

# Annual Town Report

## FOR THE YEAR 2006

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2006

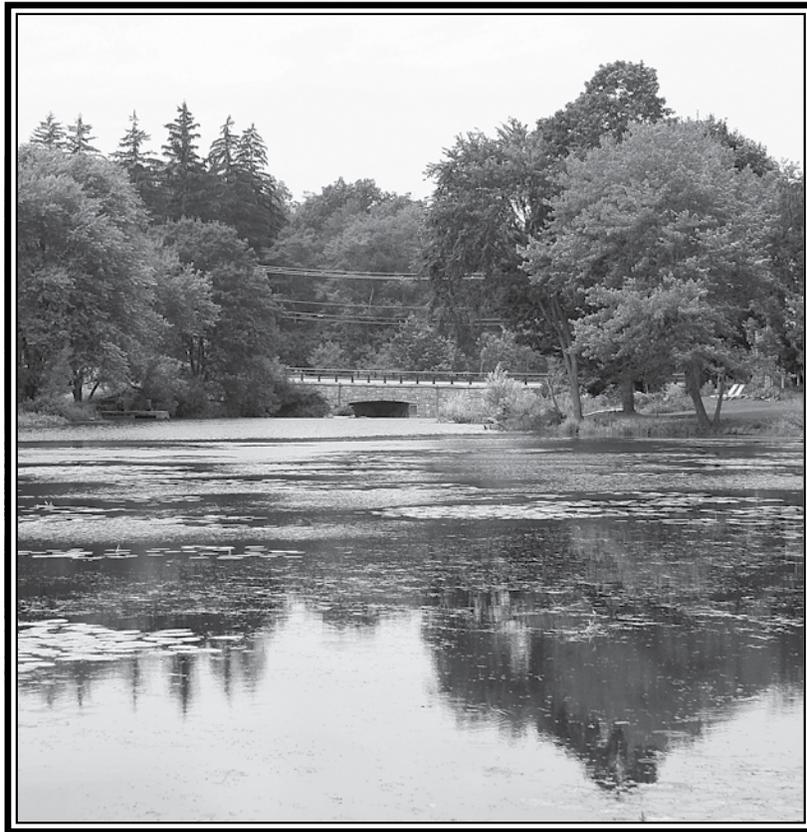


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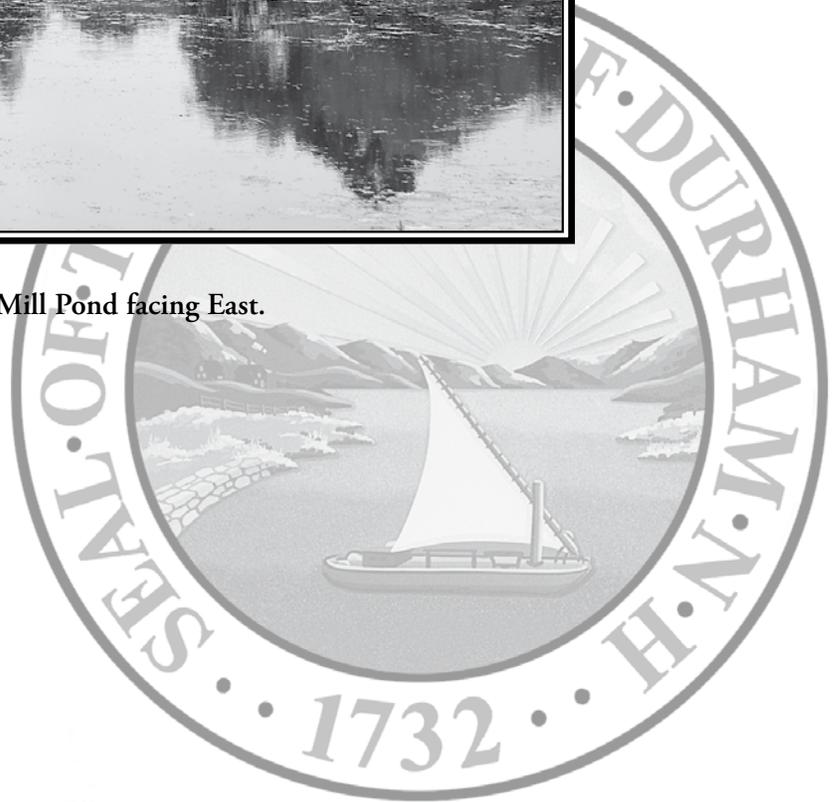
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View of Durham's Mill Pond facing East.



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## *In Memoriam*

— Margery Milne —

Dr. Margery Greene Milne, 94, internationally known naturalist and Durham's Keeper of the Swans, died on Tuesday, February 28, 2006.

Although Margery grew up in the urban world of New York City, she lived near the Wildlife Park of the Bronx Zoo and developed a lifelong fascination with the natural world. At Wadleigh High School she was captain of the basketball team, president of her class, and a serious student of science at a time when few women were encouraged to become scientists, Margery Greene was determined to study the science of the natural world.

Margery earned her undergraduate degree at Hunter College, and received a master's degree from Columbia University. She also passed a demanding teacher exam and became a biology teacher at Theodore Roosevelt High School near the Wildlife Park where her interest in nature began. She often said that becoming a high school teacher was the highest goal a woman could imagine and she intended to be a high school teacher for the rest of her professional life.

Margery was accepted in a summer seminar at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, the largest in the world. She was one of only two women in a 12-student seminar that included Lorus Milne, a young Canadian who was in a doctoral program at Harvard University. They became close friends and Margery applied to Radcliffe College and received a master's degree in 1937 and a doctoral degree from Harvard University in 1939.

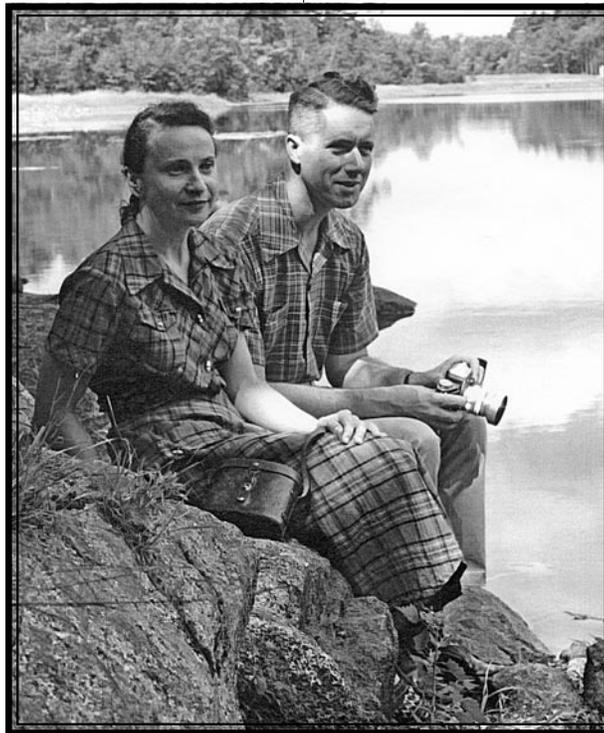
After a quick Justice of the Peace marriage, Dr. Lorus Milne became a professor at Southwestern University in

Texas while Margery accepted a faculty position at the University of Maine. It was five years before they could live together. Finally, Lorus joined the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania and Margery began teaching at nearby Beaver College. In 1947, they both received faculty appointments at the University of Vermont before transferring to the University of New Hampshire in 1948. Lorus was appointed associate professor and Margery assistant professor. Three years later, Margery was forced to resign her tenure track position because married couples were no longer allowed to both be on the faculty.

Until recently, Margery taught for 10 years at UNH Manchester and at Granite College, then called College of Lifelong Learning. She also taught briefly at Northeastern University and Fitchburg College.

In the first years of their marriage, Lorus and Margery began a second life as world travelers and writers. They gave workshops and lectures around the world and collaborated on writing articles and books. They collaborated on more than 50 books, 20 of which are still available. After Lorus died in 1987, Margery continued to teach, give workshops, and travel until several serious falls in recent years limited her travel.

From the time she arrived in Durham, Margery was recognized as she walked all over town. She was especially proud of being named The Swan Keeper. She became known for her energy, her enthusiasm for the natural world, her blunt questioning of those she met, and her proud frugality. ■



*Margery and Lorus Milne enjoying the quiet of Durham's Mill Pond circa 1950.*

# Durham's Swan Keepers – A Brief History

## DURHAM'S SWAN KEEPERS

### A Brief History

Following the death of Town Swan Keeper Margery Milne on February 28 of this year, the Durham Town Council passed a resolution recognizing the contributions of Durham's Swan Keepers for their dedicated service to the Town of Durham and suspending the official position of "Durham Keeper of the Swans". It is therefore fitting that the 2006 Town Report be dedicated to all of the Durham Swan Keepers throughout the years.

The following is a brief history of Durham's swans, as documented in Durham Annual Reports from 1965 to the present, and of the Keepers of the Swans who attentively and lovingly cared for them.

According to Town records, the first swan, a female, arrived in Durham in 1965 and was named "Alice." In 1966, Alice was joined by a male swan named Hamilton. The official position of "Keeper of the Swan" was established at the March 8, 1966 Town Meeting: "Philip Wilcox moved, and it was seconded by several, that the Selectmen appoint an official of the Town as 'Keeper of the Swan'. Motion carried. Mr. Wilcox suggested the name of Howard Forrest."

The first official Swan Report, written by R.N. Faiman, appeared in the 1967 Annual Report and documented the year's activities of Alice and Hamilton.

In 1968, Lorus and Margery Milne were appointed Durham's

Keepers of the Swans and began recording the activities of the swans.

A number of Durham citizens took an interest in the swans, especially Howard Forrest and his daughter Esther Mae Forrest who worked closely with the Milnes to care for and feed the swans. In addition to being mentioned in many of the Milnes' annual swan reports, the Forrests were named along with the Milnes as Keepers of the Swans beginning in 1974. In a letter dated March 27, 1984 signed by Norman W. Stiles on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, Howard and Esther Mae Forrest were formally recognized and thanked for the devotion and care they provided to the swans of Durham. The letter reads in part: "Although you formally resigned as Keepers of the Swans in recent years, the Selectmen are most aware of your continued efforts. We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your many trips to Portsmouth during the winter months, the feeding and close surveillance of our swans until their return to the Mill Pond, and your continued devotion to them while they are 'in residence'."

In 1968, Alice and Hamilton produced six cygnets, but all six perished due to various causes including a disease akin to Malaria known as Leucocytozoon that is common among geese and ducks and carried from infected to healthy birds by black flies. In addition to Leucocytozoon, which has taken the lives of many cygnets over the years, cygnets have also been killed by snapping turtles, a dog in one instance, and by flying into the wires above the Oyster River Bridge.

In 1969, seven cygnets hatched, but only one survived. She was named "Agatha" by Esther Mae Forrest.

In 1970, Alice and Hamilton produced no cygnets.

In 1971, residents were informed that Alice had perished due to "mysterious causes" leaving Hamilton and Agatha to carry on. In the winter of 1970-71 Alice was cared for in Howard Forrest's garage by permission of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department and was released at the Town Landing in the spring. Also that year, the



*A couple of Durham's favorite swans enjoying the protection and freedom that the Mill Pond offers.*  
PHOTO BY JENNIE BERRY

## Durham's Swan Keepers – A Brief History

Milnes made arrangements through the New Hampshire Fish and Game Commission and the Rhode Island Department of Natural Resources to import two more mute swans to New Hampshire, hoping one was a female that Hamilton could accept and a male who might pair with Agatha. The two swans were named Benjie and Alice II. Another swan from Barnstead, named Romeo, later joined the group.

In 1972, the Milnes reported that after January 5 of that year Benjie, Alice II, and Romeo vanished, again leaving only Agatha and Hamilton. In addition, "The much-discussed question of Hamilton's intentions toward Agatha was settled on April 6, and several times subsequently, when Howard Forrest and others around the millpond saw the two birds performing elaborate courtship gestures, followed by mating."

So it was that Hamilton and Agatha remained Durham's swan pair for ten years. Each year in the spring, the Milnes reported the swans' return to the Mill Pond and excitedly awaited the arrival of new cygnets. Unfortunately, of the ten cygnets the Milnes reported hatching in those years, none survived. Only two ever lived long enough to be named. In 1980, the Milnes reported: "The Forrests decided that 'Mae Be' would be an ideal name for the cygnet, to reflect its chancey future." The other cygnet, born in 1982, was named "Mae Be II."

On February 1, 1982, Hamilton was found dead, floating near the shore along the coast between Portsmouth and New Castle, where the swans spent the winter each year.

To replace Hamilton, a male swan was brought from Connecticut for Agatha. The new bird arrived at the Mill Pond in late March of 1982 and was named "Alfred" at the request of the donor in Connecticut.

Year after year, Durham residents were given complete reports on the comings and goings of Alfred and Agatha. These reports were filled with colorful, entertaining, and lengthy detail. However, the 1987 swan report was noticeably shorter and reflected a somber tone because Lorus Milne had passed away on May 4 of that year. In her report, which Margery signed alone for the first time, she wrote: "In February [the swans] returned to Durham to tackle fam-

ily life in the same nesting site in the millpond. But they were flooded out of their nest with storms aplenty and high water levels. Bravely Lorus J. Milne went out to the nest and environs to search for eggs or cygnets. None were in sight. They could have been washed away. The swans will have a chance to try again, unlike your faithful swankeeper Lorus J. Milne." She ended her brief report with: "Our millpond is more than a swan sanctuary. It is a place to make friends with people, plants and animals--so we do as Ralph Waldo Emerson advised, 'Show kindness to all life for you never know how soon it will be too late'."

In 1989, Agatha became a widow swan once again when Alfred, returning to Durham in the spring from the open waters of Portsmouth, flew into the electrical wires of the Oyster River Bridge on Good Friday in March, resulting in his death. Margery Milne wrote in her report for that year: "Agatha, the first swan born of the original swans Alice and Hamilton in 1969, was subsequently provided a mate called Walter (named after Walter Sturgeon of Lee, who had procured the bird from the Humane Society of Dover)."

However, the union of Agatha and Walter was not to be as Agatha died in 1990. "Walter was a young bird and too vigorous for Agatha, who was recovering from arthritis after cutting her leg on a broken can and being bitten on the rear by a snapping turtle. Some say she had a broken heart because of Alfred's death and she was spotted floating near her nesting area in May, looking like a big white feather pillow."

After Agatha's death, residents Ingo and Nancy Roemer procured an 18-month old swan from Don Philbrick of Dover. Margery wrote: "Somehow it was forgotten that this new swan,

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*Pictured at the Mill Pond around the year 1971 are Howard E. Forrest in the boat and his daughter, Esther Mae, holding the boat. Standing are Lorus and Margery Milne, along with Dorothy Harrison and a retired minister (name unknown) from Littleton, NH. PHOTO BY JOHN T. HARRISON*



# Durham's Swan Keepers – A Brief History

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now called Inka, was to be first delivered to me to be checked for its sex and state of health. The ability to determine the sex of a swan does not come easily. At a later date, swan consultant Dr. David Olson of the University of New Hampshire indicated that Inka is perhaps a male swan who is unable to fly because of a pinioned wing.”

In 1990, Walter Sturgeon and David Olson decided it would be helpful to introduce a new mate for the male swan Walter. “She was christened Esther Mae in an official ceremony at the Milne point on the pond, where students assembled after a coffee celebration at Young’s on Main Street.” Esther Mae became a restless swan as she developed into adolescence and on November 15 it was reported that she was heading from Laurel Lane to the unknown. “In the meantime, a ‘mystery’ swan appeared from nowhere as if to make up for our loss. ‘Mystery’, as the swan was named, was female,” Margery reported, adding: “Mystery paired off with Walter and became best pals.”

Although it is unclear in Margery’s 1991 report, it appears that at sometime the swan Esther Mae returned to Durham and paired up with Walter. The swan Mystery was not mentioned again, nor was there any further mention of the swan Inka. At any rate, Margery reported that Walter and Esther Mae had two cygnets this year, one of which perished.

For the next eight years, the lives of the swans appeared to be relatively uneventful as Margery informed her readers about the number of cygnets born to Walter and Esther Mae and their sur-

vival, as well as the activities of other birds and wildlife who visited or lived around the Mill Pond, including mallards, Canadian geese, herons, cormorants, muskrats, beavers, minks, and otters.

In 1999, Margery reported that Walter has died. “Upon searching for him it was discovered that he had flown into the wires above the dam and was electrocuted. The female bird was left to raise her family alone.” Earlier in the report Margery indicated that six cygnets hatched in June but that by October, as the mother swan was preparing to leave the Mill Pond for the winter, only one cygnet remained.

*...every year bath its winter,  
And every year bath its rain—  
But a day is always coming  
When the birds go north again.”*

— ELLA HIGGINSON, 1979

In the 2000 Annual Report, and from that time forward, Margery did not refer to the swans by specific names as they continued to return to the Mill Pond each year, build their nests, and hatch baby cygnets.

In 2006, the swans again returned to the Mill Pond, just as they have been doing since first arriving in 1965. Margery would be pleased.

Until her death, Margery faithfully continued to care for the swans, observe, and document their behavior, and report annually to the citizens of Durham every aspect of the beloved swans and life on the Mill Pond. At the end of her 1979 report she wrote: “As 1979 draws to a close, everyone can take comfort in the regularity of the swans in their self-taught travels, all part of the great natural rhythm of which Ella Higginson wrote years ago.” ■

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## HONORABLE MENTIONS

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In 2006, 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 those individuals for the important contributions they made to the community.

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

Malcolm Sandberg  
John Kraus

### DCAT GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Peter Brown  
Kathleen Kentner

### DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Douglas Wheeler  
Suzanne Loder  
Pamela Weeks Worthen, alternate

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Lee Alexander  
Katie Jacques

### INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Merle Craig  
Tracy Wood

### LAMPREY RIVER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Richard Kelley  
Daniel Miner

### MODERATOR

Anne Valenza

### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Melanie Rose

### PLANNING BOARD

Nicholas Isaak  
Kevin Webb

### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Henry Smith

# New Faces for 2006

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**Daniel Brooks**  
PATROL OFFICER  
DOH: 3/27/06



**Derek Doucette**  
FIREFIGHTER  
DOH: 10/10/06



**Janice Hoglund**  
ASSISTANT TO THE PUBLIC  
WORKS DIRECTOR  
DOH: 5/15/06



**Peter O'Leary**  
FIRE CHIEF  
DOH: 1/17/06



**Barbara Ross**  
STAFF ACCOUNTANT,  
BUSINESS OFFICE  
DOH: 5/22/06



**Benjamin Smith**  
PATROL OFFICER  
DOH: 7/24/06

## OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

### Elected Officials

#### DURHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Diana Carroll	54 Canney Rd.	868-2935	3 Yrs	3/08	Elected
Catherine Leach	14 Fairchild Dr.	868-5992	3 Yrs	3/09	Elected
Mark D. Morong	21 Emerson Rd.	868-6025	3 Yrs	3/08	Elected
Gerald Needell	36 Bagdad Rd.	868-1552	3 Yrs	3/07	Elected
Neil Niman	10 Cold Spring Rd.	862-3336	3 Yrs	3/09	Elected
Henry Smith	28 Woodman Rd.	868-2329	3 Yrs	3/09	Elected
Julian Smith	246 Packers Falls Rd.	659-2098	3 Yrs	3/08	Elected
Peter Smith	PO Box 136	868-7500	3 Yrs	3/07	Elected
Karl Van Asselt	17 Fairchild Dr.	868-6353	3 Yrs	3/07	Elected

#### DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Luci S. Gardner, Chair	61 Durham Pt. Rd.	868-2390	3 Yrs	3/07	Elected
Douglas Bencks	6 Valentine Hill Rd.	868-6559	3 Yrs	3/09	Elected
Sibylle J. Carlson	26 Colony Cove Rd.	868-5365	3 Yrs	3/09	Elected
John Caulfield	8 Woodside Dr.	868-2220	3 Yrs	3/08	Elected
Julian Smith	246 Packers Falls Rd.	659-2098	3 Yrs	3/07	Elected
Edward Valena	9 Bagdad Rd.	868-2174	3 Yrs	3/07	Elected
Ann McAllister Windsor	16 Riverview Rd.	868-2004	3 Yrs	3/08	Elected
Katie Ellis, Alt	26 Coe Dr.	868-5655	1 Yr	4/07	Council
Susan Roman, Alt	16 Littlehale Rd.	868-2293	1 Yr	4/07	Council
VACANT, Alt			1 Yr	4/07	Council

#### LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Tom Madden, Director	7 Mill Rd., Unit H	868-6699	N/A	N/A	Library Trustees
Charlotte Arredondo	7 Mill Rd., Unit H	868-6699	N/A	N/A	Library Trustees
Margo LaPerle	7 Mill Rd., Unit H	868-6699	N/A	N/A	Library Trustees
Nancy Miner	7 Mill Rd., Unit H	868-6699	N/A	N/A	Library Trustees
Nicole Moore	7 Mill Rd., Unit H	868-6699	N/A	N/A	Library Trustees
Margaret Thrasher	7 Mill Rd., Unit H	868-6699	N/A	N/A	Library Trustees

#### MODERATOR

Christopher T. Regan	16 Littlehale Rd.	868-2293	2 Yrs	3/08	Elected
Shirley Thompson, Deputy	48 Bagdad Rd.	868-5138	2 Yrs	3/08	Moderator
Elisabeth Vail Maurice, Asst	36 Woodman Ave.	868-7447	2 Yrs	3/08	Moderator
Anne Valenza, Asst	30 Mill Rd.	868-9666	2 Yrs	3/08	Moderator

#### SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Ann Shump, Chair	10 Fogg Dr.	868-1342	6 Yrs	3/08	Elected
Judith Aiken	104 Madbury Rd.	Unlisted	6 Yrs	3/10	Elected
Roni Pekins	10 Beard's Landing	868-2041	6 Yrs	3/12	Elected

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# Officer's, Boards, Commissions and Committees (continued)

## TOWN CLERK-TAX COLLECTOR

Lorrie Pitt	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-5577	3 Yrs	3/08	Elected
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## TOWN TREASURER

Richard Lilly	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-5571	3 Yrs	3/08	Elected
William Bowes, Deputy	5 Magrath Rd.	868-2906	3 Yrs	3/08	Treasurer

## TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS AND CEMETERIES

Craig Seymour, Chair	110 Durham Pt. Rd.	868-2441	3 Yrs	3/07	Elected
Bruce Bragdon, Treasurer	7 Colony Cove Rd.	868-5435	3 Yrs	3/08	Elected
John W. de Campi	55 Adams Point Rd.	868-9665	3 Yrs	3/09	Elected

## Boards, Commissions And Committees

### CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Bruce Bragdon, Chair	7 Colony Cove Rd.	868-5435	3 Yrs	3/08	Elected
John W. de Campi, Treasurer	55 Adams Point Rd.	868-9665	3 Yrs	3/06	Elected
Craig Seymour, Cemetery	110 Durham Pt. Rd.	868-2441	3 Yrs	3/07	Elected
Mark D. Morong, Cncl Rep	21 Emerson Rd.	868-2863	1 Yr	3/06	Council
Henry Smith, Cncl Rep	28 Woodman Rd.	868-2329	1 Yr	3/07	Council
Peter Smith, Cncl Rep	PO Box 136	868-7500	1 Yr	3/07	Council

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Dwight Baldwin, Chair	6 Fairchild Dr.	868-5759	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
Duane Hyde, Vice Chair	47 Emerson Rd.	868-6183	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
Beryl Harper	7 Davis Ave.	868-3369	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
Jim Hellen	20 Fitts Farm Rd.	397-5011	3 Yrs	4/09	Council
George Thomas	77 Piscataqua Rd.	868-5606	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
Cynthia Belowski Alt	35 Edgewood Rd.	868-5562	3 Yrs	4/09	Council
Robin Vranicar, Alt	19 Riverview Rd.	868-7209	3 Yrs	4/09	Council
Peter Smith, Cncl Rep	PO Box 136	868-7500	1 Yr	3/07	Council
Richard Ozenich, PB Rep	15 Fitts Farm Dr.	868-6091	1 Yr	4/07	Plan. Brd
VACANT, Alt			3 Yrs	4/07	Council

### HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Nicholas Isaak, Chair	35 Oyster River Rd.	397-5078	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
Leslie Schwartz, V. Chair	24 Laurel Ln.	868-3210	3 Yrs	4/09	Council
Erich Ingelfinger, Secretary	35 Bagdad Rd.	868-3980	3 Yrs	4/09	Council
Roger Jaques	47 Dover Rd.	868-3361	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
Crawford Mills	22 Newmarket Rd.	868-1410	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
Julian Smith, Cncl Rep	246 Packers Falls Rd.	659-2098	1 Yr	3/07	Council
Lorne Parnell, PB Rep	2 Deer Meadow Rd.	868-1240	1 Yr	4/07	Council

### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

John E. Parry, Chair	5 Denbow Rd.	868-3352	3 Yrs	4/09	Council
Kenneth Andersen	16 Garden Ln.	868-9660	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
Jane G. Crooks	1 Hamel Dr.	868-5451	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
George Lamb	12 Nobel K. Peterson Dr.	868-5599	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
Denny Byrne, Alt	2 Foss Farm Rd.	868-2648	3 Yrs	4/07	Council

## Officer's, Boards, Commissions and Committees (continued)

David Proulx, Alt	15 Sandy Brook Dr.	868-1051	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
Catherine Leach, Cncl Rep	14 Fairchild Dr.	868-5992	1 Yr	3/07	Council
VACANT			3 Yrs	4/09	Council

### PLANNING BOARD

Richard Kelley	47 Stagecoach Rd.	659-2207	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
W. Arthur Grant, Secretary	Box 598	868-5936	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
William McGowan	135 Packers Falls Rd.	659-8210	3 Yrs	4/09	Council
Richard Ozenich	15 Fitts Farm Dr.	868-6091	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
Lorne Parnell	2 Deer Meadow Rd.	868-1240	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
Stephen Roberts	174 Packers Falls Rd.	659-3761	3 Yrs	4/09	Council
Susan Fuller, Alt	68 Bennett Rd.	659-7871	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
Annmarie Harris, Alt	56 Oyster River Rd.	868-5182	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
Jerry Needell, Cncl Rep	36 Bagdad Rd.	868-1552	1 Yr	3/07	Council
Diana Carroll, Alt Cncl Rep	54 Canney Rd.	868-2935	1 Yr	3/07	Council
VACANT, Alt			3 Yrs	4/09	Council
VACANT, Alt			3 Yrs	4/07	Council

### RENTAL HOUSING COMMISSION

Mark Henderson, Chair	12 Pendexter Rd. Madbury	868-2912	N/A	N/A	DLA
Ken Barrows	83 Main St., UNH, MUB 122	N/A	N/A		UNH
Paul Berton	482 Broad St, Portsmouth	431-0068	N/A	N/A	Council
Perry Bryant, DLA Rep	PO Box 1170, Durham	659-5263	N/A	N/A	DLA
Rene Kelly, Durham Police	86 Dover Rd.	868-2324	N/A	N/A	Council
Ashley LeMarier, Tenant Rep	GSS, 7841, UNH		N/A	N/A	Council
Brett Mongeon	83 Main St., UNH MUB 122	862-2163	N/A	N/A	UNH
Pat O'Keefe, Student Organ	GSS 9337, UNH		N/A	N/A	DLA/Council
Karl Van Asselt, Cncl Rep	7 Fairchild Dr.	868-6353	1 Yr	3/07	Council
Diane Woods, Neighborhood Rep	21 Garden Ln.	868-2962	N/A	N/A	Council

### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Jay Gooze, Chair	9 Meadow Rd.	868-2497	3 Yrs	4/09	Council
John deCampi, V. Chair	55 Adams Point Rd.	868-9665	3 Yrs	4/09	Council
Myleta Eng, Secretary	216 Packers Falls Rd.	978-0631	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
Linn Bogle	3 Croghan Ln.	868-5795	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
Edward McNitt	PO Box 577	868-1842	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
Ruth Davis, Alt	2 Maple St.	868-9827	3 Yrs	4/09	Council
Jerry Gottsacker, Alt	107 Madbury Rd.	868-6866	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
Michael Sievert, Alt	28 Riverview Rd.	868-3383	3 Yrs	4/08	Council

## Town Working Committees

### ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A PERMANENT SITE FOR THE DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Edward Valena, Chair	9 Bagdad Rd.	868-2174	N/A	N/A	Library Trustees
Joan Drapeau	4 Sullivan Falls Rd.	659-7992	N/A	N/A	Library Trustees
Tom Madden, Library Dir.	7 Mill Rd., Unit H	868-6699	N/A	N/A	Library Trustees
Duane Hyde	47 Emerson Rd.	868-6183	N/A	N/A	Library Trustees
Mike Lynch, Public Works Dir.	100 Stone Quarry Dr.	868-5578	N/A	N/A	Library Trustees
Katie Paine	51 Durham Pt. Rd.	397-5157	N/A	N/A	Library Trustees

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Douglas Wheeler	27 Mill Rd.	868-9633	N/A	N/A	Library Trustees
Neil Niman, Cncl Rep	10 Cold Spring Rd.	862-3336	1 Yr	3/06	Council
VACANT					

## DURHAM CABLE ACCESS TELEVISION (DCAT) GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Carroll Camp	8 Sandybrook Dr.	868-3236	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
George Kachadorian	9 Carriage Way	397-5215	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
David Langley	50 Langley Rd.	868-5650	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
Thomas Merrick	7 Canney Rd.	868-1564	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
Todd Ziemek	41 Emerson Rd.	275-2267	3 Yrs	4/09	Council
Erika Mantz, UNH Rep	Schofield House, UNH	862-1567	1 Yr	4/07	Council
Paul Gasowski, ORCSD Rep	46 Lamprey Ln., Lee	659-5273	1 Yr	4/07	Council
Henry Smith, Cncl Rep	28 Woodman Rd.	868-2329	1 Yr	3/07	Council
VACANT			3 Yrs	4/09	Council

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (EDC)

Susan Fuller	68 Bennett Rd.	659-7871	N/A	N/A	Council
Mark McPeak	4 Glassford Ln.	868-2455	N/A	N/A	Council
Peter Ventura	71 Edgewood Rd.	397-5800	N/A	N/A	Council
Chris Wilson	9 Cold Spring Rd.	659-3016	N/A	N/A	Council
Jim Campbell, Planner	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-8064	1 Yr	N/A	Council
Mark Morong, Cncl Rep	21 Emerson Rd.	868-6025	1 Yr	3/07	Council
Karl Van Asselt, Cncl Rep	17 Fairchild Dr.	868-6353	1 Yr	3/07	Council

## INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Shelley Mitchell, Chair	5 Denbow Rd.	868-3352	N/A	N/A	Council
Chuck Baldwin	22 Emerson Rd.	868-2727	N/A	N/A	Council
Neal W. Ferris	24 Woodridge Rd.	868-1521	N/A	N/A	Council
Jenna Jambek	255 Durham Pt. Rd.	601-0495	N/A	N/A	Council
Jessie McKone	35 Dover Rd.	868-7371	N/A	N/A	Council
Dale Valena	9 Bagdad Rd.	868-2174	N/A	N/A	Council
Mark Morong, Cncl Rep	21 Emerson Rd.	868-6025	1 Yr	3/07	Council
VACANT			N/A	N/A	Council
VACANT			N/A	N/A	Council

## LAMPREY RIVER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Judith Spang, Chair	55 Wiswall Rd.	659-5936	3 Yrs	4/07	State
Cynthia Belowski	35 Edgewood Rd.	868-5562	3 Yrs	4/07	State
James Hewitt	4 Fairchild Dr.	868-3516	3 Yrs	5/09	State
Richard Lord	85 Bennett Rd.	659-2721	3 Yrs	4/07	State
VACANT			3 Yrs	5/09	State

## PDA NOISE COMPATIBILITY COMMITTEE

Craig Seymour	110 Durham Pt. Rd.	868-2441	3 Yrs	4/09	Council
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## STRAFFORD REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (MPO POLICY)

Peter Stanhope	37 Dover Rd.		4 Yrs	4/10	Council
VACANT			4 Yrs	4/07	Council
VACANT			4 Yrs	4/08	Council

# Officer's, Boards, Commissions and Committees (continued)

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## SMPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

James Campbell, Dir. of Planning and Community Development	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-8064	1 Yr	6/07	Council
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## UNH OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL STUDY COMMITTEE (Joint UNH/Town)

### Town Reps.

Cheryle St. Onge	8 Wiswall Rd.	659-7528	N/A	N/A	Council
Ken Rotner	36 Madbury Rd.	868-5080	N/A	N/A	Council
Edward Valena	9 Bagdad Rd.	868-2174	N/A	N/A	Council
Marjorie Wolfson	12 Fairchild Dr.	868-5192	N/A	N/A	Council
Robbi Woodburn	6 Cormorant Cir.	659-5949	N/A	N/A	Council
Diana Carroll	54 Canney Rd.	868-2935	N/A	N/A	Council

### UNH Reps.

Kevin Charles, VP for Student Affairs

Allan Braun, Asst. VP of Facilities

Denny Byrne, Dir., Campus Rec.

Linda Hayden, Asst. Dir., Campus Rec.

Doug Bencks, UNH Campus Planner

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## MICHAEL BLAKE

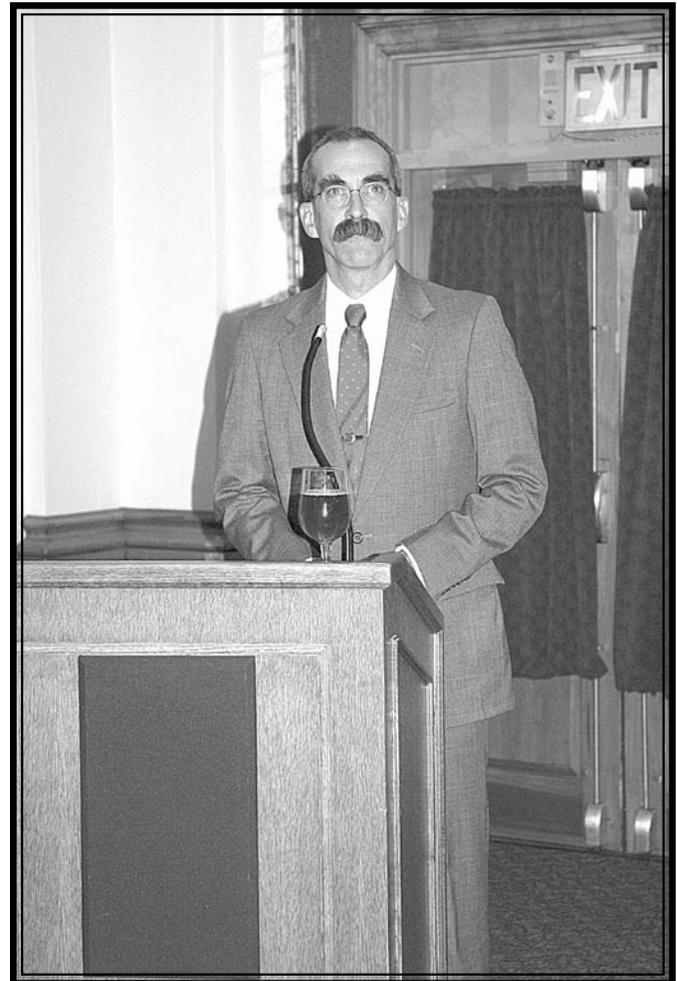
### Assistant Fire Chief

On August 31, 2006, Michael “Mike” Blake retired from the Durham Fire Department after completing seven years with the Town of Durham and twenty-six years in the profession.

Although employed with the Town of Durham for the past seven years, Assistant Chief Blake retires with twenty-six years of experience and dedicated service in the field of public safety. He began his career as a firefighter in the Derry, New Hampshire Fire Department in March of 1980, and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 1987. He held the post of president of the Derry Firefighter’s Union and as past president of the Fire Officers Union. He received his Associates degree in Fire Science through the New Hampshire Community Technical College, and holds a Fire Officer 1 & 2 certification with New Hampshire Fire Standards and Training.

While serving the Town of Durham, Assistant Chief Blake was selected to serve on the New Hampshire Fire Commissions Visiting Committee to assist in the formulation of new curriculum for trainees that teach firefighter self-rescue and Rapid Intervention Teams. He also served on the Seacoast Technical Assistance Response Team Board of Directors. Assistant Chief Blake has also been a member of the Seacoast Fire Chiefs and the New Hampshire Fire Chiefs Associations.

The Town of Durham extends its thanks to Assistant Chief Blake for his dedicated service to the community over the past seven years, and wish he and his family the very best upon his retirement. ■



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## TOWN ELECTION RESULTS

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### FOR COUNCILOR

*(3-year terms, 3 openings)*

Susan Fuller	355
Catherine Leach	570
Neil Niman	544
Henry M. Smith	486
Scattered (write-in)	11

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES

*(3-yr terms, 2 openings)*

Douglas Bencks	483
Sibylle J. Carlson	396
Nicholas Isaak	245
Scattered (write-in)	2

### MODERATOR

*(2-yr term, 1 opening)*

Christopher Regan	663
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### SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST

*(6-yr term, 1 opening)*

Roni Pekins	669
Scattered (write-in)	4

### SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST

*(4-yr term, 1 opening)*

Judith Aiken	648
(write-in)	1

### TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND

*(3-yr term, 1 opening)*

John de Campi	633
Scattered (write-in)	3

## ELECTION, TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2007

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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 thirteenth day of March 2007 (the polls will be open between the hours of 8:00 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); and one (1) Trustee of the Trust Fund (3-year term).

### ARTICLE 2:

The Town of Durham urges the President and the Congress of the United States to support effective actions to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well-being of the people of Durham. These actions should include:

- 1) Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy; and 2) Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

In addition, the Town of Durham encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Town Council to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions.

The record of the vote on this article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation, to the President of the United States, and to declared candidates for those offices.

Given under our hands and seal this 18th day of December in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Six.

### Councilors of Durham:

*Neil Niman, Chair*  
*Diana Carroll, Chair Pro Tem*  
*Catherine Leach*  
*Mark Morong*  
*Gerald Needell*  
*Henry Smith*  
*Julian smith*  
*Peter Smith*  
*Karl Van Asselt*

# Administrative Summary

## BUSINESS OFFICE

**Gail E. Jablonski, Business Manager**

The mission of the Business Office is to provide support services to all Town departments by working interactively with department heads and their staff. Our goal is 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.

Specifically, the Business Office provides accounting, purchasing, payroll, assessing, computer support services, accounts receivable billing, and collection and cash management services for the Town. Additionally, we provide 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.

In April of 2006, former Business Manager Paul Beaudoin left the Town's employment to work at a private law firm in Concord, NH. Todd Selig, Town Administrator, promoted me to fill this position. Having completed almost five years in the Business Office, and 18 years with the Town of Durham, and having recently completed my Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, I assumed the role of Business Manager.

The department immediately advertised for a Staff Accountant to

fill the open position and received many qualified applicants. After interviews and reference checks, we are pleased to announce that Barbara Ross has joined our department. Barbara had previously worked for the Town of Newcastle as the Staff Accountant and comes to us with many years of experience and knowledge.

Administrative Assistant Lisa Beaudoin, with almost seven years experience with the Town, continues to oversee many of the components of the Business Office including payroll and benefits, accounts payables, accounts receivable, and worker's

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



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compensation. Lisa also acts as the intake coordinator for Welfare.

One of the first projects I took on and completed when taking over as Business Manager was the award of the new Financial Software package for the Town of Durham with MuniSmart Systems, LLC of Dover, NH. We have begun implementation of this system and expect to have the majority of the system up and running on January 1, 2007. I must extend my thanks and appreciation to both Barbara and Lisa for all their hard work in bringing this system on-line.

The Town is currently negotiating with all of its bargaining units. These negotiations are progressing and we hope to be able to reach agreements with all units in the near future.

The Town recently bonded \$4,115,518 for 2003-2006 capital projects, as well as the recent purchase of conservation lands. In addition, a review of all open capital projects was completed and many have been able to be closed due to their completion.

A major goal of this department for 2007 will be the completion of a new Employee Handbook to replace the 1989 Personnel Plan. This draft was begun by the previous Business Manager and I anticipate having a new Handbook in place soon.

The Business Office staff will continue training in the various disciplines that we deal with to keep pace with the municipal business environment in order to provide the highest level of support services to the various departments serving our community. ▣

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## MANAGER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

**Luke Vincent**

How can technology be used to create, process, and preserve information? This question is at the heart of the Management of Information Systems (MIS) department, and its answer is inescapably more complex. However, a good starting point in answering this is to evaluate the ways in which information flows through an organization. Understanding information flow inevitably leads to finding improved ways of investing in technology, reducing redundant systems, and reusing existing technological solutions in new and inventive ways.

2006 has been a year in which the MIS department has been able to start looking at the ways in which the Town is using information to conduct its business. As a result, we have been able to accomplish some major goals and have set the stage for technological issues the Town must deal with in the future.

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### 2006 Accomplishments:

➡ The request for proposal process for a new financial and tax information system concluded toward the middle of the 2006 calendar year. Almost immediately, the Town Clerk-Tax Collector, Business, and MIS departments, in conjunction with our bid-winner MuniSmart Systems, LLC of Dover, NH, started to plan out the implementation schedule of the new system. To date, we have successfully rolled out a module (property tax) with generally positive results. In the coming months we will be rolling out additional modules as Town staff become comfortable with their use and existing data is converted into a usable

format for the new system. This has been an on going project for a few years and the MIS department is glad to see its completion on the horizon.

➡ Election.net was introduced to the state in 2006. This comprehensive voter registration program was used state-wide in the November election. Durham successfully participated in the project, thanks to a great amount of cooperation from the Supervisors of the Checklist. As a result, we were able to discontinue use of an old DOS-based application that served the same purpose.

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### Goals for 2007:

➡ One of the biggest IT challenges the Town will face in the coming years is the ability to share and manage information systems in an open and non-departmentalized way. Currently, answering this challenge is difficult due to the lack of sufficient network infrastructure between Town departments. The logical answer is to increase network bandwidth between departments through either a municipal network buildout or by leasing additional connectivity through the Town's telecom providers. The MIS department has pledged to bring the Town to a more enterprise-based platform, and interdepartmental connectivity is a positive step in that direction.

➡ The advent of ArcGIS 9.2 will impact how the Town manages spatial information. Included in the new version is ArcServer 9.2. – a technology that before had a very complicated licensing structure and was beyond the means of

the Town to implement. The new version has been scaled down for use by smaller organizations and will fit well into current plans to expand the Geographic Information System (GIS) program within the Town. ArcServer's combination of a relational database back end with enhanced service-oriented architecture will allow greater access to information that had previously been hard to expose. This will speed up delivery time and provide richer content to

end users. Overall, the newer version will have a major positive impact on what the Town can do with the information it collects.

Technology is becoming increasingly fundamental to the operation of Town government. The MIS department fills that critical gap of connecting quality technology solutions to real world demands in a time efficient, cost minimal way. ■

## 2006 ORDINANCES

2006-01	Amending Chapter 53 "Vehicles and Traffic" Section 153-49 of the Durham Town Code, Section by prohibiting parking on Dennison Road between Bagdad Road and Garrison Avenue between the hours of 1:00 to 6:00 AM from August 15-June 30	Passed	06/05/06
2006-02	Amending Chapter 175 "Zoning", Article XIV "Shoreland Protection Overlay District", Section 175-72(A)(4) of the Durham Town Code	Passed	07/17/06
2006-03	Designating a section of Wednesday Hill Road as one-way traffic	Failed	08/07/06
2006-04	Installing a stop sign on a section of Wednesday Hill Road	Failed	08/07/06
2006-05	Amending the Durham Town Code by creating a new chapter, Chapter 46, entitled "Disorderly Actions" prohibiting urinating and defecating in public	Passed	08/21/06
2006-06	Amending Chapter 175 "Zoning", Article XII, Section 175-53(A), Table of Land Use of the Durham Town Code	Passed	08/21/06
2006-07	Amending the following sections of Chapter 175 "Zoning" of the Durham Town Code pertaining to forestry/timber harvesting: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Article II, Section 175-7 "Definitions"</li> <li>2. Article XIII, Sections 175-60, 175-61, and 175-65 "Wetland Conservation Overlay District"</li> <li>3. Article XIV, Sections 175-69, 175-71, 175-72, and 175-75.1(A&amp;C) "Shoreland Protection Overlay District"</li> <li>4. Article XX, Section 175-109(L) "Performance Standards"</li> <li>5. Article XII, Section 175-54 "Zone Requirements"</li> </ol>	Pending	
2006-08	Amending Article IV, Section 4-17 of the Town of Durham Administrative Code by creating a Heritage Commission	Pending	

### 2005 Ordinances That Passed In 2006

2005-06	Amending sections of the Durham Zoning Ordinance referred to as: Ordinance #2005-06 (A) - Proposed amendments to Chapter 175 "Zoning" to address questions with prior amendments ( <i>NOTE: This ordinance was incorrectly reported in the 2005 Town Report as having been passed on 11/30/05</i> )	Passed	01/09/06
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Ordinance #2005-06 (B) – Proposed amendments to Chapter 175 “Zoning” to implement the Master Plan recommendations dealing with non-residential zones	Passed	02/20/06
Ordinance #2005-06 (C) – Proposed amendments to Chapter 175 “Zoning” to the Shoreland Protection Overlay District	Passed	02/20/06
Ordinance #2005-06 (D) – Proposed amendments to Chapter 175 “Zoning” to the Wetland Conservation Overlay District	Passed	02/20/06
Ordinance #2005-06 (E) – Proposed amendments to Chapter 175 “Zoning” to the Wetland Conservation Overlay District <i>(NOTE: This ordinance was incorrectly reported in the 2005 Town Report as still pending action)</i>	Passed	11/30/06
Ordinance #2005-06 (F) – Proposed amendments to Chapter 175 “Zoning” to the Durham Historic Overlay District	Pending	
Ordinance #2005-06 (G) – Proposed amendments to Chapter 175 “Zoning” to the Personal Wireless Service Facilities Overlay District	Passed	02/20/06

## 2006 RESOLUTIONS

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2006-01	Town Council approval of the FY 2006 water and sewer rates effective January 1, 2006	Passed	01/09/06
2006-02	Authorizing the acceptance of private donations and unanticipated revenues received by the Town of Durham between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2005	Passed	02/20/06
2006-03	Authorizing the acceptance of \$19,709.04 in unanticipated revenues from the State of New Hampshire Department of Safety following the FEMA disaster January 2005 snow event	Passed	03/20/06
2006-04	Endorsing House Bill 1679, as amended, an act relative to the property tax exemption for the University System of New Hampshire	Passed	02/20/06
2006-05	Recognizing outgoing elected officials and appointed members to the various Town boards, commissions, and committees for their dedicated services to the Town of Durham	Passed	03/06/06
2006-06	Establishing regular Town Council meeting dates for April 2006 through March 2007	Passed	03/20/06
2006-07	Authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of \$3,099.85 from the Federal Asset Forfeiture Program by the Town of Durham in conducting drug investigations	Passed	04/03/06
2006-08	Authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of \$8,500.00 from the New England State Police Information Network (NESPIN) for use by the Police Department in conducting drug investigations	Passed	04/03/06
2006-09	Authorizing the issuance of eleven million, seven hundred thousand (\$11,700,000) in Tax Anticipation Notes	Passed	04/17/06

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2006-10	Authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of grant funds totaling \$200,000 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the clean up of the abandoned Craig Supply site	Passed	04/17/06
2006-11	Authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of \$1,395,514 in unanticipated revenues from New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services for a state aid grant for improvements to the wastewater collection system and baseline improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Facility	Passed	05/01/06
2006-12	Establishing the compensation for non-bargaining unit employees for Fiscal Year 2006	Passed	05/15/06
2006-13	Requesting the Durham Town Council approve the expenditure of \$23,470.00 for repairs to the Fire Department's Engine 2 Pumper and requesting the Trustees of the Trust Funds transfer said funds from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to the Town of Durham	Passed	06/05/06
2006-14	Endorsing the proposed plan for enhancements to the Memorial Park monument, authorizing the expenditure of funds for said enhancements, and requesting that the Trustees of Trust Funds transfer the remaining funds from the Memorial Park Expendable Trust Fund to the Town to be used for enhancements to the monument	Passed	06/19/06
2006-15	Requesting the Trustees of Trust Funds transfer \$650.17 from the Fire Department Injury Prevention Trust Fund to revenue account #01-3700-7010-070-00 for expenses incurred relative to the annual Greek Fire Academy	Passed	07/17/06
2006-16	Accepting a grant in the amount of \$7,940.00 from the NH Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) Trails Bureau for trail improvements to the Class VI portion of Longmarsh Road between Route 108 and Durham Point Road and authorizing the Town Administrator to enter into a contract with DRED	Passed	07/17/06
2006-17	Recognizing the contributions of Durham's Swan Keepers for their dedicated services to the Town of Durham and suspending the official position of "Durham Keeper of the Swans"	Passed	08/07/06
2006-18	Authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of \$178,489.94 (One Hundred Seventy-eight Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-nine Dollars and Ninety-Four Cents) in unanticipated revenues from NHDES for a State Aid Grant for closure/capping of the Durham Landfill	Passed	09/11/06
2006-19	Authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of \$62,672.77 (Sixty-two Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-two Dollars and Ninety-Four Cents) in unanticipated revenues from the State of New Hampshire Department of Safety following the FEMA disaster May 2006 flooding event	Passed	09/25/06
2006-20	Establishing a special revenue fund to collect and expend revenues from the Depot Road parking lot	Passed	10/16/06
2006-21	Authorizing the raising and appropriating the sum of Seven Hundred and Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$725,000.00) towards the purchase of conservation easements on the land of Langley and Emery Farms	Passed	10/16/06

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2006-22	Authorizing the Issuance of long-term bonds or notes not to exceed Four Million, One Hundred and Fifteen Thousand, Five Hundred and Eighteen Dollars (\$4,115,518.00) of which Two Million, Five Hundred Ninety-five Thousand, Four Hundred and Eighteen Dollars (\$2,495,518.00) will be applied for the purpose of bonding 2003-2006 Capital Fund projects and equipment purchases and One Million, Six Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$1,620,000.00) will be applied toward the purchase of conservation easements/restrictions on the Langley and Emery Farms, and the Beaudette and Fogg properties located within the Town of Durham	Passed	10/16/06
2006-23	Adopting the provisions of RSA 76:15-A "Semiannual Collection of Taxes" allowing for the Town to collect property taxes on a semiannual basis, effective the beginning of the FY 2008 tax year	Passed	11/20/06
2006-24	Authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of \$524,434.14 in unanticipated revenues from the State of New Hampshire Department of Safety following the FEMA disaster May 2006 flooding event	Passed	11/20/06
2006-25	Creating a Mill Plaza Study Committee to develop a community vision for the Mill Plaza in downtown Durham	Passed	11/20/06
2006-26	Amending Resolution #2006-23 by moving the effective date to begin collecting property taxes on a semiannual basis from FY 2008 to the FY 2007 tax year	Passed	12/18/06
2006-27	Memorializing the Town Council vote of December 1, 2006 approving the FY 2007 Operating Budgets, the Capital Fund Budget, and the 2007-2016 Capital Improvement Plan, as amended	Passed	12/18/06
2006-28	Authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of grant funds in the amount of \$12,296 from the New Hampshire Estuaries Project and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services for conducting illicit discharge detection surveys and stormwater system mapping, and authorizing the Town Administrator to sign and execute the grant agreements on behalf of the town of Durham	Passed	12/18/06

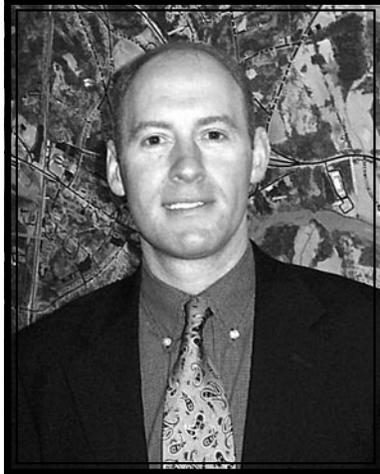


*Hamel Brook located south of Laurel Lane on Route 108 after the flooding on May 13 and 14, 2006.*  
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## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

### Todd I. Selig

The Annual Report for the Town of Durham traditionally looks backward at the accomplishments experienced by our boards, committees, commissions, departments, and citizens in the service of community. This year's report is no exception. Residents will find much information extending from the 2006 Mother's Day flood to the expenditure by the Town of \$1.6 million



toward historic land protection initiatives (Emery Farm, Langley Farm, Beaudette Farm, Fogg Farm), and culminating with the Town Council's approval of the FY 2007 budget. Rather than reiterate, I want to take this opportunity to look forward for a moment at a singular issue that is important to each of us as residents and taxpayers of Durham – broadening the tax base.

Although we have been successful in streamlining the Town's municipal organization and have made much progress in working to increase revenue streams over the past several years through the adjustment of fee structures and in our negotiations with the University of New Hampshire, growth in the Town's tax base has flattened to a projected 1% in 2007 as expenses associated with existing municipal activities grow at a higher percentage rate. For the last several years I have expressed concern that unless the Town was willing and/or able to increase revenues, grow the tax base, change the present system of state-wide taxation, increase fairness in the existing Oyster River Cooperative School District funding formula, or reduce the level of services presently provided, we would not be able to sustain reasonable or controlled growth in the tax rate in the long-term on the municipal side of the budget. This predicted trend has been illustrated in our ten-year fiscal forecast which has accompanied past budget and Capital Improvement Plan documents.

Today, I must report that the effect of the fiscal pattern we have been tracking and through delaying the use of fund balance and controlled expendi-

ture on core services is upon us. Given predicted revenue, tax base, and expenditure growth, as well as the recently approved conservation acquisitions as noted, without an approximate 5% year over year increase in the municipal portion of the tax rate in 2007, 2008, and 2009, combined with the estimated dropping of our unreserved fund balance to as low as \$768,000 in FY 2009, it becomes increasingly difficult for the community to maintain its service level status quo, stay on solid financial footing, and keep the tax rate in check for local taxpayers.

In order to mitigate future tax increases for Durham residents and ensure continued municipal fiscal health, the Town will have to exercise restraint in funding major new programmatic or capital initiatives at this time unless we: a) first broaden the tax base to mitigate the projected increased cost; b) find sources of new revenue or enhanced efficiencies to offset the planned expenditure; or c) cut existing core services to fund new initiatives. The 2007 budget and Capital Improvement Program developed by the Administrator and approved by the Town Council is generally reflective of this philosophy. Durham taxpayers experienced a 4.16% increase in the total tax rate in 2006. A detailed overview of the 2006 local tax rate structure is found in the table below.

The Town (municipal) portion of the local tax rate represents 24.2% of the total tax rate pie, with the combined School (local and state) amount equaling 67.8%, and the County allocation amounting to 8.0%. All parts of the tax rate impact the amount we pay in Durham as taxpayers. Broadening the tax base has the potential to mitigate the impact of future increases in each of these functional areas.

It will take cooperation, input, and compromise on the part of the community to ensure that Durham works through the budget challenges that lay before us – and a focus of this effort should be in the area of thoughtful, sensitive, and tasteful economic development that is in accord with the Durham Zoning Ordinance. Over the coming year, the Town Council and I plan to work very hard to ensure that Durham remains affordable for its residents and taxpayers and continues to offer the high quality of service delivery that residents have come to expect. ■

PORTION	2005	2006	VARIANCE	% INCREASE (DECREASE)	% OF TOTAL TAX RATE
Town of Durham	\$6.28	\$6.59	\$.31	4.9%	24.2%
School (Local)	\$14.96	\$15.95	\$.99	6.6%	58.5%
School (State)	\$2.82	\$2.54	(\$.28)	(9.9%)	9.3%
Strafford County	\$2.13	\$2.20	\$.07	3.3%	8.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$26.19</b>	<b>\$27.28</b>	<b>\$1.09</b>	<b>4.16%</b>	<b>100%</b>

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## TOWN COUNCIL

### Neil Niman, Council Chairman

When we all look back at 2006, perhaps the most memorable event was the '100-year' flood we experienced in many areas throughout Town. While we were fortunate that the Town of Durham missed the brunt of the storm, we can all be proud of the response by Town staff in handling the damage that did occur. One always wonders how an organization will respond to an emergency, and we can rest assured that our staff and administrator are well prepared to handle the next disaster.

I am pleased to report that one of the accomplishments of your Town Council was to finally execute four conservation easements for the Emery, Langley, Fogg, and Beaudette farms. The Land Protection Working Group (LPWG) has worked hard these past three years on identifying and putting together easements that reflect the values of our community and we appreciate all of their hard work.

*2006 Town Council (l-r): Diana Carroll, Chair Pro Tem; Catherine Leach; Julian Smith; Henry Smith; Neil Niman, Chair; Mark Morong; Gerald Needell; and Peter Smith. Not present: Karl Van Asselt.*

However, purchasing \$1.6 million in conservation easements has drawn additional attention to an important threat facing our community, as the tax base remains stagnant while our expenditures continue to grow. This has created a particularly challenging budget environment. In an effort to balance the desire to maintain existing levels of Town services while trying to keep the Town of Durham an affordable place for both working families and people living on fixed incomes, the Council has undertaken a number of new initiatives designed to expand the tax base.

The initiative that will perhaps have the most impact on the tax base and the future quality of life is the redevelopment of the Mill Plaza. As part of the ongoing effort to find a new home for the Library, a suggestion was made that the Town approach the owner of the Mill Plaza to see if he would be interested in taking advantage of changes in the Zoning Ordinance to redevelop this important piece of property. With his enthusiastic expression of interest, the Council has formed a committee and appropriated a small reserve fund in an effort to move the project forward.



The Council has also formed a Housing Task Force to look at how we might encourage owners of other downtown properties to redevelop in a way that both adds to the tax base and improves the existing quality of life of those who reside in this densely populated part of Town. Other economic development initiatives to look forward to in the coming year are decisions with respect to the development of the Durham Business Park at W. Arthur Grant Circle, the formation of a Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) District to bring water and sewer up Route 108 toward Dover, and the development of the needed infrastructure required to allow sensible development to occur in the western part of Town.

Another topic that has generated a large amount of discussion has been the future of recreation in the Town of Durham. Two of our leading organizations that provide recreation services, the Oyster River Youth Association (ORYA) and the Mill Pond Center for the Arts, have reported financial difficulties that may greatly impair their ability to provide services to the community. In the case of ORYA, managing the Churchill rink has posed significant financial challenges. In response, the Council has created a contingency fund that will enable the Town to fully take over the ownership and operation of the rink if a suitable financial plan can be developed that en-

ures the rink will not become a burden for Durham taxpayers. Hopefully, we will all be able to work together to ensure that ice-skating remains an important factor in the quality of life in Durham. Preserving the rink, along with making some of the improvements recommended by the Jackson's Landing Committee, should enhance recreational opportunities for many Durham residents.

The Mill Pond Center for the Arts has experienced similar challenges in terms of managing its facilities. A proposal was presented to the Council for the creation of a potential partnership with the Town purchasing the Mill Pond center property. The Council continues to study the issue. Moving forward on this project, however, is particularly difficult given other unmet needs in the Town. The Council and Library Board of Trustees continue to move forward to identify a site for a new Library. Future needs for a new fire station and, possibly, a Town Hall compete with the ever-present need to make continuous upgrades to the Town's infrastructure. These and other demands all contribute to a series of policy questions that will be at the forefront of the Council's agenda in 2007, as well as future years to come ■.

*The existing Mill Pond Plaza.* PHOTO COURTESY FRANCOISE MEISSNER, CONDOR AERIAL IMAGE SYSTEM





# Culture and Recreation

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Dwight Baldwin, Chair**

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

### 2006 Accomplishments:

- **Land and Scenic-Vista Protection** – Great strides have been made this year in conserving open space in Durham. The Town has purchased conservation easements on four parcels of land this year totaling 292 acres that will help greatly to preserve the sense of open space in our community.
- **Site Visits** – The DCC conducted four site visits to evaluate the environmental impact of proposed development on wetlands and/or to look at land the Town was considering purchasing conservation easements.
- **Mill Pond Restoration** – The saga continues regarding the U.S. Army Reserve's commitment to

dredging of Mill Pond. It now appears that the work may be done in late August of 2008 although no formal document has been signed. Volunteers again spent a morning in July cutting back new growth along the shore so as to maintain open vistas of the water from the peninsula.

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*On September 7, 2006 the Town of Durham, the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF), and the Natural Resources Conservation Services closed a conservation easement on the Emery Farm property located off Route 4; one of five conservation easement purchases made in 2006.*

*Back Row (l-r): Mark Dunn, Attorney for the SPNHF; Duane Hyde, member of the Conservation Commission and Land Protection Working Group; Paul Doscher, SPNHF; David Hills, owner of the Emery Farm.*

*Front Row (l-r): Todd Selig, Town Administrator; Anne McBride, SPNHF; Dea Brickner-Wood, member of the Land Protection Working Group.*



# Culture and Recreation

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- ➡ **Town Land-Use/Trails Subcommittee** – The Committee obtained a grant from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) for construction of a boardwalk over wetland areas at the Longmarsh Preserve and construction was completed in late October. The Trails Subcommittee erected new welcoming signs at the trailheads on Town property.
- ➡ **Review of Wetland and Aquifer Conservation Overlay Documents** – At the request of the Planning Board, the DCC continued its review of drafts of the Wetland, Shoreland, and Aquifer Conservation Overlay District sections of the Durham Zoning Ordinance.
- ➡ **Durham Day Participation at Wagon Hill** – The DCC and the Parks and Recreation Committee again set up a table down by the water to show citizens what these two groups are doing. Judging by the number of people who stopped to see the display, the effort was successful and a good time was had by all.
- ➡ **Review of Standard Dredge and Fill Applications** – The DCC continued its review of applications submitted to the NHDES for construction in shoreland and wetland areas. To date, seventeen applications have been reviewed for projects such as construction of dock/piers, retaining walls, and culverts and for dam maintenance.
- ➡ **Jackson's Landing** – The Jackson's Landing Committee

completed its "Jackson's Landing Park Proposal for Improvements" report and presented it to Council in August. The chairs of the Conservation Commission and the Parks and Recreation Committee chaired this committee. A pre-proposal for funds for erosion control at the Landing was submitted to the NHDES in September. The Committee had not heard whether the grant proposal would be successful at the time of the writing of this annual report.

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## Goals for 2007:

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- ➡ Continue to monitor dredge and fill permit applications.
- ➡ Continue efforts towards getting the Army Reserve to dredge Mill Pond.
- ➡ Continue efforts to keep brush from growing up on Town land along the shore of Mill Pond.
- ➡ Develop a protocol for the monitoring of conservation easements held by the Town.
- ➡ With the help of other organizations and individuals, develop a Town-wide initiative to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- ➡ Work to eliminate the erosion problems at Jackson's Landing. ▣

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## DURHAM DAY

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**Nicole Moore, Coordinator**

Durham Day was held on September 9, which dawned a clear and warm day. The weather held throughout the day, pleasing everyone involved and making all the outdoor activities even more fun.

The grounds at Wagon Hill looked beautiful, thanks to preparation by Doug Bullen and the Public Works crew. Town Clerk-Tax Collector Lorrie Pitt greeted close to 500 residents as they arrived. Lunch supplies were once again purchased from and delivered by Durham Marketplace. Town Council members Neil Niman, Henry Smith, Jerry Needell, Cathy Leach, and Julian Smith, as well as former Town Business Manager Paul Beaudoin and two good-natured residents Dick Gsottschneider and Larry Gans, made the cooking and serving go smoothly. University of New Hampshire (UNH)

Food Service once again donated several large cookie platters to the meal.

Town boards and organizations all had welcoming tables set up for townspeople to learn more about their work. They included: Durham Public Library, Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee, Lamprey River Advisory Committee, Durham Historical Association, Mill Pond Center for the Arts, DCAT, UNH Marine Docent Program, Great Bay Stewards, and Durham-Great Bay Rotary Club. The Durham Professional Firefighters Association had several activities available for children to enjoy. Staff from the Oyster River Youth Association helped run the obstacle course that was provided by the firefighters. Under the children's tent were activities sponsored by Oyster River Parents and Preschoolers, Durham Public Library, Bearhugs the Clown, Shawn the Storyteller, student volunteers from UNH, and boy scouts Garrett Moore and Ryan Horton of Troop 154.

The good weather served very well for the boat rides on the bay, captained by Loring Tirrell, Frank Windsor, David Murphy, Ray Belles, and Peter Smith. On-shore organization of rides was handled by Chip and Nell Neil and Christina Dolcino. Snow cones were made by Cliff Zetterstrom and Bonnie McDermott. Dining tables had lovely flowers assembled by Linn and Maggie Bogle and Suzie Loder. Music was again provided by Kathy Kelly and her string group, as well as a spe-

cial contra dance by Dudley and Jacqueline Laufman.

Though some of the entertainment and the food at Durham Day are funded by our budget, the majority of the event is carried out by our own fellow residents who embody the true meaning of volunteerism. Thanks to all, and to our Town Administrative Assistant, Jennie Berry, who so capably supports the planning of the day. See you in 2007! ■

## HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Nick Isaak, Chair

### 2006 Accomplishments:

- ➔ Reviewed and approved various Certificates of Approval dealing with issues such as signage, landscaping, and materials usage.
- ➔ Produced an informational brochure outlining the purpose, goals, and philosophy of the Historic District Commission (HDC) and its role in supporting owners of historic properties. The brochure will be available beginning in 2007.
- ➔ Continued to investigate undertaking a survey project to catalogue historic properties and sites. Through numerous discussions it was concluded that a comprehensive survey project was labor and cost intensive, so instead a limited survey has begun with the goal of adding properties each year. If anyone is interested in helping document some of Durham's historic properties, please attend one of our meetings or contact us.
- ➔ Participated in the Town's zoning rewrite process in meetings with the Town Planner (to discuss expansion of the historic district boundaries) and the Code Enforcement Officer (to discuss enforcement of "Demolition by Neglect"). The input of the Commission was reflected in the final Historic District Overlay that was subsequently approved by both the Planning Board and the Town Council.



- ➔ Introduced a Heritage Commission (HC). A Heritage Commission allows for a Town-wide scope covering all historic properties, not just those located within the Historic District. The Commission sees this as a non-regulatory, yet important step in the preservation of the Town's historic sites. The proposal was included in the approved Historic District Zoning Overlay.

### Goals for 2007:

- ➔ Distribute an informational brochure.
- ➔ Continue work on the survey project.
- ➔ Apply for New Hampshire Department of Historic Resources (NHDHR) grant funding for a Town historic website and/or survey project.
- ➔ Be proactive in communicating our supportive role to homeowners within the district.
- ➔ Investigate ways to combine efforts with the Durham Historic Association (DHA).
- ➔ Incorporate the role of the Heritage Commission into our goals and actions.

The HDC welcomes input and involvement from the community. Join us at our monthly meetings held the first Thursday of every month in the Town Council chambers beginning at 7:00 PM, or contact a Commission member with suggestions or comments. ■

## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

**John Parry, Chair**

### Committee Members

Ken Andersen, Denny Byrne, Jane Crooks, George Lamb, Cathy Leach, John Parry, Frank Pilar, Dave Proulx

### Vision Statement

It is the vision of the Town of Durham Parks and Recreation Committee to provide residents of all ages, abilities, and interests with a wide variety of recreational and leisure activities and services that will enable and enhance a healthy and dynamic lifestyle. By working in partnership with others to provide access to natural areas, as well as indoor and outdoor programs and facilities, the Town recognizes the positive role recreation plays in creating the sense of cohesiveness and interaction necessary for a vibrant community.

### 2006 Accomplishments:

- ➔ The Committee worked with University of New Hampshire (UNH) faculty and staff to conduct a public survey on recreation needs in the Town of Durham. The survey results will be compiled and analyzed this winter and will provide the basis for a new parks and recreation strategic plan.
- ➔ The Trails Subcommittee (a joint committee of Parks and Recreation and the Conservation Commission) constructed several lengths of boardwalks on Longmarsh Trail to reconnect sections that had been flooded due to beaver dams. The work was supported by a grant received from

the State of New Hampshire Trails Bureau. This subcommittee is also developing an Adopt-A-Trail program in which volunteers would be recruited and trained to help maintain Durham's trail system.

- ➔ Significant efforts were made to expand partnerships with, and support for, other recreation entities in Durham. These included:
  - Increasing communication with Oyster River Youth Association (ORYA) and recruiting an ORYA board member to be on the Parks and Recreation Committee.
  - Increasing communication with Mill Pond Center for the Arts (MPCA).
  - Working with the UNH Program for Undergraduate Research to identify research opportunities of joint interest.
  - Working with The Inn at Spruce Wood which hosted the Town 2006 Easter Egg Hunt.
- ➔ The Parks and Recreation Committee spent considerable time studying and developing a proposal and providing recommendations for the Town Council to:
  - Hire a Town Parks and Recreation Director to develop programming for adults, and help coordinate and support efforts of other organizations.
  - Increase annual financial support for ORYA.
  - Assume management of the Churchill Ice Rink.
  - Purchase MPCA to serve as a Community Center for arts, recreation, and leisure activities.

- Create a joint Parks and Recreation Task Group with Lee, Madbury, UNH, and the Oyster River School District to explore ways to share recreational resources and cooperate on programs.

A detailed Master Plan was developed by a joint committee of the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Conservation Commission for making improvements at Jack-



*Looking East at the westernmost bridge on Longmarsh Trail. The beaver dam is to the left of the walkway. This bridge is very long and not all of the western end and the eastern end are visible in the photo. PHOTO BY FRANK L. PILAR*

son's Landing. A subsequent grant application has been submitted to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to make park improvements which would also reduce soil erosion and water sedimentation. This would involve moving and redesigning parking areas, paving the current drive, reconstructing the boat ramp, creating storm-water detention areas, and establishing green space park buffers along the waterfront.

In addition, the Committee:

- ➔ Produced ten new property signs. The Trails Subcommittee installed these on Town properties to identify the properties, welcome visitors, and present a conservation message.
- ➔ Continued an effort to research how other recreation programs in other towns are developed, which included hosting a presentation by the superintendent for Dover Parks and Recreation on Dover's successful program.
- ➔ Established a task group to work with interested partners on building additional playing fields in Durham. After studying the issue and exploring sites the task group supported a proposal to develop two fields at the Durham gravel quarry on Packers Falls Road.
- ➔ Continued work on a web-based list of recreational/leisure opportunities (public and commercial) in the Durham area. When complete, this list will provide residents with a searchable directory of recreational activities.

- ➔ Began development of a Standard Use Policy for Parks and Recreation properties, facilities, and trails.

## Goals for 2007:

- ➔ Develop a new Strategic Plan for the Parks and Recreation Committee.
- ➔ Explore opportunities to implement parts of the Jackson's Landing Master Plan.
- ➔ Expand support to partner organizations as a way to increase recreational offerings to the public.

Long-term goals for the Committee include:

- ➔ Developing a more formal, sustainable Parks and Recreation program that will better serve residents.
- ➔ Increasing recreational and leisure activity opportunities for all Durham residents.
- ➔ Providing better access to, and more recreational opportunities for, Durham's water resources.

*Take a Hike!* - There are over 50 miles of trails open to the public in Durham. The Parks and Recreation Committee has developed trail maps for many of these properties. Printable trail maps and property listings can be found on the Town of Durham's website under Parks and Recreation. ■

## PUBLIC LIBRARY

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Luci Gardner, Chair**

2006 was an important year for the Durham Public Library in four respects:

**First**, Charlotte Arredondo of Rochester, New Hampshire, was hired as Children's Librarian.

**Second**, our Annual Appeal fund-raising at the end of 2005 and going into 2006 has enabled us to purchase the new circulation system we desperately needed without asking the Town for these funds.

**Third**, the Board has broken records with regard to fund-raising

events including: an evening with Joyce Maynard, a dinner with the Trustees, and a two-part sale of items from the estate of Margery Milne. The Friends of the Library also broke records with two notable book sales, as well as second read sales at the Library and satellite stations. The Friends continue to solicit cookie bakers and donations from the eating of cookies to provide funds for children's projects.

**Fourth**, the Board continued its focus on finding a new permanent site and home for the Library. We were invited to a workshop with the Council, and in preparation for the workshop we visited and studied twelve New Hampshire libraries of recent construction. The Board presented a lengthy booklet in which vision, space, and programmatic requirements for the new Library were analyzed. Every square foot of the projected

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12,500 square foot new building was laid out in a space planning guide. We provided various comparator statistics for the twelve libraries showing population, square footage, library visits, circulation, volumes per capita, as well as construction costs translated into 2007 dollars. The concluding page, entitled a "Preliminary Project Schedule", begins with the heading "Site Selection/Real Estate Transaction." While nothing can begin until we have a site, as of December 2006--having given the Council our first site choice of the Mill Plaza--we are waiting to see if the proposed redevelopment of that area will move ahead.

## LIBRARY DIRECTOR

### Thomas Madden

The Durham Public Library continued to grow and develop throughout this past year to meet the needs of its users, the people of Durham. The Library provides books, audiobooks, periodicals, DVDs, videos, electronic access, and databases to the community.

## 2006 Accomplishments:

➡ We focused this year on improving our collection and implementing greater public access to collection items. The Library Board of Trustees and the Friends of the Library have aided us in this effort by fund-raising through book and bake sales, and special programs for both the collection and importantly, for a new web-based circulation system that will allow our patrons to access our catalog from home.

*The Public Library staff, standing (l to r): Margo LaPerle; Tom Madden, Library Director; Nancy Miner. Seated (l-r): Nicole Moore; Charlotte Arredondo; Peggy Thrasher.*



tem that will allow our patrons to access our catalog from home. We thank them for their hard work and congratulate them on their success.

➡ Selection of a circulation system is an involved process and required the strong direction, organization, and coordination provided by librarian Peggy Thrasher, plus the selfless volunteerism of scores of Durham residents. During one weekend in June, over 80 volunteers scanned book barcodes as we inventoried our entire collection of nearly 32,000 items. The inventory was necessary to assure the accuracy of our records before transferring them to a new circulation system. The system selected is Surpass Safari, a web-based catalog that will allow patrons to search for materials, check their accounts from home, and reserve books online. The Library's website will make the catalog available, as well as online databases, links to hundreds of useful websites, and upcoming events and programs.

➡ In August we hired Charlotte Arredondo as the new Children's and Youth Services Librarian whose responsibilities include: selecting all books and materials for children and young adults, scheduling of programs, coordinating with the schools and other local libraries on programs and projects, and being a resource for children and their parents. Charlotte has been a welcome and capable addition to the staff.

➡ Charlotte's mission is to provide library services for infants through teenagers. To that end, the department plans to increase its already successful children's programming. Summer reading 2006 had 173 participants between the ages of 2 and 15 who spent over 100,000 minutes reading. We have had wonderful success with our story times: 20

children typically attend our themed story and craft time. We initiated a weekend craft program, beginning with a Halloween craft, and continuing with one for the winter holidays and we plan to add more programs for teens and pre-teens over the next year. In addition, we are reinvigorating the Young Adult section as we add new materials, including award-winning books, graphic novels, and teen movies.

➡ Margo LaPerle, who comes to us through the Senior Community Service Employment Program, a Federally-funded program that links seniors to community organizations

to the benefit of both, also joined the staff. Margo's role is broad and encompasses materials processing, interlibrary loan requests, and program marketing, among other duties. Her contribution to library operations is greatly appreciated.

- ➡ The Durham Public Library hosts a large number of programs each year, and 2006 was no exception. In addition to regular ongoing programs such as Chess Club, Seacoast Reads, children's story times, the Tales for Tales read to a dog program, and Bookeaters Book Group, we held programs such as: two New Hampshire Humanities Council grant-funded book discussion series, Nutritious Foods from Cultures Around the World with Gale Carey, Four Seasons in New England display by award-winning photographer Marijke Holtrop, The Isles of Shoals Through Time with Anne Beattie and Crime and Punishment on the Isles of Shoals with John Perrault, Geocaching with Dee Hebert, Another Side of WWII with author Julia Patten held at the Inn at Spruce Wood in cooperation with the libraries in Madbury and Lee, April in Portugal with former Library Trustee Doug Wheeler, Writing Your Own Column with Boston Globe columnist Don Murray, and Living on Mt. Washington with staff librarian Nicole Moore.

## Goals for 2007:

- ➡ We plan to continue to provide a stellar collection of books and materials to the community by raising funds through the Annual Appeal. We will evaluate our entire collection and create a collection plan to guide us in replacing or updating subject areas that are underrepresented or dated. Our goal is to meet the wide-ranging needs of the citizens of Durham for books and other materials.
- ➡ We will improve access to the collection through the new online circulation system, and will improve the ways in which we inform the public about library news and upcoming programs by linking our newsletter with an online calendar of events.
- ➡ Most importantly, we will continue in our efforts to locate and acquire a centrally located site on which to build a new library. Our terrific staff--Nancy Miner, Nicole Moore, Peggy, Charlotte, and Margo--do a fantastic job providing service within the space we presently occupy. A new facility will be of incalculable benefit to the Town and will allow staff to provide more services. We wish to create a library that will be the heart of the community and a democratic crossroads that will serve for generations. ■





# General Government

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## ASSESSOR

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**Robert Dix**

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.

Regular full revaluations and assessment updates are necessary to maintain property tax equity. Different property classes increase or decrease in value at different rates. If an assessment update or full revaluation has not occurred for several years, inequity in assessments may result. This is why we conducted a **full revaluation** in 2003.

Durham's previous **full revaluation** was in 1988 and last **assessment update** was in 1993. The revaluation has brought the level close to 100%. The tax rate ( \$/1000 ) is now \$27.28.

The total value of taxable property rose about 1.9% to \$811,321,558 while the tax rate rose about 4.2%. This illustrates the fact that rising assessments do not correlate with higher taxes. Higher spending raises taxes; assessments only distribute equitably the burden that taxes create to pay for Town services.

For information regarding our 2002 – 2006 valuation and tax history, including a breakdown of the Town, School District and County tax rates, please refer to the **Budget and Finance** section of this Town Report.

While I understand that we all are burdened by ever-increasing property taxes in New Hampshire, some tax relief may be avail-

able through the following courses of action: exemptions/tax credits for the blind, elderly, veterans, disabled and physically handicapped; exemptions for solar energy systems; tax deferrals for elderly and disabled; property tax hardship relief; Current Use assessments; and abatement requests. Please do not hesitate to contact the Assessor's Office at 868-8064/8065 for more information.

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## 2006 Accomplishments:

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- ➔ Received rudimentary land and building data from UNH and created tentative data records.
- ➔ Reviewed approximately 250 building permits and appropriate changes were made to the database.
- ➔ Added all who were eligible for credits and exemptions.
- ➔ Assessed \$266,054 in Current Use penalties that can be used by the Conservation Commission to preserve open space.

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## Goals for 2007:

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- ➔ Continue to verify the integrity of the data on property record cards.
- ➔ Analyze whether values need to be adjusted for 2007.
- ➔ Monitor sales activity to verify assessment level.

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- ➡ Continue to improve data on UNH property .
- ➡ Consider whether to adjust the veterans' credit.
- ➡ Consider whether to create a separate Board of Assessors.

For information and assistance regarding assessments, tax exemptions, tax credits, abatement appeals, Current Use, timber cutting, tax map and legal ownership information, you may contact the Assessing Office via telephone at 868-8064/8065, e-mail: [rdix@ci.durham.nh.us](mailto:rdix@ci.durham.nh.us) , or visit us at the Town Office located at 15 Newmarket Road. ■

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## CEMETERY COMMITTEE AND TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

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**Craig Seymour, Cemetery Committee Chair**

The Durham Cemetery recorded a total of 21 burials in 2006, including 8 casket internments and 13 cremation internments. In addition, there was a cremains burial in one of private cemeteries on Durham Point Road. This year, seven individual graves in four plots were sold.

There are a total of approximately 75 private cemeteries and tombs located throughout Durham, dating back as far as 1694 (one of the Adams sites on Durham Point Road). Many of these served the original family homesteads and were active up through the mid-1800's when the first municipal cemetery (on Schoolhouse Lane behind Town Hall) became the primary burial site for residents. Current property owners maintain several of these cemeteries – mowing the grass or trimming brush – while the Town tries to maintain the more isolated sites on a periodic basis. While several of these old cemeteries have small trust funds to help offset the costs of maintenance, many are considered “abandoned”. These historic old cemeteries are protected under state law, and cannot be disturbed without permission of the Town and, in some cases, the state.

The last full inventory of Durham's cemeteries and gravesites was done by Philip Wilcox back in 1978, with some updating done in 1989. It is time for the information to be updated, including perhaps accurately locating these sites using the Town's Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping system. Anyone seeking information on the Town's cemeteries or those wishing to volunteer to assist the Trustees is urged to contact Craig Seymour through the Town Offices or at [cemetery@ci.durham.nh.us](mailto:cemetery@ci.durham.nh.us).

**Bruce Bragdon, Trustees of the Trust Funds 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 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. At the end of December 2006, the trust funds totaled \$1,409,271.67. ■

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## PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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**James Campbell, Director**

This year marked my fifth year with the Town of Durham. Of note this year was the completion of the new Irving Station on Route 108. The project was approved in 2005 but construction was not complete until this year. The Planning Board worked hard to ensure a good project, and I believe its efforts paid off. The Cumberland Farms building still remains empty but we have had several inquiries into redeveloping

the site. Hopefully something will happen at this location in the coming year. The Board has also been working hard to follow through on the Master Plan 2000 and held several meetings reviewing chapters within the plan. In addition, the Planning Board handled many requests for design review of site plans, site plan approvals, subdivision approvals, and public hearing requests from the University of New Hampshire and Public Service of New Hampshire (please see Planning Board section for more details). The Planning Board held

three quarterly planning meetings this year with the fourth meeting being canceled due to the presenter being unable to make the meeting. This meeting was to be a presentation on stormwater and impervious area from the New Hampshire Estuaries Project and will be held in the first quarter of 2007. The Technical Review Committee was busy this year as well, and reviewed and approved five requests.

The Planning Board and Zoning Rewrite Committee continued their work on the remaining sections of the Zoning Ordinance amendments that were remanded back to them by the Town Council. They held special meetings and public hearings on the Non-Residential Zoning District provision, the Shoreland Protection Overlay District, the Wetland Conservation Overlay District, the Historic Overlay District, and the Personal Wireless Service Facilities Overlay District. All of these, except the Historic Overlay District (HOD), were passed by the Town Council. The Zoning Rewrite Committee and the Planning Board worked on the changes to the HOD, have held public hearings, and forwarded final changes to the Town Council. Hopefully, the Town Council will adopt the HOD in early 2007. The Zoning Rewrite Committee and the Planning Board also worked hard on changes to the Forestry/Timber Harvesting provisions in the ordinance. These have also been forwarded to the Town Council and will also hopefully be adopted in early 2007.

As in the past, there are many people I need to thank. The Zoning Rewrite Committee and the Planning Board, past and present, need to be thanked for their many hours of service to the Town of Durham. The Town has also benefited greatly from many of the committees, boards, and task forces, a very active citizenry, and a dedicated staff. The combined efforts of all these people only make the process more open, fair, and just plain better. Finally, I would like to thank Karen Edwards and Michelle Marino for keeping this office running so smoothly. We could not do what we do without them.

## 2006 Accomplishments:

- ➔ Completed the rewrite of the non-residential sections of amendments that were adopted by the Town Council.
- ➔ Completed the rewrite of the overlay districts that were ad-

opted by the Town Council (with the exception of the Historic Overlay District).

- ➔ Worked on programs outlined in the Master Plan 2000.
- ➔ Continued to seek grant money to offset the cost of projects on the Town and was awarded two grants for stormwater-related activities.
- ➔ Continued to work on and improve our Geographic Information System (GIS) capabilities with training, hardware, and software.
- ➔ Worked toward the development of the Durham Business Park and wrote a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the purchase and development of the property.
- ➔ Worked with the Economic Development Committee to follow through on its Action Plan for 2006.
- ➔ Strengthened the relationship and communication between the Durham community and the UNH community by attending meetings with UNH staff and committees.
- ➔ Held three quarterly planning meetings with the Planning Board.
- ➔ Stayed active with outside committees and organizations to ensure Durham's concerns are raised and made part of the process.

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*The Planning Department. Back Row (l-r): Robert Dix, Assessor; Thomas Johnson, Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer. Front Row (l-r): James Campbell, Director of Planning and Community Development; Karen Edwards, Administrative Assistant.*



# General Government

- ➔ Continued to give careful scrutiny to applications submitted to Planning Board.
- ➔ Began updating the Master Plan 2000.

## Goals for 2007:

- ➔ Continue to update and improve the Zoning Ordinance including, but not limited to excavation, parking, signage, and lighting provisions.
- ➔ Revise the Site Plan Regulations and Road Regulations.
- ➔ Create an implementation plan for the remainder of Master Plan 2000.
- ➔ Begin to update the Master Plan.
- ➔ Continue to seek ways to enhance public participation and education.

- ➔ Work on securing more grant money to offset cost to the Town of Durham.
- ➔ Continue holding one meeting a quarter for “planning” issues with no regular business on the Planning Board agenda.
- ➔ Continue work on developing a Geographic Information System (GIS) for the Town.
- ➔ Continue to serve the Town on several committees, including University Committees, whose work will have an effect on Durham so our concerns could be heard and taken into consideration.
- ➔ Work as a member of the Economic Development Committee to improve the climate for proper economic development within the Town and follow through on the Committee’s 2007 Action Plan, including the sale and redevelopment of the Durham Business Park and the creation of Tax Increment Finance districts. ■

# PLANNING BOARD

**Richard Kelley, Chair**

Once again, in 2006 much of the Planning Board’s time was directed to preparing revisions to the Zoning Ordinance to bring the ordinance into conformance with the Master Plan 2000. Members of the Planning Board also served on the Zoning Rewrite Committee, and it is in this capacity that the current ordinance is updated to reflect the goals of the Master Plan.

The Board addressed sections of the ordinance that were sent to the Town Council last year and were remanded back to the Board for clarification or revisions. The Board submitted amendments for the Council’s consideration and followed up with revised amendments.

The following sections of the Zoning Ordinance were sent to the Town Council this year:

- Amendments to address questions with prior amendments
- Non-Residential Zoning District Provisions
- Definitions
- Zoning Map
- Table of Uses
- Table of Dimensional Requirements
- Shoreland Protection Overlay District
- Wetland Conservation Overlay District
- Historic Overlay District
- Personal Wireless Service Facilities Overlay District

### Comparison of Number of Application Approvals 2004 - 2006

Application Type	2006	2005	2004
Subdivision	0	5	0
Site Review/Conditional Use	4	7	2
Boundary Line Adjustment/ Subdivision Modification/Voluntary Lot Merger	2	5	6
Site Plan Review by Technical Review Committee	5	2	6
Other*	10	3	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>

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

Of these sections, only the Historic Overlay District still remains to be approved by the Town Council. Hopefully, the approval will occur in early 2007. In addition, the Planning Board and Zoning Rewrite Committee spent considerable time on changes to sections of the ordinance dealing with forestry and timber harvesting. These changes were brought forward to the Town Council in 2006 and will possibly be adopted in early 2007.

I would like to thank Council Chair Neil Niman, Vice Chair Diana Carroll, and the other members of the Council for their recent efforts. The process of rewriting the Zoning Ordinance took approximately four to five years, and citizens and former members of the Planning Board completed much of this work. I would like to thank those individuals who contributed to this effort. Durham, as a community, is fortunate to have so many people who care enough about the place where they live that they offer so much of their time. In addition, my thanks and appreciation are extended to those citizens who came to the public hearings or sent letters conveying to the Planning Board their thoughts and suggestions on the proposed Zoning Ordinance. The ordinance is a living document and the Planning Board is proactively looking at ways to improve the ordinance and is working from a "hit list" of changes for the future. The Planning Board has also engaged a consultant to help amend the sign ordinance, parking ordinance, and regulations dealing with excavation.

The Planning Board would like to thank Jim Campbell, Director of Planning and Community Development, for all his hard work and dedication in his efforts during the Zoning Ordinance rewrite process and all of the regular work the Planning Board does. He is a pleasure to work with.

Throughout 2006, the Planning Board also held three quarterly planning meetings, with the fourth quarter meeting being canceled due to the speaker being unable to attend. The quarterly planning meetings are a chance for the Board to work on planning issues and not just applications that come before the Board.

In addition, the Planning Board had several site plan and subdivision applications to act on this year, and some of those applications will continue into 2007. Three elderly housing projects that require both site plan and subdivision approval were accepted by the Board in 2006, and will be continued into 2007. The Board also approved two site plan applications, two boundary line adjustments, and sent five applications to the Technical Review Committee for approval. As is the case in most years, the Board also saw applications for conceptual consultations and design reviews on future projects that may or may not become formal applications.

There were several public hearings for governmental uses that came before the Board for public hearings. They include: projects from the University of New Hampshire for the construction of new dorms, a child care facility, and a new housing office, as well as a request from Public Service of New Hampshire for cutting trees and brush on scenic roads. In addition, the University subdivided the Highland House property and has sold the house, along with three and one-half acres of land, to a private individual.

The redevelopment of the Smitty's Sunoco property into an Irving Station was completed in 2006. The Board worked very hard on this application to get the best possible project and is pleased with the end result. The new Courthouse District is really shaping up and I am confident that future development in our Town can be accomplished in a similar manner. Durham is a unique place, and by conveying our collective concerns to willing developers, development in our community can enhance our Town's character, improve our quality of life, and provide revenue enhancement.

It has been my pleasure to serve our community as Chairman of the Planning Board. My gratitude is extended to the Board members and alternates who have donated so much of their time. Their diverse talents offer considerable benefit to this Board and the Town of Durham, and for all their efforts and hard work I offer my appreciation and thanks. ▣

## SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

**Ann Shump, Chair**

### 2006 Accomplishments:

Most of 2006 has been spent being trained to use the new statewide voter checklist which finally went into effect late this spring. It has taken the supervisors some time to update

everything within the new system, called ElectionNet, and to feel comfortable using it. The State Primary in September and the November General Election gave us much practice and many headaches. During these two elections we discovered many incorrect addresses and party affiliation mistakes. We appreciate the patience of the voters while we continue to update the files.

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# General Government

Two new supervisors were elected in March. Judy Aiken had been appointed to fill the position of Ann Lemmon when she moved to Exeter in 2005 and was elected for a 6-year term. Roni Pekins was elected to fill a 4-year position to replace Kathy Sparr who was helping with a position left open by an illness. Both Judy and Roni have been invaluable in this process of learning the new system and keeping it up-to-date.

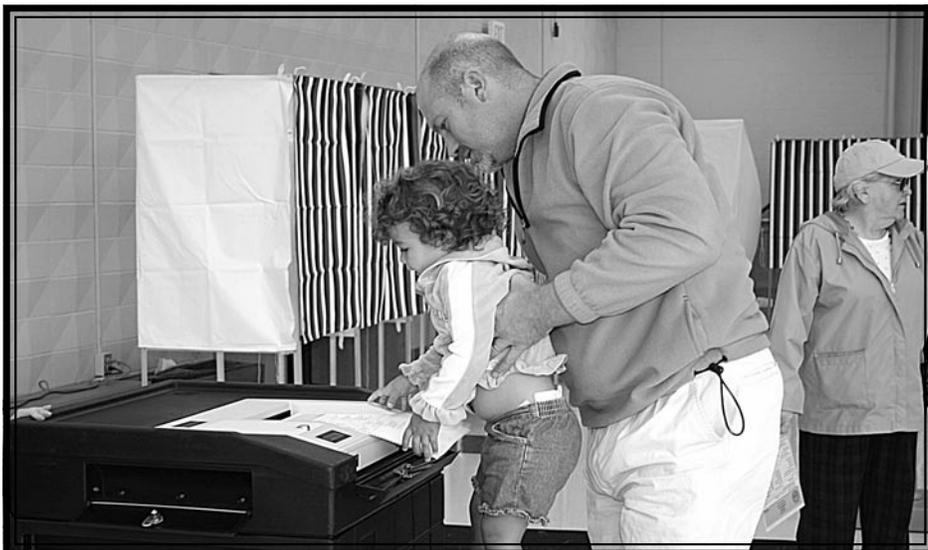
The supervisors accepted an invitation to register students at the Memorial Union Building (MUB) before the General Election. Approximately 100 students were registered over two different days. This made the actual election day much easier for us. Although we were busy registering new voters, we did not have any lines except for the last few hours of the election. On election day, approximately 360 new voters registered in

Durham. Many of these were students, but many were not. There are now slightly more than 7100 voters on the checklist

## Goals for 2007:

Our primary goal for 2007 will be to finish updating Election-Net, as well as our paper files by the time the Presidential Primary arrives, whenever that turns out to be. This may mean doing a mini-purge of the checklist in order to attempt to slightly shorten it. It is currently more than 500 pages long.

The only election scheduled for 2007 is the Town/school election on March 13 with the school deliberative session on February 6. ■



## TOWN CLERK - CERTIFIED TAX COLLECTOR

**Lorrie L. Pitt**

The Town Clerk-Tax Collector's Office continued training throughout the year. My staff and I attended workshops and classes to keep up with recent legislative changes and to keep abreast of new developments in order to serve our residents better.

Our internet automobile registration program, E-Reg, continues to grow with participation in 2005 of 354 registrations increasing to 537 registrations this past year. This program, along with our regular mail-in registration service, simplifies the renewal process for residents who find it difficult to come into the office in person. In 2006 we had hoped to be online with the state's Municipal Agent Automation Project (MAAP). This

*Top Photo: Durham resident Wesley Merritt receives assistance from his daughter, Charlotte, while casting his vote during the State Primary on September 12, 2006.*

*Bottom Photo: Town Clerk's Office (l-r): Lorrie Pitt, Town Clerk-Certified Tax Collector; Barbara Landgraf, Deputy Town Clerk-Tax Collector; Donna Hamel, Administrative Assistant.*



program would have expanded the vehicle registration services we currently offer, however, several issues have arisen and we have decided to delay entering the program at this time.

Help American Vote Act (HAVA) required development of improved standards regarding voting. This Federal Act required all states to address methods to improve access for individuals with disabilities and limited English language proficiency, methods to reduce voter error and fraud in voting, and the registration process to name a few. To that end, New Hampshire developed an electronic statewide voter checklist. The September election was the first test of the new checklist.

### Revenues Collected (Jan. 1 thru Dec. 31, 2006)

Auto Registrations (6477 cars registered)	\$868,939.85
Title Applications	2,320.00
Municipal Agent Fees	14,362.50
Marriage Licenses	1,440.00
Vitals Statistics Copies	2,008.00
U.C.C. Recordings/Discharges	1,080.75
Dog Licenses (834 dogs registered)	5,356.50
Miscellaneous	67.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$895,574.60</b>

With a few minor exceptions, all went well. All towns in the State of New Hampshire have been working hard over the past several years toward this goal. Town Clerks, Supervisors of the Checklist and state officials were all involved in its development and implementation. Residents may have noticed the Handicapped Accessible Voting Booth. This was another step toward compliance with HAVA. The Accessible Voting System (AVS) is designed to allow voters to cast their ballot without outside

assistance or with minimal outside assistance if they choose. It is a large wheelchair-accessible booth equipped with additional lighting, a telephone voting system, and fax machine. Instruction on how to use the booth is available to anyone who wishes to use it.

As in the past, we continue to distribute Red Cross equipment to residents in need (on a loan basis), participate in the sale of Durham holiday ornaments for the Durham Business Association, distribute the Durham afghan and assorted books for the Durham Historic Association, as well as other items and tickets throughout the year for various Town organizations.

### 2006 Accomplishments:

- ➔ Applied and was approved for a grant intended for maintaining, protecting and preserving vital records.
- ➔ Implemented new municipal software beginning with tax collection.
- ➔ Completed final year of the Tax Collector Certification Program.

### Goals for 2007:

- ➔ Complete final year of the Town Clerk Certification Program.
- ➔ Accept and implement plan for Vital Records Grant.
- ➔ Expand use of new municipal software.
- ➔ Continue staff development and training

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### Tax Lien Report

January 1, 2006 thru December 31, 2006

	2005	2004	2003
Balance Unredeemed Liens as of 01/01/06	\$ 0.00	\$ 45,439.35	\$11,862.28
Tax Liens Executed During Year	155,598.28	0.00	0.00
Interest & Costs After Lien	1,765.37	5,765.77	2,997.60
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$ 157,363.65</b>	<b>\$ 51,205.12</b>	<b>\$14,859.88</b>
Remitted to Treasurer:			
Tax Lien Redemptions	\$ 49,365.84	\$ 33,567.56	\$11,797.28
Interest & Costs After Lien	1,351.37	5,961.77	3,062.60
Abatements Made During Year	0.00	0.00	0.00
Liens Deeded to Town	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unredeemed Liens as of 12/31/06	106,646.44	11,675.79	0.00
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$ 157,363.65</b>	<b>\$51,205.12</b>	<b>\$14,859.88</b>

# General Government

Lorrie L. Pitt, Certified Tax Collector		January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006			
		2006	2005	2004	2003
<b>Uncollected Taxes as of 01/01/06</b>					
Property Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$1,368,985.70	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
Utilities	0.00	82,804.78	0.00	0.00	
<b>Taxes Committed to Collector</b>					
Property Taxes	\$22,029,732.00	7,564.00	0.00	0.00	
Yield Taxes	9,984.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Land Use Change Taxes	25,480.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Utilities	888,794.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Other Charges		645.50			
<b>Overpayments Made During Year</b>					
Property Taxes	44,770.08	15,932.54	1,184.09	1,110.14	
Utilities	8,542.10	213.96	155.45	0.00	
Interest	0.00	20.33	93.34	153.47	
Interest Collected	3,211.97	53,104.00	0.00	0.00	
Costs Before Lien	0.00	592.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$ 23,010,514.84</b>	<b>\$1,529,862.81</b>	<b>\$ 1,432.88</b>	<b>\$ 1,263.61</b>	
<b>Remitted to Treasurer</b>					
Property Taxes	\$ 20,542,658.53	\$1,241,121.20	\$ 1,184.09	\$ 1,110.14	
Yield Taxes	5,366.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Land Use Change	25,480.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Utilities	723,060.08	80,109.34	0.00	0.00	
Interest Collected	3,211.97	41,981.99	93.34	153.47	
Conversion to Lien	0.00	155,598.28	0.00	0.00	
Other Charges	0.00	645.50	0.00	0.00	
<b>Abatements Made During Year</b>					
Property Taxes	100.46	10,203.00	0.00	0.00	
Utilities	69,910.28	203.50	155.45	0.00	
<b>Uncollected Taxes as of 12/31/06</b>					
Property Taxes	1,531,743.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Yield Taxes	4,618.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Utilities	104,366.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$ 23,010,514.84</b>	<b>\$1,529,862.81</b>	<b>\$ 1,432.88</b>	<b>\$ 1,263.61</b>	

## TREE WARDEN

### Michael Lynch

In 2006, twenty-three dead or decaying trees were removed from Town properties or the Town's right-of-way. The Town was honored with its 28th 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.

The Town celebrated Arbor Day this year on July 11, 2006, with members of the Conservation Commission, Parks and Recreation Committee, and Brownie Troop #2458. The celebration

included planting one Colorado Blue Spruce tree and twenty-five White Spruce saplings. The trees were planted at Jackson's Landing Recreational Area.

The Town and its residents suffered severe tree damage this past May when the Town received thirteen inches of rain. Numerous trees were uprooted from the saturated ground. ■

## WELFARE DIRECTOR

### Gail Jablonski

New Hampshire RSA 165 requires that each city and town in the State of New Hampshire 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 toward all those seeking assistance. We work with everyone who applies, whether the applications are approved or denied, to assist them in becoming self-sufficient.

During 2006, the Business Office received and processed nine new applications for public assistance. Of these requests, six were approved as qualifying for assistance with one individual

only requiring a referral to the Cross Roads House. Three individuals did not return for their follow up appointments with the additional information requested and their cases were closed. Over the past year we also had numerous people contact our office for information concerning assistance but never submit a formal application for assistance. As we move into 2007, there are two active cases of public assistance open.

During 2006, a total of \$11,607 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 New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services Office in Rochester, and with the New Hampshire Local Welfare Administrators Association for advice and guidance on more difficult cases.

Overall, with the economic conditions we faced in 2006, the need for general assistance in Durham 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](http://ci.durham.nh.us/departments/business_office/assistance.html) ■

*Fire Chief Peter O'Leary (left) and Town Administrator Todd Selig at Packers Falls Bridge during the May flood event. PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID EMANUEL*

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

### Jay B. Gooze, Chair

The Durham Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) currently consists of five regular members and two alternate members appointed by the Town Council. Board members serve for three-year terms. The regular members are: Jay Gooze, Chair; John deCampi, Vice-Chair; Myleta



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Eng, Secretary; Ted McNitt, and Linn Bogle. The alternate members are Michael Sievert and Ruth Davis. The Board is aided greatly by our minute-taker, Victoria Parmele.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial panel empowered to interpret the Durham Zoning Ordinance when necessary and to provide relief to citizens from the Zoning Ordinance when a property is unique and strict interpretation of the Zoning Ordinance would incur a hardship for the applicant. It is the Board's charge to interpret the Zoning Ordinance in a manner that is consistent with the spirit and intent of the ordinance and to maintain the public and private interests of the citizens of Durham. Providing reasons for decisions that can be validated by the judicial system has been a priority of this Board. The most difficult decisions that have come before the Board this past year involve occupancy limits, shoreline protection, and wetland infringements.

This Board takes its charge seriously and I commend the members for their thoughtfulness. While not all members do not agree on every issue, the discussions remain courteous and civil.

During 2006 the Zoning Board of Adjustment met fourteen times. There were forty-seven applications before the Board.

➔ **Variations:** There were thirty-eight requests for variances. Twenty-nine requests were approved, six requests were denied, and three requests were withdrawn.

➔ **Motion for Rehearing:** There were seven requests filed for motions of rehearing. Four requests were denied a rehearing. Three requests were granted a rehearing; of those three, all applications were overturned upon rehearing.

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

➔ **Appeal of an Administrative Decision:** There were two appeals of administrative decisions. One appeal was denied and one appeal is still pending.

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

## 2006 Zoning Board of Adjustment Breakdown of Hearings

Variance	38
Special Exception	0
Administrative Appeal	2
Equitable Waiver	0
Re-Hearing Request	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>

## ZONING, CODE ENFORCEMENT, AND HEALTH OFFICER

### Thomas Johnson

The Building Code Enforcement, Zoning, and Health Offices had another busy year. There were slightly more permits issued than the previous year generating additional inspections and time out of the office. However, the total amount of fees collected in 2006 was less than the previous year because there were no large projects, such as the Holiday Inn Express, in 2006. Our three residential construction subdivisions are still active at Fitts Farm, Allen Farm, and Sprucewoods but sales have dropped off due to the soft market. We still see an active market in home improvements and have also completed other new single-lot homes around Town and many alterations and renovations to properties this year.

The Zoning Administrator continues to enforce the Zoning Ordinance along with the continuing proposed posted changes that are still ongoing during the zoning rewrite process. The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) had 47 cases in 2006 down from 78 in 2005. These declining numbers have been due to the further completion of the revisions to the Zoning Ordinance by the Planning Board and Town Council. However, the cases can be difficult and in some cases controversial, generating a lot of debate and participation. The ZBA still continues to meet every month, sometimes twice. The cases are reviewed and dealt with accordingly, and some very difficult decisions are being made.

The Health Department had another active season with West Nile Virus and the EEE threat this year. With the activity in

past years, more Seacoast towns were doing prevention and monitoring programs and this increased awareness and media coverage. Durham had to respond to the statewide positive cases and media coverage and activate the Town's Special Permit for a second year by treating limited areas in response to the EEE outbreaks. Avian Flu has also been a Health Officer concern this year with our participation in statewide and regional drills and training. A lot of regional training and planning went into our involvement with the Southern Strafford County Health Coalition in the establishment of a regional point of distribution for an all-hazards site to be located at the Whittemore Center.

New Hampshire Building Officials Association, and the Seacoast Electrical Inspectors educational programs, meeting and code development. Durham's Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) is one of three in New Hampshire serving on the Northeast Region (7 states) Coalition Board of Directors for the International Code Council.

- ➔ Continued successful cooperation with neighborhood groups in our enforcement efforts to provide "neighborhood conservation" with enforcement of occupancy limitations.

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## 2006 Accomplishments:

- ➔ Continued correspondence and cooperation with the Rental Housing Commission, our local realtors, and the Durham Landlords Association has seen a drop in property transfers resulting in student rental problems. The occasional property does still become a problem and is being dealt with accordingly. However, occupancy-type complaints have gone from 42 in 2004 to 14 in 2005 and to 9 in 2006.
- ➔ Continued participation in The International Code Council, the

### Breakdown Of Building Permits

	2006	2005	2004
New Single Family House	8	14	17
New Multi-Family Units	4	13	14
Additions, Renovations	170	181	176
Commercial (New & Renovations)	17	13	25
Demolition	10	8	8
Hold/Renewals	15	10	10
Swimming Pools	4	4	2
<b>Other Permits</b>			
Signs	28	25	22
Sidewalk Cafes	5	5	5
<b>Totals all Permits</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>279</b>
<i>Average Value for New Homes 2006: \$257,634</i>			

### Construction Permits Processed

	2006	2005	2004
Building Permits	227	241	250
Building Permits Denied	42	35	36
Building Permits Withdrawn	1	2	4
Demolition Permits	10	8	8
Building Permits On Hold	0	1	0
Septic Permits/Test Pits	18	21	25
Electric Permits	187	194	186
Plumbing/Mechanical Permits	185	160	145
<b>Total Permits</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>666</b>
<b>Value of Building Permits Given</b>	<b>\$8,296,965</b>	<b>\$10,969,818</b>	<b>\$12,638,895</b>
<b>Fees Collected for all Permits</b>	<b>\$41,500</b>	<b>\$69,859*</b>	<b>\$47,803</b>

\*Includes fee for the Hotel New Hampshire

# General Government

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- ➔ Participated in the Southern Strafford Community Health Coalition for regional planning and mutual aid preparedness.
- ➔ Served as Durham's Health Officer on the Southern Strafford County Health Coalition's Board of Directors.
- ➔ Served as Durham's representative on the Governor's Commission on Disability's Architectural Barrier-Free Design Committee ■

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*Many homes in Durham and surrounding communities were damaged during the May flooding.* PHOTO COURTESY OF RICHARD LORD



# Public Works

## DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

**Michael Lynch**

As I begin my 30th year with the Public Works Department, I reflect on how the Town and the Public Works Department have changed. Today, everything the department does is electronically grafted, calculated, analyzed, plotted, charted, and summarized. In an effort to not lose touch with our residents' needs and concerns, we still try to draw on practices that we did thirty years ago, including: continuing to have staff answer the telephone and not relying on voicemail, meeting with residents at their properties, shaking their hands, and assisting them in any way we can, and continuing to provide dog treats to residents' dogs when they visit the Town dump (now referred to as the Transfer Station and Recycling Center). In addition, the department continues to inspect every road by walking it, not just relying on a computer-generated report. Lastly, the department still continues to do all its snow plowing in-house with only Town employees, making it one of only a few remaining Public Works departments to do so.

The Roadway Resurfacing Program was the top priority this year, and I am proud to report that Laurel Lane, Kelsey Drive, Chesley Drive, Meader Lane, Park Court, Tall Pines Road, Faculty Road, Adams Circle, Rocky

Lane, Fairchild Drive, Stagecoach Road, Thompson Lane, and Ross Road were all successfully resurfaced this past summer. I am thankful that the Town continues to support our road 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.

The department also completed the modifications to the Packers Falls Bridge guardrail system. The remediation and revitalization of the former Craig Supply property, now known as the Depot Road Lot, continues with the completion of the 169-vehicle parking lot.

Other accomplishments in 2006 included the addition of the

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*Public Works Department Admin. Staff (l-r): Janice Høglund, Admin Assistant; Douglas Bullen, Asst. Dir. of Operations; David Cedarholm, Town Engineer; and Michael Lynch, Director of Public Works.*

# Public Works

new war memorial monuments at Memorial Park and the purchase of a new ¾-ton pickup truck for the Operations Division and a new 1-ton dump truck for the Buildings and Grounds Division. The department continues to utilize the new Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system within the Water and Wastewater Divisions. This system allows public works officials to monitor the water distribution system and wastewater treatment and collection system from the Public Works Facility and even on the operator's home computer. Two large projects were completed in the Wastewater Division this past year: the Wastewater Treatment Plant south clarifier which has been operational since May and the rehabilitation of the Burnham Avenue sewer line which was completed in November.

In the spring, we said good-bye to our Office Manager Shari Plitkins who left to have a baby. At the same time, we were very excited to welcome Janice Hogleund to our public works team as the new Office Manager.

## Goals for 2007:

- ➔ Complete sidewalk renovations on Pettee Brook Lane/Main Street.

- ➔ Accomplish roadway reclamation/resurfacing of Durham Point Road.
- ➔ Complete engineering and start repairs of the Wiswall dam.
- ➔ Replace the Madbury Road water line.
- ➔ Complete new water and wastewater ordinances.
- ➔ Investigate and complete repairs to the west end sewer line.
- ➔ Purchase a new 35,000 pound dump truck for the Operations Division.
- ➔ Purchase a new Jet/Vacuum cleaning truck for the Wastewater Division.
- ➔ Complete the Main Street rehabilitation project.

In closing, I would like to once again say what a pleasure it was and is to serve the residents of Durham in 2006, and we look forward to continuing to make Durham a very special place to live and work in 2007. ■

## OPERATIONS DIVISION

**Douglas Bullen**, Assistant Director of Operations

The spring of 2006 had a major impact on the Operations Division. Heavy rains and flooding curtailed many aspects

of our daily operations as we responded to the major damage caused by the storm. The Division, as well as other departments in Public Works, endured long hours to repair damage and help residents with the issues that arose both during and after the storm. With all the time that was lost, the Division was still able to have a very productive year and continued to provide the services that residents have come to expect. In addition to the May floods, Town crews responded to an additional 15 weather-related events including snow, ice, and high wind storms that kept all departments very busy. We encourage any comments or concerns that will enable us to better serve the public needs.



*Operations Division. Standing (l-r): Raymond Larocche, Jr; Burton Austin; Glen Clark; Brian Beers; Stephen Valpey and David Seeley. Front Row (l-r): Mark Wheat and Dwight Richard.*

## 2006 Accomplishments:

- ➔ Removed nine old light poles and installed new decorative poles in the Pettee Brook and Main Street area. This is part of the overall update of the lighting in the downtown area. The new poles were placed on the back side of side walks to make them less prone to vehicle damage.
- ➔ Achieved a successful road program. Continental Paving of Londonderry, New Hampshire was the low bidder for the third straight year. One mile of roadway was reclaimed which involved grinding the roadway, grading the material, and placing three inches of new asphalt. In addition to the reclaimed roads, another 3.5 miles of roadways were shimmed and paved. Prior to the road work, drainage issues were addressed and after paving was completed, shoulder gravel was installed to ease road transitions.
- ➔ Completed the Packers Falls Bridge rail replacement project. This operation went very well and the job was completed on time with beautiful results.
- ➔ Assisted the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) bridge division with the emergency installation of a Bailey Bridge across the Lamprey River at the Wiswall dam. This operation was of major importance due to the damage sustained during the May floods.
- ➔ Finished the final phase of the Depot Road parking lot. This included final paving, striping, and fence installation. General landscaping and lighting were also completed.
- ➔ Completed the annual Spring Clean Up during the first two weeks of May. All public works departments assisted in this operation which collected over 130 tons of bulky, construction, and metal waste. These materials are picked up curbside, transported, and then sent to various disposal and recycling facilities.
- ➔ Completed Fall Clean Up one week later than the previous year to allow residents more time for leaves to be collected. In two weeks, public works crews collected over 8 tons of leaves and 15 tons of brush. Almost one hundred percent of Durham residents are using paper bags which is creating efficiency in the process and benefiting the environment.
- ➔ Completed the annual roadway crack filling program. Nicom Coatings of Barre, Vermont was the low bidder. Over 17,000 pounds of material was used to fill various roadways.
- ➔ Completed the painting of all walkways, symbols, and crosswalks. This was accomplished by Town staff. Center and edge line road markings were completed by L&D Safety Markings of Barre, Vermont who also completed various thermoplastic markings in the downtown area.
- ➔ Cleaned 175 storm drains and reconstructed 30 storm drains as part of a three-year program. This program is part of our federal Stormwater Management Program and will continue as part of the mandates set forth by the federal government.
- ➔ Screened over 3500 cubic yards of bank run gravel from the Town-owned gravel pit on Packers Falls Road to be used for winter sand. This material is transported then combined with salt and stored for later use.
- ➔ Contracted with F.A. Grey of Portsmouth, New Hampshire to complete various painting at both the Durham District Court and Town Hall.
- ➔ Performed general winter and summer maintenance on all Town properties and facilities.
- ➔ Serviced Town vehicle fleets including police, public works, and both solid waste and wastewater vehicles.
- ➔ Purchased new half-ton and one-ton trucks through the NHDOT purchasing program.
- ➔ Assisted the Durham-Great Bay Rotary Club in coordinating the sensational Durham Fourth of July fireworks celebration. ■

*View of Route 108 (Newmarket Road) facing north toward Durham during the May 2006 flooding. PHOTO BY RICHARD LORD*



## SOLID WASTE DIVISION

**Douglas Bullen**, Assistant Director of Operations

Swap Shop fever is sweeping the Town of Durham. The newest social "hot spot" has seen much of activity in 2006 as many residents have taken advantage of the ability to drop off and pick up items for reuse. The Swap Shop is a vital component of our operation as we want to make the overall experience for any resident visiting the transfer station and recycle center an enjoyable one. I feel that our biggest asset is our employees who do a great job in an environment that can be difficult at times and always strive to get the job done. 2007 will bring new challenges as we continue to explore better ways to meet our solid waste and recycling needs.

### 2006 Accomplishments:

- ➔ 2006 saw another increase in vehicle visits to the facility. Over 29,000 visits were logged in as residents came by to drop off material or visit the Swap Shop. Some of the increase can be attributed to the flooding in May when the facility was open to accept water-damaged material. This took place over a two week period when residents were allowed free access.
- ➔ Spring Clean Up also saw some changes this year when commercial landowners were given four days to bring their material to the facility. This option was a great success as it reduced the pick up time by Department of Public Works personnel and made the handling of material less intrusive. The landlords did an excellent job of segregating the material coming in which in turn reduced disposal costs.

Other accomplishments in 2006 include:

- ➔ Continued to market all recyclable materials and explored new options for both disposal and recycling of items that are collected.
- ➔ Completed yearly collection schedule flyer and general informational newsletter.
- ➔ Assisted with the annual Spring and Fall Clean Up programs.
- ➔ Conducted the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. This year, over 360 gallons of material were taken in and disposed. Clean Harbors of Braintree, Massachusetts was the disposal company. In addition, Bonnie McDermott was awarded her New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) certification as a Hazardous Waste Coordinator.

- ➔ Worked with Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee (IWMAC) on various projects for 2006. The division also worked with IWMAC to review all operations and collection alternatives and explore new options for the collection of materials that are generated by residents.
- ➔ Purchased four new roll off containers to replace old and worn equipment.
- ➔ Conducted yearly training to meet NHDES certification requirements for all Solid Waste personnel. ▣

### 2006 Solid Waste Division Data

TONS OF MATERIAL MARKETED	2006	2005	2004
<b>Recyclable Material:</b>			
Mixed Paper	511	529	543
Cardboard	132	122	129
Scrap Metal	135	98	123
Car Batteries	2	3	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>799</b>
<i>Recycling Revenue</i>	<i>\$46,865</i>	<i>\$39,996</i>	<i>\$49,272</i>
<i>Tip Fee Avoidance</i>	<i>\$62,815</i>	<i>\$42,887</i>	<i>\$45,567</i>
<b>Other Material Recycled:</b>			
Commingled Containers	258	293	280
Textiles	n/a	n/a	n/a
Car Tires	16	8	7
Waste Oil-gallons	710	771	803
Antifreeze-gallons	0	173	110
Leaves	18	15	12
Electronics	17	11	11
Propane Tanks-each	287	0	273
<b>Materials Disposed:</b>			
Curbside Collection	1,780	1,581	1,490
<b>Refuse Total</b>	<b>1,780</b>	<b>1,581</b>	<b>1,490</b>
Bulky Waste	273	280	412
Construction and Demolition	268	173	181
<b>SWMF Permits Issued</b>	<b>1076</b>	<b>1100</b>	<b>958</b>
<b>Electronic Stickers Sold</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>558</b>

## TOWN ENGINEER

**David Cedarholm P.E.**

The Engineering Division accomplished a great deal in 2006 on a wide variety of projects involving the Town's water supply, stormwater, and wastewater systems, dams and bridges, road and parking lot improvements, infrastructure mapping, and more. Along with managing the multitude of projects, the Engineering Division worked closely with Town and University of New Hampshire (UNH) staff by conducting site plan reviews for the Planning Department, as well as participating in the Technical Review Committee and Economic Development Committee meetings, updating the Capital Improvements Plan, providing technical advice to the Wastewater Division, reviewing water and wastewater system connection permits and driveway permits, and regularly reporting to the Town Council on the water and wastewater systems and other related technical issues.

### 2006 Accomplishments:

- ➔ Completed the design and construction of the Burnham Avenue sewer improvements.
- ➔ Replaced the secondary clarifier and completed miscellaneous upgrades at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- ➔ Installed new railings on the Packers Falls bridge.
- ➔ Completed construction of the Depot Road parking lot, including the remedial geomembrane cover.
- ➔ Evaluated and designed repairs to the Wiswall dam.
- ➔ Conducted a sewer system investigation in conjunction with UNH Facilities.
- ➔ Evaluated the Dover Road Wastewater Pumping Station.

## WASTEWATER DIVISION

**Duane Walker, Superintendent**

### 2006 Accomplishments:

- ➔ Removed the existing underground fuel storage tank and replaced it with a 1000 gallon vaulted above ground unit.

- ➔ Completed stormwater outfall mapping.
- ➔ Developed plans for water main replacement on Madbury Road.
- ➔ Coordinated installing a temporary Bailey Bridge over the old Wiswall Road bridge.
- ➔ Completed the Main Street Enhancements Project design.
- ➔ Investigated alternative WWTP sludge disposal options.
- ➔ Evaluated the Wiswall reservoir water supply.
- ➔ Continued development of the Town's Geographic Information System (GIS) and infrastructure mapping.

It was a pleasure running into many Durham residents while attending meetings as the Town's representative on a number of committees and boards.

2007 should also prove to be a busy year with construction projects moving forward to repair the Wiswall dam, replacement of a section of water main on Madbury Road, replacement of the WWTP sludge dewatering building roof, and at least one sewer improvement project. Along with continuing the Town-wide sewer investigation, we will be starting the engineering design of the Dover Road Sewage Pump Station upgrade, and will soon kick off the design of a new Wiswall Road bridge. A program we are excited about initiating is Project Storm Drain in which residents can actively take part in monitoring the Town's stormwater runoff through online reporting on the Town's website.

Providing technical advice to residents on all sorts of issues such as drainage, property boundaries, leaky basements, water conservation, hydrology and environmental concerns, just to mention a few, is a regular service of this office. We look forward to hearing from more of you. Please feel free to call the Public Works Department anytime at 868-5578. ■

- ➔ Installed a new set of collector chains and wear shoes in the #4 primary sedimentation tank.
- ➔ Installed new main breaker in the Dover Road Pumping Station.
- ➔ Installed a new dimminutor (in-flow grinder) in the Dover Road Pumping Station.
- ➔ Installed a new heat exchanger on the Plant water system

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when the original unit failed. This work was done under warranty.

- ➔ Cleaned 56,713 feet of sewer mains as part of our annual sewer cleaning program.
- ➔ The Wastewater Treatment Plant is now in full operation with the replacement of the south final clarifier and the completion of the last of the upgrade work. The staff can now get on with the business of operating the Plant without the disruptions and distractions associated with all the construction work. ■

## WASTEWATER STATISTICS

Permit Parameters	Avg. 2006 Total	Avg 2005 Total	Avt 2004 Total
Avg Flow MGD	1.06	1.16	0.95
Effluent TSS (MG/L)	6.8	7.9	8
Avg.% TSS Removal min.85%	97.8	96.6	95.6
Effluent BOD (MG/L)	7	6.3	6.5
Avg.% BOD Removal min. 85%	97.3	96.8	95.2
<b>Total Flow (MG)</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>420.6</b>	<b>338.6</b>
Septage Received (Gal.)	22,750	13,500	52,000

*MGD..... Million Gallons per Day*                      *MG/L..... Milligrams per Litre*  
*TSS..... Total Suspended Solids*                      *MG ..... Million Gallons*  
*BOD..... Biochemical Oxygen Demand*                      *Gal ..... Gallons*

## WATER DIVISION

**Douglas Bullen**, Assistant Director of Operations

### 2006 Accomplishments:

- ➔ Performed extensive pipe replacement at the Lee well. This replacement was needed due to a calcite build up on the first 50 feet of distribution line coming from the well. The affected pipe and well head pipe were removed and replaced. The well pump was also serviced in conjunction with the replacement.
- ➔ Replaced 50 older water meters that were starting to malfunction. This is part of a two year plan to update all the remaining meters that were installed 25 years ago. There are 210 meters that are going to be replaced.
- ➔ Interacted daily with the University of New Hampshire (UNH) Water Department and Water Treatment Plant to produce potable water to the Durham/University of New Hampshire 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 (EPA) and the State of New Hampshire.
- ➔ Conducted regularly scheduled testing for bacteria, lead, and copper as required by the EPA and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES).
- ➔ Completed fall and spring main line flushing and gate valve inspections. These operations were done with the cooperation of the UNH Water Department.
- ➔ Conducted residential and commercial water meter readings. These readings are taken twice a year.
- ➔ Performed regular inspections of all Town water facilities. They include the water tanks at Beech Hill and Foss Farm and various booster stations.
- ➔ Monitored the daily water production at the Lee well and its introduction into the distribution system.
- ➔ Performed winter maintenance on the water system. This included winter markings and hydrant antifreeze.
- ➔ Repaired 9 water main breaks.
- ➔ Repaired 2 service breaks.
- ➔ Inspected 6 new water installations.
- ➔ Responded to citizen and contractor concerns and requests. ■



# Public Safety

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Peter O'Leary, Fire Chief**

As my first year as your fire chief in Durham comes to a close, I want to provide you with a sense of where we started and where we are going in 2007. Since my arrival in January, I have met with an incredible staff of dedicated individuals who make up the Durham Fire Department team. I am impressed with the vast skills and knowledge that collectively make up the Durham Fire Department. I am grateful for the smooth transition I encountered coming to Durham, and thank retired Assistant Chief Mike Blake for his wisdom and guidance through the process.

I look forward to 2007 with great hopes that we will continue to provide the citizens of Durham and the University of New Hampshire (UNH) community the best fire, EMS, rescue, and fire prevention services possible.

### 2006 Accomplishments:

- ➔ Provided National Incident Management System (NIMS) training to Town staff to enhance their awareness in dealing with major emergencies. This training, taught by Durham firefighter and New Hampshire Fire Academy instructor David Emanuel, not only satisfied a government mandate but gave staff a better idea of what their roles and responsibilities are in emergencies.
- ➔ Provided the public with materials on fire safety during

the first annual Fire Prevention Week Open House. Vehicle extrication and fire extinguisher demonstrations were given periodically throughout the day.

- ➔ Continued to supply valuable knowledge to the Durham community by providing child safety seat installations at the Fire Department to new parents and grandparents who want to ensure their vehicles are safe for children who ride with them. The department also offered child safety seats free of charge to families in need.
- ➔ Provided public education and fire extinguisher training and demonstrations to Town employees, UNH staff and

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*Fire Department Administrative Staff (l to r): Brendan Sullivan, Fire Inspector; Richard Miller, Interim Assistant Fire Chief; Peter O'Leary, Fire Chief; Melissa Perusse, Administrative Assistant.*

students, and Oyster River High School staff and students. In addition, public education training was provided to the UNH Greek community during its "Greek Fire Academy" program which helps to promote fire prevention.

- ➔ Increased the presence of Durham fire inspectors in the community at night by inspecting nighttime establishments in the downtown, and assemblies on and around the UNH campus. The goal of this program is to ensure life safety compliance throughout the year.
- ➔ Received a Yamaha "Law-Loaner" grant that allows the Fire Department use of a personal watercraft in order to train and provide safe water rescues. Firefighter Henny completed the course on water rescue training and trained all Fire Department personnel on water rescue safety.

## Goals for 2007:

- ➔ Continue to promote fire safety education throughout the Town and develop strategies to ensure education leads to an overall reduction in fire loss.
- ➔ Implement a company fire inspection program to assist the fire prevention staff with annual life safety inspections.
- ➔ Provide in-house National Incident Management System (NIMS) training to all Fire Department members as mandated by the Federal government.
- ➔ Continue to upgrade the department's website in order to share vital information with the public.

In closing, I would like to thank the Durham community for its continued support of the Durham Fire Department. As we embark on 2007, we look forward to serving the community by providing the very best fire and rescue services possible. ■

### Fire Department Incidents 2006:

	UNH	Town
Structure Fires	2	11
Other Fires (vehicle, brush, refuse)	10	21
Emergency Medical	346	399
Extrications	49	67
Spills/Leaks (no ignition)	21	15
Service Calls	208	402
Smoke Investigations	7	16
Malicious False Alarms	8	16
Unintentional False Alarms	90	81
Good Intent Calls	16	24
System Malfunction	8	17
False Calls Unclassified	16	19
Miscellaneous (assist police, arcing electrical equipment)	52	35
<b>Totals</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>1123</b>
<b>Combined Town and University Total</b>		<b>1956</b>

*29 Incidents were mutual aid to surrounding communities.*

## FIRE WARDEN

**Peter O'Leary, Fire Chief**

Again this year, the Durham community suffered very little during a very active brush fire season throughout the Seacoast. The Durham Fire Department is very active in the issuance of burn permits throughout the year. Each person who comes to the Fire Department for a permit is given detailed instructions by our personnel as to what they can and cannot do when burning brush on their property. This proactive and detailed approach has worked well to keep the number of brush fires to a minimum in Durham.

The State of New Hampshire Fire Warden's office provided annual training to our personnel to insure we are equipped with the latest information regarding issuance of outdoor fire permits. The Durham Fire Department continues to work closely with the state to assist them in carrying out their mission.

Durham Fire Department personnel issue permits for all outside fires. If you plan on burning, check with the Fire Department first and obtain a permit. Penalties for non-compliance can be severe. Our goal is to protect life and property by regulating outside fires. Together, we can prevent forest fires. Call the Durham Fire Department, 862-1426, before you burn. ■

# MCGREGOR MEMORIAL EMS

(formerly Durham Ambulance Corps)

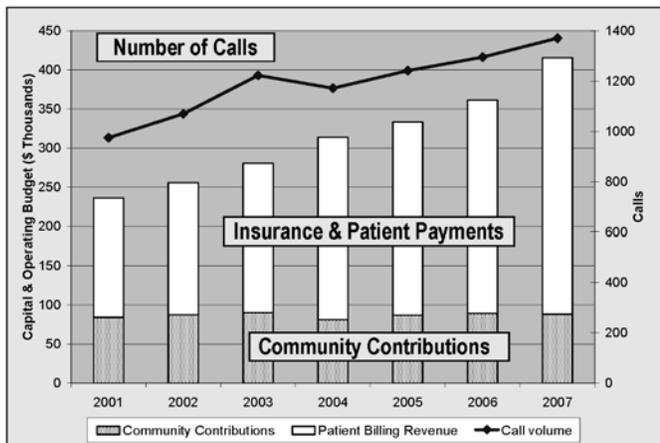
*"Committed to Compassionate Excellence"*

McGregor Memorial EMS is a volunteer, non-profit organization providing emergency medical services to the communities of Durham, Lee, Madbury, and UNH. Our volunteers include residents of Durham, Lee and Madbury, and students at UNH. Founded nearly four decades ago in memory of Dr. George G. McGregor, we recently celebrated our 38th anniversary of providing emergency services to the community. McGregor maintains a 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 our organization. To learn more about McGregor, visit our website at [www.mcgregorems.org](http://www.mcgregorems.org).

**Statistics.** In 2006, McGregor responded to 860 calls in Durham and on the UNH campus, a 4% increase from 2005. In addition to the calls in Durham, we responded to 247 calls in Lee, 71 calls in Madbury, and 79 calls to other communities. For 2007, we are projecting over 1330 calls total, a 6% increase.

Call Volume Trends						
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Annual Calls	974	1069	1222	1171	1245	1257
% Increase	4%	10%	14%	-4%	6%	1%

## Community Budget Contributions Versus Total Budget & Call Volume



- One percent decrease in money requested from the towns (i.e. community contributions).
- Despite an increase of 1% in call volume

## CPR and First Aid Training

We are proud to be the largest provider of CPR training to the communities we serve.

**Community CPR Heroes**  
 trained by McGregor  
**2005 104 local CPR heroes**  
**2006 250+ local CPR heroes**  
*Ordinary people living and working in Durham, Lee, Madbury and UNH who have learned to do an extraordinary thing—*  
**Save a Life.**

## Advanced Life Support (ALS)

- 58% of patients required ALS in 2006, usually a paramedic.
- The need for ALS has increased significantly in the last five years.

## McGregor Memorial EMTs

- 7 Paramedics
- 2 Paramedics-in-Training
- 15 Advanced EMTs (Intermediates)
- 25 EMT-Basics



## 2006 Accomplishments:

- ➔ **Significantly Increased Hours Volunteered On-Call**  
**Volunteer hours increased over 25%**
  - 11,000+ hours volunteered in 2006 (est.)
  - 9,000+ hours volunteered in 2005

This is the fundamental basis for our ability to deliver call coverage 24x7.
- ➔ **Over 250 "Community CPR Heroes" Trained**  
 McGregor EMS is the largest provider of CPR training to the local community.
  - **250+** "Community CPR Heroes" will be trained in 2007.
  - Partnered with Durham, Lee and Madbury public libraries.
  - Moharimet Elementary schools became the first "CPR Safe" school in the district, with over 90% of the teachers and staff trained in CPR by McGregor.

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- ➔ **Implemented New AHA Resuscitation Guidelines**  
Implemented new, updated resuscitation guidelines published by the American Heart Association.
  - Assisted local fire and police EMS first responders in transitioning to the new guidelines.
  - Only local non-hospital-based American Heart Association Training Center.
- ➔ **McGregor Institute of EMS Launched “Committed to Excellence in EMS Education”**  
Among the largest centers of education for the EMS professional in the Seacoast.
  - Provides crucial education for our own organization and other EMS organizations around us.
  - EMT-Intermediate certification, EMT-Basic certification, EMT-I and EMT-B refreshers, Emergency Vehicle Operators Course and CPR instructor.
- ➔ **Revamped McGregor EMS Website**  
Revamped our main website to make EMS-related materials more accessible to the public.
  - Established a new McGregor Institute website ([www.mcgregorinstitute.net](http://www.mcgregorinstitute.net)), providing better access to educational offerings.
- ➔ **Recognized for Citizenship**  
McGregor was recognized in the UNH President’s Report for fostering student citizenship and commitment to community.
  - McGregor EMS was the focus of a “Durham, It’s Where U Live” Campaign.
- ➔ **Increased Integration with State and Federal EMS Efforts**

McGregor continues to provide regional guidance in EMS. We are increasingly integrated with local, state and national initiatives to improve EMS, including:

- Serving on WDH cardiology task force, seeking to speed care for heart attack victims.
- Participating on the statewide committee addressing new EMS protocols.
- Serving on the NH EMS for Children Advisory Committee.
- Invited to attend the national EMS for Children grantee conference in Washington.

## Feedback from Customers

A list of our accomplishments for the year would be incomplete without feedback from our “customers”—the patients we transported to the hospital. Here’s what they had to say in written survey responses:

*“I credit the ambulance crew that responded that night with helping to save my life. I will be forever grateful. Their timely response and exceptional treatment of me resulted in allowing the hospital staff to quickly diagnose my problem (heart attack) and treat me accordingly. . . . Please convey my deepest appreciation to these wonderful people as I remain forever in their debt.”*

—McGregor Patient, March 2006

*“I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks for the wonderful treatment I received. . . . The response seemed almost instantaneous and many of my colleagues have remarked at how quickly the ambulance arrived since that incident. . . . As frightened as I was, I knew they would do their utmost for me. I count myself very fortunate to have received such wonderful care.”*

—McGregor Patient, March 2006

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

David Kurz, Police Chief

I am pleased to say that this is the tenth annual report I have completed during my tenure as police chief for the Durham community. During that time, we have worked diligently to have this Police Department continuously focus upon providing professional services in a cost-efficient manner while reflecting the desires of the entire community as it relates to the delivery of law enforcement services. While the components of this goal may sound like a cliché, I can assure you that every member of this organization strives to meet the needs of the community in a professional and courteous manner. While these

goals remain constant, the old adage “that change is inevitable” is certainly true as the department lost two valued members of the staff when Sergeant Bobby Joslin and Officer Ed Pike left to join the larger police agency in the City of Dover.

The department has honed the hiring process to ensure success with the acknowledgement that it is the people who comprise the organization that are the true measure of its quality and effectiveness. Nowhere is this truer than in the police profession! Services that are confidential and personal are very much affected by the quality of the officer and the training he/she receives. We are pleased that a solid recruiting and selection process has produced exceptionally qualified and dedicated employees to serve you. We were able to attract to the department Dennis Brooks, an eight-year veteran of the New Hampshire

Fish and Game Department, who brings a wealth of experience and training in a very unique field. In addition, Benjamin Smith, a Marine veteran of the Iraqi conflict with an Associates degree in law enforcement, has accepted employment and has just completed twelve weeks of police training at the New Hampshire Police Academy. Both officers bring a strong work ethic and a professional commitment to serve the community of Durham.

## 2006 Accomplishments:

- ➔ Enhanced a notifying mechanism to inform landlords of police calls to their property. Each quarter, a correlation of all police calls to rental property is produced and distributed in an effort to develop a more coordinated resolution to problem properties.
- ➔ Developed and enacted a regulatory parking policy for the Depot Road parking lot for oversight of parking at this renovated location.
- ➔ Completed and distributed to the Town Council a community policing survey that was developed by Dr. Andy Smith at the UNH Survey Department. Survey results indicate that the department still enjoys a 96% satisfaction rating from the Durham community.
- ➔ Continued to maintain accredited status with an eye on April of 2008 when three police managers from other areas of the country will review the agency to ensure compliance.
- ➔ Re-analyzed, with the assistance of a review committee, the issues surrounding a transition from the University of New Hampshire/Durham Dispatch Center to the Strafford County Sheriff's department. The committee's recommendations have allowed for an intelligent and well-conceived discussion of the potential for a transition to the Strafford County dispatch facility.

With an awareness of behavior patterns of young people after sporting events, I am pleased to inform you that the "Celebratory Riots" that

were occurring with far too much frequency in the Durham/University of New Hampshire community have ceased. This national phenomenon presented unique challenges to Durham as the host community to a large educational institution.

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### Police Department Statistics

Activity	2004	2005	2006
Arrests	404	545	476
Assaults	53	56	60
Thefts	122	144	147
Noise Complaints	169	109	40
Alcohol Violations	221	267	179
DWI	42	48	38
Accidents	274	233	232
All Traffic Contacts	3,712	5,111	4,281
Calls for service	11,390	11,718	9,890

*Police Department (l to r). Row 1: Chief David Kurz; Officer Kathryn Lilly; Sergeant Frank Daly; Dawn Mitchell, Admin. Assistant; Officer Holly Rouleau; Sergeant Michael Bilodeau. Row 2: Jen Johnson, Admin. Assistant; Detective Sean Dolliver; Detective Frank Weeks; Officer Danny Brooks. Row 3: Lisa Richardson, Assistant Clerk; Detective Gabe Tarrants; Officer Joe Gagnon; Lieutenant Sean Kelly. Row 4: Officer Ann Champagne; Sergeant Ed Levesque; Deputy Chief Rene Kelley; Parking Officer Ed Cilley. Row 5: Officer Jack Dalton and Officer Michael Lyczak.*



# Public Safety

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As more placid moments are enjoyed there is clarity that the key to our successful formula rests in our ability to solve problems and work collaboratively with the entire Durham and University of New Hampshire community. We continue to use our positive relationship with our community in combination with a businesslike dedication to customer service to ensure success. Partnerships with all of our neighborhoods, each with its own unique issues, have served to open dialogue between

the police and the residents creating an environment where we learn to help each other.

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. ■



# Town Supported Organizations

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## AIDS RESPONSE-SEACOAST

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**Anne Rugg**, Executive Director

603-433-5377 x 2234

AIDS Response-Seacoast (ARS) is a non-profit, community-based HIV/AIDS service organization serving Rockingham and Strafford counties with a threefold mission to: 1) prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS through education and prevention programs, 2) provide direct services for those living with and affected by HIV/AIDS and their families, and 3) advocate for issues affecting HIV/AIDS.

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### 2006 Accomplishments:

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- ➔ The Prevention Education Department provided services to 197 residents in the Durham area during the 2005-06 Fiscal Year. We respond to all requests for HIV/AIDS education programs and consult with requesting persons to design culturally competent and appropriate training, awareness, education, and prevention programs. We work collaboratively with the University of New Hampshire (UNH) on many levels, such as working with their Health and Wellness Department, presenting programs to student groups, and having UNH interns and volunteers in our office. While it costs ARS approximately \$40 per person to educate about HIV/AIDS, all of our services and programs are free. Last year we reached 8,000 people.
- ➔ One of our most effective programs is our Speakers Bureau. These volunteers are people living with HIV/AIDS who are trained and supervised by the Coordinator of Community Programs. They share their experiences of living and coping with HIV/AIDS, and often participate with ARS

education staff in educational sessions. They effectively put a “human face” and personal story to this epidemic. Their presentations and the resulting discussions help to dispel myths and fears, answer specific questions, and create more understanding in our communities. Feedback about this part of the program is always highly ranked and very powerful for participants. There is no doubt in our minds that our speakers have saved the lives of others by offering their mistakes as a tough lesson to learn.

- ➔ On an ongoing basis, ARS receives calls from area residents, including Durham residents, who have questions about HIV/AIDS and other Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) risk behaviors, transmission issues, testing, etc. Some of these individuals are referred to area providers or to the ARS clinic for free HIV counseling and testing, STD counseling, testing, and treatment, or Hepatitis vaccines. Literature and prevention materials are also given to anyone requesting them at no cost.
- ➔ ARS Client Services Department provides direct assistance through case management services to people living with HIV/AIDS. During the past calendar year, we have provided case management services to clients from Durham. Thirty-two units of case management were delivered, and through this assistance other services and referrals were provided, such as: complementary therapies, legal assistance, housing assistance, utility assistance, transportation, social events, access to food and personal care pantry, mental health referrals, and nutritional counseling and supplements. It costs ARS approximately \$4,000 per client per year to provide these critical services.

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# Town Supported Organizations

## Goals for 2007:

➡ We will continue to provide prevention education and direct client services at the current level in the coming year. This will be especially challenging in the Client

Services Department because we are facing a \$155,000 cut in Federal funding.

➡ We will continue to build bridges with other providers and work to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS, as well as providing services to those affected by the disease. ■

## DURHAM HISTORIC ASSOCIATION

**Richard H. Lord, President**

The Durham Historic Association (DHA) proudly enters its 156th year as the oldest historic association in New Hampshire. It is the preserver of the Town's artifacts and the guardian of the history that has marked Durham's growth from a riverside agricultural community to a complex town. While the DHA is a private non-profit institution, it is closely tied to the Town. In addition to preserving the Town's history, it also provides the

Town's citizens with knowledge of Durham's past and its place in the history of New Hampshire through public lectures and through the publication of historic material. It also maintains a museum on the second floor of the Courthouse building at the corner of Newmarket Road and Main Street where visitors are welcome to see exhibits of the tools, clothing, and artifacts of Durham's past and to explore its extensive collection of maps, photographs, paintings, documents, genealogical records, and scrapbooks of newspaper clippings that record the many events that mark the evolution of the Town. A chairlift provides access to the second floor for those who have difficulty with our staircase.

*Through the efforts of Sally Ford and Dick Lord, the museum now has a colorful flag to let visitors know the museum is open. PHOTO BY DICK LORD*



We are indebted to the University of New Hampshire (UNH) Speakers Bureau for providing the content of our first three programs for 2006. For our January meeting, Janet Sullivan presented "Journey of Discovery – A Botanist on the Trail of Lewis and Clark". Two hundred years after Lewis and Clark made their journey, Janet led a group of UNH students along their trail across the country in search of botanical remnants and descendants of the plants that were extensively documented by Lewis in the expedition's reports.

At our annual meeting in April, Dick Lord was elected president and Marion James was elected vice-president. Outgoing president Alexander "Sandy" Amell continues to edit the newsletter while Ted McNitt and Alma Tirrell were re-elected as treasurer and assistant treasurer and Pam Weeks and Linda Ekdahl were re-elected as recording and corresponding secretaries. We also welcomed Mary Margaret Jaques to our board of directors, while also re-electing Sally Ford, Karen Haslerud, and Marie Polk to the board. Dick Dewing, Leta Flather, and Margaret "Marney" Sumner continue their existing terms as directors. The April speaker was Sarah Smith with "They Sawed up a Storm" – an illustrated talk about the saw mills that sprang up in New Hampshire to clean up after the 1938 hurricane, and the team of women who worked in several of them.

Our June picnic at the Town Landing was blessed with pleasant weather, and the featured speaker was UNH linguist Naomi Nagy presenting "Live Free or Die – NH Dialects Remain

Distinct.” Using handout questionnaires, Naomi showed how linguists study the subtleties of pronunciation to trace and document dialects. The surprising conclusion is that local New Hampshire dialects haven’t changed as much as we think.

For the October meeting, DHA president Dick Lord provided “Durham’s Highland House Guest House – Past, Present, and Future.” Drawing heavily on papers, deeds, guest registers and diaries from the DHA museum and from his own extensive collection of Highland House photos, Dick presented the history of this guest house overlooking the Lamprey River and the role that it played in the history of Durham. While the guest house had fallen into disrepair over the last several decades, its new owners are committed to its restoration.

Following the disappointing turnout during our regular hours of the previous summer, the museum returned to being open by appointment for this last summer. Despite our efforts to publicize its existence, the museum remains one of the best kept secrets in Town.

During the summer, the museum opened its doors to 18 descendants of the Chesley family during their reunion. They enthusiastically pored over material we have on their family and its considerable role in our history throughout the Town. Later in the summer, we opened the museum to members of the Woodman family and this fall a local cub scout pack visited the museum to learn about what life was like in colonial times.

During the past year, the DHA has added a number of new items to its collection. Most notable is the return to Durham of the “Scammell Grange” sign which once hung from the building on Main Street that the Town now leases as a day-

care center. We also have rediscovered our Boston Post Cane which used to be awarded to the Town’s oldest resident, back in days when it was simpler to establish who that might be.

We have acquired a document scanner/color printer-copier and are slowly beginning to scan and digitally photograph the museum’s extensive collections. Our eventual goal is to both preserve off-site copies of the museum’s important treasures and to provide better access to old documents and photos while limiting the handling of the original material. During the coming year, we will seek assistance and volunteers to help us get started on this monumental but very important task.

Through the efforts of Sally Ford and Dick Lord, the museum now has a “Museum Open” flag which we can fly high above our entrance to let people know when our doors are open. The Town has now provided several parking spaces adjacent to the museum for our visitors and has added us to their web pages and frequently mentions us in the Town’s weekly email updates. We are exploring ways in which we can better serve the Town and hope that we can find a schedule that will attract visitors while also working for our limited staff of volunteers. In the meantime, the museum staff is glad to open our doors by appointment. Call Alma Tirrell at 868-2700, Marney Sumner at 868-2579, Dick Dewing at 868-7523, or Dick Lord at 659-2721 to arrange for a visit or to volunteer to join in our efforts. We invite anyone interested to come to our meetings and to consider joining our association.

As the Town of Durham enters its 275th year, we are planning several events for the coming year and hope that our participation in Durham’s 275th anniversary celebration will bring many more visitors to the museum. ■

## THE HOMEMAKERS HEALTH SERVICES

**Claudette Boutin, Chief Executive Officer**

Established in 1974, the mission of The Homemakers Health Services is to provide safe, comprehensive, reliable, and professional home healthcare, home support, and adult medical day-care services to those adults of Strafford County who need them in order to maintain independence and quality of life in the home; and to prevent, if possible, unnecessary hospitalization or nursing home placement.

As an organization, we work towards the fulfillment of our mission with dedication and teamwork. Above all, we value personal dignity, independence, and quality of life, and strive for excellence in the quality of the healthcare we provide.

To accomplish our mission, The Homemakers provides home health, home support, adult medical day-care, and community wellness programs.

### 2006 Accomplishments:

- ➔ Provided \$3,390,778 worth of home health, home support, and adult medical day-care visits to elderly and disabled persons throughout Strafford County.
- ➔ Provided \$105,457 worth of non-reimbursed skilled home health care and home support services.

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- Provided 14,355 visits, including nursing, rehabilitative therapies, medical social work, and home health aide visits.
- Provided 32,943 hours of home support services, including homemaker, in-home care provider, and Alzheimer's respite visits.

*Established in 1974, the Homemakers Health Services provide professional home health care, home support, and adult medical day-care services to adults of Strafford County.*  
 PHOTO COURTESY OF THE HOMEMAKERS HEALTH SERVICES



- Provided 42,174 hours of adult medical/social day-care through our Day Out program, which is the only certified program of its kind in Strafford County.
- Offered numerous community wellness programs including flu clinics, Alzheimer's Educational for Caregivers, Aerobics of the Mind, Strong Living, Friend to Friend, Advance Directives seminars, and hosted a monthly Alzheimer's Support group and a Take off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Chapter.
- Delivered a traditional Thanksgiving dinner to more than 150 and Holiday food and gift baskets to more than 250 elderly and disabled persons throughout Strafford County.

## Goals for 2007:

- Continue to provide high quality, cost-effective home health, home support, adult medical day-care, and community wellness service to adults throughout Strafford County.
- Continue to provide access to health care regardless of ability to pay.
- Optimize efficiency and service quality.
- Continue to respond proactively to the health care needs of adults in our community and service area. ■

## LAMPREY HEALTH CARE

**Debbie Bartley, Community Services Manager**

Lamprey Health Care is a thirty-five year old nonprofit community health care organization providing primary medical services, social services, information and referral, and transportation to seniors and disabled residents in Durham and thirty-one other communities. We wish to thank the citizens of Durham for their continuing support.

Primary care medical services span prenatal to geriatric age groups. No one is refused care because they cannot pay—a sliding fee scale is available. Other community health programs are substance abuse and mental health services, prevention and education activities (diabetes, asthma, nutritional counseling, HIV/AIDS testing and counseling, breast and cervical screening program) and social services. Our goal is to remove barriers that prevent access to care.

InfoLink offers free, confidential, comprehensive information and referral to local and national social service organizations and support groups. InfoLink's expertise provides the link to community resources when help is needed. A friendly, caring professional is available to assist anytime weekdays by calling 1-888-499-2525, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, or by logging on to our online database at [www.infolinknh.org](http://www.infolinknh.org).

Senior Transportation Program enables elders and adults with disabilities to remain independent and safe in their own homes by providing access to essential services such as rides to weekly shopping, medical appointments, and recreation. This door-to-door service makes transportation available for groceries, the pharmacy, post office, or bank and day trips. All buses are handicapped accessible. This service can be obtained by calling 659-2424, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Thank you to the Town of Durham. ■

## OYSTER RIVER YOUTH ASSOCIATION

**Rick Szilagyi, Executive Director**

Oyster River Youth Association (ORYA) is a private non-profit organization whose mission is to provide inclusive, fair, diverse, and developmentally appropriate recreational programs to the youth of Durham, Lee, and Madbury. 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 Association is comprised of residents from the Towns of Durham, Lee, and Madbury working together to create youth recreational opportunities for children. These residents and the three towns are our customers. They support our efforts through participation fees and funding, and in return we coordinate and manage the delivery of recreational programs.

The central office is housed in the Town of Durham's former Department of Public Works building located at 11 Schoolhouse Lane in Durham. In addition to providing youth sports, ORYA also manages the Churchill Rink at Jackson's Landing, although ORYA will cease to act as the sole managing entity of the rink effective April 1, 2007. A Board of Directors governs the ORYA, which holds monthly meetings open to the public.

Most of the participants (approximately 98%) reside in the Towns of Durham, Lee, and Madbury. A small number comes from neighboring towns, and the out-of-town participants pay a surcharge to participate in ORYA programs. The majority

of our programs provide opportunities for children from kindergarten through eighth grade. We recently expanded our programming to reach the pre-school aged children in the community. A small number of our programs are extended to include high schoolers.

For outdoor activities we generally rely on the use of Town fields such as Woodridge, Lee Town Park, Demerritt Fields, and Madbury Fields. 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 the ORYA has led to the development of three soccer fields for our community. Indoor activities are generally held within Oyster River Cooperative School District (ORCSD) school buildings, and other local athletic buildings.

The operating costs of programs organized and managed by the ORYA are met through participation fees and by annual contributions from the Towns of Durham, Lee, and Madbury. Fund-raising and donations are part of our capital campaign to improve our facilities.

Due to new management and additions to the Board of Directors, 2006 was a year in which ORYA developed a better understanding of its finances – both those related to programs and to the ice rink. In an effort to continue its operations, it has raised user fees to cover program costs, administrative overhead, and make contributions to capital. ORYA has requested increased funding from the three towns to avoid continually raising program fees. We also are sorely in need of office and storage space. ■

## SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT SERVICES

**Diane Giese, Business and Grants Manager**

Sexual Assault Support Services (SASS) is dedicated to supporting victims/survivors in their effort to recover from the trauma of sexual assault, childhood sexual abuse, and stalking while striving to prevent the occurrence of sexual violence in local communities and in society at large.

This mission is accomplished by providing the following services:

- ➔ Confidential 24-hour toll-free sexual assault crisis hotline.
- ➔ 24-hour advocacy and support at police stations, hospi-

tal emergency rooms, the courts, and the Child Advocacy Center.

- ➔ Support groups for rape survivors, sexual abuse survivors, parents, and others affected by sexual violence.
- ➔ Professional training and consultation to police departments, hospitals, schools, and others in the community.
- ➔ Sexual abuse and sexual assault prevention education in the schools and in community organizations for children, teens, and parents.
- ➔ Sexual harassment workshops for the community.
- ➔ Information and referral services.

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## Client Services

During the 2005-2006 fiscal year, SASS responded to 877 people, providing 4840 units of service through hotline calls, accompaniments at hospitals, police departments, and Child Advocacy Centers, and the provision of support groups.

## Education Program

SASS educators had an especially vital year. With the addition of a third part-time educator, generously funded by the World Childhood Foundation, SASS educators were able to present a wide range of age-based programs to a total of 10,742 students, 721 teachers, and over 900 other adults. They spent nearly 575 hours in classrooms for a total of 538 presentations.

## Outreach and Special Events

There were four major special events for SASS in 2005-2006.

September 2005 heralded the first annual SASS Cruise, and in October we partnered with A Safe Place to host the first annual Porchlight Luncheon. Our popular BeatleJuice concert was held in February, and April brought the SASS Walk-a-Thon to the streets of Portsmouth.

SASS was also represented at numerous community events: the Dover Coalition of Youth, AIDS-Response Seacoast, University of New Hampshire (UNH) Justice Studies, Common Table at St. John's Church, Market Square Day in Portsmouth, and the Walk for Families in Rochester.

All these programs were enhanced by the contributions from towns like Durham. We appreciate your participation in helping to keep Sexual Assault Support Services a vital agency. ▣

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## STRAFFORD COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE, INC.

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**Robert Marshall,**  
Director of Planning and Program Development

In 2006, Strafford County Community Action Committee, Inc. (SCCAC) appreciated Town support in delivering vital services to low income and at-risk elderly households.

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### 2006 Accomplishments:

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Fuel assistance	63 households
Electric assistance	47 households
Sheltered	1 person
Commodity food distribution	138 cases
Elderly transportation	62 rides

Information and referral services	660 units
Neighbor Helping Neighbor	1 family
Medicare counseling	4 households
Food pantries	6 families
Flood relief	2 families

Value of goods and services provided to Durham citizens	\$45,477
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### Goals for 2007:

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With an ongoing partnership between the Town and SCCAC, we will continue to provide programs critical to the needs of otherwise vulnerable and unprotected citizens. ▣

## 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 member communities. We provide professional planning services to help officials, boards, and citizens to manage growth and facilitate regional collaborative efforts.

SRPC's professional staff offers a range of planning services in transportation, land use, conservation, economic development, downtown revitalization, and Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping and analysis. These services are available in customized modes to meet the diverse needs of the volunteers who are the foundation of communities. Our member communities also have access to additional SRPC educational resources including our website, newsletter, "HOW TO" guides, workshops, forums, and personalized training.

### 2006 Accomplishments:

- ➔ Collected and compiled traffic count data for Durham roads.
- ➔ Conducted customized traffic counts for the University of New Hampshire.
- ➔ Collected tax parcel data and built a geodatabase for the Town of Durham.
- ➔ Completed regional stormwater mapping for Durham and four other coastal communities.
- ➔ Mapped public access areas around Great Bay in Durham and other coastal communities.

- ➔ Created eleven maps for the watershed around Durham, Lee and Newmarket;
- ➔ Completed a road map for the Durham Fire Department.
- ➔ Prepared a map of Durham's farmland soils.
- ➔ Provided GIS assistance to the Town Planner and calculated the percentage of developed and undeveloped land in Durham.

SRPC also provided the following services to Durham and other municipalities in 2006:

- ➔ Helped complete a regional land conservation plan that will assist community leaders to identify local conservation priorities and understand how they fit into a regional context.
- ➔ Secured local match to Federal coastal and transportation funds for local and regional planning and construction projects.
- ➔ Mapped census and GIS data.
- ➔ Distributed New Hampshire Land Use planning books.
- ➔ Maintained websites for SRPC and the Seacoast Metropolitan (Transportation) Planning Organization.

We look forward to working with the citizens and officials of Durham in 2007. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and for your continuing support of regional planning. Further questions or comments can be referred to Cynthia Copeland, AICP, Executive Director at [cjc@strafford.org](mailto:cjc@strafford.org). Please visit our website at [www.strafford.org](http://www.strafford.org). ■





# Town Working Committees

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## CABLE ACCESS TELEVISION

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### **Tom Merrick, Chair**

Durham Community Access Television (DCAT) is a “Public Access” function Public/Education/Government (PEG) that provides local and local interest non-commercial programs via Channel 22 on Comcast Cable in the Towns of Durham, Lee, and Madbury with very little coverage in University of New Hampshire (UNH) housing. The Town of Durham and the Oyster River Cooperative School District (ORCSD) cooperate to provide programming from Town and school functions. The school curriculum includes student training in video production.

The DCAT Governance Committee currently has seven of its authorized nine members. We would welcome volunteers to join us. See the web site below for DCAT information and current membership. Members retiring in 2006 include former chair Peter Brown and Kathleen Kentner. We thank them for their dedicated service to our community.

### **Operations & Programming:**

It is important to note that DCAT does not produce programs, but is anxious to cooperate with local residents who want to produce their own programs for broadcast. See the web site reference below for more information, or contact any DCAT Committee member.

DCAT Coordinator Craig Stevens manages the operations of Channel 22, including program scheduling, work schedules for volunteers and part-time staff, and the community bulletin board, as well as technical and budget oversight. He also coordinates with ORCSD representative Paul Gasowski who supplies the programs from the ORCSD.

Craig reported airing more than 55 meetings in 2006, including one off-site meeting of the Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee (IWMAC) and special coverage of the Candidates Forum with a new camera angle. The “Right to Know Law” workshop was recorded along with a few Parks and Recreation Committee meetings. Equipment has been upgraded to enable use of a hand-held camera, and a battery backup for all equipment in the control room has been added. Powerpoint presentations can now be directly connected from the projector to the control room.

New zero-cost programming was scheduled by hand-selecting the best programs from the public domain and neighboring public access stations. These selections included: “White House Chronicle”, “The Dr. Is In”, “Education News Parents Can Use”, and “NASA Destination Tomorrow”. New Hampshire-based programming included “Live Music TV” and “Granite Planet”. In addition, six locally produced videos were aired, such as “Durham Day” which was filmed by committee members and volunteers.

Paul Gasowski contributed more than 60 programs from the ORCSD over the past year including School Board meetings—eight with an arts focus, eight sports programs, eleven with a special interests focus, and eight TV magazine segments titled “Generations” featuring three out of the four schools. Future goals include having all four schools produce their own programs and introducing new programs each week.

The ORCSD is also establishing policies for school videos and use of the school studio and all electronic communications. These policies will include provisions for community use of the

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facilities. The ORCSD goals include maintaining the program output and improving technical quality while focusing on student learning. The school will strive to do more community-based video as well.

Paul and Craig are using a new weekly schedule to make programming easier to find. The schedule runs as follows:

- **Sunday – Tuesday** is reserved for Town-related programs. (Sunday from 5:00 PM to 12:00 AM includes programs of interest with no Town meetings aired.)
- **Thursday – Saturday** is reserved for ORCSD programming.
- **Wednesday** – Shared by Town and ORCSD.

The community bulletin board contains announcements inter-

esting to both school and Town populations.

DCAT has a web site where policies, DCAT-GC, and program information can be found. See: [www.ci.durham.nh.us/community/channel\\_22/channel\\_22.html](http://www.ci.durham.nh.us/community/channel_22/channel_22.html)

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## Goals for 2007:

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The Committee met informally with Bryan Christiansen from COMCAST in lieu of a formal technical review as provided in our contract. Bryan stated that to his knowledge no technical reviews have ever been held. Our present contract continues into 2012, but it is not too early to begin thinking of the future event of a new contract. We are also interested in the digital revolution and how it may affect our operations. ▣

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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**James Campbell,**  
Director of Planning and Community Development

The Economic Development Committee (EDC) had a busy year. The Committee worked on several high priorities, and one medium priority, contained in its 2006 Action Plan. First, considerable time was spent deciding how best to proceed with

*The Mill Plaza in downtown Durham.* PHOTO COURTESY FRANCOISE MEISSNER, CONDOR AERIAL IMAGE SYSTEM



the Durham Business Park (DBP). After amending the Park Design Guidelines the Committee ultimately decided to send out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the purchase and development of the park. The RFP was mailed the end of October 2006 with a due date of January 15, 2007. Several potential buyers have shown an interest in the property, and EDC members are excited about the possibilities.

The Committee also spent time creating and reviewing a map of Town-owned land and a map of conservation land. The purpose for creating the map of Town-owned land was to determine whether other parcels owned by the Town may also be suitable for development similar to the Durham Business Park. The creation and review of the conservation land map was to help the Committee look at what land and areas of Town are conserved and attempt to find a balance between conservation and economic development.

In addition, the Committee held conversations with the Public Works Department--in particular Town Engineer Dave Cedarholm--on water and wastewater issues, including the expansion of the systems in the areas of Route 108 and Route 155A. This included speaking with property owners. There are several projects that are either before the Planning Board, ap-

proved by the Planning Board, or at the conceptual phase that could benefit from having sewer and water. However, there are issues relative to capacity that need to be dealt with in order for these projects to move forward.

Finally, one of the more important items the Committee worked on this year is the development of Tax Increment Financing districts--more commonly referred to as TIF districts. These are described in more detail below. The Committee spent time creating and refining draft TIF district maps in the areas of Route 108, Route 155A, the downtown area around the Mill Plaza, and the Technology Drive area. The Committee hired Municipal Resources Incorporated (MRI) to advise it on these efforts. MRI is a consulting firm that has experience in developing TIF districts in the State of New Hampshire. MRI will help the Committee to further refine the district maps, the financial plans, and put together the entire package to be taken to the Town Council for its review and potential adoption. The Committee decided to work on one district at a time, beginning with the Route 108 TIF district. Please visit the Town's website for further information on these efforts at [www.ci.durham.nh.us](http://www.ci.durham.nh.us).

## What is Tax Increment Financing?

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) is a means used to establish funding for a specified area (district) for infrastructure improvements. Future increases in taxes are used to finance improvements that will create those gains.

When public infrastructure enhancement occurs (i.e. sewer, road, water, or utility improvement) there is the potential to increase the value of the surrounding real estate and incentive for future private development. The increased site value and investment creates more taxable property, which in turn increases tax revenues for the Town. The increased tax revenues are the "tax increment". Tax Increment Financing uses the increased revenue to finance the debt issued to pay for the project.

## What does this mean to Durham?

The Economic Development Committee (EDC) has determined that in order for future economic development to take place in Durham, upgrades and improvements to the Town's water and wastewater systems, roads, and utilities are required. The challenge is that the Town has few options from which to choose in order to pay for these improvements.

They include: raise the tax rates of homeowners, charge potential developers for these improvements, or create TIF districts to gain financing that uses the future increase in tax revenue to pay for the debt incurred

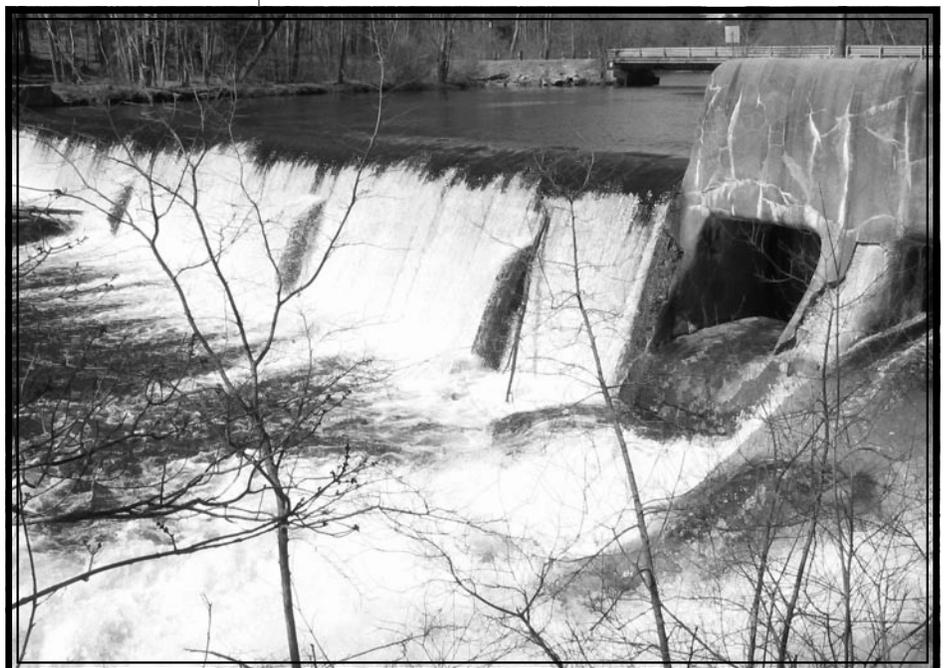
Tax Increment Financing has been used for over 50 years throughout the United States and in many New Hampshire communities. Keene, Claremont, Concord, Hanover, Newmarket, Peterborough, and others have all successfully used this tool to fuel development without the burden of increased taxes on their residents.

To learn more about Tax Increment Financing, please follow this link to the State of New Hampshire's Office of Energy and Planning: [www.nh.gov/oep/resourcelibrary/referencelibrary/t/taxincrementfinancing/index.htm](http://www.nh.gov/oep/resourcelibrary/referencelibrary/t/taxincrementfinancing/index.htm)

The EDC is currently exploring the use for TIF's in Durham. The Committee has enlisted the assistance of a firm, Municipal Resources, Inc. (MRI), which has extensive experience aiding municipalities on the complexities of establishing this type of program. If you are interested in learning more about MRI, here is additional information:

Municipal Resources, Inc.  
120 Daniel Webster Highway  
Meredith, NH 03253  
Tel: 603.279.0352  
[www.municipalresources.com/](http://www.municipalresources.com/) ■

*Beginning of drawdown at Wiswall Dam on April 10, 2006.*  
PHOTO COURTESY RICHARD LORD



## INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Shelley F. Mitchell, Chair**

The Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee (IWMAC) serves the Durham community by reducing solid waste through sustainable practices, coordinating with the Department of Public Works (DPW), and by providing educational and outreach opportunities. Our goal is to increase community awareness and participation in integrated waste management practices. We strive to build community partnerships that engage others in waste prevention, reuse, and recycling.

The active involvement of residents in reducing, reusing, and recycling makes Durham a better community in which to live. The IWMAC applauds those efforts and would like to thank our neighbors who place a high priority on these values and conservation efforts. If you would like to learn more about the work of the IWMAC, please visit our web pages at: <http://www.ci.durham.nh.us/GOVERNMENT/boards/wastemgmt/wastemgmt.html>

### 2006 Accomplishments:

- ➔ In order to provide more information on the activities of the IWMAC our web pages were expanded and updated with a new format. Now you send emails directly to the Committee, see an expanded monthly meeting agenda,

*The IWMAC. Standing (l to r): Neil Ferris; Chuck Baldwin; Mark Morong, Council Rep.; and Doug Bullen, Operations Manager, DPW. Sitting (l-r): Shelley Mitchell, Chair; Dale Valena; and Jessie McKone.*



and review an annual activity calendar which lists all the monthly meeting topics. Swap Shop guidelines and a listing of charitable organizations that accept gently used items are available online.

- ➔ The IWMAC worked closely with the DPW on changes to the Solid Waste Ordinance Administrative Regulations. These changes dealt with “curbside collection” and the recommendation to replace the title of Solid Waste Management Facility with Transfer Station and Recycling Center (TSRC).
- ➔ The Durham Landlords Association (DLA) and the IWMAC worked out an experimental trial that allowed members of DLA to have free access to the Transfer Station in order to accommodate the University of New Hampshire (UNH) graduation date. The decision was based upon IWMAC’s recommendation and the willingness of DLA to bring bulky waste materials to the Transfer Station. DPW opened the facility to residents or taxpayers, at no charge for four pre-determined dates. The trial was a huge success.
- ➔ The IWMAC worked with Dr. Amanda Merrill, Program Associate with UNH’s Center for Undergraduate Research Programs, to develop an opportunity to recruit students to work on identified IWMAC initiatives at zero-cost, and afford experimental learning and involvement in the community for UNH students.
- ➔ In 2006, a Spring Cleanup working group explored this long-held Town tradition. Over ten Seacoast towns were surveyed in a fact-finding effort to determine how they handled bulky waste. We consulted with DPW, Durham officials, and Town associations in order to formulate options for the consideration of the handling of bulky waste in an efficient and environmentally sound manner. A public forum was conducted in June and was attended by over 30 people. Ultimately the Town Council opted not to make a change. One overriding issue that was identified during the public forum was the Transfer Station and Recycling Center entrance fee of \$25 that permits access to the facility along with two free bulky waste coupons. The issue of

how the permit is monitored lead to a discussion on free access to the Transfer Station and Recycling Center with a fee structure for bulky waste items. This issue has yet to be resolved as of 12/06.

- ➔ The Committee published two “Down To Earth” newsletters in cooperation with DPW. The spring issue covered how bulky waste is handled in other Seacoast towns, use of organic vs. chemical fertilizers, stormwater tips, proper disposal of pharmaceuticals and personal care products, Oyster River High School (ORHS) recycling efforts, and exploring future Spring Cleanup options. In the fall issue we featured numerous tips on preventing waste and sustaining a healthy community. We highlighted several new initiatives that evolved with the creation of the UNH Energy Task Force in November 2005. Other topics included: the ban on disposing of video display devices, Fall Cleanup, wastewater treatment, consideration of a bottle bill, and a Swap Shop update. The newsletters are a team effort with each committee member researching, writing, and submitting an article.
- ➔ IWMAC members always look forward to Durham Day and to featuring our educational display of integrated waste management techniques. It is a great way to connect with residents in promoting the three R’s and answering questions. This year, the “Recycling Bicycle” premiered as member Chuck Baldwin’s latest invention. It attracted a lot of attention, in addition to promoting a fun recycling message. We look forward to seeing what Chuck’s new recycle creation will be in 2007.
- ➔ One of the IWMAC’s most popular and engaging endeavors is maintained by dedicated volunteers who tend the Swap Shop, located at the Transfer Station and Recycling Center. If you haven’t visited the Swap Shop, you are missing out on one of Durham’s most wonderful recycling experiences. In 2006, over 500 volunteer hours were recorded; so in August, we held a potluck celebration in appreciation of our Swap Shop volunteers extraordinary. The event was enjoyed by all with good food, and good company for a good cause.

## Goals for 2007:

- ➔ Promoting new partnerships in the community for reduction, reuse, and recycling efforts and

sustainable practices in support of the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

- ➔ Improving recycling efforts at Durham public events and in the Town’s business section.
- ➔ Continuing with educational and outreach efforts connected to the New Hampshire Climate Change Resolution and the New Hampshire Carbon Challenge.
- ➔ Improving the Swap Shop by providing a sheltered outside space to accommodate only construction materials.
- ➔ Reviewing disposal of household hazard waste, tires, and propane tanks at the Transfer Station/Recycling Center.
- ➔ Recruiting new IWMAC members.

Responsible for IWMAC accomplishments are a group of dedicated volunteers who make it all possible by investing in the social capital of Durham. These IWMAC members are to be acknowledged for their commitment to making a difference. They include: **Tracy Wood**, past chair; **Jessie McKone**, newsletter editor, recorder of meeting minutes and past Swap Shop volunteer coordinator; **Dale Valena**, current Swap Shop volunteer coordinator and liaison to the UNH Office of Sustainability; **Neal Ferris**, liaison to the Great Bay Estuary Commission; **Doug Bullen**, assistant director of operations at DPW and IWMAC liaison; **Mark Morong**, Town Council representative; and **Chuck Baldwin**, newest committee member. We also thank **Monica Smith** and **Nicole Moore** for their participation and **Merle Craig** for her advice and support this year. ■

*Swap Shop volunteer, Linda Hollister, was recognized for countless hours of community service at a party for volunteers hosted by IWMAC last August. Linda’s efforts facilitate valuable reuse of resources. Her dedication toward keeping the Swap Shop organized is exceptional.*



# Town Working Committees

## LAMPREY RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Kevin Martin, Chair**

**Members:**

Durham Judith Spang, Chair  
Dick Lord  
Cynthia Belowski  
Jim Hewitt  
Richard Kelley

Lee Sharon Meeker  
Kitty Miller  
Dick Weyrick  
Frank Rheinhold  
Joe Ford

Newmarket Fred Pearson  
Ellen Snyder

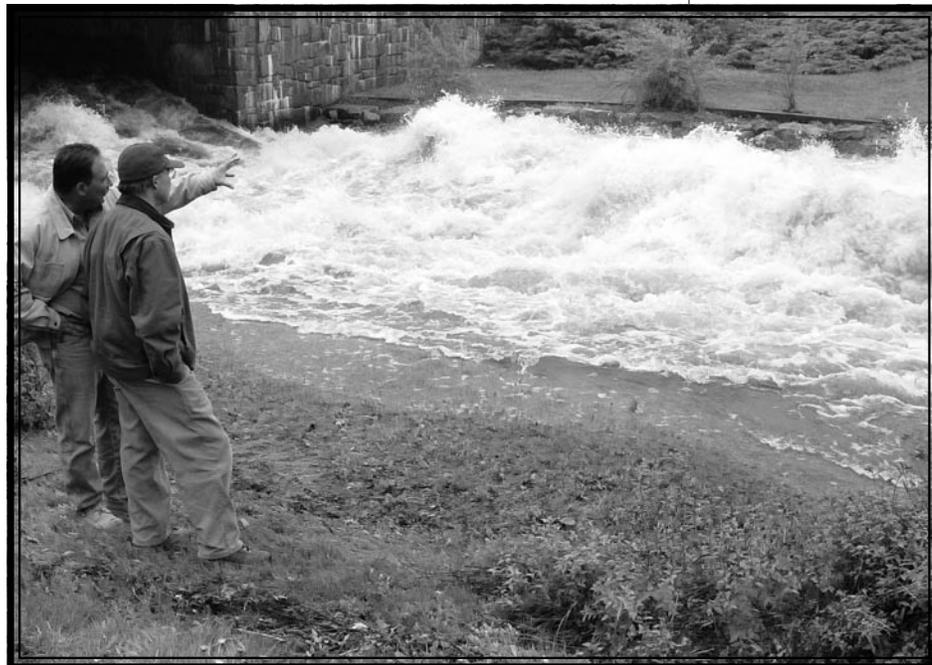
Epping Kevin Martin

At Large Brian Giles

### 2006 Accomplishments:

➔ **Management Plan Update** – The Lamprey River Advisory Committee (LRAC) has finished an update for a man-

*Public Works Director Mike Lynch and Town Engineer David Cedarholm observe the abutments at the Oyster River bridge on Route 108 during the heavy rain on May 13 and 14 that resulted in local flooding. PHOTO COURTESY DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS*



agement plan that outlines the direction we would like to move toward the next several years. This will be presented to the towns that are in the Wild & Scenic program soon.

➔ **Recreation** – LRAC members are working on setting up a recreation tour that would include a map and guide with stops at sites featuring historical, recreational, or natural aspects of the Lamprey River. This is a long-term project that will require working with the towns and landowners along the river to make improvements to highlight the features of many sites on the tour.

➔ **Water Quality Monitoring** – LRAC members assisted the Lamprey River Watershed Association in monitoring water quality of the Lamprey, with a new program that now extends from Deerfield to the dam in Newmarket. Water quality remains high thanks to effective land use regulations and land protection. Volunteer monitors are always needed.

➔ **Land Conservation** – The LRAC and partners continue to work on conserving land along the river. An easement on some of the Clark farm in Epping was completed and the Clarks hope to protect more of their land in the near future. There are several other land conservation projects in the works, and we continue to work hard to see them through.

➔ Residents interested in protecting their riverfront lands are urged to contact the Chair about participating. The LRAC pays for most costs associated with the easements.

➔ **Planning** – The LRAC reviewed and commented on water withdrawal proposals that will affect the Lamprey River. Its members attended meetings on a regional wastewater treatment study that could take water away from the river. A water conservation challenge was also initiated with UNH students competing to conserve water and energy in University of New Hampshire (UNH) buildings.

➔ **Instream Flow Study** – The LRAC is contributing its research and knowledge of the river to the development of this state study. The goal of the study

is to determine how to protect the river's flow levels while accommodating public and private water needs. LRAC members serve on the Technical Review Committee and the Watershed Management Planning Advisory Committee.

- ➔ **Staff changes** – The LRAC lost long-time staff member Margaret Watkins to a full-time job on the Piscataqua River. Julie Isbill and Lilia Mullen from the National Park service are now working with the Committee on a part-time basis.
- ➔ **Packers Falls Bridge** – The LRAC worked with the Town of Durham and contributed funding to replace the railing on the new bridge that hid the view of the river with a more open rail. The new rails are a great improvement and highlight the view of the river as one passes over the bridge.

## Goals for 2007:

- ➔ Work with the four towns to establish a recreation tour.
- ➔ Find suitable office space for the Committee's use. Members have been using their homes for storage and subcommittee meetings.
- ➔ Work to improve stormwater management in the Lamprey watershed.
- ➔ Work to control erosion that has been occurring in the heavy use sites such as Wadleigh Falls and Wiswall Dam.
- ➔ Update the Committee's wildlife studies and set them up in a readily accessible format for easy access. ■

## RENTAL HOUSING COMMISSION

**Mark Henderson, Chair**

### Commission Members

Mark Henderson, Chair/DLA; Brett Mongeon, UNH Off-Campus Housing Office; Paul Berton, DLA; Ken Barrows, UNH/MUB; Ashley Lemarier, Student Body VP, Off-Campus Rep.; Perry Bryant, DLA; Rene Kelly, Durham Police; Diane Woods, Neighborhood Rep.; Pat O'Keefe, Student Senate- External Affairs/UNH; Karl Van Asselt, Council Rep.

The Rental Housing Commission (RHC) is comprised of ten members from various organizations, all of which have an impact on rental housing and its impact on our community. All seats were filled for 2006 and the Commission held official meetings.

### 2006 Accomplishments:

The Commission has become a very active vehicle for citizens, tenants, landlords, and Town officials to discuss situations, actions, and events pertaining to rental housing that may be detrimental to our community. It meets quarterly with special meetings held if requested by citizens or Town officials. Throughout the year, we continued to see a decline in tenant and rental housing disturbances compared to recent years. A large police presence, coupled with a very active involvement from University of New Hampshire (UNH) officials, has helped deter and avoid any of the large disruptive situations we have had in past years. A very large collaborative effort from many people has helped

change the perception, behavior, and attitude of the rental housing industry in Durham. The Durham Landlords Association (DLA) has also worked toward encouraging owners to take more pride in their properties through care and maintenance programs. Many thanks need to be given to the Durham Police and Fire Departments, and to the University of New Hampshire, for their efforts and continued accomplishments in 2006.

The RHC completed its revision of the "Information Booklet for Owners of Rental Property" in October. Many thanks to Karen Edwards of the Assessing Office for her help in putting the booklet together and with the distribution. Booklets were

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*Beverly Burrows places a wreath at the base of the memorial located in Memorial Park downtown during the Memorial Day Parade on May 29, 2006.*

PHOTO COURTESY COZETTE CARROLL



# Town Working Committees

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sent to all the landlords of record and distributed to local real estate offices. Booklets are available on the Town's website and printed copies are available for a fee at the Town Hall.

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## Goals for 2007:

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- ➔ Further assist the Town and residents with problematic neighborhood rental houses.
- ➔ Hold non-professional and absentee landlords accountable for their tenants and properties.
- ➔ Develop a plan of action and resolution that the RHC can institute to address problematic properties as they are brought forward by Town officials, citizens, and the police and fire departments. ■



# Vital Statistics and Resources

## AMERICAN RED CROSS

### Durham Chapter

Serving Durham and the University of New Hampshire. For Service or Information Please Call: (603) 868-9692

The American Red Cross in Durham is staffed entirely by volunteers and financed largely by membership contributions. It is the only all-volunteer Red Cross Chapter in New Hampshire.

In 1954, Dr. and Mrs. Nobel K. Peterson took over the leadership of the all-volunteer Durham Chapter of the American Red Cross. Under their excellent guidance, combined with the hard work of volunteers, the Red Cross served the Durham community for decades. Upon Dr. Peterson's death, Doris Peterson continued to carry the flag for the Durham chapter as one of the few remaining all-volunteer chapters in the nation. This era may be coming to a close. Beginning in 2007 Durham will most likely become part of the Great Bay chapter. Volunteers in Durham will combine their efforts with those in the Great Bay Chapter so services will continue for people in the Durham community.

It's a hometown affair. People in Durham care about their neighbors. Hundreds of men, women, and young people are

Durham Red Cross volunteers. Each year, they contribute funds to make the Red Cross services available to residents of Durham and to faculty, staff and students at the University of New Hampshire.

This year, thousands of men, women, and children of the Durham-UNH community were served by the Durham Red Cross in addition to the people who were helped by the units of blood donated during the 17 days of Durham Red Cross blood drives.

All who register annually as a financial contributor, volunteer, or blood donor are members of the Durham Red Cross chapter.

### Leadership Volunteers

Mrs. Nobel K. Peterson emeritus, Dr. James P. Barrett, Mrs. Herbert H. Flather, Dr. Paul C. Young, Kenneth R. Dudzik, Dr. Kevin V. Dugas, Kathryn Perry Firczuk, David T. Funk, Col. Calvin Hosmer III, Peter J. Pekins, Ralph Smallidge, Alden L. Winn, Jerilyn B. Young, Col. Richard Erickson, Alexander Amell, Lorrie Pitt, Marcia Erickson, Linda L. Hayden, Gerald J. Needell, Lorrie Pitt, Dr. Amos R. Townsend

Service to military personnel, veterans, and their families is one of the primary responsibilities of the American Red Cross. It includes family counseling, reporting, and communications in cooperation with the military services and Veterans Administration, assistance applying for government benefits, and referral to other resources and emergency financial assistance. This service also assists with international tracing and emergency communications.

### Membership

AWARD membership	\$100 or more
Development	\$25 to \$99
Sustaining	\$10 to \$24
Regular	\$1 to \$9

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## Disaster Services

All Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people. Immediate emergency aid or relief and recovery assistance must be provided for residents threatened or affected by disasters such as fire, flood, or hurricane. The Durham Chapter has a small share in Red Cross efforts to help alleviate suffering around the world.

## Blood Services

Whenever a resident of Durham or a student, faculty, or staff member of UNH needs blood while anywhere in the USA or Canada and notifies the Durham Red Cross, the blood can be replaced. All hospitals in New Hampshire are provided blood by the American Red Cross. This year, the Durham Red Cross conducted drives on 17 days. This service is successful because generous people contribute funds to their Red Cross chapter, serve as volunteers and give blood.

## Nursing and Health Services

Volunteers in nursing and health services have assisted upon request with Durham Chapter Red Cross Blood Services. Upon

request, they assist with blood pressure clinics and AIDS information programs of the UNH Health Services. Volunteers are told of Red Cross nursing and health services at community and area health fairs held on the UNH campus. The BAT program and Baby Sitting Course are available to schoolchildren.

## Water Safety Services

Service is provided for young people in Durham in cooperation with ORYA, and for UNH students and other adults.

## First Aid/CPR/AED Training

Training in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and AED is available for all members of the DurhamUNH community.

## Motor Corps Service

Transportation is provided to nearby medical facilities for routine treatment or therapy where there is need. This is the 60th year of service by the Motor Corps.

## Equipment Loaned to Convalescents

Wheelchairs, walkers, hospital-type beds, canes, and more are loaned on a first-request basis to residents of Durham, UNH faculty, staff, and students. ■

# BIRTHS 2006

CHILD'S NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	PARENT'S NAMES
Katherine Elena Pescosolido	January 13	Dover	Anthony & Elizabeth Pescosolido
Joseph McNamara Fiermonti	January 13	Dover	Seth & Katherine Fiermonti
Olivia Grace Mueller	February 06	Exeter	Christopher & Alyson Mueller
Alja Sara Forcey-Rodriguez	February 12	Portsmouth	Charles Forcey & Julia Rodriguez
Colby Belle Beers	February 22	Dover	Richard & Jennifer Beers
Peter Hermann Wierda	March 06	Portsmouth	Derk Wierda & Carmela Amato-Wierda
Maryellen Nora Moore	March 27	Exeter	John & Diane Moore
Margaret Rose Wade	April 07	Portsmouth	Steven & Molly Wade
Crystal Talisa Peters	April 21	Dover	Peter Ochieng & Elizabeth Owuor
Marlise Brooke Hyde	April 26	Dover	Duane & Noreen Hyde
Clavin Mackenzie Kucera	May 13	Dover	Edward & Judith Kucera
Wilson Patrick Kucera	May 13	Dover	Edward & Judith Kucera
William Welch Shaheen	May 15	Portsmouth	Craig Welch & Stefany Shaheen
Micah Jonathan Bessette	June 07	Exeter	Bryan & Hannah Bessette
Finn Edward Henderson	July 06	Dover	Douglas & Gayle Henderson
John Brittain Wilson	July 13	Exeter	Christopher & Sara Wilson
Arun Kumar Deem Bhattacharjee	July 25	Portsmouth	Amitava Bhattacharjee & Melissa Deem

Ashlyn Reese Lonsinger	July 26	Exeter	Jeffrey & Kristin Lonsinger
Jedidah Lu Xu	August 25	Exeter	Min Xu & Zhiping Guo
Owen Samuel Harland Savage	August 31	Portsmouth	Matthew Savage & Jasmine Proctor
Gavin Payne Fitch	September 01	Dover	Matthew & Amanda Fitch
Kevin Charles Kell	September 13	Dover	Paul & Rebecca Kell
Nadalia Jade Kizirian	October 01	Concord	Joshua Kizirian & Stefany Whitney
Elsa Mae Pueschel	October 12	Portsmouth	Scott Pueschel & Charlotte Finigan
Charles Robert Hutchinson	October 20	Portsmouth	Eric & Ashley Hutchinson
Cole David Byers	November 05	Portsmouth	James & Tyra Byers
Vivian Kelly O'Quinn	November 14	Portsmouth	Ryan & Jocelyn O'Quinn
Amaya Oo	November 14	Exeter	Aung Oo & Thet Lwin
Benjamin Frederic Sietz	November 25	Exeter	David Seitz & Bettina Linckersdorff-Sietz
Anton Georgiev	December 04	Dover	Georgi Nenchev & Dima Koleva

## DEATHS 2006

DECEDENT'S NAME	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
Martha Devries	January 05	Warner	Hans Hoogboom	Berendina Marrevold
Lena Archambeault	January 18	Dover	Fred Vigue	Doris Shuffleburg
George Rochfort	January 22	Dover	George Rochfort	Jean Tinlin
Walter Buckley	January 27	Durham	Walter Buckley	Amy Vaillencour
Margery Milne	February 28	Durham	Samuel Greenberg	Rebecca Gutman
Barbara Andersen	March 03	Durham	Paul Main Fowler	Estelle Sill
Miyoshi Ikawa	March 07	Dover	Eizo Ikawa	Kinu Inouye
Leo Bedard	March 11	Dover	Joseph Bedard	Rose Anna Cote
Crescentia Healy-True	March 14	Durham	William Healy	Crescentia Stark
Sharon Wallace	March 25	Durham	William Scott	Rita Burke
Helen Erwin	March 25	Portsmouth	Charles Conrad	Mabel Rice
Barbara Causey	April 29	Durham	Arthur Lyles	Wilma Smith
Fred Snyder	May 05	Portsmouth	Charles Snyder	Lillian Updegrave
Marion Stiles	May 07	Dover	Frank Kelley	Belle (Unknown)
Erastus Lee	May 17	Lee	Herbert Lee	Emma Cook
Michael Libby	May 18	Exeter	Reed Libby	Sophia Hart
Katherine Harcourt	May 28	Durham	George Close	Catherine Beirne
Frances Desmond	May 29	Dover	Patrick McCloskey	Isabelle Tracy
Gloria Sawicki	June 11	Dover	Joseph Mercier	Yvonne Miquelon

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DECEDENT'S NAME	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
Margaret Lowy	June 18	Durham	Robert Wilson	Ann Sutcliffe
Eva Bedard	June 27	Dover	Joseph Bedard	Rose Cote
Lowell Blass	July 07	Durham	Jacob Blass	Johanna Wencell
Robert Congdon	July 27	Durham	Gilbert Congdon	Caroline Grosvenor
Joseph Marelli	August 02	Dover	Angelo Marelli	Maria Crespi
Rhoda Hogan	August 04	Durham	Clarence Doyle	Hope Ford
Dorothy Martin	August 13	Exeter	Frank Babb	Esther (Unknown)
Mary Smith	August 27	Dover	Daniel Hartnett	Eleanor Cavanaugh
Marjorie Russell	September 02	Merrimack	Franklin Fader	Dorothy (Unknown)
Winthrop Puffer	September 28	Dover	Winthrop Puffer	Esther Robinson
Alex Shigo	October 06	Barrington	Alex Shigo	Helen Szilagyi
Elsie Davidson	November 04	Dover	Edward Pawlosky	Alvina Knopf
Donald Royce	November 24	Dover	Edgar Royce	Edith Sherburne
Doris Rahilly	December 01	Durham	Evariste Cormier	Exilda Leger
Alfred Nielson	December 08	Durham	Alfred Nielson	Hazel McVitty
Robert Leavy	December 09	Portsmouth	Harry Leavy	Frances Kating
John Hill	December 15	Portsmouth	Walter Hill	Voila Hakes
William Allred	December 17	Bermuda	William Allred	Maude Dickens
Stanley Langley	December 20	Dover	Andrew Langley	Carrie Langley
Carolyn McLean	December 21	Dover	Theodore Davis	Angie Plummer

## MARRIAGES 2006

GROOM'S NAME	GROOM'S RESIDENCE	BRIDE'S NAME	BRIDE'S RESIDENCE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE	DATE OF MARRIAGE
Edward Ricker	Durham	Xuelian Wei	China	Durham	January 06
Sunal A Parasiz	Durham	Canan G Guleryuz	Durham	Durham	April 07
Ronald J Marnicio	Durham	Kaye R Davis-Hannigan	Merrimack	Durham	April 29
Adam R Mitchell	Durham	Heidi E Savoy	Durham	Rollinsford	May 06
Christopher J Hayes	Dover	Elizabeth S Morris	Durham	New Boston	May 06
Peter O Ochieng	Durham	Elizabeth A Owuor	Durham	Durham	May 21
Kevin R Measor	Durham	Nikki C Perez	Durham	Somersworth	May 22
Robert MacLachlan	Durham	Ann M Larkin	Durham	Durham	July 06
Stuart W Curtis	Durham	Sara C Ahlgrim	Durham	Durham	July 07
Tony K Sanloun	Durham	Tara V Saravong	Durham	Durham	October 06
Michael E Leo	Durham	Kimberly M Downs	Durham	Durham	December 02
Christopher Lonsinger	Durham	Patricia M Santos	Bronxville, NY	Durham	December 16
Steven D Chinburg	Durham	Joanne C Devlin	North Berwick, ME	Portsmouth	December 21

## RESOURCE INFORMATION

### For 2006

#### Land Area

(2.2 miles of which is water surface)	25.5 sq. miles
Population (based on 2004 updated census information)	12,904
Incorporated	1732
Durham's Congressional District Number	1

#### Meeting Dates for Town Boards, Committees & 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](http://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
Historic District Commission	First Thursday 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 Wednesdays 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
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: <a href="http://www.ci.durham.nh.us">www.ci.durham.nh.us</a> or <a href="http://www.eb2gov.com">www.eb2gov.com</a>
Driver's License	Application available at the Dover Point MV Substation.
Dog Registration	Due May 1st. Neutered Male/Spayed Female: \$6.50. Unneutered Male/Unspayed Female: \$9.00. Senior Citizen: \$2.00
Property Taxes	Due July 1st and December 1st.
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 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](http://www.ci.durham.nh.us).

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**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. Landfill Permits may be obtained at the Public Works Department, located at 100 Stone Quarry Drive, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon and 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. 868-5578.

**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)	\$27.28
Town	\$ 6.59
School (Local)	\$15.95
School (State)	\$ 2.54
County	\$ 2.20
Net Assessed Valuation	\$809,736,968.00
Percentage of Valuation	93%*

\* 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](http://www.ci.durham.nh.us).

A copy of the listings may also be obtained at the Town Office. Residents may also call the Town 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](http://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
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### ADMINISTRATION, 15 Newmarket Road Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri

Todd I. Selig	Town Administrator	868-5571	133	868-5572	<a href="mailto:tselig@ci.durham.nh.us">tselig@ci.durham.nh.us</a>
Jennie Berry	Admin. Assistant		129		<a href="mailto:jberry@ci.durham.nh.us">jberry@ci.durham.nh.us</a>
Craig Stevens	DCAT Coordinator		114		<a href="mailto:cstevens@ci.durham.nh.us">cstevens@ci.durham.nh.us</a>

### ASSESSING, 15 Newmarket Road Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri

Robert Dix	Assessor	868-8065	119	868-8033	<a href="mailto:rdix@ci.durham.nh.us">rdix@ci.durham.nh.us</a>
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### BUSINESS/FINANCE, 15 Newmarket Road Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri

Gail Jablonski	Business Manager	868-8043	138	868-5572	<a href="mailto:gjablonski@ci.durham.nh.us">gjablonski@ci.durham.nh.us</a>
Lisa Beaudoin	Administrative Assistant		116		<a href="mailto:lbeaudoin@ci.durham.nh.us">lbeaudoin@ci.durham.nh.us</a>
Barbara Ross	Staff Accountant		115		<a href="mailto:bross@ci.durham.nh.us">bross@ci.durham.nh.us</a>
Luke Vincent	Info Technology Manager		132		<a href="mailto:lvincent@ci.durham.nh.us">lvincent@ci.durham.nh.us</a>

### FIRE DEPARTMENT, 51 College Road Hours: 7:30 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri

Peter O'Leary	Fire Chief	868-5531		862-1513	<a href="mailto:poleary@ci.durham.nh.us">poleary@ci.durham.nh.us</a>
Richard Miller	Assistant Fire Chief				<a href="mailto:rmiller@ci.durham.nh.us">rmiller@ci.durham.nh.us</a>
Melissa Perusse	Administrative Assistant				<a href="mailto:mperusse@ci.durham.nh.us">mperusse@ci.durham.nh.us</a>

**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				rkelly@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
David Cedarholm	Town Engineer				dcedarholm@ci.durham.nh.us
Janice Hogleund	Assistant to Public Works Dir.				jhogleund@ci.durham.nh.us

**SOLID WASTE DIVISION, 100 Durham Point Road Hours: 6:30 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Thu**

Doug Bullen	Opns Director	868-5578	142		dbullen@ci.durham.nh.us
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**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
Barbara Landgraf	Deputy Town Clerk		137		blandgraf@ci.durham.nh.us
Donna Hamel	Assistant to Town Clerk		136		dhamel@ci.durham.nh.us

**WASTEWATER, Route 4 Hours: 7:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri**

Duane Walker	Superintendent	868-2274		868-5005	dwalker@ci.durham.nh.us
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**WATER DIVISION, 100 Durham Point Road Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri**

Doug Bullen	Opns Director	868-5578		868-8063	dbullen@ci.durham.nh.us
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**ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT, 15 Newmarket Road Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri**

Thomas Johnson	Zoning Officer	868-8064	118	868-8033	tjohnson@ci.durham.nh.us
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**Other Commonly Used Numbers**

**Oyster River School District**

Superintendent of Schools	868-5100
Moharimet Elem School	742-2900
Mast Way Elem School	659-3001
Middle School	868-2820
High School	868-2375

**Oyster River Youth Association**

Office	868-5150
Ice Rink	868-3907
Durham Post Office	868-2151
Durham Public Library	868-6699
Historic Museum	868-5436
Durham District Court	868-2323
NH Fish & Game	868-1095

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## State And U.s. Representatives

### Governor

The Honorable John Lynch  
Office of the Governor  
107 North Main Street, Room 208  
Concord, NH 03301  
Office: 271-2121  
www.state.nh.us

### US Senators

Senator John Sununu  
One New Hampshire Ave., Suite 120,  
Portsmouth, NH 03801  
Office: 430-9560  
mailbox@sununu.senate.gov

Senator Judd Gregg  
125 North Main Street  
Concord, NH 03301  
Office: 225-7115  
mailbox@gregg.senate.gov

### US Representatives

Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter  
104 Washington St., Dover, NH 03820  
Office: 743-4813

### Executive Councilor

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# Budget and Finance

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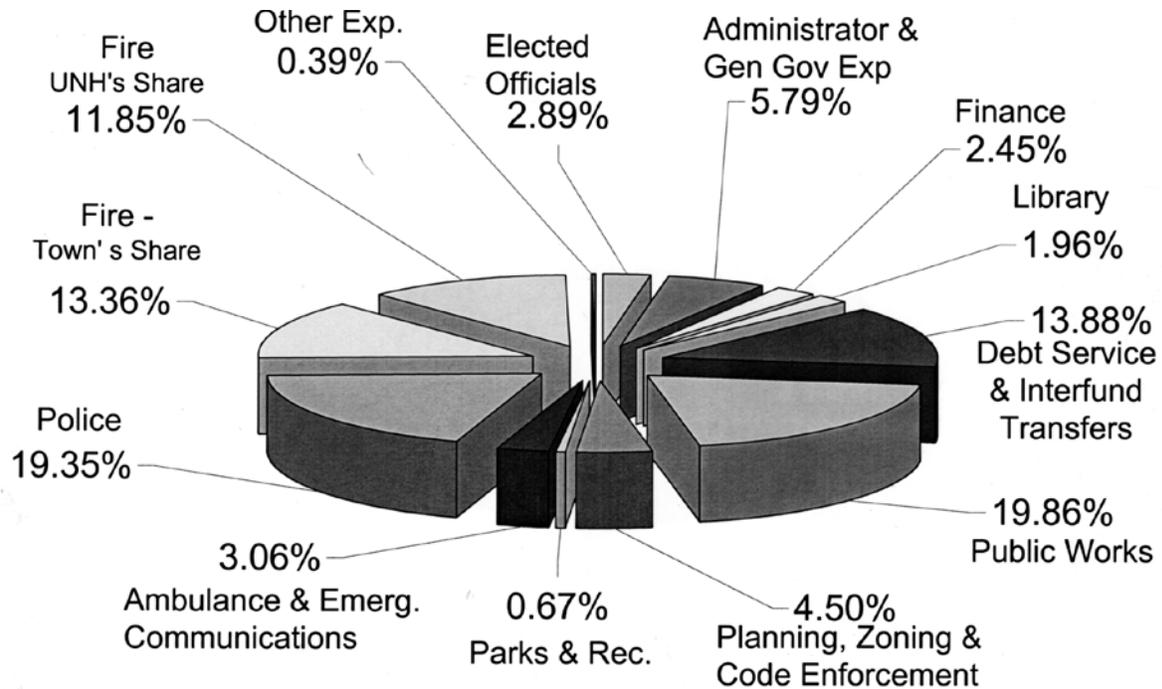
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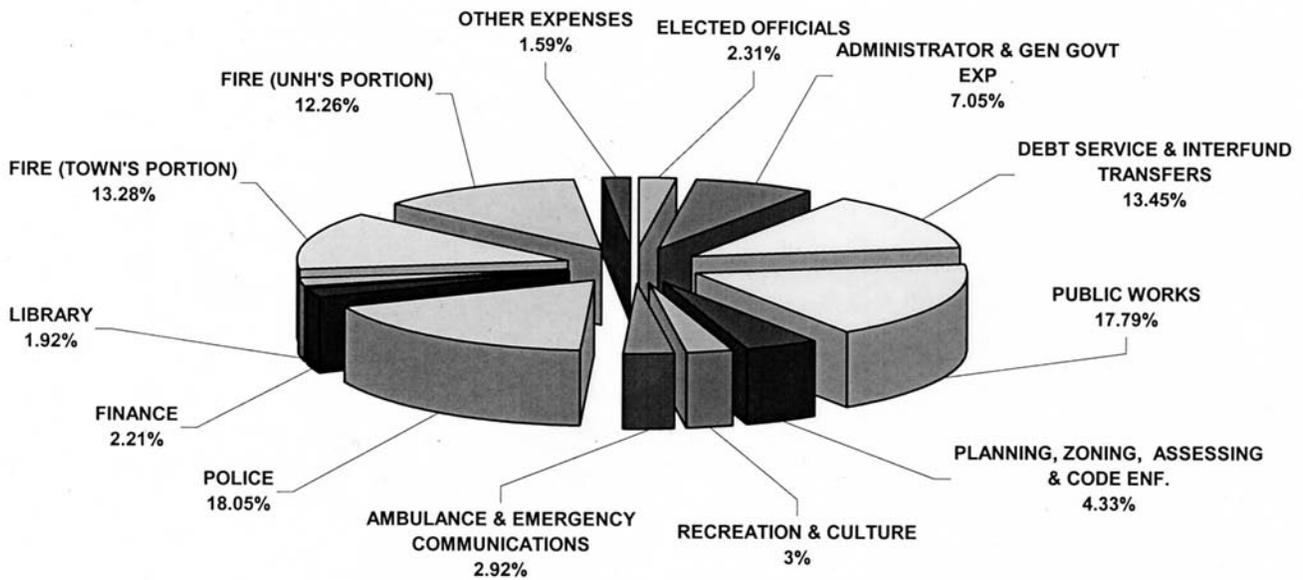
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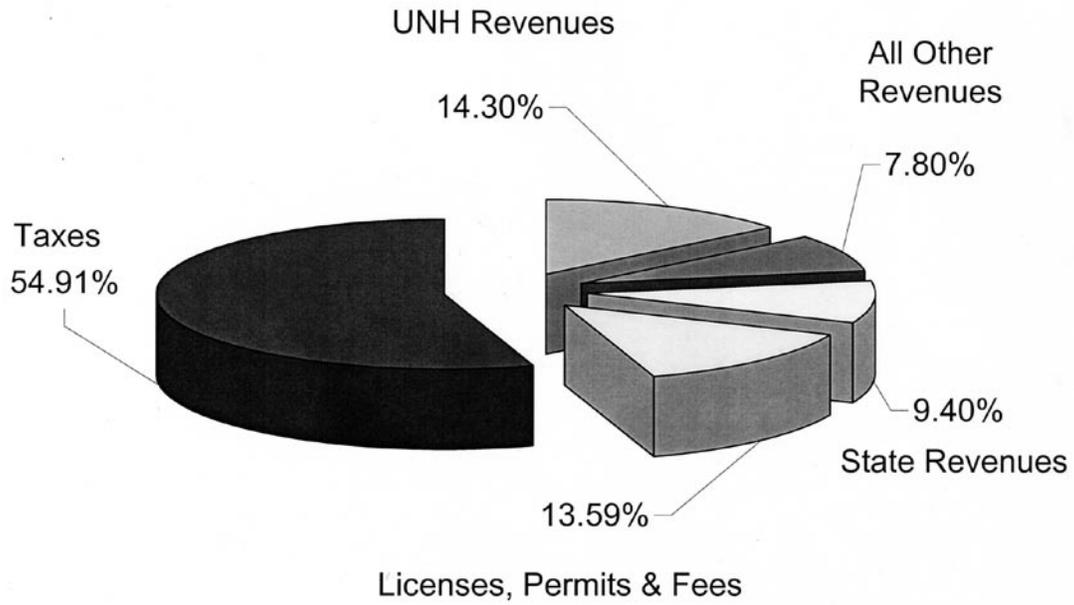
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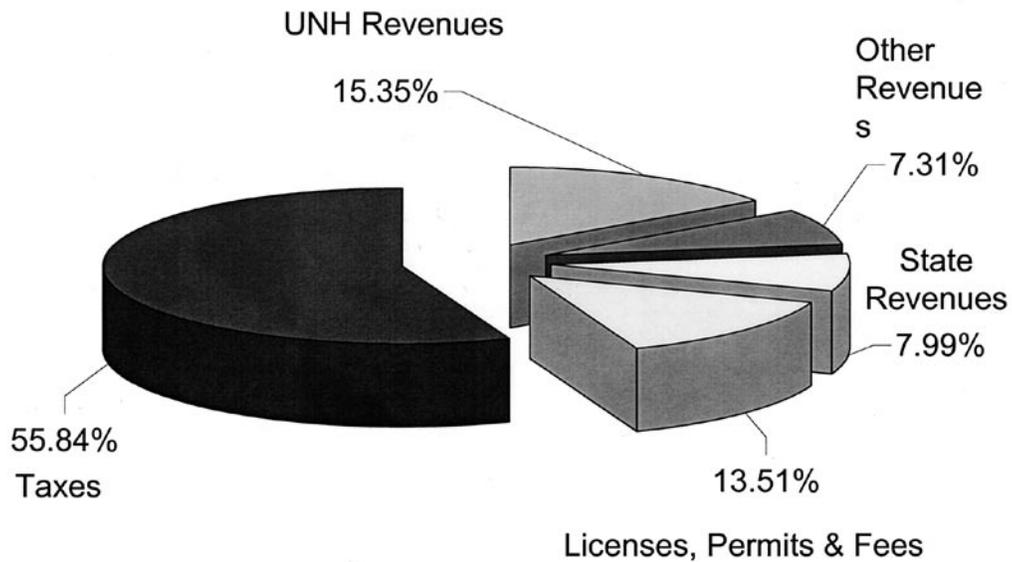
## 2007 Approved General Fund Appropriations



## 2006 Actual General Fund Revenues (unaudited)



## 2007 Anticipated General Fund Revenues



# Approved 2007-2016 Capital Improvement Program

Description	Ranking	2007	Ranking	2008	Ranking	2009	Ranking	2010	Ranking	2011	Ranking	2012	Ranking	2013	Ranking	2014	Ranking	2015	Ranking	2016
<b>Library Trustees</b>																				
New Library			1	500,000	1	737,113	1	2,512,887												
<b>Administration</b>																				
Mill Pond Center Purchase and Renovations			1	980,000																
New Town Hall Facility									1			300,000	1							
<b>MIS</b>																				
Municipal Network			1	108,000																
<b>Planning</b>																				
Main Street Improvements III (RR to Route 4)			1	491,151																
Wagon Hill Parking			2	28,500																
Officer Research/Light Industry Improvements			3	1,068,697																
<b>Recreation</b>																				
Jackson's Landing Improvement Project	1	177,430	1	140,256																
Replace Chiller Tubes at Church Hill Rink	2	35,000																		
Athletic Fields	2	139,000																		
<b>Code Enforcement</b>																				
Town Hall Renovations			1	135,000																
<b>Police Department</b>																				
Vehicle Replacement (Purchase 2Yr)	1	25,000	1	58,000	1	51,000	1	51,000	1	52,000	1	52,000	1	52,000	1	52,000	1	54,000	1	54,000
Record Management System			2	70,000	2	30,000														
Telephone System			3	27,000																
Special Response Vehicle			4	25,000																
Building Needs Assessment & Renovation					3	15,000	2	500,000												
<b>Fire Department</b>																				
Replace Car 1	1	24,800																		
Replace Car 2	2	25,450																		
Replace Utility 1	3	36,400																		
Fire Station Replacement							1	900,000	1	3,600,000										
Replace Medic 1			1	50,500																
Purchase Car 4					2	19,000														
Replace Engine 2							2	427,000												
Replace Car 3							3	22,000												
Rehab Engine 1									2	60,000										
Replace Forestry 1										3	120,000									
<b>Public Works - Operations Division</b>																				
Road Resturfacing	1	281,700	1	309,064	1	306,397	1	323,847	1	299,081	1	297,480	1	249,923	1	285,000	1	282,914	1	284,840
Dump Truck 33-400 GVMR Replacement	2	96,000								2	98,000	2	98,000	2	100,000	2	102,000			
Wineville Bridge Replacement	3	115,000	2	817,000																

Description	Ranking	2007	Ranking	2008	Ranking	2009	Ranking	2010	Ranking	2011	Ranking	2012	Ranking	2013	Ranking	2014	Ranking	2015	Ranking	2016
Repair Oyster River Dam	4	37,000	3	76,000																
Sidewalk Reconstruction			4	87,000	2	54,000														
Snow Blower Replacement					3	90,000														
Crommets Creek Bridge Repair							2	40,000	3	200,000										
Replace Sweeper											3	99,000								
<b>Public Works - Buildings &amp; Grounds Division</b>																				
1-Ton Dump Truck Replacement																			1	46,000
<b>Public Works - Sanitation Division</b>																				
Incinerator Decommission	1	75,000																		
Skid Steer Replacement			1	40,000															1	145,000
Refuse Collection Vehicle																			2	98,000
Recycling Collection Vehicle																				
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>\$828,790</b>		<b>\$5,146,168</b>		<b>\$1,302,610</b>		<b>\$4,776,734</b>		<b>\$4,429,081</b>		<b>\$941,490</b>		<b>\$3,970,423</b>		<b>\$437,000</b>		<b>\$681,914</b>		<b>\$384,640</b>

**Water Fund**

Meadbury Road Water Line Replacement	1	340,000																		
Water Audit	2	35,000																		
Spurce Hole Study	3	64,000	1	3,000,000																
Mill Pond Road Water Line Replacement			2	245,000																
1-Ton Utility Truck Replacement									1	35,000										
<b>TOTAL WATER FUND</b>		<b>\$439,000</b>		<b>\$3,245,000</b>		<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$35,000</b>		<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$0</b>

**Wastewater Fund**

Sewer Jet/Vac Truck Replacement	1	221,725																		
Dover Road Pump Station Rehabilitation	2	650,000																		
Inflow/Infiltration	3	200,000																		
West End Capacity Investigation	4	96,000																		
1-Ton Dump Truck Replacement	5	35,000																		
Collection System Upgrades	6	110,000	1	209,000	1	225,000	1	438,000												
Major Components	7	48,000	2	110,000	4	70,000	3	17,500	1	60,000										
WWTP Phase III			3	100,000	2	3,300,000														
3/4 Ton Pickup Truck Replacement			4	25,000																
Sludge Concentrator Replacement					3	150,000														
Sludge Containers Replacement					5	36,000														
Old Concord Road Pump Station Renovations							2	120,000												
College Brook Interceptor Repair									1	450,000										
Sludge Dewatering Equipment											1	2,000,000								
Diesel Generator Replacement																				
<b>TOTAL WASTEWATER FUND</b>		<b>\$1,660,726</b>		<b>\$444,000</b>		<b>\$3,781,000</b>		<b>\$976,600</b>		<b>\$80,000</b>		<b>\$450,000</b>		<b>\$2,000,000</b>		<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$125,000</b>

<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$3,028,506</b>		<b>\$8,635,168</b>		<b>\$5,083,610</b>		<b>\$8,392,234</b>		<b>\$4,489,081</b>		<b>\$1,326,490</b>		<b>\$5,970,423</b>		<b>\$437,000</b>		<b>\$681,914</b>		<b>\$509,640</b>
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## Combined Funds Statement FY 2006 Budget to Actual

REVENUES	FY2006 Estimated Revenue (Amended)	Unaudited Revenues FY Ending 12/31/2006	Differential Increased (Decreased) Revenue	FY2007 Estimated Revenue
<b>General Fund</b>				
Taxes	\$5,289,581	\$5,427,736	\$138,155	\$5,684,717
State Taxes & Shared Revenue	\$815,325	\$928,794	\$113,469	\$813,640
UNH - School Allocation, Fire & Debt	\$1,609,097	\$1,412,962	(\$196,135)	\$1,562,852
Licenses & Permits	\$1,395,627	\$1,343,321	(\$52,306)	\$1,375,824
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$413,860	\$495,332	\$81,472	\$507,432
Fund Balance	\$276,000	\$276,000	\$0	\$236,500
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$9,799,490</b>	<b>\$9,884,146</b>	<b>\$84,656</b>	<b>\$10,180,964</b>
<b>Water Fund</b>	<b>\$423,392</b>	<b>\$402,732</b>	<b>(\$20,660)</b>	<b>\$503,666</b>
<b>Sewer Fund</b>	<b>\$1,580,315</b>	<b>\$1,793,335</b>	<b>\$213,020</b>	<b>\$1,656,262</b>
<b>Parking Fund</b>	<b>\$191,500</b>	<b>\$161,149</b>	<b>(\$30,351)</b>	<b>\$170,750</b>
<b>Capital Fund</b>	<b>\$2,000,292</b>	<b>\$1,230,647</b>	<b>(\$769,645)</b>	<b>\$3,028,505</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$13,994,989</b>	<b>\$13,472,009</b>	<b>(\$522,980)</b>	<b>\$15,540,147</b>

EXPENDITURES	FY2006 Council Approved & Amended	Unaudited Expended & Encumbered FY Ending 12/31/2006	Differential (Over) Under Expended	FY2007 Budget
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
Town Council	\$143,711	\$91,840	\$51,871	\$73,811
Elections & Town Treasurer	\$17,183	\$15,496	\$1,687	\$13,920
Tax Collector/Town Clerk	\$158,002	\$172,332	(\$14,330)	\$155,230
Town Administrator	\$234,961	\$228,027	\$6,934	\$241,977
General Government & Computers	\$403,193	\$332,732	\$70,461	\$499,022
Finance Office	\$249,519	\$237,173	\$12,346	\$232,711
Planning, Zoning & Assessing	\$481,178	\$436,461	\$44,717	\$455,364
Other General Government	\$9,556	\$9,261	\$295	\$10,661
<b>General Government Total</b>	<b>\$1,697,303</b>	<b>\$1,523,322</b>	<b>\$173,982</b>	<b>\$1,682,696</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>				
Police Department	\$1,925,597	\$1,875,053	\$50,544	\$1,897,960
Fire Department	\$2,594,954	\$2,442,493	\$152,461	\$2,684,890
Communication Center	\$259,000	\$259,000	\$0	\$269,360
Ambulance Services	\$37,725	\$37,725	\$0	\$37,245
<b>Public Safety Total</b>	<b>\$4,817,276</b>	<b>\$4,614,271</b>	<b>\$203,005</b>	<b>\$4,889,455</b>

Combined Funds Statement FY 2006 Budget to Actual (continued)

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY2006 Council Approved &amp; Amended</b>	<b>Unaudited Expended &amp; Encumbered FY Ending 12/31/2006</b>	<b>Differential (Over) Under Expended</b>	<b>FY2007 Budget</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>				
Administration	\$373,789	\$333,100	\$40,689	\$329,222
Buildings & Grounds	\$270,280	\$263,625	\$6,655	\$285,789
Equipment Maintenance	\$200,233	\$193,366	\$6,867	\$181,453
Roadway & Drainage	\$176,376	\$184,348	(\$7,972)	\$173,563
Snow Removal	\$147,349	\$119,846	\$27,503	\$150,179
Traffic Control	\$114,201	\$128,348	(\$14,147)	\$116,228
Bridges & Dams	\$146,071	\$155,430	(\$9,359)	\$147,419
<b>Public Works Total</b>	<b>\$1,428,299</b>	<b>\$1,378,062</b>	<b>\$50,237</b>	<b>\$1,383,853</b>
<b>SANITATION</b>				
Solid Waste Administration	\$114,909	\$122,561	(\$7,652)	\$96,589
Curbside Collection & Litter Removal	\$144,026	\$180,712	(\$36,686)	\$156,627
Recycling	\$110,223	\$98,818	\$11,405	\$96,083
Solid Waste Management Facility (SWMF)	\$113,137	\$103,003	\$10,134	\$98,842
Hazardous Waste Day	\$3,500	\$3,423	\$77	\$4,000
Rolloff Vehicle Operation	\$28,745	\$38,357	(\$9,612)	\$34,781
<b>Sanitation Total</b>	<b>\$514,540</b>	<b>\$546,874</b>	<b>(\$32,334)</b>	<b>\$486,922</b>
<b>Public Works &amp; Sanitation Total</b>	<b>\$1,942,839</b>	<b>\$1,924,936</b>	<b>\$17,903</b>	<b>\$1,870,775</b>
<b>HEALTH &amp; WELFARE</b>				
Health Inspector	\$500	\$1,719	(\$1,219)	\$1,200
Administration & Direct Assistance	\$22,423	\$27,029	(\$4,606)	\$23,073
<b>Health &amp; Welfare Total</b>	<b>\$22,923</b>	<b>\$28,748</b>	<b>(\$5,825)</b>	<b>\$24,273</b>
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>				
Public Library	\$189,527	\$189,527	\$0	\$201,735
Parks & Recreation Programs	\$11,372	\$11,974	(\$602)	\$43,500
Resident Pool Rebate	\$15,100	\$15,097	\$3	\$15,100
Memorial Day	\$1,500	\$1,255	\$245	\$1,500
O.R.Y.A.	\$29,592	\$29,592	\$0	\$30,500
Swans	\$260	\$0	\$260	\$0
Conservation Commission	\$10,000	\$4,228	\$5,772	\$1,000
Historic District Commission	\$4,000	\$30	\$3,970	\$300
Historical Association	\$3,810	\$0	\$3,810	\$3,810
Durham Day	\$2,500	\$2,835	(\$335)	\$2,500
<b>Culture &amp; Recreation Total</b>	<b>\$267,661</b>	<b>\$254,538</b>	<b>\$13,123</b>	<b>\$299,945</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>				
Long Term	\$623,430	\$623,430	\$0	\$1,028,120
Short Term	\$185,000	\$313,759	(\$128,759)	\$105,000
Interfund Transfers	\$437,812	\$408,141	\$29,671	\$280,700
<b>Debt Service Total</b>	<b>\$1,246,242</b>	<b>\$1,345,330</b>	<b>(\$99,088)</b>	<b>\$1,413,820</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$9,994,244</b>	<b>\$9,691,145</b>	<b>\$303,099</b>	<b>\$10,180,964</b>

Combined Funds Statement FY 2006 Budget to Actual (continued)

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY2006 Council Approved &amp; Amended</b>	<b>Unaudited Expended &amp; Encumbered FY Ending 12/31/2006</b>	<b>Differential (Over) Under Expended</b>	<b>FY2007 Budget</b>
<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>				
Water Fund	\$438,190	\$440,042	(\$1,852)	\$503,666
Sewer Fund	\$1,605,073	\$1,554,997	\$50,076	\$1,656,262
Parking Fund	\$191,500	\$59,628	\$131,872	\$170,750
Capital Fund	\$2,000,292	\$665,060	\$1,335,232	\$3,028,505
<b>Other Funds Total</b>	<b>\$4,235,055</b>	<b>\$2,719,728</b>	<b>\$1,515,327</b>	<b>\$5,359,183</b>
<b>COMBINED TOTALS</b>	<b>\$14,229,299</b>	<b>\$12,410,872</b>	<b>\$1,818,427</b>	<b>\$15,540,147</b>

# 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, 2005, 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 respective financial position of the governmental activities of the Town of Durham at December 31, 2005 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.

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, 2005, 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.

May 10, 2006

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Independent Auditor's Report (continued)



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

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

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Durham for the year ended December 31, 2005, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions, and accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above. We noted no material weaknesses in the Town's accounting systems and records.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the town council, and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

May 10, 2006

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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, 2005 the Town of Durham's net assets are recorded at a negative \$316,044 due to the change in reporting of fixed assets and infrastructure for 2004 and moving forward only, while reporting on all outstanding long-term debt.
- The Town's unreserved, undesignated fund balance for the General Fund at year-end of \$1,373,822 reflects a decrease of \$291,475 compared to the prior fiscal year's end of \$1,665,297.
- The Sewer Fund's unreserved fund balance at year-end reflects a deficit of \$84,361 compared to a deficit of \$16,411 at the beginning of the year.
- The Town's long-term obligations saw a net decrease of almost \$450,000 during the year due to no additional debt being incurred.

#### 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 related 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. 2004 was the first time that the Town's financial reports reflect capital assets including infrastructure and long-term liabilities.

#### 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. The 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

2004 was the first year that the Town reported on governmental activities using the new standard. The Statement of Net Assets reflects changes in net assets during 2005, however, since we are not reporting capital assets and infrastructure acquired prior to 2004, the overall Total Net Assets at the end of 2005 continues to show a deficit. This is due to the fact that all long-term debt is reflected in these statements while the corresponding assets and infrastructure that were added prior to 2004, except work in progress during 2003, are not included. In subsequent years, this statement will eventually show a more accurate picture of the Town's net assets.

A condensed version of the Statement of Net Assets at December 31, 2004 and 2005 follows.

#### Town of Durham's Net Assets

(all figures are in U.S. dollars)

	2005	2004	Increase (Decrease)	% Increase (Decrease)
Current and other assets	14,347,387	11,527,449	2,819,938	25%
Capital assets, net	2,459,136	3,691,763	(1,232,626)	(33%)
Total assets	16,806,523	15,219,212	1,587,312	10%
Long-term liabilities outstanding	9,578,034	10,024,120	(446,086)	(4%)
Other liabilities	7,544,533	7,654,228	(109,695)	(1%)
Total liabilities	17,122,567	17,678,348	(555,781)	(3%)
Net assets:				
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	(4,363,292)	(2,882,346)	(1,480,946)	51%
Restricted	360,971	351,833	9,138	3%
Unrestricted	3,686,277	71,377	3,614,900	5165%
Total net assets	(316,044)	(2,459,136)	2,143,092	(83%)

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 \$4.5 million. The non-land portion of improvements is being depreciated. Due to the modified approach of only reporting assets and infrastructure added during 2004 and moving forward, the net value of the assets and liabilities at December 31, 2005 is a negative \$316,044. In the coming years, the Statement of Net Assets will eventually project a more representative picture for the Town of Durham.

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### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004:

(all figures are in U.S. dollars)

	2005	2004	Increase (Decrease)	% Increase (Decrease)
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
Program Revenues:				
Charges for services	3,393,085	2,198,769	1,194,316	54%
Operating Grants & Contributions	1,381,568	2,059,609	(678,041)	(33%)
Capital Grants and Contributions	403,966	65,802	338,164	6%
General Revenues:				
Taxes	6,145,940	5,217,968	927,972	18%
Licenses and Permits	890,090	904,203	(14,113)	(2%)
Unrestricted Grants	630,152	837,844	(207,692)	(25%)
Interest	183,577	92,837	90,740	98%
Miscellaneous	48,774	21,216	27,558	230%
Total Revenues	12,219,325	11,398,248	821,077	7%
<b>EXPENSES:</b>				
General Government	1,376,895	1,359,176	17,719	1%
Public Safety	4,558,711	4,546,490	12,221	1%
Highways and Streets	1,407,922	1,286,122	121,800	10%
Sanitation	1,327,316	1,360,655	(33,339)	(2%)
Water	237,836	243,308	(5,472)	(2%)
Health	17,452	15,599	1,853	12%
Welfare	8,164	6,761	1,403	21%
Culture and Recreation	224,178	225,564	(1,386)	(.05%)
Conservation	11,941	13,260	(1,319)	(10%)
Capital Outlay	197,218	739,663	(542,445)	(73%)
Interest in Long-Term Debt	708,600	368,873	339,727	92%
Total Governmental Activities	10,076,233	10,165,471	(89,238)	(1%)
Change in Net Assets	2,143,092	1,232,777	910,315	74%
Beginning Net Assets	(2,459,136)	(3,691,913)	1,232,777	33%
Ending Net Assets	(316,044)	(2,459,136)	2,143,092	87%

### GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2005

With only a couple of exceptions, governmental program expenses remain similar to the prior year.

### BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2005

There were no changes to the Town Council's approved and adopted budget during 2005.

### CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

#### CAPITAL ASSETS

As of December 31, 2005, the Town had invested \$4.5 million in capital assets, which represents a net increase (additions, deductions and depreciation) of \$800,000. As stated previously, these figures do not include capital assets and infrastructure from years prior to 2004. Additional detailed information on Capital Assets is available in the notes to the financial statements.

## Independent Auditor's Report (continued)

### OUTSTANDING DEBT

As of year-end, the Town had \$9.5 million in debt outstanding compared to \$10 million last year. The \$500,000 decrease is a result of the retirement of long-term debt over additional debt incurred. Additional detailed information on Long-term obligations is available in the notes to the financial statements.

There were no new long-term borrowings during the year, however the Town finalized the draw down of funds on the existing State of NH Revolving Loan Fund Loan for improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Facility. It is anticipated that the Town will issue a new general obligation bond in 2006 that will fund capital projects from 2003 through 2006. 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 55.4% of total governmental resources. Inter-governmental revenues from the state and University of New Hampshire (UNH), shared revenues, grants and a new special assessment make up just over 16.1% of total resources, while charges for services comprise approximately 18.7%. Licenses, permits and miscellaneous revenues amount to the remaining 9.8%.

With the economy slowly recovering after an extended downturn these sources of revenues appear to 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 2006 fiscal year General Fund Budget projects a 6.2% increase in resources and a 4.7% increase in expenditures, due to salary and benefit cost increases, fully funding a full-time Library Director, increased costs for fuel, electricity, natural gas and heating oil, and the addition of a MIS Department. Reductions in spending for the long term debt for capital projects not yet bonded assisted in keeping the increase to 4.7%. The overall property tax rate impact for 2006, using an estimated \$276,000 in fund balance, amounts to a 7% increase.

### 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, 2005*

	Governmental Activities
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,733,392
Investments	783,797
Taxes receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible	1,423,301
Other receivables, net of allowance for uncollectible	366,085
Prepaid items	14,352
Capital assets, not being depreciated:	
Land	562,621
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:	
Land improvements	171,297
Buildings and building improvements	3,281,226
Machinery, vehicles and equipment	470,452
Total assets	<u>16,806,523</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts payable	612,913
Accrued salaries and benefits	124,370
Intergovernmental payable	5,993,208
Retainage payable	7,844
Accrued interest payable	145,907
Unearned revenue	29,916
Bond anticipation note payable	599,381
Escrow deposit payable	30,994
Noncurrent obligations:	
Due within one year:	
Bonds and notes	934,985
Capital leases	76,981
Accrued landfill postclosure care costs	10,000
Due in more than one year:	
Bonds and notes	7,631,777
Capital leases	205,145
Compensated absences	449,146
Accrued landfill postclosure care costs	270,000
Total liabilities	<u>17,122,567</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	(4,363,292)
Restricted for perpetual care	360,971
Unrestricted	3,686,277
Total net assets	<u>\$ (316,044)</u>

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TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Statement of Activities  
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005

	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	
Governmental activities:			Capital Grants and Contributions	
General government	\$ 1,376,895	\$ 75,889	\$ -	\$ (1,301,006)
Public safety	4,558,711	1,456,411	449,265	(2,653,035)
Highways and streets	1,407,922	343,458	229,123	(835,341)
Sanitation	1,327,316	1,129,632	287,491	89,807
Health	17,452	-	-	(17,452)
Welfare	8,164	-	-	(8,164)
Culture and recreation	224,178	30,512	-	(193,666)
Conservation	11,941	-	-	(11,941)
Water distribution and treatment	237,836	357,183	28,663	148,010
Interest on long term debt	708,600	-	-	(708,600)
Capital outlay	197,218	-	387,026	593,774
Total governmental activities	\$ 10,076,233	\$ 3,393,085	\$ 1,381,568	\$ (4,897,614)
General revenues:				
Taxes:				
Property				4,924,799
Other				363,314
Motor vehicle permit fees				857,827
Licenses and other fees				32,263
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs				630,152
Unrestricted investment earnings				183,577
Miscellaneous				48,774
Total general revenues				7,040,706
Change in net assets				2,143,092
Net assets, beginning				(2,459,136)
Net assets, ending				\$ (316,044)

Independent Auditor's Report (continued)

TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
December 31, 2005

	General Fund	Sewer Department Fund	Expendable Trust Fund	Capital Project Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,042,776	\$ -	\$ 1,533,957	\$ 347,868	\$ 808,791	\$ 9,733,392
Investments	-	-	-	-	783,797	783,797
Receivables, net of allowances for uncollectible:						
Taxes	1,423,301	-	-	-	-	1,423,301
Accounts	21,558	135,912	-	-	83,446	240,916
Intergovernmental	15,406	-	-	-	109,763	125,169
Interfund receivable	144,870	-	73,520	-	261,131	479,521
Prepaid Items	11,852	-	-	-	2,500	14,352
Total assets	<u>\$ 8,659,763</u>	<u>\$ 135,912</u>	<u>\$ 1,607,477</u>	<u>\$ 347,868</u>	<u>\$ 2,049,428</u>	<u>\$ 12,800,448</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>						
Liabilities:						
Accounts payable	\$ 272,723	\$ 43,015	\$ -	\$ 262,385	\$ 34,790	\$ 612,913
Accrued salaries and benefits	111,255	7,630	-	-	5,485	124,370
Intergovernmental payable	5,993,208	-	-	-	-	5,993,208
Interfund payable	324,651	144,870	-	-	10,000	479,521
Deferred revenue	27,856	-	-	-	2,060	29,916
Bond anticipation note payable	-	-	-	599,381	-	599,381
Retainage payable	-	-	-	7,844	-	7,844
Escrow deposit payable	30,994	-	-	-	-	30,994
Total liabilities	<u>6,760,687</u>	<u>195,515</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>869,610</u>	<u>52,335</u>	<u>7,878,147</u>
Fund balances:						
Reserve for encumbrances	237,404	24,758	-	906,656	14,798	1,183,616
Reserved for special purposes	-	-	-	-	360,971	360,971
Unreserved:						
Designated for contingency	287,850	-	-	-	-	287,850
Undesignated, reported in:						
General fund	1,373,822	(84,361)	1,607,477	-	1,621,324	1,373,822
Special revenue funds	-	-	-	-	-	3,144,440
Capital project fund	-	-	-	(1,428,398)	-	(1,428,398)
Total fund balances	<u>1,899,076</u>	<u>(59,603)</u>	<u>1,607,477</u>	<u>(521,742)</u>	<u>1,997,093</u>	<u>4,922,301</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 8,659,763</u>	<u>\$ 135,912</u>	<u>\$ 1,607,477</u>	<u>\$ 347,868</u>	<u>\$ 2,049,428</u>	<u>\$ 12,800,448</u>

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*TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE*  
*Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances*  
*to the Statement of Net Assets*  
*December 31, 2005*

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Total fund balances of governmental funds (Exhibit C-1)		\$ 4,922,301
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	\$ 4,555,125	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(69,529)</u>	4,485,596
Interfund receivables and payables between governmental funds are eliminated on the statement of net assets:		
Receivables	\$ (479,521)	
Payables	<u>479,521</u>	-
Interest on long-term debt is not accrued in governmental funds.		
Accrued interest payable		(145,907)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period, and therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Bonds	\$ 8,566,762	
Capital leases	282,126	
Compensated absences	449,146	
Accrued landfill postclosure care costs	<u>280,000</u>	<u>(9,578,034)</u>
Total net assets of governmental activities (Exhibit A)		<u>\$ (316,044)</u>

Independent Auditor's Report (continued)

TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures  
 and Changes in Fund Balances  
 All Governmental Funds  
 For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005

	General Fund	Sewer Department Fund	Expendable Trust Fund	Capital Project Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues:</b>						
Taxes	\$ 5,039,593	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 248,520	\$ 5,288,113
Licenses and permits	890,090	-	-	-	-	890,090
Intergovernmental	1,308,540	253,521	-	403,966	28,663	1,994,690
Charges for services	1,704,781	1,129,632	-	-	528,257	3,362,670
Miscellaneous	151,596	33,970	30,470	387,026	74,290	677,352
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>9,094,600</b>	<b>1,417,123</b>	<b>30,470</b>	<b>790,992</b>	<b>879,730</b>	<b>12,212,915</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>						
<b>Current:</b>						
General government	1,309,691	-	-	-	49,402	1,359,093
Public safety	4,601,948	-	-	-	8,208	4,610,156
Highways and streets	1,408,168	-	-	-	-	1,408,168
Sanitation	520,875	868,560	-	-	-	1,389,435
Water treatment and distribution	-	-	-	-	236,092	236,092
Health	17,452	-	-	-	-	17,452
Welfare	8,164	-	-	-	-	8,164
Culture and recreation	42,715	-	-	-	171,780	214,495
Conservation	11,941	-	-	-	-	11,941
Debt service	861,081	572,828	-	-	139,312	1,573,221
Capital outlay	-	-	-	1,036,081	-	1,036,081
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>8,782,035</b>	<b>1,441,388</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,036,081</b>	<b>604,794</b>	<b>11,864,298</b>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures</b>	<b>312,565</b>	<b>(24,265)</b>	<b>30,470</b>	<b>(245,089)</b>	<b>274,936</b>	<b>348,617</b>
<b>Other financing sources (uses):</b>						
Transfers in	172,226	-	98,520	636,032	163,509	1,070,287
Transfers out	(625,061)	(57,137)	(250,000)	-	(138,089)	(1,070,287)
Debt issued	-	-	-	611,021	-	611,021
<b>Total other financing sources and uses</b>	<b>(452,835)</b>	<b>(57,137)</b>	<b>(151,480)</b>	<b>1,247,053</b>	<b>25,420</b>	<b>611,021</b>
<b>Net change in fund balances</b>	<b>(140,270)</b>	<b>(81,402)</b>	<b>(121,010)</b>	<b>1,001,964</b>	<b>300,356</b>	<b>959,638</b>
<b>Fund balances, beginning</b>	<b>2,039,346</b>	<b>21,799</b>	<b>1,728,487</b>	<b>(1,523,706)</b>	<b>1,696,737</b>	<b>3,962,663</b>
<b>Fund balances, ending</b>	<b>\$ 1,899,076</b>	<b>\$ (59,603)</b>	<b>\$ 1,607,477</b>	<b>\$ (521,742)</b>	<b>\$ 1,997,093</b>	<b>\$ 4,922,301</b>

Independent Auditor's Report (continued)

**TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and**  
**Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)**  
**General Fund**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005**

	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$ 4,931,679	\$ 5,039,593	\$ 107,914
Licenses and permits	879,750	890,090	10,340
Intergovernmental	1,224,819	1,143,944	(80,875)
Charges for services	1,621,465	1,704,781	83,316
Miscellaneous	63,310	151,596	88,286
Total revenues	<u>8,721,023</u>	<u>8,930,004</u>	<u>208,981</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General government	1,434,217	1,296,091	138,126
Public safety	4,644,158	4,497,208	146,950
Highways and streets	1,319,435	1,367,041	(47,606)
Sanitation	464,725	520,429	(55,704)
Health	17,565	17,452	113
Welfare	5,000	8,164	(3,164)
Culture and recreation	44,238	44,237	1
Conservation	10,000	11,941	(1,941)
Debt service	859,508	861,081	(1,573)
Total expenditures	<u>8,798,846</u>	<u>8,623,644</u>	<u>175,202</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(77,823)</u>	<u>306,360</u>	<u>384,183</u>
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfers in	259,682	172,226	(87,456)
Transfers out	(561,859)	(625,061)	(63,202)
Total other financing sources and uses	<u>(302,177)</u>	<u>(452,835)</u>	<u>(150,658)</u>
Net change in fund balances	(380,000)	(146,475)	233,525
Unreserved fund balances, beginning	1,808,147	1,808,147	-
Unreserved fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 1,428,147</u>	<u>\$ 1,661,672</u>	<u>\$ 233,525</u>

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*TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE*  
*Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances*  
*Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)*  
*Sewer Department Fund*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005*

	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Revenues:			
Intergovernmental	\$ 393,664	\$ 253,521	\$ (140,143)
Charges for services	1,049,304	1,129,632	80,328
Miscellaneous	3,000	33,970	30,970
Total revenues	<u>1,445,968</u>	<u>1,417,123</u>	<u>(28,845)</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Sanitation	824,586	855,108	(30,522)
Debt service	<u>592,182</u>	<u>572,828</u>	<u>19,354</u>
Total expenditures	<u>1,416,768</u>	<u>1,427,936</u>	<u>(11,168)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	29,200	(10,813)	(40,013)
Other financing uses:			
Transfers out	<u>(97,137)</u>	<u>(57,137)</u>	<u>40,000</u>
Net change in fund balance	(67,937)	(67,950)	(13)
Unreserved fund balance, beginning	<u>(16,411)</u>	<u>(16,411)</u>	<u>-</u>
Unreserved fund balance, ending	<u>\$ (84,348)</u>	<u>\$ (84,361)</u>	<u>\$ (13)</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, 2005*

	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
<b>Taxes:</b>			
Property	\$ 4,804,494	\$ 4,924,799	\$ 120,305
Timber	600	1,858	1,258
Boat and railroad	350	115	(235)
Payment in lieu of taxes	41,235	43,328	2,093
Interest and penalties on taxes	85,000	69,493	(15,507)
<b>Total taxes</b>	<u>4,931,679</u>	<u>5,039,593</u>	<u>107,914</u>
<b>Licenses, permits and fees:</b>			
Motor vehicle permit fees	850,000	857,827	7,827
Other	29,750	32,263	2,513
<b>Total licenses, permits and fees</b>	<u>879,750</u>	<u>890,090</u>	<u>10,340</u>
<b>Intergovernmental:</b>			
State:			
Shared revenue block grant	150,000	150,000	-
Meals and rooms distribution	478,907	478,907	-
Highway block grant	229,125	229,123	(2)
University of New Hampshire	353,787	284,669	(69,118)
Other	13,000	1,245	(11,755)
<b>Total intergovernmental</b>	<u>1,224,819</u>	<u>1,143,944</u>	<u>(80,875)</u>
<b>Charges for services:</b>			
Income from departments	1,621,465	1,704,781	83,316
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>			
Interest on investments	45,000	129,993	84,993
Insurance dividends and reimbursements	9,000	6,431	(2,569)
Other	9,310	15,172	5,862
<b>Total miscellaneous</b>	<u>63,310</u>	<u>151,596</u>	<u>88,286</u>
<b>Other financing sources:</b>			
Interfund transfers:			
Sewer department fund	44,137	44,137	-
Nonmajor funds:			
Parking	200,000	112,544	(87,456)
Water department	15,545	15,545	-
<b>Total other financing sources</b>	<u>259,682</u>	<u>172,226</u>	<u>(87,456)</u>
<b>Total revenues and other financing sources</b>	8,980,705	<u>\$ 9,102,230</u>	<u>\$ 121,525</u>
Unreserved fund balance used to reduce tax rate	380,000		
<b>Total revenues, other financing sources and use of fund balance</b>	<u>\$ 9,360,705</u>		

Independent Auditor's Report (continued)

**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, 2005*

	Encumbered From 2004	Appropriations 2005	Expenditures Net of Refunds	Encumbered To 2006	Variance Positive (Negative)
Current:					
General government:					
Town council	\$ 50,000	\$ 83,399	\$ 23,163	\$ 50,000	\$ 60,236
Elections	-	3,812	2,911	-	901
Supervisors	-	4,175	1,591	-	2,584
Town clerk/tax collector	-	157,782	164,474	-	(6,692)
Treasurer	-	6,050	6,044	-	6
Town administrator	-	208,372	219,177	3,000	(13,805)
Accounting	-	232,446	240,113	-	(7,667)
Assessing	-	110,755	111,299	8,721	(9,265)
MIS	26,965	64,940	84,032	-	7,873
Planning	4,159	155,627	143,548	6,597	9,641
Zoning and code enforcement	-	131,701	146,645	-	(14,944)
DCAT	-	25,665	16,446	-	9,219
General government allocations	794	19,743	12,043	-	8,494
Other	48,000	229,750	138,205	48,000	91,545
Total general government	<u>129,918</u>	<u>1,434,217</u>	<u>1,309,691</u>	<u>116,318</u>	<u>138,126</u>
Public safety:					
Police department	-	1,851,936	1,842,669	-	9,267
Ambulance	-	34,900	34,900	-	-
Fire department	35,065	2,505,800	2,371,141	52,524	117,200
Dispatching	-	251,522	188,642	42,397	20,483
Total public safety	<u>35,065</u>	<u>4,644,158</u>	<u>4,437,352</u>	<u>94,921</u>	<u>146,950</u>
Highways and streets	<u>59,517</u>	<u>1,319,435</u>	<u>1,408,168</u>	<u>18,390</u>	<u>(47,606)</u>
Sanitation	<u>699</u>	<u>464,725</u>	<u>520,875</u>	<u>253</u>	<u>(55,704)</u>
Health:					
Administration	-	500	1,187	-	(687)
Health agencies and hospitals	-	17,065	16,265	-	800
Total health	<u>-</u>	<u>17,565</u>	<u>17,452</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>113</u>
Welfare:					
Direct assistance	-	5,000	8,164	-	(3,164)
Culture and recreation:					
Parks and recreation	<u>6,000</u>	<u>44,238</u>	<u>42,715</u>	<u>7,522</u>	<u>1</u>
Conservation	<u>-</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>11,941</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,941)</u>

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**Independent Auditor's Report (continued)**

**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, 2005**

	Encumbered From 2004	Appropriations 2005	Expenditures Net of Refunds	Encumbered To 2006	Variance Positive (Negative)
Debt service:					
Principal of long-term debt	-	504,885	500,059	-	4,826
Interest on long-term debt	-	169,623	158,126	-	11,497
Other	-	185,000	202,896	-	(17,896)
Total debt service	-	859,508	861,081	-	(1,573)
Other financing uses:					
Transfers out:					
Expendable trust fund	-	25,000	88,520	-	(63,520)
Capital project fund	-	373,350	373,032	-	318
Nonmajor fund:					
Public library	-	163,509	163,509	-	-
Total other financing uses	-	561,859	625,061	-	(63,202)
Total appropriations, expenditures, other financing uses and encumbrances	<u>\$ 231,199</u>	<u>\$ 9,360,705</u>	<u>\$ 9,242,500</u>	<u>\$ 237,404</u>	<u>\$ 112,000</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, 2005**

Unreserved - undesignated fund balance, beginning	\$ 1,665,297
Changes:	
Unreserved fund balance used to reduce 2005 tax rate	(380,000)
2005 budget summary:	
Revenue surplus (Schedule 1)	\$ 121,525
Unexpended balance of appropriations (Schedule 2)	<u>112,000</u>
2005 budget surplus	233,525
Increase in fund balance designated for contingency	<u>(145,000)</u>
Unreserved - undesignated fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 1,373,822</u>

Independent Auditor's Report (continued)

TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
 Nonmajor Governmental Funds  
 Combining Balance Sheet  
 December 31, 2005

	Special Revenue Funds					Permanent Fund Perpetual Care	Total
	Public Library	Conservation Commission	Parking	Water Department	Police		
<b>ASSETS</b>							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 74,818	\$ -	\$ 10,455	\$ 359,587	\$ 2,960	\$ 360,971	\$ 808,791
Investments	300,000	483,797	-	-	-	-	783,797
Receivables:							
Accounts	-	-	-	83,446	-	-	83,446
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	109,763	-	-	109,763
Interfund receivable	12,611	248,520	-	-	-	-	261,131
Prepaid items	2,500	-	-	-	-	-	2,500
Total assets	<u>\$ 389,929</u>	<u>\$ 732,317</u>	<u>\$ 10,455</u>	<u>\$ 552,796</u>	<u>\$ 2,960</u>	<u>\$ 360,971</u>	<u>\$ 2,049,428</u>
	\$ 15,579	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,211	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,790
Accounts payable	1,988	-	455	3,042	-	-	5,485
Accrued salaries and benefits	-	-	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
Interfund payable	-	-	-	2,060	-	-	2,060
Deferred revenue	-	-	-	24,313	-	-	24,313
Total liabilities	<u>17,567</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,455</u>	<u>24,313</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,335</u>
	-	-	-	14,798	-	-	14,798
Fund balances:	-	-	-	-	-	360,971	360,971
Reserved for encumbrances							
Reserved for special purposes							
Unreserved, undesignated:							
Reported in special revenue funds	372,362	732,317	-	513,685	2,960	-	1,621,324
Total fund balances	<u>372,362</u>	<u>732,317</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>528,483</u>	<u>2,960</u>	<u>360,971</u>	<u>1,997,093</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 389,929</u>	<u>\$ 732,317</u>	<u>\$ 10,455</u>	<u>\$ 552,796</u>	<u>\$ 2,960</u>	<u>\$ 360,971</u>	<u>\$ 2,049,428</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Liabilities:

Accounts payable  
 Accrued salaries and benefits  
 Interfund payable  
 Deferred revenue  
 Total liabilities

Fund balances:

Reserved for encumbrances  
 Reserved for special purposes  
 Unreserved, undesignated:

Reported in special revenue funds

Total fund balances

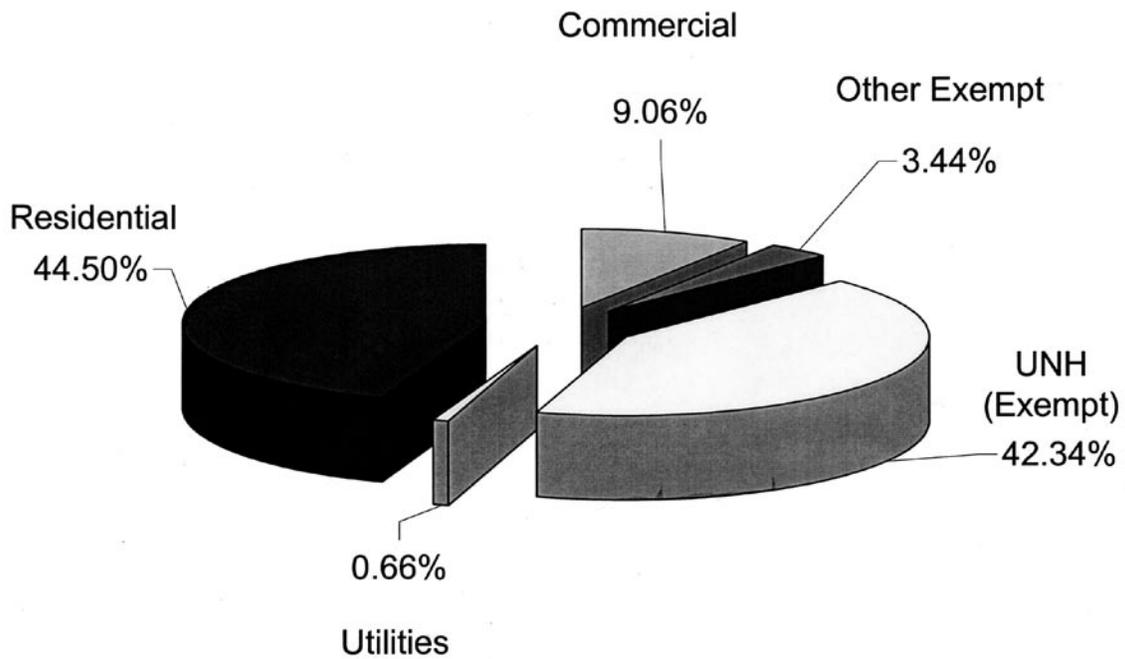
Total liabilities and fund balances

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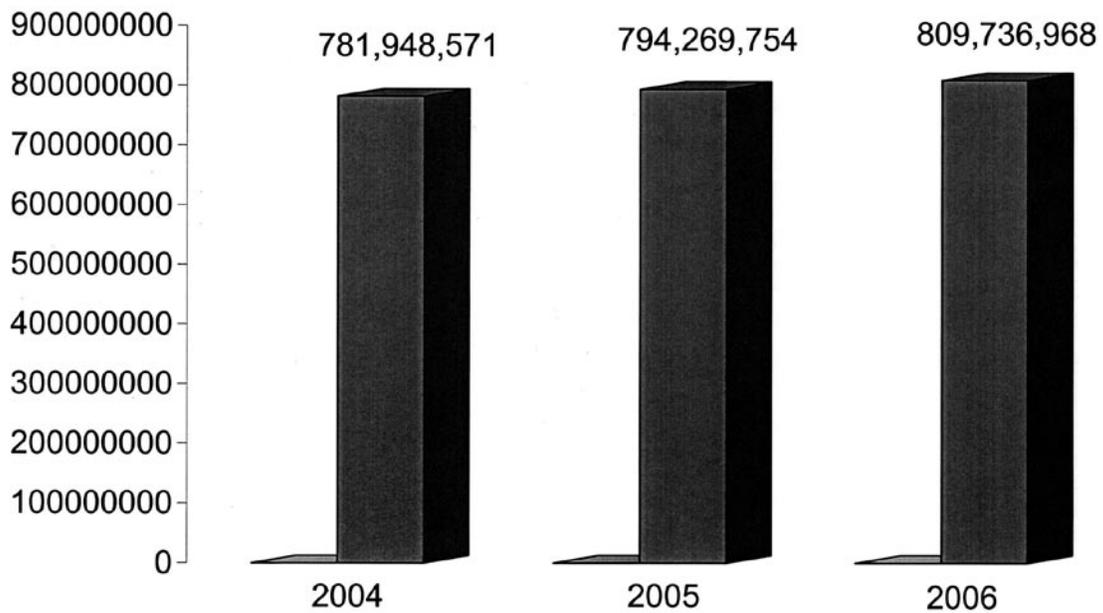
TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
 Nonmajor Governmental Funds  
 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
 For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005

	Special Revenue Funds					Permanent Fund Perpetual Care	Total
	Public Library	Conservation Commission	Parking	Water Department	Police		
Revenues:							
Taxes	\$ -	\$ 248,520	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 248,520
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	28,663	-	-	28,663
Charges for services	-	-	171,074	357,183	-	-	528,257
Miscellaneous	30,415	13,105	872	9,592	11,168	9,138	74,290
Total revenues	30,415	261,625	171,946	395,438	11,168	9,138	879,730
Expenditures:							
Current:							
General government	-	-	49,402	-	-	-	49,402
Public safety	-	-	-	-	8,208	-	8,208
Water treatment and distribution	-	-	-	236,092	-	-	236,092
Culture and recreation	171,780	-	-	-	-	-	171,780
Debt service	-	-	-	139,312	-	-	139,312
Total expenditures	171,780	-	-	375,404	-	-	604,794
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(141,365)	261,625	122,544	20,034	2,960	9,138	274,936
Other financing sources (uses):							
Transfers in:							
General fund	163,509	-	-	-	-	-	163,509
Transfers out:							
General fund	-	-	(122,544)	(15,545)	-	-	(138,089)
Total other financing sources and uses	163,509	-	(122,544)	(15,545)	-	-	25,420
Net change in fund balances	22,144	261,625	-	4,489	2,960	9,138	300,356
Fund balances, beginning	350,218	470,692	-	523,994	-	351,833	1,696,737
Fund balances, ending	\$ 372,362	\$ 732,317	\$ -	\$ 528,483	\$ 2,960	\$ 360,971	\$ 1,997,093

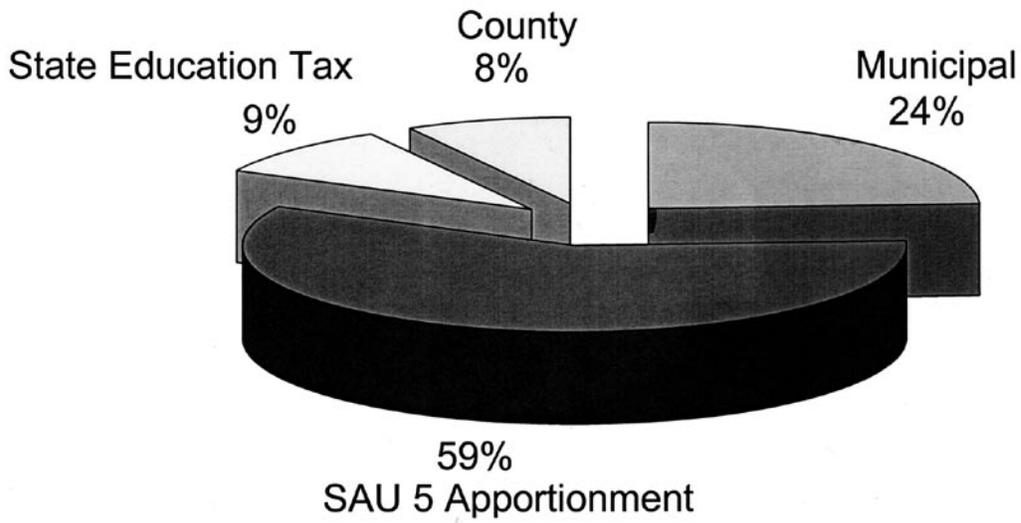
## Taxable Valuation Breakdown for 2006



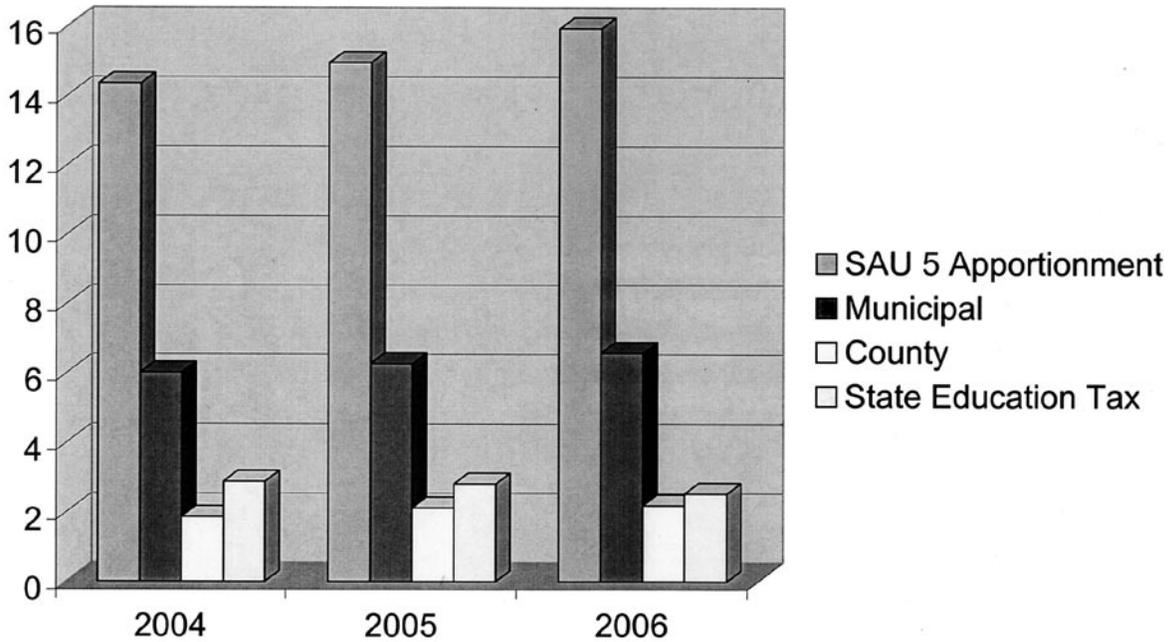
## Taxable Valuation 2004-2006



## Property Tax Rate Breakdown for 2006



## Property Tax Rate Comparison 2004-2006



## Statement of Long-Term Indebtedness and Payments 01-01-06 through 12-31-06

DESCRIPTION OF BONDS/LOANS	LOAN DATE	ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL	RATE	DUE DATE	PRINCIPAL PAID	INTEREST PAID	PRINCIPAL BALANCE
1997 SRLF- Dechlorination at WWTP	10/20/1997	\$259,625	2.61%	12/01/2006	\$29,068	\$757	\$0
1994 SRLF- WWTP	06/06/1993	\$3,366,018	3.91%	12/18/2008	\$268,115	\$42,756	\$568,068
1989 Refinanced in 1997 WHF & Spruce Hole	12/15/1989	\$2,305,000	4.25%-4.6	12/15/2009	\$185,000	\$31,663	\$525,000
2002 SRLF - Lamprey River Hard Piping	11/18/2002	\$828,554	3.47%	12/01/2016	\$49,322	\$22,477	\$550,283
2002 General Obligation Bond including 2000, 2001 and 2002 Capital Projects and Refunded 1996 and 1999 Bonds	11/05/2002	\$3,279,458	3.0%-4.5%	09/01/2019	\$245,000	\$95,369	\$1,890,000
2004 SRLF - Landfill Closure	02/01/2004	\$802,756	3.69%	02/01/2024	\$40,138	\$28,125	\$722,480
2004 SRLF - WWTP Improvements	06/01/2004	\$3,290,757	3.69%	06/01/2024	\$118,344	\$117,154	\$3,058,279
2006 General Obligation Bond including 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 Capital Projects and Land Conservation	11/15/2006	\$4,115,518	3.30%-5.75%	11/15/2026	\$0	\$0	\$4,115,518
					<b>\$934,987</b>	<b>\$338,300</b>	<b>\$11,429,629</b>

Trustees of Trust Funds

Name of Trust Fund	Purpose	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			Combined Fund Balance 12/31/06
		1/1/2006	Change in Funds	12/31/2006	1/1/2006	Change in Funds	12/31/2006	
45 Separate Trust Funds		\$ 34,051.78	\$ 200.00	\$ 34,251.78	\$ 4,429.75	\$ 1,044.82	\$ 5,474.57	\$ 39,726.35
Town Cemetery	Cemetery Care	\$ 165,424.73	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 166,824.73	\$ 4,447.97	\$ 3,230.19	\$ 7,678.16	\$ 174,502.89
Town Cemetery Improve	Cemetery Impr	\$ 900.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 53.36	\$ 65.36	\$ 1,665.36
Fac. Dev. Capital Reserve	School Exp	\$ 87,870.99	\$ (3,448.61)	\$ 84,422.38	\$ 4,250.59	\$ 4,010.57	\$ 8,261.16	\$ 92,683.54
ORSD/Cap Development	School Exp	\$ 40,930.41	\$ -	\$ 40,930.41	\$ 26,633.76	\$ 2,967.92	\$ 29,601.68	\$ 70,532.09
Track Fund Appropriation	School Exp	\$ 187,872.65	\$ -	\$ 187,872.65	\$ 8,149.66	\$ 8,610.73	\$ 16,760.39	\$ 204,633.04
Special Education Fund	School Exp	\$ 154,246.65	\$ -	\$ 154,246.65	\$ 11,214.09	\$ 7,268.25	\$ 18,482.34	\$ 172,728.99
High School Scholarship	School Exp	\$ 108,264.29	\$ 7,284.68	\$ 115,548.97	\$ 1,579.21	\$ 5,018.06	\$ 6,597.27	\$ 122,146.24
George Frost	Education	\$ 4,441.23	\$ -	\$ 4,441.23	\$ 5,366.01	\$ 430.81	\$ 5,796.82	\$ 10,238.05
Olinthus Doe	Farm Care	\$ 23,278.17	\$ -	\$ 23,278.17	\$ 3,643.70	\$ 1,120.56	\$ 4,764.26	\$ 28,042.43
Smith Town Improvements	Town Impr	\$ 6,628.96	\$ -	\$ 6,628.96	\$ 4,955.56	\$ (325.63)	\$ 4,629.93	\$ 11,258.89
Smith Chapel	Cemetery Care	\$ 8,939.33	\$ -	\$ 8,939.33	\$ 576.59	\$ 239.68	\$ 816.27	\$ 9,755.60
Durham 250 Fund	Memorial	\$ 6,418.22	\$ -	\$ 6,418.22	\$ 5,165.09	\$ 508.83	\$ 5,673.92	\$ 12,092.14
Wagon Hill	Memorial	\$ 765.38	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,965.38	\$ 403.33	\$ 72.31	\$ 475.64	\$ 4,441.02
Memorial Day Parade	Parade Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 391.30	\$ 17.21	\$ 408.51	\$ 408.51
Memorial Park	Memorial	\$ 8,406.00	\$ -	\$ 8,406.00	\$ 2,867.03	\$ 495.20	\$ 3,362.23	\$ 11,768.23
July Fourth Celebration	Fund Day	\$ 3,503.52	\$ -	\$ 3,503.52	\$ 1,862.66	\$ 235.72	\$ 2,098.38	\$ 5,601.90
Wagon Hill Expense Trust	Site Care	\$ 80,076.53	\$ 300.00	\$ 80,376.53	\$ 22,635.43	\$ 4,551.47	\$ 27,186.90	\$ 107,563.43
Fire Station Exp. Trust	Fire Station	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 15,980.26	\$ 10,882.82	\$ 26,863.08	\$ 251,863.08
Wilcox Fund		\$ 67,558.27	\$ -	\$ 67,558.27	\$ 1,901.02	\$ 3,051.18	\$ 4,952.20	\$ 72,510.47
Fire Injury Prevention		\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 109.42	\$ 109.42	\$ 5,109.42
Total of Trust Funds:		\$ 1,189,577.11	\$ 39,636.07	\$ 1,229,213.18	\$ 126,465.01	\$ 53,593.48	\$ 180,058.49	\$ 1,409,271.67
Name of Capital Reserve								
Fire Equipment and Service		\$ 136,600.52	\$ 40,050.17	\$ 176,650.69	\$ 22,712.10	\$ 8,060.10	\$ 30,772.20	\$ 207,422.89
Parking		\$ 27,500.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 48,500.00	\$ 26,030.83	\$ 2,801.13	\$ 28,831.96	\$ 77,331.96
Reserve Water		\$ 346,581.40	\$ (194,100.13)	\$ 152,481.27	\$ 97,484.86	\$ (52,492.92)	\$ 44,991.94	\$ 197,473.21
Sewer Fund		\$ 99,817.83	\$ 15,907.02	\$ 115,724.85	\$ 68,400.33	\$ 7,891.72	\$ 76,292.05	\$ 192,016.90
Community Development		\$ 218,810.36	\$ -	\$ 218,810.36	\$ 165,960.08	\$ 16,901.89	\$ 182,861.97	\$ 401,672.33
Total of Capital Reserve:		\$ 829,310.11	\$ (117,142.94)	\$ 712,167.17	\$ 380,588.20	\$ (16,838.08)	\$ 363,750.12	\$ 1,075,917.29
Total Funds held by Trustees of Trust Funds		\$ 2,018,887.22	\$ (77,506.87)	\$ 1,941,380.35	\$ 507,053.21	\$ 36,755.40	\$ 543,808.61	\$ 2,485,188.96

## Valuation, Tax History and Inventory:

### Valuation Figures 2002-2006

Year	Percent of Valuation	Taxable Valuation
2006	*93%	\$809,736,968
2005	87%	\$794,269,754
2004	95%	\$781,948,571
2003	99%	\$775,296,708
2002	57%	\$388,298,739

*\*estimate of percent of valuation*

### MS-1 Summary 2006

Total Taxable Land	\$254,289,558
Total Taxable Buildings	\$547,200,000
Total Taxable Public Utilities	\$ 9,832,000
Valuation Before Exemptions	\$811,321,558
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions	\$ 1,584,590
Net Valuation on which local tax rate is computed	\$809,736,968
Tax Credits: Total Veterans' Exemptions	\$ 35,800

### Tax Rate in Durham 2002 – 2006

Year	Town	Local school District	State School	County	Total
2006	\$ 6.59	\$15.95	\$ 2.54	\$ 2.20	\$27.28
2005	6.28	14.96	2.82	2.13	26.19
2004	6.02	14.36	2.89	1.87	25.14
2003	5.85	11.91	3.84	1.97	23.57
2002	11.35	19.27	7.69	3.17	41.48

### 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)	213,400
Bennett Road	Doe Farm	18-01-03	270,600
Coe Drive	Beard's Creek Scenic Easement	04-20-11	Easements only
Dame Road	Willey Property	19-06-05	18,800
Dame Road	Westerly Side	18-27-00	63,400
Davis Avenue	Conservation easements	1-4-1...1-4-6	Easements only
Depot Road	Former Commercial Property	1-1 & 1-1-1	178,900
Dover Road	Police Facility	11-4-1	638,000
Dover Road	Sewer Pumping Station	11-11-00	194,100
Durham Point Road	Solid Waste Management Facility	16-01-03	389,600
Durham Point Road (off)	Conservation Land	11-36-02	162,000
Durham Point Road (off)	Conservation Land	16-03-02	11,400
Durham Point Road (and Sunnyside Dr.)	Scenic Easements	15-15-08	Easements only
Fogg Drive	Father Lawless Park	07-03-00	158,700
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
Littlehale Road/US4	Vacant Lot	10-21-00	9,900
Longmarsh Road	Colby Marsh/Beaver Brook Conservation	16-27-00	64,300
Longmarsh Road	Langmaid Farm/adjacent to Beaver Brook	16-06-01 & 02	169,700

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Main Street	Grange Hall/Davis Memorial Building	05-01-05	446,300
Mill Pond Road	Mill Pond Road Park	05-07-00	14,700
Mill Pond Road	Smith Chapel	06-14-00	140,200
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	395,000
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	276,900
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)	154,600
Old Landing Road	Town Landing Footbridge	05-06-06	162,900
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	64,800
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	590,520 CU*
Piscataqua Road	Jackson's Landing	11-11-04 (Incl. 11-11-3)	921,200
Piscataqua Road	W. Arthur Grant Circle	11-27-0	464,000
Piscataqua Road	Near Jackson's Landing	11-09-02	105,700
Piscataqua Road	Sewer Treatment Plant	11-09-05	6,856,300
Piscataqua Road	Quarry Lot - Part of Treatment Plant	11-09-05	Included above
Schoolhouse Lane	Former Highway Garage-Multiple Parcels	05-04-10	443,100
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	766,700
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	111,400
Wiswall Road	Vacant Land	17-11-00	972 CU*
Woodridge Road	Lot 55	07-01-55	85,600
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