Society in Harmony with Nature.”.....Passed.....02/16/09
- 2009-03 Recognizing outgoing elected officials for their dedicated services to the Town of Durham.....Passed.....03/02/09
- 2009-04 Establishing regular Town Council meeting dates for April 2009 through March 2010Passed.....03/16/09
- 2009-05 Authorizing the acceptance of private donations and unanticipated revenues totaling \$4,351.00 and authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of grant funds totaling \$2,466.67 received by the Town of Durham between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008.....Passed.....02/18/09
- 2009-06 Authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of funds from the United Way of the Greater Seacoast in the amount of \$6,000 for the purpose of alcohol enforcement initiativesPassed.....03/16/09

- 2009-07 Amending Section 12 “Structure” of the Durham Cable Access Television (DCAT) Governance Committee Policy Manual pertaining to committee membership and terms.....Passed.....04/20/09
- 2009-08 Changing the membership on the Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee (IWMAC) and rescinding Resolution #2001-13 dated June 18, 2001 ..Passed.....04/20/09
- 2009-09 Changing the membership on the Churchill Rink at Jackson’s Landing Advisory Committee and rescinding #2007-13 dated April 23, 2007Passed.....04/20/09
- 2009-10 Implementing the provisions of New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA) 79-E “Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive” enabling municipalities to provide short-term property assessment tax reliefPassed.....05/04/09
- 2009-11 Raising and appropriating an additional five hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$550,000) in the FY 2009 Capital Fund Budget for the Dover Road Pump Station rehabilitation project with said funds to come from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.....Passed.....06/01/09
- 2009-12 Raising and appropriating an additional seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) in the FY 2009 Capital Fund Budget for upgrades to the aeration blower at the Wastewater Treatment Facility with said funds to be raised through application to the State of New Hampshire Revolving Fund and the acceptance of three hundred seventy five thousand (\$375,000) dollars from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.....Passed.....06/01/09
- 2009-13 Approving the submission of an application to the New Hampshire Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program in the amount of \$445,000 for the artificial recharge study of the Spruce Hole well project and authorizing the Town Administrator to sign said loan documentsPassed.....06/15/09
- 2009-14 Approving the submission of an application to the New Hampshire Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program in the amount of \$375,000 for upgrades to the aeration blowers at the Wastewater Treatment Facility and authorizing the Town Administrator to sign said loan documents.....Passed.....06/15/09
- 2009-15 Approving the submission of an application to the New Hampshire Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program in the amount of \$750,000 for the Dover Road Pump Station rehabilitation project and authorizing the Town Administrator to sign said loan documents.....Passed.....06/15/09
- 2009-16 Authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of \$63,444.75 in unanticipated revenues from the State of New Hampshire Department of Safety following the FEMA disaster December 2008 ice storm event.....Passed.....06/15/09
- 2009-17 Raising and appropriating an additional forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) within the FY 2009 Capital Fund Budget to engage an architectural consultant to conduct a Space Needs Assessment to evaluate possible sites for the future

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- Fire Station with said funds to come from the Fire Station Expendable Trust Fund, and requesting the Trustees of Trust Funds to transfer \$40,000 from the Fire Station Expendable Trust Fund to the Capital Fund BudgetPassed.....06/15/09
- 2009-18 Rescinding Resolution #2009-15 dated June 15, 2009 in its entirety and approving the submission of an application to the New Hampshire Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program in the amount of \$1,231,055 for the Dover Road Pump Station rehabilitation project, and authorizing the Town Administrator to sign said loan documents.....Passed.....07/06/09
- 2009-19 Proclaiming July 24, 2009 as STIHL Tour des Trees day in the Town of Durham *For lack of a motion to adopt this resolution*.....Failed.....07/20/09
- 2009-20 Rescinding Resolution #2009-13 dated June 15, 2009 in its entirety and approving the submission of an application to the New Hampshire Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program in the amount of \$445,000 for the artificial recharge study of the Spruce Hole Well project and authorizing the Town Administrator to sign said loan documents.....Passed.....07/20/09
- 2009-21 Authorizing the Town Administrator to submit an application to the New Hampshire Department of Resource and Economic Development requesting that its Central Business (CB) district, Professional Office (PO) district, Church Hill (CH) district, and Courthouse C) district be designated as an Economic Revitalization Zone to be known as “Durham Economic Revitalization Zone #1”Passed.....07/20/09
- 2009-22 Authorizing the borrowing of money and the incurrence of debt in the amount of one million two hundred thirty one thousand fifty-five dollars (\$1,231,055) for the Dover Road Pump Station rehabilitation project in accordance with the provisions of the Durham Town Charter and the Municipal Finance Act, RSA Chapter 33. Of said funds, \$615,527 is to be funded through the State Revolving Loan Fund and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) federal stimulus funds with \$615,528 to be raised by taxationPassed.....08/03/09
- 2009-23 Amending Section 12 “Structure” of the Durham Cable Access Television (DCAT) Governance Committee Policy Manual by adding an alternate member .Passed..... 10/05/09
- 2009-24 Authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of \$10,574.12 in unanticipated revenues from the State of New Hampshire Department of Safety following the FEMA Disaster Declared for the December 11 and 12, 2008 ice storm event...Passed..... 11/16/09
- 2009-25 Authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of \$40,000 in unanticipated revenues from the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to conduct an investigation of the Oyster River Mill Pond sediments and a Bathymetric/Topography SurveyPassed..... 11/16/09
- 2009-26 Amending Resolution #97-23 renaming the Lois E. Brown Expendable Trust fund to the “Lois E. Brown-Wagon Hill Farm Trust Fund”Passed..... 12/21/09

- 2009-27 Amending Resolution #2008-10 renaming the Margery J. Milne Expendable Trust Fund to the “Margery J. Milne Trust Fund”Passed..... 12/21/09
- 2009-28 Creating the Wilcox Trust Fund.....Passed..... 12/21/09
- 2009-29 Creating the Hamilton Smith Memorial Chapel Trust Fund.....Passed..... 12/21/09
- 2009-30 Approving the submission of an amendment to the State Revolving Fund loan application for the Dover Road Pump Station rehabilitation from the original amount of \$1,231,055 to the new sum of \$1,997,840 and authorizing the Town Administrator to sign said loan documents.....Passed..... 12/21/09
- 2009-31 Approving the submission of an amendment to the State Revolving Fund loan application for the WWTF aeration blower upgrade project from the original amount of \$625,000 to the new sum of \$678,800 and authorizing the Town Administrator to sign said loan documentsPassed..... 12/21/09
- 2009-32 Town Council approval of the FY 2010 General Operating Budgets, the Capital Fund Budget, and the 2010-2019 Capital Improvement Plan, as amended.....Passed..... 12/21/09

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

Todd I. Selig
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The prevailing focus of the last eighteen months in Durham and across the nation has been the economy. Generally speaking, economists and business leaders indicate that there are few signs that any kind of economic recovery is in sight from one of the worst recessions in U.S. history. When New Hampshire’s recovery does finally start, it is projected that it will be a slow process. New Hampshire’s unemployment rate is 6.8%, 3 points higher than in July 2008 according to the N.H. Economic Labor Market Information Bureau. Maine’s unemployment rate is 8.4%, New England’s second highest behind Massachusetts at 8.8%. New Hampshire has around 755,100 workers in the civilian

workforce, and nearly 50,000 of them were unemployed as of this past July. A reported 15,600 jobs have been lost in the past year. Economist Russ Thibeault, who the Town of Durham has utilized for various projects over the years, reported, “We are still seeing sizeable job losses in New Hampshire,”

calling the state “still somewhat in the eye of the storm.” Ross Gittel, a professor at the Whittemore School of Business at UNH also indicated recently that he did not see anything that suggested the recession will end soon. “There are not many signs of a recovery.”

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Town Administrator's Office (l-r): Jennie Berry, Administrative Assistant; Todd Selig, Town Administrator





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Given this scenario, it is important that the municipality remains responsive to the economic realities of the nation and to the challenges experienced by our residents. One of the primary drivers in Durham's municipal budget is wages. In FY 2009, there was no pay increase included as part of the Town Administrator's proposed budget for non-unionized, salaried personnel in anticipation of the difficult economic environment that was developing within the state and the nation. Even though Durham is extremely fortunate to have talented, dedicated, and hard-working non-unionized personnel who are doing good work each day to improve the quality of life for the community, the present economic downturn and the hardships experienced by local residents once again does not present justification for an increase in 2010. For these reasons, the Administrator did not include a proposed increase for non-unionized salaried or hourly Town personnel for FY 2010.

The Importance of Sound Business Practices During Times of Distress

The Town of Durham continues to be economically and prudently operated. We function as a purveyor of public services, and staff is working hard to implement business practices to control costs and maintain the municipality's fiscal position during uncertain times. Faced with an escalating tax rate in recent years, a number of strategies have been or are in process of being implemented: Regionalization of services in areas such as dispatch services; Economic development activities intended to broaden the tax base to support anticipated

future cost increases across the municipal operation; Working with UNH to find win-win partnership opportunities intended to broaden the tax base, better link the campus to the broader community, make UNH/Durham more desirable for residents/students alike, and obtain fair compensation from UNH for its fiscal impact upon the host community; Controlling escalating health care benefit costs through phased increase in share of non-unionized employee co-pay; de-linking Durham from SAU #5 to improve overall rating experience; exploring new health care options for the mutual benefit of employees/ employer; Coping with increasing utility costs and working creatively to offset them in the future through investment in green technology; Rethinking the organizational structure of departments and the manner in which services are delivered utilizing Kaizen techniques in an effort to improve organizational efficiencies and mitigate cost centers over the long-term; Maintaining a strong balance sheet and favorable bond rating status by working to stabilize undesignated fund balance, maintaining a strong Overlay account, realistic revenue/expenditure projections, maintaining contingency fund; and Holding present operational expenses flat as a continued short-term strategy to limit the impact of the U.S. macroeconomic situation on Durham taxpayers.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a sincere thank you to all of the hardworking members of the Town staff, Town Council, and members of Durham's various volunteer boards, committees, and commissions for all of their good work on behalf of the citizens of the community.

TOWN COUNCIL

Neil Niman
COUNCIL CHAIR

It has been a challenging economic time and unfortunately, the worst may not be over. The Council had committed itself to a zero percent tax increase which meant that the Town Administrator had to present a budget with a spending decrease in order to stabilize the tax rate. As can always happen with the best made plans, financial challenges at the State level led to a further reduction in revenues to the town. In order to hold the tax rate down, we dipped once again into our unreserved fund balance to offset the loss in revenues. We have now reached the point after using the fund balance to essential "buy" down the tax rate over the last few years, that we are no longer in a position to use this tool to stabilize the tax rate. In recognition of the continuing weakness in the economy and the inability to use fund balance to minimize future tax increases, the Town Administrator (for a second year in a row) presented a budget that contained a reduction in spending and a zero increase in the tax rate. In recognition of the challenges faced by our police department, the Council chose to add a police officer. As a result, we will see spending remain relatively constant year over year, but the tax rate is now projected to increase 1.2%. If we do not see any more unexpected large reductions in revenues in the coming year, taxpayers can look forward to a relatively small increase in the municipal tax rate.

Despite the poor economy, property owners and developers have maintained their interest in redeveloping downtown Durham. We have seen a couple projects begin and have heard a steady chatter that makes us optimistic that additional projects will soon come online. With all of this discussion about downtown development, the Council began to seriously consider the existing zoning ordinance in an effort to ensure that current regulation will lead to a redevelopment effort that matches our desires and expectations. Questions have been raised about the efficacy of the ordinance and the Council has responded by hiring an outside design firm (B. Dennis and Associates) to look at the current ordinance and help to create a strategic plan and vision of a revitalized

downtown. The public part of the process involved a four day charrette, and we expect to see the process continue throughout 2010.

Perhaps the greatest accomplishment of this past year was the successful completion of our new omnibus agreement with the University. For many years the Town has contended that there are real costs associated with hosting UNH and hence some form of monetary compensation is warranted. The University on the other hand has argued that the existence of the University has created economic value in the form of privately owned commercial properties that pay taxes and that the revenues from these properties cover the costs associated with hosting the University. The agreement signed

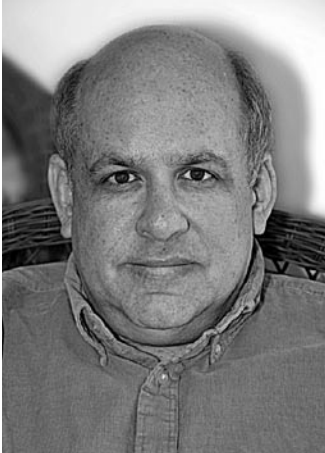
by both parties for the first time has the University acknowledging that it places a financial burden on the town and calls for financial compensation in the amount of \$200,000 in the first year, and an additional 3% per year over the next ten years. This has enabled us to put such discussions behind us and will now allow the Town and the University to work together as partners to solve problems and create solutions that work well for everyone.

Regardless of whether there is economic recovery in 2010, the Council will continue to prudently manage the Town's affairs in an effort to minimize adverse economic impact. At the same time, we will continue to work vigorously to place the Town in a strong position to prosper in the years to come.

On July 15 Durham hosted a meeting of the Governor and Executive Council at Three Chimneys Inn. In photo below, Governor Lynch presents Oyster River Middle School Principal Jay Richard and two Jazz Band members with a commendation recognizing the Middle School Jazz Band and its Director, David Erwin, for their hard work and creativity in the pursuit of musical excellence.



TOWN COUNCIL
MEMBERS



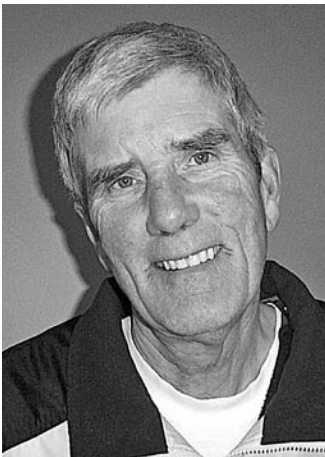
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CHAIR
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Douglas Clark
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Gerald Needell
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Karl Van Asselt
VICE CHAIR
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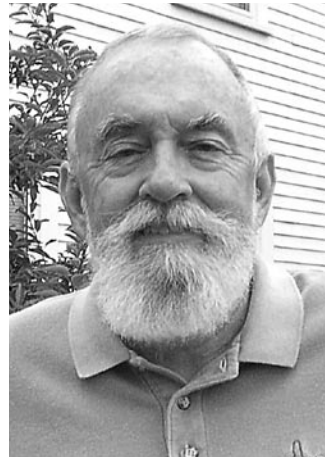
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Peter Stanhope
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Julian Smith
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Diana Carroll
TERM: 3/09 - 3/12



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CULTURE AND RECREATION

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Jamie Houle
CHAIR

The Durham Conservation Commission has a state legislative mandate to inventory, manage, and protect the natural resources of the Town, and to make recommendations to the New Hampshire Wetlands Bureau on all wetland applications. The Commission acts as an advocate for natural resource protection in Town and regional affairs, and is a source of information for Town boards and residents.

Accomplishments for 2009:

- **Protection of Drinking Water Resources** - *The Commission worked extensively with the Planning Board this year to identify ground water and storm water issues, and has provided recommendations.*
- *The Commission visited the Colasante property located near the proposed future well site at Spruce Woods and has recommended the property be conserved as a ground water protection measure.*
- **Land Conservation** - *The Commission has endorsed the idea of the Town joining with the Lamprey River Advisory Council to purchase a conservation easement on the Thompson property, located off Wednesday Hill Road and along the Lamprey River.*
- **Site Plan Review Process** - *The Commission, Town Planner, and Planning Board reviewed several development proposals that involved wetlands or conservation subdivisions.*

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- **Town Land-Use/Trails Subcommittee** - *Hired Ellen Snyder of Ibis Wildlife Consulting to prepare detailed stewardship plans for Wagon Hill Farm, Longmarsh Preserve, Doe Farm, and the Weeks property. The stewardship plans were completed November, 2009. The Commission also supported the use of Wagon Hill Farm for community gardens.*
- **Mill Pond Dam and Impoundment** - *The Commission has advocated that additional engineering and scientific studies are required before a decision can be made on the Mill Pond Dam and impoundment.*
- **Review of Wetland Applications** - *The Commission reviewed and commented on 8 wetland applications (1 dock, 5 public works, 1 septic, and 1 work at Jackson Lab). Two site visits were required during the application review process.*

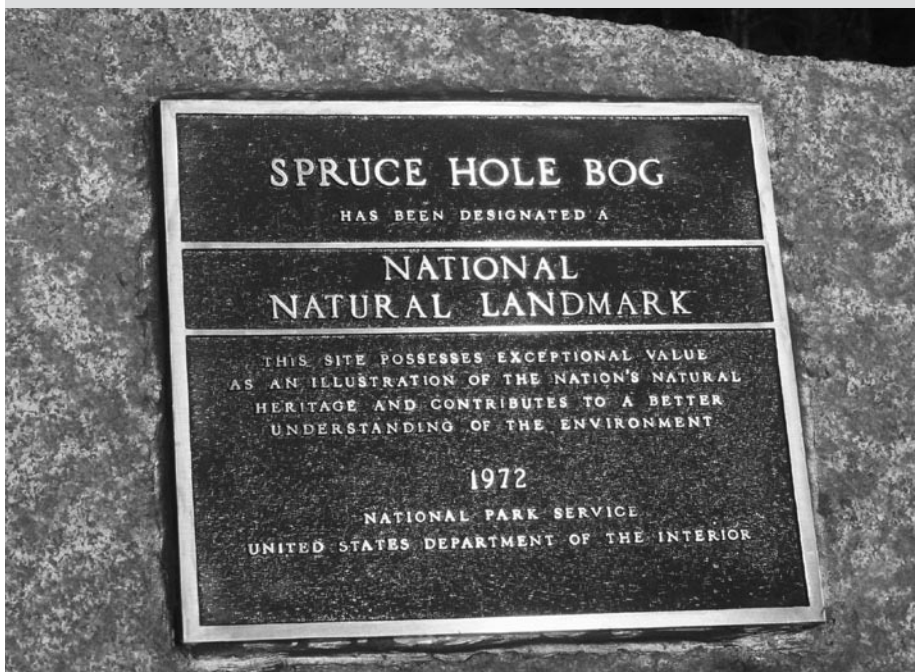
- **Spruce Hole Bog** - *The National Parks Service (with the assistance of Public Works and the Commission) presented the Town with a bronze plaque recognizing the Spruce Hole Bog as a unique geological occurrence.*

Goals for 2010:

The Commission will continue to:

- *Advocate for the protection of the Town's drinking water and other natural resources, including the Spruce Hole aquifer, Oyster River, and Mill Pond.*
- *Endorse the conservation of undeveloped land important for resource protection.*
- *Manage Town land.*
- *Review all wetland applications.*
- *Address the recommendations in the stewardship plans for Wagon Hill Farm, Longmarsh Preserve, Doe Farm, and the Weeks property.*

On November 17, 2009 an unveiling ceremony was held at Spruce Hole Bog. The National Park Service presented the Town with an official bronze plaque recognizing the Spruce Hole Bog as a unique geological occurrence.



DURHAM DAY

Nicole Moore
DURHAM DAY COORDINATOR

After a rained-out event in 2008, it was so wonderful to have a beautiful day for Durham Day 2009 on September 20th.

I was especially glad about the weather, as this was my 5th and last year as Durham Day Coordinator. This event has been a joy to organize because of the core group of people who can always be counted on to do their part. As always, Jennie Berry and Todd Selig in the Town office are my lightning rods, if I should need them. Doug Bullen and his Department of Public Works crew do all the heavy work setting up the grounds, and I have enjoyed working with them over the years. The Town Council, rallied together by Neil Niman, cooked and served a wonderful grilled lunch paid for by the Town of Durham. Food is supplied by Durham Marketplace, where Perry Shaw is a huge help getting the order together.

The Durham Firefighters, Oyster River Parents and Preschoolers, Durham Parks and Recreation, and Shawn the Storyteller supplied fun for the kids. Durham-based FLING kept us entertained with music throughout the event. UNH Audiovisual Services Special Events Coordinator Andy Dolph and his assistant this year, Jess, did a great job of providing us with professional sound. Committees and organizations specific to Durham were there in force to provide information

to townspeople. All entertainment and lunch were free, as we continue to strive to have “nothing for sale” at Durham Day—a day where the eyes take a rest from advertisement and the wallet need not be opened.

Neighbors enjoying the company of neighbors at beautiful Wagon Hill is the essence of the day!

One of my favorite touches to the day is provided by Maggie and Linn Bogle and Suzie Loder—fresh flow-

ers for the tables in the eating tent. Each year, these three gather vases at the Swap Shop and fill them with flowers picked at Tecce Farm. Thank you so much for this generous donation.

A special “thank you” goes out to Ray Belles, whose troop of boat captains—Chet Dunn, Frank Windsor, Lorne Parnell, George Hails, Loring Tirrell, John Murphy, Jim Lawson, and of course, Ray, himself provide the boat rides, which make Durham Day truly unique. Not only their time, but the fuel donated by these citizens to this event is worthy of special mention. Sandy Coit, Mike Coit, and Gregg Moore did a great job of organizing the boaters while they waited on shore, and helping to safely load the boats.

It has been a great experience to have a hand in planning Durham Day and I will miss it!

Durham's youth participated in a wheelbarrow race—one of many activities enjoyed by those who attended Durham Day on September 20, 2009. SARA BADGER WILSON PHOTO



DURHAM: IT'S WHERE U LIVE

Erika Mantz

DIRECTOR, UNH MEDIA RELATIONS

Durham: It's Where U Live is a grassroots organization focused on better connection between University of New Hampshire students and their surrounding community. The goal of this collaborative effort is to increase respect and understanding by working together to create a more cohesive and welcoming community for everyone. The program facilitates events and activities that bring the entire community together and welcome its newest members each year. Community and business leaders



come together to offer maps and welcoming words to all first-year students and their families as they move into Town. This year we also gave out reusable grocery bags to encourage them to frequent downtown businesses and be sustainable.

Durham: It's Where U Live has also helped to increase community participation at the annual University Day Picnic, Holiday Skating Party, and Silent Auction. The silent auction benefits the Durham: It's Where U Live scholarship, which awards \$500 annually to a University of New Hampshire student who volunteers and/or works in the greater Durham community. This year, Durham: It's Where U Live worked with Durham Town Councilor Diana Carroll to make the campus feel more open to Town residents by offering a Saturday morning tour of the Dimond Library, the Paul Creative Arts Center, and the Memorial Union Building where representatives

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shared just a fraction of what is available and open to residents. In addition, a presentation was made at a Town Council meeting that was broadcast on Durham's local cable channel, Channel 22, with information about campus. The tour was a great success and will likely be repeated in the fall.

Residents are encouraged to subscribe to UNHtoday, the university's daily (M-F) email news update, for general news headlines as well as athletics and arts/entertainment news and a list of everything happening that day on campus. Anyone can subscribe at www.unh.edu/unhtoday/welcome.html.

Other resources:

- *University calendar:* www.unh.edu/calendar
- *Community Resource Guide, an online searchable database of resources available to the general public:* www.unh.edu/communityresources/
- *Parking information for visitors:* www.unh.edu/transportation/visitor/visitorparking.htm

To learn more about Durham: It's Where U Live, nominate a student for a scholarship, or apply for a grant visit www.diwul.org.

Durham. It's where we all live.

HISTORIC DISTRICT AND HERITAGE COMMISSION

Nicholas Isaak
CHAIR

The major focus of the year has been on the historic Oyster River Dam and whether it should be repaired or removed.

March 4: A Public Informational Meeting was held in the Town Hall and more than 65 people showed overwhelming interest and support for preservation of the dam.

March 5: The HDC met and voted unanimously to endorse submitting an application, prepared by Dick Lord and Andrea Bodo, to the New Hampshire Department of Historic Resources to place the dam on

the New Hampshire Register of Historic Places.

March 16: Town Administrator Todd Selig, along with Department of Public Works Director Mike Lynch and Town Engineer Dave Cedarholm, recommended moving forward with repairing the dam and supporting Stephens Associates' next task of designing necessary repairs for the Oyster River Dam. This recommendation was rejected as the Town Council felt more study was needed.

March 25: The Oyster River Dam application was reviewed by the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places and deemed eligible for nomination in 11 different categories: location, workmanship, design, feeling, setting, association, materials, event, archaeology, and architecture/engineering. A letter of nomination was sent to Todd Selig on April 15, 2009. It awaits

Oyster River Dam at Mill Pond. ANDREA BODO PHOTO



PARKS AND RECREATION

Michael Mengers
DIRECTOR

During the last few months of 2009, the Durham Parks and Recreation Department made tremendous strides. Due to efforts by the Parks and Recreation Committee, Durham hired its first Parks and Recreation Director, Michael Mengers, since 2001. In October, the Department relocated to the old Durham Courthouse building where it shares office space with the Oyster River Youth Association (ORYA). The old courtroom was renovated by the Department of Public Works and is now a Town Activities Room used by Parks and Recreation and many other local organizations.

One focus of the Parks and Recreation Department is to provide adult residents with affordable recreation opportunities. Programs currently offered include: Get Walking in Durham, Yoga, Pilates, Zumba, Tai Chi, Boot Camp, and Stability Ball classes. In the fall, the Department also ran a youth Quickstart tennis program; the only one of its kind in the Seacoast. All of these classes and programs have been well attended thereby ensuring further expansion of programming and class schedules in 2010. These programs are self-sustaining and create another revenue stream for the Town.

Parks and Recreation is also committed to creating a sense of community in Durham through special events. Families were the focus of September's Back to School

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the decision of the Town Council as to whether or not the Council will accept the nomination.

May 4: The Durham Town Council held a Public Hearing at the Oyster River High. Over 250 people attended for over four hours with overwhelming support for preservation.

June 1: The Town Council voted to authorize a sediment study of the Mill Pond and a more detailed investigation into the structural integrity of the Oyster River Dam.

September 13: The Historic District/Heritage Commission sponsored a History Walk through the Historic District featuring Dick Lord, DHA President and the following speakers: Doug Wheeler-Durham Community Church; Michael Behrendt-Red Tower; Jean Olson-Smith Chapel; Janet Mackie on genealogy-Smith Chapel; Andrea Bodo-Oyster River Dam; Steve Burns-Colonel Winborn Adams House; Sharon Griffin-James Paul House; Doug MacLennan-General Sullivan House; and Crawford Mills on slaves-General Sullivan Monument. 140 people turned out for the cookout at Three Chimneys sponsored by Historic District/Heritage Commission and the Community Church. Many more people were at the walk with an estimated 200 people enjoying this walking tour event.

October: Investigation into the feasibility of the Oyster River Dam began with a survey of the Mill Pond's bottom sediments. A bathymetric survey was conducted of the pond from a small boat to measure the water depth

over the entire area of the Mill Pond and produce a topographic map of the Mill Pond's bottom. After the survey was completed, samples of the pond sediment were collected and analyzed to determine if the sediments are contaminated. The study is funded by a \$40,000 grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The results of the studies will be in by January 2010.

November/December: The second part of the investigation involved a close examination into the structural integrity of the dam's concrete. Under the direction of Department of Public Works, Stephens Associates, and UNH Professor David Gress collected core samples from various locations on the dam and are analyzing the cores for strength and composition. Town officials expect the work to be completed by the end of January. The purpose of the study is to help the Town decide whether to repair or remove the dam.

Two Certificates of Approval were issued in 2009: David and Leslie Schwartz, 24 Newmarket Road, for exterior renovations, windows, chimneys, and a new front entry and Kyreages Properties for chimney repair at 18 Main Street.

Andrea Bodo was appointed as liaison to the Wiswall Historic Interpretative Committee consulting with historic mitigation of the removal and replacement of the Wiswall Bridge, including the changes at that historic location with regard to the dam and the park.

Culture and Recreation

Ice Cream Bash at Woodridge Field and the 1st Annual Durham Spookfest on Halloween at Jackson's Landing. In November, the Doe Farm Centennial Celebration focused on Durham's history and wonderful outdoor recreation areas.

The Parks and Recreation Department will continue to expand and be successful through community partnerships. In 2009, the Department partnered with Hunter Hall, a UNH dormitory, and the UNH Recreation Management and Policy Department to make the Spookfest a reality. Parks and Recreation will continue to work with the ORYA, the Oyster River School District, UNH Campus Recreation, and the Parks and Recreation Committee to further enrich recreation locations and opportunities in Durham.

Goals for 2010:

- *Explore possibilities for increased recreational opportunities at Wagon Hill Farm and the Mill Pond/Oyster River natural area.*
- *Increase non-sport related programming for school aged children.*
- *Increase recreation opportunities for active seniors.*
- *Continue expanding and improving existing trail networks currently in Durham.*
- *Continue assessing Durham's recreational needs and resources. Field and gymnasium use, availability, and durability will be a focus.*

Parks and Recreation Committee

Sara Badger Wilson
CHAIR

Committee members:

Emily Slama, Vice Chair; Mike Seivert, Town Council Representative; Amy Cunningham, Secretary; Jenna Roberts; David Leach; Patrick Houle; Gregg Moore; Jean Olson, Alternate

The vision of the Parks and Recreation Committee is to provide residents of all ages, abilities, and interests with a wide variety of recreational and leisure activities as well as services that will enhance a healthy lifestyle and build a sense of community. To assist the Committee with its efforts, partnerships have been formed with the Oyster River Parents of Preschoolers (ORPP), the Oyster

River Youth Association (ORYA), and the Durham Conservation Commission Stewardship Committee.

2009 Accomplishments:

- *Advocated for Town Council approval to hire a Parks and Recreation Director and assisted in the hiring process.*
- *Advocated and supported placing the Parks and Recreation facility in the old Courthouse building.*
- *Held Cocoa on the Hill (hot cocoa and sledding) event at Wagon Hill Farm.*
- *Completed trails at Jackson's Landing.*
- *Held annual Easter Egg Hunt at Old Town Landing.*
- *Promoted Parks and Recreation at BobCat Bolt.*

On November 15, 2009, Parks and Recreation held its Doe Farm Centennial Celebration to celebrate the generosity of Olinthus N. Doe, a prominent Durham resident who bequeathed his family homestead to the Town of Durham one hundred years ago. R.H. LORD PHOTO



**PUBLIC LIBRARY
Board Of Trustees**

Douglas Bencks
CHAIR

Over the last few years we have built significant momentum in our quest to establish a permanent library. This will be a vibrant community center beyond anything our Town has experienced to date but in keeping with what many communities around New Hampshire have created. Our library will foster a wide range of activities for all ages in a location that is part of a Town Center.

In the last decade several attempts to establish a specific site have focused on the Town Hall, the Grange, the Mill Plaza, and 2 Mill Pond Road. Each of these were vigorously pursued but each had road blocks to success. Consistently, the Trustees have the library in a walking and biking Town center location with much consideration about what qualifies as an appropriate Town Center site.

2009 Accomplishments:

Permanent site for the library. Since last spring we have been developing plans for the library to be jointly located with a privately funded youth center at Coe's Corner on the open land across Route 108 from Jackson's Landing (the Jaques property). By creating a path or road directly to the High School and a safe pedestrian crossing of Route 108 to Jackson's Landing, this site has the potential to be a Town Center that would link a wide range of community

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Long-Term Goals:

- Provide a much better public awareness of Durham's existing parks, events, programs, and water resources.
- Develop a formal and sustainable Parks and Recreation program that will better serve all Durham Town residents.
- Collaborate with other local groups to increase event attendance and popularity.
- Support and assist the Parks and Recreation Director in achieving programming goals.
- Study and implement opportunities to encourage Durham residents to make Wagon Hill Park a more used and appreciated recreational venue.

- Coordinated Memorial Day Parade.
- Created Summer Series – Picnic in the Parks.
- Implemented Adopt-a-Trail Program and trained volunteers.
- Provided resources for September Back To School Bash at Woodridge.
- Organized Durham Resident Discount Day at Coppel House Corn Maze.
- Provided resources for Halloween Spookfest at Jackson's Landing.
- Held Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot at Wagon Hill.
- Provided Crafts Table at Light Up Durham.
- Held Holiday Carol Skate Party at Churchill Rink.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt at Old Landing Park. SARA BADGER WILSON PHOTO



Culture and Recreation

resources (schools, library, youth center, maybe a town hall, skating rink, playground, waterfront park, and boat access) in a spot with great visibility and access – enhancing this gateway to Durham. The property owner is very engaged and discussions continue.

More recently, there has been growing consideration of 17 Madbury Road in the downtown as a site for mixed uses, including a library. While this site is of great interest to the library it has many other potential redevelopment options that could also be of value to the community. The Trustees are coordinating with the Town Council to work with the property owner to decide the best direction for development of this site.

Reaching out to the community. We continue to be successful fund-raising with our Annual Appeal for collection last year and to further build our endowment this year. There is strong and broad support for the library. We are developing ideas for capital fund-raising and building community-wide understanding for what we are doing. The Trustees have begun putting together the structure and the process to begin a capital campaign once the site and concept design are established. It is our expectation that we can only build a new library with a combination of major fundraising and public funding. We have \$1,000,000 in capital reserves now, and a potential gift of another quarter million dollars dependent on finalizing the

library site, so the time is right to move forward quickly.

Improving library staff, collection, and programs.

Under the leadership of our Library Director and the support of the Friends of the Library, the library continues to improve in all aspects of its operations. More and more our ability to further improve and enhance the library are constrained by the limitations of the rental space it occupies.

Goals for 2010:

Acquire the site, begin design, and move forward with fund-raising for the new library building. We expect this to be a very active year and we intend to make the plans for a new library very visible to everyone!

Public Library Staff (l-r): Nicole Moore, Children's Librarian; Lisa Kleinmann; Alix Campbell; Tom Madden, Director; Nancy Miner, Assistant Director; Margo LaPerle; Elizabeth Borgo; and Wendy Harris.



LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Thomas Madden
DIRECTOR

It has been a year of steady growth and improvement for the Durham Public Library. We were, as always, focused on providing greater service to the community by increasing the number and types of materials available and improving access to them. Books, programs, children's events, and electronic resources, among other things, were updated, upgraded, and improved. Access was enhanced through our website and by marketing our materials and services to the community.

While many library services are available through our website, there is no substitute for visiting the library to browse, read, or consult with a librarian to locate a book, a DVD, or find the answer to a question. In response to patron requests for more hours open, and to be available when our patrons need us most, the Durham Public Library extended its Saturday hours, now closing at 2 p.m. We hope the additional time is helpful, and look forward to the day when we can be open more hours per week.

In 2009, Children's Librarian Yvette Couser left to head the Children's Department in Merrimack. While we were sorry to see her go, her replacement, Lisa Kleinmann, has transitioned smoothly into the position and we are pleased to have her on the team. Elizabeth Borgo joined us through the Senior Community Service Employment Program. Both are great additions to the staff.

Staff works hard to improve the services and materials we provide. Throughout the year, we offered a varied slate of programs for kids, adults, and families that enriched, enlightened, informed, and entertained. We collaborated with a number of local organizations – Oyster River Parents of Preschoolers, Active Retirement Association, Durham Historic Association, UNH – on programming to expand the number of program topics we offer and to reach a greater number of people within Durham.

We continued our collection revitalization project, acquiring thousands of new books, DVDs, and audio books. Access to audio books was made easier through "how-to-download" workshops and a dedicated computer for audio book training. We added to our online database collection with the acquisition of Britannica Online, the electronic version of the encyclopedia, which can benefit patrons of all ages. We also upgraded our public computers making them faster, more robust, and easier to use.

The result of these efforts has been a dramatic increase in the number of patrons visiting the library, checking out books, and attending library programs. 2009 saw significant increases in circulation, patron visits, membership, and program attendance over the preceding year. While this is the result we strive for, the increase strains our small but dedicated staff. Fortunately, we have help.

The library has always benefited from the tireless efforts of the Trustees who oversee the operations,

work assiduously on the library building project, and raise funds to supplement the budget and enhance the endowment. The Friends of the Library donate countless hours toward their book and cookie sales, proceeds from which support operations and capital expenditures. Our stellar crew of library volunteers keeps the institution running smoothly by assisting us with tasks too numerous for staff to keep up with. We thank them all for their time, effort, and dedication.

Each year is new ground upon which to grow, and while we've had a successful 2009, we intend to continue improving and evolving as we go forward. Two more grant-funded computers will be added in 2010, new databases are under review for the website, and the collection of books and other materials is constantly being improved. Our goal is to provide the best library services and resources possible and we will continue to do just that.

2009 Accomplishments:

- *Opened an extra hour on Saturdays, bringing our total each week to 38.*
- *Offered more and better programs: a Courtship Tea, ORMS Literary magazine program, Travels in Tibet, Tidepooling, Pajama Storytimes, Wayne from Maine, Librarian's Book Club, Tails for Tails, and Touch a Truck.*
- *Added four new computer stations through a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation giving us a total of six available for public use.*

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- Received a “Picturing America” grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities including a set of posters and other resources to be used for library programs.
- Coordinated with the UNH English department on writing projects that gave students “real world” experience and gave the library a procedures manual, web-site content, and a template for a library newsletter.
- Raised over \$18,000 for the library’s collection, to augment the operating budget, through the Trustees Annual Fund. Purchased thousands of new books to update and revitalize the collection.
- Increased patron visits by 10%, circulation by 13%, library mem-

bership by 12%, and program attendance by 28% over 2008.

Goals for 2010:

- Move forward with the new library building initiative: acquire a site, draft a design plan, initiate a capital campaign.
- Redesign the library’s website to increase interest and interactivity. Investigate the desirability of new technologies such as blogs, Twitter, Facebook, and eBooks.
- Meet the needs and desires of the people of Durham for library services and collection materials.
- Add programming in conjunction with artwork from the “Picturing America” grant.
- Hold regular musical gatherings in the library.

Library Activities for 2009

Circulation	44,394
New Patrons.....	495
Total Patrons.....	4,832
Volunteer Hours	1,637
Adult Program Attendance	573
Children’s Program Attendance	3,240
Materials Added	4,128
Total Materials.....	28,610



MATT CARTER PHOTO



THE GUNDALOW
COMPANY PHOTO



GENERAL GOVERNMENT

ASSESSOR

James W. Rice, CNHA

Christina Murdough, CNHA

Cross Country Appraisal Group, LLC

The Assessor's office is responsible for ensuring equitable assessments, which distribute the Town's tax burden in accordance with state statutes. Assessments are based on fair market value of property and are applied in a fair, equitable, and consistent manner.

In November 2009, Cross Country Appraisal Group, LLC was contracted by the Town of Durham to manage the Town's assessing duties. A representative from the company is available every Monday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Planning, Zoning, and Assessing Office.

Goals for 2010:

- *Answer questions and/or concerns from property owners regarding their assessments.*
- *Review and inspect properties where building permits were issued after 4/1/09.*
- *Review and inspect properties that have had on-going construction.*
- *Review and process all qualified exemptions and credits.*
- *Review all abatement requests and make recommendations to the Town Council.*
- *Review all Board of Tax and Land and Superior Court appeals.*

CEMETERY COMMITTEE AND TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Craig Seymour
CEMETERY COMMITTEE CHAIR

The Durham Town Cemetery had a total of 22 internments (burials) in 2009. Of these, only 5 were casket burials and 17 were cremains (ashes) interments, reflecting a continuing trend towards cremation as an alternative to burial. In addition, 6 plots were purchased for a total of 18 graves.

A copy of the Rules & Regulations for the Cemetery can be obtained by e-mailing a request to cemetery@ci.durham.nh.us or on the Town's website (Cemetery Committee page). The document describes how to purchase a cemetery plot, rules for grave and monument care, and other useful information. All burials and any

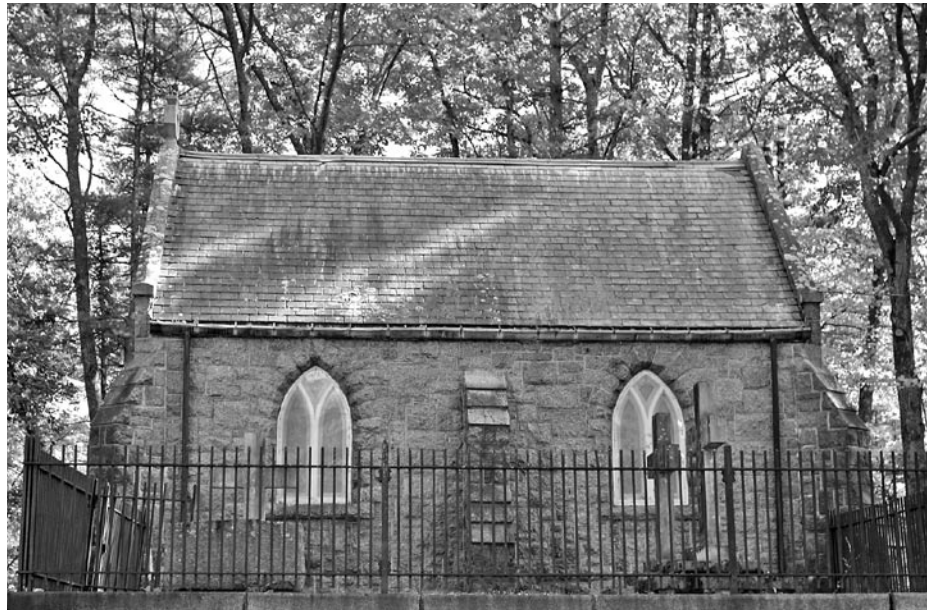
planned work on monuments, including installation of markers, should be cleared through the Cemetery Committee chair beforehand. The website also contains a digital map of the cemetery layout.

Please note that the cemetery is closed to all vehicles during the winter months, in order to protect the grounds. However, please feel free to walk in to visit graves.

Trustees of the Trust Funds

Bruce Bragdon
CHAIR

The Trustees of the Trust Funds invest and disperse funds in the various trusts and certain other Town accounts. These include 64 separate trust funds. Most of the trusts are small, ranging in size from a few hundred to a few thousand dollars and are concerned



Left: The Town Cemetery located off Main Street and Old Concord Road. CRAIG SEYMOUR PHOTO

Above: Smith Chapel



with the care and maintenance of various cemeteries and grave sites. Others support various Town funds and capital projects. All the funds are invested in Citizens Bank and are fully collateralized following our investment policy. Our deposits are all currently with Citizen's Bank. Our accounts are fully collateralized with GNMA's (Government National Mortgage Association). GNMA's have the full faith and backing of our government. We strive at all times to totally protect

the principal in all our accounts. Unfortunately any interest has been paltry at best. We will continue to review the accounts and try to gain as much interest return as possible. At the end of December 2009, the trust funds totaled \$3,015,237.94.

2009 Accomplishments:

The Smith Chapel is in transition. For the first time recently, the Chapel had significant water leakage. This forced the placement of a dehumidifier in the building. It was recommended that the stain glass windows be removed and protected immediately to protect them from falling. This was done and the roof was covered with clear plastic to minimize further water leakage. A complete review of the building is being undertaken and estimates for repair are being prepared. The Smith Chapel was built around 1900 and has many interesting architectural features that the Trustees would like to preserve. Unfortunately details like slate roofs and copper gutters are expen-

sive to replace or repair. Funding avenues are being explored, including possible placement on the historical register and a new fund to spend both the interest and principal. The current fund is limited to interest only which is less than \$1000.00 in total.

The Trustees have been working with Public Works staff to maintain Town graveyards. In a time of decreased interest paid on accounts and increased costs this is difficult. Fortunately there is a class from Oyster River High School which “adopted” some of the old cemeteries and spent several hours cleaning them up. We thank these young community-minded volunteers.

Ben Rodgers of Boy Scout troop 154 recently completed his Eagle Scout project. Ben built 117 feet of replacement Bog Bridges with cedar logs and hemlock planks for various walking trails at the Doe Farm, a 58-acre Town forest managed by the Trustees. A hearty thanks to Ben for

a much needed job well done! The Trustees reviewed the findings and recommendations of the 2001 Timber Management Plan for the Doe Farm that was completed by Consulting Forester Charles Moreno after extensive forest management on the property in 2001. The plan calls for a follow-up improvement harvest in the 2012-2017 timeframe.

Goals for 2010:

Trying to repair and find adequate funding for the Smith Chapel will be the Trustees first priority. We will bring our findings to the Town Council in the coming year.

The Trustees would still like to have a pictorial record of each graveyard and its GPS location. This information would be included in Town information so that the various committees would have access to the information. A description of the access route to each graveyard would also be of assistance to their long-term care.

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

James Campbell
DIRECTOR

This was quite a busy year in the Planning and Community Development Office and will continue to be so in 2010.

2009 marked my eighth (8th) year as the Director of Planning and Community Development for the Town. Durham has many committees, boards, task forces, an active

citizenry, and a dedicated staff that all work very hard to make this Town a great place. I thank all of you for your help and dedication. Finally, I would like to thank Karen Edwards and Michelle Berman for keeping this office running so smoothly.

2009 Accomplishments:

- *Hired a consulting firm to amend the Central Business District zoning, create a Strategic Plan for the Commercial Core, and provide other planning services as needed. As part of this process, a five day Charrette (design workshop) was*

held that involved Town staff, Town boards and committees, and the general public.

- *Worked with Planning Board members to assist them with site plan review, subdivision, boundary line adjustment, lot merger, and conditional use permit applications as well as conceptual consultations and zoning amendments.*
- *Continued to look for ways to amend the Zoning Ordinance and regulations to improve on the quality of life and development and the general overall process.*

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General Government

- Held quarterly Planning Board work session meetings to address general planning issues.
- Worked with Economic Development Committee to develop programs/tools to improve the climate for proper economic development within the Town and follow through on the Committee's 2009 Action Plan, market the sale and redevelopment of the Durham Business Park, and develop a marketing plan with the assistance of UNH marketing students.
- Worked with the Water Resource Protection Subcommittee of the Planning Board to look at ways to protect the Town of Durham's water resources.
- Hired consultants to assist with writing an Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance and a Transfer of Development Rights/Density Transfer Credit Ordinance.
- Continued development of a Geographic Information System (GIS) including updating maps, information, and working with

the State of New Hampshire to update aerial photography.

- Continued seeking out grant opportunities to offset cost to the Town of Durham, including improvements to Town sidewalks, affordable housing, and Coastal Program grants.
- Made improvements to the Planning and Community Development section of the website and continued efforts to keep it up-to-date and began the ground work to establish an Economic Development website.
- Worked with the University on the development of a local traffic model to be used by the Town, developers, the University and for the Mill Plaza conceptual plan put forward by the Mill Plaza Study Committee. The Town is also contracting to create a model on the one-way loop downtown to see what it would be like if it were changed to two-way traffic.
- Continued serving the Town on several outside committees that have an effect on Durham.

Goals for 2010:

- Follow-up on the Charrette held at the end of 2009 with developing and approving amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and finalizing a Strategic Plan for the Commercial Core.
- Begin updating the Master Plan.
- Continue to find ways to improve the Town Zoning Ordinance by being proactive and reactive to needed amendments.
- Revise the Site Plan and Road Regulations, incorporating the new stormwater regulations into the Site Plan, Subdivision, and Road Regulations.
- Continue to enhance public participation in the Planning Board, Economic Development Committee, and other boards/committees processes.
- Continue improving communications for and between the public and Town boards/committees.
- Update the Planning and Community Development website and establish an Economic Development website.
- Secure grant funds to help offset money raised by property taxes.
- Continue improving the Town's GIS capabilities.
- Continue serving the Town on several outside committees whose work will have an effect on Durham.
- Create an Economic Development Strategic Plan and continue working on other efforts of the Economic Development Committee.
- Continue working with the Water Resource Protection Subcommittee.

Planning Office (l-r): James Campbell, Director of Planning and Community Development; Karen Edwards, Administrative Assistant; and Thomas Johnson, Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer.



PLANNING BOARD

Lorne Parnell
CHAIR

During the past year, the Durham Planning Board has dealt with a full agenda of applications for site plan and conditional use approvals, subdivisions and boundary line adjustments as well as other projects and issues that are relevant to the future development of Durham. The Planning Board also received a presentation from UNH about a development at the University and heard a progress report from the Durham Business Park. Each of these presentations was followed by comments from Board members regarding zoning and other issues that may impact the projects. As part of the Durham budget process, the Board reviewed the proposed new Capital Improvement Program with town administration staff and provided comments.

Another of the responsibilities of the Planning Board is to continually review aspects of the Zoning Ordinance that may require amendments or revisions. During the past year, the Board revised some definitions in the Ordinance and amended some ambiguous wording regarding issues of parking and density.

During 2009, the Planning Board approved several significant new property developments for Durham. Almost all of these projects are for off-campus student housing, in either mixed use or single use units, and most will be located in or near the Central Business Zone. The Board also had conceptual reviews with devel-

opers concerning other possible projects in the central district that may move forward in the future. It seems likely that the downtown core of Durham will undergo a significant transformation in the next few years.

The current edition of the Durham Master Plan was produced in 2000 and an update of certain sections of the Master Plan started in 2009. An outside consultant was hired to assist in the preparation of a strategic plan for the commercial core districts and several public meetings to solicit resident input were held late in the year. This process will continue into 2010. One of the objectives of this planning process will be to review and assess possible amendments to zoning in the Central Business Zone.

The applications and projects that come before the Planning Board cannot be decided upon until public hearings are held and the Board hears comments from interested residents. Many of the public hearings held in 2009 were well attended, with several residents providing constructive comments. The Board

encourages Durham residents to attend the public hearings and voice their comments or concerns in order to assist the Board with its deliberations and decisions.

The Planning Board would like to thank Jim Campbell, Director of Planning and Community Development, for his hard work and the professional expertise that he provides for the Planning Board and the Town of Durham.

I would personally like to extend my appreciation to the other Planning Board members who have donated much time and effort during the past year to enable the Board to carry out its responsibilities in a well-considered manner.

Durham's first Post Office building. Built in 1907, it was located on Main Street. DURHAM HISTORIC ASSOCIATION PHOTO



Comparison of Number of Application Approvals 2007 - 2009

APPLICATION TYPE	2009	2008	2007
Subdivision.....	2	4	4
Site Review/Conditional Use.....	16	9	9
Boundary Line Adjustment/ Subdivision Modification/Voluntary Lot Merger.....	3	3	4
Site Plan Review by			
Technical Review Committee	5	2	5
Other*	5	8	9
Total.....	31	26	31

*Includes Conceptual Consultations, Design Reviews, Government Projects Public Hearings, and Scenic Road Public Hearings.

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Ann Shump
CHAIR

The Supervisors of the Checklist were pleased to have had a light year following the Presidential Election and two Primary Elections in 2008. Currently, there are approximately 9800 registered voters in the Town of Durham.

A reminder to all registered voters that June 1 will be the last day to change party affiliation before the State Primary on September 14, 2010.

2009 Accomplishments:

- *Conducted the Town/School Election in March.*
- *Conducted the School Deliberative Session in February.*
- *Conducted a special Town Election in August.*
- *Cleaned and updated files.*

Goals for 2010:

- *Prepare for the Town/School Election to be held on March 9, 2010.*
- *Prepare for the General Election to be held on November 2, 2010.*

TAX INCREMENT FINANCE DISTRICT

Todd I. Selig
TIF ADMINISTRATOR

The Durham Town Council adopted a Development Program and Financing Plan for the Stone Quarry Drive Mixed Use Tax Increment Finance District on October 15, 2007 to fund public improvements and infrastructure necessary to attract and advance desirable mixed use development and private investment in the Office & Research and Coe's Corner zoning districts adjacent to and including the Route 4 and 108 interchange. The stated objectives of the Development Program and TIF Plan in October 2007 were to:

- *Stimulate mixed use development within the district by providing infrastructure and amenities that encourage and create opportunities for businesses to locate and expand within the district.*
- *Enhance employment and earnings opportunities for area residents.*
- *Expand the property tax base of the Town of Durham.*
- *Stimulate other businesses to locate or expand within the community.*

The approved Development Program and Financing Plan consisted of three phases:

Phase 1: An estimated cost of \$850,000 to be funded through a general obligation bond guaranteed by Rockingham Properties, the property owner along Stone Quarry Drive.

- *A wastewater collection system extension of 2050' to Stone Quarry Drive;*
- *A water main extension of 1550' to Stone Quarry Drive.*

Phase 2: An estimated cost of \$250,000 to be funded through the Town's UDAG Community Investment Fund.

- *A 1600' water main extension on Canney Road to complete looping of the water system.*

Phase 3:

- *Phase 3, walking trails and parking facilities (plus other public amenities) at Jackson's Landing and Right-of-Way improvements along Old Piscataqua Road to the Durham Business Park, would be funded as grant and private sources are identified and/or the captured tax increment within the Stone Quarry Drive TIF is sufficient to service the debt on the anticipated \$850,000 bond and has repaid the Town an anticipated \$250,000 plus an amount equivalent to accrued interest.*

The total estimated cost of phased improvements, including planning, design, and administration, was anticipated to be \$1,350,000 in 2007 dollars. The approved Stone Quarry Drive TIF contains approximately 92 acres, which represents approximately 0.006% of the total land area in the Town of Durham. The total assessed value of all property in the district (including Town and UNH property) was \$10,638,965 in 2007.

To date, the Town continues to be unable to secure an adequate surety from Rockingham Properties to protect the interests of the com-

munity. The Town Council has therefore NOT approved a Development Agreement with Rockingham Properties which is a prerequisite for this project to move forward. The Town has not issued any debt as part of this project and all phases are presently on hold until a Development Agreement is in place. No additional taxable value has been developed within the Stone Quarry Drive TIF to date.

Concerning Phase 2 of the proposed Stone Quarry TIF project, the Town Council appropriated \$250,000 in funds in 2007 from the Community Development Expendable Trust Fund (UDAG Fund) with Resolution #2007-32 for the Stone Quarry Drive Tax Increment Financing District. Because it was not anticipated that this District would move forward in the coming year (2010), the Town Council rescinded the 2007 appropriation in its entirety as part of Resolution #2009-32 so that the UDAG funds could be utilized for other potential purposes.

Concerning Phase 3 of the project, the Town moved forward utilizing state grant funds and in-kind municipal contributions in 2009 to make enhancements to the Jackson's Landing Recreation Area. These enhancements were separate and distinct in all respects from the Stone Quarry Drive TIF project.

Once a Development Agreement is reached between the Town and Rockingham Properties, the TIF Administrator shall organize an Advisory Board to monitor and advise on the progress of the Stone Quarry Drive TIF District.

TOWN CLERK/ TAX COLLECTOR

Lorrie Pitt

In sharp contrast to 2008, this year there was only one election to prepare for. The Town Election was held on March 10. Election results are published on page 12.

The clerk's office began outsourcing bill production and mailing with Mark Altman & Associates, a printing company based out of Hudson, MA. Using the data received, they print, prepare, and mail the tax and water/sewer bills.

Centrix Lockbox Service is used to process both tax and water/sewer payments. The envelope enclosed with the bills and addressed to Manchester sends payments directly to the lockbox. Centrix Bank accepts the payments sent to the lockbox and processes them at its center in Bedford, NH. Payments are deposited and the amount is credited via ACH trans-

fer directly into the Town's general fund account at Citizens Bank. The clerk's office receives a transaction report and payments are posted to the individual accounts. If preferred, payments can still be made in person or mailed to the Town Hall.

The main topic at the 2009 Town Clerk and Tax Collector workshops was the use of credit cards for paying municipal bills. In July, the legislature passed House Bill 141 which authorized towns and cities to accept electronic payments. The service charges associated with the use of credit and/or debit cards will be passed on to the customer. The Town has begun the process of implementing the use of credit cards which is expected to be available in summer 2010. At the present time, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express would be accepted for all types of payments. Issues with Visa are currently being addressed and are expected to be resolved by the time this service is implemented.

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Town Clerk/Tax Collectors Office (l-r): Lorrie Pitt, Certified Town Clerk/Tax Collector; Barbara Landgraf, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector; Donna Hamel, Administrative Assistant.



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On December 15 the Town hosted an Interware User Group meeting. Interware's "Clerkworks" is the program used for automobile registration, dog licensing, and all other Town Clerk income reporting. Representatives from eleven towns attended this informational meeting. Topics of discussion included

program updates, taking on-line payments, and the use of credit cards. As always, the Interware team was attentive to what the group suggested for future program enhancements.

2009 Accomplishments:

- Began outsourcing of tax bills.
- Began process to accept credit cards.

- Expanded the use of the lockbox system.

Goals for 2010

- Finish the process and be able to accept credit card payments.
- Accept on-line payments.
- Institute one check system for registrations.

Jan 1 Thru Dec 31, 2009

	2009	2008	2007
Uncollected Taxes as of 01/01/09			
Property Taxes.....		\$2,161,653.70	
Utilities			
Yield Taxes			
Taxes Committed to Collector			
Property Taxes.....	\$24,078,895.91		
Yield Taxes.....	319.73		
Land Use Change Tax.....	100,200.00		
Utilities			
Water & Sewer Transferred to PT.....		15,133.08	
Other Changes.....		2,449.20	
Overpayments Made During Year			
Property Taxes.....	\$60,076.25	56,066.03	2,510.54
Utilities			
Interest			
Interest Collected.....	13,988.89	66,213.20	
Costs Before Lien			
Total Debits.....	\$24,253,480.78	\$2,301,515.21	\$2,510.54
Remitted to Treasurer			
Property Taxes.....	\$23,183,932.40	\$1,965,165.37	
Yield Taxes.....	319.73		
Land Use Change.....	54,873.48		
Utilities			
Interest Collected.....	13,988.89	66,213.20	
Conversion to Lien.....		219,849.71	
Other Charges.....		2,449.20	
Water & Sewer Transferred to PT.....		15,133.08	
Abatements Made During Year			
Property Tax.....	\$1,071.41	\$32,704.65	\$2,510.54
Utilities			
Uncollected Taxes 12/31/09			
Property Taxes.....	\$953,968.35		
Yield Taxes			
Land Use Change.....	45,326.52		
Total Credits.....	\$24,253,480.78	\$2,301,515.21	\$2,510.54

Tax Lien Report (Jan. 1 thru Dec. 31 2009)

	2008	2007	2006
Balance of Unredeemed Tax	\$0.00	\$172,365.65	\$32,184.14
Liens Executed During Year.....	294,136.12	0.00	0.00
Interest & Costs After Lien.....	2,782.56	18,775.16	10,410.11
Total Debits.....	\$296,918.68	\$191,140.81	\$42,594.25

Remitted to Treasurer:

Tax Lien Redemptions	\$68,113.64	\$110,707.14	\$32,184.14
Interest & Costs After Liens	2,782.56	18,775.16	10,410.11
Abatements Made During Year	0.00	0.00	0.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality During Year.....	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unredeemed Liens as of 12/31/09	\$226,022.48	61,658.51	0.00
Total Credits	\$296,918.68	\$191,140.81	\$42,594.25

Water & Sewer (January 1, 2009 Thru December 31, 2009)

Uncollected

Water.....	31,587.72
Sewer	52,389.75

Committed to Tax Collector

Spring Warrant.....	409,901.82
Fall Warrant.....	393,628.96

Transferred from UB to PT

Water.....	(6,330.78)
Sewer	(8,802.30)
Refunds.....	1,519.32

Total Debits.....	873,894.49
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Remitted to Treasurer

Water.....	323,607.30
Sewer	481,261.71
misc	87.34

Abatements Made

Water.....	1,204.57
Sewer	2,131.91

Uncollected Water & Sewer

Water.....	25,109.35
Sewer	40,492.31

Total Credits	873,894.49
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Revenues Collected

(Jan. 1 thru Dec. 31, 2009)

Auto Registrations	\$765,736.30
Title Applications.....	1,866.00
Municipal Agent Fees.....	15,075.00
Trans Improvement.....	26,405.00
Marriage Licenses.....	1,755.00
Vital Statistics Copies	2,384.00
U.C.C. Recordings/ Discharges	1,065.00
Dog Licenses	5,304.50
Miscellaneous.....	2,081.11
Total.....	\$821,671.91

Cars Registered 6,251

Dogs Registered..... 807

TREE WARDEN

Michael Lynch

In 2009, 119 dead and decaying trees, or trees interfering with telephone or electric wires, were removed from Town-owned properties or Right-of-Ways and private properties along the Town's Right-of-Way.

The Town was honored with its 31st consecutive Tree City USA award and continues to be the leading award winner in the state of New Hampshire. The Tree City USA award is a national recognition for having an outstanding tree program. On May 14, 2009 the Town celebrated Arbor Day with the planting of an American Ash tree at Jackson's Landing. The tree was donated to the Town by Cameron's of Farmington, NH.

The Town and its residents suffered severe tree damage due to the 2008 December ice storm. The Department of Public Works collected thousands of cubic yards of brush as a result of this devastating storm.

The Town carefully removed a 52-inch decaying Oak Tree, which hung perilously over the Smith Chapel.

Did you know that Durham is still the home to the Largest Swamp White Oak Tree (Back River Road) and Norway Spruce Tree (near Drew Graveyard on Newmarket Road) in New Hampshire!

WELFARE DIRECTOR

Gail Jablonski

NH RSA 165 requires that each City and Town in the State of NH provide for any persons who are poor and unable to provide for themselves and that the Governing Body of each City and Town establish written guidelines relative to general assistance. On March 3, 2003 the Durham Town Council approved new written regulations relative to general assistance. Section 4-10 A-7 of the Administrative Code of the Town of Durham identifies the Business Management Department, headed by the Business Manager, as being responsible for overseeing Welfare services.

The Town of Durham is dedicated to providing for those in need without regard to age, race, sex or national origin. The Business Office is compassionate towards all those seeking assistance. We work with everyone who applies, whether the applications are approved or denied, to assist them towards self-sufficiency in the future.

During 2009, the Business Office received and processed eight new applications for public assistance. Of these requests, all were approved as qualifying for assistance with expenses such as rent, electricity, heating oil, and medications. Over the past year we also had numerous people contact our office for information concerning assistance who did not submit a formal application for assistance. As we move into 2010, we do not have any active cases of public assistance open.

Through mid-December 2009 a total of \$6,617 was provided for direct assistance. The Business Office works closely with several non-profit service providers in the area, the University of New Hampshire for students in need of assistance, the NH Department of Health and Human Services Office in Rochester, and the NH Local Welfare Administrator's Association for advice and guidance on the more difficult cases.

All in all, with the economic conditions we faced in 2009, Durham's share of persons requiring assistance was remarkably low compared to surrounding communities. For the benefit of everyone, we have published our welfare regulations and the application for public assistance on the Town's website at:

http://ci.durham.nh.us/departments/business_office/assistance.html.

The Civil War Monument at Memorial Park, located in downtown Durham.



ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Jay B. Gooze
CHAIR

The Durham Zoning Board of Adjustment consists of five regular members and three alternates appointed by the Town Council for three-year terms. At the present time we have all positions filled. The Board is aided by the excellent work of our minute-taker, Victoria Parmele.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial panel empowered to interpret the Durham Zoning Ordinance and to grant relief from the Ordinance when certain criteria are all met to the satisfaction of three voting members of the Board. We pay particular attention to previous New Hampshire Supreme Court decisions as support for the Board's decisions.

Continued enforcement of Durham housing regulations is a priority, but the Board does so without prejudice, examining all evidence of a structure's lawful previous use to determine the final ruling.

The New Hampshire legislature has recently once again revised certain variance criteria and has updated the Shoreland Protection Act and members of the Board have attended numerous educational forums concerning the recent changes.

I want to commend the members of the Board for being thoughtful and although we do not always agree, each member is willing to articulate the reasons for his or her vote on a particular application.

During 2009 the Durham Zoning Board of Adjustment met ten times. There were twenty applications before the Board.

Variations: There were seventeen requests for variances. Sixteen requests were approved and one request was denied.

Motion for Rehearing: There were two requests filed for motions of rehearing. One request was denied a rehearing. One request was granted a rehearing and was overturned upon rehearing.

Requests for Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Control: This provision was created by the NH Legislature in 1996 to address the situations where a good faith error was made in the citing of a building or other dimensional layout issue. There were no requests for Equitable Waiver this year.

Appeal of an Administrative Decision: There was one appeal of administrative decision. That appeal was approved.

Special Exceptions: There were no requests for special exception this year.

2009 Zoning Board of Adjustment Breakdown of Hearings

Variance.....	17
Special Exception	0
Administrative Appeal	1
Equitable Waiver.....	0
Re-Hearing Request.....	2
Total.....	20

ZONING, CODE ENFORCEMENT, AND HEALTH OFFICER

Thomas Johnson

The Building Code Enforcement, Zoning, and Health Offices had the busiest year in my eight years here in Durham. The economic downturn has not affected activity in Durham. The total number of construction permits was comparable to last year. Fees collected for permits this year were up due to an increase in commercial construction. New single-family home construction is still slow, but renovations and additions continue to be steady.

New multi-family units have increased with the start of construction of projects on Jenkins Court, Rosemary Lane, Mast Road, and the total renovation of a large fraternity house on Madbury Road. The office has spent considerable time with prospective purchasers of commercial properties or the design teams for current owners anticipating redevelopment of their existing properties. All indications are that 2010 will be the start of a busy year for redevelopment downtown, and possibly for a couple years to come. Plans are being submitted now for review and approval with some actual new construction starting when school completes the current academic year.

The Zoning Administrator and Zoning Board of Adjustment continued hearing cases in 2009 with no major increase in volume. The Zoning Board of Adjustment still continues to meet every month. The

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cases are reviewed and dealt with accordingly, and some difficult decisions have been made. The Zoning Administrator has seen an increase in neighborhood complaints surrounding the continued migration of student housing and its related problems into Durham's traditional single-family residential neighborhoods. With the increase in construction activities taking away the Code Enforcement Officer's time to respond to each neighborhood's complaints, more residents came into the office as well as attended the Rental Housing Commission meetings. This has generated some very helpful interaction between Town and UNH staff, along with more active neighborhood participation.

This will ultimately help the Code Enforcement Office with some new townwide enforcement policies and direction in 2010 to handle this migration.

The Health Department saw little activity again this year with respect to the West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis. The regional Strafford County and State of New Hampshire approach to a possible H1N1 pandemic and other health and emergency-related functions kept the office busy staying in touch with other agencies involved.

2009 Accomplishments:

- The Zoning Administrator continued correspondence and

cooperation with the Rental Housing Commission, local realtors, and the Durham Landlords Association.

- The Code Officer hosted a successful Eastern States Building Officials Federation 60th Annual Educational Conference in New Hampshire at the New England Center.
- The Code Officer continued participation in the International Code Council (ICC), the New Hampshire Building Officials Association and the New Hampshire Seacoast Code Officials Association participating in educational programs, meetings, and code development.
- The Code Officer continued to serve as one of 15 Code Officials nationwide on the ICC Education Committee. This committee oversees educational training programs, educational publications, and code official certification nationwide.
- The Code Officers is one of 3 Code Officials in New Hampshire serving on the Northeast Region (7 states) Coalition Board of Directors for the International Code Council for the 3rd consecutive year.
- Continued successful cooperation with neighborhood groups with enforcement efforts to provide "neighborhood conservation" with enforcement of occupancy limitations.
- The Code Officer continued as the code enforcement representative on the Governor's Commission on Disability's Architectural Barrier-Free Design Committee for the 4th consecutive year.

Construction Permits Processed

	2009	2008	2007
Building Permits.....	195	192	202
Building Permits Denied.....	11	11	12
Building Permits Withdrawn	1	0	2
Demolition Permits	12	3	4
Building Permits On Hold.....	0	0	0
Septic Permits/Test Pits.....	11	16	24
Electric Permits	186	158	180
Plumbing/Mechanical Permits.....	190	171	156
Total Permits.....	606	551	581
Value of Building Permits Given.....	\$9,748,482	\$7,482,465	\$5,601,088
Fees Collected for all Permits	\$80,038	\$61,186	\$46,380

Breakdown Of Building Permits

	2009	2008	2007
New Single Family House.....	5	2	3
New Multi-Family Units.....	94	56	4
Additions, Renovations.....	143	149	156
Commercial (New & Renovations)	11	11	21
Demolition: Single Family Home.....	4	0	2
Commercial Building.....	1	0	0
Other	7	3	2
Hold/Renewals.....	11	6	15
Swimming Pools.....	1	3	3
Other Permits			
Signs	26	31	30
Sidewalk Cafes	6	4	5
Totals all Permits.....	309	265	242



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PUBLIC SAFETY

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Corey Landry
CHIEF

This has been a very busy year for the Durham Fire Department. In January, I was appointed Fire Chief after serving as Operations Chief for a little over a year. The Durham Fire Department has been receptive and very helpful during this transition. After this move, the Town Division Chief positions were transitioned back to the Assistant Chief and Deputy Chief positions. This is traditionally what Durham has used in the past and what is recognized throughout New England as a typical rank structure.

Division Chief Jason Cleary transitioned from Fire Prevention into the Assistant Chief position. After an extensive search Deputy Chief Steve McCusker was hired to take over the day-to-day operations of Fire Prevention. Deputy McCusker brings with him 15 years of experience from the Dover Fire and Rescue, many of which were in Fire Prevention.

Other personnel changes this year included the vacancy created by long-time employee Captain Jeffrey Furlong leaving the department. His position was filled by the promotion of Jim Brown. Captain Brown has been on the Department for eight years and serves as a volunteer firefighter in the Town of Lee, where he is also a Captain.

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Fire Department Incidents 2009

INCIDENT TYPE	NO. OF INCIDENTS
Structure Fire	11
Fires – Other: Vehicle, Brush, Dumpster	43
Emergency Medical calls	887
MVA w/injuries.....	24
MVA w/entrapment & extrication.....	5
MVA w/no injuries.....	29
Haz Mat – Spills, Leaks, Burst.....	26
Gas Leak	12
Other Hazardous Conditions.....	67
Fire Drills.....	24
Service Calls	347
Assist Police/Government Agency	13
Malicious False Alarms	30
Unintentional False Alarms.....	184
Alarm System Malfunctions.....	92
False Calls.....	22
Elevator Rescues.....	41
Wires Down/Arcing	8
Good Intent Calls.....	69
Smoke/Odor Investigation.....	64
Searches (land, water).....	2
Water/Watercraft/Ice Rescue	3
Other	4
Total	2007

Fire Department Administration (Back row, l-r): Jason Cleary, Assistant Fire Chief; Corey Landry, Fire Chief; Brendan O’Sullivan, Fire Inspector; Steven McCusker, Deputy Chief of Fire Prevention and Safety; (Front row, l-r): Melissa Perusse, Administrative Assistant; Katherine Keans, Intern. WILL LENHARTH PHOTO



With the promotion of Captain Brown, a new firefighter vacancy was created. The search brought in over 70 qualified applicants. Twenty applicants were interviewed. Firefighter Sarah Graham was selected, having come from the Newmarket Fire Department where she served as a full-time Firefighter/EMT-Intermediate.

On March 2, 2009 the Fire Department faced a difficult four-alarm building fire at 321 Dame Road. What was initially a “manageable” fire took a sudden turn for the worse. As a result in a change of interior fire conditions, four Newmarket firefighters became disorientated on the second floor of the involved structure. The result was changing the fire attack scene into a personnel rescue/mayday situation. Thanks to their extensive training, the four firefighters were able to maintain their composure and eventually make their way out of the building with only minor injuries. Credit is also extended to their properly donned, up-to date protective gear. Once safe and accounted for, the department turned its efforts back to the proper extinguishment of the nearly 300 year old farmhouse. The Durham Fire Department, with the assistance of 15 other mutual aid departments, saved the majority of the house along with countless personal possessions, family mementos, and antiques. A close call such as this reminds us that we in Durham are not invincible. Thanks to the dedication, constant training, and foresight of the Durham Firefighters we are always striving to do our job better and more efficiently.

2009 Accomplishments:

- *Chief Landry was appointed by the Commissioner of Safety to the New Hampshire Building Code Review Board.*
- *Chief Landry was elected as Sergeant at Arms for the New Hampshire Fire Chiefs Association.*
- *Captain Emanuel received the Company Fire Officer designation from The Commission on Professional Credentialing.*
- *Completed valuable live building burn training on an acquired farmhouse on Mast Road.*
- *Took delivery of the new Medic One EMS first-response vehicle, which replaced its 1998 Dodge predecessor.*
- *Firefighter Leavitt attended the Interspiro self-contained breathing apparatus technician certification.*
- *Assistant Chief Cleary was accepted and attended his first year of Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland.*
- *Inspector O'Sullivan attended the Evaluation Performance Based Designs class at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland.*

Goals for 2010:

- *Complete the financial plan for funding of a new fire station.*
- *Complete the feasibility study of EMS transport service by the Durham Fire Department*

FIRE WARDEN**Corey Landry**

FIRE CHIEF

The Durham Fire Department responded to five brush fires in 2009, burning less than a quarter acre in total.

Permits for open burning are available seven days a week. Please call the Fire Department first to ensure that permits are being issued as weather plays a significant role in this determination. Residents who burn frequently in the same location can obtain an annual permit but are still required to call for daily

fire awareness status. This permit eliminates the frequent trip to the station to obtain a permit.

No permit is required with adequate snow cover, which by definition is six inches of snow surrounding the burn pile for the length in equal to the height of the pile. Residents are asked to call and make the Fire Department aware before burning to reduce unnecessary responses by the department.

For any questions on brush permits please call the station at 868-5531. Please remember to practice fire safety each and everyday.

Mast Road Training Burn. TARA LENHARTH PHOTO



MCGREGOR MEMORIAL EMS

Nathan Duclos

McGregor Memorial EMS (formerly Durham Ambulance Corps) is a regional, non-profit organization providing emergency medical services and education to the communities of Durham, Lee, Madbury, and UNH. Volunteers include residents of Durham, Lee, and Madbury, and students at UNH. Founded nearly four decades ago in memory of Dr. George G. McGregor, McGregor recently celebrated its 40th anniversary.

McGregor maintains an organizational commitment to excellence, and prides itself on being one of the most cost-effective, highly trained, and professionally organized ambulance services in the state. Compassionate service is the hallmark of the organization. To learn more about McGregor, visit www.mcgregorems.org or call 862-3674.

2009 Accomplishments:

- Awarded a Homeland Security Grant for the third year in a row to purchase state-of-the-art monitors that can detect deadly carbon monoxide in the blood.
- Received a \$22,000 grant for the

High School EMT program to provide EMT-Basic courses to local high school students.

- Purchased a new Advanced Life Support ambulance.
- Purchased a fourth Lifepak 12 cardiac monitor.
- Hosted the Inaugural Focus EMS Conference which offered a variety of educational sessions focused around pediatrics to nearly 200 EMTs and school nurses from across New England and provided local EMTs and firefighters with the opportunity to receive education from high quality experts in emergency medicine from throughout the United States at a fraction of the cost of attending a national conference.
- Trained over 3000 Community CPR Heroes through McGregor Institute's CPR Safe program.

Call Volume Trends

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Annual Calls.....	1550*	1442	1512	1288	1262
% Increase	7%	-5%	17%	2%	7%

*approximate

McGregor EMT's provide care to a firefighter. PHOTO COURTESY OF MCGREGOR MEMORIAL EMS



Goals for 2010:

- Continue successful recruiting campaign.
- Enhance Advanced Life Support equipment.
- Continue to enhance safety of EMT responders and the public.
- Perform Fund Drive Campaign in early 2010, seeking to raise funds to finance capital equipment purchases.
- Review future facility needs.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

David L. Kurz
CHIEF

This is the fourteenth annual report I have completed during my tenure as Police Chief for the Durham community. One constant is that the Police Department continues to strive to provide professional services in a cost-efficient manner continuously reflecting the desires of the entire community. While this goal may sound like a cliché, I can assure you that every member of this organization endeavors to meet the community's needs in the same manner as if the roles were reversed.

With the retirement of Sergeant Andy Buinicky in late 2008 after 20 years of service, Kathryn Mone was promoted from Patrol Officer

to Sergeant overseeing a midnight patrol shift. Regrettably, due to the poor economic environment and a desire to keep costs in-check, the void created by this retirement was not filled, leaving the department with 18 officers. Additionally, Sergeant Ed Levesque retired after 20 years of service, the last seven of which he served as the first School Resource Officer in the Oyster River High and Middle Schools. That position will be filled at the commencement of 2010, although in a cost-saving initiative, the Sergeant position has been eliminated from the organizational structure.

With growing demands upon the department and a significant increase in calls for service regarding noise and disruptive behavior during late night hours, the department has been forced to begin prioritizing service requests by

severity and the nature of the call. This reality has left a number of citizens living in close proximity to student housing or rentals deeply concerned about their quality of life with late night disturbances becoming more the norm than the rarity. While the agency has continuously sought alternative strategies that would diminish disruptions during the late night hours without additional personnel, members of the department find themselves frustrated, as are citizens, when there appears to be no immediate solution. While the department is seeking various approaches, it is clear that any successful strategy must include multiple partners.

2009 Accomplishments:

- *Continued to work collaboratively with the Durham Landlords' Association seeking mechanisms*

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The members of the Durham Police Department AUSTIN STUDIOS PHOTOGRAPHY





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that will enhance its business environment while reducing the need of police to respond to rental property.

- *Completed the transition from the UNH/Durham Dispatch Center to the Strafford County Sheriff's Department with enhanced radio reception by placing antennas in strategic locations on the outskirts of Durham. This initiative and its' \$250,000 annual cost saving was systematically implemented.*
- *Conducted the 5th community survey, working cooperatively with Dr. Andy Smith at the UNH Survey Department.*
- *Continued to maintain national Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) status with an eye to April of 2011 when two police managers from other areas of the country will arrive in Durham to inspect the agency ensuring that it*

remains in compliance with applicable standards.

- *Developed a position paper supporting the premise that the University of New Hampshire should compensate the Town of Durham for police services by means of an Omnibus agreement resulting in a ten-year \$200,000 payment that will increase via a COLA for the duration of the contract.*

In reflection of last year's report, I remain hopeful that we have curtailed and eliminated the "Celebratory Riots" that were occurring with far too much frequency in the Durham/UNH community. This national phenomenon presented unique challenges to Durham as the host community to a large educational institution. As the agency has fully embraced the community policing philosophy as a way of conducting business,

its dedication to service and the partnerships formed have served to open dialogue between the police and residents creating an environment where each learns to help the other. That formula has also been successful in working collaboratively with the UNH community to prevent and curtail a variety of challenges. The department continues to use its positive relationship with the community in combination with a businesslike dedication to customer service to ensure success.

I would like to thank the members of the Durham Police Department for their commitment to this community and the countless contributions they have made over this past year. We look forward to working together in providing the level of service that the Durham community has come to expect from its police department.



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PUBLIC WORKS

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Michael Lynch

2009 proved to be a very challenging, starting with a zero percent increase in the Town budget. In February the President's stimulus package, formally known as American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), allowed the Department of Public Works (DPW) to present twenty-four projects for consideration; the most in the state from a municipality. The Town was awarded five projects for funding from the ARRA program: replacement of the Wiswall Bridge, reconstruction of the west end of Main Street, replacement of the aeration blowers at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, engineering and construction of the artificial recharge system at the Spruce Hole well site, and rehabilitation of the Dover Road Wastewater Pump Station.

The DPW strives to meet the needs of a vibrant community by advancing its technology in an effort to increase its utility infrastructure systems resulting in the enhancement of the commercial tax base. As in past years the roadway resurfacing program was the top priority for 2009 and I am pleased to report that Madbury Road was successfully resurfaced this past summer. I am very thankful that the Town continues to support the road resurfacing program and understands how vital this program is to our transportation system. Good roads benefit all Town residents and provide a sense of community pride and economic development.

The remediation and revitalization of the former Craig Supply property, now known as the Depot Road Parking Facility, continued in 2009. A \$200,000 grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency will allow DPW to

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renovate/repair the 7' diameter box culvert that carries Reservoir Brook under the Depot Road site.

Other accomplishments in 2009 included the purchase of a new 72hp snow thrower. DPW also started engineering of the \$1,000,400 Denial Fish Ladder at the Wiswall Dam; securing a grant from the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Last fall construction started on the new Wiswall Bridge and is scheduled for completion in summer 2010.

Goals for 2010:

- Complete the engineering of an additional water supply well at the Spruce Hole Aquifer located off of Packers Falls Road.
- Complete roadway resurfacing of Wednesday Hill Road, Strafford Avenue, and Back River Road.
- Complete engineering and start repairs of the Wiswall Dam/Denial Fish Ladder.
- Receive a Safe Routes to School grant from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation.
- Complete new water, wastewater,

and storm water ordinances.

- Complete renovations to the west end sewer collection system to increase capacity by 33%.
- Complete construction of the new Wiswall Bridge.
- Start repairs at Oyster River Dam.
- Complete repairs to the Thompson Lane drainage system.
- Begin construction of renovations to the Dover Road Wastewater Pumping Station.
- Begin infrastructure work for the new Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District in the area of Stone Quarry Drive.
- Replace four aeration blowers at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Begin road improvements on the west end of Main Street.
- Begin structural repairs at the Smith Chapel on Mill Pond Road.

In closing, I want to say what a pleasure it is to serve the residents of Durham. I also want to thank the DPW staff for a great year. I look forward to continuing to make Durham a special place to live.

DPW Administration (l-r): Douglas Bullen, Assistant Operations Director; David Cedarholm, Town Engineer; Michael Lynch, Director of Public Works; Janice Høglund, Assistant to the Director of Public Works.



OPERATIONS DIVISION

Douglas Bullen
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR
OPERATIONS

Economic concerns and developments made the division take a hard look at its daily operations to ensure the continuance of services that are expected. This was accomplished through the hard work of staff and by constantly reviewing operations on a regular basis. It is the goal of the Operations Division to manage resources in a prudent manner regardless of the economic climate and the division will continue striving to meet those expectations.

2009 Accomplishments:

- Town snow fighters responded to 18 weather-related events.
- Completed the 2009 road program with the shim and overlay of Madbury Road from downtown to Route 4. Libby-Scott paving of Wells, Maine performed the work. Town crews also completed drainage improvements, installed new signs and pavement markings, and made landscaping upgrades.
- Completed the Town-wide spring clean up which included pick up of bulky material, metal, and general waste. Over 60 tons of material was collected over a two week period.
- Collected over eight tons of leaves and brush during the yearly fall collection.
- Completed many tasks at the Jackson's landing rehabilitation

project including trail restoration and signage. Various road and drainage improvements were also part of the project.

- Painted all crosswalks, symbols, and walkways. Center and roadway edge painting was also completed.
- Cleaned over 175 storm basins as mandated by the Federal Storm Water Management Plan.
- Screened 4000 cubic yards of sand to be used for winter road treatment. This material is from the Town gravel pit located on Packers Falls Road.
- Continued to replace and upgrade various drainage systems located throughout the Town.
- Performed general improvements, repairs, and maintenance to town roads, buildings, and properties.
- Maintained and serviced the Department of Public Works, police, and Town-owned vehicles.
- Assisted with the coordination of the Fourth of July fireworks celebration.
- Purchased a new 72 inch snow blower.
- Completed drainage improvements at Park Court.

SOLID WASTE DIVISION

Douglas Bullen
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS

Revenue fell this year for the first time in many years. Worldwide demand for materials was curtailed for most of 2009 but saw some rebound in the summer. Paper and cardboard saw the largest gain after falling for most of the year. Plastics continue to hold no value and increase in recycle cost. Moving forward the Solid Waste Division always looks for new methods and markets for the Town's materials. 2010 will be a challenge for the division as it tries to make sense of the economics impacting the solid waste and recycling worlds.

2009 Accomplishments:

- Completed the fall and spring curbside collections.
- Conducted the annual Household Hazardous Waste collection day.
- Vehicle visits to the facility again were over 30,000.
- All solid waste personnel attended yearly training conducted by the NHDES to maintain their certifications.
- Completed the yearly collection and informational newsletter.
- Continued to monitor the single stream collection process at the ORSD.
- Offered more programs to recycle different items such as fluorescent bulbs and oil based paints.

Solid Waste Division Statistics

TONS OF MATERIAL MARKETED	2009	2008	2007
Recyclable Material:			
Mixed paper	346	461	450
Cardboard	163	135	172
Scrap Metal.....	94	55	99
Car Batteries.....	5	1	2
TOTALS	608	652	723
Recycling Revenue	\$23,811	\$52,912	\$49,893
Tip Fee Avoidance	40,523	43,456	44,421
Other Material Recycled:			
Commingled Containers.....	317	319	298
Textiles.....	N/A	N/A	N/A
Car Tires	5	5	7
Waste Oil- Gallons.....	759	460	617
Antifreeze- Gallons.....	0	135	110
Leaves.....	19	19	18
Electronics.....	18	24	14
Propane Tanks - each	0	146	0
Materials Disposed:			
Curbside Collection	1688	1774	1690
Bulky Waste	132	136	157
Construction & Demolition	208	143	222
Electronic Stickers Sold.....	606	585	516

TOWN ENGINEER

David Cedarholm, P.E.

The Engineering Division of the Department of Public Works maintained a busy workload of projects in 2009 involving the Town's water supply, stormwater and wastewater systems, dams and bridges, road improvements, and more. Engineering also provides technical support to Town staff, committees, boards, residents, and developers that have general questions or require assistance regarding all aspects of Durham's infrastructure or other technical issues.

2009 Accomplishments:

- Wiswall Bridge replacement.
- Spruce Hole Well – permitting and well installations.
- Dover Road Wastewater Pump Station rehabilitation.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant aeration blower upgrades.
- Wiswall fish ladder and dam repairs.
- Oyster River Dam and Mill Pond investigation.
- 401 Water Quality Certificate Management and Flow Monitoring.
- Lamprey River Protected Instream Flow Study.
- West End sewer improvements.
- Wastewater Inflow/Infiltration removal projects.
- Annual sewer manhole repair/replacement program.
- Sewer and Water Ordinance updates.
- Wastewater dewatering system and sludge disposal improvements.
- Draft Stormwater Ordinance/Site Plan Review Regulations.
- Thompson-McGrath-Valentine Hill drainage improvements.
- Landfill post-closure monitoring.

- Former DPW garage groundwater monitoring.
- Infrastructure mapping.
- Foss Farm & Beech Hill water tank investigations.
- Mast Road Utility Extension.

Federal funding was secured through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (AARA) totaling \$2.2 million for the first four projects listed above. The Engineering Division also brought in another \$40,000 grant to conduct a study of the bathymetry and sediments in Oyster River Mill Pond. Along with a consortium of other Town and City engineers in the region, the Town Engineer helped Durham respond to the state and federal concerns about water quality impairments in the Great Bay Watershed by helping to establish the Southeast Watershed Alliance. Updating the Wastewater Facilities Plan, Water Resource Management Plan, and finalizing the new Water Conservation Plan continues to be priorities for the Engineering Division. With the help of part-time Engineering Technician Jon Coulp-Yu, Public Works made great strides in Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping of the Town's infrastructure in 2009. The Engineering Division looks forward to welcoming a new full-time Assistant Engineer in 2010.

Town Engineer David Cedarholm begins the process of draining the Mill Pond in preparation for and investigation of the dam's concrete issues. ANDREA BODO PHOTO



Please do not hesitate to contact the Engineering Division at 868-5578 with technical questions. Although the division does not design fixes for problems on private properties, it may be able to help citizens work through some options.

WASTEWATER DIVISION

Daniel Peterson
SUPERINTENDENT

Once again the Wastewater Treatment Facility staff was extremely busy this past year. In this slow economic time, the staff is committed to finding new ways to cut costs, yet continually striving to improve the treatment process operations. With a new EPA discharge permit and stringent nitrogen limits to be issued soon, the dedication and hard work of staff will continue as they strive to achieve the best water quality discharge into the Oyster River and Great Bay environment. It should be a challenging but very rewarding year ahead.

2009 Accomplishments:

- Completed an in-house retrofit for odor control using existing tanks and piping. Completing this project in-house saved thousands of dollars by eliminating the need to buy a commercial grade odor removal system.
- Completed a pilot study to determine how to cut costs on a Sodium Hydroxide feed system. It was determined that by changing a feed location, costs for this chemical could be cut up to 50%. A permanent feed system was put in place to cut costs.
- Worked with Wright Pierce Engineering to secure American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding for four new energy efficient aeration blowers. The new blowers, to be installed mid-summer, will save approximately 30% in energy costs and will have greater flexibility.
- Worked with AECOM Engineering to secure AARA funding for the

new Dover Road Pump Station. Construction is expected to begin early in the year.

- Worked with CGH Construction to lower Beards Creek pond for reconstruction of a manhole in the pond. This will eliminate infiltration and in-flow from pond and rain water entering the sewer system.
- Replaced the four main aeration tanks control slide gates. The exist-

ing gates were 35 years old and were of much needed replacement.

- Discontinued and dismantled a grease thickening mechanical process tank. It was determined to be more economical to have the grease commercially removed than spend thousands of dollars to have the mechanism replaced.

Congratulations to Lloyd Gifford for his 20 years of dedicated service to the Town of Durham.

Wastewater Division Statistics

PERMIT PARAMETERS	AVG. 2009 TOTAL
Avg Flow MGD	0.97
Effluent TSS (MG/L)	5.5
Avg.% TSS Removal min. 85%.....	97.1
Effluent BOD (MG/L)	4.6
Avg.% BOD Removal min. 85%	97.2
Total Flow (MG).....	352
Septage Received (Gal.).....	130,000
Feet of Sewer Lines Cleaned.....	34,334
MGD ..Million Gallons per Day	MG/L . Milligrams per Litre
TSS..... Total Suspended Solids	MG..... Million Gallons
BOD ... Biochemical Oxygen Demand	Gal..... Gallons

Making way for construction of a brand new single span bridge on Wiswall Road, the old two span Wiswall Bridge is officially gone including the small island that acted as a center pier for more than 150 years. The old bridge had stone abutments which dated back to the mid 1800s and two separate steel girder structures that rested on the old abutments since the mid to late 1900s. The stones from the old abutments have been salvaged and stockpiled on site for incorporation into stone facing on prominent faces of the new concrete abutments. The old steel girders were hauled off site and recycled for scrap and, in the spring of 2010, will be replaced by new 110 foot long precast concrete beams. DAVID CEDARHOLM PHOTO



WATER DIVISION

Douglas Bullen

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

2009 Accomplishments:

- *Interacted daily with the UNH Water Department and Treatment Plant to produce potable water to the UNH/Durham water system.*
- *Assisted with the production and distribution of the lead and copper public notification document and the consumer confidence report as required by the Environmental Protection Agency and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.*
- *Completed fall and spring water meter readings.*
- *Performed main line flushing and gate valve inspections. These were done in cooperation with the UNH Water Department.*
- *Conducted scheduled testing for bacteria, lead, and copper as required by the Environmental Protection Agency and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.*
- *Monitored daily water production at the Lee well and its entrance into the system.*
- *Conducted inspections of all Town water facilities.*
- *Replaced and repaired 25 water meters.*
- *Replaced 2 new gate valves.*
- *Replaced and repaired 7 hydrants.*
- *Repaired 7 water breaks.*

In December, Emery and Garrett Groundwater, Inc., the Town's hydrological consultant, completed exploratory test well drilling for the Ground Water Development and Artificial Recharge Assessment Program conducted in the Spruce Hole area. DAVID CEDARHOLM PHOTO





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TOWN SUPPORTED ORGANIZATIONS

DURHAM HISTORIC ASSOCIATION

Richard H. Lord
PRESIDENT

While 2009 was a year that provided challenges for many, the 158 year old Durham Historic Association (DHA) has much reason to be optimistic about its future and ability to continue in its role of preserving the Town’s historic artifacts and documents and helping residents to learn about the history of their Town, region, and state.

DHA has begun the process of entering its records and photographs into a new PastPerfect database. Intern Tara Lima has nearly completed the documentation of collection of women’s hats, and president Dick Lord has scanned a number of maps and many of the photographs in the collection and has linked the images to entries in the database. The goal is to capture a major part of the DHA’s collection in the database, both to aid in research and to provide off-site backup copies of the collection.

At the April meeting, DHA vice-president Janet Mackie and president Dick Lord presented a program on early photographs of the Town from the DHA collection. A generous contribution of \$200 from Alpha Chi Omega sorority was also recognized.

In June, the DHA held its annual picnic at “The Pines” at Coe’s Corner. Hosts Mary Margaret and Roger Jaques gave a tour of the buildings and historic furniture, paintings, and artifacts.

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In July, the DHA attended the Oyster River Festival with a booth displaying the history of Durham's schools.

At the beginning of September, the DHA and the Historic District Commission worked with Andrea Bodo to organize a historic walking tour that started at the DHA museum and included presentations on the history of a number of historic buildings, including the Red Tower and Smith Park Chapel. The walking tour concluded with a cookout hosted by Three Chimneys Inn. Later in September, Dr Charles Clark presented a program titled "Pilgrim's Pride" that illustrated how New Hampshire history was re-written at various times to capitalize on the popularity of the "Plymouth Rock" story.

In November, the DHA collaborated with the Parks & Recreation Committee and the Lamprey River Advisory Committee to present a walking tour of Doe Farm on

Bennett Road to celebrate the 100th anniversary of its gift to the Town by Olinthus Doe and the history of the Doe family in Durham. Later in the month, the DHA also assisted Andrea Bodo in hosting a visit to Durham by the Reverend Congreve Quinby and his wife. Reverend Quinby is the great grandson of mining engineer Hamilton Smith who established the Red Tower and surrounding lands as his family estate. Quinby's grandmother, Edith Onderdonk, gave the money to rebuild the Mill Pond dam and to build Hamilton Smith Hall, Congreve Hall, and Smith Hall on the UNH campus.

In addition to these public programs, the DHA has assisted UNH in the creation of the historic display at the recently renovated Durham Train Station, and has helped provide much research for the Town on the history of the Oyster River dam, Smith Park Chapel, and the mills and bridge at Wiswall falls.

Reverend Congreve Hamilton Quinby, great grandson of Durham industrialist Hamilton Smith, tells Andrea Bodo and Durham Historic Association vice president, Jaanet Mackie about his memories of the Red Tower Estate while visiting the DHA Museum in November, 2009. R.H. LORD PHOTO



THE HOMEMAKERS HEALTH SERVICES

Claudette Boutin
CEO

This year marks a milestone for The Homemakers Health Services as the Agency is embarking on its 35th year of providing vital health care services to the residents of Strafford County. It is through partnerships like the one our Agency has had with the Town of Durham the past several years that



The Homemakers Health Services has continued to successfully meet the critical home health, home support, and adult medical day-care services to adults in our community who do not have the ability to pay for them.

Since 1974, our mission at The Homemakers has been to help older and disabled Strafford County residents remain independent, in their own homes, and out of nursing homes by providing professional, cost-effective quality home health, home support, and adult medical day-care services.

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Annually, our agency provides nearly \$3.5 million worth of home health, home support, and adult medical day-care visits to adults throughout Strafford County. These visits include skilled nursing, rehabilitative therapies, tele-monitoring, infusion therapy, medical social work, home health aide, homemaker, adult in-home care, Alzheimer's respite, and adult medical day-care services. As health care professionals, we at The Homemakers are committed to providing these services to all of those in need, regardless of a person's ability to pay.

Each year through our annual Charity Care fund-raisers, The Homemakers has successfully raised nearly half of the cost for non-reimbursed services provided. Despite our success with such events, the cost of providing services for which we are either not reimbursed at all, or inadequately reimbursed by Medicare and Medicaid, continues to exceed the amounts raised, and it is a continuous struggle to carry these losses.

Despite these financial roadblocks, The Homemakers has the drive, the compassion, the experienced professionals and paraprofessionals, the technologies, and the support personnel willing and able to provide the necessities of quality healthcare in our community. We will remain focused and competitive in attempts to continue to offer the diversity of necessary health, home support and adult day-care services, which are unique to The Homemakers Health Services.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with the Town

of Durham to provide health care services to those Durham residents who cannot afford the cost of the vital health care services they need to remain healthy and independent in their own homes.

2009 Accomplishments:

- *Named to the 2009 HomeCare Elite as one of the top 25 percent Medicare-certified home health care agencies in the United States. The Homemakers was ranked in the top 25 percentile based on performance measures in quality outcomes, quality improvement, and financial performance.*
- *Provided 12,667 skilled health care visits throughout Strafford County including: nursing, rehabilitative therapies, medical social work, and home health aid and personal care service provider visits.*
- *Provided 29,929 home support visits including: homemaker, in-home care provider, and Alzheimer's respite visits.*
- *Provided 52,416 hours of adult day-care for older and disabled person as well as respite for their caregivers. Through our Day Out Day-care program, The*

Homemakers also provided 17,472 meals and 14,157 rides to and from the program.

- *Offered numerous community wellness programs including: Flu Clinics, Alzheimer's Educational Seminars for Caregivers, Friend-to-Friend, and free Advance Directives seminars; and facilitated a monthly Alzheimer's Support Group.*
- *Delivered more than 150 holiday food and gift baskets to elderly and/or disabled people throughout the county.*

Goals for 2010:

Our goal is to be able to continue to provide the increasing number of older adults with the safe, comprehensive, reliable, and professional home health care, home support, and adult medical day-care services they need to remain independent and in their own homes. As an organization, we work toward the fulfillment of our mission with dedication and teamwork. Above all, we will continue to value personal dignity, independence, and quality of life, and strive for excellence in the quality of the health care we provide.

LAMPREY HEALTH CARE

Debbie Bartley, COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER

Lamprey Health Care (LHC) provides comprehensive care to the residents of southeastern New Hampshire, including primary care, prenatal care, pediatric care, reproductive health services, alcohol and substance abuse counseling, nutrition counseling, diabetes education, Reach Out and Read (an early literacy program), senior transportation, and information and referral. To schedule an appointment, please call 659-3106.

Durham residents utilize our transportation program for shopping trips, medical appointments, and monthly recreational outings. Our vans are

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handicap accessible and our drivers are trained Transportation Health Workers who receive Patient Assistance Training. Access to essential services makes it possible for seniors to remain self-sufficient and in their own homes. Our handicap-accessible buses take seniors and those with disabilities to the grocery store, pharmacy, doctor, or bank and provide a good opportunity to socialize. The service is door-to-door and reservations are made through the transportation manager or with one of our twenty senior volunteers by calling 1-800-582-7214 or 659-2424 Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Durham residents benefit from Lamprey's school dental program. Dental hygienists go into the elementary schools and provide examination and education as well as referrals to follow-up care. Students who need follow-up work may be seen in LHC's dental office, Healthy Smiles Dental Center located in Raymond, New Hampshire.

In fiscal year 2008-2009, Lamprey Health Care provided the following services to Durham residents:

- *Medical Visits: 245 Durham residents made 988 visits to Lamprey Health Care.*
- *Transportation Units of Service: A unit of service is one ride to a destination. 399 rides were provided to Durham's senior citizens. The cost of a unit of transportation service is approximately \$10. Unit costs vary greatly depending on the number of people in a vehicle and the distance traveled.*

For more information, please visit our website at: <http://www.lampreyhealth.org>.

OYSTER RIVER YOUTH ASSOCIATION

Peter Ventura
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Oyster River Youth Association (ORYA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to provide inclusive, fair, diverse, and developmentally appropriate recreational programs to the youth of Durham, Lee, Madbury and surrounding communities. ORYA meets the changing needs of the children and families in our community for sports and recreational activities by acquiring and maintaining facilities, promoting volunteerism, and seeking collaborative and strategic partnerships. The central office is located at 2 Dover Road in the former Durham District Court building. The Board of Directors holds monthly meetings open to the public.

Association volunteers are residents from the Towns of Durham, Lee, and Madbury. These residents support our efforts through participation fees and funding, and in return we coordinate and manage the delivery of various recreational programs. Approximately 99% of the participants reside in the Towns of Durham, Lee, and Madbury. A small number come from neighboring towns—paying a surcharge to participate. Our programs provide opportunities for children from pre-school through eighth grade with a small number of our programs extended into high school-aged children.

For outdoor activities we use Town fields such as Woodridge, Lee Town Park, Demerritt Fields, Madbury Fields and Tibbets Field. We have also developed a relationship with the University of New Hampshire (UNH) for the use of Oyster River Park and Memorial Field. An agreement between Flag Hill Winery and ORYA continues to allow programs to use three all purpose fields. Indoor activities are generally held within Oyster River Cooperative School District (ORCSD) buildings, and other local athletic buildings. The majority of the ice programs are hosted at Durham's Churchill Rink on Old Piscataqua Road where participant fees offset ice rental costs.

The operating costs of programs organized and managed by ORYA are met through participation fees and by annual contributions from the Towns of Durham, Lee, and Madbury. Fund-raising and donations offset various program costs, scholarships, adding new programs, and assist in our capital funding of various programs.

During Fiscal Year 2009, ORYA increased its participation rate by 2.8% and added football for grades 3 thru 6 (43 registrants) and figure skating (27 registrants in its first session). Our focus was the completion and update of our bylaws, new programs, and increasing awareness and organizational fund-raising. For 2010, our goals include securing additional field space, the promotion, growth, evaluation, and improvement of all programs, and implementation of coaching clinics.

SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT SERVICES

Kathy Beebe
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Sexual Assault Support Services (SASS) is committed to providing school and community education programs to help prevent sexual violence and guarantee appropriate response, as well as offer support for the survivors to assist them in their recovery process. In order to accomplish this, SASS provides the following services:

- Toll-free 24-hour sexual assault crisis hotline – 1 (888) 747-7070.
- 24-hour accompaniment to police

stations and hospital emergency rooms for sexual assault victims.

- Support groups for rape survivors, sexual abuse survivors, parents, and others affected by sexual assault or abuse.
- Professional training and consultation to police departments, hospitals, schools, and others in the community.
- Sexual abuse and sexual assault prevention education in the schools for children, teens, and parents.
- Sexual harassment workshops for teachers and students and in the workplace.

The demand for both our crisis services and educational programs continues to grow. From July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, four residents of Durham made nine crisis

hotline calls and requested one in-person accompaniment to the hospital. Three residents received information/referrals, one received a legal referral and one resident received domestic violence information or referrals. These services totaled 12 service units. A unit of service equals 15 minutes of crisis intervention and support via the hotline, in person at the hospital, police station, child advocacy center, a support group, or one hour of education/training programs. The cost per unit is \$100.

SASS also provided education/prevention programs to Moharimet Elementary School as follows: 22 units of service to 385 students (approximately 190 were Durham students), 65 teachers, and 13 adults focusing on personal body safety.

STRAFFORD COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE, INC.

Dora Carlberg
PLANNING AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

While we remain hopeful that the economy will improve, the latest performance indicators show that we will not feel the end of this financial crisis for at least the next 18 months. Formerly vibrant families now have no disposable income and are forced to choose between paying the electric bill or buying groceries. Over the last year we have increased our Durham client base in fuel assistance by 50% and have increased the amount of food provided to

Durham's local food pantry through commodity foods by 140 cases.

Collective resources will be used to serve Strafford County families, while preserving their dignity and quality of life. The SCCAC, Inc. strives to assist needy families through a comprehensive approach. We believe that no family or individual should go without the basic needs in life, such as food, housing, utilities, and heat.

In 2009, SCCAC, Inc. appreciated the Town of Durham's shared concern and support in delivering vital services to our low-income and at-risk elderly neighbors.

2009 Accomplishments:

- Fuel Assistance (28 families)
- Electrical Assistance (18 families)

- Weatherization (1 house)
- Provisions for Food via Food Pantries (10 families)
- Commodity Food Distribution (260 cases of food)
- Homeless Outreach (3 families)
- Information/Referrals (701 referrals)
- Life-Line maintenance (3 Units)
- Life-Line installation (2 Units)
- A Value of \$44,550.00 in goods and services, exclusive of Durham

Goals for 2010:

With the ongoing partnership between the Town of Durham and Strafford County Community Action Committee, Inc., we will continue to provide programs critical to the needs otherwise vulnerable and unprotected citizens.

Town Supported Organizations

STRAFFORD REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Cynthia Copeland
AICP, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC), a political subdivision of the State of New Hampshire, serves in an advisory role to the Town of Durham and seventeen other communities. SRPC provides planning services to assist officials, boards, and citizens in managing growth and development and to foster regional collaborative efforts.

SRPC's professional staff offers a range of planning services in transportation, land use, economic development, natural resources, and geographic information systems (GIS) mapping and analysis. These services are available in customized modes to meet the diverse needs of communities. Access is also provided to SRPC educational resources including our website, library, workshops and forums, and customized training.

2009 Accomplishments:

- *Hired Planning Consultant Bruce Mayberry to update and complete the 2009 Strafford Region Housing Needs Assessment, in compliance with state requirements, and available on our website. Staff is available to provide presentations to community groups.*
- *Completed seven Town-requested traffic counts and five standard DOT traffic counts.*
- *Assisted UNH in completing turn-*

ing movement counts for its new micro transportation model.

- *Worked with the Town Planner to update Durham's census statistical areas for the 2010 Census.*
- *Received a grant with the Oyster River Watershed Association for the Oyster River nomination process.*
- *Completed a pilot study to help monitor shoreline activities on the Oyster River.*
- *Assisted in collecting culvert data for NH Estuaries Program Oyster River Watershed Analysis.*
- *Created four maps for the Durham Conservation Commission to display at Durham Day.*
- *Provided Transportation Enhancement (TE) and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Project Support.*
- *Provided Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Modification assistance.*
- *Met with Town and UNH staff for 2011-2020 for NH Transportation Ten-Year Plan Project Solicitation.*
- *Provided Safe Routes To School grant application assistance.*
- *Worked with the Durham Conservation Commission on the Piscataqua Regional Estuaries Partnership environmental regulation assessment document created for all coastal communities in New Hampshire and Maine.*
- *Coordinated Bike Walk to Work Day activities.*
- *Distributed New Hampshire Planning and Land Use Regulation books to local land use boards.*

Goals for 2010:

- *Secure Federal Economic Development Administration funds to create a Strafford County Comprehensive Economic Development document to be completed in 2010.*
- *Participate in the Southeast Watershed Alliance organizing year as member of advisory committee per RSA 485:E.*
- *Assist UNH Wildcat and COAST transit providers in development of expanded transit routes and park n ride locations through the Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization and NHDOT project and planning activities.*
- *Assist Oyster River Watershed Association with their submission of nomination documents to the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program for the Oyster River.*

The SRPC looks forward to working with the citizens and officials of Durham in 2010 and thanks the Town for its continuing support of regional planning. Further questions or comments can be referred to Cynthia Copeland, AICP, Executive Director at cjc@strafford.org. Please visit the SRPC website at www.strafford.org. If you would like to receive E Bulletins from SRPC, please go to the home page of the website noted above.



TOM MERRICK PHOTO



ADAM SCHULZ PHOTO



TOWN WORKING COMMITTEES

CHURCHILL RINK AT JACKSON'S LANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mike Mullaney
CHAIR

The Town of Durham assumed management of the Churchill Rink at Jackson's Landing in April 2007.

Churchill Rink at Jackson's Landing is managed through a volunteer Advisory Committee, charged by the Town Council, to serve the residents of Durham. The goal of the Advisory Committee is to insure that the rink continues to be a resource adding to the community's quality of life. This Committee offers guidance and coordination through the Durham Department of Public Works and is involved in all operations related to the rink facility.

Churchill Rink is to operate within its budgetary means and independent of Town funding. All upkeep and improvements are to be funded through usage fees and rental arrangements.

All meetings are open to the public and unless otherwise noted on the current agenda, held on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM at the Department of Public Works facility, 100 Stone Quarry Drive.

The Town completed its second full year of operation during 2009. There were

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Town Working Committees

facility improvements and an emphasis on making the rink as accessible as possible to all residents while remaining financially solvent.

2009 Accomplishments:

- **Energy-Saving Initiatives:**
Coordinated with PSNH to replace all overhead rink lighting at a nominal expense to the rink budget and install new insulated locker room doors.
- **Safety Initiatives:** Engineered and raised a new canopied entrance, installed a walkway fence, installed a handicapped viewing ramp, which was a Boy Scout Eagle Scout project.
- **Patron Service Initiatives:**
Performed extensive landscaping around new entrance, purchased and installed a new scoreboard and new Churchill Rink entrance sign.
- **Financial status:**
 - The rink operated in the

black for the 2008-09 skating season and, as of September 30, 2009, had an undesignated fund balance of \$94,214. This fund balance will be used for capital improvements and as contingency funds.

- The rink opened on October 19 for the 2009-10 season. All but one previous rink user groups returned.
- The rink fund will continue to pay the interest on the 10-year bond for the chiller tube replacement.
- Held fund-raising efforts to focus on the sale of advertising banners, board glass, and Zamboni advertisement.

Goals for 2010:

- Establish a working relationship with the Director of Parks and Recreation to maximize rink use as both a winter and off-season community resource.

- Identify and contract with additional annual users.
- Institute a recently established glass replacement initiative.
- Prioritize and determine funding for recently identified improvement projects including the installation of a water conditioning system, replacement of 1 of 2 bleachers, and installation of a wind sheer wall behind bleachers.

Residents are encouraged to visit and use the rink! For specific information, visit the Town website at www.ci.durham.nh.us; call the rink at 868-3907; contact DPW; or contact a member of the rink advisory committee: Mike Mullaney, Chair, mmullaney@thegranitegroup.com; Eric Fisher, Vice Chair, eric.fisher@libertymutual.com; Cheryl Hoffman, cheryl_hoffman@comcast.net; Pam Appleton, pamrappleton@hotmail.com; Mark Lanoue, mzlanoue@comcast.net.

DURHAM CABLE ACCESS TELEVISION (DCAT) GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Dianne Thompson
CHAIR

Durham Cable Access Television (DCAT), Channel 22, is a public, educational, and governmental (PEG) resource provided by the franchise agreement between the Town of Durham and Comcast, a cable television service provider. DCAT continues to establish poli-

cies and guidelines for DCAT and to oversee the programming.

In the Committee's role to provide public programming, non-commercial programs are created by eligible producers. All interested citizens of Durham are encouraged to become producers. Educational programs are produced by the members, faculty, and students of The Oyster River Cooperative School District (ORCSD). Government programs are produced by employees or elected officials of the Town of Durham. These may include broadcast of public meetings, profiles of Town services, and discussion of safety issues as well as other pro-

gramming which serves the mission of the various departments of Town government.

In 2009, DCAT provided regular coverage of the Durham Town Council, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and the ORCSD School Board meetings. DCAT also aired special hearings regarding the Mill Pond dam.

DCAT Coordinator Craig Stevens and ORCSD representative Kathleen Young coordinate the scheduling and program offerings. This year both have expanded local programming and upgraded equipment at the Town Office as well

as the Oyster River High School. DCAT continues to broadcast the Community Bulletin Board which provides upcoming local events, Public Service Announcements, and the weekly program schedule.

Goals for 2010:

- *Assist the Durham Business Association in finding appropriate ways to highlight local business activities on DCAT.*
- *Increase local programming to include more programming from the School District and the Durham Public Library.*
- *Expand independent programming.*
- *Examine the DCAT policies to ensure they are current and in line with the Committee's goals.*
- *Work with the Town to prepare for the upcoming cable contract renewal process and help determine what changes might be needed in the contractual agreement.*

The Committee wishes to thank George Kachadorian and Catherine Leach who retired from the Board this year as well as Todd Ziemek who retired as the Chair, but now serves as the Assistant Chair. A special "thank you" also to Craig Stevens and Kathleen Young for all their work in keeping Channel 22 on the air.

DURHAM ENERGY COMMITTEE

Kevin Gardner
CHAIR

The Durham Energy Committee (DEC) is charged with advising the Town Council on ways to reduce energy use, develop alternative energy sources, and increase the economic security and energy independence of the Town.

2009 Accomplishments:

A major focus for the Committee during 2009 was the creation of a chapter of the Master Plan on energy, which is still in process. An energy chapter was recently permitted in New Hampshire Statutes, and the Town's Planning Board allowed the drafting of this chapter by the Committee. Public input is at the heart of developing a Master Plan, and the Committee held two public input sessions during 2008 and one during 2009. Work has continued on drafting of the Master Plan

chapter, which focuses on three key elements, or "pillars": Land Use and Architecture, Transportation, and Renewable Energy.

The Committee also engaged in other activities during 2009. It held a public lecture series at the Durham Public Library, hosted a renewable energy home tour, invited the Town's Code Enforcement Officer to provide his perspectives on approaches to reducing building energy use, and held talks with local developers to get their ideas about successful approaches toward incentivizing reduced energy requirements in the built environment.

The Committee regularly seeks funding opportunities. During 2009, it submitted applications to the Regional Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Fund and the Retrofit Ramp-Up Program through the NH Office of Energy and Planning. Finally, the Committee worked to evaluate

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Local citizens install a solar hot water heater on a house in Durham. KEVIN GARDNER PHOTO



Town Working Committees

and implement renewable energy alternatives in Durham. The Committee conducted analyses of wind and hydro power available within the Town boundaries, and assisted in “energy raisers” with the local non-profit organization Seacoast Area Renewable Energy Initiative (SEAREI). Through SEAREI, Durham residents installed three photovoltaic systems and one solar hot water system in 2009.

Goals for 2010:

The major goal for 2010 is to finalize the Master Plan chapter on energy and to submit this to the Planning Board for its consideration. The Committee also plans to increase public awareness about energy use, ways to reduce energy consumption, and generate renewable energy. Pending State legislation, the Committee hopes to champion municipal financing of renewable energy projects and to assist in the construction of more home solar installations in Town. Finally, the Committee plans to draft policies for municipal building construction and municipal fleet management.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chris Mueller
CHAIR

The mission of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) is to foster the stabilization of the residential tax burden through thoughtful economic development that encourages diverse business, commercial, and office and research activities, maintains and creates jobs, creates a good mix of uses, and maintains the rural character of Durham. When appropriate, the Committee seeks to make recommendations to the Town Council as well as other Town boards and committees.

The EDC views its role as a catalyst for economic development, an advocate for local businesses, and a champion for innovation through the facilitation of research, ideas, and creativity.

2009 Accomplishments:

- *Began the process of developing a Strategic Plan, which will attempt to identify and create a roadmap for economic development in Durham. The roadmap will consider Durham’s culture, current economic development initiatives, and future potential.*
- *Conducted a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis for Durham as part of the Strategic Planning process. This exercise seeks to identify opportunities for improvement and leverage areas of strength in the context of economic development.*

- *Engaged the services of a UNH marketing workshop class to develop a marketing plan to be included in the Strategic Plan.*
- *Participated directly in technical meetings during the Charrette process.*

In addition to its activities, the EDC is also encouraged by a community commitment to revitalization and economic growth as evidenced in the following areas: New or redeveloped properties in the downtown business district, renewed discussions with UNH regarding economic development that serves both the Town and University, and broad community support for a revitalized downtown core as demonstrated in the Charrette process.

Goals for 2010:

- *Continue to refine the Strategic Plan.*
- *Focus on downtown revitalization through further participation with community efforts.*
- *Further engage entrepreneurial programs, economic growth initiatives, and intellectual capital available at UNH.*
- *Engage the expertise and resources of third parties to assist the EDC with its efforts, including: the Durham Business Association, Southeast Economic Development Corporation, NH Department of Resources and Economic Development, and UNH Office of Research Partnerships and Commercialization.*
- *Continue with the Business Visitation Program to further understand the challenges faced by local businesses and how the EDC can assist their efforts.*

INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chuck Baldwin
CHAIR

The Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee (IWMAC) explores waste management at both the community and individual level. IWMAC endeavors to present options and opportunities for improvement. Waste reduction involves using fewer resources to meet our needs on the front-end and harvesting any unused resources on the back-end. As the consumer in the middle we are all gatekeepers through the choices we make. Just small changes in how we consume and how we handle our waste can make a world of difference. IWMAC hopes to inspire people to consider the value of making good choices, and of course, the collective power of everyone doing so.

2009 Accomplishments:

- *Kim Nadeau became editor of the spring and fall Down To Earth newsletter.*
- *Doug Bullen started a Single Stream Recycling Recovery program at the Oyster River High School, which was later expanded to the entire Oyster River Cooperative School District (ORCSD).*
- *Nell Neal, our ORCSD liaison, introduced The Natural Step program to the Committee and Town Council.*
- *Diana Carroll worked to expand*

on educational outreach and recycling books.

- *Matthew Courtland is advancing the process by which we can estimate our per capita waste.*
- *Heather Harvey is focusing on the Town's litter problems and is exploring the potential for receiving grant funds.*
- *Chuck Baldwin worked with Public Works Administrative Assistant Janice Hogle on a compost campaign. Chuck also completed the foundation for the Swap Shop addition.*
- *Jane Lenharth continues to provide critical support as Swap Shop Manager.*

Goals for 2010:

- *Continue publication of the Down To Earth newsletter.*

- *Work to advance The Natural Step, Zero Waste, and Single Stream programs.*
- *Improve upon the current IWMAC Town website.*
- *Complete the Swap Shop addition and improve on marketing our reusable items.*
- *Expand the recycling programs on books, CD's and DVD's, and moving boxes.*
- *Advance the "Clean Sweep" litter campaign.*
- *Quantify the waste per capita estimation.*

Thanks to Linda Hollister and the many volunteers for making the Swap Shop viable. We recognize that progress on the Swap Shop addition has been exceedingly slow but have started it and will focus on it's completion in 2010.

Composting display set up by the IWMAC in the Town Hall Lobby for residents to review the different approaches for composting kitchen waste.



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LAMPREY RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sharon Meeker

CHAIR

The Lamprey River in Lee, Durham, Epping and a small portion in Newmarket has been designated into the federal National Park Service's Wild and Scenic Rivers Program for more than a decade. In Durham and Lee, it is also classified a "rural community" river under the New Hampshire River Management and Protection program. The Lamprey River Advisory Committee (LRAC) is comprised of nine committee members, appointed for three year terms, who represent the four towns. Recently, the Durham Conservation Commission appointed Stephen Smith to liaison with the LRAC. Meetings are

public and are held on the second Tuesday of every month, with agendas posted on the website (lampreyriver.org) and in the four Town Halls.

During 2009, LRAC reviewed river-based projects and submitted recommendations for the wetlands permit and stormwater protection program for the Wiswall Bridge construction. Comments have been given to the NH Department of Environmental Services on the Instream Flow plan for the river in Lee and Durham.

Land conservation is an important part of the Committee's work. Acting with partners such as the Southeast Land Trust, the Natural Resource Conservation Service, and others, the LRAC has leveraged \$700,000 of its own funds to provide protection for 165 acres

along the Lamprey River and a major tributary.

An important part of the Wild and Scenic designation was recognition of the recreational qualities of the Lamprey River. The LRAC completed a recreational tour map of the river in the four lower towns, and is working to complement the map with kiosks in each town. Plans for a canoe launch in Lee on land donated to the Town have been completed and work will begin 2010. Several exploratory walks and a canoe trip were a part of the program this year.

Outreach and education have always been an important part of the LRAC's program to assist the public and schools in learning more about the river. Suzanne Petersen was hired to assist LRAC subcommittees with this effort and has completed several articles published in the local press and conducted summer programs for children and their families. She is now working on updating the website and planning winter and spring programs. Four grant programs of \$5,000 each were funded and they are yielding information that will be presented on the website and offered to the towns along the Lamprey for their use when completed early in 2010. A watershed-wide one-day conference entitled "Your Water, Your Wallet, Your Watershed" was sponsored by the LRAC and its partners. A report featuring speakers at the conference has been made available to the towns in DVD format. The LRAC supported a graduate student for her last semester as she completed her studies on the nature of interactions concerning the river among towns in the water-

The Durham Swans.



shed. The Lamprey River curriculum and video (soon to be in DVD format) are available free of charge to teachers and both can be viewed on the website.

The historical significance of the river, from Native American times to the present has been undertaken by the LRAC History and Archaeology subcommittee. Since 1999 LRAC has worked with Durham to create a park at the Wiswall mill and dam site, and this year, in conjunction with the Durham Historical Society has created a pamphlet detailing the nature of the mill and its significance to the town. The Committee is also assisting the newly formed Wiswall Historic Interpretive Committee in its advisory capacity for the extended historic district at the Wiswall site.

The Ecology and Wildlife subcommittee is setting up two new research studies. Recently, Michelle Daley of the University of New Hampshire's Lamprey River Observatory program, presented studies on the increasing amounts of nitrogen and salt in the river to several audiences, sponsored in part by the LRAC. Plans are being made to conduct another research project in 2010 while continuing to support the Observatory monitoring program.

RENTAL HOUSING COMMISSION

Paul Berton

CHAIR

The Rental Housing Commission (RHC) has had a very busy fall.

The growing problem of single-family homes being sold as student rentals has reached a crisis point where all in-town neighborhoods are adversely affected.

The second issue the Commission is attempting to address is the large group of undergraduates who move throughout the Town at late hours searching for their next social function. These large groups, assisted by cell phone technology, are a disruptive force as they make their way around Town.

The Commission, through its normal public forum and in special workshops, has discussed and debated: How to discourage the single-family home as a rental investment, how to enforce/strengthen existing ordinances designed to address disorderly properties (i.e., parking, trash, occupancy numbers), what new ordinances can address this growing problem, how the University can assist, what market forces are driving the rental market, how to involve the Town's legal counsel to determine viable options in addressing the problem, and how other college towns are addressing disruptive properties. The Rental Housing Commission has also reviewed its composition and made recommendations to the Town Council to strengthen its

community representation and effectiveness.

The Commission will continue to work diligently in an effort to address disruptive properties and behavior which effect residents' enjoyment of their properties and diminishes property values.



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BIRTHS 2009

CHILD'S NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	PARENT'S NAMES
Nicholas Litchfield Legier Dorsey	February 03	Dover	John Dorsey & Marion Dorsey
Corina Abigail Sietz	February 10	Exeter	David Sietz & Bettina Linckersdorff-Sietz
Anika Ray	February 25	Dover	Shubhra Ray & Sunita Ray
Will River Sowers	February 28	Dover	Derek Sowers & Ekaterina Sowers
Thomas Langford Hansen	March 03	Dover	Thomas Hansen & Lucia Langford Hansen
Eva Ann Roberts Bebbington	March 13	Dover	Thomas Bebbington & Jennifer Roberts
Hagen Thorson Boisvert	March 20	Dover	Jeremy Boisvert & Kathleen Boisvert
James David Kinsey	March 29	Dover	Brad Kinsey & Susan Bullivant
Alexander James Page	April 29	Dover	Andrew Page & Clare Page
Sophie Jessica Page	April 29	Dover	Andrew Page & Clare Page
Ruth Norah Kole	May 06	Dover	Marshall Kole & Sarah Kole
Shawnee Elizabeth Lane	May 13	Dover	Darren Bauer & Ming Ju Li
Elizabeth Grace Bessette	May 24	Exeter	Bryan Bessette & Hannah Bessette
Carter Joseph Jacques	June 01	Exeter	Kevin Jacques & Katie Jacques
Kolby George LaPierre	June 17	Rochester	Amy LaPierre
William David Miller	June 20	Dover	Peter Miller & Heather Miller
Morgan Taylor Righini	July 05	Exeter	Scott Righini & Clare Righini
Ethan Gavin Webb	August 14	Dover	Gavin Webb & Katherine Haley Webb
Jacob Richard Fetzer	September 11	Dover	Daniel Fetzer & Christy Fetzer
Charles Robert Kell	September 16	Dover	Paul Kell & Rebecca Kell
Ada Mae Gerard	October 01	Exeter	David Gerard & Maria Bowden-Gerard
Devin-Parker Brady Sprague	October 23	Rochester	Cory Sprague & Elizabeth Sprague
Caroline Sterndale	November 01	Dover	Christian Sterndale & Amy Sterndale
Olivia Catalina Kavanagh	November 03	Dover	Brian Kavanagh & Marsha Kavanagh
Rosalee Marie Hallworth	November 07	Dover	James Hallworth & Laura Hallworth
Zadok Vincent Gilson	November 11	Dover	Matthew Gilson & Kathleen Gilson
Ashling Isabelle Ferris	November 12	Exeter	Frederick Ferris & Eleanor Ferris
Seneca Catherine Davis	December 05	Dover	Phillip Davis & Teresa Davis

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DEATHS 2009

DECEDENT'S NAME	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME
Dorothy Wells	January 11	Durham	Thomas Cotnoir	Louise Dutton
Robert Herriott	January 12	Durham	David Herriot	Gertrude Kern
John Tozier	January 13	Portsmouth	John Tozier	Marjorie Hall
Glen Pomerleau	January 21	Exeter	Edward Pomerleau	Beatrice Turmelle
Anne Graham	February 13	Portsmouth	Michael Horyn	Anna Suvick
Richard H. Reilly, Sr.	February 10	Methuen, MA	Philip Reilly	Otelle Hamlin
Mary Metcalf	February 21	Portsmouth	Harold Kimball	Catherine Robie
Frances Smath	February 27	Dover	Antonio Garruto	Luisa Acocello
William Coward	February 27	Portsmouth	Elisha Coward	Carrie Ebley
Roy Worthen	March 07	Lee	Leon Worthen	Ida Smith
Christopher Huntoon	March 27	Durham	D Thomas Huntoon II	Leslie Lindsey
Robert Eaton	March 28	Durham	Roger Eaton	Madeline McDonough
Dorothy Hutchinson	April 04	Durham	Harry Lewis	Mary Tagliabue
Jane Stark	April 05	Portsmouth	Sumner Hyland	Elaine Swenson
Rosamond Leland	April 16	Dover	Edward Emerson	Gertrude Fox
Mary Trojan	May 02	Dover	George Anthoulis	Helen Fanos
Ernst Bunning	May 06	Dover	Hans Bunning	Elvira Landahl
Fernade Bernier	May 09	Durham	Philomon Bellavance	Marie Gagnon
Gary Lapham	May 14	Dover	Ralph Lapham	Edna Daunbacher
Kathleen Heilig	May 20	Durham	Frank Oliver	Ernestine Lutz
Winifred Murtagh	May 30	Dover	Thomas Doherty	Bridget Doherty
Rita Thurston	May 31	Dover	Albert Boulanger	Leonide Bouchard
Madeline Thompson	June 17	Dover	Francis Larnier	Lucy Greenwood
Flora Shields	June 18	Durham	Arthur Robinson	Susanna Large
Frank Pike	June 21	Durham	Wilson Pike	Margaret Acorn
Joseph Berube	July 12	Durham	Alphonse Berube	Emelienne Gallant
William Harriman	July 12	Dover	William Harriman	Evelyn Pitman
Charles Lohr	July 25	Durham	Clare Lohr	Ella Johnston
Debra Munroe	July 26	Durham	Franklin Pinkham	Joanna Graffert
Pauline Royce	August 03	Dover	William Bechard	Lucille Laliberte
Walter Ekblaw Jr	August 04	Durham	Walter Ekblaw Sr	Augusta Krieger
Solonge Knowles	August 06	Durham	Sauvur Aracil	Melanie Borona
Charles McCorkle	August 24	Durham	Charles McCorkle	Kate Newland
Evelyn MacHardy	August 29	Durham	Alexander Robinson	Marie Hansen
Robert Crooks	September 07	Dover	Charles Crooks	Annie Marcy
Rogelio Casas	September 27	Dover	Rogelio Casas	Carmen Dobarro
Dorothy Allen	October 01	Dover	Porter Fitch	Minnie Hubbard
Barbara Forcier	October 19	Durham	William Libby	Pearl Daniels
Owen Kite Jr	November 23	Portsmouth	Owen Kite Sr	Florence Piper
Frances Batcheller	November 27	Dover	Charles Norton	Frances Torrey
Martha Swift	December 16	Durham	Cornelius Hartnet	Margaret Levesque

MARRIAGES 2009

GROOM'S NAME	GROOM'S RESIDENCE	BRIDE'S NAME	BRIDE'S RESIDENCE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE	DATE OF MARRIAGE
Daniel J. Fetzer	Durham	Christy M Sherman.....	Durham.....	Durham.....	January 23
Tejasvi Putcha.....	Durham	Swathi Mouduri.....	Durham.....	Durham.....	February 04
Jacob V Garstka.....	Durham	Sarah Cherim	Durham.....	Durham.....	February 11
Oleksandr Shyrovkov ..	Dover	Polina A Prusevich.....	Durham.....	Durham.....	March 12
Kevin C Campbell.....	Durham	Beth T Rohde	Durham.....	Durham.....	April 09
Philip A Nuss.....	Durham	Jinyoung Park	Durham.....	Durham.....	April 10
Joel T Shibata	Durham	Jennifer L Spitzer.....	Dover.....	Durham.....	May 09
Sean D Every.....	Portsmouth.....	Rebekah R Blanchard ..	Durham.....	Lee.....	May 21
Matthew T Bower.....	Durham	Jaimie M Ayer.....	Somersworth	Somersworth	June 15
Eric T Stern	Durham	Marguerite Corvini	Durham.....	Durham.....	July 18
Jeffrey M Ringer	Dover	Sarah C Barker.....	Durham.....	Rye Beach	July 26
Julian D Russell	Central Falls, RI ..	Cozette E Carroll.....	Durham.....	Durham.....	August 01
Nicholas R Drew	Dover	Brittany L Kiper.....	Durham.....	Durham.....	August 08
Matthew F Borowski..	Durham	Yuliya S Salata.....	Durham.....	Hampton Falls	August 12
Gregory E Lund.....	Durham	Maggie R Shaw	Durham.....	Durham.....	September 19

RESOURCE INFORMATION

Land Area

(2.2 miles of which is water surface).....	25.5 sq. miles
Population (based on 2008 updated census population estimate).....	13,667
Incorporated.....	1732
Durham's Congressional District Number	1

Meeting Dates for Town Boards, Committees, and Commissions

(Notices are posted on the Bulletin Board outside the Town Hall, the Durham Public Library, and on the Town's web Site: www.ci.durham.nh.us.)

Town Council.....	First and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall
Conservation Commission	Second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall
Durham Energy Committee	First and Third Mondays of each month at 4:30 PM, Town Hall
Economic Development Committee	Second and Fourth Friday of each month at 7:30 AM, Town Hall
Historic District Commission	First Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall
Parks & Recreation Committee	Third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall
Planning Board.....	Second & fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall
Zoning Board of Adjustment.....	Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall

Town Office Functions

Town Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Car Registration

Registration in month of birth. Renewal stickers and license plates can be purchased at Town Clerk's Office for an additional \$2.50 per registration

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- Car Inspection Car must be inspected within ten (10) days of first registration in New Hampshire. After that, inspection is done in the registrant's birth month. Residents may now register cars on-line by logging onto the Town web site at: www.ci.durham.nh.us or www.eb2gov.com
- Driver's License..... Application available at the Dover Point MV Substation.
- Dog Registration..... Due May 1st. Neutered Male/Spayed Female: \$6.50. Unneutered Male or Unspayed Female: \$9.00. Senior Citizen: \$2.00
- Property Taxes Due July 1st and December 1st.
- Resident/Taxpayer Permit Sticker . Available at the Town Clerk-Tax Collector's Office at the time of annual car registration. Entitles residents/taxpayers FREE use of the Transfer Station and an additional hour of parking in the existing downtown one-hour, non-metered spaces for a total of two hours.
- Water & Sewer Billings Issued every six (6) months.
- Voter Registration..... New voters can register with the Supervisors of the Checklist or the Town Clerk. Proof of age, residence, and citizenship are required.
- Marriage/Civil Union Licenses..... Available through Town Clerk's Office

Miscellaneous

Public Hearings & Public Forums: Notices for public hearings & public forums are published in the legal notice section of the Foster's Daily Democrat, on the bulletin board outside of Town Hall, the Durham Public Library, and on the Town's web site: www.ci.durham.nh.us.

Solid Waste Transfer Station & Recycling Center: Located on Durham Point Road. Hours of operation: Tuesday and Saturday, 7:30 a.m-3:15 p.m.

Bulky Waste Coupons and Electronic/Appliance Stickers: may be obtained at the Public Works Department at 100 Stone Quarry Drive, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 12:00 Noon, and 12:30 to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. 868-5578

A Resident/Taxpayer Permit Sticker: is available at the time of annual car registration at the Town Clerk-Tax Collector's Office located at the Town Hall, 15 Newmarket Road. This sticker entitles residents/taxpayers to FREE use of the Transfer Station and two-hour parking in existing downtown one-hour, non-metered spaces.

Tax Exemptions: For information regarding elderly, veteran's, blind, solar energy, totally disabled and physically handicapped exemptions, or current use taxation, please contact the Tax Assessor at 868-8065.

Town Tax Rate

(Per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation).....	\$27.00
Town.....	\$ 6.52
School (Local).....	\$16.11
School (State).....	\$ 2.07
County.....	\$ 2.30
Net Assessed Valuation	\$895,039,219.00
Percentage of Valuation	102.9%*

* Estimate of percent of valuation.

A list of all new property valuations in Durham can be viewed on the Town's web site at:

www.ci.durham.nh.us

A copy of the listings may also be obtained at the Town Assessor's Office. Residents may also call the Assessor's Office at 868-8065 to request a hard copy, which will be printed and mailed at no cost to taxpayers.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Durham Web Site: www.ci.durham.nh.us

Emergency Numbers

Fire/Police/Rescue Emergency = 9-1-1

Fire/Police/Rescue Emergency from UNH campus only = *9-1-1

Municipal Offices

NAME	TITLE	PHONE	EXT.	FAX	E-MAIL
ADMINISTRATION, 15 Newmarket Road Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri					
Todd I. Selig.....	Town Administrator.....	868-5571	133	868-5572	tselig@ci.durham.nh.us
Jennie Berry.....	Admin. Assistant.....		129		jberry@ci.durham.nh.us
Craig Stevens.....	DCAT Coordinator		114		cstevens@ci.durham.nh.us
ASSESSING, 15 Newmarket Road Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri					
	Assessor's Office.....	868-8065	118	868-8033	
BUSINESS/FINANCE, 15 Newmarket Road Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri					
Gail Jablonski	Business Manager	868-8043	138	868-5572	gjablonski@ci.durham.nh.us
Lisa Beaudoin.....	Administrative Assistant.....		116		lbeaudoin@ci.durham.nh.us
Barbara Ross.....	Staff Accountant.....		115		bross@ci.durham.nh.us
Luke Vincent	Info Technology Manager.....		132		lvincent@ci.durham.nh.us
FIRE DEPARTMENT, 51 College Road Hours: 7:30 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri					
Corey Landry	Fire Chief	868-5531		862-1513	clandry@ci.durham.nh.us
Steven McCusker	Deputy Chief of Fire Prevention & Safety				smccusker@ci.durham.nh.us
Jason Cleary	Div. Chief of Fire Prevention & Safety				jcleary@ci.durham.nh.us
Melissa Perusse	Administrative Assistant.....				mperusse@ci.durham.nh.us
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, 2 Dover Road Hours: Mon, Tue, & Thurs					
Michael Mengers	Director	817-4074			mmengers@ci.durham.nh.us
PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, 15 Newmarket Road Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri					
James Campbell	Director	868-8064	121	868-8033	jcampbell@ci.durham.nh.us
Karen Edwards.....	Administrative Assistant.....		117		kedwards@ci.durham.nh.us
POLICE DEPARTMENT, 86 Dover Road Hours: 8:30 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri					
David Kurz	Police Chief.....	868-2324		868-8037	dkurz@ci.durham.nh.us
Rene Kelley.....	Deputy Chief.....				rkelley@ci.durham.nh.us
Jennifer Johnson	Administrative Assistant.....				jjohnson@ci.durham.nh.us
Dawn Mitchell	Administrative Assistant.....				dmitchell@ci.durham.nh.us
PUBLIC WORKS, 100 Stone Quarry Road Hours: 8:00 AM-4:30 PM, Mon-Fri					
Mike Lynch.....	Director	868-5578		868-8063	mlynch@ci.durham.nh.us
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SOLID WASTE DIVISION, 100 Durham Point Road Hours: 7:30 AM-3:15 PM, Tue & Sat					
Doug Bullen	Ops Director	868-5578	142		dbullen@ci.durham.nh.us
TAX COLLECTOR/TOWN CLERK, 15 Newmarket Road Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri					
Lorrie Pitt	Tn Clerk/Tax Col.	868-5577	135	868-8033	lpitt@ci.durham.nh.us

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Doug Bullen Opns Director 868-5578 868-8063dbullen@ci.durham.nh.us

ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT, 15 Newmarket Road Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri

Thomas Johnson Zoning Officer..... 868-8064 119 868-8033tjohnson@ci.durham.nh.us

Other Commonly Used Numbers

Churchill Rink at Jackson's Landing..... 868-3907	Oyster River Youth Association Office 868-5150
Oyster River School District:	Durham Post Office..... 868-2151
Superintendent of Schools..... 868-5100	Durham Public Library 868-6699
Moharimet Elem School..... 742-2900	Historic Museum..... 868-5436
Mast Way Elem School 659-3001	Durham District Court..... 868-2323
Middle School..... 868-2820	NH Fish & Game..... 868-1095
High School..... 868-2375	

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 202-224-2841

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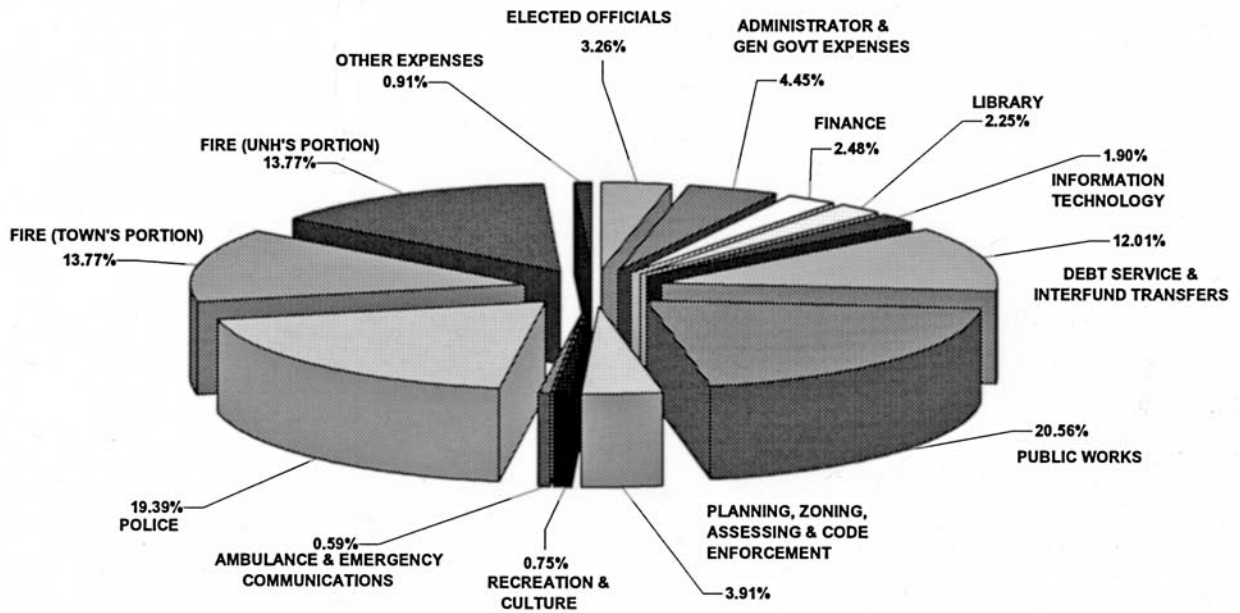
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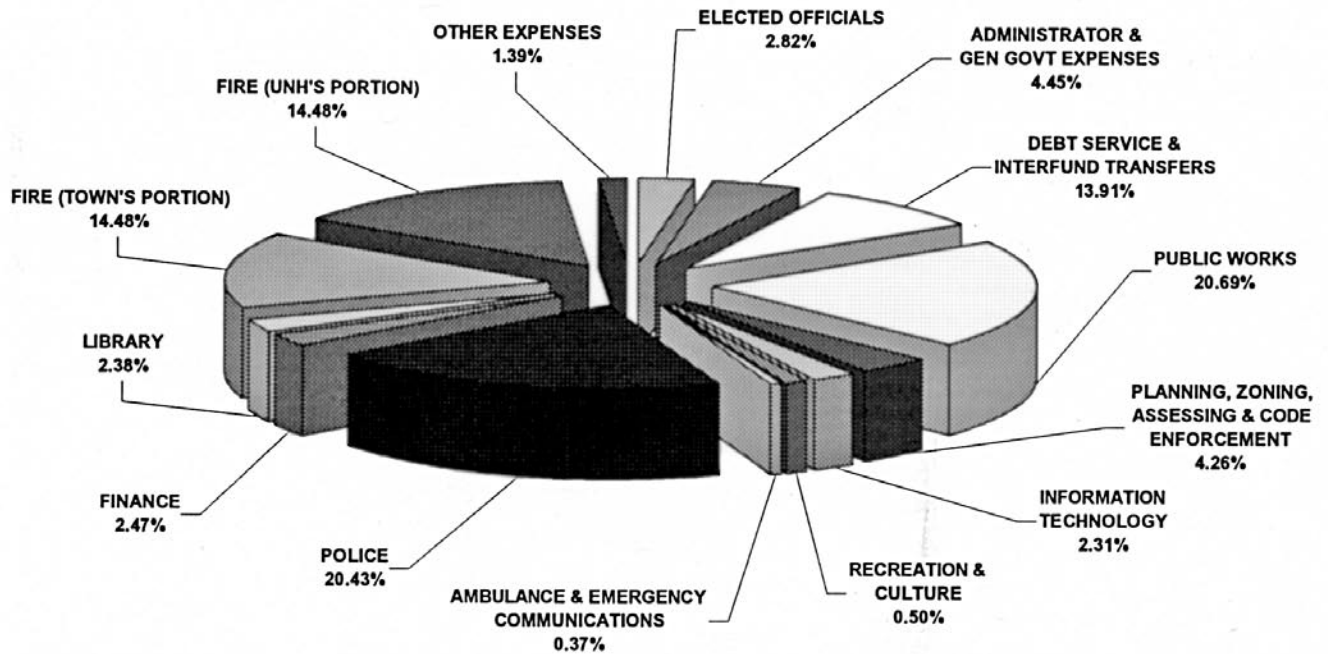
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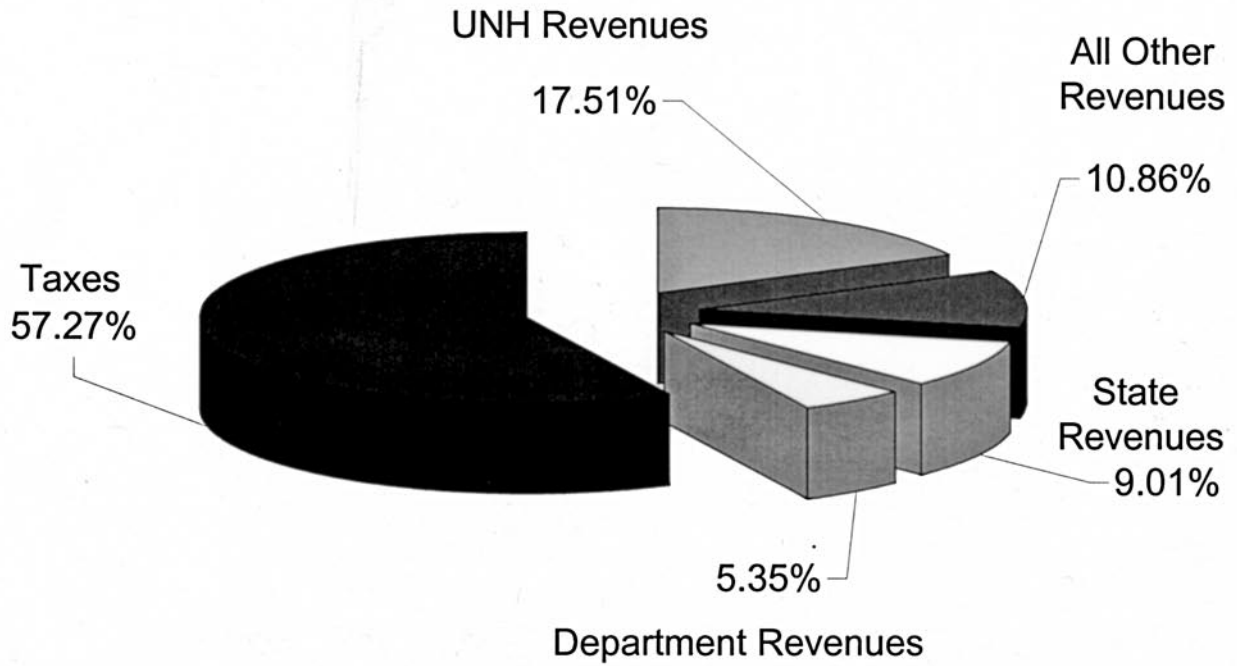
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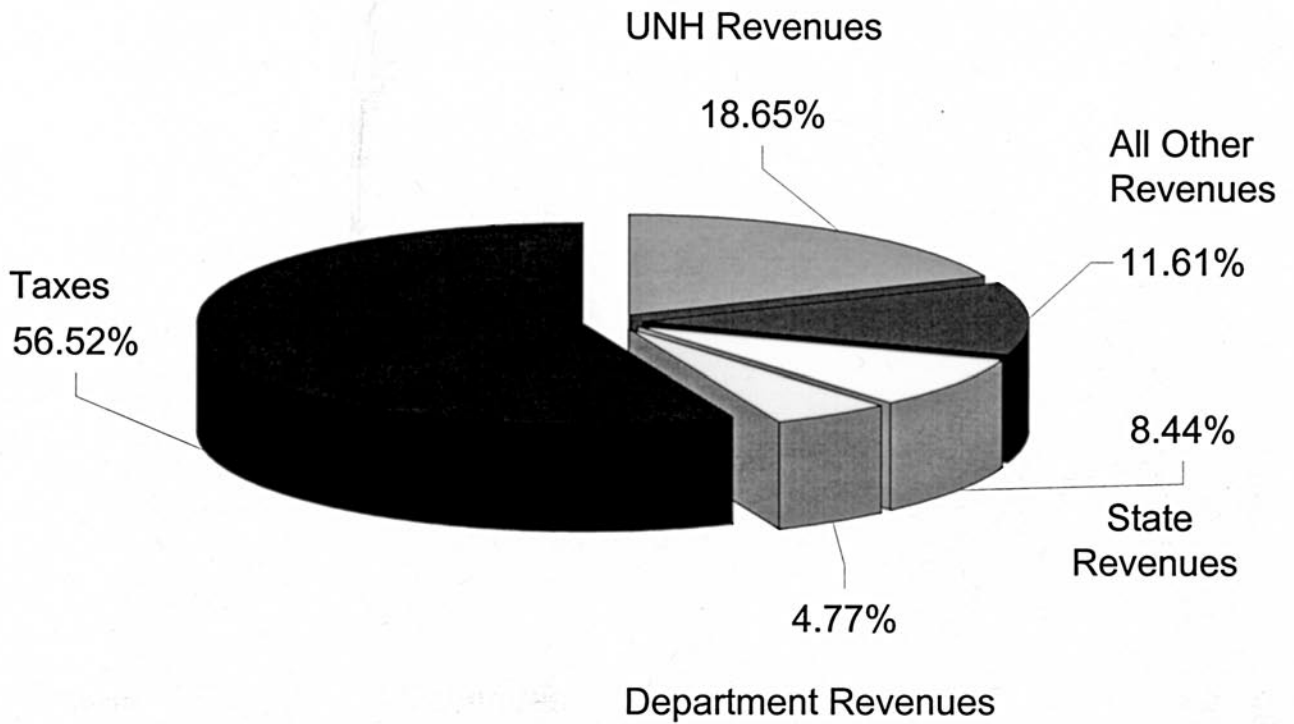
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2009 General Fund Revenues (Unaudited)



2010 Anticipated General Fund Revenues



Description	Rank	2010	Rank	2011	Rank	2012	Rank	2013	Rank	2014	Rank	2015	Rank	2016	Rank	2017	Rank	2018	Rank	2019
Library Trustees																				
New Library			1	2,770,000																
Planning																				
Transportation Link			1	100,000																
Downtown Parking Plan			2	15,000																
Downtown Sidewalks			3	630,000																
Wagon Hill Parking			4	26,500																
Jenkins Court Lighting					1	20,000														
Technology Drive Infrastructure Improvement																	1	2,145,000		
Recreation																				
Athletic Fields					1	244,000														
Police Department																				
Vehicle Replacement (Purchase 2/Yr)	1	28,000	1	84,000	1	58,000	1	58,000	1	60,000	1	60,000	1	62,000	1	62,000	1	64,000	1	64,000
Parking Enforcement Vehicle Replacement	2	24,542																		
Building Needs Assessment & Renovation					2	15,000			2	500,000										
Fire Department																				
Generator Replacement	1	37,000																		
Prevention Staff Car Purchase	2	40,000																		
Tanker 1 Replacement			1	425,000																
LifePAK 15 Defibrillator Replacement			2	35,000	3	35,000			3	35,000										
Water Rescue Vehicles Purchase			3	20,000																
Turnout Gear					1	90,000														
Thermal Imaging Camera					2	10,000							2	10,000						
Engine 2 Replacement							1	600,000												
Car 3 (Prevention) Replacement							2	35,000												
SCBA's Purchase									1	150,000										
Hurst Tool									2	50,000										
Engine 1 Refurbishment											2	200,000								
Air Bags											3	20,000								

Description	Rank	2010	Rank	2011	Rank	2012	Rank	2013	Rank	2014	Rank	2015	Rank	2016	Rank	2017	Rank	2018	Rank	2019
Fire Station Replacement											1	900,000	1	3,600,000						
Confined Space Trailer													3	50,000						
Car 1 & Car 2 (Administration) Replacement															1	80,000				
Forestry Unit Replacement																1	70,000			
Car 4 (Fire Prevention) Replacement																			1	50,000

Public Works - Operations Division

Road Resurfacing	1	129,472	1	498,206	1	427,793	1	444,272	1	356,936	1	425,647	1	339,517	1	425,402	1	488,457	1	498,206
Stormwater Management System Improvements	2	35,000	5	60,000	3	60,000	4	60,000	3	60,000	3	60,000	2	60,000	2	60,000	2	60,000	2	60,000
Edgewood Road Sidewalk Repairs	3	30,170																		
Coe Drive Sidewalk Repairs	4	56,795																		
Wiswall Dam Fish Ladder	5	1,000,000																		
Morgan Way Intersection	6	390,000																		
Sweeper Replacement			3	98,500																
Main Street Railroad Bridge Rehab			4	14,500																
Sidewalk Snow Tractor Replacement			6	69,040																
One Ton Utility/Bucket Truck Replacement			8	68,400																
Sidewalk Reconstruction			9	87,000	6	54,000														
Crommets Creek Bridge Repair			10	45,000	5	339,000														
Culvert & Outfalls Improvements Program			7	35,000	4	118,000	5	90,520	4	139,060	4	149,515	3	89,251	3	88,990	3	90,000	3	90,000
Dump Truck Replacement			2	107,000	2	108,000	2	109,000	2	110,000	2	111,000								
One-Half Ton Pickup Truck Replacement							3	17,500	5											

Public Works- Buildings & Grounds Division

3/4 Ton Pickup Truck Replacement			1	26,775																
Old Landing Park Improvements					1	115,974														
One-Half Ton Pickup Truck Replacement										1	13,800									
One Ton Dump Truck Replacement												1	46,000							

Public Works - Sanitation Division

Refuse Collection Vehicle Replacement											1	161,000								
Recycling Collection Vehicle Replacement											2	104,000								

Description	Rank	2010	Rank	2011	Rank	2012	Rank	2013	Rank	2014	Rank	2015	Rank	2016	Rank	2017	Rank	2018	Rank	2019
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		\$1,770,979		\$5,214,921		\$1,692,767		\$1,414,292		\$1,460,996		\$2,204,962		\$4,256,768		\$716,392		\$2,917,457		\$762,206
Totals less projects identified below		\$1,770,979		\$2,444,921		\$1,677,767		\$1,414,292		\$960,996		\$1,304,962		\$656,768		\$716,392		\$772,457		\$762,206

Water Fund

Foss Farm Water Tank - SCADA System	1	15,300																		
Bryant Park West Water Line Replacement/Ext.	2	206,740																		
Spruce Hole Well Development			1	1,684,000																
One Ton Utility Truck Replacement					1	35,000														
Beech Hill & Foss Farm Water Tank Painting							1	600,000												
TOTAL WATER FUND		\$222,040		\$1,884,000		\$35,000		\$800,000		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0

Wastewater Fund

Wastewater Facilities Plan Update	1	137,000																		
Bryant Park West Sewer Extension	2	259,093																		
West End Sewer Capacity	3	511,000																		
Loader/Tractor Replacement	4	65,000																		
Collection System Upgrades	5	180,000	2	520,000	3	50,000														
Major Components Replacement	6	40,800	4	17,500			2	60,000	3	60,000										
WWTP Phase III			1	1,500,000	1	10,000,000														
Old Concord Road Pump Station Renovations			3	750,000																
College Brook Interceptor Repair					2	450,000														
Sludge Dewatering Equipment Replacement							1	2,500,000												
Commercial Lawnmower Replacement							3	10,500												
Diesel Generator Replacement									1	125,000										
18" Force Main Replacement									2	2,200,000										
3/4 Ton Pickup Truck Replacement																1	31,900	1	32,900	
TOTAL WASTEWATER FUND		\$1,192,893		\$2,787,500		\$10,500,000		\$2,570,500		\$2,385,000		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$31,900		\$32,900

TIF DISTRICT

Phase III - Infrastructure Improvements (Trails @ Jackson's Landing)							1	79,030												
TOTAL TIF DISTRICT		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$79,030		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$3,185,912		\$9,686,421		\$12,227,767		\$4,663,822		\$3,845,996		\$2,204,962		\$4,256,768		\$716,392		\$2,949,357		\$795,106

Combined Funds Statement FY 2009 to Estimated

REVENUES	FY2009 Estimated Revenue	Unaudited Revenues FY Ending 12/31/2009	Differential Increased (Decreased) Revenue	FY2010 Estimated Revenue
General Fund				
Taxes	\$5,785,646	\$5,785,377	(\$269)	\$5,892,517
Permit Fees	\$955,550	\$901,546	(\$54,004)	\$945,500
State Revenues	\$997,486	\$910,593	(\$86,893)	\$880,028
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$101,000	\$76,110	(\$24,890)	\$50,000
UNH - School Allocation, Fire & Debt	\$1,892,387	\$1,768,915	(\$123,472)	\$1,944,654
Income from Departments	\$562,599	\$540,627	(\$21,972)	\$496,875
Transfers In	\$121,031	\$119,000	(\$2,031)	\$215,211
Fund Balance	\$0	\$210,000	\$210,000	\$0
Total General Fund	\$10,415,699	\$10,312,168	(\$103,531)	\$10,424,785

EXPENDITURES	FY2009 Council Approved	Unaudited Expended & Encumbered FY Ending 12/31/2009	Differential (Over) Under Expended	FY2010 Approved Budget
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Town Council	\$140,785	\$138,950	\$1,835	\$87,086
Town Treasurer	\$6,038	\$6,035	\$3	\$6,035
Town Administrator	\$243,016	\$268,739	(\$25,723)	\$248,850
Elections	\$7,341	\$5,735	\$1,606	\$7,926
Tax Collector/Town Clerk	\$186,504	\$185,145	\$1,359	\$192,726
Accounting	\$261,495	\$255,905	\$5,590	\$257,760
Assessing	\$136,678	\$120,835	\$15,843	\$67,967
Legal	\$50,000	\$53,621	(\$3,621)	\$50,000
Planning	\$166,383	\$147,056	\$19,327	\$186,392
Boards/Commissions/Committees	\$51,996	\$41,323	\$10,673	\$85,003
DCAT	\$30,894	\$25,990	\$4,904	\$28,199
MIS	\$192,720	\$195,879	(\$3,159)	\$228,283
Building Inspection	\$142,784	\$135,634	\$7,150	\$140,589
Other General Government	\$143,030	\$136,584	\$6,446	\$146,900
General Government Total	\$1,759,664	\$1,717,431	\$42,233	\$1,733,716
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Police Department	\$2,055,822	\$1,999,546	\$56,276	\$2,129,298
Fire Department	\$2,873,742	\$2,840,406	\$33,336	\$3,018,347
Communication Center	\$22,700	\$23,059	(\$359)	\$20,000
Ambulance Services	\$18,742	\$37,483	(\$18,741)	\$18,742
Public Safety Total	\$4,971,006	\$4,900,494	\$70,512	\$5,186,387
PUBLIC WORKS				
Administration	\$303,683	\$296,848	\$6,835	\$292,083
Engineer	\$76,926	\$66,431	\$10,495	\$160,504
Town Buildings	\$138,373	\$126,392	\$11,981	\$121,334
Town Cemeteries & Trusted Graveyards	\$18,301	\$15,700	\$2,601	\$14,876
Wagon Hill & Parks & Grounds Maintenance	\$139,661	\$126,151	\$13,510	\$134,337
Equipment Maintenance	\$203,475	\$210,193	(\$6,718)	\$192,437
Roadway Maintenance	\$144,692	\$138,915	\$5,777	\$121,365
Drainage & Vegetation	\$59,159	\$70,260	(\$11,101)	\$54,922
Snow Removal	\$165,583	\$182,328	(\$16,745)	\$200,479
Traffic Control	\$122,726	\$136,610	(\$13,884)	\$130,341

Combined Funds Statement FY 2009 to Estimated (Continued)

Bridges & Dams	\$169,744	\$162,869	\$6,875	\$148,983
Public Works Total	\$1,542,323	\$1,532,697	\$9,626	\$1,571,661
SANITATION				
Solid Waste Administration	\$106,841	\$127,416	(\$20,575)	\$120,566
Rolloff Vehicle Operation	\$45,358	\$39,401	\$5,957	\$44,903
Curbside Collection & Litter Removal	\$180,530	\$208,619	(\$28,089)	\$198,672
Recycling	\$115,760	\$122,469	(\$6,709)	\$119,371
Solid Waste Management Facility (SWMF)	\$104,552	\$90,239	\$14,313	\$101,619
Sanitation Total	\$553,041	\$588,144	(\$35,103)	\$585,131
Public Works & Sanitation Total	\$2,095,364	\$2,120,841	(\$25,477)	\$2,156,792
HEALTH & WELFARE				
Health Inspector	\$1,850	\$0	\$1,850	\$1,500
Administration & Direct Assistance	\$29,694	\$26,311	\$3,383	\$30,692
Health & Welfare Total	\$31,544	\$26,311	\$5,233	\$32,192
CULTURE & RECREATION				
Public Library	\$231,741	\$231,741	\$0	\$248,006
Durham Day	\$2,500	\$2,541	(\$41)	\$3,000
O.R.Y.A.	\$33,500	\$33,500	\$0	\$35,175
Resident Pool Rebate	\$20,125	\$20,111	\$14	\$20,200
Parks & Recreation Programs	\$0	\$17,069	(\$17,069)	\$59,227
July 4th	\$7,000	\$0	\$7,000	\$0
Memorial Day	\$1,500	\$1,325	\$175	\$1,500
Conservation Commission	\$3,584	\$3,290	\$294	\$3,484
Culture & Recreation Total	\$299,950	\$309,577	(\$9,627)	\$370,592
DEBT SERVICE				
Principal	\$785,943	\$785,943	\$0	\$565,493
Interest	\$242,465	\$223,315	\$19,150	\$187,141
Interfund Transfers	\$229,763	\$229,763	\$0	\$192,472
Debt Service Total	\$1,258,171	\$1,239,021	\$19,150	\$945,106
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$10,415,699	\$10,313,675	\$102,024	\$10,424,785

Combined Funds Statement FY 2009 to Estimated (Continued)

OTHER FUNDS

REVENUES	FY2009 Estimated Revenue	Unaudited Revenues FY Ending 12/31/2009	Differential Increased (Decreased) Revenue	FY2010 Estimated Revenue
Water Fund	\$543,410	\$405,824	(\$137,586)	\$550,692
Sewer Fund	\$1,621,753	\$1,507,757	(\$113,996)	\$1,608,917
Parking Fund	\$133,200	\$149,824	\$16,624	\$133,350
Tax Increment Financing District	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Fund	\$4,343,849	\$346,278	(\$3,997,571)	\$3,185,912
Depot Road Fund	\$55,200	\$60,736	\$5,536	\$55,400
Churchill Rink Fund	\$148,950	\$157,000	\$8,050	\$145,094
Library Fund	\$231,741	\$231,741	\$0	\$270,086
Other Funds Revenue Total	\$7,078,103	\$2,859,160	(\$4,218,943)	\$5,949,451

EXPENDITURES	FY2009 Council Approved	Unaudited Expended & Encumbered FY Ending 12/31/2009	Differential (Over) Under Expended	FY2010 Budget
Water Fund	\$543,410	\$510,912	\$32,498	\$550,692
Sewer Fund	\$1,621,753	\$1,467,997	\$153,756	\$1,608,917
Parking Fund	\$133,200	\$72,065	\$61,135	\$133,350
Tax Increment Financing District	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Fund	\$4,343,849	\$1,267,150	\$1,736,699	\$3,185,912
Depot Road Fund	\$55,200	\$5,330	\$49,870	\$55,400
Churchill Rink Fund	\$148,950	\$146,808	\$2,142	\$145,094
Library Fund	\$231,741	\$231,741	\$0	\$270,086
Other Funds Expenditures Total	\$7,078,103	\$3,702,003	\$2,036,100	\$5,949,451

Independent Auditor's Report



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Town Council
Town of Durham
Durham, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Durham as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

The government-wide statement of net assets does not include any of the Town's capital assets acquired in years prior to 2004 nor the accumulated depreciation on those assets; and the government-wide statement of activities does not include depreciation expense related to those assets. These amounts have not been determined. Therefore, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the financial position of the governmental activities of the Town of Durham at December 31, 2008 and the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Durham, as of December 31, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information are not a required part of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Durham's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. They have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

November 24, 2009

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF CONTROL DEFICIENCIES AND OTHER MATTERS

To the Members of the Town Council
Town of Durham
Durham, New Hampshire

In planning and reporting our audit of the financial statements of the Town of Durham as of and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, 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 our 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 the Town'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 Town'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 financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Town'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 Town'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. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, the board of selectmen, others within the organization, and state and federal agencies, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is intended to be an easily readable analysis of the Town of Durham's financial activities based on currently known facts, decisions or conditions. This analysis focuses on current year activities and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes to the financial statements that follow.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 the Town of Durham's net assets are recorded at \$4,974,819.
- The Town's unreserved, undesignated fund balance for the General Fund at year-end of \$952,075 reflects a decrease of \$456,370 compared to the prior fiscal year's end of \$1,408,445.
- The Sewer Fund's unreserved fund balance at year-end reflects a deficit of \$19,716 which is an increase of \$2,705 compared to the prior fiscal year's end deficit of \$17,011.
- The Town's long-term obligations saw a net increase of \$1,834,846 during the year due to the bonding of \$3,115,000 of capital improvements and equipment.

REPORT LAYOUT

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Town of Durham's finances in a manner similar to a private sector business. Besides the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A), the annual financial report consists of government-wide statements, fund financial statements, notes to the financial statements, combining schedules of non-major funds and required supplementary information (RSI). The first two statements are highly condensed and present a government-wide view of the Town's finances. In the next several statements all Town operations are categorized and reported by the various funds.

The government-wide financial statements include the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities. The annual financial report also provides for significant major funds financial statements, which provide more detail than the government-wide statements. Where combined information has been presented, later statements will provide combining information. Budgetary information is provided for major funds. The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this report. Finally, there is required supplemental information provided relating to the financial activity of the Town.

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

The focus of the Statement of Net Assets is to present all of the Town of Durham's assets and liabilities with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town of Durham is improving or deteriorating.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

The focus of the Statement of Activities is to present the major program costs and match major resources with each. To the extent a program's cost is not recovered by grants and direct charges, it is paid from general taxes and other resources. This Statement summarizes and simplifies the user's analysis to determine the extent to which programs are self-supporting and/or subsidized by general revenues. Following the government-wide statements is a section containing fund financial statements. The Town's major funds are presented in their own columns and the remaining funds are combined into a column titled "Other Governmental Funds." For the general and sewer department funds, a Budgetary Comparison Statement is presented. Readers who wish to obtain information on non-major funds can find it in the Combining Schedules of Non-Major Funds.

Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

Finally, completing the document is the report by the independent auditor, as required by statute, which is located at the beginning of this document. This MD&A is intended to explain the significant changes in financial position and differences in operations between the current and prior years.

TOWN AS A WHOLE

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In 2004 the Town began reporting on governmental activities using the new standard. The Statement of Net Assets reflects changes in net assets during 2008. Since the Town is not reporting capital assets and infrastructure acquired prior to 2004, 2006 was the first year the overall Total Net Assets showed a surplus and it continues to do so. In subsequent years, this statement will continue to show a more accurate picture of the Town's net assets.

A condensed version of the Statement of Net Assets at December 31, 2007 and 2008 follows.

Town of Durham's Net Assets

(all figures are in U.S. dollars)

	2008	2007	Increase (Decrease)	% Increase (Decrease)
Current and other assets	19,988,131	15,950,392	4,037,739	25%
Capital assets, net	7,592,953	6,280,223	1,312,730	21%
Total assets	27,581,084	22,230,615	5,350,469	24%
Long-term liabilities outstanding	13,249,977	11,415,131	1,834,846	16%
Other liabilities	9,356,288	8,953,199	403,089	5%
Total liabilities	22,606,265	20,368,330	2,237,935	11%
Net assets:				
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	(654,387)	(1,564,212)	909,825	58%
Restricted	375,857	379,544	(3,687)	(1%)
Unrestricted	5,253,349	3,030,419	2,222,930	73%
Total net assets	4,974,819	1,845,751	3,129,068	169%

Under GASB 34 for Phase III reporting entities, the Town is not required to inventory and report on capital infrastructure. The Town elected to not undertake the time and cost commitment to "book" these infrastructure items, and, as a result, the Statement of Net Assets will not accurately reflect the Town's net worth for many years to come. For this reason, the Town also elected to not inventory and report on other historical assets such as land, buildings, vehicles, and equipment. Although this decision goes against Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), we believed that the cost versus the benefit of researching every Town owned asset and properly reporting them would not bring the reader of these financial statements any additional worthwhile information without full infrastructure reporting as well.

Infrastructure and other improvements total approximately \$11.7 million. The non-land portion of improvements is being depreciated. The net value of assets and liabilities as of December 30, 2008 is \$4,974,819. As discussed in prior years, due to the modified approach of only reporting assets and infrastructure added during 2004 and moving forward, it will be several years before the Statement of Net Assets will project a more representative picture for the Town of Durham.

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**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007:**

(all figures are in U.S. dollars)

	2008	2007	Increase (Decrease)	% Increase (Decrease)
REVENUES:				
Program Revenues:				
Charges for services	1,986,587	1,900,354	86,233	5%
Operating Grants & Contributions	3,357,262	3,198,401	158,861	5%
Capital Grants and Contributions	897,489	99,899	797,590	798%
General Revenues:				
Taxes	5,758,313	5,759,375	(1,062)	(1%)
Licenses and Permits	899,957	946,897	(46,940)	(5%)
Unrestricted Grants	789,179	740,830	48,349	7%
Miscellaneous	194,848	417,794	(222,946)	(53%)
Total Revenues	13,883,635	13,063,550	820,085	6%
EXPENSES:				
General Government	1,763,175	1,666,275	96,900	6%
Public Safety	5,638,877	5,453,912	184,965	4%
Highways and Streets	1,355,482	1,316,292	39,190	3%
Sanitation	1,779,322	1,648,180	131,142	8%
Water	272,577	296,936	(24,359)	(8%)
Health	14,504	14,573	(69)	(1%)
Welfare	9,079	17,549	(8,470)	(48%)
Culture and Recreation	566,271	477,168	89,103	19%
Conservation	29,568	27,888	1,680	6%
Capital Outlay	80,256	375,013	(294,757)	(79%)
Interest in Long-Term Debt	450,628	464,015	(13,387)	(3%)
Total Governmental Activities	11,959,739	11,757,801	201,938	2%
Change in Net Assets	1,923,896	1,305,749	618,147	47%
Beginning Net Assets	3,050,923	52,702	2,998,221	5689%
Ending Net Assets	4,974,819	1,845,751	3,129,068	170%

**GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008**

With a few minor exceptions, including the decrease in capital outlay and general assistance (welfare), governmental program expenses remain similar to the prior year.

**BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008**

There were no changes to the Town Council's approved and adopted budget during 2008.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

CAPITAL ASSETS

The Town has invested \$11,732,496 in capital assets (net of depreciation), which represents an increase of \$1,473,626 as detailed in Note 2-C.

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OUTSTANDING DEBT

As of year-end, the Town had \$13.2 million in debt outstanding compared to \$11.4 million last year. The \$1.8 million increase is a result of the Town issuing new debt in 2008. Additional detailed information on long-term obligations is available in the notes to the financial statements.

Moody's rated our most recent bond issue at Aa3, which was the second highest rating of any entity in the State of NH. For more detailed information on the Town's debt and amortization terms refer to the Notes to the Financial Statements.

ECONOMIC FACTORS

Property taxes are an important factor in funding Town operations, representing 57.8% of total governmental resources. Inter-governmental revenues from the State of New Hampshire, as well as the University of New Hampshire (UNH), grants and a FEMA reimbursement make up just over 28.9% of total resources, while motor vehicle, building permit and other permit fees comprise approximately 9.0%. Interest on investments, rental of property, fines and forfeits and other miscellaneous charges amount to the remaining 4.3%.

With the economy still recovering after an extended downturn, these sources of revenues appear consistent with last year's figures. The Town continues to monitor all of its resources and determines the need for program adjustment or fee increases as necessary.

NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The 2009 fiscal year General Fund Budget projects a 0.1% decrease in resources and a 0.9% decrease in expenditures. It is projected that we will not need to use any funds from the fund balance to maintain the tax rate at the current amount of \$6.52 for 2009.

FINANCIAL CONTACT

The Town's financial statements are designed to present users (citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, and creditors) with a general overview of the Town's finances and to demonstrate the Town's accountability. If you have questions about the report or need additional financial information, please contact the Town's Business Manager at 15 Newmarket Road, Durham, NH 03824 or call (603) 868-8043.

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TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Statement of Net Assets

December 31, 2008

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,514,227
Investments	454,610
Intergovernmental receivable	171,684
Other receivables, net of allowances for uncollectible	2,702,910
Prepaid items	5,157
Capital assets, not being depreciated:	
Land	2,570,203
Construction in progress	1,569,340
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:	
Land improvements	139,153
Buildings and building improvements	4,547,723
Equipment and vehicles	1,035,588
Infrastructure	1,870,489
Total assets	27,581,084
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	823,493
Accrued salaries and benefits	179,225
Intergovernmental payable	8,007,598
Accrued interest payable	145,342
Retainage payable	35,623
Unearned revenue	125,812
Other	18,880
Noncurrent obligations:	
Due within one year:	
Bonds and notes	1,191,705
Capital leases	37,233
Accrued landfill postclosure care costs	10,000
Due in more than one year:	
Bonds and notes	11,157,945
Compensated absences	603,094
Accrued landfill postclosure care costs	250,000
Total liabilities	22,585,950
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	(654,387)
Restricted for perpetual care	375,857
Unrestricted	5,273,664
Total net assets	\$ 4,995,134

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TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE Statement of Activities For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Change in Net Assets
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Governmental activities:					
General government	\$ 1,763,175	\$ 32,467	\$ 516,576	\$ -	\$ (1,214,132)
Public safety	5,638,877	121,548	1,747,059	-	(3,770,270)
Highways and streets	1,355,482	1,372	267,297	-	(1,086,813)
Sanitation	1,779,322	1,280,463	457,943	17,685	(23,231)
Water distribution and treatment	272,577	392,465	12,021	-	131,909
Health	14,504	-	-	-	(14,504)
Welfare	9,079	-	-	-	(9,079)
Culture and recreation	566,271	158,272	282,248	-	(125,751)
Conservation	29,568	-	13,433	-	(16,135)
Interest on long-term debt	450,628	-	60,685	-	(389,943)
Capital outlay	59,941	-	-	879,804	819,863
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 11,939,424</u>	<u>\$ 1,986,587</u>	<u>\$ 3,357,262</u>	<u>\$ 897,489</u>	<u>(5,698,086)</u>
General revenues:					
Taxes:					
Property					5,612,347
Other					145,966
Motor vehicle permit fees					813,052
Licenses and other fees					86,905
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs					789,179
Miscellaneous					194,848
Total general revenues					<u>7,642,297</u>
Change in net assets					1,944,211
Net assets, beginning, as restated (see Note 2-H)					<u>3,050,923</u>
Net assets, ending					<u>\$ 4,995,134</u>

TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Governmental Funds
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2008

	General	Expendable Trust	Sewer Department	Capital Project	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,037,607	\$ 1,607,224	\$ -	\$ 1,970,293	\$ 1,899,103	\$ 12,514,227
Investments	-	-	-	-	454,610	454,610
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectible:						
Taxes	2,349,281	-	-	-	-	2,349,281
Accounts	190,875	-	95,638	24,800	42,316	353,629
Intergovernmental	40,495	17,685	-	113,504	-	171,684
Interfund receivable	44,431	22,315	-	-	9,768	76,514
Voluntary tax liens	34,461	-	-	-	-	34,461
Voluntary tax liens reserved until collected	(34,461)	-	-	-	-	(34,461)
Prepaid items	2,657	-	-	-	2,500	5,157
Total assets	<u>\$ 9,665,346</u>	<u>\$ 1,647,224</u>	<u>\$ 95,638</u>	<u>\$ 2,108,597</u>	<u>\$ 2,408,297</u>	<u>\$ 15,925,102</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
Liabilities:						
Accounts payable	\$ 385,834	\$ -	\$ 43,235	\$ 349,364	\$ 45,060	\$ 823,493
Accrued salaries and benefits	160,967	-	9,754	-	8,504	179,225
Intergovernmental payable	8,007,598	-	-	-	-	8,007,598
Interfund payable	9,768	781	47,990	-	17,975	76,514
Retainage payable	-	-	-	35,623	-	35,623
Escrow and performance deposits	18,880	-	-	-	-	18,880
Deferred revenue	39,145	-	-	83,930	2,737	125,812
Total liabilities	<u>8,622,192</u>	<u>781</u>	<u>100,979</u>	<u>468,917</u>	<u>74,276</u>	<u>9,267,145</u>
Fund balances:						
Reserved for encumbrances	91,079	-	14,375	312,369	66,468	484,291
Reserved for endowments	-	-	-	-	341,341	341,341
Reserved for special purposes	-	-	-	1,327,311	182,282	1,509,593
Unreserved, undesignated, reported in:						
General fund	952,075	-	-	-	-	952,075
Debt service fund	-	-	-	-	(66,468)	(66,468)
Special revenue funds	-	1,646,443	(19,716)	-	1,810,398	3,437,125
Total fund balances	<u>1,043,154</u>	<u>1,646,443</u>	<u>(5,341)</u>	<u>1,639,680</u>	<u>2,334,021</u>	<u>6,657,957</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 9,665,346</u>	<u>\$ 1,647,224</u>	<u>\$ 95,638</u>	<u>\$ 2,108,597</u>	<u>\$ 2,408,297</u>	<u>\$ 15,925,102</u>

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TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to the Statement of Net Assets December 31, 2008

Total fund balances of governmental funds (Exhibit C-1)		\$ 6,657,957
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources, and therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Cost	\$ 12,918,442	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,185,946)</u>	11,732,496
Interfund receivables and payables between governmental funds are eliminated on the statement of net assets.		
Receivables	\$ (76,514)	
Payables	<u>76,514</u>	
Interest on long-term debt is not accrued in governmental funds.		
Accrued interest payable		(145,342)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period, and therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Bonds and notes	\$ 12,349,650	
Capital leases	603,094	
Compensated absences	37,233	
Accrued landfill postclosure care costs	<u>260,000</u>	
		<u>(13,249,977)</u>
Total net assets of governmental activities (Exhibit A)		<u>\$ 4,995,134</u>

TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Governmental Funds
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

	General	Expendable Trust	Sewer Department	Capital Project	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:						
Taxes	\$ 5,758,313	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,758,313
Licenses and permits	899,957	-	-	-	-	899,957
Intergovernmental	3,109,733	17,685	424,613	876,956	-	4,428,987
Charges for services	214,070	-	1,221,780	-	550,737	1,986,587
Miscellaneous	216,848	37,285	17,288	2,848	535,522	809,791
Total revenues	10,198,921	54,970	1,663,681	879,804	1,086,259	13,883,635
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General government	1,664,876	-	-	-	71,048	1,735,924
Public safety	5,536,934	-	-	-	105	5,537,039
Highways and streets	1,220,753	-	-	-	-	1,220,753
Water distribution and treatment	-	-	-	-	248,369	248,369
Sanitation	571,224	-	973,547	-	-	1,544,771
Health	14,504	-	-	-	-	14,504
Welfare	9,079	-	-	-	-	9,079
Culture and recreation	190,279	781	-	-	361,248	552,308
Conservation	5,133	-	-	-	24,435	29,568
Debt service:						
Principal	761,104	-	455,866	-	129,059	1,346,029
Interest	245,620	-	141,846	-	56,241	443,707
Capital outlay	-	-	-	2,004,234	-	2,004,234
Total expenditures	10,219,506	781	1,571,259	2,004,234	890,505	14,686,285
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(20,585)	54,189	92,422	(1,124,430)	195,754	(802,650)
Other financing sources (uses):						
Transfers in	329,758	56,250	4,290	1,044,909	227,386	1,662,593
Transfers out	(725,403)	(72,029)	(85,042)	(407,149)	(372,970)	(1,662,593)
Debt proceeds	-	-	-	3,115,000	-	3,115,000
Total other financing sources and uses	(395,645)	(15,779)	(80,752)	3,752,760	(145,584)	3,115,000
Net change in fund balances	(416,230)	38,410	11,670	2,628,330	50,170	2,312,350
Fund balances, beginning	1,459,384	1,608,033	(17,011)	(988,650)	2,283,851	4,345,607
Fund balances, ending	\$ 1,043,154	\$ 1,646,443	\$ (5,341)	\$ 1,639,680	\$ 2,334,021	\$ 6,657,957

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TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
General Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$ 5,764,594	\$ 5,758,313	\$ (6,281)
Licenses and permits	1,008,000	899,957	(108,043)
Intergovernmental	2,888,023	2,878,000	(10,023)
Charges for services	170,000	214,070	44,070
Miscellaneous	314,351	216,848	(97,503)
Total revenues	<u>10,144,968</u>	<u>9,967,188</u>	<u>(177,780)</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General government	1,744,551	1,683,946	60,605
Public safety	5,196,965	5,315,900	(118,935)
Highways and streets	1,164,696	1,236,699	(72,003)
Sanitation	513,555	576,419	(62,864)
Health	18,004	14,504	3,500
Welfare	10,000	9,079	921
Culture and recreation	187,936	185,279	2,657
Conservation	5,111	(637)	5,748
Debt service:			
Principal	761,104	761,104	
Interest	276,506	245,620	30,886
Total expenditures	<u>9,878,428</u>	<u>10,027,913</u>	<u>(149,485)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>266,540</u>	<u>(60,725)</u>	<u>(327,265)</u>
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfers in	268,705	329,758	61,053
Transfers out	(649,245)	(725,403)	(76,158)
Total other financing sources and uses	<u>(380,540)</u>	<u>(395,645)</u>	<u>(15,105)</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ (114,000)</u>	<u>(456,370)</u>	<u>\$ (342,370)</u>
Unreserved fund balance, beginning		<u>1,408,445</u>	
Unreserved fund balance, ending		<u>\$ 952,075</u>	

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TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
Sewer Department Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Revenues:			
Intergovernmental	\$ 424,614	\$ 424,613	\$ (1)
Charges for services	1,210,637	1,221,780	11,143
Miscellaneous	6,450	17,288	10,838
Total revenues	<u>1,641,701</u>	<u>1,663,681</u>	<u>21,980</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Sanitation	916,261	987,922	(71,661)
Debt service:			
Principal	455,866	455,866	
Interest	141,851	141,846	5
Total expenditures	<u>1,513,978</u>	<u>1,585,634</u>	<u>(71,656)</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>127,723</u>	<u>78,047</u>	<u>(49,676)</u>
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfers in	-	4,290	4,290
Transfers out	(127,723)	(85,042)	42,681
Total other financing sources and uses	<u>(127,723)</u>	<u>(80,752)</u>	<u>46,971</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(2,705)</u>	<u>\$ (2,705)</u>
Unreserved fund balance, beginning		<u>(17,011)</u>	
Unreserved fund balance, ending		<u>\$ (19,716)</u>	

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TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Major General Fund

Schedule of Estimated and Actual Revenues (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

	Estimated	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 5,640,282	\$ 5,612,347	\$ (27,935)
Yield	1,500	1,053	(447)
Other	582	519	(63)
Payment in lieu of taxes	47,230	54,434	7,204
Interest and penalties on taxes	75,000	89,960	14,960
Total taxes	5,764,594	5,758,313	(6,281)
Licenses, permits, and fees:			
Motor vehicle permit fees	920,000	813,052	(106,948)
Building permits	65,000	62,911	(2,089)
Other	23,000	23,994	994
Total licenses, permits, and fees	1,008,000	899,957	(108,043)
Intergovernmental:			
State:			
Shared revenue block grant	150,000	150,000	-
Meals and rooms distribution	625,284	625,284	-
Highway block grant	227,052	226,277	(775)
Water pollution grants	119,980	-	(119,980)
University of New Hampshire	1,675,618	1,723,854	48,236
Other	10,089	23,984	13,895
Federal:			
FEMA	-	41,020	41,020
Other	80,000	87,581	7,581
Total intergovernmental	2,888,023	2,878,000	(10,023)
Charges for services:			
Income from departments	170,000	214,070	44,070
Miscellaneous:			
Sale of municipal property	5,000	1,831	(3,169)
Interest on investments	90,000	51,023	(38,977)
Rent of property	42,500	42,379	(121)
Fines and forfeits	107,000	84,481	(22,519)
Other	69,851	37,134	(32,717)
Total miscellaneous	314,351	216,848	(97,503)
Other financing sources:			
Transfers in	268,705	329,758	61,053
Total revenues and other financing sources	10,413,673	\$ 10,296,946	\$ (116,727)
Unreserved fund balance used to reduce tax rate	114,000		
Total revenues, other financing sources and use of fund balance	\$ 10,527,673		

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TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Major General Fund

Schedule of Appropriations, Expenditures, and Encumbrances (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

	Encumbered from Prior Year	Appropriations	Expenditures	Encumbered to Subsequent Year	Variance Positive (Negative)
Current:					
General government:					
Executive	\$ 14,559	\$ 338,650	\$ 322,522	\$ 6,900	\$ 23,787
Election and registration	-	193,900	202,763	-	(8,863)
Financial administration	-	256,796	254,939	-	1,857
Revaluation of property	-	134,232	135,059	-	(827)
Legal	-	50,000	54,716	-	(4,716)
Planning and zoning	7,500	213,874	179,509	23,500	18,365
General government buildings	-	123,436	119,458	-	3,978
Cemeteries	-	17,848	14,915	-	2,933
Advertising and regional associations	-	10,200	10,200	-	-
Other	-	405,615	370,795	10,729	24,091
Total general government	<u>22,059</u>	<u>1,744,551</u>	<u>1,664,876</u>	<u>41,129</u>	<u>60,605</u>
Public safety:					
Police	-	2,083,455	2,055,753	1,183	26,519
Ambulance	-	37,509	37,483	-	26
Fire	13,114	2,841,270	2,922,799	21,830	(90,245)
Building inspection	-	144,281	134,390	800	9,091
Emergency management	-	5,500	10,600	-	(5,100)
Communications	-	84,950	144,176	-	(59,226)
Total public safety	<u>13,114</u>	<u>5,196,965</u>	<u>5,305,201</u>	<u>23,813</u>	<u>(118,935)</u>
Highways and streets:					
Administration	-	357,279	350,955	-	6,324
Highways and streets	4,896	807,417	869,798	20,842	(78,327)
Total highways and streets	<u>4,896</u>	<u>1,164,696</u>	<u>1,220,753</u>	<u>20,842</u>	<u>(72,003)</u>
Sanitation:					
Administration	100	144,417	152,288	-	(7,771)
Solid waste collection	-	256,504	318,325	2,000	(63,821)
Solid waste disposal	-	100,255	84,649	3,295	12,311
Solid waste clean-up	-	12,379	15,962	-	(3,583)
Total sanitation	<u>100</u>	<u>513,555</u>	<u>571,224</u>	<u>5,295</u>	<u>(62,864)</u>
Health:					
Administration	-	1,500	-	-	1,500
Health agencies and hospitals	-	16,504	14,504	-	2,000
Total health	<u>-</u>	<u>18,004</u>	<u>14,504</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,500</u>
Welfare:					
Direct assistance	-	10,000	9,079	-	921
Culture and recreation:					
Parks and recreation	5,000	186,436	178,414	-	13,022
Patriotic purposes	-	1,500	1,335	-	165
Other	-	-	10,530	-	(10,530)
Total culture and recreation	<u>5,000</u>	<u>187,936</u>	<u>190,279</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,657</u>
Conservation	<u>5,770</u>	<u>5,111</u>	<u>5,133</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,748</u>

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TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Major General Fund

Schedule of Appropriations, Expenditures, and Encumbrances (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

	Encumbered from Prior Year	Appropriations	Expenditures	Encumbered to Subsequent Year	Variance Positive (Negative)
Debt service:					
Principal of long-term debt	-	761,104	761,104	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	-	221,506	221,501	-	5
Other	-	55,000	24,119	-	30,881
Total debt service	-	<u>1,037,610</u>	<u>1,006,724</u>	-	<u>30,886</u>
Other financing uses:					
Transfers out	-	649,245	725,403	-	(76,158)
Total appropriations, expenditures, other financing uses, and encumbrances	<u>\$ 50,939</u>	<u>\$ 10,527,673</u>	<u>\$ 10,713,176</u>	<u>\$ 91,079</u>	<u>\$ (225,643)</u>

TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Major General Fund

Schedule of Changes in Unreserved - Undesignated Fund Balance (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

Unreserved, undesignated fund balance, beginning		\$ 1,408,445
Changes:		
Unreserved fund balance used to reduce 2008 tax rate		(114,000)
2008 Budget summary:		
Revenue shortfall (Schedule 1)	\$ (116,727)	
Overdraft of appropriations (Schedule 2)	<u>(225,643)</u>	
2008 Budget deficit		<u>(342,370)</u>
Unreserved, undesignated fund balance, ending		<u>\$ 952,075</u>

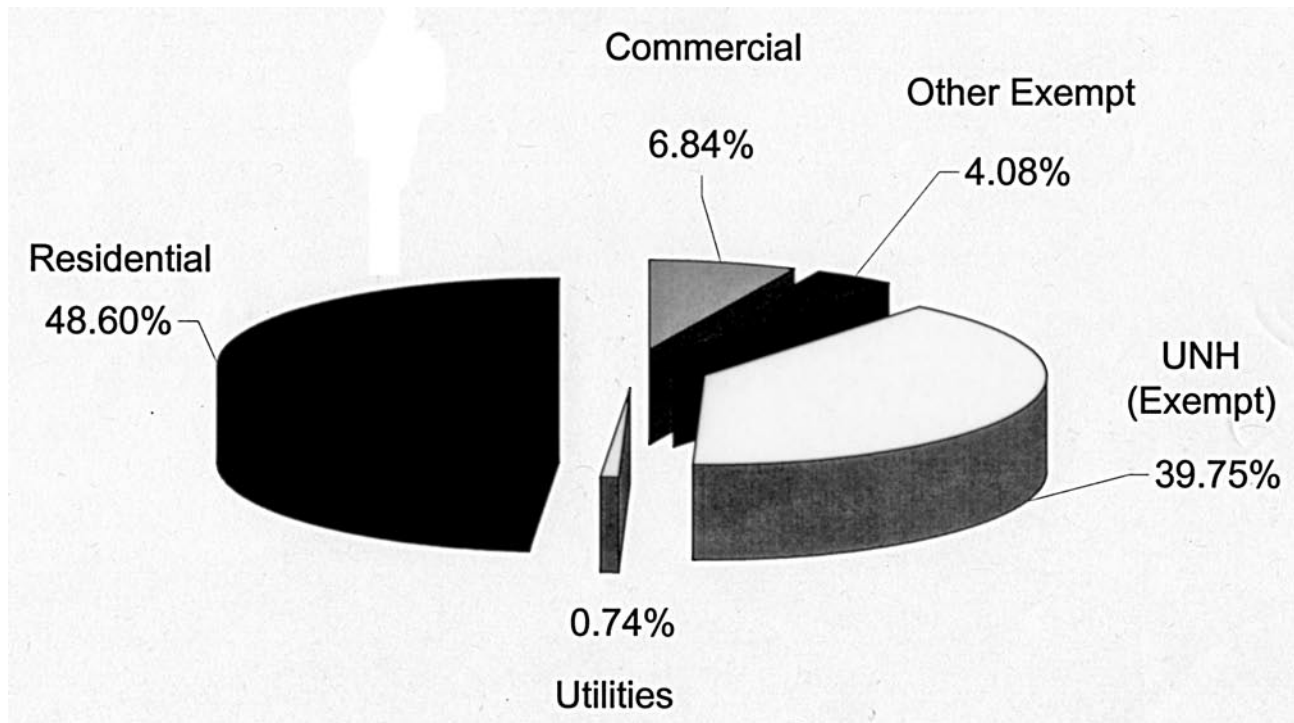
TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Balance Sheet
December 31, 2008

	Special Revenue Funds						Permanent Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total	
	Conservation Commission	Parking	Police	Public Library	Depot Road	Churchill Rink		Water Department		TIFD
ASSETS										
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 1,246	\$ 2,149	\$ 1,022,763	\$ 101,022	\$ 74,324	\$ 301,735	\$ 393,832	\$ 2,032	\$ 1,899,103
Investments	454,610	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	454,610
Accounts receivable	-	-	-	-	-	10,729	31,587	-	-	42,316
Interfund receivable	-	-	-	9,768	-	-	-	-	-	9,768
Prepaid items	-	-	-	2,500	-	-	-	-	-	2,500
Total general government	<u>\$ 454,610</u>	<u>\$ 1,246</u>	<u>\$ 2,149</u>	<u>\$ 1,035,031</u>	<u>\$ 101,022</u>	<u>\$ 85,053</u>	<u>\$ 333,322</u>	<u>\$ 393,832</u>	<u>\$ 2,032</u>	<u>\$ 2,408,297</u>
FUND BALANCES										
Liabilities:										
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,451	\$ 144	\$ 11,075	\$ 19,358	\$ -	\$ 2,032	\$ 45,060
Accrued salaries and benefits	-	1,246	-	3,319	-	2,235	1,704	-	-	8,504
Interfund payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,975	-	17,975
Deferred revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,737	-	-	2,737
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>1,246</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,770</u>	<u>144</u>	<u>13,310</u>	<u>23,799</u>	<u>17,975</u>	<u>2,032</u>	<u>74,276</u>
Fund balances:										
Reserved for encumbrances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66,468	66,468
Reserved for endowments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	341,341	-	341,341
Reserved for special purposes	-	-	-	147,766	-	-	-	34,516	-	182,282
Unreserved, undesignated	454,610	-	2,149	871,495	100,878	71,743	309,523	-	(66,468)	1,743,930
Total fund balances	<u>454,610</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,149</u>	<u>1,019,261</u>	<u>100,878</u>	<u>71,743</u>	<u>309,523</u>	<u>375,857</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,334,021</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 454,610</u>	<u>\$ 1,246</u>	<u>\$ 2,149</u>	<u>\$ 1,035,031</u>	<u>\$ 101,022</u>	<u>\$ 85,053</u>	<u>\$ 333,322</u>	<u>\$ 393,832</u>	<u>\$ 2,032</u>	<u>\$ 2,408,297</u>

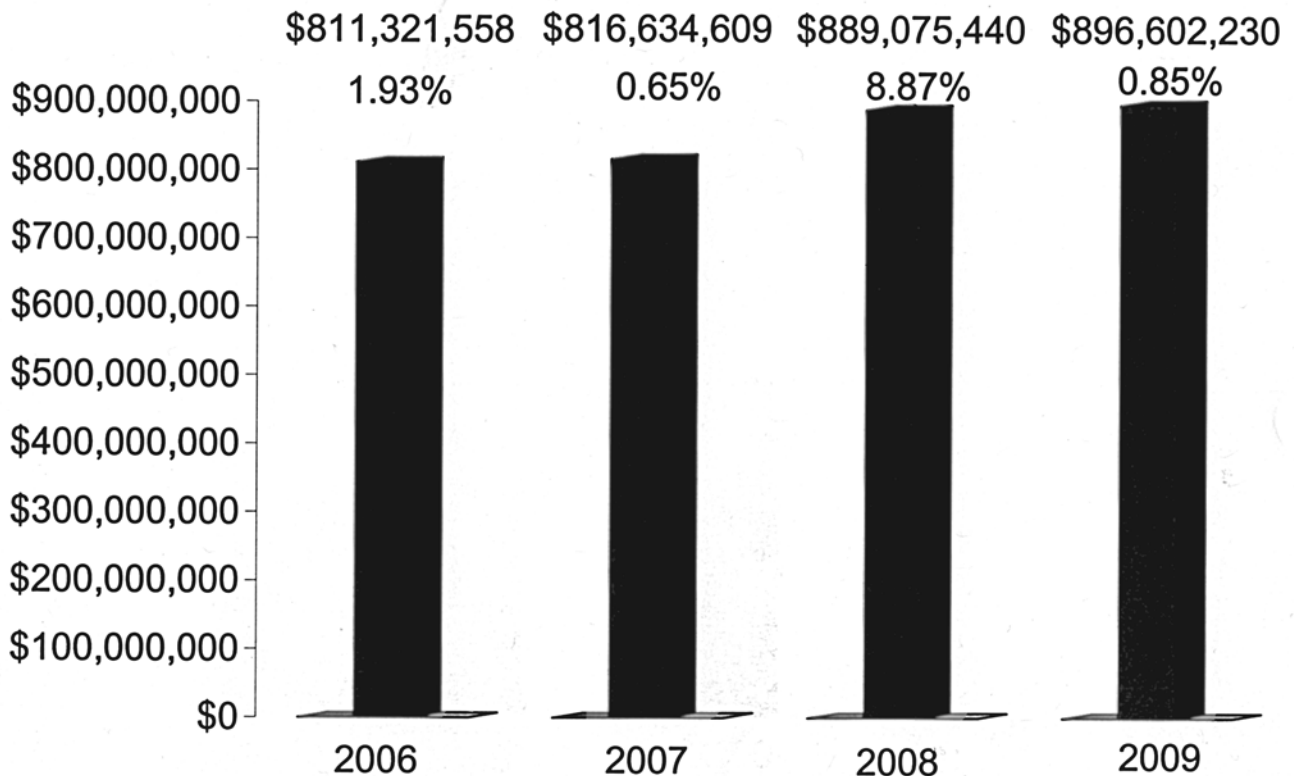
TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

	Special Revenue Funds							Debt Service Fund	Total	
	Conservation Commission	Parking	Police	Public Library	Depot Road	Churchill Rink	Water Department	Permanent Fund TIFD		
Revenues:										
Charges for services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 158,272	\$ 392,465	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 550,737
Miscellaneous	13,433	161,345	100	275,548	59,899	3,713	7,696	13,788	-	535,522
Total revenues	13,433	161,345	100	275,548	59,899	161,985	400,161	13,788	-	1,086,259
Expenditures:										
Current:										
General government	-	56,488	-	-	3,497	-	-	8,922	2,141	71,048
Public safety	-	-	105	-	-	-	-	-	-	105
Water distribution and treatment	-	-	-	-	-	-	248,369	-	-	248,369
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	248,775	-	112,473	-	-	-	361,248
Conservation	24,435	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,435
Debt service:										
Principal	-	-	-	-	-	-	129,059	-	-	129,059
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	56,241	-	-	56,241
Total expenditures	24,435	56,488	105	248,775	3,497	112,473	433,669	8,922	2,141	890,505
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(11,002)	104,857	(5)	26,773	56,402	49,512	(33,508)	4,866	(2,141)	195,754
Other financing sources (uses):										
Transfers in	-	-	-	225,245	-	-	-	-	2,141	227,386
Transfers out	(195,213)	(104,857)	-	-	(46,408)	-	(17,939)	(8,553)	-	(372,970)
Total other financing sources and uses	(195,213)	(104,857)	-	225,245	(46,408)	-	(17,939)	(8,553)	2,141	(145,584)
Net change in fund balances	(206,215)	-	(5)	252,018	9,994	49,512	(51,447)	(3,687)	-	50,170
Fund balances, beginning	660,825	-	2,154	767,243	90,884	22,231	360,970	379,544	-	2,283,851
Fund balances, ending	\$ 454,610	\$ -	\$ 2,149	\$ 1,019,261	\$ 100,878	\$ 71,743	\$ 309,523	\$ 375,857	\$ -	\$ 2,334,021

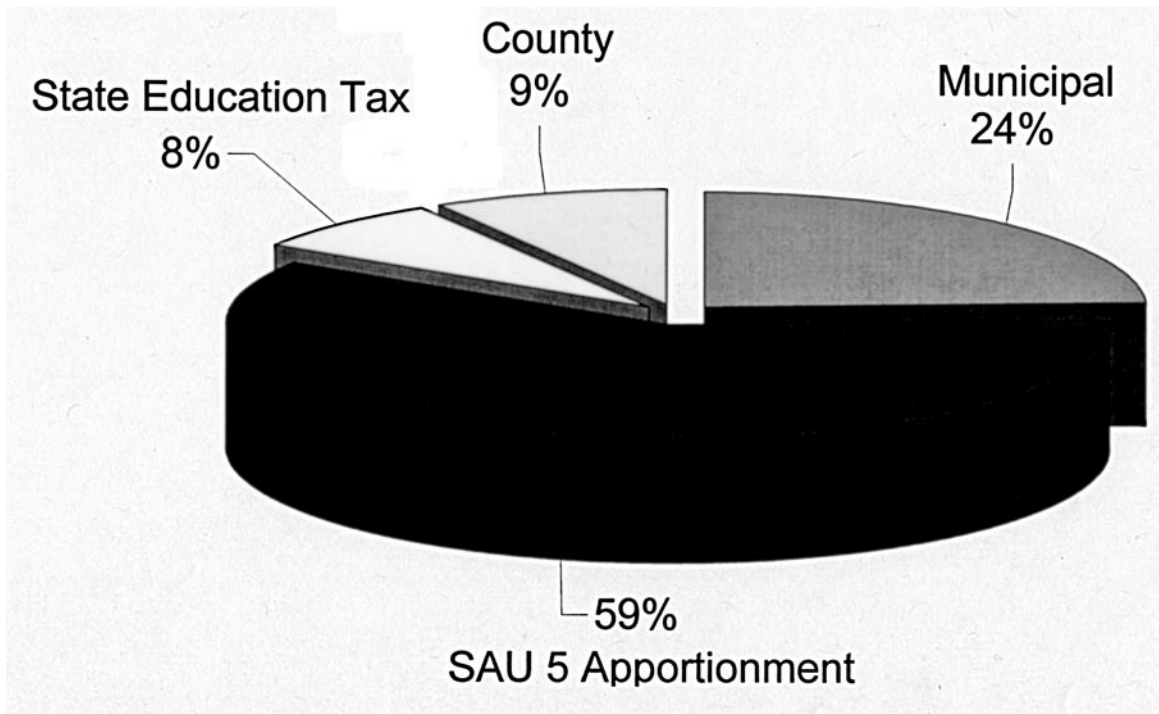
Tax Valuation Breakdown for 2009



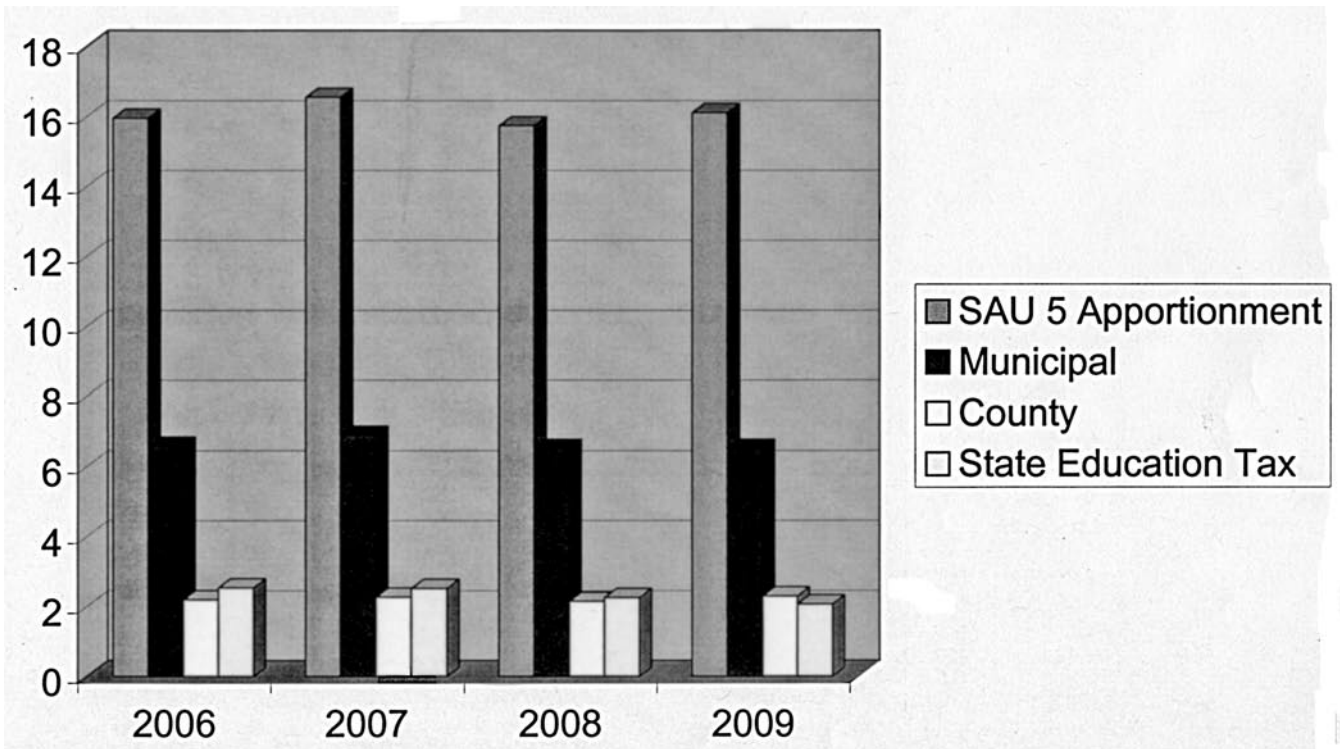
Taxable (Net) Valuation 2006-2009



Property Tax Rate Breakdown for 2009



Property Tax Rate Comparison 2006-2009



GENERAL FUND - DESCRIPTION OF BONDS/LOANS	LOAN DATE	ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL	RATE	DUE DATE	PRINCIPAL PAID	INTEREST PAID	PRINCIPAL BALANCE
1989 Refinanced in 1997 WHF & Spruce Hole	12/15/1989	\$2,305,000	4.25%-4.6%	12/15/2009	\$170,000	\$7,820	\$0
2000 Fire Engine Lease	10/02/2000	\$303,076	6.56%	10/02/2009	\$37,233	\$4,885	\$0
2002 General Obligation Bond including 2000, 2001 and 2002 Capital Projects and Refunded 1996 and 1999 Bonds	11/05/2002	\$2,290,990	3.0%-4.5%	09/01/2019	\$167,271	\$44,722	\$937,951
2004 SRLF - Landfill Closure	02/01/2004	\$802,756	3.69%	02/01/2024	\$40,138	\$23,685	\$602,067
2006 General Obligation Bond Series A including 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 Capital Projects. Equipment and Land Conservation	11/15/2006	\$2,929,216	3.8%-4.0%	11/15/2026	\$244,743	\$95,866	\$2,201,002
2006 General Obligation Bond Series B including 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 Capital Projects and Equipment	11/15/2006	\$315,364	5.75%	11/15/2026	\$50,000	\$12,075	\$160,000
2008 General Obligation Bond Series 2008 including 2005 through 2008 Capital Projects and Equipment	11/15/2008	\$692,365	3.0%-5.0%	11/15/2018	\$76,450	\$25,053	\$615,915
		\$9,638,767			\$785,835	\$214,105	\$4,516,936
WATER FUND - DESCRIPTION OF BONDS/LOANS	LOAN DATE	ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL	RATE	DUE DATE	PRINCIPAL PAID	INTEREST PAID	PRINCIPAL BALANCE
2002 SRLF - Lamprey River Hard Piping	11/18/2002	\$828,554	3.47%	12/01/2016	\$54,641	\$17,158	\$439,467
2002 General Obligation Bond including 2000, 2001 and 2002 Capital Projects and Refunded 1996 and 1999 Bonds	11/05/2002	\$638,394	3.0%-4.5%	09/01/2019	\$46,399	\$14,738	\$312,031
2006 General Obligation Bond Series A including 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 Capital Projects and Land Conservation	11/15/2006	\$545,469	3.8%-4.0%	11/15/2026	\$34,532	\$19,130	\$453,498
2008 General Obligation Bond Series 2008 including 2005 through 2008 Capital Projects and Equipment	11/15/2008	\$724,900	3.0%-5.0%	11/15/2028	\$36,500	\$29,083	\$688,400
		\$2,737,317			\$172,071	\$80,108	\$1,893,395
WASTEWATER FUND - DESCRIPTION OF BONDS/LOANS	LOAN DATE	ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL	RATE	DUE DATE	PRINCIPAL PAID	INTEREST PAID	PRINCIPAL BALANCE
2002 General Obligation Bond including 2000, 2001 and 2002 Capital Projects and Refunded 1996 and 1999 Bonds	11/05/2002	\$350,075	3.0%-4.5%	09/01/2019	\$21,330	\$9,009	\$200,018
2004 SRLF - WWTP Improvements	06/01/2004	\$3,290,757	3.69%	06/01/2024	\$131,926	\$103,572	\$2,676,411
2006 General Obligation Bond Series A including 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 Capital Projects and Land Conservation	11/15/2006	\$325,469	3.8%-4.0%	11/15/2026	\$20,725	\$11,415	\$270,500
2008 General Obligation Bond Series 2008 including 2005 through 2008 Capital Projects and Equipment	11/15/2008	\$1,663,860	3.0%-5.0%	11/15/2028	\$93,400	\$66,187	\$1,570,460
		\$5,630,161			\$267,381	\$190,182	\$4,717,390
CHURCHILL RINK FUND - DESCRIPTION OF BONDS/LOANS	LOAN DATE	ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL	RATE	DUE DATE	PRINCIPAL PAID	INTEREST PAID	PRINCIPAL BALANCE
2008 General Obligation Bond Series 2008 including 2005 through 2008 Capital Projects and Equipment	11/15/2008	\$33,875	3.0%-5.0%	11/15/2018	\$3,650	\$1,247	\$30,225
Total					\$1,228,937	\$485,643	\$11,157,946

Name of Trust Fund	Purpose	Beginning Balance 1/1/2009			Change in Funds		Ending Balance 12/31/2009		
		Principal	Income	Principal & Income	Principal	Interest	Principal	Income	Principal & Income
CAPITAL RESERVE									
Fire Equipment and Service	Durham	\$ 238,942.88	\$ 4,340.10	\$ 243,282.98	\$ -	\$ 3,045.75	\$ 238,942.88	\$ 7,385.85	\$ 246,328.73
Parking	Durham	72,000.00	33,929.89	105,929.89	10,000.00	1,359.06	82,000.00	35,288.95	117,288.95
ORSD Facility Dev	ORCSD	87,870.99	9,450.15	97,321.14	-	677.59	87,870.99	10,127.74	97,998.73
Res. Water	Durham	128,388.29	55,547.53	183,935.82	-	2,302.72	128,388.29	57,850.25	186,238.54
Sewer Fund	Durham	168,462.04	88,541.43	257,003.47	40,000.00	3,626.87	208,462.04	92,168.30	300,630.34
Total of Capital Reserve Funds		\$ 695,664.20	\$ 191,809.10	\$ 887,473.30	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 11,011.99	\$ 745,664.20	\$ 202,821.09	\$ 948,485.29
TRUST FUNDS									
45 Separate Cemetery Trusts		\$ 34,351.78	\$ 6,083.29	\$ 40,435.07	\$ 100.00	\$ (472.62)	\$ 34,451.78	\$ 5,610.67	\$ 40,062.45
Town Cemetery Care	Care	174,799.73	7,500.54	182,300.27	6,335.00	(5,420.55)	181,134.73	2,079.99	183,214.72
Town Cemetery Improvements	Improvements	5,425.00	268.12	5,693.12	2,715.00	65.51	8,140.00	333.63	8,473.63
Community Development	Durham	218,810.36	185,905.63	404,715.99	-	5,066.80	218,810.36	190,972.43	409,782.79
ORSD/Cap Development	ORCSD	40,930.41	33,130.92	74,061.33	-	515.64	40,930.41	33,646.56	74,576.97
ORSD Track	ORCSD	187,872.65	26,999.65	214,872.30	-	1,496.01	187,872.65	28,495.66	216,368.31
ORSD Special Educatio	ORCSD	204,271.65	27,718.31	231,989.96	100,000.00	1,878.69	304,271.65	29,597.00	333,868.65
High School Scholarship	ORCSD	214,746.08	7,566.51	222,312.59	2,256.00	254.79	217,002.08	7,821.30	224,823.38
Dunn, C. Library	ORCSD	400.00	1.77	401.77	100.00	3.31	500.00	5.08	505.08
Athletic Facilities	ORCSD	-	-	-	2.00	-	2.00	-	2.00
Frost, George	Education	4,441.23	6,414.68	10,855.91	-	115.67	4,441.23	6,530.35	10,971.58
Olinthus Doe	Farm Care	23,278.17	6,362.68	29,640.85	-	255.25	23,278.17	6,617.93	29,896.10
Smith Town Improvements	Improvements	6,628.96	5,309.39	11,938.35	(164.83)	(5,224.26)	6,464.13	85.13	6,549.26
Smith Chapel	Cemetery	9,039.33	784.25	9,823.58	-	(320.62)	9,039.33	463.63	9,502.96
Durham 250 Fund	Memorial	6,418.22	6,403.66	12,821.88	-	136.61	6,418.22	6,540.27	12,958.49
Wagon Hill	Memorial	4,865.38	180.42	5,045.80	300.00	54.51	5,165.38	234.93	5,400.31
Memorial Day Parade Fund	Parade Fund	2,624.24	433.17	3,057.41	(2,624.24)	4.63	-	437.80	437.80
Memorial Park	Memorial	-	144.88	144.88	-	(144.88)	-	-	-
July Fourth Celebration	Fun Day	3,503.52	2,436.47	5,939.99	-	63.28	3,503.52	2,499.75	6,003.27
Wagon Hill Farm Exp. Trust	Site Care	80,076.53	33,660.07	113,736.60	-	1,211.98	80,076.53	34,872.05	114,948.58
Fire Station Exp. Trust	Fire Station	225,000.00	42,062.55	267,062.55	-	2,845.82	225,000.00	44,908.37	269,908.37
Wilcox (Dorothy) Fund		67,558.27	9,328.09	76,886.36	-	239.00	67,558.27	9,567.09	77,125.36
Fire Injury Prevention	Fire Preventio	5,200.00	427.64	5,627.64	-	59.97	5,200.00	487.61	5,687.61
Milne, Margery Exp Trust	Improvements	25,000.00	177.51	25,177.51	(603.49)	110.93	24,396.51	288.44	24,684.95
Smith Memorial Chapel Trust	Cemetery	-	-	-	1,000.00	0.03	1,000.00	0.03	1,000.03
Total of Town Trust Funds		\$ 1,545,241.51	\$ 409,300.20	\$ 1,954,541.71	\$ 109,415.44	\$ 2,795.50	\$ 1,654,656.95	\$ 412,095.70	\$ 2,066,752.65
Grand Total of all Trust Funds		\$ 2,240,905.71	\$ 601,109.30	\$ 2,842,015.01	\$ 159,415.44	\$ 13,807.49	\$ 2,400,321.15	\$ 614,916.79	\$ 3,015,237.94

Trustees of the Trust Funds

VALUATION, TAX HISTORY, AND INVENTORY

Valuation Figures 2005-2009

YEAR	PERCENT OF VALUATION	TAXABLE VALUATION
2009	*102.9%	\$895,039,219
2008	98.5%	\$886,671,149
2007	92%	\$815,112,018
2006	87%	\$809,736,968
2005	87%	\$794,269,754

*estimate of percent of valuation

MS-1 Summary 2009

Total Taxable Land	\$286,565,740
Total Taxable Buildings	\$598,305,300
Total Taxable Public Utilities	\$ 11,731,190
Valuation Before Exemptions	\$896,602,230
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions	\$ 1,563,011
Net Valuation on which local tax rate is computed	\$895,039,219
Tax Credits: Total Veterans' Exemptions	\$ 67,000

Tax Rate in Durham 2005 – 2009

YEAR	TOWN	LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	STATE SCHOOL	COUNTY	TOTAL
2009	\$ 6.52	\$16.11	\$ 2.07	\$ 2.30	\$27.00
2008	6.52	15.74	2.26	2.15	26.67
2007	6.90	16.55	2.52	2.27	28.24
2006	6.59	15.95	2.54	2.20	27.28
2005	6.28	14.96	2.82	2.13	26.19

Inventory of Town Property

STREET NAME	DESCRIPTION	TAX MAP ID#	ASSESSED VALUATION
Bagdad Road	Stolworthy Wildlife Sanctuary	03-02-06 & 14	\$ 8,700
Beech Hill Road	Water Tank Site	09-26-00 (99-300-0)	213,000
Bennett Road	Doe Farm	18-01-03	272,100
Coe Drive	Beard's Creek Scenic Easement	04-20-11	Easements only
Dame Road	Willey Property	19-06-05	18,300
Dame Road	Westerly Side	18-27-00	63,000
Davis Avenue	Conservation easements	1-4-1...1-4-6	Easements only
Depot Road	Former Commercial Property	1-1 & 1-1-1	178,000
Dover Road	Police Facility	11-4-1	642,900
Dover Road	Sewer Pumping Station	11-11-00	194,100
Durham Point Road	Solid Waste Management Facility	16-01-03	393,200
Durham Point Road (off)	Conservation Land	11-36-02	162,000
Durham Point Road (off)	Conservation Land	16-03-02	11,500
Durham Point Road (and Sunnyside Dr.)	Scenic Easements	15-15-08	Easements only
Fogg Drive	Father Lawless Park	07-03-00	158,500
Foss Farm Road	Water Standpipe	99-300-00	1,020,000
Foss Farm Road	Woodlot	06-01-13A	2,700
Ffrost Drive	Vacant Land	8-1-73 & 75	100,000

STREET NAME	DESCRIPTION	TAX MAP ID#	ASSESSED VALUATION
Littlehale Road/US4	Vacant Lot	10-21-00	9,900
Longmarsh Road	Colby Marsh/Beaver Brook Conservation	16-27-00	64,100
Longmarsh Road	Langmaid Farm/adjacent to Beaver Brook	16-06-01 & 02	170,100
Main Street	Grange Hall/Davis Memorial Building	05-01-05	503,600
Mill Pond Road	Mill Pond Road Park	05-07-00	14,700
Mill Pond Road	Smith Chapel	06-14-00	141,500
Mill Road	Vacant Land	06-01-02	57,500
Mill Road	Vacant Land	06-01-05	43,300
Mill Road & Main St.	Strip of Park Land at Shopping Center		Easement only
Newmarket Road	District Court and Museum	05-04-12	278,100
Newmarket Road	Easterly Side	06-12-14	5,000
Newmarket Road	Mill Pond Dam	05-03-03	11,900
Newmarket Road	Town Offices	05-04-11	713,800
Newmarket Road	Sullivan Monument	06-11-00	140,000
Main Street	Cemetery	09-24-00	106,700
Old Concord Road	Sewer Pumping Station	99-300-00	297,000
Old Landing Road	Town Landing	05-05-14 (Incl 5-5-13)	82,500
Old Landing Road	Town Landing Footbridge	05-06-06	159,400
Orchard Drive	Scenic Easements	6-2-22...6-2-25	Easements only
Oyster River	Access Easement		Easement only
Oyster River Road	Sewer Pumping Station	99-300-00	100,000
Packers Falls Road	Lord Property	17-55-01	64,400
Packers Falls Road	Spruce Hole Conservation Area	13-13-05	26,800
Packers Falls Road	Abutting Spruce Hole	13-13-01	416 CU*
Pettee Brook Lane	Town Parking Lot - Multiple Parcels	2-15-0, 1	481,800
Piscataqua Road	Thatch Bed	11-31-31	151,700
Piscataqua Road	Wagon Hill Farm	12-08 - 01 & 02	607,720 CU*
Piscataqua Road	Jackson's Landing	11-11-03 & 04	920,300
Piscataqua Road	W. Arthur Grant Circle	11-27-0	463,500
Piscataqua Road	Near Jackson's Landing	11-09-02	105,700
Piscataqua Road	Sewer Treatment Plant	11-09-05	7,261,300
Piscataqua Road	Quarry Lot - Part of Treatment Plant	11-09-05	Included above
Schoolhouse Lane	Cemetery (owned by heirs, town maintained)	05-05-12	79,600
Simons Lane	Two Small Lots	18-11 - 13 & 14	21,000
Simons Lane	Vacant Land	18-11-06	51,700
Stone Quarry Drive	Public Works Site	11-12-0	773,500
Technology Drive	Water Booster Station	99-300-00	90,000
Williams Way	Boat Landing Lot	11-23-04	45,700
Wiswall Road	Wiswall Dam Site	17-7-0	111,000
Wiswall Road	Vacant Land	17-11-00	972 CU*
Woodridge Road	Lot 55	07-01-55	85,600

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STREET NAME	DESCRIPTION	TAX MAP ID#	ASSESSED VALUATION
Lee Five Corners, Lee.....	Vacant.....	Lee 6-7-0700	73,400
Garrity Road, Lee	Gravel Pit	Lee 9-03-00	2,045
Packers Falls Road, Lee.....	Gravel Pit	Lee 15-1-0900	254,109
Snell Road, Lee.....	Water Pump House	Lee 5-6-0100	129,500
Snell Road, Lee.....	Vacant.....	Lee 5-6	230,100
Garrity Road, Lee	Vacant.....	Lee 9-3-0100	93,200