



2007 Annual Town Report

Durham, New Hampshire

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2007

On Our Cover:
Throughout the summer of 2007,
the Durham Historic Association
displayed its wonderful collection of
antique wedding dresses as part of the
Town's 275th Anniversary Celebration.

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In Memoriam

Anne Valenza

May 1934 – April 18, 2007



Anne was born on May 26, 1934, in Albany, New York, the daughter of James and Florence (Allen) Fitzgerald. She grew up in Springfield, Massachusetts and Rochester, New York, and was a 1952 graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School in Rochester. She earned a degree from the University of Rochester School of Nursing in 1955 and worked at Strong Memorial Hospital for three years.

Anne moved to Durham in 1959 with her husband and the first of their four children when he began his professorship at the University of New Hampshire. She worked as a nurse and clinic supervisor for UNH Health Services from 1963 to 2002. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in general studies, with honors, from the University of New Hampshire in 1975.

Anne had a lifelong passion for politics and was active in many Democratic campaigns. She was the first woman elected to the Durham Supervisors of the Checklist, and served in that capacity from 1972 to 1983. She also served as Chairman of the Checklist for a time. In addition, Anne was a member of the Durham Charter Commission, and worked as Deputy Town Clerk and Ballot Clerk. She was also the first woman to be elected Town Moderator and served in that capacity from 2005 to 2007.

Anne was an avid reader and had many other interests that she enjoyed sharing with family and friends, including attending concerts in Boston and Tanglewood, visiting museums and other points of interest when she traveled, and following the Boston Red Sox, New England Patriots, and NCAA March Madness. She took pride in doing the New York Times Sunday crossword in pen.

Those of us at the Town Hall who knew and worked with Anne miss her kind spirit and wonderful sense of humor.

Anne Fitzgerald Valenza, retired Registered Nurse and long-time Durham Supervisor of the Checklist, died on April 18, 2007.



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Honorable Mentions

In 2007, many Town citizens volunteered their time, talents, and efforts to serve on various elected and appointed boards, commissions, and committees. We would like to take this opportunity to thank and recognize the following individuals for the important contributions they made to the community.

COUNCIL MEMBER

Peter Smith

DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Luci Gardner

Edward Valena

Katie Ellis

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Judith Aiken

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

John de Campi

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mark McPeak

Chris Wilson

INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Jessie McKone

Dale Valena

LAMPREY RIVER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Judith Spang

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Denny Byrne

David Proulx

PLANNING BOARD

W. Arthur Grant

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

John de Campi

Myleta Eng

Linn Bogle



New Faces for 2007



Jason Cleary

Div. Chief of Fire Prevention and Safety
DOH: 8/27/07



Corey Landry

Division Chief of Operations
DOH: 6/11/07



Keith Leclair

Fire Fighter
DOH: 9/24/07



Daniel Peterson

Superintendent of Wastewater
DOH: 7/30/07



Officers, Boards, and Committees

ELECTED OFFICIALS

OFFICIAL/BOARD	ADDRESS	PHONE	TERM	EXPIRES	APPT. AUTH.
DURHAM TOWN COUNCIL					
Neil Niman, <i>Chair</i>	10 Cold Spring Rd.	862-3336	3 Yrs	3/09	Elected
Diana Carroll, <i>Chair Pro Tem</i>	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	3/10	Elected
Henry Smith	93 Packers Falls Rd.	659-8396	3 Yrs	3/09	Elected
Julian Smith	246 Packers Falls Rd.	659-2098	3 Yrs	3/08	Elected
Peter Stanhope	37 Dover Rd.	868-3710	3 Yrs	3/10	Elected
Karl Van Asselt	17 Fairchild Dr.	868-6353	3 Yrs	3/10	Elected
DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES					
Douglas Bencks	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
Annmarie Harris	56 Oyster River Rd.	868-5182	3 Yrs	3/10	Elected
David Moore	4 Stevens Way	868-6390	3 Yrs	3/10	Elected
Ann McAllister Windsor	16 Riverview Rd.	868-2004	3 Yrs	3/08	Elected
Julian Smith	246 Packers Falls Rd.	659-2098	3 Yrs	3/10	Elected
Susan Roman, Alt.	16 Littlehale Rd.	868-2293	1 Yr	4/08	Council
Emily Smith, Alt.	17 Orchard Dr.	868-5013	1 Yr	4/08	Council
Renee Capicchioni Vannata, Alt.	5 Wood Rd.	868-5199	1 Yr	4/08	Council
MODERATOR					
Christopher T. Regan	16 Littlehale Rd.	868-2293	2 Yrs	3/08	Elected
Elisabeth Vail Maurice, <i>Asst.</i>	36 Woodman Ave.	868-7447	2 Yrs	3/08	Moderator
Shirley Thompson, <i>Deputy</i>	48 Bagdad Rd.	868-5138	2 Yrs	3/08	Moderator
SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST					
Ann Shump, <i>Chair</i>	10 Fogg Dr.	868-1342	6 Yrs	3/08	Elected
Roni Pekins	10 Beard's Landing	868-2041	6 Yrs	3/12	Elected
Judith Aiken	104 Madbury Rd.	Unlisted	6 Yrs	3/10	Elected
TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR					
Lorrie Pitt	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-5577	3 Yrs	3/08	Elected

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TOWN TREASURER

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

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS AND CEMETERIES

Craig Seymour, <i>Chair</i>	110 Durham Pt. Rd.	868-2441	3 Yrs	3/10	Elected
Bruce Bragdon, <i>Treasurer</i>	7 Colony Cove Rd.	868-5435	3 Yrs	3/08	Elected
Frick, George <i>(Appt. until Mar 2008 election)</i>	13 Edgewood Rd.	868-2750	3 Yrs	3/09	Elected

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

George Frick, <i>Treasurer</i>	13 Edgewood Rd.	868-2750	3 Yrs	3/09	Elected
Craig Seymour, <i>Cemetery</i>	110 Durham Pt. Rd.	868-2441	3 Yrs	3/10	Elected
Bruce Bragdon, <i>Chair</i>	7 Colony Cove Rd.	868-5435	3 Yrs	3/08	Elected
Mark D. Morong, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	21 Emerson Rd.	868-2863	1 Yr	3/08	Council
Henry Smith, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	93 Packers Falls Rd.	659-8396	1 Yr	3/08	Council
Peter Stanhope, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	17 Fairchild Dr.	868-6353	1 Yr	3/08	Council

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Cynthia Belowski, <i>Chair</i>	35 Edgewood Rd.	868-5562	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
Duane Hyde, <i>Vice Chair</i>	47 Emerson Rd.	868-6183	3 Yrs	4/10	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	4/10	Council
Dwight Baldwin, <i>Alt.</i>	6 Fairchild Dr.	868-5759	3 Yrs	4/09	Council
Peter Smith, <i>Alt.</i>	PO Box 136	868-7500	3 Yrs	4/10	Council
Robin Vranicar, <i>Alt.</i>	19 Riverview Rd.	868-7209	3 Yrs	4/09	Council
Julian Smith, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	246 Packers Falls Rd.	659-2098	1 Yr	3/08	Council
Stephen Roberts, <i>PB Rep</i>	174 Packers Falls Rd.	659-3761	1 Yr	4/08	Plan Board

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (EDC)

Chris Mueller	6 Timberbrook Ln.	397-5900	2 Yrs	4/09	Council
Peter Ventura	71 Edgewood Rd.	397-5800	3 Yrs	4/10	Council
Jason Lenk	12 Mathes Terrace	868-2149	1 Yr	4/08	Council
Mark Morong, <i>Cncl. Rep.</i>	21 Emerson Rd.	868-6025	1 Yr.	3/08	Council
Karl Van Asselt, <i>Cncl. Rep.</i>	17 Fairchild Dr.	868-6353	1 Yr.	3/08	Council
Susan Fuller, <i>PB Rep</i>	68 Bennett Rd.	659-7871	1 Yr.	4/08	Plan Board
Jim Campbell, <i>Planner</i>	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-8064	N/A	N/A	N/A

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Nicholas Isaak, <i>Chair</i>	35 Oyster River Rd.	397-5077	3 Yrs	4/10	Council
Leslie Schwartz, <i>V. Chair</i>	24 Laurel Ln.	868-3210	3 Yrs	4/09	Council
Erich Ingelfinger, <i>Secretary</i>	35 Bagdad Rd.	868-3980	3 Yrs	4/09	Council
Roger Jaques	47 Dover Rd.	868-3361	3 Yrs	4/08	Council



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Crawford Mills	22 Newmarket Rd.	868-1410	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
Henry Smith, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	93 Packers Falls Rd.	659-8396	1 Yr	3/08	Council
Annmarie Harris, <i>PB Rep</i>	56 Oyster River Rd.	868-5182	3 Yrs	4/08	Plan. Board

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

John E. Parry, <i>Chair</i>	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	4/10	Council
Gregg Moore	343 Dame Rd.	868-6775	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
Sara Wilson	9 Cold Spring Rd.	659-3016	3 Yrs	4/09	Council
Emily Slama, <i>Alt.</i>	367 Durham Pt. Rd.	868-1210	3 Yrs	4/10	Council
Catherine Leach, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	14 Fairchild Dr.	868-5992	1 Yr	3/08	Council

PLANNING BOARD

William McGowan, <i>Chair</i>	135 Packers Falls Rd.	659-8210	3 Yrs	4/09	Council
Lorne Parnell, <i>V. Chair</i>	2 Deer Meadow Rd.	868-1240	3 Yrs	4/10	Council
Susan Fuller, <i>Secretary</i>	68 Bennett Rd.	659-7871	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
Richard Kelley	47 Stagecoach Rd.	659-2207	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
Richard Ozenich	15 Fitts Farm Dr.	868-6091	3 Yrs	4/10	Council
Stephen Roberts	174 Packers Falls Rd.	659-3761	3 Yrs	4/09	Council
Douglas Greene, <i>Alt.</i>	3 Durham Pt. Rd.	868-2326	3 Yrs	4/10	Council
Annmarie Harris, <i>Alt.</i>	56 Oyster River Rd.	868-5182	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
Wayne Lewis, <i>Alt.</i>	11 Edendale Ln.	659-5697	3 Yrs	4/09	Council
Jerry Needell, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	36 Bagdad Rd.	868-1552	1 Yr	3/08	Council
Diana Carroll, <i>Alt Cncl Rep</i>	54 Canney Rd.	868-2935	1 Yr	3/08	Council

RENTAL HOUSING COMMISSION

Paul Berton	482 Broad St, Portsmouth	431-0068	N/A	N/A	Council
Rene Kelly, <i>Durham Police</i>	86 Dover Rd.	868-2324	N/A	N/A	Council
Perry Bryant, <i>DLA Rep.</i>	PO Box 1170, Durham	659-5263	N/A	N/A	DLA
Mark Henderson	12 Pendexter Rd. Madbury	868-2912	N/A	N/A	DLA
Ken Barrows	83 Main St., UNH, MUB 122		N/A	N/A	UNH
Brett Mongeon	83 Main St., UNH, MUB 122	862-2163	N/A	N/A	UNH
Karl Van Asselt, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	17 Fairchild Dr.	868-6353	1 Yr	3/08	Council
Pat O'Keefe, <i>Student Organ. Rep</i>	GSS 9337, UNH		N/A	N/A	DLA/Council
Ashley LeMarier, <i>Tenant Rep</i>	GSS, 7841, UNH		N/A	N/A	Council
Diane Woods, <i>Neighborhood Rep</i>	Rep. 21 Garden Ln.	868-2962	N/A	N/A	Council

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Jay Gooze, <i>Chair</i>	9 Meadow Rd.	868-2497	3 Yrs	4/09	Council
Edward McNitt, <i>Vice Chair</i>	PO Box 577	868-1842	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
Jerry Gottsacker, <i>Secretary</i>	107 Madbury Rd.	868-6866	3 Yrs	4/10	Council
Michael Sievert	28 Riverview Rd.	868-3383	3 Yrs	4/10	Council
Robbi Woodburn	6 Cormorant Cir.	868-3618	3 Yrs	4/09	Council
Ruth Davis, <i>Alt.</i>	2 Maple St.	868-9827	3 Yrs	4/09	Council
Carden Welsh, <i>Alt.</i>	3 Fairchild Dr.	868-2996	3 Yrs	4/10	Council
VACANT, <i>Alt.</i>			3 Yrs	4/08	Council

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TOWN WORKING COMMITTEES					
CHURCHILL RINK AT JACKSON'S LANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE					
Cheryl Hoffman	300 Durham Pt. Rd.	868-3333	3 Yrs	4/10	Council
Michael Mullaney	8 Fairchild Dr.	868-1771	3 Yrs	4/10	Council
Rick Szilagyi	40 Sandy Brook Dr.	868-5912	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
VACANT			3 Yrs	4/09	Council
Andy Buckman, <i>DPW</i>	18 Grove St.	749-9714	N/A	N/A	Council
Douglas Bullen, <i>DPW</i>	1 Stone Quarry Dr.	868-5578	N/A	N/A	Council
Michael Lynch, <i>DPW</i>	1 Stone Quarry Dr.	868-5578	N/A	N/A	Council
Catherine Leach, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	14 Fairchild Dr.	868-5992	1 Yr	3/08	Council
DURHAM CABLE ACCESS TELEVISION (DCAT) GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE					
Todd Ziemek, <i>Chair</i>	41 Emerson Rd.	275-2267	3 Yrs	4/09	Council
George Kachadorian, <i>V. Chair</i>	9 Carriage Way	397-5215	3 Yrs	4/10	Council
Carroll Camp	8 Sandybrook Dr.	868-3236	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
David Langley	50 Langley Rd.	868-5650	3 Yrs	4/10	Council
Thomas Merrick	7 Canney Rd.	868-1564	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
VACANT			3 Yrs	4/09	Council
Erika Mantz, <i>UNH Rep.</i>	Schofield House, UNH	862-1567	1 Yr	4/08	Council
Paul Gasowski, <i>ORCSD Rep.</i>	46 Lamprey Ln., Lee	659-5273	1 Yr	4/08	Council
Mark Morong, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	21 Emerson Rd.	868-6025	1 Yr	3/08	Council
DURHAM ENERGY COMMITTEE					
Nat Balch	20 Wiswall Rd.	659-6355	N/A	N/A	Council
Toby Ball	4 Morgan Way (Jun)	659-5550	N/A	N/A	Council
Donald Brautigam	122 Packers Falls Rd.	659-5641	N/A	N/A	Council
Kevin Gardner	1 Stevens Way	868-1238	N/A	N/A	Council
Filson Glanz	25 Orchard Dr.	868-5398	N/A	N/A	Council
Vasiliki Partinoudi	1 Nobel K. Peterson Dr.	868-7988	NA	N/A	Council
Palligarnai Vasudevan	46 Ross Rd.	659-6093	N/A	N/A	Council
David Cedarholm, <i>DPW Rep</i>	1 Stone Quarry Dr.	868-5578	N/A	N/A	Council
Diana Carroll, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	54 Canney Rd.	868-2935	1 Yr	3/08	Council
INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE					
Shelley Mitchell, <i>Chair</i>	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
Kimberly Nadeau	18 Emerson Rd.	868-6556	N/A	N/A	Council
VACANT			N/A	N/A	Council
VACANT			N/A	N/A	Council
VACANT			N/A	N/A	Council
Peter Stanhope, <i>Cncl. Rep.</i>	37 Dover Rd.	868-3710	1 Yr.	3/08	Council
LAMPREY RIVER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE					
Cynthia Belowski	35 Edgewood Rd.	868-5562	3 Yrs	5/10	State
William Hall	Smith Park Ln.	868-7400	3 Yrs	5/10	State



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James Hewitt	4 Fairchild Dr.	868-3516	3 Yrs	5/09	State
Richard Kelley	47 Stagecoach Rd.	659-2207	3 Yrs	5/09	State
Richard Lord	85 Bennett Rd.	659-2721	3 Yrs	5/10	State

MILL PLAZA STUDY COMMITTEE

Dave Howland, <i>Chair</i>	5 Chesley Dr.	868-8975	N/A	N/A	Council
Julian Smith, <i>Cncl Rep., V. Chair</i>	246 Packers Falls Rd.	659-2098	N/A	N/A	Council
Deborah Hirsch Mayer	19 Garden Ln.	868-7150	N/A	N/A	Council
Thomas Newkirk	40 Mill Pond Rd.	868-6243	N/A	N/A	Council
Douglas Bencks	6 Valentine Hill Rd.	868-6559	N/A	N/A	UNH
Edgar Ramos, 405 Park Ave. 12th Floor New York NY 10022		N/A	N/A	N/A	Mill Plaza
Mark Henderson	12 Pendexter Rd. Madbury	868-2912	N/A	N/A	DLA
Perry Bryant	PO Box 1170 Durham	659-5263	N/A	N/A	DLA
Chuck Cressy	8 Littlehale Rd.	397-5133	N/A	N/A	DBA
Warren Daniel	4 Palmer Dr.	868-5786	N/A	N/A	DBA
Crawford Mills	22 Newmarket Rd.	868-1410	N/A	N/A	HDC
Lorne Parnell	2 Deer Meadow Rd.	868-1240	N/A	N/A	Plan. Brd.
VACANT			N/A	N/A	Library

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

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	Durham Pt. 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.*; and Doug Bencks, *UNH Campus Planner*



Retirement Duane Walker

Superintendent,
Wastewater Division



Duane began his employment with the Town on July 31, 1972 as the Superintendent of Wastewater. At that time the treatment plant was only a primary treatment facility operated by a two-man crew. As the Wastewater Treatment Plant grew and improved the processing of wastewater, Duane continually grew and advanced his education and expertise along with it. Duane directed two major upgrades as Superintendent and with those upgrades supervised five additional employees for twenty years. Currently, the Wastewater Treatment Plant employs a total of five people. As of his retirement, he achieved his New Hampshire Grade IV Wastewater Operators License.

Along with functioning as a crucial element within our Wastewater Division for the last thirty-five years, Duane is also quite an outdoorsman and enjoys many summer and winter outdoor activities such as fishing, boating, hiking, golfing, and snowmobiling. We are sure he will enjoy spending more time with his wife Pam, children Kim and Daryl, and his grandchildren during his retirement. Other than that, you may run into him out on his boat fishing on Pawtuckaway Lake, where he resides year round, or on his snowmobile in the Canadian woods.

On July 24, 2007, the Public Works department, accompanied by many other Town departments, Council members, and colleagues, showed appreciation for Duane's thirty-five years of service at a barbeque hosted at the Public Works building. Duane was given many wishes for a happy retirement and was presented with a gift to show our appreciation.

Durham has been considerably fortunate to have Duane Walker's dedication as an employee for such a long period of time. We will miss his many years of experience, expertise, and background knowledge of the Town's wastewater collection and treatment systems. Thank you again and best wishes Duane!

On Thursday, July 26, 2007, Duane Walker retired from his position as Superintendent of Wastewater for the Durham Public Works Department. His farewell came after an impressive thirty-five (35) years of dedicated service to the Town of Durham.



Town Election Results

March 13, 2007

FOR COUNCILOR (Three, 3-year terms)

Malcolm Sandberg	663
Gerald Needell	788
Neal Ferris	643
Peter Ventura	737
Karl Van Asselt.....	1038
Peter Knight	642
Peter Stanhope	799
Scattered (write-in)	6

LIBRARY TRUSTEES (3-yr terms, 3 openings)

David Moore	1069
Julian Smith.....	1035
Annmarie Harris	1094
Scattered (write-in)	23

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND (3-yr term, 1 opening)

Craig Seymour	83
Bruce Bragdon	5
Malcolm Sandberg	4
Ed Valena.....	3
Scattered (write-in)	54

ARTICLE 2 – CLIMATE CHANGE RESOLUTION

Yes.....	1447
No	254



Warrant

Election, Tuesday, March 11, 2008

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 eleventh day of March 2008 (the polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM) to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1:

To bring in your votes for three (3) Councilors (3-year terms); two (2) Durham Public Library Board of Trustees (3-year terms); one (1) Town Moderator (2-year term); One (1) Supervisor of the Checklist (6-year term); One (1) Town Clerk-Tax Collector (3-year term); One (1) Town Treasurer (3-year term); One (1) Trustee of the Trust Funds (3-year term); and One (1) Trustee of the Trust Funds (1-year term).

ARTICLE 2:

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

Given under our hands and seal this 14th day of January in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eight .

Councilors of Durham:

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



Administrative Summary Section

Business Office

GAIL 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 (CIP). The Business Manager is also designated as the Welfare Officer for the Town.

2007 Accomplishments:

- Negotiated and signed contracts with all four of the Town's bargaining units.
- Brought the new MuniSmart Financial Accounting Software package into service.
- Began semiannual collection of taxes to reduce the amount of funds to be borrowed.

- Manager of Information Technology Luke Vincent began and continues to work with the Durham Police and Fire Departments to transition the Town's dispatch services to the Strafford County Dispatch Center.
- Reinstated the Town's Joint Loss Management Committee and began holding quarterly meetings.

Goals for 2008:

- Complete a new Employee Handbook to replace the 1989 Personnel Policy.
- Complete the transition to the Strafford County Dispatch Center.
- Update the Town of Durham Safety Policy adopted January 1, 2003.
- Create a Financial Policy and Procedures Manual.

In closing, I would like to thank Barbara Ross, Lisa Beaudoin, and Luke Vincent for maintaining a positive attitude during the trials and tribulations of bringing the new financial software package on-line, as well as for everything else they each do on a daily basis to make my job easier.

Manager of Information Technology

LUKE VINCENT

A major driving factor of the Town's MIS department is the rising cost of keeping current. This department strives to find a balance between practical spending on new hardware and software, while teetering on the edge of technological change. Every year, the department pays particular attention to the needs of staff, citizen, and state initiatives to select the technology that needs to be implemented to satisfy ever-increasing demands on funding, resources, and time.

2007 was a year of unanticipated demands on the MIS department. The Town leapt

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forward with cost-cutting initiatives that placed an overwhelming load on its limited staff. As such, it was necessary to suspend several key programs that will be taking a more prominent role in the coming year.

2007 Accomplishments:

Several years ago, Strafford County Commissioners approached the Town about the possibility of the county providing dispatching services for the Town's police and fire departments. After compiling a detailed report in 2004, Town staff determined that the lack of adequate space, lack of accreditation through The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), and the seeming unwillingness of the dispatch center's administration to take Durham on as a client were inhibiting factors to a transfer of service.

However, in 2007 some of previous concerns with the dispatch center were either resolved or were actively being worked on. Consequently, The Town Administrator, in striving to cut costs while maintaining adequate levels of service, again posed the dispatch service issue to Town staff. Although there were some staff members who possessed the technical, police, and fire expertise needed to accomplish such a move, in general staff lacked the specific knowledge required to tie all of the individual components into a presentable package.

After this department consulted with peers from communities around the State, a public safety project manager was hired who could give a new, outside perspective to the issue. Following a careful budget-conscious selection process, Ralph Ioimo of Public

Safety Consultants, Inc. was selected to formulate an implementation plan for the transfer. Over several months Ralph, working with Town staff, University officials, and Strafford County dispatchers, developed a plan for the transfer of dispatching services.

To date, the MIS department has begun to implement the key communication and system configurations outlined in this plan, including a wireless hybrid microwave network and new records management system. The expected "go live" date for the project is the beginning of March 2008.

Due to some major changes in the Internet service provider market, the MIS department was able to orchestrate a 50% reduction in the cost of the Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) installed at the Town Hall, saving the Town \$1,800 per year. The department also helped the Durham Public Library "go online" with its new and improved website and card catalogue system. MIS was there every step of the way from the purchase of hardware through configuration of the web service.

Munismart (now Harris Computer) has been fully implemented in Town. Although some issues still need to be resolved, the overall implementation was successful, and the Town can look forward to the possibility of a new code base and system architecture, an increase in end user support, and the ability to put more of its user experiences into the product's development cycle.

The police department was in desperate need of a voicemail system. Last year it was believed that one suitable to integrate with its existing more than ten year-old Comdial phone system could not be found. Fortunately, through several contacts in the field, the MIS department acquired a suitable refurbished unit for the station. The available features on the system are far from perfect, but it was purchased at a substantial discount.



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



Goals for 2008:

Having received preliminary approval for the municipal fiber network, the MIS department will be seeking qualified bidders to fulfill the project's requirements. It is expected that this project will be completed during the third quarter of 2008.

Vision Appraisal has informed the Town that the current version of computer-aided mass assessment software in use by the Town has begun the last phase of its lifecycle. This necessitates a need to upgrade to a new version that will be supported in the years to come. The MIS department will be working hand-in-hand with the Town Assessing Office as we transfer information from one version to another.

As we have for several years now, the MIS department along with the Town Clerk-Tax Collector's Office, will continue to monitor the status of the state-run MAAP program. Currently, there has been little pressure to begin using the system as was envisioned at its inception. However, there have been recent developments regarding this statewide system for auto registration that warrant additional attention be paid to the program. It is likely that we will soon be mandated to begin participation in the program.

The Town's website will be receiving a facelift in 2008. Due to staff and citizen concerns, the MIS department will be soliciting for competitive bids for a complete content-management system to be integrated into the existing web platform. This system employs web-based management tools allowing broader access to web page content for our staff, boards, committees, and citizens. The MIS department hopes to begin the bidding process toward

2007 Ordinances

2007-01	Adopting proposed revisions to the zoning map for the Town of Durham	Passed	02/05/07
2007-02	Reducing the speed limit to 25 MPH on Stagecoach Road	Passed	02/05/07
2007-03	Amending Chapter 153 "Vehicles and Traffic", Article IV "Metered Parking", Section 153-30 "Business Permit Parking Areas" of the Durham Town Code by adding a 90-foot section of Strafford Avenue 582 feet from the intersection of Garrison Avenue	Passed	02/19/07
2007-04	Amending Chapter 38 "Building Construction," Sections 38-8 and 38-28 of the Durham Town Code, and adding the fees of this section into the Town-Wide "Master Fee Schedule"	Passed	04/23/07
2007-05	Amending Chapter 54 "Electrical Code," Section 54-10 of the Durham Town Code, and adding the fees of this section into the Town-Wide "Master Fee Schedule"	Passed	04/23/07
2007-06	Amending Chapter 97 "Plumbing Code Regulations," Section 97-10 of the Durham Town Code, and adding the fees of this section into the Town-Wide "Master Fee Schedule"	Passed	04/23/07
2007-07	Amending Chapter 124 "Street Vending, Peddling and Soliciting, Section 124-5 of the Durham Town Code	Passed	06/04/07

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2007-08	Revising the definition for "Home Occupation" contained in Chapter 175 "Zoning", Section 175-7 of the Durham Town Code	Passed	09/10/07
2007-09	Amending Section 132-3, Chapter 132 "Tax Exemptions and Credits" of the Durham Town Code to increase criteria and exemption amounts for the elderly in order to offer meaningful property tax relief to qualified elderly residents	Passed	10/15/07
2007-10	Amending Chapter 4, "Administrative Code", Article IV, Section 4-18 of the Durham Town Code by Adding the Provisions for an Economic Development Committee	Passed	10/01/07
2007-11	Amending Chapter 4, "Administrative Code", Article IV, Section 4-18 of the Durham Town Code by Adding the Provisions for a Board of Assessors	Failed	12/03/07
2007-12	Amending Chapter 153 "Vehicles and Traffic", Section 153-23 of the Durham Town Code by allowing vehicles displaying a Durham Resident/Taxpayer Permit Sticker to Park for Two (2) Hours in any Location Listed in Section 153-52 (Schedule XX: Time limit parking) That Currently Allows a One (1) Hour Limitation	Passed	11/19/07

2005 Ordinances Passed In 2007

2005-06	<i>Amending sections of the Durham Zoning Ordinance referred to as: Ordinance #2005-06 (F) – Proposed amendments to Chapter 175 "Zoning" to the Durham Historic Overlay District</i>	Passed	01/08/07
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2006 Ordinances Passed In 2007

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"> 1. Article II, Section 175-7 "Definitions" 2. Article XIII, Sections 175-60, 175-61, and 175-65 "Wetland Conservation Overlay District" 3. Article XIV, Sections 175-69, 175-71, 175-72, and 175-75.1(A&C) "Shoreland Protection Overlay District" 4. Article XX, Section 175-109(L) "Performance Standards" 5. Article XII, Section 175-54 "Zone Requirements" 	Passed	07/16/07
2006-08	Amending Article IV, Section 4-17 of the Town of Durham Administrative Code by creating a Heritage Commission	Passed	01/08/07



2007 Resolutions

2007-01	Discontinuing the current practice of listing candidates alphabetically on Town Election ballots as outlined in Article 2, Section 2.6 of the Durham Town Charter and adopting the method of listing candidates on Town Election ballots by drawing candidates' names out of a hat and listing them in the order by which they are drawn	Passed	01/08/07
2007-02	Amending Resolution #98-04, Minimum Application Fee Schedule, for the Planning Board of the Town of Durham and adding those fees to the Town-wide Master Fee Schedule	Passed	02/05/07
2007-03	Authorizing the Town of Durham to enter into an agreement with Grappone Ford of Concord, New Hampshire for the purchase of a 2007 Ford F-350 supercab pickup truck with plow and heavy-duty tow package in the amount of \$36,978.00 and requesting that the Trustees of the Trust Funds transfer said funds from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to Capital Fund account number 07-0725-701-00-000 for the replacement of the Fire Department's Utility 1 vehicle	Passed	02/05/07
2007-04	Establishing a policy for allowing Council members who are unable to attend Council meetings in person, due to unforeseen circumstances, the ability to participate in discussions at Town Council meetings through the use of telephone conference calls Council consensus to not move this resolution forward	Council consensus to not move this resolution forward	02/05/07
2007-05	Establishing the compensation for non-bargaining unit employees for Fiscal Year 2007	Passed	02/19/07
2007-06	Approving the employment agreement dated February 19, 2007 between the Town of Durham and Town Administrator Todd I. Selig for a period of three years extending from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2010 and establishing the base annual salary for Administrator Selig during the term of the agreement of \$98,670.0, and authorizing the Council Chairman to sign said agreement on behalf of the Town Council	Passed	02/19/07
2007-07	Establishing a Minimum Application Fee Schedule for the Zoning Board of Adjustment for the Town of Durham and adding those fees to the Town-wide Master Fee Schedule	Passed	02/19/07
2007-08	Recognizing outgoing elected officials for their dedicated services to the Town of Durham	Passed	03/05/07
2007-09	Establishing regular Town Council meeting dates for April 2007 through March 2008	Passed	03/19/07

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2007-10	Authorizing the acceptance of private donations and unanticipated revenues received by the Town of Durham between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2006	Passed	04/09/07
2007-11	Authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of \$1,000.00 from the New Hampshire Planners Association for use by the Mill Plaza Study Committee in completing the re-design of the Mill Plaza	Passed	04/09/07
2007-12	Implementing the provisions of New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA) 162-K "Municipal Economic Development and Revitalization Districts" enabling municipalities to establish Tax Increment Finance districts	Passed	04/09/07
2007-13	Creating a Churchill Rink at Jackson's Landing Advisory Committee	Passed	04/23/07
2007-14	Creating the Energy Committee Steering Committee	Passed	04/23/07
2007-15	Recognizing outgoing citizens who have served on various Town boards, commissions, and committees for their dedicated services to the Town of Durham	Passed	05/07/07
2007-16	Correcting the Fee for the Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Fire Suppression, and Fire Detection Permits Within the Town-wide Master Fee Schedule	Passed	05/07/07
2007-17	Authorizing the Town Clerk-Tax Collector to waive/write-off overpayments of under \$5.00 in accordance with RSA 80:57 and waive interest due amounts of \$5.00 or less in accordance	Passed	05/07/07
2007-18	Authorizing the issuance of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in a Tax Anticipation Note line of credit	Passed	05/21/07
2007-19	Raising and appropriating an additional twenty thousand, three hundred and thirty-one dollars (\$20,331) in the FY 2007 Capital Fund Budget for engineering design and bid phase services for the replacement of the Wiswall Bridge; said funds will come from the initial FEMA reimbursement of two hundred and sixty-two thousand, two hundred and seventeen dollars (\$262,217)	Passed	06/04/07
2007-20	Supporting the Rockingham and Strafford Regional Planning Commissions' proposal to redesignate the existing Seacoast MPO and Salem-Plaistow-Windham MPO into the Strafford Region MPO and the Rockingham Region MPO	Passed	06/18/07
2007-21	Accepting the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-c, authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the public library trustees to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the Town, unanticipated money from a state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year	Passed	08/06/07

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2007-22	Extending the Town of Durham's polling hours for all federal, state, and local elections by one hour at the beginning of the day and affirming that polling hours will begin at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM	Passed	09/10/07
2007-23	Waiving the purchasing requirements of Chapter 4 "Administrative Code", Article IV "Procurement", Section 4-23 "Exceptions, Waiver, Standardization and Emergencies" of the Durham Town Code for purchases from Information Management Corporation for public safety information system software due to the need for standardization of the materials, supplies, equipment, and services of said information system software relative to the transition of dispatching services from the University of New Hampshire Communications Center to the Strafford County Dispatch Center	Passed	09/17/07
2007-24	Adopting the Provisions of RSA 31:95-c to Establish a Special Revenue Fund Known as the Churchill Rink Fund to collect and expend Revenues for the Purpose of Operation, Maintenance, and Long-term Expenses of the Churchill Rink at Jackson's Landing	Passed	11/5/07
2007-25	Raising and Appropriating an additional three hundred and twenty-nine thousand, four hundred and nine dollars (\$329,409) in the FY 2007 Capital Fund Budget for the purpose of purchasing hardware and components needed for the transition of communications and related systems from the University of New Hampshire Communications Center to the Strafford County Dispatch Center with said costs to come from bonding	Passed	10/15/07
2007-26	Authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of fifty-eight thousand, two hundred seventy dollars and forty cents (\$58,270.40) in unanticipated revenues from the State of New Hampshire Department of Safety following the FEMA disaster April 2007	Passed	10/15/07
2007-27	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	12/18/07
2007-28	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	12/18/07
2007-29	Authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of grant funds in the amount of \$1,850 from the New England Grassroots Environmental Fund to conduct an energy inventory of the Town of Durham and authorizing the Town Administrator to sign and execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Town of Durham	Passed	12/17/07

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2007-30	Requesting the Trustees of the Trust Funds transfer \$20,000 from the Community Development Expendable Trust Fund to be used for funding of various economic development initiatives in 2007 in accordance with the 2007 approved Operating Budget	Passed	12/17/07
2007-31	Authorizing the Town Administrator to sign the application and contract documents for a US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Services, Wetlands Reserve Program grant for improvements to Jackson's Landing and sign said grant with accompanying documents	Passed	12/17/07
2007-32	Approving of the FY 2006 General Operating Budgets, the Capital Fund Budget and the 2008-2017 Capital Improvement Plan, as amended	Passed	12/17/07
2007-33	Establishing a Municipal and Transportation Improvement Capital Reserve Fund	Pending	12/17/07
2007-34	Authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of \$20,000 in unanticipated revenues from the estate of Rhoda A. Hogan as presented to the Durham Police and Fire Departments	Passed	12/17/07

Town Administrator

TODD I. SELIG

I am pleased to report that in 2007 Durham remains a vibrant community with a tremendous wealth of natural resources, ecological diversity, and natural beauty. We have been successful through careful planning and land use decisions in avoiding the "Any Town USA" development and sprawl that has impacted much of the United States. As a town, we strongly desire to preserve Durham's unique characteristics, yet we also seek ways to expand our tax base to accommodate the increasing cost of school, municipal, and county services provided for a demanding public. Because local property taxes continue to rise, finding the right balance between our desire to preserve Durham's character, while also seeking new revenue streams through the broadening of the tax base, striking fairer relationships with the University of New Hampshire, as well as identifying strategies through which our municipal organization can become more streamlined and efficient, have been primary areas of focus for the Town in 2007.

The tax rate matrix illustrates that the Town portion of the rate represents 24.43% of the total tax rate pie in Durham, with the School (Local and State) equaling 67.53% and the County allocation amounting to 8.04%. Despite the fact that the Town Council oversees only the Town portion of the rate, it is the Council that



by law issues the annual tax bill to support each of the three rate components. Residents with specific questions or ideas surrounding the Oyster River Cooperative School District or Strafford County should address these directly to those independent governmental entities.



Durham taxpayers experienced a 3.5% increase in the total 2007 full tax rate over the 2006 rate of \$27.28. An overview of the 2007 local tax rate structure is found to the right.

PORTION	2007 RATE	% OF FULL TAX RATE
Town.....	\$ 6.90.....	24.43%
School.....	\$19.07.....	67.53%
Strafford County.....	\$ 2.27.....	8.04%
TOTAL.....	\$28.24.....	100.00%

I encourage residents to study the pages of this report in order to better understand the substantial work that has been employed by volunteers and staff in the service of the community in 2007. I invite you to visit the Town Office and look at the wonderful contour model of Durham hanging in the foyer. Donated by John

and Maryanna Hatch over forty years ago, this “map” will help you to see your neighborhood as it once was. It just may motivate you to become more involved with our town government by serving on one of our local boards and committees. Help us to plan intelligently for necessary expansion and to preserve the character of the Town we have all come to love.

Town Council

NEIL NIMAN, Chair

Looking back on what was a very productive year for your Town Council, I believe that we can all look optimistically to the future. The topic that has generated the most interest and discussion in our Town this last year is the proposed redevelopment of the Mill Plaza. Under the leadership of Dave Howland (Chair of the Mill Plaza Study Committee) and Patricia Sherman (American Institute of Architects), a plan for the redevelopment of the site is in its final stages and should be ready for presentation to the Town Council in early 2008. This will, I hope, lead to a series of discussions with the owner of the property and culminate in an action plan that moves forward the vision established by the community.

Additional efforts to support the broadening of the tax base and the creation of new business opportunities can be found in the approval of a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the sale of the Durham Business Park to Chinburg Builders. The Council approved Durham’s first Tax Increment Financing District, designed to facilitate the development of the commercial property adjacent to Stone Quarry Drive.

Actions aimed at broadening the tax base have not resulted in the Council disregarding environmental issues that affect the quality of everyday life. In keeping with its commitment to preserve important properties, the Council recently approved a conservation easement on the Roselawn Farm property. For the coming year, the Council looks forward to recommendations from the newly formed Energy Committee that may enable the Town to become more proactive in terms of reducing its collective carbon footprint.

Quality of life is also a function of activities available to the Town’s residents. Therefore, special recognition must be extended to Cathy Leach and the staff of Public Works who have worked hard to make it possible for the Town to assume responsibility for the ice rink at Jackson’s Landing. It is our hope that skaters will enjoy the facility for years to come without any cost to taxpayers.

In 2007, the Town moved from collecting property taxes once a year to twice a year. This will save substantial money and it is part of an ongoing effort to streamline and reconfigure existing operations so that we can continue to provide residents a high level of services at a lower cost. Another notable effort in this direction is the transitioning of Dispatching Services to Strafford County at the beginning of 2008.

However, we will need to be creative in how we approach major decisions surrounding the construction of a new library, a potential new Town Hall, fire station, and other capital projects if we are to avoid “busting” future budgets. As we close the books on 2007, my hope is that through careful and considered expansion in the tax base, along with thoughtful decision making, we will see, at the least, a zero percent tax increase in the next budget that is placed before the council.



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Town Council Members



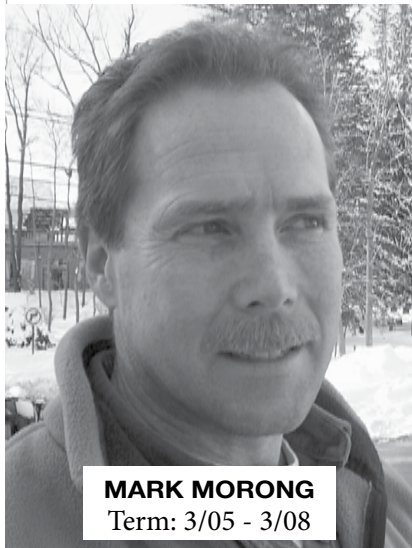
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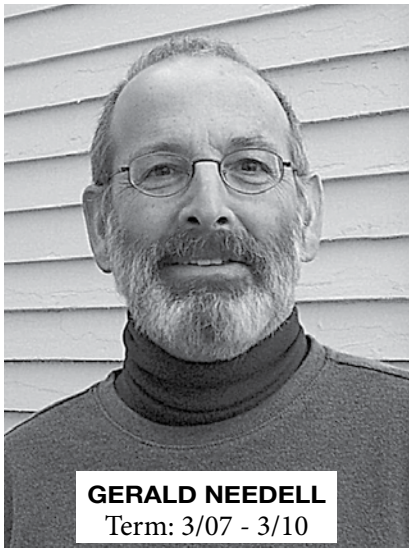
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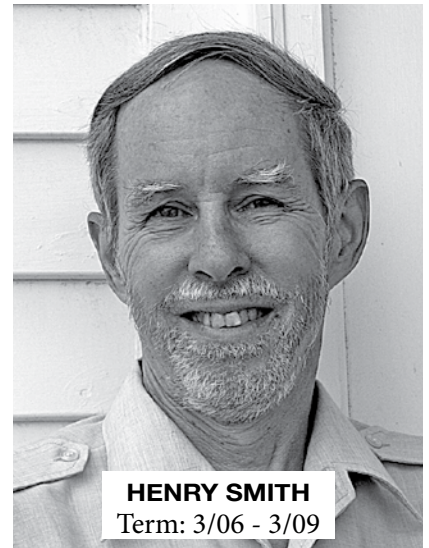
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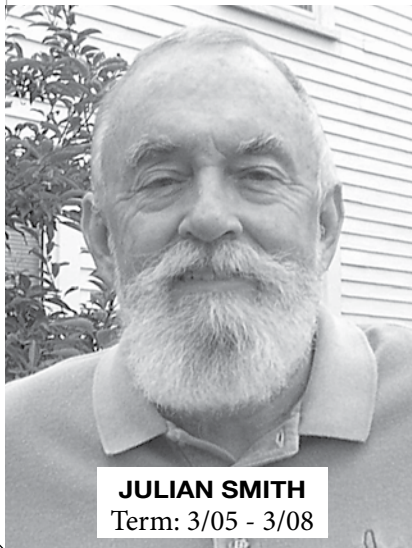
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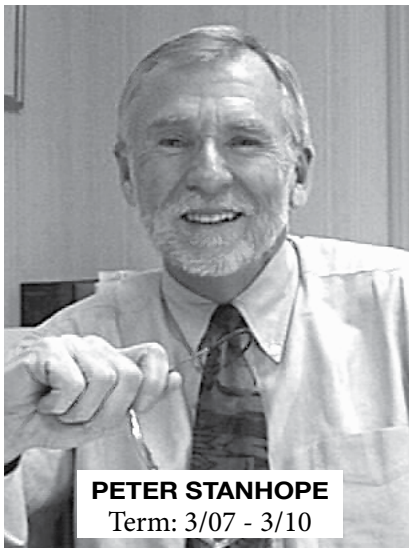
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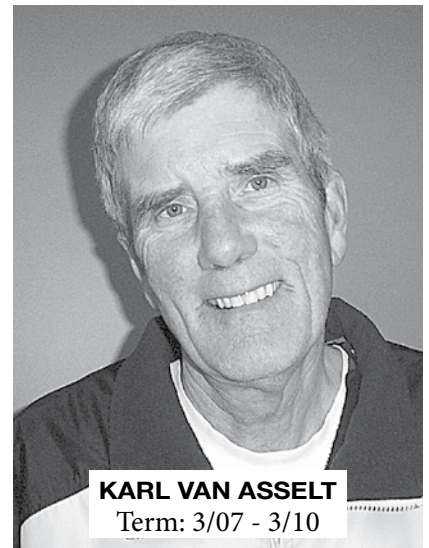
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PETER STANOPE
Term: 3/07 - 3/10



KARL VAN ASSELT
Term: 3/07 - 3/10



Culture and Recreation Section

Conservation Commission

CYNTHIA BELOWSKI, 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.

2007 Accomplishments:

■ Land and Scenic Vista Protection – The DCC is working with local partners to prioritize future land conservation initiatives. To facilitate this effort the DCC held a land conservation workshop in September. With matching funds from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) the Town purchased a conservation easement on the 85-acre Fogg property. The purchase of this easement will help en-

sure the protection of a future drinking water supply.

- Conservation Account – The DCC met with the Town Council to discuss the future disposition of the Land Use Change Tax, of which 100% currently goes into the Conservation Account. The two boards agreed that further discussion is needed regarding the best use of these funds. The DCC funded \$63,205 from the Conservation Account for interest payments accrued in 2007 on bonds secured to pay for conservation easements. The DCC made this one-time commitment because of the extraordinary financial situation that arose at the end of 2006 due to the purchase of three easements in one year.
- Management of Town-owned Lands and Easements – The DCC is working on plans for the management of Town-owned lands and conservation easements. DCC and Parks and Recreation Committee (P&RC) members worked to improve the trail

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Members of the DCC and P&R Committee on an outing with Joanne Glode of the Nature Conservancy and Rachel Stevens from NH Fish and Game to discuss plans for the Longmarsh to Lubberland Trail. Photo Courtesy of the Conservation Commission.



on Langmaid Farm. Continued work with the P&RC and local conservation groups to improve the trail network in the Longmarsh area culminated this fall in the completion of a 4-mile trail connecting the Longmarsh Preserve to Lubberland Creek in Newmarket.

- **Site Plan Review Process** – This summer the DCC worked with the Planning Board and Town Planner to improve procedures in the new zoning and site plan regulations that will result in a more timely review process. The DCC commented on a conditional use permit in the Wetland Conservation Overlay, two Conservation Subdivision plans, and a request for a zoning change.
- **Protection of Water Resources** – A recent study by the NHDES concluded that dog waste is a contributor to water pollution in Durham's rivers, streams, and bays. As a result of this study the DCC prepared a letter that accompanied dog license renewals highlighting the importance of proper handling of pet waste. The DCC has been advocating for the restoration and protection of College Brook in the Mill Plaza redevelopment project.
- **Mill Pond Restoration** – Attempts to maintain the scenic qualities of this pond by having it dredged continue. For several years the U.S. Army Reserves has made verbal commitments to dredge the pond, but have not followed through. This fall the DCC and Town Administrator decided to contact our Congressional Delegation to assist with this project.
- **Jackson's Landing** – The DCC and Parks and Recreation Committee have secured \$20,000 in matching funds to build a universal access educational trail system at the landing. Efforts continue to identify funding for improvements to the parking area that will alleviate erosion issues at this site.

- **Review of Standard Dredge and Fill Applications** – The DCC continues to review applications submitted to the NHDES for construction in shoreland and wetland areas with several projects coming before us this year involving mostly piers, docks, and culverts.

Goals for 2008:

- Work with partners and the Town Council to identify land conservation opportunities. Priority areas continue to be farms, land overlaying aquifers, large unfragmented blocks of land in the Folletts Brook and Crommet Creek areas, and scenic vistas, as identified in the Master Plan.
- Come to consensus with the Town Council regarding the allocation of the Land Use Change Tax.
- Continue to develop and implement management plans for Town-owned lands.
- Participate with the Planning Board in the site development approval process as needed.
- Continue to advocate for improvements to College Brook in the Mill Plaza redevelopment effort.
- Participate in efforts to improve Jackson's Landing.
- Continue to work toward the dredging of Mill Pond.
- Continue to monitor dredge and fill permit applications.

Durham Day

NICOLE MOORE, Coordinator

Durham Day 2007 was held on the cool and beautiful Sunday afternoon of September 18th. As always, residents enjoyed a grilled lunch provided by the Town, boat rides, music, displays by many Town organizations, childrens' activities, and an antique auto display. Special thanks to Doug Wheeler for the theatrical performance entitled "Live Free or Die, 1794" which he wrote, produced, and directed. This pageant was a most appropriate way to commemorate the 275th anniversary of the founding of Durham. Thanks Doug and cast for all your hard work! Thanks also to Russ Miles and the members of *Fling*, a local band, for donating wonderful acoustic music. Durham Day is the perfect venue for showcasing the talents of our citizens.

Doug Bullen and his Department of Public Works crew did a fine job preparing the grounds for the day. Thanks to Oyster River Parents and Preschoolers, the Durham Professional Fire Fighter's



Association, and the Parks and Recreation Committee for keeping the kids entertained with games, crafts, an obstacle course, and letter-boxing. Special thanks to the fire fighters for running both the cotton candy and snow cone machines. Their generator did a lot of work that day! Ray Belles headed up the boat rides and thanks go to our generous boat captains. Ann Windsor and Nancy and Lorne Parnell were great dock attendants.

UNH once again had a presence at Durham Day with its generous donation of cookies for the picnic and the expert sound skills of Andy Dolph assisted by ORHS student Alexander Taylor. Thanks to you both for keeping the events flowing smoothly. Robin Mower and Vasiliki Partinoudi cheerfully helped Councilors Neil Niman, Julian Smith, Gerry Needell, Cathy Leach, and Diana Carroll, Henry Smith, feed the crowds. Jeanne Wishengrad made a fabulous sign to place out on Route 4 to mark the day. It will be used for years to come. Bill Lenharth provided several antique vehicles for the display; Rachel Stevens took photos to remember the day; and Linn and Maggie Bogle and Susie Loder put the finishing touches on the dining tables with their lovely flower

arrangements. Town Clerk Lorrie Pitt provided a friendly face at the entrance to the green as our Greeter and Jennie Berry is always my main contact in the Town Office and without whose invaluable clerical skills I would be even later with thank you notes than I already am! Thank you ALL!

I am so grateful to everyone for helping to carry on the tradition of our only “holiday” expressly for celebrating: the many wonderful qualities of life in Durham. See you next September!



Orator Zebediah Scammon (played by Mark Chutter) addresses the Durham citizens on July 4, 1798 during the historical pageant “Live Free or Die, 1798” performance at Durham Day to commemorate Durham’s 275th Anniversary. Also pictured are Peter and Martha Anderson, portraying Timothy Anderson and Abigail Frost. Photo Courtesy of Rachel Stevens.

Durham: It’s Where U Live

ERIKA MANTZ, DIRECTOR, UNH Media Relations

Founded in 1866, the University of New Hampshire serves more than 10,000 undergraduates and 2,000 graduate students. Nearly 2,000 UNH alumni live in the Oyster River community and approximately 600 UNH faculty and staff members call Durham home. UNH students participate in the economic vitality of this town as responsible employees and volunteers in the schools and community. We are one community.

Durham: It’s Where U Live is the coming together of the university, Durham residents, and local business owners to create an

environment that celebrates that one interwoven community. It is a collaborative effort to increase respect and understanding by working together to create a more cohesive and welcoming community for everyone.

Now in its fourth year, this grassroots program facilitates events and activities that bring the entire community together and welcome its newest members each year. Community and business leaders celebrate the commitment of first-year students who come to campus early to participate in community service and then a week later offer refreshments, maps, and welcoming

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Jennifer Murray, Durham: It's Where U Live, and Shirley Lamarre, Durham Business Association, present Mrs. Maryanna Hatch with a reproduction of the mural painted by her late husband, John Hatch, of Durham's waterfront in the late 1820s. A dedication ceremony of the mural's permanent placement at the Town Landing was held on June 26th at the Durham Historic Association picnic as part of Durham's 275th Anniversary celebration.

words to all first-year students and their families as they move into town. Durham: It's Where U Live has helped to increase community participation at the annual University Day picnic and the Holiday Skating Party and Silent Auction. In its third year, the silent auction benefits the Durham: It's Where U Live scholarship, which awards \$500 annually to a University of New Hampshire student who volunteers and/or works in the greater Durham community. Our first recipient was featured in the Durham: It's Where U Live poster and ad series, which highlights community connections. We also facilitate a townwide cleanup each spring called Green Up Durham. In addition, Durham: It's Where U Live co-sponsors events like the MUB summer outdoor movies and Light Up Durham.

Durham. It's where we all live.

Durham Swans

ANDREA BODO

Just before the winter's last snowflakes fell in Durham, the swans returned to the Mill Pond. They could be seen between the sheets of ice that were left.



On March 3, one of the swans apparently had a run-in with the power lines on Route 108. She was dazed and standing in the middle of traffic on Route 108 as cars slowed down to pass her. Steve Burns of 20 Newmarket Road saw what was happening and came to be with her and she started to walk by his side. A Durham police officer also came to lend assistance and the two men escorted the swan north on Route 108, down by the Oyster River footbridge, and safely into the Oyster River where she joined her partner. She went back into the water and seemed fine.

On April 16, a northeaster caused massive flooding on the pond and washed away the swans' nest. The two were seen back on the Mill Pond with flotillas of mallards, an occasional cormorant, anhinga, seagull, and plover. There is also a fierce little mink, an industrious beaver, turtles, and otter as well.

In late September, the swan pair practiced taking off and landing. It is really amazing to hear them takeoff and watch them fly.

On September 25, one of the swans died after hitting the power lines near the Route 108 bridge by Old Landing Road .

The pond is now quiet. In the spring, the birds and waterfowl will all be back to add elegance and humor to our treasured vista.

The Durham Swans. Photo Courtesy of Andrea Bodo.



Historic District Commission

NICK ISAAK, Chairman

2007 Accomplishments:

- Reviewed and approved various Certificates of Approval dealing with issues such as signage, landscaping, and materials usage.
- Adopted an historic paint colors list endorsed by the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities.
- Printed 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 is available at the Town Offices.
- Began undertaking a survey project to catalogue historic properties and sites. Henry Smith, our Town Council representative, has volunteered to complete an inventory of his home as a test case. If anyone is interested in helping document some of Durham's historic properties, please attend one of our meetings or contact us.
- Commenced our first year as a Heritage Commission. 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.

Goals for 2008:

- Continue to promote and enhance our brochure.
- Continue work on the survey project.
- Apply for grant funding for a Town historic website and/or survey project.
- Be proactive in communicating our supportive role to homeowners within the district and the larger community.
- Continue to combine efforts with the Durham Historic Association.

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, Jane Crooks, George Lamb, Cathy Leach, Greg Moore, John Parry, Emily Slama, and Sara Wilson. Thanks to past members Denny Byrne, Frank Pilar, and Dave Proulx who retired this year.

Vision Statement

It is the vision of the Town of Durham's Parks and Recreation Committee to provide residents of all ages, abilities, and

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Many of Durham's children and parents enjoyed the festivities finding as many hidden eggs as they can at the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Old Landing, sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Committee. Photo by Cathy Leach



Culture and Recreation

interests a wide variety of recreational and leisure activities and services which 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 a sense of cohesiveness and interaction necessary for a vibrant community.

Long-Term Goals

- Develop a formal, sustainable Parks and Recreation program that will better serve residents.
- Increase recreational and leisure activity programs and opportunities for all residents.
- Provide better access to, and more recreational opportunities on or beside Durham's water resources.

2007 Accomplishments:

Survey - The P & R Committee worked with UNH faculty and staff to conduct a public survey of recreation needs in the Town of Durham. Dr. Bob Barcelona and Denny Byrne and his staff deserve special thanks for taking on this project. The survey was mailed to Durham households, and over 600 were returned. The survey results have been compiled and analysis is near completion. This work will provide background information for future projects and a parks and recreation strategic plan.

Adopt-a-Trail - The Trails Subcommittee (a joint committee of P& R Committee and the Conservation Commission) developed an Adopt-a-Trail program to be administered by the P&R Committee, in which volunteers will be recruited and trained to help maintain Durham's trail system. The group also erected a kiosk and other signs and completed boardwalks on Longmarsh Trail. This work was supported by a grant from the State of New Hampshire.

Grants - Three grant applications were submitted to fund work proposed in the Jackson's Landing Master Plan, which was developed by a joint committee of the P & R Committee and the Conservation Commission. We received approval for a proposal to the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which will provide \$20,000 to construct a universal access trail at the site. Applications to DES and NH Estuaries were not successful, but efforts are continuing to secure funding to improve parking, restore the waterfront area to a green space/park, and reduce storm water erosion on the site.

Partnerships - The P&R Committee is represented on the Tri-Town Recreation Committee, the Churchill Rink Committee, and the Oyster River School District Committees on Playing Fields and Recreation. We have worked with other entities in Durham

to provide support for other recreation efforts, including the Lamprey River Management Advisory Committee and the Conservation Commission.

Events - Sponsored the Town Easter Egg Hunt in April, and participated in Durham Day and Light Up Durham.

Web site - Working on updating the P&R Committee webpage. Work continues on a web-based list of recreational/leisure opportunities (public and commercial) in the Durham area. This will provide residents with a directory of recreational activities.

Property Improvements - Working on installation of a shade structure at Woodridge Park and a Community Message Board at Jackson's Landing. We are also exploring potential improvements at Wagon Hill and looking into the feasibility of a small skateboard park at Woodridge Park.

A youngster—basket in hand and dressed in the correct attire—looks for hidden eggs during the annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Committee. Photo by Cathy Leach.





Policy - Began development of a standard use policy for parks and recreation properties, facilities, and trails.

Goals for 2008:

In an effort to work more efficiently, the P&R Committee has formed six task groups and identified potential action items for groups to work on in the coming year. These are:

Public Awareness

- Develop a recreational brochure describing things to do in Durham.
- Develop Blog for P & R Committee.

Programs & Activities

- Provide one event each quarter for Durham residents.
- Complete and promote the web list of recreational opportunities in Durham.

Properties & Facilities

- Explore establishment of playing fields at Town-owned gravel quarry in Lee, or identify other location.

- Explore opportunities to implement Jackson's Landing Master Plan.
- Explore possible location for a skateboard park.
- Launch Adopt-a-Trail program to help maintain trails.
- Update the improvement plan for Wagon Hill.

Resources – Staff, Natural Resources, Volunteers, Funding

- Consider possibility of sponsoring one P & R Committee fund-raising event each year.
- Develop a “Friends of Durham Parks” program to establish volunteer and donor support for the parks.

Partnerships

- Enhance communication/partnerships with other organizations (Lee, Madbury, ORYA, UNH, Mill Pond Center for the Arts and ORSD) as a way to offer/support recreation programs in Durham.

Administration

- Complete analysis of the town survey and share the findings.
- Develop a strategic plan for P & R Committee.

For more information, suggestions, or questions please contact us at parksandrec@ci.durham.nh.us

Public Library

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DOUGLAS BENCKS, Chair

While our library still remains in the cramped rental space in the Mill Plaza, there have been several important events this year that are very encouraging for the future of the library.

2007 Accomplishments:

Finding a new permanent home for the library - The selection of a site for the library has now focused on the redevelopment of the Mill Plaza as a vibrant town center, including a new library. The formation of the Mill Plaza Study Committee, the planning, design, and facilitator services provided by a statewide group of professionals, the support of the Town Council, and the enthusiasm of the Mill Plaza property owner have resulted in an

open and creative community process that is providing renewed optimism for a new library building. Over the next few months it will become clear how this redevelopment could become a reality.

Receiving an extraordinary gift – Earlier this year the Trustees learned that Margery Milne, longtime resident, author, and library patron, who died in February 2006, made an extremely generous bequest to the Durham Public Library. This gift of almost \$500,000 will be used for the new library. But just as importantly, it gives us greater confidence that we can raise even more as we move closer to finalizing a site, and beginning design and construction. The Trustees have begun putting together

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the structure and the process for a capital campaign once a site and concept design are established with the expectation that a new library can only be built with a combination of fund-raising and public funding.

Reaching out to the community – We had another very successful year of fund-raising with our Annual Appeal, which this year was focused on establishing a permanent operating endowment to ease the burden on our tax payers. The now annual Trustee dinners in June were a wonderful way to celebrate all that the library is and will be. And this year it was extra special as we recognized our first poet laureate, Aillinn Connors, who was selected from a group of very talented students at the Oyster River High School.

Improving library services and the collection – We have seen major transformations in the on-line services and new computer cataloguing system this year, allowing patrons to see what is available and reserve it from their home computers. In addition, a careful selective weeding of the collection and acquisition of new materials will provide a richer selection. These important improvements, made possible by previous Annual Appeals, can be taken to a new library building when it is ready.

Goals for 2008:

The Trustees expect to finalize the site, and begin design and fund-raising for the new library building. We welcome your ideas and support to make a new library a reality.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

THOMAS MADDEN, Director

The Durham Public Library took a giant technological leap forward in 2007, adding electronic resources that bring us into the 21st Century. In addition to large print books, books on tape and CD, videos, DVDs, music CDs, magazines, and newspapers, our library offers many resources to our patrons via the internet, making the library accessible from home and expanding the number of services available.

2007 Accomplishments:

New Circulation System – With funds raised during the Trustees Annual Appeal, the library staff has purchased and installed a new web-based circulation system, Surpass, that is both networked throughout the library and available to the public over the internet. Surpass Safari, the online catalog, has a number of great features, such as the ability to search by author, title, or keyword, a visual navigator to simplify searching, a new materials list, and a “book bag” for patrons to create lists of their own. Patrons can look up and even reserve books online before coming to the library. To properly operate the new system, the library purchased a server and updated the Local Area Network and Operating System.

Website Update – A web-based catalog needs a website on which to reside, and the implementation of Surpass provided the perfect opportunity to improve the library’s web presence. Our website www.durhampubliclibrary.org has grown from half a dozen pages to over 30 with added content and resources.

Audio Books – An amazing range of audio books from Overdrive.com are downloadable from our website to patrons’ computers and MP3 players, and many can be burned to CDs. Those already



Durham Public Library Staff (l-r): Nicole Moore, Tom Madden (Library Director), Nancy Miner, Charlotte Arredondo, Peggy Thrasher and Margo Laerle (in front). Photo Courtesy of the Public Library.



familiar with audio books will be thrilled; those who have yet to try them will be amazed at the flexibility and ease of use as they listen to their favorite titles while at home, at work, or in the car.

Online databases – Provided by the State Library, databases are available through the Durham Public Library’s website. Patrons can access magazine and journal articles by the thousands, read articles archived from New Hampshire newspapers, locate biographies of notable individuals, and do genealogical research. An online calendar lists upcoming programs and museum passes can be requested electronically from the library through our museum pass request system. And there are links to hundreds of websites connecting patrons to the world of information.

Wireless – Patrons with laptops can go online via our network as the library has wireless capability.

Library Cards – All of these technological changes have prompted us to issue new library cards to our patrons because many electronic resources require a 14-digit barcode for access. Some of our original patrons have library card numbers with two or three digits. The new cards are bold and stylish and come with both a regular sized card and a key tag card.

Friends – The library has increased the number of computers available to the public from four to six thanks to the Friends of the Durham Public Library who have once again invested countless hours in book and bake sales in order to provide us with necessary items. The Friends also purchased library furniture such as display racks for CDs and a soft new rug for the Children’s area.

Circulation – Not all of the excitement at the library is on the web. Circulation

Circulation:	34,129	Adult program attendance:	444
New patrons:	441	Children’s program attendance:	2,750
Total patrons:	3,514	Materials added:	4,505
Volunteer hours:	2,655	Total materials:	32,199

of books and other materials continues to increase and we have done our best to stock the shelves with a broad range of items to suit nearly every taste and interest. We have focused on enlarging our audiovisual collections to match the increasing demand for information and entertainment in alternate formats such as DVD and audio books.

Interlibrary Loans – Interlibrary loans are a growing part of library operations. By networking with public libraries throughout New Hampshire, we can request virtually any title and have it shipped to the Durham Public Library. The service is free to Durham residents and patrons are called once their materials arrive. We look forward to continued growth in this area as it means that we are meeting the needs of our patrons.

Programs – The library has hosted dozens of programs throughout the year for children and adults. We strive to provide a diversity of programming and we have frequently worked with

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The Memorial Day Parade ends at Memorial Park in downtown Durham. Parade Marshall Colonel (Ret.) Theodore “Ted” Finnegan, Parade Master Richard Dewing, and Am. Legion Auxiliary member Flora Robinson-Shields pay respect to Durham’s Veterans. *Photo by Richard Lord.*



Culture and Recreation

the New Hampshire Humanities Council and the UNH Speakers Bureau to schedule programs of quality and interest. Programs for adults have included a month-long series based on the book *Fahrenheit 451*, a discussion of global warming, Andrew Smith of the UNH Survey Center on the NH Primary, Ruth Bobick on her book *Translation of Basil II*, and Doug Wheeler on NH Volunteers in the Spanish Civil War, to name a few. Regular programming included NHHHC Book Discussions sponsored by the Friends of the Library and a Lyme Disease Support Group.

Children's Programs included: Puppets with Carol Sanborn, Dan Grady's Marionettes, Marina Forbes and the Firebird, Wildlife Encounters, a Poetry Workshop with Maren Tirabassi, and a season full of Summer Reading Programs including singer/performers Peter Boie and Rick Goldin. Programs held regularly for children included: Storytimes, the Bookeaters middle school book discussion group with Ruth Wharton-McDonald, Tales for Tails read-to-a-dog programs, and Reading Buddies with assistance from UNH students.

Goals for 2008:

New library – The Trustees and staff are determined to move forward with plans to build a new library.

Programs – The library will continue to host an assortment of quality programs for all ages, covering a number of topics organized thematically that will engage a wide range of interests.

Services – We wish to increase the number of patrons we serve by creating greater awareness of interlibrary loans, online resources, and by improving our collection of books and other materials.



General Government Section

Assessor

ROBB 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 and why we will update all our values in 2008.

Durham's previous full revaluation was in 1988 and last assessment update was in 1993. The revaluation brought the level close to 100%. The tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2007 was \$28.24.

The total value of taxable property rose about .66% to \$816,634,609 while the tax rate rose about 3.5%. This illustrates the fact that rising assessments do not always 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 2003 – 2007 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.

For those burdened by ever-increasing property taxes, some tax relief may be available through the following courses of action: Exemptions/Tax Credits for the Blind, Elderly, Veteran, Disabled and Physically Handicapped; Exemptions for Solar Energy Systems; Tax Deferrals for Elderly/Disabled; Property Tax Hardship Relief; Current Use assessments; and Abatement requests.

In 2007, the Town Council addressed an initiative that would allow for the creation of a Board of Assessors to review property tax abatement requests. The Council ultimately voted against the creation of a Board of Assessors.

2007 Accomplishments:

- Reviewed approximately 200 building permits and made appropriate changes to the database.
- Added all citizens eligible for credits and exemptions.
- Performed analysis on what impact the University has on downtown property.
- Performed analysis on what impact added taxable valuation would have on the school funding formula.

Goals for 2008:

- Continue to verify the accuracy of the data on our property record cards.
- Adjust values by statistical analysis, verify exemptions and credits, and fulfill other DRA requirements for 2008 revaluation.
- Continue to improve our data on UNH property.
- Assist the Town of Lee with its assessment responsibilities.

For information and assistance, you may contact the Assessing Office via telephone: 603-868-8065, e-mail: rdix@ci.durham.nh.us, or visit us at the Town Office.



Cemetery Committee and Trustees of the Trust Funds

CRAIG SEYMOUR, Cemetery Committee Chair

The Durham Cemetery is located off of Route 155A just past Technology Drive on Durham's west side, across from the state Department of Transportation offices. We recorded a total of 14 burials in 2007, including 4 casket internments and 10 cremations. This year's activity was somewhat less than in 2006, which saw a total of 21 burials. A total of 12 graves in 8 separate plots were sold, generating over \$6,000 in revenue towards the cemetery trust and maintenance funds. A two grave plot was repurchased by the trustees, according to cemetery policy. We have begun to sell plots in the "new" section of the cemetery, which is located closer to the main road, as the original sections are approaching capacity. Given current burials rates, it will take perhaps 30 or 40 years before the cemetery reaches capacity.

Durham's Boy Scout Troop 154 has taken on the responsibility of identifying the graves of veterans of various national conflicts, and recognizing their service to the nation by placing flags on veterans' graves throughout the Town. The Cemetery Committee sincerely thanks all of the individuals who help out with this important civic duty.



The Durham Cemetery. Photo by Craig Seymour

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 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.

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 collateral-



ized following our investment policy. At the end of December 2007, the trust funds totaled \$1,490,895.24.

The Trustees encouraged the Town Council to move forward with updating the town center war memorial. The plan that was developed, with significant help from the Town Public Works Director, Mike Lynch, was accepted and implemented. The memorial area is now handicap acces-

sible and has a number of smaller New Hampshire granite stones for recognizing other conflicts. We are currently updating the names of all participants in conflicts since the Civil War and the War of 1812. Anyone wishing to add names should contact Mike Lynch at 868-5578.

In November of 2007 the Trustees lost one of its own. John DeCampi, who was elected in 2003 and re-elected in 2006, passed after a period of failing health. To the end John provided help and guidance to the Trustees. His wisdom and wit will be missed.

Planning and Community Development

JIM CAMPBELL, Director

As you will learn from the Chair of the Planning Board, I was kept quite busy in 2007. Below is a brief list of the accomplishments from the past year, as well as some anticipated goals for next year.

2007 Accomplishments:

- Continued to update and improve the Zoning Ordinance, regulations, and rules of procedure.
- Continued to seek grant money to offset the cost of projects to the Town.
- Worked with the Economic Development Committee on following through on their Action Plan for 2007 including having the TIF District enabling legislation adopted by the Town Council, having the Stone Quarry Drive TIF District approved, worked toward the development of the Durham Business Park by completing the RFP process and having a Purchase & Sale signed with Chinburg Builders.
- Strengthened the relationship and communication between the Durham Community and the UNH Community

by attending meetings with staff and University Committees as well as participating in the Community Breakfast on community planning.

- Stayed active with outside committees and organizations to ensure Durham's concerns are raised and made part of the process.
- Continued to give carefully scrutiny to applications submitted to Planning Board.
- Held quarterly planning meetings with the Planning Board including a joint meeting with the Conservation Commission and the Energy Committee.
- Worked with the Mill Plaza Study Committee to move forward with the possible redevelopment of the Plaza.

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(l-r, back row): Robert Dix, Assessor; Thomas Johnson, Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer. (l-r, front row): James Campbell, Dir. of Planning and Community Development; Karen Edwards, Admin. Assistant.



- Secured, with the able assistance of Karen Edwards, a grant from the New Hampshire branch of the American Institute of Architects to help plan the redevelopment of the Mill Plaza.
- Continued to work on and improve our GIS capabilities with training, hardware, and software.
- Secured consulting services for the possible creation of sewer, water, stormwater, public safety, and library impact fees.

Goals for 2008:

- Continue to look for ways to amend the Zoning ordinance and regulations to improve on the quality of life, the quality of development, and the process in general.
- 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.
- Make improvements to the Planning and Community Development section of the website.
- 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 outside committees

whose work will have an effect on Durham.

- Work with the Economic Development Committee to improve the climate for proper economic development within the Town and follow through on the Committee’s 2008 Action Plan, including the sale and redevelopment of the Durham Business Park and the creation of Tax Increment Finance districts.
- Continue working with the Mill Plaza Study Committee to move forward with a plan for the possible redevelopment of the Mill Plaza.
- Bring forward any impact fees to the Town Council for consideration.

It has been over six years that I have been with the Town of Durham. It has been, and continues to be, my pleasure serving the citizens of Durham. As I have done in the past, I need to thank many people for making my job so much easier. The Town of Durham has many committees, boards, task forces, a very active citizenry, and a dedicated staff that all work very hard to make Durham such a great place. Finally, I would like to thank Karen Edwards, Michelle Marino, and Michelle Berman for keeping this office running so smoothly. We could not do what we do without them.

Planning Board

WILLIAM MCGOWAN, Chair

This past year has been a very busy year for the Planning Board. The number of application approvals almost doubled from the previous year. Throughout the course of the year, the board’s efforts were directed to normal business of reviewing subdivisions, site plans, technical review requests, UNH projects, and the Town’s Capital Improvement Plan. This includes

the site plan/subdivision reviews of four major development projects, two site plan reviews, three subdivision reviews, three conditional use permits, two boundary line adjustments, and the public hearings associated with each review.

The Planning Board continues to encourage developers, abutters, and concerned citizens to meet with Town staff prior to formal application submissions in order to identify specific areas of conflict or concern early in the design process. Within the past year, the four major development projects that have come before the planning board have gone through a design review and/or conceptual consultation. Additionally, there have been five conceptual consultations of projects that are in the developmental stage. The design reviews and conceptual consultations have allowed the Planning Board and applicants to meet and discuss proposed projects under informal and nonbinding conditions.



The Planning Board continues to review and update revisions to the Zoning Ordinance to ensure conformance with the Master Plan (2000). Members of the Planning Board served on the Zoning Re-Write Committee throughout the year to address revisions submitted by the public and the Town Council. Amendments completed this year included the Timber Harvesting Ordinance, the Historic District Ordinance, and the Excavation and Mining Ordinance. Though much progress has been made, the Planning Board continues to look at ways to improve the zoning ordinance and has developed a list of changes that will be addressed in the upcoming year. Additionally, due to several development projects reviewed this year, the Planning Board had to postpone amending the 2000 Master Plan. The Planning Board is looking forward to developing a working matrix that will include all the goals, objectives, and recommendations discussed in the Master Plan.

The Planning Board would like to thank our Director of Planning and Community Development, Jim Campbell, for his hard

Comparison of Number of Application Approvals 2005 - 2007

Application Type	2007	2006	2005
Subdivision.....	4	0	5
Site Review/Conditional Use	9	4	7
Boundary Line Adjustment/ Subdivision Modification/Voluntary Lot Merger	4	2	5
Site Plan Review by Technical Review Committee	5	5	2
Other*	9	10	3
Total	31	19	22

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

work and dedication relative to the Zoning Ordinance re-write and all of the regular work the Planning Board performs.

It has been a pleasure to serve the community as Chairman of the Planning Board. I would like to thank citizens who came to the public hearings or sent letters conveying their thoughts and suggestions. I would also like to thank the Board members and alternates who have donated so much of their time. It has been a very successful year and the board and I look forward to serving the community next year.

Supervisors of the Checklist

ANN SHUMP, Chair

2007 Accomplishments:

The Town/School Election held in March was the only official election in 2007; although the Supervisors of the Checklist also had to cover the School Deliberative Session that was held in February 2007. The Supervisors have become reasonably comfortable in using the new Statewide voter checklist, *ElectionNet*, although we all continue to attend training sessions in order to become more proficient and to learn new things.

All towns in the state are busy trying to resolve duplicate voter situations. There are currently just over 7000 registered voters

in the Town of Durham. We expect this number to increase by the time of the Presidential Primary.

Goals for 2008:

2008 will be a very busy year for the Supervisors. Besides the Town/School Election on March 11, we will see the Presidential Primary on January 8, the State Primary on September 9, and the General Presidential Election on November 4. About 1600 people registered to vote on the day of the last Presidential Election. Coupled with the several thousand already-registered voters, Oyster River High School was a very busy place. It is strongly suggested that residents not already registered to vote, do so before November 4.



Town Clerk/Certified Tax Collector

LORRIE L. PITT

It has been another busy year in the Town Clerk–Tax Collector’s office. Water/sewer billing and collection have been converted to the new municipal software and annual property taxes have been converted to semiannual billing. The change to this cash receipting system allows residents to pay with one check if water/sewer and property taxes are paid at the same time.

I joined the Town Clerk’s Legislative Committee for 2007. Members toured the State House in order to become familiar with representatives and the legislative process. It was very helpful in gaining insight on what would be expected if I were called to

Revenues Collected *(Jan. 1 thru Dec. 31 2007)*

Auto Registrations	\$850,229.91
Title Applications	2,166.00
Municipal Agent Fees	13,817.50
Marriage Licenses.....	1,800.00
Vital Statistics Copies.....	1,756.00
U.C.C. Recordings/Discharges	870.00
Dog Licenses	6,584.50
Miscellaneous	564.21
Total	\$877,788.12
Cars Registered	6326
Dogs Registered.....	892

testify. Participation in several teleconferences has been a good experience.

In June we issued our first semiannual tax bill due in July. This conversion went reasonably smoothly. Residents were urged to send bills to their mortgage company, even if they had not in the past. This was to let the mortgage companies know of the change to a semiannual billing cycle so they could change their pay out option to semiannual. Delinquency notices were sent the week after the due date to alert residents if their mortgage company had not paid their bill. There was confusion with some mortgage companies, but these issues have now been resolved.

In August our new FireKing records storage cabinet and filing materials arrived. This was funded by a vital records grant that we had applied for and was approved last year. As part of this grant, all the vital records maintained here at the town hall were sent to Brown’s River Records Preservation Services for microfilming. Upon their return, they will be sorted and filed in the recommended preservation boxes, and labeled for easy access of researchers. These records are available for viewing at the Town Clerk’s office during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

December was a very busy month. The tax bills were brought to the Post Office on November 9th and were due December 10th. We began receiving phone calls from concerned residents that they had not been received a week after the mailing. A call to the Post Office gave no definitive answer. It was assumed that the bills had been sorted incorrectly into bulk mail and, although late, would eventually be delivered. A few were delivered the first week while the majority were missing for several weeks, and some still have yet to be seen. In addition to the regular everyday office activities, missing tax bills due on December 10th caused much concern to residents and duplicate bills were being requested, water/sewer bills were due December 17th , and absentee ballots were available



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



beginning December 7th. The political campaigns began shuttling students to Town Hall to register to vote and obtain absentee ballots from December 7th until the students left on break December 21st. The registration process is a timely one and we were thankful that the supervisors of the checklist were able to give us some hours during the busy holiday season. I would like to thank my staff for putting

in many extra hours to keep the office running smoothly during this difficult time.

2008 will be a busy election year beginning with the Federal Primary in January, the Town Elections in March, the State Primary in September, and finally the National Elections in November. I would encourage residents who are not registered to vote and desire to vote in any or all of these elections to register early. Although we have same-day registration, November will be a very busy election and there will be long lines. A few

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Lorrie L. Pitt, Certified Tax Collector

(Jan. 1 thru Dec. 31, 2007)

	2007	2006	2005	2004 & Prior
Uncollected Taxes as of 01/01/07				
Property Taxes	\$0.00	\$1,531,743.09	\$0.00	\$0.00
Property Taxes (prior yr. deferred revenue)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	0.00	3,644.87	0.00	0.00
Taxes Committed to Collector				
Property Taxes	22,958,493.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	1,417.89	834.88	0.00	0.00
Land Use Change	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Utility Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Charges	0.00	1,414.50	0.00	0.00
Overpayments Made During Year				
Property Taxes	46,136.65	15,801.85	2,566.62	4,773.58
Utilities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest Collected	19,057.58	44,845.34	0.00	0.00
Costs Before Lien	0.00	1,202.25	0.00	0.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$23,045,105.84	\$1,599,486.78	\$2,566.62	\$4,773.58
Remitted to Treasurer				
Property Taxes	\$22,009,788.07	\$1,521,907.30	\$0.00	\$0.00
Property Taxes (prior yr. deferred revenue)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	2,267.21	4,479.75	0.00	0.00
Land Use Change	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Utility Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest Collected	19,057.58	44,845.34	0.00	0.00
Conversion to Lien	0.00	1,202.25	0.00	0.00
Other Charges	0.00	1,414.50	0.00	0.00
Abatements Made During Year				
Property Taxes	805.72	14,149.64	2,566.62	4,773.58
Yield Taxes	(849.32)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Uncollected Taxes as of 12/31/07				
Property Taxes	994,036.58	11,488.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Land Use Change	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$23,045,105.84	\$1,599,486.78	\$2,566.62	\$4,773.58



Tax Lien Report (Jan. 1 thru Dec. 31 2007)

	2006	2005	2004	2003 & Prior
Unredeemed Liens Balance				
(at beginning of Fiscal Year)	\$0.00	\$106,232.44	\$11,541.79	\$0.00
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year.....	324,290.15	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest & Costs Collected.....	10,560.54	15,356.59	3,954.67	0.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$334,850.69	\$121,589.03	\$15,596.46	\$0.00
Remitted to Treasurer:				
Tax Lien Redemptions	\$181,482.38	\$100,598.28	\$11,641.79	\$0.00
Interest & Costs After Liens.....	10,650.54	15,356.59	3,954.67	0.00
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	2,125.11	0	0.00	0.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unredeemed Lien Balance	140,682.66	5,634.16	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$334,850.69	\$121,589.03	\$15,596.46	\$0.00

minutes before the election could save you time in November.

This year the Durham Chapter of the American Red Cross merged with the Great Bay Chapter. We still have a few pieces of equipment available on a loan basis for the convenience of residents. We continue to participate in the sale of Durham Ornaments for the Durham Business Association, and maintain a supply of Durham Afghans, Puzzles, and assorted books for the Durham Historic Association. We also have copies of *The Story of Peter Little Bear, A Lamprey River Adventure*, based on real events and locations on the Lamprey River.

2007 Accomplishments:

- ▣ Accepted a vital records grant and made purchases of a vital records storage cabinet and filing materials for records preservation.
- ▣ Implemented new municipal software for utility billing and collection.
- ▣ Completed final year of the Town Clerk Certification Program.

Goals for 2008:

- ▣ Deputy Town Clerk–Tax Collector will start the Town Clerk Certification Program.
- ▣ Complete implementation of vital records project.
- ▣ Continue to explore options that offer more conveniences and services for residents.
- ▣ Continue staff development and training.

Tree Warden

MICHAEL LYNCH

In 2007, 142 dead or decaying trees or trees interfering with telephone or electric wires were removed from Town-owned properties or private properties along the Town right-of-ways.

The Town was honored with its 29th consecutive, nationally recognized, Tree City USA award and continues to be New Hampshire's leading award winner.

The Town celebrated Arbor Day on July 18th with the planting of a Crabapple tree at the Public Works facility. The tree was

donated to the Town by Bartlett Tree Service, which celebrated 100 years of business this year.

The Town suffered severe tree damage in April when we received 7.5" of rain in 24 hours, and many trees became uprooted from the saturated ground.

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



Welfare Director

GAIL JABLONSKI

NH RSA 165 requires that each City and Town in the State of 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. Section 4-10 A-7 of the Administrative Code of the Town of Durham identifies the Business Management Department, headed by the Business Manager, as being responsible for overseeing welfare services.

The Town of Durham is dedicated to providing for those in need without regard to age, race, sex, or national origin. The Business Office is compassionate towards

all those seeking assistance. We work with everyone who applies, whether the applications are approved or denied, to assist them towards self-sufficiency in the future.

During 2007, the Business Office received and processed seven new applications for public assistance. Of these requests, six were approved as qualifying for assistance. Over the past year, numerous people contacted our office for information concerning assistance but never submitting a formal application for assistance. As we move into 2008, we have no active cases of public assistance.

During 2007, a total of \$16,904 was provided for direct assistance. The Business Office works closely with several non-profit service providers in the area, with the University of New Hampshire for students in need of assistance, and with the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services Office in Rochester, and the New Hampshire Local Welfare Administrators Association for advice and guidance on the more difficult cases.

All in all, with the economic conditions we faced in 2007, Durham's share of needy persons was remarkably low compared to surrounding communities. Our welfare regulations and the application for public assistance are available on the Town's website at: http://www.ci.durham.nh.us/DEPARTMENTS/business_office/finance.html

Zoning Board of Adjustment

JAY GOOZE, Chair

The Durham Zoning Board of Adjustment consists of five regular members and three alternates appointed by the Town Council for three-year terms. Our former Vice-Chair, John de Campi, passed away in November and will be truly missed. We are in the process of filling the remaining alternate position at this time. 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. The New Hampshire Supreme Court is still defining the hardship criteria with separate criteria for "area" or "use" variances. 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. A number of Superior Court cases were decided this year and in each instance the Durham ZBA's decisions were upheld, indicating that valid reasons were presented as to the decisions rendered.

This Board takes its charge seriously and I commend the members for their thoughtfulness. While not all members agree on every issue, the discussions remain courteous and civil. During 2007 the Durham Zoning Board of Adjustment met fifteen times. One meeting was cancelled due to a lack of applications. There were forty-five applications before the Board.

Variances: There were thirty-one requests for variances. Twenty-one requests

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2007 Zoning Board of Adjustment Breakdown of Hearings

Variance	31	Equitable Waiver	0
Special Exception.....	0	Re-Hearing Request	7
Administrative Appeal.....	7	Total	45

were approved, four requests were denied, three requests were partially approved and partially denied, one request was withdrawn, and one request was dismissed. One request was partially approved and is partially still pending.

Motion for Rehearing: There were seven requests filed for motions of rehearing. Five requests were denied. One request was granted and was overturned on rehearing. One request is still pending.

Requests for Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Control: This provision was created by the NH Legislature in 1996 to address the situations where a good faith error was made in the 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 seven appeals of administrative decisions. Two appeals were denied, one appeal was partially approved and partially denied, two appeals were withdrawn, and two appeals are still pending.

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

Zoning, Code Enforcement, and Health Officer

THOMAS JOHNSON

It was another busy year for the building Code Enforcement, Zoning, and Health Officer. Construction permits were comparable to last year for most of this year with a drop in permits during the fourth quarter. Fees collected for permits this year were also comparable to last year; though new single-family home construction was down from last year by fifty percent.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) had 44 cases in 2007 down from 47 in 2006. The ZBA continues to meet every month—sometimes twice. The cases are reviewed and dealt with accordingly, and some very difficult decisions are made. Two appeals to Superior Court against

ZBA decisions were upheld by the court, supporting the integrity of the Zoning Board’s decision-making process.

The Health Department had an active season with West Nile Virus and the Eastern Equine Encephalitis threat again this year. More Seacoast towns were initiating prevention and monitoring programs to increase awareness and media coverage. Extensive regional training and planning went into our involvement with the Southern Strafford County Health Coalition to establish a regional point of distribution at the Whittemore Center on the University campus for receiving inoculations in the event of a bird flu outbreak or an act of bioterrorism. We are also in discussion to coordinate a regional response center with Strafford County.

2007 Accomplishments:

- Continued correspondence and cooperation with the Rental Housing Commission on rental housing issues. Local realtors and the Durham Landlords’ Association have seen a drop in property transfers that resulted in student rental problems. Unfortunately, some properties still pose problems and are being addressed through enforcement of the Zoning Officer. Occupancy-type complaints have gone from 42 in 2004 to 14 in 2005, and from 9 in 2006 to 12 in 2007.
- Continued participation in The International Code Council (ICC), the New Hampshire Building Officials Association and the New Hampshire Seacoast Code Officials Association educational programs, meetings, and code development.
- Selected from 15 officials nationwide to serve on the ICC Education Committee. This committee oversees educational



training programs, educational publications, and code official certification nationwide.

- Served as one of three code officials in New Hampshire on the Northeast Region (7 states) Coalition Board of Directors for the International Code Council.
- Continued successful cooperation with neighborhood groups concerning enforcement of occupancy limitations.

- Participated in the Southern Strafford Community Health Coalition for regional planning and mutual aid preparedness.
- Served New Hampshire as a code official representative on the Governor's Commission on Disability's Architectural Barrier-Free Design Committee.

Construction Permits Processed

	2007	2006	2005
Building Permits.....	202	227	241
Building Permits Denied.....	12	42	35
Building Permits Withdrawn.....	2	1	2
Demolition Permits.....	5	10	8
Building Permits On Hold.....	0	0	1
Septic Permits/Test Pits.....	24	18	21
Electric Permits.....	180	187	194
Plumbing/Mechanical Permits.....	156	185	160
Total Permits.....	581	670	662
Value of Building Permits Given.....	\$5,601,088	\$8,296,965	\$10,969,818
Fees Collected for all Permits.....	\$46,380	\$41,500	\$69,859*

*Includes fee for the Hotel New Hampshire

Breakdown Of Building Permits

	2007	2006	2005
New Single Family House.....	3	8	14
New Multi-Family Units.....	4	4	13
Additions, Renovations.....	156	170	181
Commercial (New & Renovations).....	21	17	13
Demolition.....	5	10	8
Hold/Renewals.....	15	15	10
Swimming Pools.....	3	4	4
Other Permits			
Signs.....	30	28	25
Sidewalk Cafes.....	5	5	5
Totals all Permits.....	242	261	273

Average Value for New Homes 2007: \$285,000





Public Safety Section

Fire Department

PETER O'LEARY, Fire Chief

As I look forward to the beginning of my third year as your fire chief, I want to provide a snapshot of some of the many accomplishments of 2007 and what we are looking forward to in 2008. I continue to be impressed with the level of knowledge, dedication, and commitment that the members of the Durham Fire Department bring to the community. In 2007, several members traveled to conferences and schools to learn new techniques to better address the fast-changing fire service.

Department members often give beyond their normal calling with efforts such as the annual holiday toy drive, Durham Community Breakfast, and Durham Day. Of special note was the effort they made to get toys to children in Berlin, New Hampshire, after that community suffered several devastating fires early last year. Their willingness to give back to the Durham

and greater New Hampshire community is remarkable and it is what makes the department a special place to work.

2007 Accomplishments:

- Provided a re-structuring plan to realign the administrative function of the department which resulted in two new division

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Fire Dept. Administrative Staff (l-r): Brendan Sullivan, Fire Inspector; Jason Cleary, Div. Chief of Fire Prevention and Safety; Corey Landry, Div. Chief of Operations; Melissa Perusse, Admin. Assistant; Peter O'Leary, Fire Chief. *Photo Courtesy of the Fire Dept.*



chiefs: Corey Landry, operations, and Jason Cleary, fire prevention and safety. These two positions will improve operational efficiencies within the department.

- Recruited and hired Fire Fighter/Paramedic Keith LeClair to fill a vacant position. Fire Fighter LeClair comes to Durham from the Hillsboro, New Hampshire Fire Department.
- Enhanced the department's emergency medical technicians. The department is now staffed with five licensed paramedics who respond to all medical calls in Durham and at UNH.

Fire Department Incidents 2007

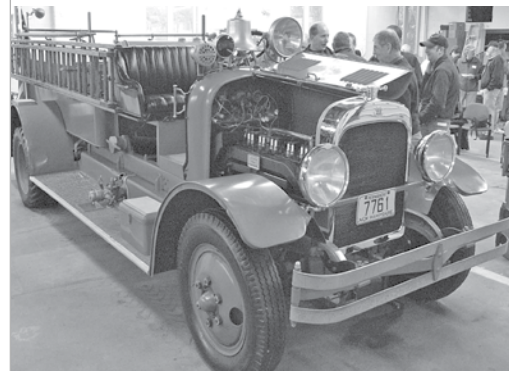
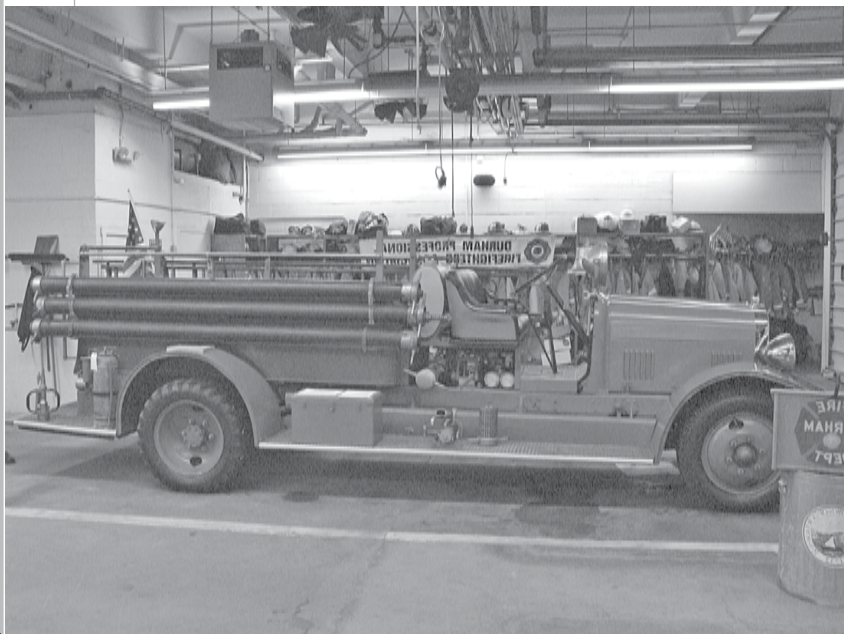
	UNH	Town
Structure Fires.....	5	9
Other Fires (<i>vehicle, brush</i>)	7	10
Emergency Medical.....	397	537
Hazardous Material (<i>includes spills, and leaks</i>).....	24	34
Service Calls.....	193	207
Malicious False Alarm	10	20
Unintentional False Alarms	153	80
System malfunction	35	11
False Calls.....	14	25
Wires Down/arcing.....	8	59
Good Intent Calls	38	63
Totals.....	897	1313
Combined Total.....		2210

32 Incidents were mutual aid to surrounding communities.

- Provided department-wide training in the area of company fire inspections which will help improve outputs of inspections in 2008.
- Worked extensively with other Town departments to begin the transition of the Town's emergency dispatching from UNH to Strafford County.
- Increased fire prevention presence in the downtown area with additional occupancy compliance checks and training with the goal being to keep places of assembly in Durham and the UNH community safe throughout the year.
- Provided child seat safety installation inspections to residents at no charge.

Goals for 2008:

- Increase the number of fire safety inspections throughout the Town and University.
- Implement a partnership with UNH to increase fire fighter wellness through physical fitness programs designed by University staff especially for fire fighters.
- Conduct a company officer promotional testing process to fill two captain vacancies which are scheduled to occur in the first part of 2008.
- Implement new dispatch services through Strafford County Dispatch. Specialized training from Information Management Corporation in North Grafton, Massachusetts will be mandatory for all members in the new incident reporting program.



On Nov. 10, 2007, the Durham Professional Fire Fighters Assoc. held a "First Start" event to celebrate the restoration of the department's 1931 Seagrave Fire Engine; the first fire engine Durham purchased new. Photos by Richard Lord.



Fire Warden

PETER O'LEARY

I am pleased to report that the Durham community suffered very little in the 2007 brush fire season. Much of this can be attributed to the active role the Durham Fire Department plays in educating the public through its issuance of burn permits throughout the year. Each person who comes to the department for a permit is given detailed instructions on 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.

Additionally, 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. Members of the Durham Fire Department continue 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 at 868-5531 before you burn.

Call Volume Trends

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Annual Calls	1096	1262	1181	1262	1288	1512
% Increase	8%	15%	-6%	7%	2%	17%

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

- 2006 = 250+ local CPR heroes
- 2007 = 700+ 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)

- 61% of patients required ALS in 2007, usually by a paramedic
- The need for ALS has increased significantly in the last five years
- 2007 marked our 20th anniversary providing ALS to the communities we serve

McGregor Memorial EMTs

- 6 Paramedics (1 Paramedic-in-Training)
- 13 Advanced EMTs (Intermediates)
- 23 EMT-Basics

McGregor Memorial EMS

(FORMERLY DURHAM AMBULANCE CORPS)



"Committed to Compassionate Excellence"

McGregor Memorial EMS is a regional, non-profit organization providing emergency medical services and education 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 will be celebrating our 40th anniversary providing exemplary emergency services to the community this year. McGregor maintains an organizational commitment to excellence, and prides itself on being one of the most cost-effective, highly trained, and professionally organized ambulance services in the state. Compassionate service is the hallmark of our organization. To learn more about McGregor, visit our website at www.mcgregorems.org or call us at 862.3674.

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Public Safety

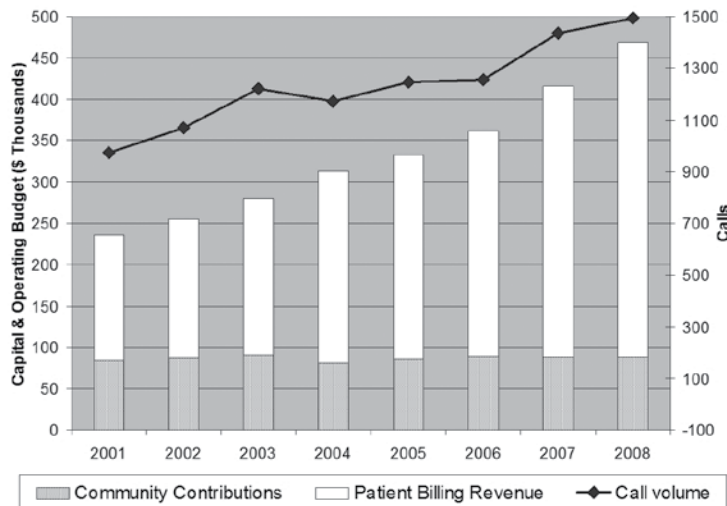
Statistics. In 2007, McGregor responded to 996 calls in Durham and on the UNH campus, a 16% increase from 2006. In addition to the calls in Durham, we responded to 335 calls in Lee, 103 calls in Madbury, and 78 calls to other communities. For 2008, we are projecting approximately 1500 calls total

2007 Accomplishments:

- Significantly Increased Hours Volunteered On-Call
 - Volunteer hours increased 25%
 - 15,000+ hours volunteered in 2007 (est.)
 - 12,000+ hours volunteered in 2006
 This is the fundamental basis for our ability to deliver call coverage 24x7.
- High Performance
 - McGregor's availability is one of the best in the state.
 - 99.3% availability of McGregor's two front-line ambulances (2006)
- Over 700 "Community CPR Heroes" Trained
 - McGregor EMS is the largest provider of CPR training to the local community.
 - 700+ "Community CPR Heroes" were trained in 2007
 - Provided at low cost in partnership with Durham, Lee, and Madbury public libraries
- CPR Safe School Training and Certification Program
 - McGregor EMS began its CPR Safe program in 2006. Schools are certified as CPR Safe when they have one or more defibrillators (AEDs) available and have trained over 75% of their teachers and staff in CPR.

- McGregor EMS has trained and certified the following Oyster River schools as CPR Safe:
 - Moharimet Elementary
 - Mastway Elementary
 - Oyster River Middle School
 - McGregor EMS's CPR Safe program has been cited by the NH State Dept. of Education as a model for schools in other communities.
 - McGregor purchased additional defibrillators for the schools using \$6,000 in community donations.
- Homeland Security Grant Award
 - McGregor received a Homeland Security Grant for new protective clothing, increasing readiness for both day-to-day and large scale emergencies.
 - This grant saved taxpayers \$50,692.
 - We have applied for a \$38,000 grant to fund new communications equipment, and are hopeful that it will be awarded.
 - School Emergency Medical Equipment Maintenance Program
 - At no cost to the schools, McGregor now maintains defibrillator and oxygen equipment at the Oyster River schools.
 - This program, together with the CPR Safe program, saves the schools over \$5000, which they had previously paid to a for-profit company.

Community Budget Contributions vs Total Budget & Call Volume



No increase in money requested from the towns (i.e., community contributions) despite an increase of 17% in call volume.

- Paramedic On-call Program
 - 24 x 7 on-call paramedic program added to provide enhanced coverage to the community.
 - A McGregor paramedic is available 98% of the time.
- Station Renovations
 - Extensive renovations of our station were done to enhance operational readiness and help retain and attract volunteers.
 - McGregor volunteers donated hundreds of hours of labor.
 - Paid for with donations from the McGregor Building Fund.



- **McGregor Institute of EMS**
 “Committed to Excellence in EMS Education”
 Among the largest centers of education for the EMS professional in the Seacoast.

 - Offers low-cost CPR to the community.
 - Provides crucial education to EMS professionals living in the Seacoast and beyond.
 - Financially self-sustaining.
 - Reduces cost of providing EMS coverage, saving our communities over \$40,000 per year.
- **Feedback from Patients**
 A list of our accomplishments for the year would be incomplete without feedback from the patients we transported

to the hospital. Here’s what they or their family members had to say in written survey responses:

“I deeply appreciate the quality of care, the sensitivity and compassion, and the reassuring presence exhibited by the EMTs who helped me. Positive, supportive and informative. Very professional. I felt very confident and reassured by their skill, knowledge and ‘bed side manner’...My deep thanks.”

—McGregor Patient, 2007

“Because of the quick response, I feel as though my daughter was getting the best quality care. She was extremely frightened and was calmed by these professionals whose concern at all times was my daughter. I love them! In the extreme heat of the day, the situation, and the unknown seriousness of the accident, these EMTs who responded so quickly were not only courteous, professional, and caring, but also were very calming for the accident victim. They also made sure to stop in to see my daughter before they left the hospital. They spoke directly to her about being brave, and doing everything the asked her to do perfectly. They took the time, which is a rare commodity these days.”

—McGregor Patient, 2007

Police Department

DAVID KURZ, Chief

I am pleased and proud to acknowledge that this is the twelfth annual report that I have completed during my tenure as your police chief. During that time, the entire organization has focused upon providing the Town of Durham with professional and courteous services in a cost-efficient manner while reflecting the desires of the entire community.

I am also gratified that during 2007, there were no changes in our staff due to resignation or retirement.

2007 Accomplishments:

- The department has enhanced its notifying mechanism to inform landlords of police calls to their property. Each quarter, a correlation of all police calls to rental property is distributed to help develop a more coordinated resolution for problem properties.
- After a slow start, the Depot Road parking lot has been sold-out and a long waiting list has been developed. All funds from this enterprise will focus upon cleaning up this “Brownfield” site.
- The department continues to maintain accredited status with an eye on April of 2008 when three police managers from

other areas of the country with review the agency to ensure compliance.

- Significant progress has been accomplished with the transition from the UNH/Durham Dispatch Center to the Strafford County Sheriff’s Department. This move is scheduled for March of 2008 with significant savings realized shortly thereafter.

The department has developed a successful strategy to deal with behavior patterns of young people after sporting events and I once again pleased to inform you that the “Celebratory Riots” that were occurring with far too much frequency in the Durham/UNH community have ceased. This national phenomenon presents unique challenges to Durham as the host community to a large state university. Durham was the only community in New England that serves as host to a large educational institution that did not have arrests, vandalism, and/or injured persons in the aftermath of the Red Sox World Series victory. As more tranquil moments are en-

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joyed, there is clarity that the keys to our successful formula rest in our ability to work collaboratively with the entire Durham and UNH community. We continue to use our positive relationship with our community 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.



Public Works Section

Director of Public Works

MICHAEL LYNCH

As I start my 31st year with the Public Works Department and my 8th year as its Director, I am proud to report that the Department of Public Works enjoyed one of its busiest and productive years ever. The department completed two major construction projects, both in the downtown area. The first was the rehabilitation of Main Street from Holloway Commons to the top of the railroad bridge hill. The project was mostly funded (\$1.5 million) by a state and Federal grant and concentrated on improving air quality in the area. The project included: improvements to the bus transportation system and pedestrian safety, installation of street lighting, and installation of brick/granite crosswalks. The second project involved the replacement of an old cast iron water main on Madbury Road. We appreciate the patience of residents during these two major disruptions in traffic flows this summer.

As in the past, the roadway-resurfacing program was our top priority this year, and I am happy to report that during the summer we successfully reclaimed and resurfaced two miles of Durham Point Road. Durham Point Road suffered severe damage due to the 2006 and 2007 flood events and the detour of 17,000 vehicles per day along that road while Route 108 was closed due to the same flood. We have filed for financial assistance for this project from the Federal Highway Administration program and expect

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



to receive over \$25,000 in assistance. I am thankful that the Town continues to support our road program which is vital to our transportation system. We know that good roads benefit all Town residents and provide a sense of community pride. The remediation and revitalization of the former Craig Supply property--now know as the Depot Road lot--continued in 2007 with the highlight being the rental of all 169 parking spaces. Other accomplishments in 2007 included the continuing upgrade of the war memorial monuments at Memorial Park, the purchase of a new ¾-ton pick up truck and sewer jet/vacuum truck for the Wastewater Division, and a new 3-5 ton dump truck for the Operations Division.

Goals for 2008:

- █ Begin initial engineering of an additional water supply well at the Spruce

Hole Aquifer located off of Packers Falls Road.

- █ Perform roadway reclamation/resurfacing of Ambler Way, Deer Meadow Road, Fox Hill Road, Gerrish Drive, Langley Road, Morgan Way, Tirrell Place, and Williams Way.
- █ Complete engineering and start repairs of the Wiswall dam.
- █ Replace the Mill Pond Road water line.
- █ Complete new water, wastewater, and storm water ordinances.
- █ Continue to investigate the capacity of the west end sewer line.
- █ Begin construction of the new Wiswall Bridge.
- █ Initiate repairs at the Oyster River dam.
- █ Complete repairs to the Thompson Lane drainage system.
- █ Repair the Schoolhouse Lane cemetery stone wall.
- █ Begin infrastructure work for the new Stone Quarry Drive Tax Increment Finance district.

In closing, I would like to once again say what a pleasure it was to serve the residents of Durham in 2007. I would also like to thank the staff of the Public Works Department for a great year, as we look forward to continuing to make Durham a very special place to live and work in 2008.

Operations Division

DOUGLAS BULLEN,
Assistant Director for Operations

Back-to-back 100-year storms in the spring have created many challenges for this Division. On top of all our other duties, fixing and maintaining the Town infrastructure during this time was difficult for all. Working with other departments, we were able to keep things running as smoothly as possible. Although our schedule was thrown off from our regular work, we were still able to complete many planned. During the year, Town crews responded to over 16 weather-related events. I want to thank residents for their patience during these difficult times, as well as the public works employees for their hard work. We appreciate any comments or suggestions that may help us better serve the community.

2007 Accomplishments:

- █ Durham Point Road was reclaimed from Sunnyside Road to Longmarsh Road. This process involves pulverizing the roadway then compacting and grading the material for the placement of asphalt. Two inches of base coarse asphalt is then

placed and let set for several months. During this time roadside drainage and culvert replacement is completed. It also allows for any imperfections to be noted and corrected. After this waiting period the final one inch topcoat of asphalt is placed, followed by the installation of shoulder gravel. This year's work was performed by Pike Industries of Portsmouth, NH.

- █ Completed spring clean up during the first two weeks of May. Over 120 tons of material was collected curbside, transported, recycled, and sent to various facilities for proper disposal.
- █ Painted all walkways, symbols, and crosswalks using Town staff. Contracted roadway center and edge line painting to L&D Safety Markings of Barre, VT.
- █ Completed sidewalk and lighting upgrades in the Main Street and Pettee Brook Lane area. This involved removal of old sidewalks and light poles



and installing new concrete walks and decorative light poles.

- Contracted the cleaning of over 175 catch basins to meet our Federal Stormwater Management Plan.
- Completed fall clean up in which over 15 tons of leaves and brush were collected.
- Repaired and replaced various drainage structures and pipes throughout the Town.

- Screened over 3000 cubic yards of material from the Town gravel pit in Lee, NH. This material is then mixed with salt and used during winter operations.
- Performed many general repairs on all the Town roads and infrastructure.
- Maintained all Town properties and facilities.
- Serviced all Town vehicle fleets including the police and public works.
- Assisted in the coordination of the Fourth of July fireworks celebration.

Solid Waste Division

DOUGLAS BULLEN,
Assistant Director for Operations

The Solid Waste Division had a great year in 2007. We saw high prices all year for scrap metal, cardboard, and mixed paper. This year, we also changed our commercial pick up of cardboard to reduce the monthly cost for contracted services. A revenue source was created when we replaced the downtown cardboard dumpster with a Town-owned unit. We also entered into a non-binding contract to have our mixed paper hauled that gives us top dollar for our material without the transportation and fuel costs.

The Transfer Station and Recycling Center experienced over 28,000 vehicle visits in 2007, and

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Alma Tirrell and Richard "Dick" Dewing tended the Durham Historic Association Display table at Durham Day. *Photo Courtesy of the Historic Assoc.*



Operations Division (l-r): Phillips Brooks (part-time), Glen Clark, David Seeley, Stephen Valpey, Mark Wheat, Burton Austin and Dwight Richard.



we opened the facility to all residents during the spring floods to help them dispose of damaged materials.

As we enter the New Year, we are working hard to look for cost-effective methods and environmentally-appropriate methods for the disposal and recycling of all materials disposed of in the community. Thanks to all our employees who do a great job on a daily basis.

2007 Accomplishments:

- Completed the spring and fall Town-wide clean up programs.
- Conducted the annual Household Hazardous Waste collection day.
- Completed the yearly collection and informational newsletters.
- Conducted and attended yearly training seminars to meet New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services certification requirements for all solid waste personnel.
- Worked with the Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee on various issues including improved signage and increased storage at the swap shop. Helped with the yearly newsletters and any other issues that arose relating to solid waste or recycling.
- Continue to market all our materials in a cost-effective manner and look for new methods and opportunities that would benefit the Town.
- Lowered recycling co-mingle costs by fifty percent while experiencing a small increase in the cost of bulky and construction-related materials.
- Recycled over 2880 feet of fluorescent bulbs. As these products become more popular, we can expect to see an increase in the coming years for disposal.

2007 Solid Waste Division Data

TONS OF MATERIAL MARKETED	2007	2006	2005
Recyclable Material:			
Mixed Paper	450	511	529
Cardboard	172	132	122
Scrap Metal	99	135	98
Car Batteries	2	2	3
Totals	723	780	752
<i>Recycling Revenue</i>	\$49,893	\$46,865	\$39,996
<i>Tip Fee Avoidance</i>	\$64,020	\$62,815	\$42,887
Other Material Recycled:			
Commingled Containers	298	258	293
Textiles	n/a	n/a	n/a
Car Tires	7	16	8
Waste Oil-gallons	617	710	771
Antifreeze-gallons	110	0	173
Leaves	18	18	15
Electronics	14	17	11
Propane Tanks-each	0	287	0
Materials Disposed:			
Curbside Collection	1,690	1,780	1,581
Refuse Total	1690	1,780	1,581
Bulky Waste	157	273	280
Construction and Demolition	222	268	173
SWMF Permits Issued	1123	1076	1100
Electronic Stickers Sold	516	627	545



Solid Waste Division (l-r): James Couch, Charlton (Chuck) Dill, Arthur Nutter, and Bonnie McDermott.



Town Engineer

DAVID CEDARHOLM P.E.

In 2007, the Engineering Division managed projects involving the Town's water supply, stormwater and wastewater systems, dams and bridges, road improvements, infrastructure mapping, and more. We also offered technical support to Town staff, committees and boards, in addition to residents who have questions/concerns about Town infrastructure, drainage, and technical issues.

2007 Accomplishments:

- Construction of the Madbury Road water main Replacement.
- Design of a new bridge on Wiswall Road.
- Continued evaluation and design of repairs to the Wiswall dam.
- Rehabilitation of the Dover Road Wastewater Pump Station.
- Sewer system investigation in conjunction with UNH Facilities.
- Roof replacement on the Wastewater Treatment sludge building.
- Decommissioning the incinerator at the Transfer Station.
- Development of a new water source at the Town/UNH-owned Spruce Hole site.
- Drafting a Stormwater Ordinance.
- Drafting an updated Sewer Use Ordinance.
- Initiating the Wastewater Facilities Plan update.
- Performing various sewer and water system improvements;
- Conducting an audit and leak detection survey of the Durham/UNH Water System.
- Updating the Water Resource Management Plan.
- Continued development of the Town's Geographic Information System (GIS) and infrastructure mapping.
- Construction of a demonstration rain garden at DPW with all volunteer labor and donated materials

2008 will be another busy year with many construction projects moving forward: Repairing the Dover Road Pump Station, replacing a section of water main on Mill Pond Road, making sewer system improvements, finalizing the new Wiswall Road bridge design and the Wiswall dam repairs plans, and coordinating the design of the fishway at the Wiswall dam. Due to the ever-present pressure from developers, drinking water source development and implementation of a Water Conservation Plan are expected to take high priority. A major initiative is an update of the Wastewater Facilities Plan, which will give the Town a better understanding of the capacity and condition of the wastewater collection and treatment systems. 2008 will bring a renewal of the Town's Federal stormwater management system permit and the US Environmental Protection Agency has indicated that the Town will face more stringent regulations. Providing technical advice to Durham residents on all sorts of issues such as drainage, property boundaries, leaky basements, water conservation, hydrology, and environmental concerns are regular services provided by the Town Engineer.

The demonstration rain garden that the Town Engineer and volunteers constructed was a big hit at Drinking Water Week in May 2007. Thanks to those residents who donated perennials; they will be spectacular in full bloom. Stay tuned for the more rain gardens in 2008. Feel free to call anytime at 868-5578.

Wastewater Division

DANIEL PETERSON, Superintendent

2007 Accomplishments:

- Purchased a new sewer cleaner/vacuum truck to replace the 1989 model that has seen its share of service.

- Replaced all 724 Aeration Tank diffusers with more efficient ones for better oxygen transfer and to save on electrical costs.
- Purchased and installed a new cooling tower unit for the main administrative building, to replace the original 1978 unit.
- Began upgrades to rehabilitate the Dover Road Pumping Station, with the engineering firm of Metcalf and Eddy.
- Began extensive Treatment Plant sampling with the engineering firm of Wright Pierce to study and analyze the Treatment Plant capacities and capabilities.

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- Completed an agreement in the fall with Resource Management, Inc. of Ashland, NH for sludge disposal. This agreement will save the Town approximately \$35,000 dollars for replacement of the plant's existing solid container replacements. The solids will be hauled away and be composted for further use.
- Cleaned 40,601 feet of sewer mains as part of our annual sewer cleaning program.

Superintendent Duane Walker retired in July after 35 years of dedicated service. He will truly be missed. In July, I was hired as Superintendent having been previously employed by the City of Portsmouth.

The staff is excited to see what may come this next year. With a new pumping station to be built, a new Environmental Protection Agency permit in process, the Wastewater Facilities Plan update, and general every day challenges, it should be an exciting year as we look forward to serving the citizens of Durham.

Wastewater Statistics

Permit Parameters	Avg. 2005 Total	Avg. 2006 Total	Avg. 2007 Total
Avg Flow MGD	1.16.....	1.06.....	0.88
Effluent TSS (MG/L)	7.9.....	6.8.....	6.8
Avg. % TSS Removal min. 85%	96.6.....	97.8.....	97.6
Effluent BOD (MG/L)	6.3.....	7.....	6.5
Avg. % BOD Removal min. 85%	96.8.....	97.3.....	97.4
Total Flow (MG)	420.6	434	325.8
Septage Received (Gal.)	13,500	50,200.....	68,050
<i>MGD..... Million Gallons per Day</i>	<i>MG/L..... Milligrams per Litre</i>		
<i>TSS..... Total Suspended Solids</i>	<i>MG..... Million Gallons</i>		
<i>BOD..... Biochemical Oxygen Demand</i>	<i>Gal..... Gallons</i>		

Water Division

DOUGLAS BULLEN,
Assistant Director for Operations

2007 Accomplishments:

- Completed the water main replacement project on Madbury Road, as well as replacing the water main from Main Street to Garrison Avenue and a portion of Woodman Road.
- Interacted daily with the UNH Water Department and Water Treatment Plant to produce potable water to the Durham/UNH 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 Department of Environmental Services (NHDES).
- Conducted scheduled testing for bacteria, lead, and copper as required by the EPA and NHDES.
- Completed residential and commercial water meter readings which are taken twice a year.
- Completed main line flushing and gate valve inspections conducted in cooperation with the UNH Water Department.
- Performed regular inspections of all Town water facilities.
- Monitored daily water production at the Lee well and its introduction into the system.
- Replaced 90 meters that were outdated as part of our two-year program.
- Installed four new gate valves.
- Replaced one new hydrant.
- Repaired four residential service lines.
- Installed two new service meters.
- Responded and repaired eight water main breaks in various locations.



Wastewater Division (l-r): Duane Walker, Superintendent (retired July 26, 2007); Clara Camuso-Reed, Steve Goodwin, Lloyd Gifford, and Daniel Driscoll (kneeling with "Ricky")



Town Supported Organizations Section

AIDS Response-Seacoast

PAUL BROGAN, Executive Director

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 related to HIV/AIDS.

2007 Accomplishments:

The Prevention Education Department provided services to more than 200 residents in the Durham area during the 2006-07 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 just over 8,500 people.

One of our most effective programs is our Speaker's 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 surrounding HIV/AIDS, answer specific questions, and create more understanding in our communities. Feedback from this program is used to further develop our future programming. We have been able to clearly document that this type of program can do a great deal to alter behavior and potentially save lives.

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,

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transmission issues, and testing. 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: comple-

mentary 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.

Goals for 2008:

We will continue to provide prevention education and direct client services at the current level in the coming year. We are hopeful of reaching, through our programs, more than 10,000 persons in 2008. In addition, we will hold several major events in commemoration of our milestone 20th year in order to increase awareness of not only the agency and our services but of HIV/AIDS.

ARS will continue to work with other area providers 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

At our annual meeting on April 24th, longtime residents of the Town reminisced about their various humorous encounters with Doc McGregor, the Town's beloved and colorful country physician for many years.

2007 marked the 275th year of Durham's existence as an incorporated township and the Durham Historic Association (DHA) held several events to celebrate this anniversary and also created a 275th anniversary commemorative jigsaw puzzle featuring historic photos.

The museum committee prepared a special exhibit from our collections of historic wedding dresses and folding hand fans for a museum open house day held on Saturday, June 10th and again on Saturday, June 24th. Both dates were very well attended with many Town residents reporting that it was their first visit to the museum.

Our annual picnic at the Old Town Landing on June 26th commemorated Durham's very first Town meeting on the same date in 1732. Our featured speaker



Appraiser Dan Olmstead examines a sword during Antique Appraisal Day sponsored by the Durham Historic Association; one of several events held in celebration of Durham's 275th Anniversary of Incorporation. Photo by Richard Lord.



was New Hampshire author and humorist, Rebecca Rule, who regaled us with her collection of New Hampshire wit and wisdom. She invited audience participation and added a few of our own stories to her collection. Preceding the picnic, the Town dedicated a weatherproof reproduction of the John Hatch mural of the historic Town waterfront that is described elsewhere in this Town report.

On July 21st, the association sponsored a wonderful brass band concert at Wagon Hill farm with the Exeter Brass Band. Some of the attendees remembered when the band's director, Ed Flanagan, had taught music in the Oyster River school system.

On August 12th, the association held an "Antique appraisal day" with Carolyn French and Dan Olmstead lending their expertise to help more than one hundred people discover the value of their treasured possessions. Everyone had a great time and videographer, Elyza Peterson, was there to film it for later broadcast on Durham's cable access channel.

The September 16th Durham Day picnic featured "Live Free or Die, 1798", a semi-historical pageant written by Doug Wheeler and presented by members of the community. It was a most en-

joyable culmination of the 275th anniversary celebrations.

The final DHA meeting of the year on October 23rd featured Linda Rousseau from the Fan Association of North America (FANA) who presented a very comprehensive history of folding hand fans, with more than a hundred examples including a number from our own collection. Linda discovered us at our museum open house on June 24th and brought several FANA members to the museum with her in September to help us document our fan collection, prior to her appearance as our guest speaker.

The DHA wishes to thank Town administrator Todd Selig and the folks at the Durham Public Works Department whose assistance was greatly appreciated during the several outdoor events that helped us celebrate the Town's 275th birthday.

Homemakers Health Services

RENE' J. PHILPOTT

Thanks to our partnership with the Town of Durham over the past several years, The Homemakers Health Services has successfully provided critical home health, home support, and adult medical day-care services to those residents of Durham who do not have the ability to pay for them.

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

Annually, our agency provides nearly \$3.5 million worth of home health, home support, and adult medical day-care visits to elderly and disabled persons throughout the County. These visits include skilled nursing, rehabilitative therapies, telemonitoring, medical social work, home health aide, homemaker, adult in-home care,

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Photo Courtesy of the Homemakers Health Services.



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Alzheimer's respite, and adult medical day-care services. As health care professionals, we at The Homemakers are committed to providing these services to all of those in need, regardless of a person's ability to pay.

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

We look forward to continuing our partnership with the Town of Durham to provide health care services to those Durham residents who cannot afford the cost of the vital health care services they need to remain healthy and independent in their own homes.

2007 Accomplishments:

- Provided 14,736 skilled health care visits throughout Strafford County including: nursing, rehabilitative therapies, medical social work, and home health aid visits.
- Provided 24,082 home support visits including: homemaker and in-home care provider visits.
- Provided 44,929 hours of Adult Day-Care for older and disabled person as well as respite for their caregivers.
- Offered numerous community wellness programs including: flu clinics, Alzheimer's Educational Seminars for Caregivers, monthly Strong Living, Aerobics of the Mind, Friend-to-Friend, and free Advance Directives seminars; facilitated a monthly Alzheimer's Support Group; and hosted a weekly TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) chapter.
- Delivered more than 200 holiday food and gift baskets to elderly and/or disabled people throughout the county.

In recognition of The Homemakers dedication and contribution to the health of elderly persons in our community, Citizens Bank of New Hampshire and WMUR-TV named The Homemakers Health Services as its 2007 first quarter Champion in Action in the area of Elder Support. The Champions in Action program is designed to recognize and support non-profit organizations for their contributions to New Hampshire communities.

Lamprey Health Care

DEBBIE BARTLEY, Community Services Manager

Lamprey Health Care is a 36 year old nonprofit community health care organization providing primary medical services, children's dental care, social services, information, referral, and transportation to seniors/disabled residents of Durham and 29 other communities. Thank you to the Town of Durham for your 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. To schedule an appointment call 659-3106

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 weekdays 1-888-499-2525, Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, or our online database www.infolinknh.org and can assist anytime.

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 handicap accessible. For more information: 1-800-582-7214 or 659-2424 Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM or <http://www.lampreyhealth.org>.



Oyster River Youth Association

PETER VENTURA,
President, Board of Directors

Oyster River Youth Association (ORYA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to provide inclusive, fair, diverse, and developmentally appropriate recreational programs to the youth of Durham, Lee, and Madbury. ORYA meets the changing needs of the children and families for sports and recreational activities by acquiring and maintaining facilities, promoting volunteerism and seeking collaborative and strategic partnerships. The Associations volunteers are comprised of residents from the towns working together to create and maintain recreational opportunities for all children. These residents, local business, and the three towns 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. A Board of Directors governs 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. The out-of-town participants pay a surcharge to participate in ORYA programs. Our programs provide opportunities for children from pre-school through eighth grade with a small number of our programs extended to high school-aged children.

For outdoor activities we generally rely on the use of Town fields such as Woodridge, Lee Town Park, Demeritt 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 all purpose fields for our communities. 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 offset various program costs and assist in our capital funding of various programs.

During our 2007 Fiscal Year, ORYA found stabilization with the introduction of new software to assist with participant registrations. The Organization as a whole has been attempting to increase our reach to all citizens of the communities to ensure that all new and existing citizens are aware of the recreational opportunities that exist for the youth.

Sexual Assault Support Services

DIANE GIESE, Business and Grants Manager

Sexual Assault Support Services (SASS) offers the following services: 24 hour toll-free rape crisis hotline, advocacy (medical, emotional, and legal) for survivors of sexual assault, support groups for survivors, their parents and partners, child sexual assault prevention programs and adolescent workshops (K-12), and community service referrals.

The program is committed to providing support, education,

and advocacy to all survivors of sexual violence and their loved ones. It also provides extensive services for survivors of incest and childhood sexual assault and stalking.

Sexual Assault Support Services is committed to providing school and community education programs to help prevent sexual violence and guarantee appropriate response and support for the survivors, to help them in their recovery process. Volunteers are welcome and are utilized in any and all aspects of the program.

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2007 Accomplishments:

- Continued an ongoing outreach campaign utilizing newspapers, posters, and stickers to the entire community about the toll-free crisis hotline and information and referral services.
- Outreached to the entire community about support groups available to survivors, parents, and partners. SASS

facilitated a parents support group and a coping skills support group in Durham.

- Presented our education/prevention program to children and teens in area schools—reached 157 students, 47 teachers, and other adults in Durham schools during 18.5 hours of presentations.
- Four residents of the Town of Durham called the hotline and were given both general and specific information referrals. Two residents were provided in-person accompaniment to the police, hospital, or courts.

Strafford County Community Action Committee, Inc.

ROBERT MARSHALL, Director of Planning and Program Development

The problems of enough energy, shelter, food, and rising transportation costs continue to plague elderly and low income families. In addition to the above, we are already observing the local impact of negative changes in the national housing credit crunch. The Community Action Committee foresees a difficult year ahead for at-risk families.

All Durham town funds that we receive are used to assist families in need. No Town funds are used for administrative purposes. In 2007, Strafford County Community Action Committee, Inc. (SC-CAC) appreciated the Town of Durham's support in delivering the following vital services to many low income and at-risk elderly households:

Fuel Assistance	22 households
Electric Assistance	24 households
Commodity Food Distribution	111 cases
Elderly Transportation	32 rides
Information and referral services	422 units
Flood relief	1 family

Value of goods and services provided to Durham citizens: \$34,088

With an ongoing partnership between the Town of Durham and the 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 planning services to assist officials, boards and citizens to manage growth and to foster regional collaborative efforts.

Strafford Regional Planning Commission's professional staff offers a wide range of planning services in transportation, land use, natural resources and geographic information systems (GIS) mapping and analysis. These services are available in customized modes to meet the diverse needs of each of the communities we serve. We also provide access to the many Strafford Regional Planning Commission educational resources including our website, library, workshops, forums, and customized training.

The Strafford Regional Planning Com-



mission conducted the following projects and initiatives for Durham in 2007:

- Provided GIS mapping services to Town staff and Conservation Commission.
- Created a large format standardized map set for the Planning Department.
- Set nine traffic counts in Durham as part of the annual traffic count program and set an additional 17 traffic counts at request of the Town Planner.
- Conducted a vehicle “turning movement” survey for Mill Road at the Shopping Plaza intersection.
- Completed a comprehensive land use update for the Town using high-resolution aerial photography.
- Worked with Planning Board and staff on access management planning.

The Strafford Regional Planning Commission provided the following services to Durham and other municipalities in 2007 including:

- Established a Regional Impact Committee, which in 2007 reviewed three developments determined by local Planning Boards to have potential regional impact.
- Coordinated our communities’ responses to the update of NH Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan.
- Hosted a Riparian Buffer Workshop with NH Estuaries Project to help communities protect water quality.
- Completed the Route 125 Corridor Study from Route 101 north to the Spaulding Turnpike including a build-out analysis and recommendations for transportation projects and land use changes.
- Updated the Regional Travel Demand Model for traffic modeling and air quality conformity analyses.

- Prepared a Model Drinking Water for Protection of Surface Water Supply Areas Ordinance as part of the Innovative Land Use Planning Techniques with Dept of Environmental Services and NH Assoc of Regional Planning Commissions. http://www.des.state.nh.us/REPP/ilupth/20070805_drinking_water_supply.doc
- Distributed New Hampshire Planning and Land Use Regulation books to all local land use boards.

We look forward to working with the citizens and officials of Durham in 2008. 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. Please visit our website at www.strafford.org.



The Durham Historic Association displayed its impressive collection of 19th Century fans as part of the Town's 275th Anniversary Celebration. Photo by Richard Lord.



Town Working Committees Section

Cable Access Television

TODD ZIEMEK, Chair

Durham Cable Access Television (DCAT) is a government access channel (22) available by monthly subscription in Durham, Lee, Madbury, and Newmarket through COMCAST, a cable television service provider.

DCAT provides coverage of Durham Town Council, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and Oyster River Cooperative School District (ORCSD) School Board meetings, as well as other school related programming. The broadcast programming produced by DCAT, the ORCSD, and local residents, as well as additional programs is growing. DCAT also airs the Community Bulletin Board, a compilation of upcoming local events, Public Service Announcements, and the weekly Channel 22 program schedule.

2007 Accomplishments:

- Programming has become maximized during prime time.
- Producing/airing over 58 Town-related meetings/programs.
- ORCSD has contributed a good variety of school-related shows.
- Durham Day and Antiques Appraisal Day have become traditions for DCAT.

- New equipment purchases have been completed.

Goals for 2008:

- Maintain budget at or below previous year's budget.
- Improve the DCAT website: http://www.ci.durham.nh.us/COMMUNITY/channel_22/channel_22.html
- Recruit and welcome new DCAT board members.
- Encourage further community participation through events like Durham Day or Antiques Appraisal Day.
- Stay current with the addition of new equipment.
- Monitor and repair audio or other on-air technical problems.

The DCAT Governance Committee establishes policies and guidelines; it does not produce programming, per se, but several members have had their own productions aired on Channel 22. The Governance Committee will continue its work to make DCAT a vital part of the community by informing, educating, and entertaining.



Churchill Rink at Jackson's Landing Advisory Committee

CATHY LEACH, Council Representative

On April 1, 2007, the Town assumed management of the Churchill Rink after the Oyster River Youth Association (ORYA) indicated it could no longer manage the rink as of March 31. The Churchill Rink Advisory Committee was formed, and is comprised of Public Works staff members, four citizens, and one Town Council representative. In July, a company specializing in boiler repair inspected the 30+ year old chiller tubes and determined their possible viability for an additional 2-3 years. In mid-October, eight hours after the start-up refrigeration began, the chiller tubes failed. The decision was made to replace the tubes, delaying the rink opening. On December 4, 2007, the rink opened for the season.

2007 Accomplishments:

Aside from the chiller tube replacement, many other improvements have occurred at the rink, including minor roof repairs, lighting upgrades, exterior and interior painting, addressing safety issues, Zamboni servicing, and the replacement of the old water heaters with a new, energy-efficient hot water system for which half the cost was reimbursed to the Town through a Northern Utilities grant program.

- A clean-up day was held in mid-October.
- A thorough energy audit was done by PSNH and will be examined for future improvements.

- Ice rental contracts with local hockey groups, adult leagues, and ORYA were signed and will represent the majority of rink income.
- Advertising banners were sold for supplemental revenue.
- Five community events, free to the public, were scheduled.
- Public skating, stick and puck, and pick up hockey continue to be offered. The eligibility for free public skating was increased to age six. Season passes were available, with the cost discounted due to the unanticipated late rink opening.

Goals for 2008:

- Continue management of the rink in a fiscally responsible manner, with the intended goal that the rink become self-sufficient. Continue with fundraising efforts to assist in the rink's overall financial picture.
- Continue with facility improvements that will enhance the experience of all individuals, teams, or groups using the rink. Develop a capital improvement plan and budget for future upgrades.
- Maintain a balance between the necessary revenue stream through ice rentals and the recognition of the rink as an important recreational asset for Durham.

Durham Energy Committee

TOBY BALL, Chair

In March, 2007, Durham passed the New Hampshire Climate Change Resolution that, among other things, asked the Town Council to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions." On April 23, 2007, the Town Council passed a resolution forming the Durham Energy Steering Committee (DESC). Volunteers were solicited for the Committee and the Town Council approved the appointment of nine members

including the Town Engineer, a representative from the Town Council, and a representative from the University of New Hampshire. The Committee held its first meeting on June 5, 2007.

The first meetings were concerned with establishing a mission statement, goals, and committee structure. On October 1, 2007, the DESC presented the Town Council with the following mission statement, which was approved. At the same meeting the DESC became the Durham Energy Committee (DEC).



Mission Statement:

- To advise the Town Council on energy conservation measures that can implement to reduce its energy use and emissions that contribute to climate change.
- To recommend alternative and renewable sources of energy for the purpose of working towards local economic security and energy independence.

Four subcommittees were established:

- Energy Efficiency and Alternative Energy for Town Facilities
- Transportation
- Green Building
- Education

Goals for 2008:

With a grant of \$1,850 received from the New England Grassroots Environmen-

tal Fund, DEC will sponsor a UNH intern to perform an energy inventory of the Town, including municipal, residential, and commercial sectors, excluding UNH. The energy inventory will create a clear picture of Durham's energy use and help identify areas for energy-saving initiatives.

DEC will be building a presence on the Town website. The DEC site is envisioned as a repository for information and weblinks useful to Durham residents who are interested in the work of DEC, in taking energy-saving action in their own home or business, or in the latest information on energy-saving or climate change.

In collaboration with the Planning Board and Town Council, DEC plans to focus on ways to encourage smart, energy-efficient design and materials as new structures are built in Town. There is a wide range of possibilities for influencing building choices, from providing information and offering incentives to actually requiring that certain energy-efficiency criteria be met. DEC will work to develop a framework that is both effective in encouraging green building practices while reflecting the values and sensibilities of the Town.

Economic Development Committee

JIM CAMPBELL,
Director, Planning and Community Development

The Economic Development Committee (EDC) members worked on several of the priorities included in their Action Plan for 2007. First, they spent time reviewing and recommending a proposal for the purchase and development of the Durham Business Park. The Town sent out a Request for Proposal at the end of 2006 and received one response from Chinburg Builders. The EDC worked with Chinburg on the proposal and sent it to the Town Council. The Council voted to enter into a P&S with Chinburg Builders, who are now in the process of performing due diligence on the property and finding businesses to buy into the Business Park. Chinburg Builders has also been working with NHDOT to come up with an agreed-upon proposal for transportation-related issues for the property. The EDC anticipates that Chinburg Builders will have a development proposal before the Planning Board in 2008.

The EDC also worked very hard on bringing a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district proposal to the Town Council. After proposing that the Council adopt RSA 162-K, the enabling legislation

for adopting a TIF district, the Committee worked with Don Jutton, Municipal Resources Inc., to draft the language for the Stone Quarry Drive TIF district; which the Town Council adopted. After months of hard work, the EDC brought the proposed Stone Quarry Drive TIF district to the Town Council for approval. On October 15, 2007, the Town Council adopted the Stone Quarry Drive TIF district.

The Committee also received a map of town-owned and conservation land, reviewed student housing as an economic development opportunity, and continued to discuss the water/wastewater issues. The Town Council passed the ordinance and the EDC is now a formal Town committee comprised of three citizens, two Town Council representatives, and one Planning Board representative. The Committee meets the second Friday of the month at 7:30 AM in the Council chambers at Town Hall. The Committee is now working on a draft 2008 Action Plan to promote economic development in Durham.



Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee

CHUCK BALDWIN, Acting Chair

The Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee (IWMAC) acts in an advisory capacity promoting waste reduction with an outlook towards a sustainable future. Its members advance the cause to **reduce, reuse, and recycle** through educational outreach at community events and through the publication of the Down to Earth spring and fall newsletters in partnership with Public Works.

2007 Accomplishments:

- Mailed a letter to all Durham businesses outlining the opportunities to participate in Durham's Friday commercial recycling pickup at no added cost.
- Town Councilor Mark Morong and Town Engineer David Cedarholm are working on a proposal for a Swap Shop addition that would be used to shelter construction materials.
- Supported the recommendation of Town Council Representative Jerry Needell to have the Carbon Coalition's "Climate Change Resolution" added to the March 2007 ballot. The resolution was passed by voters and a Town Energy Committee was established.
- Committee members met with the Durham Landlords' Association, Durham: It's Where U Live (DIWUL), Durham Business Association, and Town officials regarding efforts to

improve Durham's downtown appearance. Several new trash and recycle bins have been added to Main Street. The committee will continue a "Clean Sweep" campaign exploring a multi-faceted approach with the aid of UNH Environmental Engineering student Scott Cloutier.

- Recommended a written clarification of rules at the Swap Shop for which Town Administrator Todd Selig did an admirable job. These rules can be viewed at the Swap Shop and are posted on the IWMAC web pages.
- Free access to Durham's Transfer Station and Recycle Center has long been recommended by IWMAC and the committee is pleased that the Town adopted patrol officer Kathryn Lilly's proposal which includes free access.

Accomplishments are only possible through the dedicated efforts of individuals serving as volunteers in our community. IWMAC is grateful for the contributions and support that departing volunteers Jessie McKone, Dale Valena, and Council Representative Mark Morong rendered and wish them the very best in their future endeavors. Certainly, we are fortunate to have gained much-needed support in our newest members: Jenna Jambeck and Kim Nadeau, and Council Representative Peter Stanhope. And of course, we continue to rely on the support of veteran IWMAC members Neal Ferris and Shelley Mitchell, as well as Doug Bullen from the Department of Public Works.

Goals for 2008:

- Institute a "Clean Sweep" campaign focused on reducing the litter in downtown Durham.
- Continue emphasis on continuing community outreach via the Down to Earth newsletter and public events.
- Explore additional signage and informational enhancements at Durham's transfer station and recycling center.



Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee (l-r): Back Row—Neal Ferris, Jenna Jambeck, Shelley Mitchell, Doug Bullen (DPW). Front Row—Peter Stanhope (Cncl. Rep.), Kimberly Nadeau, Chuck Baldwin.



Lamprey River Advisory Committee

KEVIN MARTIN, Chair

The Lamprey River Advisory Committee (LRAC) is a citizens committee with representatives from Lee, Newmarket, Durham, and Epping created under the State's Rivers Management and Protection Program and the Federal Wild & Scenic Rivers Program. The Lamprey was designated as a National Wild and Scenic River in the three lower towns in 1996, and expanded to include Epping in April of 2000. The LRAC's activities are carried out through volunteer efforts and funding from the National Park Service and private foundations. Each Town nominates its members whose names are then forwarded to the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Services for appointment.

2007 Accomplishments:

Plan Update - Produced an updated Management Plan for the river, incorporating comments from various Town boards. See www.lampreyriver.com for the full report.

Recreation - Met with representatives from the towns of Durham, Lee, Madbury, and Epping regarding a Lamprey River Tour. We are nearing completion of the tour guide and will begin helping the towns upgrade the sites in the guide with kiosks, trail maps, and historic information.

Water Quality Monitoring - Contributed \$5,000 to the Lamprey River Watershed Association (LRWA) to continue their water quality testing program in the Lamprey watershed.

Land Conservation - Significant additions were made to the protection of riverfront land with the closing of three conservation easements totaling 160 acres

and 8,555 feet of river frontage. These efforts included a conservation easement on 28 acres of the Burrows property in Durham near the Wiswall Dam.

Water Use - As the towns grow, so does the need to use the Lamprey for drinking water. We have continued to be involved with the Town of Durham to help work out its water needs. The LRAC has offered to help initiate a water conservation program and helped Durham send out leak detection kits for toilets with its fall water bills. The Town of Newmarket is also looking to use water from the Lamprey to augment its wells.

Instream Flow Study - The goal of this state study is to determine how to protect the river's flow levels while accommodating public and private water needs. LRAC members serving on both the technical review and planning committees are actively contributing research and knowledge about the river to the development of this study.

Research - The LRAC has contracted with NH Audubon to create a GIS wildlife map and database. We have hired David Carroll to assess turtle habitat and activity and compare the results to previous surveys. This information will be added to the new database.

Invasive Species - Working with the LRWA, we have begun to tackle eradication of Japanese knotweed at Wadleigh Falls.

Outreach - Greeted visitors at various fairs and gatherings with displays of information about the Lamprey River. We have hired a website consultant and are working to upgrade our site to be more active and informative.

Goals for 2008:

- Finish the Lamprey River Tour Brochures and have them available in the four towns.
- Help the towns complete kiosks and help improve some of the properties on the tour route.
- Work with the LRWA to set up a program to help the towns control invasive species.
- Work to help improve drainage and control erosion where needed.
- Place conservation easements on more undeveloped land in the Lamprey River corridor.

Members:

Durham

Dick Lord
Richard Kelly
Jim Hewitt
Cynthia Belowski
Bill Hall

Lee

Kitty Miller
Sharon Meeker

Epping

Kevin Martin, Chair

Newmarket

Sarah Callaghan

At Large

Brian Giles



Mill Plaza Study Committee

DAVID HOWLAND, Chair

Since February, 2007, the Mill Plaza Study Committee has hosted dozens of public meeting and workshops to generate ideas and conceptual plans for redeveloping the nine-acre Mill Plaza property in the heart of downtown.

We have done so with the encouragement of Plaza property owner John Pinto – who in late 2006 suggested the Town develop its vision for the future – and with a generous award of support and technical assistance from the American Institute of Architects’ New Hampshire chapter. This includes the pro-bono work of three teams of architects from Portsmouth (JSA), Manchester (Lavallee Brensinger), and Durham (the “Midnight Oil” crew). Now, with the benefit of input from scores of residents on our evolving concepts, we are moving forward with the goal of presenting a final design to the Town Council in early 2008.

We already have much to show for our efforts, including: 1) a comprehensive, publicly-vetted vision statement grounded in the Town Master Plan and other important local policy and planning documents, 2) two rounds of design and public feedback on seven separate concepts, 3) an analysis by RKG, a

Durham economic, planning and real estate development consulting firm, and 4) a pro-bono study of College Brook and its buffer by experts in ecology and landscape design from the UNH department of Natural Resources and UNH’s Cooperative Extension. All of these can be found on our homepage on the Durham Town Website (from Durham’s main homepage, scroll under “News” to our site link) along with agendas and meeting minutes. These materials will be part of a comprehensive report to the Council.

We believe that our partnership’s unconventional approach – the process of inviting the community to work with experts in the designing process – represents Durham’s best chance to spur a redevelopment that citizens can support and celebrate. Our committee represents a wide range of interests including Durham businesses, the university, the abutting Faculty neighborhood, landlords, the Town library, Planning Board, Town Council, and Historic District Commission. Through much discussion and study, we have generated a great deal of consensus, thanks in large part to the efforts of an excellent facilitator provided by the AIA – Patrick Field of the Cambridge Consensus Building Institute. Below, in broad strokes, are some key elements of that consensus to help guide the final round of design:

Overall Concept: The Committee believes that the Plaza should, in broad terms, be considered a “Village Center” and not just an improved shopping center. Thus, mixed uses from retail to office to housing, linkages to Main Street, multiple forms of access (car, pedestrian, bike), public and open space are all important.

Housing: The Committee believes that housing needs to be a part of the redevelopment and that any housing should be



The Mill Plaza in downtown Durham. Photo Courtesy of Françoise Meissner, Condor Aerial Image System.



built closer to Main Street where student housing is already in place.

Office Space: The Committee believes office space should be a key element of the mixed uses on the site.

Retail: The Committee is strongly supportive of additional retail on the site.

Town Library: Durham needs a new public library. The Committee is strongly supportive of providing space for a library on the site to attract residents during daytime, weekend, and evening hours.

Open Space: The Committee supports open public spaces that link the redevelopment to the university and to Main Street – active, multi-functional spaces that encourage lingering and gathering for such events as concerts, discussions, drama, and other activities. The committee supports maintaining the existing

pedestrian and bicycle gateway to the Faculty neighborhood via Chesley Drive.

College Brook: The Committee strongly supports protecting and enhancing the natural functions of the brook to provide recreational opportunities (such as a walking path) and aesthetic value. This includes treating storm water through innovative low-impact development techniques.

Vehicular Access: It is recommended that a continuous road be developed through the site from Mill Road to Main Street.

Abutting properties: If abutting properties become available, they could be integrated into the overall plan.

The Mill Plaza Study Committee will present its final recommendations early next year after discussing the third and final round of design now underway. We are very grateful for the public participation so far and for the help of our AIA partners. Patricia Sherman, who has worked tirelessly for our community on behalf of the AIA, hopes this open process will serve as a model for other communities across New Hampshire and the nation.

I think I can speak for all of us when I say we look forward to a redeveloped Town center that Durham can be proud of.

Rental Housing Commission

MARK HENDERSON, Chair

The Rental Housing Commission is made up of ten members from various organizations involved with rental housing and its impact on our community.

2007 Accomplishments:

The Commission has become a very active venue 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 com-

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The Mill Plaza in downtown Durham. Photo Courtesy of Francoise Meissner, Condor Aerial Image System.



pared to recent years. A visible police presence coupled with a very active involvement by UNH officials has helped deter and avoid any of the large disruptive situations we have had in the 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 Landlord Association has also encouraged owners to take more pride in their properties through care and maintenance programs.

Goals for 2008:

- Further assist the Town and residents with problematic rental houses in residential neighborhoods.
- Hold the non-professional and absentee landlords accountable for their tenants and properties.
- We hope to 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, police, and the fire department.



Vital Statistics and Resources Section

American Red Cross, Great Bay Chapter

BILLIE TOOLEY

The anticipated merger of the Durham Chapter with the Great Bay Chapter took place in February of 2007. This exciting merger will be very beneficial to the residents of Durham as it will provide an economy in scale-for-service delivery, blood collection, and training for the volunteers involved with disaster, as well as increased services that are provided to the military families that reside in Durham.

The Board of Directors, staff, and all the volunteers of the Great Bay Chapter, including those from the former Durham Chapter, have worked hard to ensure there is continuity in the services provided to all Durham residents and the University of New Hampshire in the years to come.

The Great Bay Chapter is located at Pease International Tradeport, 4 Arboretum Drive, Newington, NH 03801, (603) 766-5440, and services 40 Seacoast communities, including Durham.

Disaster Services: During disasters and emergencies our chapter provides relief such as emergency shelters and housing, meals, clothing, emotional counseling, and personal care items. All of this is free and made possible through donations of time

and money from individual donors and the business community. Last year, we responded to 49 separate disaster incidents and helped 84 families, or 175 people. The Great Bay Chapter will be ready to respond to any emergency or disaster that occurs in the town of Durham. Colleen Fitzpatrick is the Director of Emergency Services at the chapter.

Health and Safety Services: The American Red Cross provides expert instruction in saving lives through health and safety courses, and training. The Great Bay Chapter works full-time reaching out to residents and the business community, offering these courses and programs so that we can help them be better prepared. We have courses in CPR for adults, infants and children; first aid; swimming safety and life guarding; water safety; first responder program; babysitting; bloodborne pathogen program; pet first aid; and Automated Electronic Defibrillator training.

The need for highly trained and certified Licensed Nursing Assistants has increased dramatically in the Seacoast region. The

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Vital Statistics and Resources

Great Bay Chapter launched its training program in 2003 and has since graduated hundreds of individuals.

If you are interested in taking a course or program, please contact Eileen Piet, the Director of Health and Safety Services at the chapter.

Blood Services: Every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood. Thanks to generous blood donors, the Red Cross collects and distributes nearly

half the nation's blood supply. Last year, we ran 121 blood drives, collecting over 15,000 units of blood. If you would like to give blood or have a blood drive, please contact the Manchester office at 625-1951.

Armed Forces Emergency Services: The American Red Cross also provides communication services between those in the military and their stateside families. We have a worldwide network that reaches service members wherever they are to communicate a birth, illness, or death. Last year, our chapter assisted 259 cases throughout the Seacoast. If you have someone in the military requiring emergency communications, please call the chapter.

Births 2007

CHILD'S NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	PARENT'S NAMES
2006			
Nicholas Michael Dreher	December 24	Portsmouth	Michael Dreher & Jean Harcourt
Sofia Kaghashvili	December 30	Dover	Edisher & Natalia Kaghashvili
2007			
Eliza Bolten Hall	January 01	Portsmouth	Christopher Hall & Trisha Sutphen Hall
Simon Deane Grandmaison	January 16	Dover	Tyler & Melissa Grandmaison
Robert Paul Mitchell	January 17	Concord	Adam & Heidi Mitchell
Ashley Liu Yao	January 26	Dover	Gang Yao & Yuting Liu
Shreya Joglekar	January 31	Dover	Amit Joglekar & Archana Bhargava
Jennifer Pilar	February 28	Exeter	David & Christine Pilar
Lily Zhang	March 13	Dover	Chongxu Zhang & Weihua Li
Olivia Shea Van Ledtje	April 13	Dover	Matthew Van Ledtje & Cynthia Merrill
Jack Parker Gill	April 13	Dover	John & Pamela Gill
Samuel Judson Pease	May 04	Portsmouth	Paul Pease & Gabriela Carrillo-Pease
Cooper Stephen Jacques	May 04	Exeter	Kevin & Katie Jacques
Connor Alan Long	May 11	Exeter	Trever Long & Christina LaRoche
Ryan James Houle	May 15	Dover	Patrick Houle & Jennifer Filion
Ava Samantha Cathey	June 01	Portsmouth	Peter & Sara Cathey
Katherine Grace Duanmu	June 02	Dover	Ning Duanmu & Enhua Wang
Brendan Lucas Kirby	June 18	Dover	Brain & Elizabeth Kirby
Keira Emmaline Ferris	June 21	Exeter	Frederick & Eleanor Ferris
Andrew Ender Deniz	June 24	Dover	Derya & Emily Deniz
James William McKane	June 29	Exeter	James & Chalagne McKane
Dylan Robert Bruner	July 08	Dover	James Bruner & Melanie Joy-Bruner
Quinn Michael Froburg	July 10	Dover	Erik Froburg & Denise LaFrance
Georgia Stillwater Eckhardt	July 20	Portsmouth	Henry Eckhardt & Jo Johnson Eckhardt
Marcus Mads Ingelfinger	August 20	Portsmouth	Erich & Trina Ingelfinger
Sophia Ann Vaillincourt	August 31	Exeter	Joseph & Molly Vaillincourt
Anna Maeve Klein	September 09	Exeter	Andrew & Kerry Klein
Elena Rose Pavlik	September 10	Portsmouth	Robert & Jennifer Pavlik



CHILD'S NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	PARENT'S NAMES
Mia Theresa Weglarz	September 12	Portsmouth	Stephen & Mary Weglarz
Sophia Rose Regan	September 23	Exeter	William Regan & Sarah Rosenbleeth
Caleb Carl Pescosolido	September 29	Dover	Anthony & Elizabeth Pescosolido
Isabelle Yu-Yi Annette Jenkins	October 02	Portsmouth	Joshua & Lai-Lai Jenkins
Julianna Marie Kun	December 07	Exeter	Andrew Kun & Jennifer Sneirson

Deaths 2007

DECEDENT'S NAME	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
Rosalie Minichiello	January 08	Dover	James O'Brien	Joann Brown
William Penhale	January 14	Durham	Henry Penhale	Annie Lanspeary
Charlotte Foster	January 21	Exeter	Lloyd Tozier	Alberta Thompson
Frances Silverman	January 24	Durham	Paul Kerstein	Rachel Simonchik
Dorothy Dubay	February 09	Dover	Henry Mercer	Violet Clark
Jeanne Bliss	February 10	Durham	Winfred Lockrow	Madeline King
Philip Carson	February 19	Durham	Lloyd Carson	Nellie Sponhouer
Paul Deschenes	February 28	Rochester	Francois Deschenes	Alice Ruel
Wesley Tennant Jr.	March 09	Exeter	Wesley Tennant Sr.	Leora Baker
Jeanne Van Geffen	March 31	Durham	Jean Lanne	Mathilde Deblieux
Richard Ford	April 12	Dover	James Ford	Elsie Stevens
Shirley Doble	April 12	Exeter	Raymond Witcher	Sylvia Fox
Wilbur Bullock	April 22	Dover	William Bullock	Lillian Schitzler
Robert Keefe	April 26	Durham	Daniel Keefe	Mildred McDonald
Robert Taylor	April 30	Dover	Fred Taylor	Ottie Feezell
Vivian Cadorette	May 20	Durham	Raoul April	Lillian Gendron
Frederick Tornick	May 22	Durham	John Tornick	Sadie Feinstein
Lloyd Akeley	June 27	Durham	Carl Akeley	Ada Cook
Parker Ayer	July 21	Dover	Ross Ayer	Nellie Hall
Gerald Friel	August 20	Dover	James Friel	Edna McFadden
Harold Hurd	August 24	Dover	Ernest Hurd	Rebecca Eldridge
Grace Eaton	August 27	Durham	Alfred Dichard	Helen Hume
Alice Morrow	August 27	Dover	Walter Hudson	Georgina Flint
Charles Keesey	September 14	Durham	Charles Keesey	Kathryn Newswanger
Marjorie Bergeron	September 26	Fremont	Frank Ebens	Dorothy Davis
Winthrop Skoglund	October 03	Dover	Charles Skoglund	Louise Marsh
Doris Hill	October 13	Durham	George Wright	Clara Ludwig
Louise Tecce	October 14	Exeter	Raffialla Strivelle	Conchetta Corodiano
Millicent Prince	October 30	Dover	Edgar Callahan	Eda Bailey
Marjorie Bullivant	November 01	Dover	Harold Goodnow	Emma Wright
Stephanie Boy	November 08	Durham	Angelo Boy	Barbara Sarnie
John DeCampi	November 10	Durham	John DeCampi	Margaret Horner
Ellen Tuomanen	November 19	Durham	William Gulbrandsen	Ingrid (Unknown)
Dominick More	November 29	Dover	Morris More	Rose Caruso
Charlotte Warren	December 12	Durham	David Campbell	Louisa Hoercher
Marion Sawyer	December 25	Dover	Thomas Stephenson	Harriet Levesque



Marriages 2007

GROOM'S NAME	GROOM'S RESIDENCE	BRIDE'S NAME	BRIDE'S RESIDENCE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE	DATE OF MARRIAGE
2007					
Shaun P Carr	Durham	Jennifer L Rose	Durham	Portsmouth	April 01
Jishnu Bhattacharyya	Durham	Chandrani Pramanik	Durham	Durham	April 25
Paul A Dubois	Durham	Sharon A Griffin	Durham	Dover	May 11
Kevin J Nolan	Somersworth	Gloria L Evans	Durham	Durham	May 14
Jonathan R Stearns	Durham	Sarah F Hinnendael	Durham	Durham	May 26
John J Cerullo	Durham	Shawn A Finnegan	Newmarket	Durham	June 16
Dale G Ober	Durham	Caroline F Duquette	York Harbor, ME	Portsmouth	June 30
James K Ettien	Durham	Katherine J Sanders	Durham	Durham	June 30
Newell H Whitford	Durham	Allieta E Seastrom	Dover	Barrington	July 07
David B Hopkins	Durham	Kathleen A Burns	Durham	Dover	July 07
Marc J Hubbard	Durham	Molly E Plimpton	Durham	Bristol	July 14
Troy L Fogg	Durham	Deborah G Nichols	Durham	Durham	July 28
Kevin M Kearney	Durham	Faye E Stewart	Durham	Dover	August 05
Robert J Causey	Durham	Ann H Pynshon	Ipswich, MA	Durham	September 15
Erik M Travis	Durham	Lydia H McMicken	Bow	Portsmouth	September 22
Matthew H Savage	Durham	Jasmine M Proctor	Durham	Durham	September 29
Peter C Sawtell	Durham	Alicia V Roussel	Durham	Rye	September 30
Christopher J Maher	Dover	Jennifer M Gianforte	Durham	Durham	November 03
John N Wray	Durham	Maria M Weirathmueller	Durham	Durham	November 09
Benjamin L Disesa	Durham	Alia R Ponte	Hampton	Portsmouth	November 20

Resource Information

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 and Commissions

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

Town Council..... First and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall
 Conservation CommissionSecond Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall
 Economic Development Committee Second Friday of each month at 7:30 AM, Town Hall
 Historic District Commission First Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall
 Parks & Recreation CommitteeThird 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: www.ci.durham.nh.us or www.eb2gov.com
- Driver's License..... Application available at the Dover Point MV Substation.
- Dog Registration..... Due May 1st. Neutered Male/Spayed Female: \$6.50. Unneutered Male/Unspayed Female: \$9.00. Senior Citizen: \$2.00
- Property Taxes Due July 1st and December 1st.
- Resident/Taxpayer Permit Sticker Available at the Town Clerk-Tax Collector's Office at the time of annual car registration. Entitles residents/taxpayers FREE use of the Transfer Station and an additional hour of parking in the existing downtown one-hour, non-metered spaces for a total of two hours.
- Water & Sewer Billings Issued every six (6) months.
- Voter Registration..... New voters can register with the Supervisors of the Checklist or the Town Clerk. Proof of age, residence, and citizenship are required.
- Marriage/Civil Union Licenses..... Available through Town Clerk's Office

Miscellaneous

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

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

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

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

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



Town Tax Rate

(Per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation).....	\$28.24
Town.....	\$ 6.90
School (Local).....	\$16.55
School (State).....	\$ 2.52
County.....	\$ 2.27
Net Assessed Valuation	\$815,112,018.00
Percentage of Valuation	95%*

* Estimate of percent of valuation.

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

www.ci.durham.nh.us.

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

Telephone Directory

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

Emergency Numbers

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

Municipal Offices

NAME	TITLE	PHONE	EXT.	FAX	E-MAIL
ADMINISTRATION, 15 Newmarket Road Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri					
Todd I. Selig.....	Town Administrator.....	868-5571	133	868-5572	tselig@ci.durham.nh.us
Jennie Berry.....	Admin. Assistant		129		jberry@ci.durham.nh.us
Craig Stevens.....	DCAT Coordinator		114		cstevens@ci.durham.nh.us
ASSESSING, 15 Newmarket Road Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri					
Robert Dix.....	Assessor.....	868-8065	119	868-8033	rdix@ci.durham.nh.us
BUSINESS/FINANCE, 15 Newmarket Road Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri					
Gail Jablonski.....	Business Manager	868-8043	138	868-5572	gjablonski@ci.durham.nh.us
Lisa Beaudoin.....	Administrative Assistant.....		116		lbeaudoin@ci.durham.nh.us
Barbara Ross.....	Staff Accountant.....		115		bross@ci.durham.nh.us
Luke Vincent.....	Info Technology Manager		132		lvincent@ci.durham.nh.us
FIRE DEPARTMENT, 51 College Road Hours: 7:30 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri					
Peter O'Leary.....	Fire Chief	868-5531		862-1513	poleary@ci.durham.nh.us
Jason Cleary.....	Div. Chief of Fire Prevention & Safety.....				jcleary@ci.durham.nh.us
Corey Landry.....	Div. Chief of Operations.....				clandry@ci.durham.nh.us
Melissa Perusse.....	Administrative Assistant.....				mperusse@ci.durham.nh.us
PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, 15 Newmarket Road Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri					
James Campbell.....	Director.....	868-8064	121	868-8033	xcampbell@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.....868-2324868-8037dkurz@ci.durham.nh.us
 Rene Kelley..... Deputy Chief.....rkelly@ci.durham.nh.us
 Jennifer Johnson..... Administrative Assistant.....jjohnson@ci.durham.nh.us
 Dawn Mitchell Administrative Assistant.....dmitchell@ci.durham.nh.us

PUBLIC WORKS, 100 Stone Quarry Road Hours: 8:00 AM-4:30 PM, Mon-Fri

Mike Lynch..... Director.....868-5578868-8063mlynch@ci.durham.nh.us
 David Cedarholm... Town Engineerdcedarholm@ci.durham.nh.us
 Janice Hoglund Assistant to Public Works Dir.....jhoglund@ci.durham.nh.us

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

Doug Bullen Opns Director868-5578 142dbullen@ci.durham.nh.us

TAX COLLECTOR/TOWN CLERK, 15 Newmarket Road Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri

Lorrie Pitt Tn Clerk/Tax Col.868-5577 135868-8033lpitt@ci.durham.nh.us
 Barbara Landgraf... Deputy Town Clerk..... 137blandgraf@ci.durham.nh.us
 Donna Hamel..... Assistant to Town Clerk..... 136dhamel@ci.durham.nh.us

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

Daniel Peterson..... Superintendent.....868-2274868-5005dpeterson@ci.durham.nh.us

WATER DIVISION, 100 Durham Point Road Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri

Doug Bullen Opns Director868-5578868-8063dbullen@ci.durham.nh.us

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

Thomas Johnson Zoning Officer.....868-8064 118868-8033tjohnson@ci.durham.nh.us

Other Commonly Used Numbers

Oyster River School District Superintendent of Schools.....868-5100
 Moharimet Elem School742-2900
 Mast Way Elem School.....659-3001
 Middle School868-2820
 High School868-2375

Oyster River Youth Association Office868-5150
 Ice Rink868-3907

Durham Post Office.....868-2151
 Durham Public Library868-6699
 Historic Museum.....868-5436
 Durham District Court.....868-2323
 NH Fish & Game.....868-1095



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
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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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Hampton, NH 03842
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bhollingworth@nh.gov

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Office: 271-3661 Home: 868-7500
marjorie.smith@leg.state.nh.us

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judith@kestrelnet.net

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Office: 271-3396 Home: 659-2205
naidaKaen@hotmail.com

Rep. Emma Rous
64 Adams Pt. Road,
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Rep. Joseph Miller
9 Bucks Hill Road,
Durham, NH 03824-3202
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docjoe@comcast.net

Rep. Janet Wall
9 Kelley Rd., Madbury, NH 03823-7634
Office: 271-3184 Home: 749-3051
janet.wall@leg.state.nh.us

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Senator Iris Estabrook
8 Burnham Avenue,
Durham, NH 03824-3011
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Budget and Finance Section

For the Town of

Durham New Hampshire

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2007

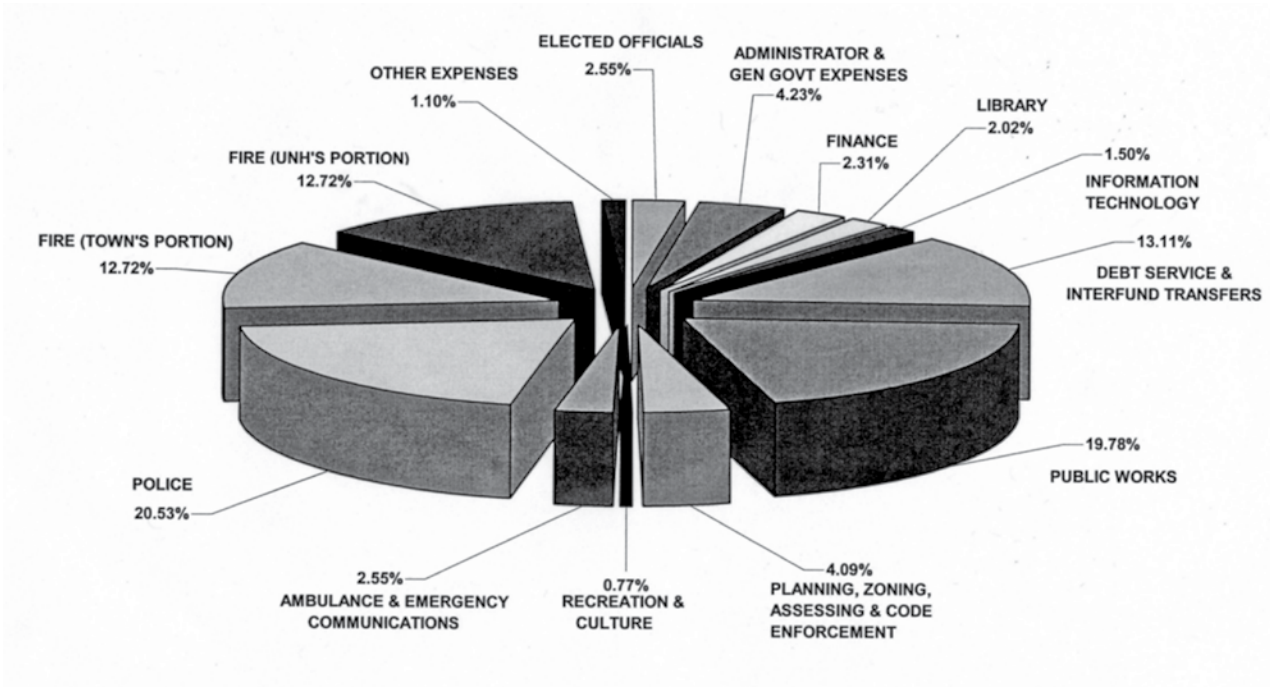
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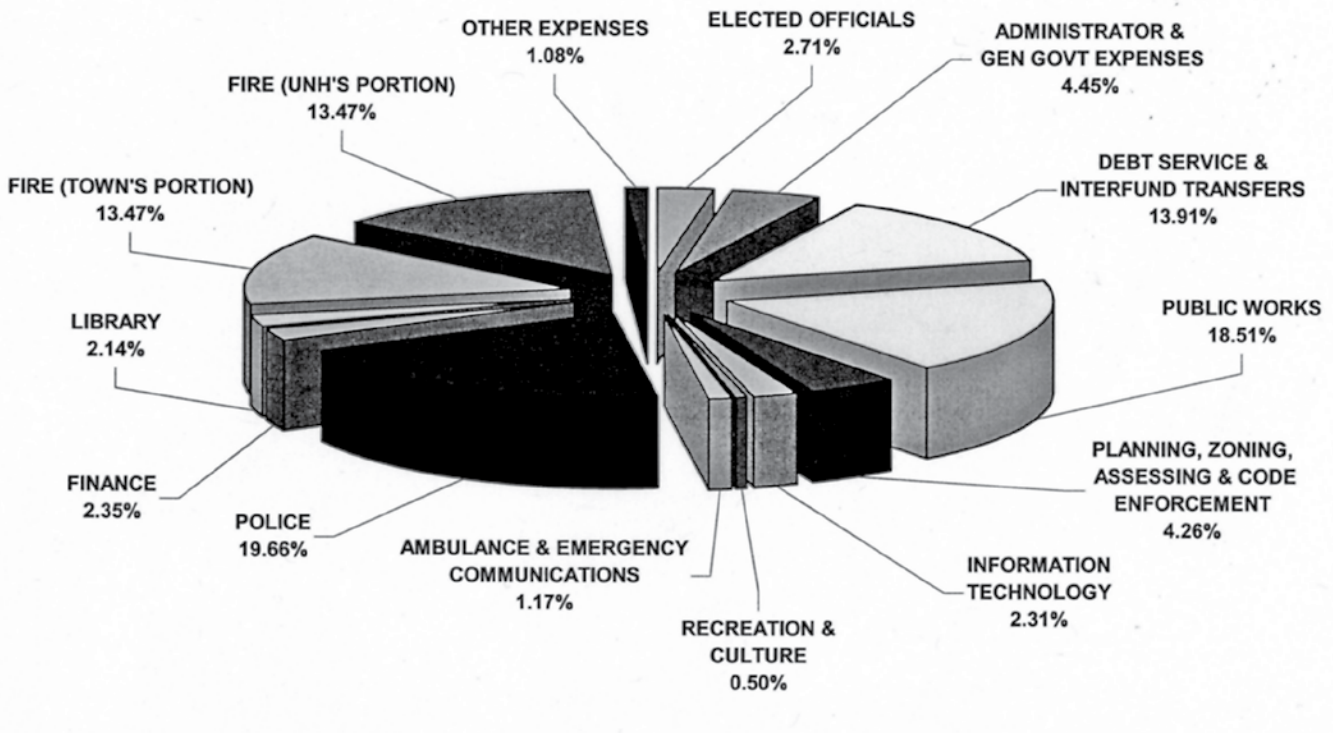
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2007 Actual General Fund Expenditures (unaudited)



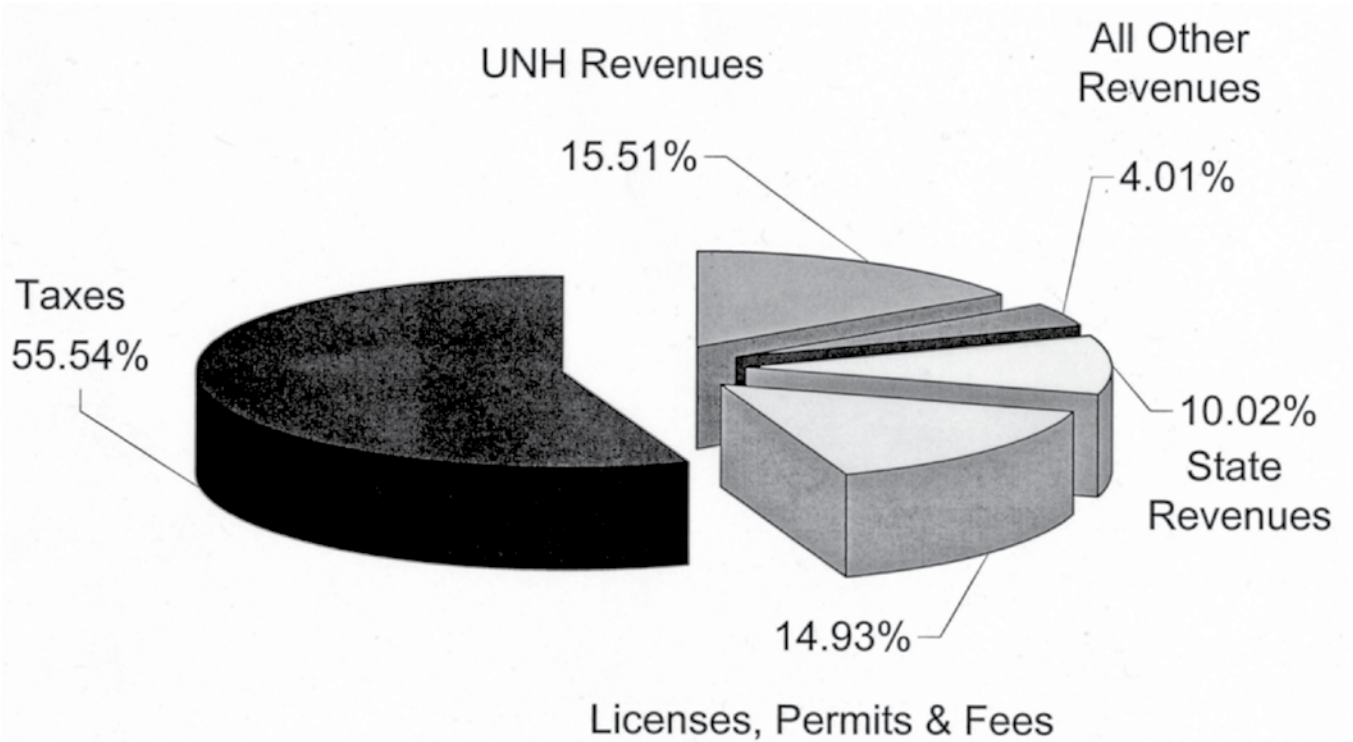
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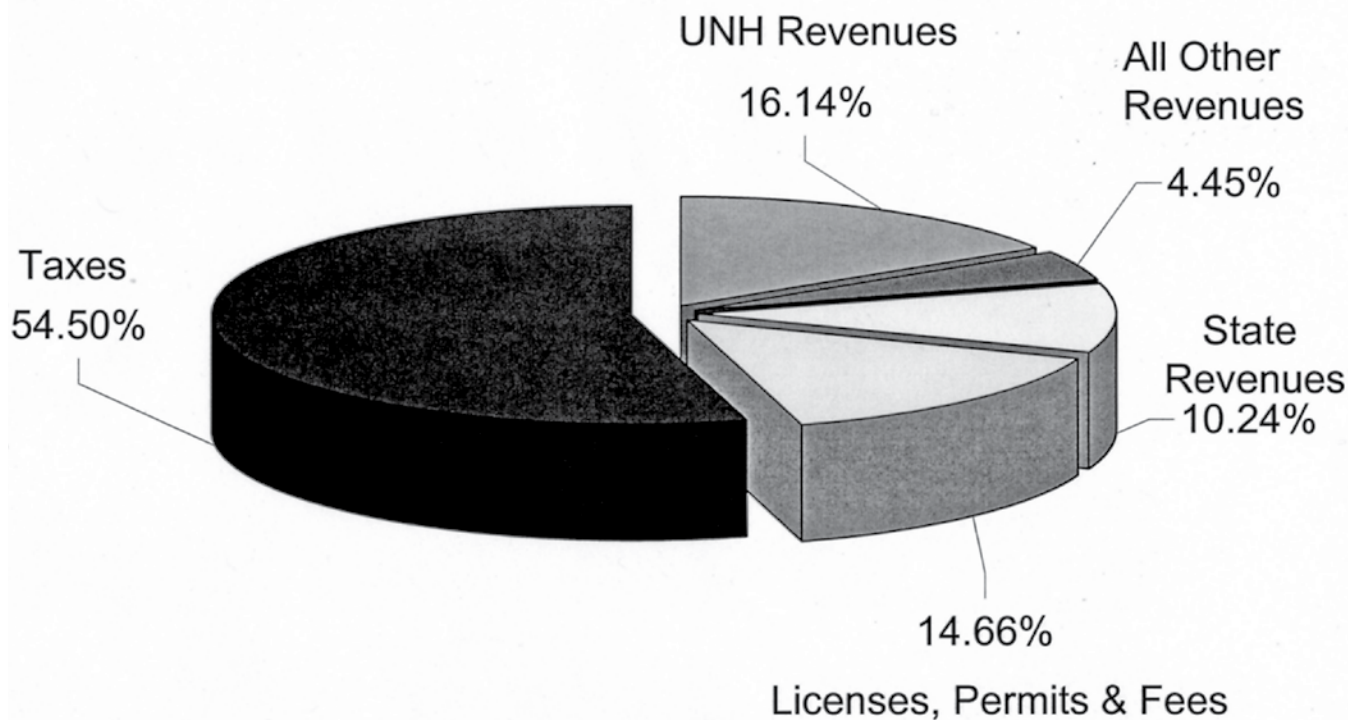


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2007 Actual General Fund Revenues (unaudited)



2008 Anticipated General Fund Revenues





Approved 2008-2017 Capital Improvement Program

Description	Ranking	2008	Ranking	2009	Ranking	2010	Ranking	2011	Ranking	2012	Ranking	2013	Ranking	2014	Ranking	2015	Ranking	2016	Ranking	2017	
Library Trustees																					
New Library	1	400,000	1	790,000	1	2,700,000															
Administration																					
New Town Hall Facility																300,000	1	3,636,250			
MIS																					
Municipal Network	1	120,000																			
Planning																					
Main Street Improvements III (RR to Route 4)			1	491,151																	
Wagon Hill Parking									1	26,500											
Office/Research/Light Industry Improvements																				1	1,066,697
Conservation																					
Jackson's Landing Improvement Project	1	140,256																			
Recreation																					
Athletic Fields									1	244,000											
Code Enforcement																					
Town Hall Renovations			1	135,000																	
Police Department																					
Vehicle Replacement (Purchase 2/Y)	1	54,000	1	54,000	1	56,000	1	56,000	1	56,000	1	58,000	1	60,000	1	60,000	1	62,000	1	62,000	
Building Needs Assessment & Renovation			2	15,000			2	500,000													
Fire Department																					
Replace Medic 1			1	50,500																	
Purchase 4x4 Utility Vehicle			2	10,999																	
Replace Car 3					1	26,650															
Replace Tanker 1					2	299,000															
Fire Station Replacement							1	900,000	1	3,600,000											
Refurbish Engine 1							2	60,000													
Replace Engine 2									1	427,000											
Replace Car 1 and Car 2																				1	57,300
Replace Forestry 1																				2	40,000
Public Works - Operations Division																					
Road Resurfacing	1	350,000	1	301,688	1	317,115	1	308,053	1	306,404	1	297,420	1	293,550	1	291,401	1	293,385	1	336,592	
Winwall Bridge Replacement	2	2,388,200																			
Repair Oyster River Dam	3	88,000																			
Facility Road Drainage Repair	4	72,000																			
Snow Blower Replacement			2	90,000																	
Dump Truck 33,400 GVWR Replacement							2	105,000	2	106,000	2	107,000	2	108,000	2	109,000					
Sidewalk Reconstruction					2	87,000	3	54,000													



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Approved 2008-2017 Capital Improvement Program (continued)

Description	Ranking	2008	Ranking	2009	Ranking	2010	Ranking	2011	Ranking	2012	Ranking	2013	Ranking	2014	Ranking	2015	Ranking	2016	Ranking	2017	
Crommets Creek Bridge Repair			3	45,000	4	239,000															
Replace Sweeper							3	90,000													
Public Works - Buildings & Grounds Division																					
Schoolhouse Lane Cemetery Stone Wall Repair	1	20,000																			
Old Landing Park Improvements									1	115,974										1	46,000
1 Ton Dump Truck Replacement																					
Public Works - Sanitation Division																					
Slud Sheer Replacement	1	49,000																			
Refuse Collection Vehicle																	1	161,000			
Recycling Collection Vehicle																	2	104,000			
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		\$3,681,456		\$1,838,538		\$3,532,765		\$2,222,053		\$4,407,404		\$875,920		\$577,524		\$1,025,401		\$4,237,635			\$1,562,569
Water Fund																					
Mill Pond Road Water Line Replacement	1	385,000																			
Spurce Hole Well Development			1	1,067,000	1	3,487,000															
1 Ton Utility Truck Replacement							1	35,000													
TOTAL WATER FUND		\$385,000		\$1,067,000		\$3,487,000		\$0		\$35,000		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0			\$0
Wastewater Fund																					
Collection System Upgrades	1	209,000	3	225,000	2	438,000															
Major Components	2	110,000	4	70,000	3	17,500	1	60,000													
3/4 Ton Pickup Truck Replacement	3	25,000																			
WWTP Phase III	4		1	100,000	1	3,300,000															
West End Sewer Capacity			2	2,800,000																	
Scum Concentrator Replacement			5	150,000																	
Old Concord Road Pump Station Renovations					4	120,000															
College Brook Interceptor Repair										1	450,000										
Sludge Dewatering Equipment												1	2,000,000								
Diesel Generator Replacement																				1	125,000
TOTAL WASTEWATER FUND		\$344,000		\$3,405,000		\$3,875,500		\$60,000		\$450,000		\$2,000,000		\$0		\$0		\$125,000			\$125,000
TIF DISTRICT																					
Phase I - Water Line Installation (Dover Road)	1	352,874																			
Phase I - Sewer Line Installation (Dover Road)	1	487,125																			
Phase II - Water Line Installation (Canney Road)	2	250,000																			
Phase III - Infrastructure Improvements (Trails @ Jackson's Landing)													1	239,641							
TOTAL TIF DISTRICT		\$1,090,000		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$238,641		\$0		\$0		\$0			\$0
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$5,510,455		\$6,410,338		\$10,895,265		\$2,282,053		\$4,882,404		\$3,114,561		\$577,524		\$1,025,401		\$4,362,635			\$1,562,569



Combined Funds Statement FY 2007 Budget to Actual

REVENUES	FY2007 Estimated Revenue	Unaudited Revenues FY Ending 12/31/2007	Differential Increased (Decreased) Revenue	FY2008 Estimated Revenue
General Fund				
Taxes	\$5,564,037	\$5,553,813	(\$10,224)	\$5,725,816
State Taxes & Shared Revenue	\$859,320	\$1,001,596	\$142,276	\$1,076,299
UNH - School Allocation, Fire & Debt	\$1,562,852	\$1,550,897	(\$11,955)	\$1,695,766
Licenses & Permits	\$1,535,324	\$1,493,125	(\$42,199)	\$1,540,340
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$422,931	\$330,088	(\$92,843)	\$366,102
Fund Balance	\$236,500	\$71,000	(\$165,500)	\$101,500
Total General Fund	\$10,180,964	\$10,000,519	(\$180,445)	\$10,505,823
EXPENDITURES				
	FY2007 Council Approved & Amended	Unaudited Expended & Encumbered FY Ending 12/31/2007	Differential (Over) Under Expended	FY2008 Budget
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Town Council	\$73,811	\$73,342	\$469	\$90,219
Town Treasurer	\$6,055	\$6,050	\$5	\$6,050
Town Administrator	\$243,303	\$243,736	(\$433)	\$238,483
Elections	\$7,865	\$6,396	\$1,469	\$17,144
Tax Collector/Town Clerk	\$160,839	\$169,165	(\$8,326)	\$170,778
Accounting	\$240,346	\$230,977	\$9,369	\$247,007
Assessing	\$129,082	\$121,282	\$7,800	\$132,293
Legal	\$50,000	\$47,343	\$2,657	\$50,000
Planning	\$173,496	\$159,633	\$13,863	\$172,885
Boards/Commissions/Committees	\$70,396	\$60,794	\$9,602	\$58,726
DCAT	\$20,691	\$17,981	\$2,710	\$27,023
MIS	\$186,066	\$149,811	\$36,255	\$242,661
Building Inspection	\$137,960	\$127,660	\$10,300	\$142,286
Other General Government	\$124,950	\$131,116	(\$6,166)	\$178,675
General Government Total	\$1,624,860	\$1,545,286	\$79,574	\$1,774,230
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Police Department	\$1,978,537	\$2,048,532	(\$69,995)	\$2,065,529
Fire Department	\$2,698,390	\$2,539,479	\$158,911	\$2,831,270
Communication Center	\$269,360	\$217,685	\$51,675	\$84,950
Ambulance Services	\$37,245	\$37,245	\$0	\$37,509
Public Safety Total	\$4,983,532	\$4,842,941	\$140,591	\$5,019,258
PUBLIC WORKS				
Administration	\$310,615	\$277,453	\$33,162	\$302,134
Engineer	\$45,607	\$46,348	(\$741)	\$52,702
Town Buildings	\$144,839	\$128,437	\$16,402	\$123,186
Town Cemeteries & Trusted Graveyards	\$17,417	\$13,656	\$3,761	\$17,848
Wagon Hill & Parks & Grounds Maintenance	\$123,533	\$118,762	\$4,771	\$129,336
Equipment Maintenance	\$181,453	\$159,944	\$21,509	\$177,477
Roadway Maintenance	\$121,275	\$152,146	(\$30,871)	\$132,918
Drainage & Vegetation	\$52,288	\$68,370	(\$16,082)	\$55,885
Snow Removal	\$150,179	\$192,459	(\$42,280)	\$153,108
Traffic Control	\$116,228	\$124,314	(\$8,086)	\$119,746
Bridges & Dams	\$147,419	\$151,812	(\$4,393)	\$166,980
Public Works Total	\$1,410,853	\$1,433,701	(\$22,848)	\$1,431,320
SANITATION				
Solid Waste Administration	\$106,589	\$108,909	(\$2,320)	\$106,518
Rolloff Vehicle Operation	\$34,781	\$38,008	(\$3,227)	\$37,899
Curbside Collection & Litter Removal	\$156,627	\$197,219	(\$40,592)	\$163,350
Recycling	\$96,083	\$116,987	(\$20,904)	\$105,533
Solid Waste Management Facility (SWMF)	\$102,841	\$79,656	\$23,185	\$100,255
Sanitation Total	\$496,921	\$540,779	(\$43,858)	\$513,555
Public Works & Sanitation Total	\$1,907,774	\$1,974,480	(\$66,706)	\$1,944,875



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Combined Funds Statement FY 2007 Budget to Actual (continued)

HEALTH & WELFARE				
Health Inspector	\$1,200	\$0	\$1,200	\$1,500
Administration & Direct Assistance	\$23,073	\$30,622	(\$7,549)	\$26,504
Health & Welfare Total	\$24,273	\$30,622	(\$6,349)	\$28,004
CULTURE & RECREATION				
Public Library	\$201,735	\$201,735	\$0	\$225,245
Durham Day	\$2,500	\$2,479	\$21	\$2,500
O.R.Y.A.	\$30,500	\$30,500	\$0	\$33,500
Resident Pool Rebate	\$15,100	\$15,107	(\$7)	\$15,100
Parks & Recreation Programs	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$0
July 4th	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Memorial Day	\$1,500	\$1,175	\$325	\$1,500
Historical Association	\$3,810	\$260	\$3,550	\$0
Churchill Rink	\$40,000	\$22,014	\$17,986	\$1
Culture & Recreation Total	\$300,145	\$278,270	\$21,875	\$277,846
DEBT SERVICE				
Principal	\$768,868	\$770,800	(\$1,932)	\$761,105
Interest	\$364,252	\$256,828	\$107,424	\$276,506
Interfund Transfers	\$280,700	\$280,700	\$0	\$424,000
Debt Service Total	\$1,413,820	\$1,308,328	\$105,492	\$1,461,611
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$10,254,404	\$9,979,927	\$274,477	\$10,505,824

OTHER FUNDS

REVENUES	FY2007 Estimated Revenue	Unaudited Revenues FY Ending 12/31/2007	Differential Increased (Decreased) Revenue	FY2008 Estimated Revenue
Water Fund	\$503,666	\$227,771	\$275,895	\$480,495
Sewer Fund	\$1,656,262	\$1,331,383	\$324,879	\$1,641,701
Parking Fund	\$170,750	\$118,781	\$51,969	\$150,750
Tax Increment Financing District	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,099,999
Capital Fund	\$3,028,505	\$355,342	\$2,673,163	\$4,410,456
Depot Road Fund	\$41,000	\$80,064	(\$39,064)	\$67,200
Churchill Rink Fund	\$0	\$201,735	(\$201,735)	\$149,700
Other Funds Revenue Total	\$5,400,183	\$2,315,076	\$3,085,107	\$8,000,301

EXPENDITURES	FY2007 Council Approved & Amended	Unaudited Expended & Encumbered FY Ending 12/31/2007	Differential (Over) Under Expended	FY2008 Budget
Water Fund	\$503,666	\$481,772	\$21,894	\$480,495
Sewer Fund	\$1,656,262	\$1,622,918	\$33,344	\$1,641,701
Parking Fund	\$170,750	\$58,118	\$112,632	\$150,750
Tax Increment Financing District	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,099,999
Capital Fund	\$3,028,505	\$1,849,148	\$1,179,357	\$4,410,456
Depot Road Fund	\$41,000	\$4,517	\$36,483	\$67,200
Churchill Rink Fund	\$0	\$11,532	(\$11,532)	\$149,700
Other Funds Expenditures Total	\$5,400,183	\$4,028,005	\$1,372,178	\$8,000,301



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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, 2006, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

The government-wide statement of net assets does not include any of the Town's capital assets acquired in years prior to 2004 nor the accumulated depreciation on those assets; and the government-wide statement of activities does not include depreciation expense related to those assets. These amounts have not been determined. Therefore, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the financial position of the governmental activities of the Town of Durham at December 31, 2006 and the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Durham, as of December 31, 2006, 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.

August 29, 2007

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF CONTROL DEFICIENCIES AND OTHER MATTERS

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

In planning and reporting our audit of the financial statements of the Town of Durham as of and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Town of Durham's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Durham's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Durham's internal control.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Town of Durham's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the Town of Durham's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Town of Durham's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the Town of Durham's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

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

August 29, 2007

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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, 2006 the Town of Durham's net assets are recorded at \$52,702.
- The Town's unreserved, undesignated fund balance for the General Fund at year-end of \$1,404,226 reflects an increase of \$30,404 compared to the prior fiscal year's end of \$1,373,822.
- The Sewer Fund's unreserved fund balance at year-end of \$49,095 reflects an increase of \$133,456 compared to a deficit of \$84,361 at the beginning of the year.
- The Town's long-term obligations saw a net increase of \$3,131,577 during the year due to bonding of several capital equipment and project purchases, as well as bonding conservation land.

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.



Budget and Finance

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 2006. Since the Town is not reporting capital assets and infrastructure acquired prior to 2004, this is the first year the overall Total Net Assets is showing a surplus. In subsequent years, this statement will continue to show a more accurate picture of the Town's net assets.

A condensed version of the Statement of Net Assets at December 31, 2005 and 2006 follows.

Town of Durham's Net Assets

(all figures are in U.S. dollars)

	2006	2005	Increase (Decrease)	% Increase (Decrease)
Current and other assets	16,667,184	12,883,548	3,783,636	29%
Capital assets, net	4,674,042	3,922,975	751,067	19%
Total assets	21,341,226	16,806,523	4,534,703	27%
Long-term liabilities outstanding	12,709,611	9,578,034	3,131,577	33%
Other liabilities	8,578,913	7,544,533	1,034,380	14%
Total liabilities	21,288,524	17,122,567	4,165,957	24%
Net assets:				
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	(115,746)	(4,363,292)	4,247,546	97%
Restricted	1,801,813	360,971	1,440,842	500%
Unrestricted	(1,633,365)	3,686,277	(5,319,642)	(44%)
Total net assets	52,702	(316,044)	368,746	17%

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 \$6.4 million. The non-land portion of improvements is being depreciated. The net value of assets and liabilities as of December 30, 2006 is \$52,702. As discussed in prior years, due to the modified approach of only reporting assets and infrastructure added during 2004 and moving forward, it will be several years before the Statement of Net Assets will project a more representative picture for the Town of Durham.



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005:

(all figures are in U.S. dollars)

	2006	2005	Increase (Decrease)	% Increase (Decrease)
REVENUES:				
Program Revenues:				
Charges for services	2,230,320	3,393,085	(1,162,765)	(34%)
Operating Grants & Contributions	2,655,270	1,381,568	1,273,702	92%
Capital Grants and Contributions	0	403,966	(403,966)	(100%)
General Revenues:				
Taxes	5,398,839	5,288,113	110,726	2%
Licenses and Permits	896,916	890,090	(6,211)	(1%)
Unrestricted Grants	671,523	630,152	41,371	7%
Interest	0	183,577	(183,577)	(100%)
Miscellaneous	543,112	48,774	494,338	1014%
Total Revenues	12,395,980	12,219,325	163,618	1%
EXPENSES:				
General Government	1,854,371	1,376,895	477,476	35%
Public Safety	4,958,403	4,558,711	399,692	9%
Highways and Streets	1,530,329	1,407,922	122,407	9%
Sanitation	1,581,657	1,327,316	254,341	19%
Water	252,960	237,836	15,124	6%
Health	17,141	17,452	(311)	(2%)
Welfare	11,639	8,164	3,475	43%
Culture and Recreation	267,534	224,178	43,356	19%
Conservation	96,840	11,941	84,899	710%
Capital Outlay	1,306,596	197,218	1,109,378	563%
Interest in Long-Term Debt	670,751	708,600	(37,849)	5%
Total Governmental Activities	12,548,221	10,076,233	2,471,988	2%
Change in Net Assets	(152,241)	2,143,092	(2,295,333)	
Beginning Net Assets	204,943	(2,459,136)	2,664,079	
Ending Net Assets	52,702	(316,044)	368,746	

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2006

With only a couple of exceptions, including the increase in capital outlay, governmental program expenses remain similar to the prior year.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2006

There were no changes to the Town Council's approved and adopted budget during 2006.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

CAPITAL ASSETS



The Town has invested \$6,364,917 in capital assets (net of depreciation), which represents an increase of \$1,358,334 as detailed in Note 3-C.

OUTSTANDING DEBT

As of year-end, the Town had \$12.7 million in debt outstanding compared to \$9.5 million last year. The \$3.2 million increase is a result of a new general obligation bond funding capital projects, equipment and conservation land from 2003-2006. Additional detailed information on Long-term obligations is available in the notes to the financial statements.

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

ECONOMIC FACTORS

Property taxes are an important factor in funding Town operations, representing 43.6% 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 26.8% of total resources, while charges for services comprise approximately 18%. Licenses, permits and miscellaneous revenues amount to the remaining 11.6%.

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

NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The 2007 fiscal year General Fund Budget projects a 0.40% increase in resources and a 3.89% increase in expenditures, due to salary and benefit cost increases, increased costs for fuel, electricity, natural gas and heating oil. The overall property tax rate impact for 2006, using an estimated \$236,500 in fund balance, amounts to a 6.2% 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.



TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Net Assets
December 31, 2006

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,158,195
Investments	1,027,716
Intergovernmental receivable	26,234
Other receivables, net of allowances for uncollectible	1,751,169
Prepaid items	12,995
Capital assets, not being depreciated:	
Land	1,487,621
Construction in progress	203,254
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:	
Land improvements	160,582
Buildings and building improvements	3,148,550
Equipment and vehicles	589,846
Infrastructure	775,064
Total assets	<u>21,341,226</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	300,889
Accrued salaries and benefits	104,740
Intergovernmental payable	7,693,400
Accrued interest payable	150,287
Retainage payable	47,534
Escrow and performance deposits	17,300
Unearned revenue	264,763
Noncurrent obligations:	
Due within one year:	
Bonds	1,252,990
Capital leases	81,540
Compensated absences	14,118
Accrued landfill postclosure care costs	10,000
Due in more than one year:	
Bonds	10,494,305
Capital leases	123,605
Compensated absences	473,053
Accrued landfill postclosure care costs	260,000
Total liabilities	<u>21,288,524</u>
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	(115,746)
Restricted for:	
Perpetual care	381,819
Capital projects	1,419,994
Unrestricted	(1,633,365)
Total net assets	<u>\$ 52,702</u>



Budget and Finance

TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE Statement of Activities For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2006

	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	
Governmental activities:				
Functions:				
General government	\$ 1,854,371	\$ 248,123	\$ -	\$ (1,606,248)
Public safety	4,958,403	335,638	1,593,437	(3,029,328)
Highways and streets	1,530,329	164,264	392,366	(973,699)
Sanitation	1,581,657	1,132,333	645,374	196,050
Water distribution and treatment	252,960	349,962	24,093	121,095
Health	17,141	-	-	(17,141)
Welfare	11,639	-	-	(11,639)
Culture and recreation	267,534	-	-	(267,534)
Conservation	96,840	-	-	(96,840)
Interest on long-term debt	670,751	-	-	(670,751)
Capital outlay	1,306,596	-	-	(1,306,596)
Total governmental activities	\$ 12,548,221	\$ 2,230,320	\$ 2,655,270	(7,662,631)
General revenues:				
Taxes:				
Property				5,255,251
Other				143,588
Motor vehicle permit fees				883,879
Licenses and other fees				13,037
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs				671,523
Miscellaneous				543,112
Total general revenues				7,510,390
Change in net assets				(152,241)
Net assets, beginning				204,943
Net assets, ending				\$ 52,702



TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2006

	General	Sewer Department	Expendable Trust	Capital Project	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,193,791	\$ -	\$ 1,440,646	\$ 1,652,155	\$ 871,603	\$ 12,158,195
Investments	-	-	-	-	1,027,716	1,027,716
Receivables, net of allowances for uncollectible:						
Taxes	1,584,195	-	-	-	-	1,584,195
Accounts	33,291	95,395	-	-	38,288	166,974
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	26,234	-	26,234
Interfund receivable	42,793	-	103,561	51,356	25,480	223,190
Prepaid items	10,495	-	-	-	2,500	12,995
Total assets	\$ 9,864,565	\$ 95,395	\$ 1,544,207	\$ 1,729,745	\$ 1,965,587	\$ 15,199,499
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
Liabilities:						
Accounts payable	\$ 300,889	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,889
Accrued salaries and benefits	93,723	6,713	-	-	4,304	104,740
Intergovernmental payable	7,693,400	-	-	-	-	7,693,400
Interfund payable	129,041	39,587	51,356	-	3,206	223,190
Retainage payable	-	-	-	47,534	-	47,534
Escrow and performance deposits	17,300	-	-	-	-	17,300
Deferred revenue	2,546	-	-	262,217	-	264,763
Total liabilities	\$ 8,236,899	\$ 46,300	\$ 51,356	\$ 309,751	\$ 7,510	\$ 8,651,816
Fund balances:						
Reserved for encumbrances	73,440	-	-	304,773	-	378,213
Reserved for endowments	-	-	-	-	337,262	337,262
Reserved for special purposes	-	-	-	1,115,221	161,035	1,276,256
Unreserved:						
Designated for contingency	150,000	-	-	-	-	150,000
Undesignated, reported in:						
General fund	1,404,226	-	-	-	-	1,404,226
Special revenue funds	-	49,095	1,492,851	-	1,459,780	3,001,726
Total fund balances	\$ 1,627,666	\$ 49,095	\$ 1,492,851	\$ 1,419,994	\$ 1,958,077	\$ 6,547,683
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 9,864,565	\$ 95,395	\$ 1,544,207	\$ 1,729,745	\$ 1,965,587	\$ 15,199,499



Budget and Finance

TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to the Statement of Net Assets
December 31, 2006

Total fund balances of governmental funds (Exhibit C-1)		\$ 6,547,683
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	\$ 6,741,792	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(376,875)</u>	
		6,364,917
Interfund receivables and payables between governmental funds are eliminated on the statement of net assets.		
Receivables	\$ (223,190)	
Payables	<u>223,190</u>	
		-
Interest on long-term debt is not accrued in governmental funds.		
Accrued interest payable		(150,287)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period, and therefore, are not reported in the funds:		
Bonds	\$ 11,747,295	
Capital leases	205,145	
Compensated absences payable	487,171	
Accrued landfill postclosure care costs	<u>270,000</u>	
		<u>(12,709,611)</u>
Total net assets of governmental activities		<u>\$ 52,702</u>



TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2006

	General	Sewer Department	Expendable Trust	Capital Project	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:						
Taxes	\$ 5,373,359	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,480	\$ 5,398,839
Licenses and permits	896,916	-	-	-	-	896,916
Intergovernmental	2,510,147	595,098	24,093	197,455	-	3,326,793
Charges for services	561,798	1,132,333	-	-	536,189	2,230,320
Miscellaneous	301,616	10,505	62,903	27,064	141,024	543,112
Total revenues	<u>9,643,836</u>	<u>1,737,936</u>	<u>86,996</u>	<u>224,519</u>	<u>702,693</u>	<u>12,395,980</u>
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General government	1,510,888	-	281,264	-	56,410	1,848,562
Public safety	4,895,658	-	23,470	-	5,712	4,924,840
Highways and streets	1,449,321	-	-	-	-	1,449,321
Water distribution and treatment	-	-	-	-	253,273	253,273
Sanitation	521,097	896,101	-	-	-	1,417,198
Health	17,141	-	-	-	-	17,141
Welfare	11,639	-	-	-	-	11,639
Culture and recreation	52,777	-	-	-	212,775	265,552
Conservation	4,308	-	-	-	92,532	96,840
Debt service:						
Principal	482,477	438,084	-	-	91,407	1,011,968
Interest and other	462,147	161,947	-	-	42,275	666,369
Capital outlay	-	-	-	2,900,640	22,773	2,923,413
Total expenditures	<u>9,407,453</u>	<u>1,496,132</u>	<u>304,734</u>	<u>2,900,640</u>	<u>777,157</u>	<u>14,886,116</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>236,383</u>	<u>241,804</u>	<u>(217,738)</u>	<u>(2,676,121)</u>	<u>(74,464)</u>	<u>(2,490,136)</u>
Other financing sources (uses):						
Transfers in	195,964	-	154,468	502,339	189,527	1,042,298
Transfers out	(703,757)	(133,106)	(51,356)	-	(154,079)	(1,042,298)
Debt issued	-	-	-	4,115,518	-	4,115,518
Total other financing sources and uses	<u>(507,793)</u>	<u>(133,106)</u>	<u>103,112</u>	<u>4,617,857</u>	<u>35,448</u>	<u>4,115,518</u>
Net change in fund balances	(271,410)	108,698	(114,626)	1,941,736	(39,016)	1,625,382
Fund balances, beginning	1,899,076	(59,603)	1,607,477	(521,742)	1,997,093	4,922,301
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 1,627,666</u>	<u>\$ 49,095</u>	<u>\$ 1,492,851</u>	<u>\$ 1,419,994</u>	<u>\$ 1,958,077</u>	<u>\$ 6,547,683</u>



Budget and Finance

TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
Major General Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2006

	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$ 5,352,903	\$ 5,373,359	\$ 20,456
Licenses and permits	933,600	896,916	(36,684)
Intergovernmental	2,502,550	2,329,672	(172,878)
Charges for services	501,877	561,798	59,921
Miscellaneous	202,960	301,616	98,656
Total revenues	<u>9,493,890</u>	<u>9,463,361</u>	<u>(30,529)</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General government	1,613,586	1,440,265	173,321
Public safety	4,746,266	4,633,762	112,504
Highways and streets	1,440,504	1,430,931	9,573
Sanitation	480,400	520,844	(40,444)
Health	15,423	17,141	(1,718)
Welfare	7,500	11,639	(4,139)
Culture and recreation	50,042	53,730	(3,688)
Conservation	10,000	10,078	(78)
Debt service:			
Principal	482,477	482,477	-
Interest and other	325,953	462,147	(136,194)
Total expenditures	<u>9,172,151</u>	<u>9,063,014</u>	<u>109,137</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>321,739</u>	<u>400,347</u>	<u>78,608</u>
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfers in	230,600	195,964	(34,636)
Transfers out	<u>(627,339)</u>	<u>(703,757)</u>	<u>(76,418)</u>
Total other financing sources and uses	<u>(396,739)</u>	<u>(507,793)</u>	<u>(111,054)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ (75,000)</u>	<u>(107,446)</u>	<u>\$ (32,446)</u>
Decrease in fund balance designated for contingency		137,850	
Unreserved fund balance, beginning		<u>1,373,822</u>	
Unreserved fund balance, ending		<u>\$ 1,404,226</u>	



TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
Major Sewer Department Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2006

	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Revenues:			
Intergovernmental	\$ 408,408	\$ 595,098	\$ 186,690
Charges for services	1,165,907	1,132,333	(33,574)
Miscellaneous	6,000	10,505	4,505
Total revenues	<u>1,580,315</u>	<u>1,737,936</u>	<u>157,621</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Sanitation	862,817	871,343	(8,526)
Debt service:			
Principal	438,084	438,084	-
Interest	161,947	161,947	-
Total expenditures	<u>1,462,848</u>	<u>1,471,374</u>	<u>(8,526)</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	117,467	266,562	149,095
Other financing uses:			
Transfers out	<u>(117,467)</u>	<u>(133,106)</u>	<u>(15,639)</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>133,456</u>	<u>\$ 133,456</u>
Unreserved fund balance, beginning		<u>(84,361)</u>	
Unreserved fund balance, ending		<u>\$ 49,095</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, 2006

	Estimated	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 5,223,081	\$ 5,255,251	\$ 32,170
Yield	2,000	9,984	7,984
Boat and railroad	350	274	(76)
Payment in lieu of taxes	42,472	45,832	3,360
Interest and penalties on taxes	85,000	62,018	(22,982)
Total taxes	<u>5,352,903</u>	<u>5,373,359</u>	<u>20,456</u>
Licenses, permits and fees:			
Motor vehicle permit fees	918,100	883,879	(34,221)
Other	15,500	13,037	(2,463)
Total licenses, permits and fees	<u>933,600</u>	<u>896,916</u>	<u>(36,684)</u>
Intergovernmental:			
State:			
Shared revenue block grant	150,000	150,000	-
Meals and rooms distribution	520,287	520,287	-
Highway block grant	223,166	223,166	-
University of New Hampshire	1,609,097	1,412,962	(196,135)
Other	-	23,257	23,257
Total intergovernmental	<u>2,502,550</u>	<u>2,329,672</u>	<u>(172,878)</u>
Charges for services:			
Income from departments	501,877	561,798	59,921
Miscellaneous:			
Sale of municipal property	-	7,592	7,592
Interest on investments	125,000	200,148	75,148
Insurance dividends and reimbursements	9,000	22,256	13,256
Other	68,960	71,620	2,660
Total miscellaneous	<u>202,960</u>	<u>301,616</u>	<u>98,656</u>
Other financing sources:			
Transfers in:			
Sewer department fund	63,800	63,800	-
Nonmajor funds	166,800	132,164	(34,636)
Total other financing sources	<u>230,600</u>	<u>195,964</u>	<u>(34,636)</u>
Total revenues and other financing sources	9,724,490	<u>\$ 9,659,325</u>	<u>\$ (65,165)</u>
Unreserved fund balance used to reduce tax rate	75,000		
Total revenues, other financing sources and use of fund balance	<u>\$ 9,799,490</u>		



TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Schedule of Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2006

	Encumbered From Prior Year	Appropriations	Expenditures	Encumbered To Subsequent Year	Variance Positive (Negative)
Current:					
General government:					
Town council	\$ 50,000	\$ 93,711	\$ 91,815	\$ -	\$ 51,896
Elections	-	5,128	6,523	-	(1,395)
Supervisors	-	6,000	3,838	-	2,162
Town clerk/tax collector	-	154,585	172,859	-	(18,274)
Treasurer	-	6,055	6,049	-	6
Town administrator	3,000	230,195	228,398	-	4,797
Accounting	-	249,519	241,476	-	8,043
Assessing	8,721	123,655	125,639	-	6,737
MIS	-	120,829	125,982	-	(5,153)
Planning	6,597	181,526	179,085	15,485	(6,447)
Zoning and code enforcement	-	145,912	134,661	-	11,251
DCAT	-	23,600	17,614	-	5,986
General government allocations	-	20,126	12,378	-	7,748
Other	48,000	252,745	164,571	30,210	105,964
Total general government	<u>116,318</u>	<u>1,613,586</u>	<u>1,510,888</u>	<u>45,695</u>	<u>173,321</u>
Public safety:					
Police	-	1,907,111	1,887,193	-	19,918
Ambulance	-	37,725	37,725	-	-
Fire	52,524	2,542,430	2,495,567	13,500	85,887
Dispatching	42,397	259,000	294,698	-	6,699
Total public safety	<u>94,921</u>	<u>4,746,266</u>	<u>4,715,183</u>	<u>13,500</u>	<u>112,504</u>
Highways and streets	<u>18,390</u>	<u>1,440,504</u>	<u>1,449,321</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,573</u>
Sanitation	<u>253</u>	<u>480,400</u>	<u>521,097</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(40,444)</u>
Health:					
Administration	-	500	1,719	-	(1,219)
Health agencies and hospitals	-	14,923	15,422	-	(499)
Total health	<u>-</u>	<u>15,423</u>	<u>17,141</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,718)</u>
Welfare:					
Direct assistance	<u>-</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>11,639</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,139)</u>
Culture and recreation:					
Parks and recreation	<u>7,522</u>	<u>50,042</u>	<u>52,777</u>	<u>8,475</u>	<u>(3,688)</u>
Conservation	<u>-</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>4,308</u>	<u>5,770</u>	<u>(78)</u>

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TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

General Fund

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

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2006

	Encumbered From Prior Year	Appropriations	Expenditures	Encumbered To Subsequent Year	Variance Positive (Negative)
Debt service:					
Principal of long-term debt	-	482,477	482,477	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	-	140,953	140,952	-	1
Other	-	185,000	321,195	-	(136,195)
Total debt service	-	808,430	944,624	-	(136,194)
Other financing uses:					
Transfers out:					
Expendable trust fund	-	25,000	88,561	-	(63,561)
Capital project fund	-	412,812	425,669	-	(12,857)
Nonmajor funds	-	189,527	189,527	-	-
Total other financing uses	-	627,339	703,757	-	(76,418)
Total appropriations, expenditures, other financing uses and encumbrances	\$ 237,404	\$ 9,799,490	\$ 9,930,735	\$ 73,440	\$ 32,719

TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

General Fund

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

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2006

Unreserved, undesignated fund balance, beginning	\$ 1,373,822
Changes:	
Unreserved fund balance used to reduce 2006 tax rate	(75,000)
2006 Budget summary:	
Revenue shortfall (Schedule 1)	\$ (65,165)
Unexpended balance of appropriations (Schedule 2)	32,719
2006 Budget surplus	(32,446)
Decrease in fund balance designated for contingency	137,850
Unreserved, undesignated fund balance, ending	\$ 1,404,226



TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
 Nonmajor Governmental Funds
 Combining Balance Sheet
 December 31, 2006

	Special Revenue Funds							
	Public Library	Water Department	Conservation Commission	Parking	Police	Depot Road	Permanent Fund	Total
ASSETS								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 60,983	\$ 414,856	\$ -	\$ 454	\$ 2,635	\$ 10,856	\$ 381,819	\$ 871,603
Investments	355,000	-	672,716	-	-	-	-	1,027,716
Accounts receivable	-	38,288	-	-	-	-	-	38,288
Interfund receivable	-	-	25,480	-	-	-	-	25,480
Prepaid items	2,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,500
Total assets	<u>\$ 418,483</u>	<u>\$ 453,144</u>	<u>\$ 698,196</u>	<u>\$ 454</u>	<u>\$ 2,635</u>	<u>\$ 10,856</u>	<u>\$ 381,819</u>	<u>\$ 1,965,587</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES								
Liabilities:								
Accrued salaries and benefits	\$ 1,681	\$ 2,169	\$ -	\$ 454	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,304
Interfund payable	3,206	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,206
Total liabilities	<u>4,887</u>	<u>2,169</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>454</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,510</u>
Fund balances:								
Reserved for endowments	-	-	-	-	-	-	337,262	337,262
Reserved for special purposes	116,478	-	-	-	-	-	44,557	161,035
Unreserved, undesignated	297,118	450,975	698,196	-	2,635	10,856	-	1,459,780
Total fund balances	<u>413,596</u>	<u>450,975</u>	<u>698,196</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,635</u>	<u>10,856</u>	<u>381,819</u>	<u>1,958,077</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 418,483</u>	<u>\$ 453,144</u>	<u>\$ 698,196</u>	<u>\$ 454</u>	<u>\$ 2,635</u>	<u>\$ 10,856</u>	<u>\$ 381,819</u>	<u>\$ 1,965,587</u>



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TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

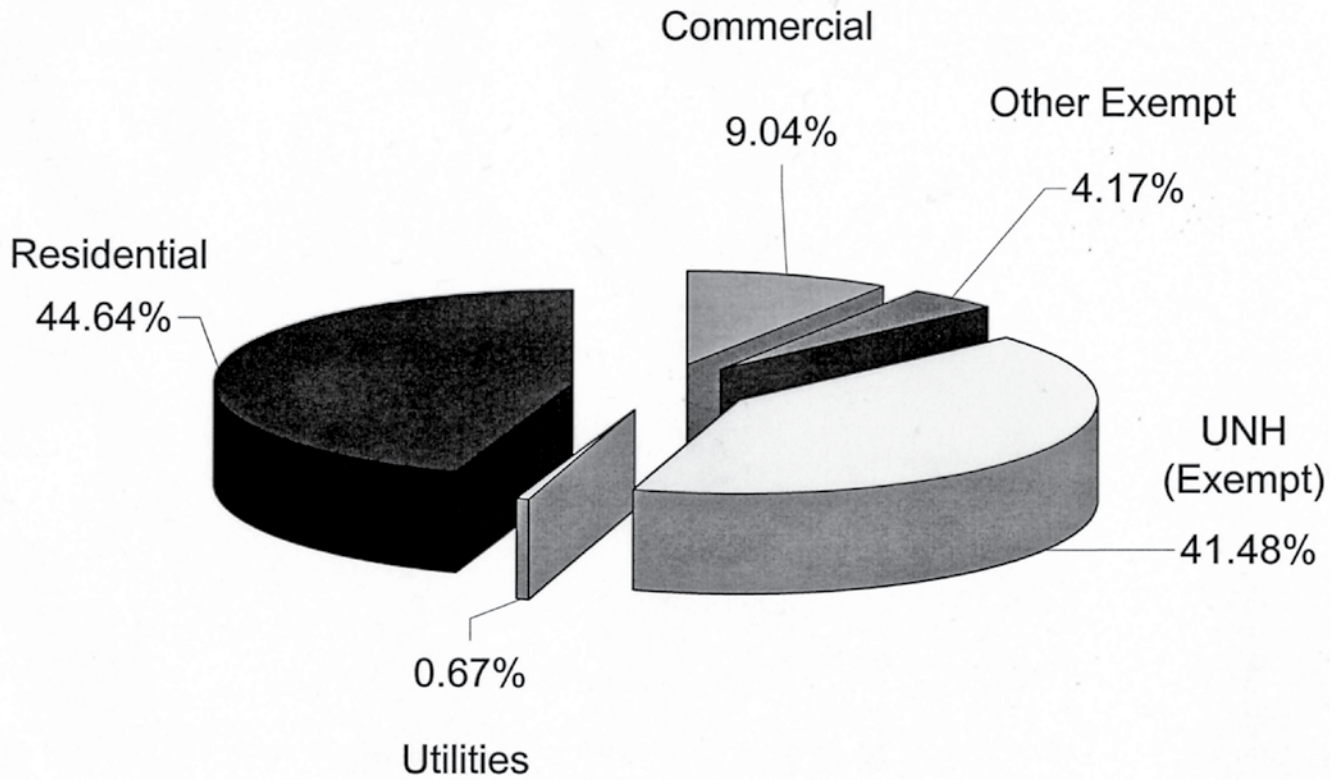
Nonmajor Governmental Funds

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2006

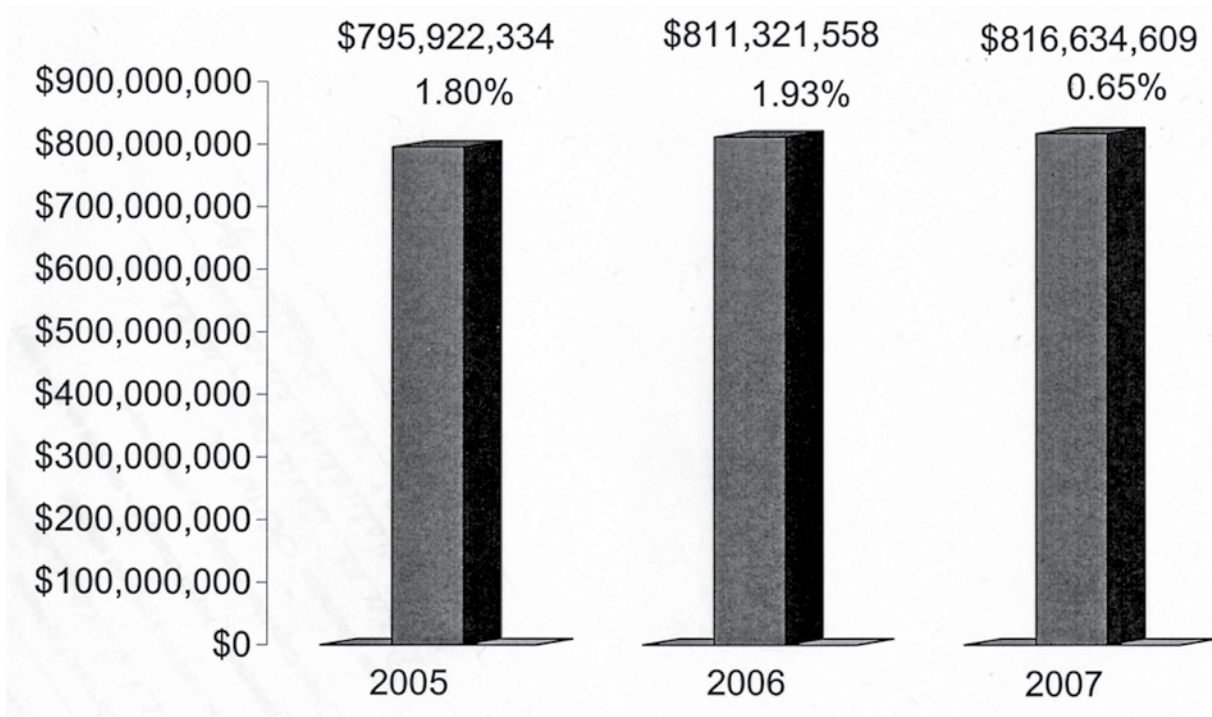
	Special Revenue Funds							Total
	Public Library	Water Department	Conservation Commission	Parking	Police	Depot Road	Permanent Fund	
Revenues:								
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,480	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,480
Charges for services	-	349,962	-	174,586	-	11,641	-	536,189
Miscellaneous	64,482	10,973	32,931	1,013	5,387	14	26,224	141,024
Total revenues	64,482	360,935	58,411	175,599	5,387	11,655	26,224	702,693
Expenditures:								
Current:								
General government	-	-	-	50,235	-	799	5,376	56,410
Public safety	-	-	-	-	5,712	-	-	5,712
Water distribution and treatment	-	253,273	-	-	-	-	-	253,273
Culture and recreation	212,775	-	-	-	-	-	-	212,775
Conservation	-	-	92,532	-	-	-	-	92,532
Debt service:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Principal	-	91,407	-	-	-	-	-	91,407
Interest	-	42,275	-	-	-	-	-	42,275
Capital outlay	-	22,773	-	-	-	-	-	22,773
Total expenditures	212,775	409,728	92,532	50,235	5,712	799	5,376	777,157
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(148,293)	(48,793)	(34,121)	125,364	(325)	10,856	20,848	(74,464)
Other financing sources (uses):								
Transfers in	189,527	-	-	-	-	-	-	189,527
Transfers out	-	(28,715)	-	(125,364)	-	-	-	(154,079)
Total other financing sources and uses	189,527	(28,715)	-	(125,364)	-	-	-	35,448
Net change in fund balances	41,234	(77,508)	(34,121)	-	(325)	10,856	20,848	(39,016)
Fund balances, beginning	372,362	528,483	732,317	-	2,960	-	360,971	1,997,093
Fund balances, ending	\$ 413,596	\$ 450,975	\$ 698,196	\$ -	\$ 2,635	\$ 10,856	\$ 381,819	\$ 1,958,077



Tax Valuation Breakdown for 2007

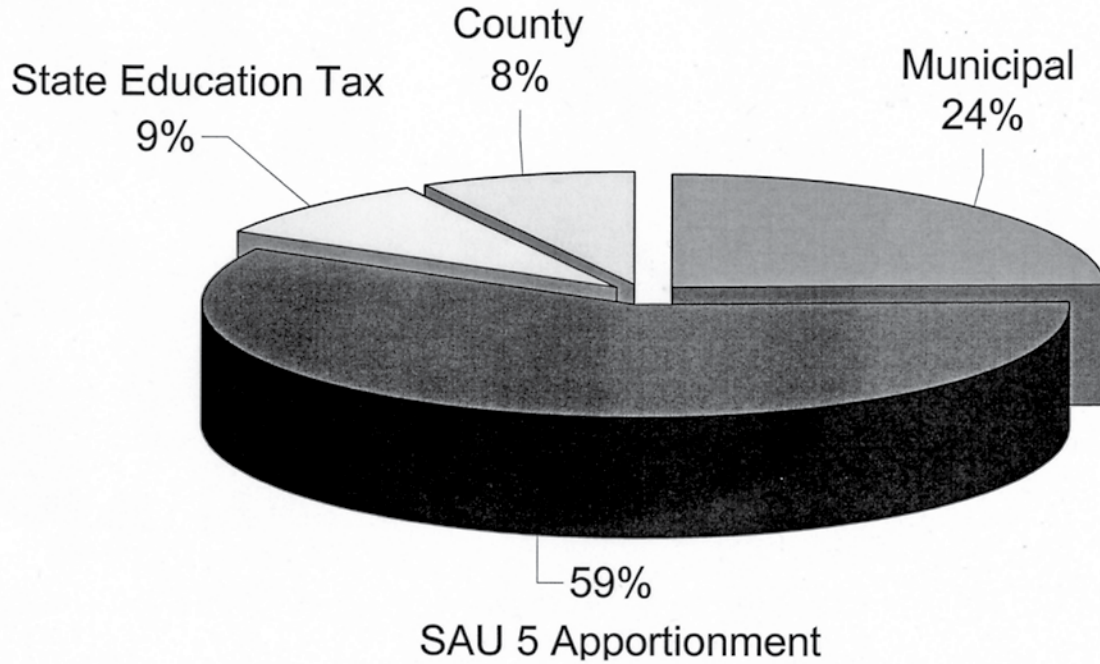


Taxable (net) Valuation 2005-2007

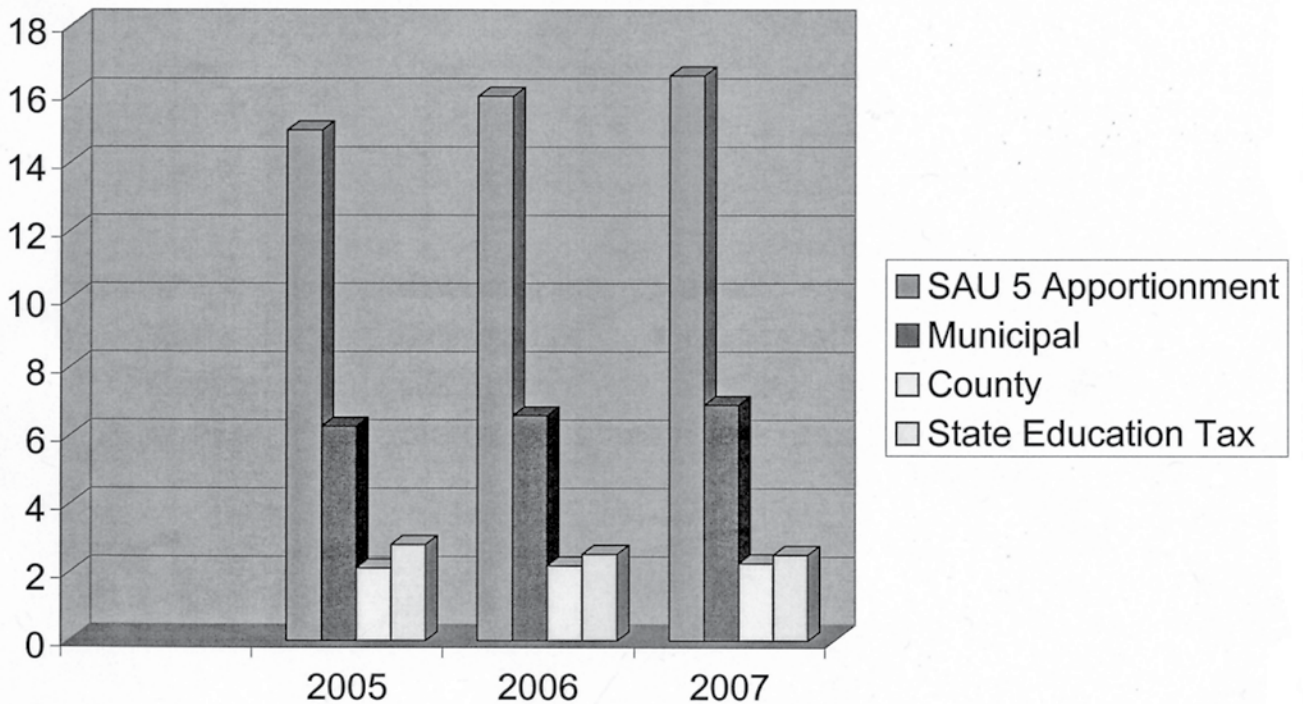




Property Tax Rate Breakdown for 2007



Property Tax Rate Comparison 2005-2007





Statement of Long-Term Indebtedness and Payments
01-01-07 through 12-31-07

DESCRIPTION OF BONDS/LOANS	LOAN DATE	ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL	RATE	DUE DATE	PRINCIPAL PAID	INTEREST PAID	PRINCIPAL BALANCE
1994 SRLF- WWTP	06/06/1993	\$3,366,018	3.91%	12/18/2008	\$278,591	\$22,197	\$289,477
1989 Refinanced in 1997 WHF & Spruce Hole	12/15/1989	\$2,305,000	4.25%-4.6	12/15/2009	\$180,000	\$23,615	\$345,000
2002 SRLF - Lamprey River Hard Piping	11/18/2002	\$828,554	3.47%	12/01/2016	\$51,035	\$20,764	\$546,915
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	\$240,000	\$88,019	\$1,920,000
2004 SRLF - Landfill Closure	02/01/2004	\$802,756	3.69%	02/01/2024	\$40,138	\$26,645	\$682,343
2004 SRLF - WWTP Improvements	06/01/2004	\$3,290,757	3.69%	06/01/2024	\$122,708	\$112,789	\$2,935,571
2006 General Obligation Bond Series A including 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 Capital Projects and Land Conservation	11/15/2006	\$3,800,154	3.8%-4.0%	11/15/2026	\$285,154	\$148,266	\$3,515,000
2006 General Obligation Bond Series B including 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 Capital Projects	11/15/2006	\$315,364	5.75%	11/15/2026	\$55,364	\$18,133	\$260,000
					\$1,252,990	\$460,428	\$10,494,306



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Trustees of Trust Funds

Name of Trust Fund	Purpose	Beginning Balances 1/1/2007		Change in Funds		Ending Balances 12/31/2007	
		Principal	Income	Principal	Income	Principal	Income
45 Separate Cemeterly Trust Funds							
Town Cemetery	Cemetery Care	\$34,251.78	\$5,474.57	\$100.00	\$474.47	\$34,351.78	\$5,949.04
Town Cemetery Improvements	Cemetery Improve.	\$166,474.73	\$8,028.16	\$4,935.00	(\$166.29)	\$171,409.73	\$7,861.87
ORSD Facility Dev Cap Reserve	School Exp	\$1,600.00	\$65.36	\$2,415.00	\$86.01	\$4,015.00	\$151.37
ORSD/Cap Development Fund	School Exp	\$87,870.99	\$4,812.55	\$0.00	\$3,177.03	\$87,870.99	\$7,989.58
ORSD Track Fund Appropriate	School Exp	\$40,930.41	\$29,601.68	\$0.00	\$2,417.74	\$40,930.41	\$32,019.42
ORSD Special Education Fund	School Exp	\$187,872.65	\$16,760.39	\$0.00	\$7,014.48	\$187,872.65	\$23,774.87
High School Scholarship	School Exp	\$154,246.65	\$18,482.34	\$0.00	\$5,920.86	\$154,246.65	\$24,403.20
Ffrost, George	Education	\$116,949.94	\$5,196.30	\$60,993.12	(\$14,829.67)	\$177,943.06	(\$9,633.37)
Olinthus Doe	Farm Care	\$4,441.23	\$5,796.82	\$0.00	\$350.95	\$4,441.23	\$6,147.77
Smith Town Improvements	Town Improvements	\$23,278.17	\$4,764.26	\$0.00	\$899.61	\$23,278.17	\$5,663.87
Smith Chapel	Cemetery Care	\$6,628.96	\$4,629.93	\$0.00	\$385.93	\$6,628.96	\$5,015.86
Durham 250 Fund	Memorial	\$8,939.33	\$816.27	\$100.00	\$153.76	\$9,039.33	\$970.03
Wagon Hill (wagon maintenance)	Memorial	\$6,418.22	\$5,673.92	\$0.00	\$414.50	\$6,418.22	\$6,088.42
Memorial Day Parade Fund	Parade Fund	\$4,265.38	\$475.64	\$300.00	\$166.59	\$4,565.38	\$642.23
Memorial Park	Memorial	\$0.00	\$408.51	\$0.00	\$14.00	\$0.00	\$422.51
July Fourth Celebration	Fun Day	\$8,406.00	\$3,362.23	\$0.00	(\$9,067.18)	\$8,406.00	(\$5,704.95)
Wagon Hill Expense Trust	Site Care	\$3,503.52	\$2,098.38	\$0.00	\$192.03	\$3,503.52	\$2,290.41
Fire Station Exp. Trust	Fire Station	\$80,076.53	\$27,186.90	\$0.00	\$3,676.81	\$80,076.53	\$30,863.71
Wilcox Fund		\$225,000.00	\$26,863.08	\$0.00	\$8,633.44	\$225,000.00	\$35,496.52
Fire Injury Prevention		\$67,558.27	\$4,952.20	\$0.00	\$2,485.53	\$67,558.27	\$7,437.73
Total of Trust Funds		\$5,000.00	\$109.42	\$200.00	\$179.85	\$5,200.00	\$289.27
		\$1,233,712.76	\$175,558.91	\$69,043.12	\$12,580.45	\$1,302,755.88	\$188,139.36
		\$1,409,271.67	\$1,409,271.67				\$1,490,895.24
Name of Capital Reserve Fund							
Fire Equipment and Service	Capital Reserve Fund	\$176,650.69	\$30,772.20	\$63,560.75	(\$28,955.52)	\$240,211.44	\$1,816.68
Parking	Capital Reserve Fund	\$48,500.00	\$28,831.96	\$13,500.00	\$2,849.55	\$62,000.00	\$31,681.51
Res. Water	Capital Reserve Fund	\$152,481.27	\$44,991.94	(\$24,092.98)	\$6,364.09	\$128,388.29	\$51,356.03
Sewer Fund	Capital Reserve Fund	\$115,724.85	\$76,292.05	\$12,737.19	\$6,483.35	\$128,462.04	\$82,775.40
Community Development Fund	Capital Reserve Fund	\$218,810.36	\$182,861.97	\$0.00	\$13,768.65	\$218,810.36	\$196,630.62
Total of Capital Reserve Funds		\$712,167.17	\$363,750.12	\$65,704.96	\$510.12	\$777,872.13	\$364,260.24
		\$1,945,879.93	\$539,309.03	\$134,748.08	\$13,090.57	\$2,080,628.01	\$552,399.60
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS			\$2,485,188.96				\$2,633,027.61



Valuation, Tax History and Inventory:

Valuation Figures 2003-2007

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

*estimate of percent of valuation

MS-1 Summary 2007

Total Taxable Land	\$254,349,609
Total Taxable Buildings	\$552,213,900
Total Taxable Public Utilities	\$ 10,071,000
Valuation Before Exemptions	\$816,634,609
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions	\$ 1,522,591
Net Valuation on which local tax rate is computed	\$815,112,018
Tax Credits: Total Veterans' Exemptions	\$ 36,600

Tax Rate in Durham 2003 – 2007

Year	Town	Local school District	State School	County	Total
2007	\$ 6.90	\$16.55	\$ 2.52	\$ 2.27	\$28.24
2006	6.59	15.95	2.54	2.20	27.28
2005	6.28	14.96	2.82	2.13	26.19
2004	6.02	14.36	2.89	1.87	25.14
2003	5.85	11.91	3.84	1.97	23.57

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	Wiley 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

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Longmarsh Road	Langmaid Farm/adjacent to Beaver Brook	16-06-01 & 02	169,700
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	11-11-03 & 04	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