

Annual Report

*of the Selectmen, Treasurer, and other
Town Officers
for the Town of Newbury, New Hampshire*



*for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2005
with Vital Statistics for the year 2005*

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In Recognition

It's a pleasure to dedicate this year's Town Report to Will Willis -- a man whose work behind the scenes provides us with a polished public appearance and keeps our day-to-day operations running smoothly.

Will was born in Newport and graduated from Towle High School in 1948. He married Jane Bushway in 1950 and worked in a shoe factory in Newport. The family then moved to Derry, where Will commuted to his job as superintendent at a shoe factory in Lawrence, Mass. Later, Will worked at Sanders in Manchester.

Jane Willis remembers that from the early days of their marriage, Will devoted time to woodworking projects. He built a coffee table and side tables for her and cradles for their daughter's dolls. While living in Derry, Will built a summer camp on Old Post Road in Newbury, where Jane had family connections. Using lumber which he salvaged from a job tearing down Mrs. Jim's Lunch in South Newbury, Will built most of the house with his own hands. This site evolved into their permanent home when the family moved here in 1986. As the children grew up, he helped them build their neighboring houses. During these years, Will was working for Ruger in Newport but always found time for his building projects. Retirement in 1990 gave Will more time to devote to his lifelong love of woodworking. He put together hand-finished built-in cabinets and shelves at his home and at his children's houses, and built finely detailed quilt racks to display the handiwork of the ladies in the family. In 1996 he responded to the town's call for assistance at the



Selectman Jim Powell enjoys a moment with Will Willis. Photo courtesy of Shelly Candidus

Transfer Station, and he continues to help Churchill there on a part-time basis.

It soon became evident that when something needed repair or rejuvenation, Will was the man to do it. When not working at the Transfer Station, Will began spending hours at the Town Office and other town property putting things in order. His talents ranged from carpentry to trouble-shooting plumbing and electric problems, to innovative fixes for just about anything that needed attention.

Will's contribution to the Town Office building project in 2005 was enormous. Work in the basement unearthed some long-discarded furniture, which he spent hours sanding and refinishing to produce beautiful antique-quality tables and a restored town podium. He spent days in the unheated and dust-laden cellar assembling the new office desks, cabinets, and chairs. As the renovations neared completion, he was put in charge of hanging all the artwork in the lobby and individual offices, and he has extended this work to include hanging the art for special exhibits in our new meeting room.

While Will is able to fix just about anything, build just about anything, and understand everything about how things work, he is much more than a jack-of-all-trades. He is a craftsman in the true sense of the word, bringing a skilled touch to all his work. We are fortunate to benefit from his talents and his unfailing good nature. Thank you, Will, for your bright and beautiful contributions to our workplace.

In Memoriam

The Town of Newbury lost several devoted residents during the past year. They will be missed not only as good friends and neighbors, but also for their many years of service which have shaped and strengthened our town.

Harold Folsom (1923 – 2005)

Harold was a native and lifelong resident of Newbury. He attended Newbury schools and graduated from Towle High School in Newport. An avid outdoorsman, Harold knew every feature and foot of the town, working as road agent for 29 years until his retirement in 1987. Harold served on the Newbury School Board in the 1950s and was a member of the Planning Board and a cemetery commissioner for many years. In 1948, in a town meeting attended by more than 200 people, Harold defeated Albert Cheney to become the youngest selectman (age 25) elected in Newbury in decades. He served as selectman until 1951. Harold also was a long-time member of the Newbury Volunteer Fire Department. When not on duty with the town, Harold could be found in his garden, where he nurtured flowers, vegetables and fruit trees. He devoted his working life and his private life to making Newbury a better place to live, and we remain in his debt today for his many accomplishments.

Clifford Ayer (1911 – 2005)

Clifford Ayer died on August 3, 2005 at the age of 93. Cliff lived in the Newbury/Sutton area all of his life, moving permanently to Newbury in 1964. His work as a self-employed carpenter and cabinetmaker left him time to become deeply involved in the affairs of the area, and

his experience as a selectman in Sutton for nine years and in Newbury for three years gave him a broad view of town government. Cliff also served as Newbury building inspector for 15 years and as a cemetery trustee and conservation commissioner for several years. In Sutton he served as school treasurer, member of the school board and school building committee, and trustee of the library. In addition, Cliff was a member of the Sunapee Lake Grange No. 112 for more than 70 years, a former member of Crescent Lodge No. 60 I.O.O.F. in Henniker, and an active participant in the 4-H, Future Farmers of America, and the Hi-Y Club. Cliff's extensive knowledge of the people and history of the area and his tireless work on behalf on the town cannot be replaced.

Walter Croteau (1921 – 2005)

Walter, a lifelong resident of Newbury, attended the Newbury Center School (now the Town Office). After high school in Newport, he studied accounting at Northeastern University in Boston, where he graduated with a degree in business administration and accounting in 1954. Walter served in the Air Force during World War II and was stationed in South America, Puerto Rico and the Pacific. For several years, he worked in Boston at the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, and then moved his expanding family back to Newbury and worked as a manager at the state Board of Underwriters (the Insurance Services Office) in Concord for 27 years. Walter was a volunteer firefighter in Newbury and served as town treasurer for 30 years. He also served as the town's auditor, chairman of the Newbury school board, and trustee of the trust funds. Even in retirement, Walter did not stop looking after the needs of the town. He became the Town Office honorary mailman, picking up the town mail at the Post Office and delivering it to

the offices without fail, in every kind of weather. It was our daily pleasure to see Walter, talk about his stamp collection, admire his tomato plants each spring, and hear his latest joke. His love of Newbury and enthusiasm for life are greatly missed.



Harold Folsom



Clifford Ayer



Walter Croteau

Town Officers

Selectmen*

Jim Powell, Chairman, term expires 2008
Richard Wright, term expires 2007
Gary Budd, term expires 2006

Town Administrator**

Dennis J. Pavlicek

Moderator*

Nancy Marashio, term expires 2006

Deputy Moderator*****

Vincent Iacopino

Representative to the General Court

Patricia McMahon

Town Clerk and Tax Collector*

Linda Champy, term expires 2006

Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Tax Collector**

Martha von Redlich

Treasurer*

Jennifer Goin, term expires 2008

Deputy Treasurer**

Debbie Sias

Trustees of Trust Funds*

Claire Vannatta, term expires 2006
Clayton Johnson, term expires 2007
Daniel H. Wolf, term expires 2008

Library Trustees*

Paula Falkowski, term expires 2006
Elizabeth Tentarelli, term expires 2007
Beverly Wolf, term expires 2008

**Newbury Member,
Kearsarge Regional School District***

Daniel H. Wolf, term expires 2006

**Newbury Member,
KRSD Municipal Budget Committee***

Robin Parkhurst, term expires 2006

Supervisors of the Checklist*

Clayton Johnson, term expires 2007
Al Bachelder, term expires 2009
vacant, term expires 2011

Cemetery Trustees*

Mary Bachelder, term expires 2006
Doris Morrow, term expires 2007
Charles Crickman, term expires 2008

Planning Board*

Barbara Freeman, Chair, term expires 2008
William Weiler, Vice Chair, term expires 2008
Ron Williams, term expires 2006
Travis Dezotell, term expires 2006
Al Bachelder, term expires 2007
David Thayer, term expires 2007
Clay Rucker, Ex-Officio, term expires 2007
Deane Geddes, Alternate, term expires 2007
Lacy Cluff, Alternate, term expires 2007

Zoning Board of Adjustment*

Thomas Vannatta, Chair, term expires 2007
Betsy Soper, Vice Chair, term expires 2008
Ernie Pagragan, term expires 2007
Katheryn Holmes, term expires 2007
Tanya McIntire, term expires 2006
Alex Azodi, Alternate, term expires 2006
William Cluff, Alternate, term expires 2007
Helen Wright, Alternate, term expires 2007

Conservation Commission**

William Weiler, Chair, term expires 2006
Eric Unger, term expires 2007
Deane Geddes, term expires 2008
Suzanne Levine, term expires 2008
Frank Perrotta, term expires 2008
Ken Ames, Alternate, term expires 2007
Clare Bensley, Alternate, term expires 2007
William Annable, Alternate, term expires 2008

Chief of Police**

Robert Lee

Chief of Fire Department****

Henry E. Thomas, Jr.

Officer of Emergency Management**

Paul Groulx

Health Officer**

M. Scott Nelson

Code Enforcement Officer**

Paul LaCasse

Highway Administrator**

Calvin Prussman, Jr.

Family Services Director**

Gail Bostic

Inspectors of Election**

Doris Newell

Suzanne Levine

Election Officials*****

Claire Thomas

Susan Crickman

Forest Fire Warden***

Dave Smith

Deputy Forest Fire Wardens***

John G. Croteau, Kevin Walker, Henry E. Thomas Jr.,

Ed Thorson, Michael Bascom

* Elected at Town Meeting

** Appointed by Selectmen

*** State Appointment

**** Elected by Fire Department

***** Appointed by Moderator

Selectmen's Report

If you go back and read again the Selectmen's Reports from earlier years, you will find a repetitive theme -- *change*. As Newbury has entered the 21st century, we have experienced new growth, development and -- change. All indications are that this will continue. In 2005, there were significant improvements in our infrastructure and organization to help us manage the town and provide the services required in this changing world. As we review our accomplishments, you can find details in the other departmental reports.

The extensive renovation and expansion of the Town Office building was completed on schedule. We must give special recognition to two groups in regards to this project. The major renovation of the existing office space began in the fall of 2004 and continued through the winter. There was noise and dust, temporary relocation of work space, dramatic variations in temperature, construction workers everywhere, and in general, a lot of confusion. Our office personnel rose to the challenge, endured the distractions and still managed to get the work done and meet all deadlines. Thanks to all of you.

The Building Committee also deserves special thanks. Without its members the project would not have been as successful as it was. They spent many long hours in meetings and reviewing the progress every step of the way. They focused on every detail from architectural design, meeting state and federal codes, space requirements for all departments, to color coordination and fixtures. Because of their dedication, the project went smoothly and without a hitch.

The dedication was well attended and everyone was very pleased with the new facilities. We have received so many positive comments on the dedication and cookout (with special thanks to the office employees and Newbury Beautification Committee for their efforts) that we are planning another town picnic this summer.

Although less visible because of the location, the new highway garage is impressive. Very early into the site preparation, we discovered a significant ledge problem. Once that was solved, the construction proceeded through the winter and was completed in the spring. The building is energy efficient with radiant heating and excellent lighting. The location, size and work space will serve Newbury well for many years to come.

At the dedication of the new Town Office building we introduced our new Police Chief, Bob Lee. A municipal consulting firm was hired to help the selectmen reach the best candidates. Once candidates were identified, interviews were conducted by the consultants, a panel of local law enforcement professionals, a citizens committee, and finally the selectmen. Chief Lee was by far the best and most qualified candidate. He and his family now live in Newbury and the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the town, welcomes Bob and his family into our community.

In partnership with New London and Sunapee, we hired a full-time assessor to support all three towns. Our common interest is in managing the volatility of property assessments around Lake Sunapee. This venture is a first in New Hampshire, and will provide more equitable and fair valuations for all property owners in the three towns.

The selectmen completed the purchase of property abutting the Town Office building and library, as approved at last March's Town Meeting. Known as the Bald Sunapee property, it is well situated to provide for future growth and expansion of the town.



Gary Budd, Dick Wright and Jim Powell preparing the time capsule at the Town Office dedication ceremony.

Controlling the budget was a challenge in 2005. While the price of heating oil, propane, gasoline and diesel fuel has eased a little, it is still significantly higher than when we developed the budget last year. Also, the costs of asphalt and road materials increased 25 percent. Dennis Pavlicek, our Town Administrator, should be credited for our success in maintaining the integrity of the overall budget against all of these challenges.

In closing, we want to thank all of our town employees, board members and volunteers for your dedication and hard work. Because of you, Newbury is the great town it unquestionably is. There will undoubtedly be challenges

in 2006, and working together, we will turn those challenges into opportunities.

See you at the Town Picnic!

Jim Powell, Chair; Dick Wright & Gary Budd



Selectmen man the BBQs at July 9th celebration.

Town Administrator's Report

In 2005, we completed the major projects of renovating the Town Office building and constructing the new Highway Garage. While there were challenges working amidst the construction, we all are happy with our new and greatly improved work environment, and find our new space conducive to getting more work done in a more timely fashion.

In my report last year, I estimated that the town tax rate would increase by only a few cents, but due to additional revenues, instead we were able to *reduce* the town tax rate by six cents. If all the articles that the Board of Selectmen recommends (including the budget and paving Ramble-wood, Old Post Road and the unpaved half of South Road) pass at Town Meeting, the town tax rate would go up approximately 30 cents. This means a house assessed at \$200,000 would be subject to \$60 more in town taxes. While this would be a larger increase than in past years, it's up to you, the residents, to decide whether you want roads to be paved sooner rather than later.

As you review the budget for 2006, you will see that the largest increase is in the line item for the Financial Administration category. Since Newbury hosts the tri-town assessor, we must appropriate the total cost. However, the town is being reimbursed for more than two-thirds of this amount from Sunapee and New London. This reimbursement will show up as town revenue. When the revenues received are subtracted from the budget increase, the resulting budget would increase by only approximately \$90,000 for this fiscal year.

Norm Bernaiche, the tri-town assessor, and Dan Fitzgerald, his assistant, who both came on board in 2005, are welcomed by Newbury, Sunapee and New London, where they have already instituted new procedures that will benefit all three towns. We can anticipate more equitable assessments and a statistical update in FY 2006.

We look forward to receiving new tax maps for the town early in the spring of 2006. Terra-Map, our tax map vendor, conducted a fly-over of the town last spring which will provide up-to-date and more "user friendly" information. The new maps will contain more detail than the previous ones, and for the first time we will have access to data to use in GIS applications which will allow us to link tax maps on-line with VISION tax assessment data for public access in the future.

The most costly warrant article on the agenda this year deals with a bond for upgrading the Blodgett Wastewater Treatment facility. If you refer to the reports from the operator of the Blodgett Wastewater system, the engineering company that has studied the system, and the committee of residents who use the system, it is clear that the facility is due for a major overhaul. The existing system has served us well for almost 50 years, but use and age are now producing inefficiencies and potential problems that must be addressed with new and improved technology. If the warrant article for the improvements above passes, the debt service for the bond would be paid by the users of the system.

In closing, Newbury, along with most of the towns in the midwest area of the state, is participating in a consortium

to study ways for our town to use fiber optics in the future. This came about because of frustrations experienced within our offices and reported by residents who do not have access to broadband reception for internet access. The consortium is making active headway, and we expect action on this issue in 2006. You may keep track of progress on this subject by going to [http: www.wcnhrhsc.org](http://www.wcnhrhsc.org).

It's been a pleasure and an honor to serve the town this year. Thanks to the Board of Selectmen for its guidance and the office staff for all their support and hard work.

Dennis J. Pavlicek, Town Administrator



Dennis Pavlicek lends a hand at the July 9th BBQ.

Town Clerk

Debit

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	\$404,526.00
Dog Licenses Issued	2,254.00
UCC Filings	705.00
Boat Registrations	7,958.68
Vital Records	783.00
Filing for Offices	11.00
Miscellaneous	286.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$416,523.68

Credit

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	\$404,526.00
Dog Licenses Issued	2,254.00
UCC Filings	705.00
Boat Registrations	7,958.68
Vital Records	783.00
Filing for Offices	11.00
Miscellaneous	286.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$416,523.68

**Treasurer
General Fund 2005 Receipts**

Received from Tax Collector	\$7,857,621.21
Received from Town Clerk	\$ 416,523.68
Received from State of NH	\$ 178,474.83
Police Private Duty	\$ 7,420.50
Police Reports	\$ 490.00
Police Fines	\$ 2,891.31
Cemetery Lots	\$ 2,991.00
Building Permits	\$ 10,228.46
Pistol Permits	\$ 150.00
Reimbursements	\$ 17,963.66
Planning Board	\$ 6,780.74
Zoning Board	\$ 1,704.50
Recycling	\$ 8,675.94
Capital Projects	\$ 0.00
Insurance Reimb. & Short-Term Disability	\$ 22,209.17
Town Office	\$ 1,061.57
Tax Lien	\$ 0.00
Parks & Recreation	\$ 3,584.70
Interest on Checking Account	\$ 49,423.27
Sale of Town Property	\$ 103,800.00
Tri-town Assessor	\$ 39,067.30
Highway Department	\$ 4,448.03
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 11,486.00
Cable Fees	\$ 5,688.22
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,246.97
Transfer Station	<u>\$ 9,670.00</u>
Total	\$ 8,763,601.06
Transfers to/from Investment Accounts	\$ 758,216.38
Beginning Balance January 1, 2005	2,432,666.89
Total Receipts & Beginning Balance	<u>\$ 11,954,484.33</u>
Selectmen's Orders Paid	<u>(\$9,589,397.48)</u>
Balance on December 31, 2005	\$2,365,086.85

Jennifer J. Goin, Treasurer

Investment Accounts

NH Public Deposit Investment Pool

Balance January 1, 2005	\$1,095.17
Plus: Interest	\$31.27
Plus: Deposits	\$0.00
Less: Transfers	<u>(\$0.00)</u>
Balance December 31, 2005	\$1,126.44

Mascoma Savings Bank

Balance January 1, 2005	\$11,739.60
Plus: Deposits	\$0.00
Plus: Interest	\$31.67
Less: Transfers	<u>(\$10,000.00)</u>
Balance December 31, 2005	\$1,771.27

Blodgett Sewer Money Market Acct.

Balance January 1, 2005	\$32,877.75
Plus: Interest	\$468.93
Less: Transfers	<u>(\$0.00)</u>
Balance December 31, 2005	\$33,346.68

Conservation Commission

Balance January 1, 2005	\$128,676.29
Plus: Interest	\$4,690.51
Less: Transfers	(\$105,022.67)
Plus: Transfers	<u>\$163,990.78</u>
Balance December 31, 2005	\$192,334.91

Recreation Revolving Fund

Balance January 1, 2005	\$978.91
Plus: Interest	\$1.88
Less: Transfers	(\$1,620.00)
Plus: Transfers	<u>\$1,150.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2005	\$510.79

Newbury Beautification Committee

Balance January 1, 2005	\$1,245.09
Plus: Interest	\$2.46
Less: Transfers	(\$4,658.48)
Plus: Transfers	<u>\$5,158.81</u>
Balance December 31, 2005	\$1,747.88

Report of The Trust Funds of The Town of Newbury, New Hampshire on December 31, 2005

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND <small>List first those trusts invested in a common trust fund</small>	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED <small>Whether bank, deposits, stocks, bonds, or other Common Trust Funds</small>	PRINCIPAL						INCOME				Grand Total Of Principal & Income at End of Year
				Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or (Losses) on Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	INCOME DURING YEAR		EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END YEAR	
										%	Amount			
Various	CEMETERY FUNDS: Various	perpetual care	FDIP	\$15,398.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,398.79	\$19,968.96	100%	\$1,010.37	\$0.00	\$20,979.33	\$36,378.12
	TOTALS A/C CEMETERY FUNDS			\$15,398.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,398.79	\$19,968.96		\$1,010.37	\$0.00	\$20,979.33	\$36,378.12
1972	SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Edith K. Eaton	Scholarship	Lake Sunapee Bank	\$248.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$198.18	\$0.00		\$0.22	\$0.00	\$0.22	\$198.40
	TOTALS A/C SCHOLARSHIP FUND			\$248.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$198.18	\$0.00		\$0.22	\$0.00	\$0.22	\$198.40
1954	LIBRARY FUNDS: Jennie J. Folsom	Library	SRSB	\$2,992.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,992.56	\$17.86		\$16.52	\$17.86	\$16.52	\$3,009.08
1956	Shirley Powers	Library	SRSB	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$5.92		\$5.92	\$5.92	\$5.92	\$1,005.92
2000	Patricia W. Steinfield	Library	FDIP	\$15,592.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,592.00	\$154.24		\$446.19	\$154.24	\$446.19	\$16,038.19
2002	White Library Fund	Library	FDIP	\$4,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,750.00	\$47.03		\$136.01	\$47.03	\$136.01	\$4,886.01
2004	Manon Smith Fund	Library	FDIP	\$13,612.35	\$6,580.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,392.63	\$117.49		\$549.21	\$117.49	\$549.21	\$20,941.84
	TOTALS A/C LIBRARY FUNDS			\$38,146.91	\$6,580.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44,727.19	\$342.54		\$1,153.45	\$342.54	\$1,153.45	\$45,880.64
1962	CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS: Town of Newbury	Highway Equip.	FDIP	\$176,157.71	\$81,000.00	\$0.00	\$64,850.74	\$192,306.97	\$2,596.26		\$5,834.84	\$2,596.26	\$5,834.84	\$198,141.81
1971	Town of Newbury	Fire Equip.	FDIP	\$23,121.67	\$49,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$72,121.67	\$1,141.35		\$1,441.43	\$0.00	\$2,582.78	\$74,704.45
1984	Town of Newbury	Police Equip.	FDIP	\$7,091.21	\$12,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,591.21	\$244.36		\$400.37	\$0.00	\$644.73	\$20,235.94
1993	Town of Newbury	Ambulance Fund	FDIP	\$30,248.87	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,751.69	\$17,497.18	\$4,248.31		\$546.24	\$4,248.31	\$546.24	\$18,043.42
1996	Town of Newbury	Recreational Facility	FDIP	\$22,966.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,966.27	\$522.33		\$670.82	\$0.00	\$1,193.25	\$24,159.52
1997	Town of Newbury	Revaluation	FDIP	\$75,340.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75,340.77	\$841.61		\$2,170.58	\$0.00	\$2,812.19	\$78,152.96
	TOTALS A/C CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS			\$334,926.50	\$145,500.00	\$0.00	\$80,602.43	\$399,824.07	\$9,394.22		\$11,084.38	\$6,844.57	\$13,614.03	\$413,438.10
1977	GENERAL TRUST FUNDS: Town of Newbury	Dock Repairs	FDIP	\$26,860.24	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,860.24	\$252.09		\$820.39	\$0.00	\$1,072.48	\$30,932.72
1984	Town of Newbury	Town Bldgs.	FDIP	\$34,155.89	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39,155.89	\$1,459.51		\$1,093.67	\$0.00	\$2,553.18	\$41,709.07
1987	Town of Newbury	Cem. Monuments	FDIP	\$317.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$317.20	\$23.59		\$9.93	\$0.00	\$33.52	\$350.72
1995	Town of Newbury	Office Equip.	FDIP	\$27,698.20	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32,698.20	\$225.97		\$874.01	\$0.00	\$1,099.98	\$33,798.18
2002	Town of Newbury	Milkt	FDIP	\$2,110.82	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,961.21	\$2,149.61	\$38.79		\$100.24	\$38.79	\$100.24	\$2,249.85
2004	Town of Newbury	Cemetery Maint.	FDIP	\$3,000.00	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,400.00	\$18.44		\$107.52	\$0.00	\$125.96	\$4,525.96
	TOTALS A/C GENERAL TRUST FUNDS			\$94,142.35	\$19,400.00	\$0.00	\$4,961.21	\$108,501.14	\$2,018.39		\$3,005.76	\$38.79	\$4,985.36	\$113,586.50
	GRAND TOTALS			\$482,862.73	\$171,480.28	\$0.00	\$85,613.64	\$568,729.37	\$31,724.11		\$16,234.18	\$7,225.90	\$40,732.39	\$609,461.76

Tax Collector's Report
Summary of Tax Accounts Fiscal Year Ended 12/31/2005

Uncollected Tax	2005	2004	Prior
Beginning of Year			
Property Tax		\$ 348,757.01	\$ 3.00
Land Use Change		\$ 5,306.99	
Yield		\$ 697.15	
Excavation Tax			
Utility Charge		\$ 19,560.00	
Interest & Bounced Ck		\$ 32.54	
Tax Committed			
Property Tax	\$7,528,363.56	\$ 1,812.00	\$ 1,633.00
Land Use Change	\$ 97,790.00		
Yield	\$ 13,179.54		
Excavation Tax	\$ 1,028.70		
Utility Charge	\$ 128,325.00		
Other			
Overpayment			
Property Tax	\$ 20,862.62	\$ 1,418.00	
Land Use Change			
Yield			
Excavation Tax			
Sewer Tax			
Insufficient Funds Fee	\$ 75.00	\$ 50.00	
Interest - Late Tax	\$ 5,878.66	\$ 22,552.98	\$ 29.46
Total Debits	\$7,795,503.08	\$ 400,186.67	\$ 1,665.46
Remitted to Treasurer			
Property Tax	\$7,117,705.23	\$ 349,897.01	\$ 1,842.00
Land Use	\$ 97,790.00	\$ 5,306.99	

Change			
Yield	\$ 13,179.54	\$ 697.15	
Interest & Costs	\$ 5,824.45	\$ 22,585.52	\$ 29.46
Excavation Tax	\$ 1,028.70		
Utility Charge	\$ 116,652.84	\$ 19,560.00	
Conversion to Lien			
Bounced Check		\$ 50.00	
Other			
Abatements			
Property Tax	\$ 32,949.75	\$ 2,090.00	
Land Use Change			
Yield			
Excavation Tax			
Utility Charge			
Interest			
Adjustment			\$206.00
Uncollected Tax			
End of Year			
Property Tax	\$ 398,571.20		
Land Use Change			
Yield			
Excavation Tax			
Interest	\$ 54.21		
Utility Charge	\$ 11,672.16		
Bounced Check	\$ 75.00		
Total Credits	\$7,795,503.08	\$ 400,186.67	\$ 1,665.46
Unredeemed Taxes/Tax Liens			
Levies Of	2004	2003	Prior
Unredeemed Liens at		\$ 55,628.94	\$21,770.71
Beginning of Year			
Liens Executed During	\$ 116,776.75		
Fiscal Year			

Interest & Costs	\$ 3,792.17	\$ 6,192.71	\$ 8,071.44
Mortgage Research Costs	\$ 988.76	\$ 726.14	
Total Debits	\$ 121,557.68	\$ 62,547.79	\$29,842.15
Remitted to Treasurer			
Redemptions	\$ 41,605.85	\$ 23,795.50	\$21,770.71
Interest & Costs	\$ 3,792.17	\$ 6,192.71	\$ 8,071.44
Mortgage Research Costs	\$ 191.94	\$ 52.00	
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	\$ 316.47	\$ 611.65	
Unredeemed Mortgage Research Costs	\$ 796.82	\$ 674.14	
Unredeemed Liens at End of Year	\$ 74,854.43	\$ 31,221.79	
Total Credits	\$ 121,557.68	\$ 62,547.79	\$29,842.15

Assessor's Report

The Town of Newbury Assessing Office is made up of many different individuals that make the process work. The setup is new to Newbury after the formation of the tri-town (New London, Newbury and Sunapee) agreement which constitutes a five-member joint board comprised of the managers and/or administrators from the three towns and, on a rotating basis, a selectman and a citizen from one of the three towns. The first of its kind in the state, this arrangement is being observed closely by other New Hampshire communities that share some common element such as a school district. We are all hopeful that our arrangement becomes a model for others. Cooperation among the three communities has been admirable and is the key to the success of the tri-town relationship.

The Newbury office is staffed by myself; Dan Fitzgerald, assistant assessor; and Patricia Sweet-MacDonald, assessing coordinator, with assistance from Debbie Prussman and Shelly Candidus for which we are grateful. The main contact for questions or answers is Patricia. She is new to this assignment, but has been very quick to master the functions associated with the position. Dan is scheduled to be in Newbury on Tuesdays and I'm available on Mondays. On other days Dan and I will be rotating among the three communities, including additional days in Newbury.

I have more than 20 years' experience in the appraisal/assessment business, and Dan has about 15. We are both Certified New Hampshire Assessors. I think you will find the process now and in the future to be informative, open and professional.

What to expect for 2006:**2006 Market Update (a.k.a. Statistical Update)**

Since the 2003 revaluation, we have noticed that most properties in Newbury continue to sell above assessed value. By the end of 2003, properties were assessed for an average of 90% of their sale price. The market continued to improve and in 2004 properties were assessed for 77.4% of sale price. Sales in 2005 reflected a continued increase to overall market value compared to assessed value estimated to be about 70% .

We are in the process of reviewing market data and inspecting sale properties to determine whether any disproportionality exists between categories of property (i.e., waterfront, condominiums, commercial, or residential property), and whether an adjustment is required to bring the assessment of the entire town or any category of property to full market value. We expect to conclude the review and analysis by July and will mail out and publicize the new values shortly thereafter to allow for an informal review process between our office and you, the taxpayer. We will not set the 2006 tax rate until the statistical update is complete, so we cannot yet project the impact of this review on your overall property tax bill.

What you can expect from us in the future:

1. Every year we will conduct a physical inspection of a certain percentage of properties in town to continually improve the accuracy of our database. This means that at least every five years, all property in Newbury will be inspected.
2. Every year, we will conduct a market analysis to determine the current ratio of assessments-to-sales. If the analysis shows that the fair market value of property is

changing (i.e. either going up or coming down), we will adjust property values accordingly. This means that in a rapidly changing market environment, the assessed value of your property could change every year.

3. Every month we will inspect properties that sold during the previous month. Actual sales are the basis on which we conduct the annual market analysis, so the more accurate our database of sale properties, the more accurate the annual sales analysis will be. In the past, assessors inspected sale properties only during a revaluation or market update, so their inspection was often one or two years after a property sold. Monthly inspections will give us more information about the condition of the property when it actually changed hands (experience indicates that most properties undergo significant change close to the time of a sale).

4. We will be particularly diligent in reviewing any evidence of disproportional values between classes of property. All classes of property must be at the same proportion of fair market value.

5. We will notify you as soon as your property value changes due to construction, renovation, market update, or abatement. You won't have to wait until you get your tax bill to know how your value changed.

We will no longer conduct revaluations in the traditional way, on a town-wide basis every five (or more!) years. Going forward, the valuation of property will be a two-part process consisting of valuation and inspection.

Valuation: The assessment on your property is based on its market value as compared to other similar properties (i.e., what would your property sell for?). New Hampshire law (RSA 75:8) requires that we annually review and make adjustments to property value to reflect any change in market value. In the past, many towns and

cities simply had not conducted any market analysis until it was necessary to conduct a town-wide revaluation, a 10-15 year gap in many communities. To keep property assessments fair and proportional, towns should conduct an annual sales analysis and make necessary adjustments if a neighborhood or category of property is under- or over-assessed. We stress that any market adjustment will be made for a whole neighborhood or town and not for individual properties. We cannot, for instance, re-assess a property at \$500,000 simply because that property recently sold for that amount. This method is called “sales chasing,” and although it is followed in some states it is not allowed in New Hampshire.

Inspection: Since property value is based on market comparisons, the purpose of inspection is to be sure that the information we have about your property is accurate. We concluded that it would be more efficient to inspect 20-25% of property each year than to inspect all property in one year. The inspection itself will not result in a change of property value unless we pick up changes to your property or correct errors in our records. The inspection data will also be used for neighborhood market analysis, which may be used at a future date to adjust values. Inspecting a portion of the town each year allows us to manage the cost of inspection while minimizing the coordination and disruption of a mass revaluation and inspection.

The total grand list including exempt property is about \$551,697,771. Of the taxable property value, 43% is residential non-waterfront, 49% direct waterfront, 2% condominiums, and 6% commercial. There are about 21,908 acres represented by almost 2,512 separate and distinct parcels in Newbury. 6,780 acres, or 31% of the

landmass, are enrolled in the State of New Hampshire Current Use Program, which promotes open-space land.

This office is here to serve the taxpayer. We believe that transparency should be evident, openness is a must and customer service a top priority.

A special note for the security-minded: When our assessors are making property inspections, they will not ask to come into the home unless they had scheduled a prior appointment. Our assessors carry identification cards and their license plates are registered with the police department. They may knock at the door and ask you to verify data on the property tax card and may measure the exterior of the property. They will not ask to come into the house unless they had made prior contact with the property owner and were expected.

I look forward to working with you.

Norman Bernaiche, Assessor



Norman Bernaiche, Dan Fitzgerald and former assessor, George Bean

**Summary Inventory of Valuation
2005 Assessed Valuation**

Value of Land Only:			
	Acres	Valuation	Totals
Current Use	6780.39	\$ 1,054,710	
Residential	10365.62	\$261,344,558	
Commercial/ Industrial	1711.32	\$ 6,968,140	
Total of Taxable Land	18857.33		\$269,367,408
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable	3149.36	(\$30,237,382)	
Value of Buildings Only:			
Residential		\$225,565,680	
Manufactured Housing		\$ 348,300	
Commercial/ Industrial		\$ 19,507,320	
Total of Taxable Buildings			\$245,421,300
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable		(\$5,128,000)	
Public Utilities			
Electric			\$ 3,012,900
Water			\$ -
Valuation Before Exemptions			\$517,801,608
Blind Exemptions (Number: 0)			
Elderly Exemptions (Number: 8)		\$ 390,000	
Wood Heating Exemptions (Number: 6)		\$ 525	

Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions			\$ 390,525
Net Valuation on Which the Tax			
Rate is Computed			\$517,411,083
Revenues Received from			
Payments in Lieu of Taxes			
State & Federal Forest Land Recreation and/or Flood Control Lnd.		\$ 1,028	
Other (John Hay Nat'l Wildlife)		\$ 11,486	

Tax Credit

	Limit	Number	Tax Credit
Totally & permanently disabled	\$ 2,000	3	\$ 6,000
Vets., their spouses or widows, and widows of vets.	\$500	111	\$ 55,500
Total war service credits		114	\$ 61,500

Inventory of Town Property

Location	Assessed Value	Use
365 Bowles Road	89,000	sewer garage
Stone Wall Lane	16,600	vacant land
44 Pine St.	60,100	Blodgett Fire Stat.
Washington St.	6,100	vacant land
Washington St.	6,100	vacant land
34 Lake Ave.	62,400	pumping station
Park 10 Rd.	19,400	vacant land
927 Route 103	185,800	Bald Sunapee
933 Route 103	319,900	Library
937 Route 103	520,000	Town Office
Route 103	69,400	vacant land
Route 103A	668,900	Lakeside Cemetery
Off Route 103	2,800	vacant land
952 Route 103	567,800	Safety Services
967 Route 103	405,900	Town dock
977 Route 103	414,800	Train Station
Route 103	250,300	Adj. to Train Station
Route 103	573,200	Info Booth/Caboose
Lakeview Ave.	27,900	vacant land
Stoney Brook Rd.	18,700	cemetery
Baker Hill Rd.	21,500	cemetery
6 Stoney Brook Road.	3,400	vacant land
Chalk Pond Rd.	3,700	vacant land
Blodgett Brook Road	38,000	vacant land
Skytop Drive	14,800	vacant land
Bartlett Road	9,800	vacant land
Off Province Rd.	18,700	cemetery
Old Post Rd.	197,900	Fishersfield
Route 103	1,500	vacant land
Route 103	2,900	vacant land

Mountain Rd.	23,500	vacant land
Newell Rd.	26,700	cemetery
Pleasant View & South Rd.	33,800	cemetery
20 Sutton Rd.	110,900	old Highway shed
7 Sutton Rd.	37,300	Hearse House
137 Village Rd.	118,800	Grange Hall
Village Road	175,700	Sherman Hall
Village Road	13,400	vacant land
35 South Rd.	8,300	vacant land
Southgate Rd.	21,800	vacant land
Route 103	11,100	vacant land
Brookside Rd.	2,000	vacant land
201 Old Post Road	79,400	Transfer Station
Rt. 103, Old Province Rd.	40,000	vacant land
50 South Rd.	730,600	Highway Garage
50 South Road	34,400	adj. to Highway Garage.
Old County Rd. South	77,900	vacant land

Note: Vacant land includes dry hydrant locations, easements, retention ponds, etc.

Town Facilities Study

The Newbury Facilities Study group was formed as a sub-committee of the Planning Board in January 2005. Its purpose is to study town buildings and property and to make recommendations for their future use.

Three meetings were held and criteria were developed to rate these buildings as to structural soundness, present condition, present and future use, maintenance schedule, location, and historical significance.

Three Master Plan update (“vision”) workshops held during the summer and a recent town survey are providing much needed insight to the desires of the townspeople. All material will be coordinated and a final report will be made to the selectmen in the spring of 2006.

The buildings and properties under consideration are: Safety Services building, Veteran’s Hall and Bald Sunapee property in the town center, and in South Newbury the old town garage and salt shed, Grange Hall, Sherman Hall, Old Town Hall and Hearse House.

The committee recognizes the concern over rising costs to the taxpayer and must balance these concerns with the ever-increasing growth and expansion of the tax base. Therefore, it’s important to carefully evaluate the resources at hand to see how they can best help us meet the need for future services.

Members:

Betsy Soper, Chair
Bob Messenger
Tom Vannatta
Elizabeth Ashworth

Del Harris
Jane Gold
Gloria Whelan

Consultants:

Barbara Freeman

Pat Sherman



Grange Hall, Sherman Hall, and Old Town Hall, South Newbury.

Budget Committee

The town budget committee is responsible for the preparation of the town budget and its attendant warrant articles for the ensuing fiscal year. It meets in public session as a portion of the regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen's meetings from mid-November until the public hearing in February. It is comprised of the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, and several appointed residents of the community.

The committee thoroughly reviews the individual line-item budget proposals as submitted by each of the municipal departments, boards, trustees, and commissions. In most cases, the department head or representative chairpersons are present during their scheduled review session. During the procedure, the budget proposals undergo a comparative analysis with previous and current budgets. Following the review process, the proposals may or may not be altered by the consensus of the committee. The final budgets are then approved by the Board of Selectmen for presentation at the annual Town Meeting.

The Budget Committee hereby recommends passage of the budget and other warrant articles as submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

*Jim Powell, Richard Wright, Gary Budd, Ivor Freeman,
Betsy Soper, Tom Vannatta, Dennis Pavlicek*

Executive Council Report

2005 was an exciting year, as well as a year of change, in the executive branch of New Hampshire state government. John Lynch was inaugurated as our new Governor in January and had an immediate impact on the state with his “easy-going” and bi-partisan approach to the political process.

The New Hampshire Executive Council is a body consisting of five individuals who are elected from single member districts. Each district consists of approximately 220,000 citizens. The district I represent stretches from Milton, Somersworth and Rochester on the Maine border, through Concord, Franklin and New London in the central part of the state, to Walpole and Chesterfield on the Vermont border. The Executive Council’s two main responsibilities are to approve, by majority vote, any appointment the Governor wants to make to public office – from judicial appointees, to state department heads, to members of boards and commissions to which New Hampshire residents volunteer their services. Two outstanding appointments, in my opinion, that Governor Lynch made and the Council confirmed this past year were Dr. Lyonel Tracey as Commissioner of Education and Kelly Ayotte as Attorney General.

During 2005, the Governor and Council dealt with implementation of the E-ZPass system for our turnpikes. After a number of difficult decisions, we were able to implement the new system and had well over 200,000 E-ZPass transponders in use. This means that the turnpike system will be in solid financial shape and we should soon be able to make needed improvements to the

Spaulding Turnpike in Rochester as well as future improvements to the Everett Turnpike in Concord. In 2005, the Council presented its recommendations to the Governor for upgrades to the Ten-Year Highway Plan. The Governor will then submit the plan to the legislature for adoption. My only regret is the slow progress in building the Manchester Airport access road.

Another responsibility of the Governor and Council is to consider the requests for pardons that may be submitted to us for approval. In July, the Governor and Council unanimously denied the pardon request of Pamela Smart for the murder of her husband.

The Executive Council deals with a variety of state issues, as well as hundreds of appointments to state positions, most of them voluntary, every year. If you have any problems, questions or want to be considered for a position please do not hesitate to contact me at: The State House, Room 207, Concord, NH 03301. Tel. 271-3632.

Peter J. Spaulding

Newbury Public Library

The library had an interesting and eventful 2005.

The collection. At year's end, the library had 13,538 items on its shelves. During the year, 1,140 items were added and 389 withdrawn. The collection included 43 periodicals, 1,212 videos, and 612 audiobooks.

Patrons. The library had 1,341 registered patrons, including 208 libraries that have borrowed materials through interlibrary loan.

Patron visits and checkouts. The library had slightly fewer patron visits but slightly more checkouts than in 2004.

Patron Visits and Checkouts

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Patron visits	13,831	13,924	12,673
Checkouts	17,935	17,568	16,478

Interlibrary loan activity increased 11% from 2004 with the library borrowing 691 items from other libraries and lending 675.

Programs. The library offered the following programs during 2005:

•*Reading discussion series.* The library continued its New Hampshire author-led discussion series with the following programs, all very well attended and funded in part by the N.H. Humanities Council:

January: David Carroll, *Self-Portrait with Turtles*
February: Merle Drown, *The Suburbs of Heaven*

March: Rebecca Rule, *The Best Revenge*
April: James Patrick Kelly, *Think like a Dinosaur and Other Stories*
May: Robert J. Begiebing, *Rebecca Wentworth's Distraction*
August: Donald Hall, *The Best Day the Worst Day: Life with Jane Kenyon*

Five additional discussions were led by Bruce Marquis, Ken and Liz Tentarelli, Nancy Marashio, Susan Crickman, and Frank Perrotta.

•*Cultural programs.* Newbury poet Dianalee Velie again read a selection of her poems in April to celebrate National Poetry Month. In July, Stephen Cernek of Newbury gave a presentation on a modern day journey along the route of Lewis and Clark in Montana.

•*Summer reading program.* "Stories and Ice Cream for Hot Summer Days" was the summer's program for children in grades 1-5. It ran on Tuesday afternoons during July and August with book readings, craft activities, and ice cream. Liz Tentarelli and Beverly Wolf, both volunteers, conducted the program.

•*Preschool story hour.* Preschool story hour was held on all 52 Wednesdays in 2005. Average attendance was 11 children and 8 adults. The library staff read stories and engaged the children in coloring, cutting, and pasting projects.

•*Computer lessons.* Ken Tentarelli and Stu Hale, both of Newbury, offered free individualized computer and Internet lessons.

Friends of Newbury Public Library, Inc. The Friends, a nonprofit corporation, had 163 paid members for 2005. The Friends raised money to support the library through dues, donations, and a bake sale. At their

annual meeting in September, the membership re-elected its board of directors and elected Regina Almond-Albro president, Lee Fleming-Salt secretary, and Ken Tentarelli treasurer. The Friends gave the library a supply of DVD & CD boxes, a year's subscription to *The New Hampshire Union Leader* and *New Hampshire Sunday News*, a digital camera and rechargeable batteries, anti-virus software, 6 children's software packages, a sign with the library's hours visible from the parking lot, a stepladder, two computers and two printers, a universal power supply, and refreshments for all of the library's programs. In addition, they spent over \$600 for books, \$500 for audiobooks, and \$1,200 for videos. The Friends again conducted the library's Memorial Day book and bake sale, Fourth of July parade, and holiday tree lighting.

Volunteers. Volunteers helped with all aspects of library operations. Volunteers in 2005 were Mary Adams, Regina Almond-Albro, Tom Albro Jr., Dave Barden, Bob Bergeron, Robert Brown, Gary Budd, Stephen Cernek, Susan Crickman, Don Falkowski, Julia Falkowski, Paula Falkowski, Kelly Fayton, Lee Fleming-Salt, Craig Goodwin, Judy Hale, Stu Hale, Taylor Hunter, Lorraine Iacopino, Barbara Kamph, Suzanne Levine, Alice Lynn, Nancy Marashio, Bruce Marquis, Elijah Nelson, Hannah Nelson, Miriam Nelson, Frank Perrotta, Ken Tentarelli, Liz Tentarelli, Sharon Tentarelli, Dianalee Velie, Beverly Wolf, Dan Wolf, and Elizabeth Wolf. For the year, volunteers contributed over 842 hours of labor, or over 16 hours per week.

Disabled access. The library is wheelchair accessible, and delivers materials to the homebound upon request.

New library director. The trustees announced in December that Rosina Johnson will be the new library director, effective in January 2006.

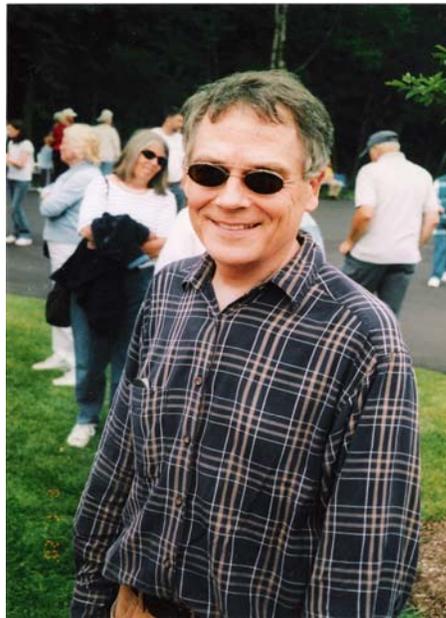
Visit your library. The trustees and staff invite the Newbury community to use the library. Most services are free. For more information, call 763-5803, or go to the library's web site: <http://newburylibrary.net/>.

Library Trustees

*Beverly Wolf, Chairperson
Paula Falkowski, Treasurer
Elizabeth Tentarelli, Secretary*

Librarians

*Alan Brown, Dir.
Alice Lynn
Meg Fearnley
Dave Barden
Hannah Nelson
Julia Falkowski
Kelly Fayton*



Alan Brown. Photo courtesy of Jim Myles.

Newbury Historical Society

There is not a lot of progress to report this year. John Grocott has organized and inventoried the Society's collection of Town Reports. We are missing only the report for 1909. The Society contributed \$500 to sponsor a celebration of John Hay's life at the Fells on the one hundredth anniversary of his death. The board discussed the preservation of Old Province Road between Cheney Road and Nelson Hill Road. A letter was written to the Planning Board asking them to help when reviewing subdivisions in the area.

Cataloging of the collection has been proceeding slowly. In fact, it has become evident that this task is too complex for a volunteer effort. We are now looking for a summer intern (library science major) or a professional curator to complete the job.

A continuing project involves creating a digital archive of old photos and documents. Through modern technology we can make high-quality copies without affecting the originals, and we can do it in the home or wherever one wants to meet. So far we have been able to copy old photographs from two postcard collectors and several families. This year we were able to copy photographs of all the past Grange masters. If you have old photos of people or places in Newbury that you would allow us to copy, please call the number below. In particular, we are looking for an original photograph of Town Hall in South Newbury. Tracy Messer's photo was lost before we had a chance to copy it.

Also we are looking for the Gillingham Bible that was brought to the 2004 annual meeting. We would appreciate a call from the owner.

The Society held its annual meeting in July in the Town Hall. The membership reelected incumbent directors Barbara Steward and John Grocott, and returning director Dennis Pavlicek for three year terms. The featured speaker was Tracy Messer who presented a talk and slide show entitled "Seasons of a Century: The Story of Sunapee Lake Grange".

Our membership now stands at 90, which includes 45 family memberships, 1 business membership, and 44 individual members. Among the individual members, 29 are lifetime members.

The Treasurer reports that at the end of our fiscal year, May 31, our working fund balance was at \$3485.77. Our conservation and preservation fund balance increased to \$1110.92. We have \$3300.00 in certificates of deposit, the interest from which pays the dues of the life members.

Our board of director meetings which are held about every two months are open to the public. We welcome anyone who wishes to sit in and listen or contribute. Contact a director or officer for dates.

The Historical Society collection is kept in Sherman Hall, South Newbury which is open to the public by appointment from April through October. Call Bill Weiler at 938-2892. Access to the collection may be arranged through other Board members as well.

William Weiler, President 938-2892

John Grocott, Vice President

Margaret Weiler, Treasurer

Barbara Steward, Secretary

Directors:

William Annable Tracy Messer

Joseph Cronin Dennis Pavlicek

Alice Lynn



*South Newbury Union Church
Photo courtesy of Maureen Rosen*

Center Meeting House

The Center Meeting House is being brought back to life. A year ago, a small group of individuals responded to an ad in the *Kearsarge Shopper* that asked if there was any interest in helping to restore the nearly 175-year-old building. Several individuals responded and met throughout the past year to plan for the task at hand.

One committee, under the direction of Margie Weiler, worked to secure IRS non-profit status. They wrote new by-laws and helped elect a slate of officers to direct the Center Meeting House. A second committee, Architecture and Restoration, headed by Bill Weiler, started planning for the physical work. Temporary repairs have been done and an architect has been hired. The Fundraising committee under the direction of Gloria Whelan and Mary Marzelli has begun the task of raising the several hundred thousand dollars that will be needed. The final committee is that of Education and Communication under the direction of Alice Lynn.

All of the volunteers have taken the time and effort to work on a restoration and use plan for one of Newbury's oldest buildings. We expect that over the summer you will see major activity as the exterior is brought back to its 1832 condition. The goal is to complete the work for the 175th anniversary of the Center Meeting House in 2007. If you have any interest in assisting, please contact any of the directors or committee members. Your help would be much appreciated.

*Charles Kennedy
Alice Lynn
Randy Messer
Claire Vannatta
Daniel Wolf*

*Virginia Kennedy
Mary Marzelli
Tracy Messer
William Weiler*



*Raised reverse pulpit in Center Meeting House.
Photo courtesy of Maureen Rosen.*

Transfer Station

The Transfer Station had another busy year, with peak activity during the summer months when we were glad to have a second compactor to handle the heavy volume. Our recycling efforts in conjunction with the Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA) are going well and proving to be a benefit not only to the town, but to the environment, as noted below:

Aluminum Cans: 5,136 lbs – conserved enough energy to run a television for 522,639 hours
Paper: 93 tons – saved 1,581 trees
Scrap Metal: 94 tons – conserved 94,000 lbs of coal.

In addition, our sale of baled cardboard amounted to 42 tons, netting the town \$2,232.

Note: This spring we will be adding a new container that will allow residents to recycle both tin cans and #1 and #2 plastics, co-mingled. We also plan to have a separate container for disposing of electronic components ready for spring use.

Admittance to the Transfer Station is now by hang tags on vehicles, issued yearly at the time of car registration or available from the Town Office for non-resident property owners. The tags carry your car license plate number and are designed to hang from the rear-view mirror on the vehicle. They can be kept in a convenient spot in the vehicle when not in use.

We are proud of our efforts to keep the Transfer Station area looking neat and organized, and thank you for your cooperation in this respect.

*Churchill Heselton, Chief Operator
Will Willis, Assistant*



Photo courtesy of Tom Nowell

Information Booth

Summer at the lake! Some days are warm and still. The lake is a smooth mirror, reflecting the trees and mountains around it.

Other days, there is a breeze ruffling the surface. When a storm is brewing, angry whitecaps roll down towards Newbury Harbor.

Our Lake Sunapee is a beautiful mix of moods. Visitors are charmed by the sudden vista as they round the corner at the harbor and the lake opens before their eyes. They come to the Information Booth hungry for an audience, eager to know more about this area. We are happy to fill their hands with brochures and their minds with ideas.

The hiking trails are equally popular with visitors as information about boating and swimming. We are fortunate to have the Conservation Commission Trail Maps.

For many visitors, our Information Booth is the first contact they have with Newbury and we are happy to share our enthusiasm and affection for this area.

Martha von Redlich, Jean Gaito, Jane Johnsen

Building Committee

The Building Committee wrapped up its official duties last spring, as the final touches were put in place on the renovated Town Office building and the staff was able to move from their temporary quarters in the new meeting room to clean and comfortable updated offices.

As the inside work drew to a close, meetings of the committee with Bruss Construction were replaced by meetings with our landscape architect, Doug Greiner, and Rick Rideout from Three Seasons Landscaping. The Building Committee evolved to include members of the Newbury Beautification Committee, and their energy and enthusiasm were a vital part in developing the plantings and placement of flowers around our new courtyard entrance. Special thanks to John Grocott who donated some of his prize heather for our enjoyment.

In late spring, the last brick was laid and the courtyard granite centerpiece was inscribed with the town seal. A cavity in the centerpiece was designed to hold a time capsule. Documents and items from the town archives, including a town report from 1905, a current town report, newspaper articles, pictures and other memorabilia pertinent to the town were assembled for inclusion in the time capsule, which was buried at our dedication ceremony on July 9th. The capsule is slated to be opened in 100 years, and we hope the celebration at that time equals the wonderful grand opening the town enjoyed last July. Hundreds of people turned out to enjoy the band and entertainment, sample the barbecue cooked by the selectmen, and feast on salads provided by the Beautification Committee. The Town Office was open for tours of our new lobby and meeting room, as well as

the renovated portion of the building. Public response was entirely positive, and there has been a steady request for use of the new meeting room for a variety of purposes from funerals to receptions, as well as neighborhood meetings. The spirit of our celebration is captured in many of the photographs in this report.

The Building Committee wishes to thank architect Peter Tennant, Bruss Construction, Three Season Landscaping, the Beautification Committee and Will Willis for their many fine contributions to this project. Thanks, too, to the Town Office staff and visitors for keeping town business a priority during the disruptive months that gave us such a fine outcome!

Barbara Freeman, Chair
Dennis Pavlicek
Shelly Candidus
Jane Gold
Elizabeth Ashworth

Jim Powell
Paul LaCasse
Linda Champy
Gerry Gold
Del Harris



Turning out for the Town Office grand opening.

Art in the Office

As part of our pride and pleasure in our new Town Office facility, we wanted to share our space with the community. It didn't take long to discover a wealth of talented residents who were willing to provide their art to enhance our waiting lobby, hallway and meeting room walls.

Several photographers have donated their pictures on a permanent or rotating basis, including Maureen Rosen (with thanks to her for our Town Report cover), Tim Hanson, Bob McGrath, John Warren, Shelly Candidus and Gerry Gold. Photos of historical interest have been donated by Ron Garceau of *SooNipi Magazine* and Dennis Pavlicek.

Our new large meeting room was built with a picture rail and we were happy to host a variety of exhibits during 2005. The "Art in the Office" series kicked off with paintings of Newbury scenes by Joe Cronin in June and July, followed by oils and watercolor paintings by Loa Winter in August and September, and oil and acrylic art by Eileen Griffin in the fall. From late October through the holidays, our fourth exhibit featured a variety of art from "Three Artistic Ladies" – paintings by Patricia Sweet-MacDonald and her pupil, Brooke Bewley, and stained glass by Veronica Schubert. We will continue the series this winter with a special exhibit of lithography and drawings by local artist John Brennan.

We are grateful for the opportunity to showcase such an abundance of local talent. Pictures of some of the art show openings appear in these pages, along with many donated photographs. If you would like to share your

artistic accomplishments with the public, please call the Town Office for more information.

Shelly Candidus, Program Coordinator



*Patricia Sweet-MacDonald welcomes Joy Nowell to her art show, "Three Artistic Ladies," at the Town Office.
Photo courtesy of Shelly Candidus*

Parks and Recreation

Parks and Recreation kept up its tradition of providing local swim lessons for area children under the careful and kind supervision of Nicole Wallace, our local Red Cross-certified swimming instructor. We continue to promote swimming instruction for all children and urge you to enroll them when they're young and not afraid of the water. If you are interested or know of a child that wants swim lessons, contact the Town Office in the early summer. Scholarships are available for lessons if needed.

Although we had lots of rain throughout the summer, the Concert Series on Thursday evenings enjoyed better weather than in past years. We were proud to pick up some new sponsors this year. We thank our sponsors for their support and hope our residents and concert-goers will give them their patronage. Barry Caravan, with help from his wife, Sally, organized and produced each show of the season. Their efforts are entirely volunteer and the total time committed to organize and run the concerts is staggering. Parks and Rec thanks them and all those friends that played the 50/50 raffle games during the concerts. Raffle proceeds will help fund our efforts to build recreation fields at Fishersfield Park.

Thanks also to Helga Thomas, who keeps the harbor area beautiful every summer day. Helga maintains the entire area around the train station by cleaning, raking, pruning, planting and watering the assorted gardens. She is on the job late in the day and early in the morning. Churchill Heselton and Will Willis assist in the harbor area doing heavy lifting, picnic table placement and trash removal.

This year Fishersfield Park benefited from considerable public service contributions from both local high school students and a Colby-Sawyer intern. The students cleaned up the park frontage along Old Post Road and planted flower bulbs at the roadside. The bulbs were donated by Carol Conforti-Adams, a member of the all-volunteer Fishersfield Management Team. Carol was also the driving force and grant writer responsible for our procurement of a \$100,000 matching grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Joe Jennings, an intern from Colby-Sawyer, focused on establishment of the trail network and identification of that network and the property boundaries using GPS technology. He did this work in tandem with Chuck Crickman, Fishersfield's trail coordinator, and with Dale Jones, his dog Spirit, and Harry Seidel, who simply enjoy the experience of trail clearing. This crew logged many hours using all kinds of assorted nippers, bow saws, weed whackers and brush cutters to make passage possible through very dense growth.

Chuck Crickman devoted much effort to mapping and identifying all the significant trail intersections and noting the signs that will be needed. The trails in Fishersfield Park will have permanent signs at each intersection to guide the public and enhance trail safety.

Eckman Engineering of Portsmouth, NH has provided volunteer assistance in helping us meet state requirements and recommending significant design elements in the development of Fishersfield Park. At the time of this writing they have nearly completed the engineering documentation needed to submit an application to DES for "Site Specific Approval." After

Parks and Rec received a grant from LWCF, we discovered that the scope of the Fishersfield project required regulatory review by DES to ensure proper management of rainwater run-off, as well as other environmental and civil engineering considerations. While the extra work has resulted in a delay in starting construction, the contributions by Eckman Engineering ensure that these considerations are being addressed properly and will ultimately add greater value to our investment.

Looking ahead, we anticipate a lot of work to be done in the development of Fishersfield Park. It is a complicated project, large in scope. The deadline for the completion of the six goals we have committed to is December 31, 2008. The goals include: multi-purpose recreation field; new access road and parking areas; volleyball court; snack shack and service building; network of four-season nature trails; and playground and picnic areas. In addition to the deadline for development of this project, existing Wetlands approvals for work in specific areas carry a deadline of June 5, 2008.

Finally, after years of devotion to Newbury's recreation initiatives, the time has come for a change. Newbury is a great place and I will always cherish the fun we have had and will proudly remember the accomplishments our volunteer recreation enthusiasts achieved. Regarding Fishersfield Park, we were able to gather consensus for using this town land for recreation and conservation purposes; we got Wetlands approval for the necessary improvements to enable the site's master plan; we competed for and received a \$100,000 grant for construction and facilitated the engineering work to see the project get its start. All of these achievements were

done through volunteer efforts and their work speaks volumes about their devotion to Newbury.

I thank all those I have had the pleasure to work with in town, especially the able and conscientious Town Office staff for their steadfast encouragement and superior service to me over many years.

Harry Seidel, Director



Sophia Rucker's diving style watched by summer swimming students. Photo courtesy of Lacy Cluff.

The Velie Memorial Fund

The Velie Memorial Fund, Inc. (VMF) is a non-profit corporation formed in 2003 in loving memory of Currie-Hill, Joseph IV and Jack Velie, for the purpose of contributing a children's recreational area to the townspeople of Newbury. To date, local residents and surrounding communities have contributed over \$90,000 to build a playground for the community to enjoy.

VMF has consulted with several playground and landscape designers; all concur that the playground designs the VMF envisions require a 10,000-square-foot, level, well-lit, safe and secure site. The town's selectmen have generously offered to provide this 10,000-square-foot level piece of property for the playground at the Fishersfield site located on Old Post Road. The selectmen are also willing to assume all costs for necessary land alterations.

We are delighted to report, based upon our successful discussions with the selectmen and the Fishersfield group, the VMF Board of Directors plans to build the playground at Fishersfield, provided that the Fishersfield project construction is well under way by spring of 2007.

Our current Board of Directors includes Dianalee Velie, Joe Velie III, Dexter Burley, David Fanning, Catherine Feeny, Rick Sharp and Holly von Svoboda.

*Respectfully submitted,
The Velie Memorial Fund, Inc.*

The Fells

Friends of the John Hay National Wildlife Refuge

The past year marked further growth in visitation, programming and membership at the former Hay Estate in Newbury. Known as The Fells, the 164-acre site on the shore of Lake Sunapee is owned by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. It is maintained and managed by a local nonprofit organization, the Friends of the John Hay National Wildlife Refuge, generally referred to also as The Fells.

2005 saw an increased number of visitors to The Fells. Nearly 5,000 guests were documented during peak times, as well as many others who passed through the gate while it was unattended. This increased number was in part due to a first-ever sculpture show, Gateway to Sculpture, featuring large contemporary sculpture on the grounds from July through Columbus Day. Opening with a gala July 2 evening of art, dinner and music, Sculpture events also included an inaugural sold-out Sunday brunch on July 10.

Other key events at The Fells during the year were:

- Garden Symposium May 7
- Gallery Art Show #1 May 27 opening
- Gallery Art Show #2 July 16 opening
- Artists Weekend July 16-17
- Writing on the Water August 8-9
- (co- sponsored with New England College)
- Plant Sale August 20
- Gallery Art Show #3 August 26 opening
- History Symposium August 27
- Volunteer Dinner October 5

From spring through fall, we hosted weekly trailwalks on Thursdays. Dozens of classes in history, horticulture and the environment were held at various times throughout the year. Numerous garden groups and other clubs visited, receiving personalized tours.

We continued in 2005 to work to expand programming for children. In June, all Hillsborough fourth graders visited The Fells for an exciting day-long field trip. The New Hampshire Audubon Society again ran a Fells day camp from late June through mid-August. In October and November, the Lake Sunapee Protective Association brought New London fourth graders to the site for watershed study.

Offsite, The Fells hosted two Lake Sunapee cruises, our traditional July historic cruise and a new October fall foliage cruise, fund-and-friend raisers for The Fells. In December, we sponsored a Holiday House Tour throughout New London.

Even in deep mid-winter, hikers and snowshoers visit The Fells daily. Many park in The Fells lot to ascend Sunset Hill, owned by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, which maintains an office in The Fells Gatehouse.

Fells membership now stands at 826 units (some individuals, most families), our highest number ever. Awareness of The Fells is growing locally and beyond. A July *Concord Monitor* article attracted many new visitors. The Fells was featured in the December 2005 issue of *New Hampshire Magazine*, highlighting 2004's Christmas at The Fells.

As usual, our three-person winter staff swelled in the summer, to a total of 12 employees, plus several others doing contract work. We also engaged three interns, two from Colby-Sawyer College and one from Cornell University. Our Landscape crew was particularly strong in 2005, allowing for great progress on the grounds. Supplementing staff labor, volunteers remain at the heart of The Fells, with 150 active in donating thousands of hours yearly in a wide variety of activities.

We appreciate Newbury residents as volunteer leaders and many more as members. In 2005, Newbury-ites Fay Barden, Susan Mayer, and Bob and Diana Morris served on our Board of Directors, filling four positions of nine. Our “Thank You, Newbury!” weekend was June 11 and 12, when town residents, employees and their families were invited to tour The Fells free of charge. We enjoyed the participation of the Newbury Beautification Committee at our annual August Plant Sale.

As The Fells’ second executive director, beginning my work in February of 2005, I am grateful for the support of the Town of Newbury and the positive relationship we share. My interactions with town personnel, by phone and in person, have been uniformly helpful. We appreciate Dennis Pavlicek as an ex-officio member of The Fells board, who always emails agendas and minutes of our board meetings. Newbury police officers have been consistently professional and courteous in the assistance they have provided during the year.

Late 2005 has been full of planning for 2006, when our focus will be “Around the Bend: Art, History and Ecology Along the Sugar River,” a gallery show with new landscape paintings by two local artists that opens

on June 30 and will be offered in conjunction with a variety of related educational experiences. Summer fundraising events will also center on Around the Bend. In the early fall, we hope to have school groups visit the exhibit and learn about local history. In addition to other annual on-site events, we look forward to Christmas at The Fells in November, for which public enthusiasm already appears strong, with a theme of Christmas Around the World.

The Fells is a collaborative organization, partnering with other nonprofits, educational institutions and the community. At any time, I welcome ideas and advice on how The Fells and the Town can best work together to serve both residents and visitors, for the benefit of all. Thank you for your partnership and support.

Karen Zurheide, Executive Director



*Gateway at the Fells
Photo courtesy of Maureen Rosen*

Newbury Beautification Committee

This, our second year, was a very busy one. In addition to planting and maintaining the flower boxes and barrels around town and the Chicken Farmer Rock plantings, we planted more lilacs. NBC members Judy Grocott, Ann McNamara, and Claire Vannatta worked with the landscape architect to coordinate the plantings at the new town office addition. Betty Spahl and several members installed 200 American flags for the 4th of July celebration. Other members fixed food and served at the town picnic for the town office dedication. Everyone worked on the Celebration Garden Project, and thanks to Linda St. Onge, Ann McNamara, and Linda West for coordinating it all.

To raise money for the Celebration Garden, members sold flower bulbs. Individuals could buy bulbs for their own use or buy daffodil bulbs for a “Celebration Garden” in Newbury which the members would plant. There will be a book in the town office with the names of the donors and who they wished to honor or what they wished to celebrate with their bulb donation. The committee members with the aid of the Adult Diversion people planted close to 5,000 daffodil bulbs in the field behind the town offices and along the road in front of the town-owned Bald Sunapee property. Ann McNamara gave a free class on forcing bulbs. As these potted bulbs are ready, they will be placed in town buildings.

After getting permission from PSNH to hang wreaths on their poles in “downtown Newbury,” Diana Morris and Claire Vannatta contacted Lynn and David Long of Captain’s 1st Choice to make wrought-iron brackets to

attach to the phone poles. The Longs generously made and donated the brackets.

In addition to the wreaths hung on the new brackets, greenery and wreaths were used to decorate the Vets' Hall, Center Meeting House, and Town Office. A tree donated by the Bensleys of Between the Mountains Farm was placed and lighted in the Gazebo.

We appreciate all of the town's support and thank all those who planted, watered, weeded, and cooked. Please join us. Together we can have fun and make Newbury even more beautiful.

Joy Nowell

For information or to join the NBC, call Bonnie Guterl (763-2840) or Joy Nowell (938-6054).



Newbury Beautification Committee members digging in..

Report of the School Board

While much effort has been expended in maintaining our facilities, some are beyond their useful life. The Middle School in New London is nearly 65 years old and the time to replace it is long overdue. After two failed attempts to pass a bond, the School Board hopes that this will be the year. Our students desperately need a new school and I urge you to vote for the bond and also to vote to have the school located in Sutton at the site recommended by both the Budget Committee and the School Board.

In the face of ever-shrinking state and federal support, the cost of education has continued to increase. The broad spectrum of students – from the gifted and talented to those with special needs—has made the challenge even more difficult. New unfunded mandates force the taxpayer to pick up even more of the burden. The citizens of Newbury continue to support our School district and have been rewarded with very positive results.

Kearsarge Regional High School had the lowest drop-out rate of any school in our area. The extra effort of Principal Carl Fitzgerald and his staff have brought students back into the classroom by instituting an adult diploma program in the evenings. Those who decide to enter the work force before receiving their diploma can return at night and in a small class setting complete their requirements.

Our test scores continue to improve. The district's educational plan is in place and we are ahead of schedule in most areas of meeting the goals. Those areas that need

improvement have been identified and are getting the necessary attention. We are graduating well-rounded students who are better able to take on the challenges of today's complex world.

In closing, I would again ask you to support the new Middle School and locate it in Sutton. As always, I am available to answer any questions or concerns that you may have.

*Daniel H. Wolf, Newbury Representative
Kearsarge Regional School Board*



*Visitors discuss a Loa Winter painting.
Photo courtesy of Shelly Candidus*

Cemetery Trustees

The Marshall Cemetery Project was our principal effort of this year. In April the trustees prepared the site for the stone wall and took down the old wire fence. In May, Charles Duncan began the country-style stone wall incorporating the Felton grant, at the top of the hill, into the cemetery to provide a turnaround and sites for cremains. The wall was finished by early June and the trustees raked and seeded all disturbed areas. Later, a new cemetery sign was erected near the entrance. American Fence of Hooksett was the successful bidder for the attractive gate which was installed in August. In September the trustees reset the entrance retaining wall, spread new loam, and seeded the very front area of the cemetery. We anticipate a 2006 warrant article to the voters to provide the finishing touch of surfacing the road in Marshall Cemetery.

This year we contracted with Keene Monument to reset and repair another section of monuments in South Newbury Cemetery. Two days in early October were spent on repair and resetting of stones and another day and a half were needed to complete the cleaning of nearly 100 stones. Our highway department assisted by providing a tank of water on the first day. Cleaning had to be postponed for a week due to area flooding.

Trustee Charles Crickman has concluded research of the Simons family and has established conclusively that Simeon Simons is our lonesome soldier buried in Sutton Road Cemetery. Revolutionary War records indicate that Simeon served from April of 1775 to February of 1777 during which time he fought at the Battle of Bunker Hill. The trustees plan to erect a military marker in his honor

next year. Last year, the grave site's stonewall boundary was restored.

The Hepzibah Gillingham monument was repaired and returned to its proper place in the Gillingham Cemetery on August 16. Interestingly, Hepzibah Gillingham's daughter, Hepzibah, married Simeon Simons's son, Moses.

Rules and Regulations for Cemeteries were revised again in May after considerable scrutiny and careful review. Copies are available at the Town Office. The CIP plans were submitted for the next period, 2006-2011.

Several violent storms brought down very large trees in Lakeside and Chandler but fortunately caused no damage to graves or markers. However, budgeted amounts intended for new plantings had to be diverted instead for the necessary tree removal.

Much time was spent on a review of our finances, especially the trust funds and perpetual care accounts. The cemetery trustees do not manage trust fund investments but we do have oversight of the accounts in order to determine that all income and expenditures are properly allocated.

This year we had a record number of burials (16) and setting of monuments (8) and markers and a demand for plot sales as well.

The Trustees are indebted to numerous individuals who helped in a variety of ways on our many projects. Those that we wish to thank especially include Elaine and John Warren, Mark and Monica Cashin, Holly von Svoboda,

Ed and Mary Ann White, John Grocott, Cal Prussman,
Al Bachelder, and Charlie Hosmer.

*Mary Bachelder, Chairman
Doris Morrow, Charles Crickman*



Tim Mulder and Will Willis hold the restored Gillingham headstone. Photo courtesy of Mary Bachelder.

Planning Board

As in the past few years, this year has been extremely busy for the Planning Board. We have had an increase in our caseload and we have begun updating the Town's ten-year Master Plan. We have also proposed amendments to the Building Code and the Zoning Ordinances.

Land-use Board Assistant Lacy Cluff left us to care for her lovely new daughter, Mya. She continues to act as our recording secretary and is also an alternate Planning Board member. Fortunately, we found a very capable replacement for Lacy, Patricia Sweet-MacDonald, who is our new Land-Use Board Assistant. Thank you, Patricia, for stepping up to the plate and doing such a great job. Travis Dezotell was elected full Board member after spending a year as an alternate. Clay Rucker became the new ex-officio member for the Selectmen. They are both great additions to our team.

In its regulatory capacity, the Planning Board has reviewed (or is reviewing) and taken action on the following:

- 4 Annexations and/or lot line adjustments.
- Minor Subdivisions
- 3 Major Subdivisions (some still in the review and hearing process)
- 10 Site Plan Reviews
- Public Hearing for a Permit to cut trees on a Designated Scenic Road.
- 7 conceptual reviews
- 1 lot merger

In the Town of Newbury Master Plan of 1997, town residents expressed a strong desire to preserve the rural character of the town. In 2004 the Board made changes to Newbury's zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations to protect that character. Newbury residents approved the zoning changes in 2005.

The revised ordinances and regulations regulate the density, distribution and the building envelope of development and construction within the Residential District. The zoning ordinances are innovative. Rather than designating multiple zoning districts within the Rural Residential District, the minimum lot size and maximum density for a site is based upon the unique characteristics of that parcel of land. The ordinances take into account Steep Slopes, Aquifers, Wetlands, Flood Plains and Deer Wintering Areas as well as road access and proximity to protected open space.

This has been the first year the Board has worked under the revised ordinances and subdivision regulations. We are pleased that they address concerns about how development impacts our land. Recent development proposals include increased open space as part of the subdivision. Wetlands, steep slopes and deer yards are protected. Development density is decreased in areas where the land is inappropriate for construction. We are still learning how effective the new regulations will be in protecting our environment and the scenic beauty of Newbury. We will revise them as needed in the future.

Planning and Regulatory Work:

The full Planning Board met the first Tuesday of each month to work on the Master Plan and amendments to

the Building Code and Zoning Ordinances. These meetings were in addition to regular business meetings.

Background data for the Master Plan has been collected and tabulated by the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC). Ken McWilliams of the UVLSRPC presented this data to the Board and the joint Boards.

During the summer the Board hired a special consultant to conduct “visioning” workshops for the Master Plan. The summer was chosen in order to include summer residents. Ken McWilliams presented census data for the town. Jeff Taylor, the prior head of the Office of State Planning, did a fantastic job leading the Newbury residents to a consensus “vision” for the future of our town. The publicly advertised visioning sessions took three half-day Saturday sessions. About thirty-five residents attended each session -- a good turnout considering the alternative was the beach or the boat! A “vision” for the town is a state-required part of the Master Plan.

Finally, using input from the workshops, the Planning Board and UVLSRPC have crafted a resident survey that will collect additional input from Newbury residents concerning their preferences for the future of the town. We will be sending the survey out in January with returns due in February.

Other work associated with our regulatory functions completed in the past year includes:

Additional Zoning Ordinance Amendments to clarify language and definitions and bring them in line with recent court decisions.

Changes to the Building Regulations to authorize the Selectmen to update building permit fees.

Other Planning Accomplishments:

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP): led the updating process of the CIP for the current year to help guide the Selectboard's budgetary process. Special thanks go to the CIP Committee: Ivor Freeman (Chair), Ken McWilliams (UVLSRPC), Dennis Pavlicek (Town Administrator), Clay Rucker for the Selectmen, David Thayer, Bill Weiler, Ron Williams and Dan Wolf.

Future Planning Efforts:

The Planning Board will continue to work on the Master Plan update. If you would like to become involved in this effort, please contact one of the board members listed below or Patricia Sweet-MacDonald in the Town Office.

In Appreciation:

Throughout the year the Board has appreciated citizen participation in public hearings for various projects. The input has been invaluable and has helped enormously in the board's decisions. We wish to thank you and to encourage your continued support and participation. If anyone would like to become a member of the board, please contact any board member.

Special thanks to Betsy Soper for helping us with a town building assessment with Deane Geddes and to Tom Vannatta for providing insight from the Zoning Board.

We would also like to thank Ken McWilliams of the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) for his expert assistance in his capacity as the Board's planning consultant.

Lastly, this volunteer board spends an enormous amount of time reviewing plans, researching and visiting sites, attending meetings, researching and crafting legislation and working on the Master Plan to ensure that Newbury is a better place to live and that all applicants are treated as fairly as possible. Please join me in thanking them for their service to our community. Our Planning Board members for 2004-2005:

Al Bachelder, Lacy Cluff (alternate and secretary), Travis Dezotell, Deane Geddes (alternate), Clay Rucker (ex-officio), David Thayer, William Weiler (Vice Chair), Ron Williams.

Barbara Freeman ,Chair

Zoning Board of Adjustment

The ZBA is a quasi-judicial municipal board that is granted authority by the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated 673, 674, and 676 to carry out specific functions. It operates as a 'relief valve' to allow the zoning ordinances to work to avoid unconstitutional taking of private property and unnecessary hardship in the application of the ordinances in individual cases. It seeks to interpret the purpose of the ordinances in the public interest, while protecting individual property owners from unfairness and hardship in the application of the ordinances.

2005 was another busy year for the volunteer members and alternates of the ZBA. The ZBA usually meets on an as-needed basis to conduct hearings on applications submitted by property owners. Prior to each hearing, ZBA members individually review the applications and make every effort to visit the property of concern. Thus members can make responsible decisions based upon their understanding of the ordinances and the unique features of the property. The following hearings were held and the actions taken:

- 12 ZBA hearings were held during 2005.
- 5 Variances were granted as presented.
- 2 Variances were granted with conditions.
- 2 Variances were denied.
- 1 Special Exception with conditions was granted.
- 1 Special Exception was withdrawn by the applicant.

- 2 Equitable Waivers of Dimensional Requirement were granted.

The ZBA held one non-hearing work session and also met with the Selectmen and Planning Board in a joint session. Five members and alternates attended planning and zoning conferences hosted by the New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning. In addition, the ZBA was represented at the town Summer Informational Meeting and at the master plan visioning sessions hosted by the Planning Board.

As Chair of the ZBA, I would ask for your support on the proposed additions and amendments to the existing zoning ordinances. The amendments will help to clarify the determination of the development density process, align local variance criteria with that of recent Supreme Court decisions, and provide standards for the ZBA to consider when hearing a request for an Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Requirement.

Finally, I would like to thank the members and alternates who have and continue to serve on the ZBA. They have given freely of their time and efforts in the performance of their assigned responsibilities. They have been a pleasure to work with and are individual assets to the town of Newbury.

*Thomas W. Vannatta, Chairperson
Betsy Soper (Vice Chair), Katheryn Holmes,
Tanya McIntire, Ernie Pagragan,
Alex Azodi, William Cluff, Helen Wright, Patricia Sweet-
MacDonald, LUBA, and Lacy Cluff, Secretary*

UNH Cooperative Extension Merrimack County

One in four New Hampshire residents took advantage of at least one University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension program last year.

Our programs offer non-formal education in parenting, family finances, food safety, home gardening, 4-H (including clubs, camps, special interest programs and after-school programs) for children and teens, nutrition education for low-income families and life-skill development for welfare recipients. Merrimack County Extension staff provides education to forest landowners and commercial farmers that helps keep their enterprises profitable, while preserving open space and protecting natural resources. This is important to community members because studies show that open space helps keep property taxes low.

Merrimack County extension educators also work extensively with towns and school districts – organizing and advising after-school programs, helping school and town groundskeepers maintain athletic fields, landscaped areas, and town forests, as well as providing guidance to community boards on current use and other issues.

Merrimack County Extension provides factsheet notebooks to all town libraries and produces monthly “Coffee Chat” radio segments on WKXL radio, which offer information to residents throughout the station’s listening area.

UNH Cooperative Extension operates a statewide toll-free Info Line at our Family, Home and Garden

Education Center, staffed Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (1-877-398-4769). Last year, we handled more than 800 requests from Merrimack County residents. Extension also distributes a wide range of information from our Website: www.extension.unh.edu.

Finally, UNH Cooperative Extension trains and supports a large corps of volunteers: 4-H leaders, master gardeners, wildlife coverts, community tree stewards, water quality monitors, and others who extend the reach of Extension programs into many domains of New Hampshire life. If volunteer opportunities interest you, please call Merrimack County Extension office at 225-5505 or 796-2151, or stop by the office at 315 Daniel Webster Highway in Boscawen next to the County Nursing Home on Route 3.

Gillian Hodges Rapp, Natural Resources Secretary



Suzanne Levine and Rep. Ricia McMahon with Joe Cronin at his art show at the Town Office. Photo courtesy of Shelly Candidus.

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission

Through UVLSRPC membership, the 27 cities and towns of the Upper Valley, Sullivan County and Lake Sunapee area strive to ensure that the growth of the region does not lower the quality of life, and that it enhances rather than threatens our healthy economy. Regional planning provides a mechanism for communities that live and work together to collaborate on issues of common concern, such as transportation, emergency preparedness, economic development, housing and resource protection. Your community's active participation in UVLSRPC provides you with a voice in regional activities, as well as in decision-making at the state level that affects the future of your community.

Each year we try to address the highest priority needs of each area of the region, while balancing the differing concerns of larger and smaller communities. Some highlights of the past year:

- Worked with state agencies to ensure that the needs of our region's communities are understood and addressed. Specific activities included: facilitated sessions for local input to State Development Plan and NH Department of Transportation's long-range plan; reviewed growth projections for state traffic model; participated in work group studying sprawl in NH and effectiveness of state smart-growth policies; worked with other regions on educational material on principles of good planning for NH and legislative priorities.

- Promoted our Region's priorities in development of state's transportation improvement budgets, and assisted municipalities and public transit providers with applications for transportation grant funds.
- Represented member communities on Mount Sunapee Ski Area Advisory Committee; conducted review of expansion plans; facilitated regional discussions and opportunities for public comment.
- Completed Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for Sullivan County to increase eligibility for federal funding for economic development and infrastructure improvements. Developed GIS database of Sullivan County industrial and commerce parks. Continued to collaborate with economic development partners in Grafton County.
- Partnered with Lake Sunapee Protective Association to help communities collaborate on watershed management plan by forming Sunapee Area Watershed Coalition.
- Wrote, published and distributed "Planning for New Hampshire's Housing Needs: A Primer for Local Officials."
- Organized three hazardous waste collections in which 789 households participated to keep over 4,000 gallons of hazardous chemicals out of the region's groundwater.

- Facilitated 6 roundtable discussions for municipal representatives to discuss and get advice on issues of common concern.
- Assisted 13 communities with updates of local master plans, 10 with conservation planning efforts, 9 with zoning amendments, 7 with updates to subdivision or site plan review regulations, and 2 with capital improvement programs.
- Conducted traffic counts in 14 communities, and brought the number of communities with completed road inventories up to 16, ensuring that full state aid for maintenance is received.
- Conducted hazard mitigation planning in 8 communities as required for continued eligibility for federal disaster assistance and hazard mitigation funds. Assisted 4 with review of National Flood Insurance Program compliance. Began assisting Sullivan County communities with process to adopt new floodplain maps to ensure residents' continued eligibility for flood insurance.
- Assisted 6 communities with review of proposed developments.
- Completed special projects to address local needs, including E911 readdressing in Claremont and New London Parking Study.

- Continued emphasis on informational programs and training for local officials including law lecture series and bi-monthly programs on topics such as NH Energy Policy - What it Means for Communities, Outdoor Lighting, and Striking the Balance Between Preservation of Rural Character and Growth - What is the Public Interest.
- Responded to day-to-day requests from local board members and staff for guidance on, e.g., subdivision review process, earth excavation regulations, growth management, impact fees, development on unmaintained roads, regulation of accessory apartments and buildings, and emergency zoning.
- Provided technical assistance to regional partner organizations, e.g., Advance Transit, Community Transportation Services, Upper Valley Transportation Management Association, Connecticut River Joint Commissions, Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee, Lake Sunapee Protective Association, Cold River Local Advisory Committee, and Upper Valley Land Trust.
- Maintained website - www.uvlsrc.org - to share information on planning issues and events, and kept library current with the latest technical guidance, planning literature, and sample regulations; responded to numerous requests for information from local officials, businesses, residents, libraries, school districts and other area organizations.

- Participated in professional development activities to ensure planning staff stays up-to-date on best practices, emerging topics, GIS, and changes in NH land use law and federal funding programs of benefit to communities.

We look forward to continuing to serve the needs of the region in the coming year. We count on feedback from the commissioners appointed by each community, as well as local officials and residents, to ensure that our work program focuses on those regional issues that are of the highest priority to you. Please contact us at (603) 448-1680 or email me at tbamford@uvlsrpc.org to share your thoughts.

Tara E. Bamford, Executive Director



Jim Powell and Dick Wright enjoy dessert at the Town Office Holiday Party. Photo courtesy of Shelly Candidus.

Police Department

The Police Department has seen its share of change during the past year, not the least of which has been with its personnel. The search for a new Police Chief came to a close with my appointment in August. Special thanks should be extended to Henry Thomas, Glen Drewniak, and Brad Wheeler who worked so hard to keep the Department running during the search for a new chief.

Glen Drewniak was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, and Brad Wheeler was promoted to Corporal. Our part-time staff now includes six officers with the addition of E. Buddy Rowe and Jonathan Ciavola, who have accepted full-time positions with area departments and will continue to work part-time here in Newbury. We would also like to congratulate part-time Officer E. Neill Cobb who graduated the full-time Police Academy. Neill will be staying on part-time as well while he works at Sunapee. Hank Thomas, Jodi Bailey, and Warren Foote continue to serve the Town on a part-time basis.

A lot of words have been spoken about Newbury's growth, both past and potential. The people here know that Newbury is the best place in the world to live, and it seems the word on this has leaked out. With a large portion of the town ripe for development, and a surge in housing and population becoming the norm, the Police Department is ready to meet the future's challenges. Some of the changes we have made can be seen, while others may not be so apparent.

Here are some of the changes implemented during the last four months of the year:

* Our web-site (www.newburynh.org) has been updated. We've added some commonly requested links, and intend to further evolve the look and information available there.

* Case clearances are up. Burglary and theft cases are being closed out, and more arrests are being forwarded to the County Attorney for prosecution. The end of the year has also shown stepped up traffic enforcement, with a marked increase in DWI cases being filed.

* The department has altered its scheduling philosophy, adding more patrol officers during peak service times, and using traffic and call statistics to guide the deployment of resources. Scheduling will continue to change as the needs of the town change.

* Three new laptop computers have been purchased with a full array of accessories, and came at half the cost that had been originally projected. Time savings aside, the information available to the officers will be invaluable. These computers will allow the officers to take the office computer database with them into the field, make updates/changes, and add those updates to the master files without entering the information over again. These machines also include hardware that allow them to act as full desktop computers as well, which has allowed us to use the existing systems in other needed areas without having to buy more equipment. Expect to see more changes in this area in the coming year.

* We have added an emergency telephone to the front lobby area serving both the Police and Fire Departments. If police or fire help is needed, and the office is not staffed at the time, rest assured that we're there for you. Simply lift the receiver and press the red button! Instantly you'll be connected to our 24-hour dispatch center who will see that your need is met without delay.

If you have trouble remembering the procedure, we've even written it on the phone!

* For those folks who don't know where we are, we've fixed that as well. Our new entry door that faces the intersection of Routes 103 and 103A is installed and complete with new lettering and emblem. It looks great, and it's reflective at night, making it easy to find us!

* New uniforms will help to identify Newbury officers in the crowd, and new materials should keep them comfortable during all seasons.



Police Chief Bob Lee, wife Inga, and triplets, Kelsey, Foster & Devon

In closing, we extend heartfelt thanks to the community. The understanding, support, and enthusiasm shown to the members of this organization have had a tremendous

positive impact. The level of service will grow as we strive to meet the increased demands of the community. We're looking forward to Newbury's future – together!

Chief Bob Lee

Sergeants Henry Thomas and Glen Drewniak

Corporal Brad Wheeler

Officers E. Neill Cobb, Jodi Bailey, Warren Foote,

E. Buddy Rowe and Jon Ciavola

Administrative Assistant Deborah Lacombe

Police Department Calls for Service, 2005

Death/Suicide	2
Drunk	7
Sexual Assault	1
Indecent Exposure	2
Rape	1
Assault	7
Harassment	4
Criminal Threat	1
Criminal Trespass	7
Criminal Mischief	24
Burglary	10
Shoplifting	0
Theft	56
Auto Theft	0
Fraud	1
Fraud-Bad Checks	3
Property-Found	18
Property-Returned	4
Property-Lost	23
Protective Order, Incident	5
Domestic Dispute	22
Disturbance	11
Shots Fired	1
Weapons Permits	27
Harassing Communications	11
Disorderly Conduct	1
Drugs/Possession	1
DUI	19
Driving on Suspension/Revocation	6
Open Container	0
Liquor Law Violations	1
Parking Violations	21
Traffic Offense – Warning	802

Traffic Offense – Citation	175
Traffic Offense – Arrest	13
Motor Vehicle Check	13
Traffic Complaint	43
Traffic Crash/Personal Injury	5
Traffic Crash/Property Damage	40
Traffic Crash/Non Reportable	20
OHRV Accident	1
OHRV Complaints	3
Reckless Driving	1
Joy Riding	0
Defective Equipment Tag	1
Littering-Illegal Dumping	5
Animal-Complaint/Unlicensed	19
Animal-Vicious	1
Animal-Cruelty	3
Animal-Stray	54
Animal-Nuisance	9
Animal-Bite	1
Animal-Livestock Complaint	2
Animal-Wild	9
Neighborhood Disputes	1
Noise Disturbance	7
Assist – Fire/Police	24
Assist – Newbury Fire	53
Assist – Medical/Rescue	18
Assist -- In-County Police	74
Assist – Out-of-State Police	0
Assist – Town Office	8
Assist – Public Works/EOC	5
Assist – Social Service Agencies	3
Assist – Court	4
Public Safety Response	2
Alarm – Bank	1
Alarm – Business/Public Buildings	50

Alarm – House	103
911 Hang-up	26
Missing Person	6
Juvenile Complaint	2
Juvenile Runaway	0
Truancy	0
Fireworks Permit, incidents	9
Citizen Requested Assistance	94
Welfare Check	32
Stranded Motorist	24
Abandoned Vehicle	5
M/V Unlock, Residential Lockout	11
Road Hazard/Obstruction	35
VIN Inspection	12
Manner of Operation	5
Ride Along	7
Fingerprints/School, Ins/Other	20
Civil Issue/Stand-by	27
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Incident	32
Open Door/Window/Gate	4
Selective Enforcement Request	32
Police Information	52
House Check Request	34
Building Check-Business	365
Building Check-Public	166
Building Check-Residential	100
Warrant-Criminal	6
Paper Service/Relay	56
Case Follow-up/Internal Affairs	19
Sexual Offender Registration	5
Total Calls	3056

Newbury Fire Department

Fire and Rescue calls increased 34 percent to 180 in 2005. These calls are detailed below. The time spent by personnel went up 22 percent.

This year we applied for a grant to purchase 20 sets of protective gear and 10 Scott breathing apparatus units. In August we were awarded this grant. This started the process of putting the future purchase out to bid. Once the vendor was chosen, the Scotts were ordered and due for delivery in January of 2006. The firefighters then had to be measured by the chosen vendor for the protective gear and this order is due for delivery in March 2006.

A reminder that house numbers have to be visible day and night from the road. If the house sets back from the road, the number has to be placed at the end of the driveway. We respond to some calls and have difficulty finding the house because of the lack of a posted number.

I would like to thank the officers, members and citizens for their support of the Newbury Fire Department.

Department Officers:

Assistant Chief

David Smith

Captain

Kevin Walker

Lieutenants

Ken Burnell, Jen Smith,

Jamie Bechok, Mike

Bascom

Clerk	Ken Holmes
Treasurer	Robin Parkhurst
Communications	David Kinsman
Medical	Pam Drewniak
Standing Committee	John Croteau, Colin Nelson, Mike Meninno

Department Calls 2005

Auto Accident	21
Boat Rescue	4
Falls/Trauma	13
Mutual Aid	14
Chimney Fires	1
Fuel Spill	4
Cardiac Problems	3
Smoke/Odor Problems	18
False Alarm	22
Respiratory Problem	3
Vehicle Fire	0
In-House Medical	53
Brush Fire	0
Structure Fire	2
Natural Death	3
Search & Rescue	3
Wires Down	9
Service Call	7
Untimely Death	0
Total	180

Henry Thomas, Jr., Fire Chief

Bradford Rescue Squad

The Bradford Rescue Squad enjoyed a great year in 2005, and we wish to thank the many people in the Squad and in the area who donated time and money to make it that way.

In August we took delivery of our new ambulance, and we can now provide our patients with better care and comfort (and a smoother ride!). While we had a variety of calls in 2005 and we were proud to assist a number of patients, perhaps the most memorable was the birth of a baby in our ambulance – an incredible experience.

We also welcomed several new members to the Squad this year; we are very fortunate to have a skilled and cohesive group and invite you to join us. This is a terrific group of volunteers and I personally want to thank the members of the Bradford Rescue Squad for their dedication and generosity and for making 2005 such a great year.

Deborah Bede, Captain

Forest Fire Warden

Plenty of rain this past fire season, especially in the fall, kept the fire danger very low. We issued permits without interruption once we had our spring green-up after the snow disappeared. The number of permits issued were up, especially campfire permits, which do require an open-burning permit and which may be issued for the season.

I had many questions with regards to chimenea-type outside fireplaces. I treat these the same as a campfire pit and apply the same rules. A permit is required and may be issued for the season.

There were just a few incidents to report. Illegal (without a permit) burning happens most often in the spring, when people clean their yards. I did receive a couple of reports from the Kearsarge Tower which I was able to track down. It is quite impressive what they can spot from such a distance, as these illegal burns were very small. Also, please watch the wind even if you are burning with a permit. Conditions can change suddenly and it may be necessary to extinguish your fire.

Thank you to the people of our town for your continued concern and understanding in keeping Newbury a fire-safe community. Thank you to the Deputy Wardens for their continued assistance and training efforts. The Newbury Fire and Police Departments and New London Dispatch are also part of this team that makes our efforts work.

David G. Smith, Warden (603)938-5925

State Forest Ranger

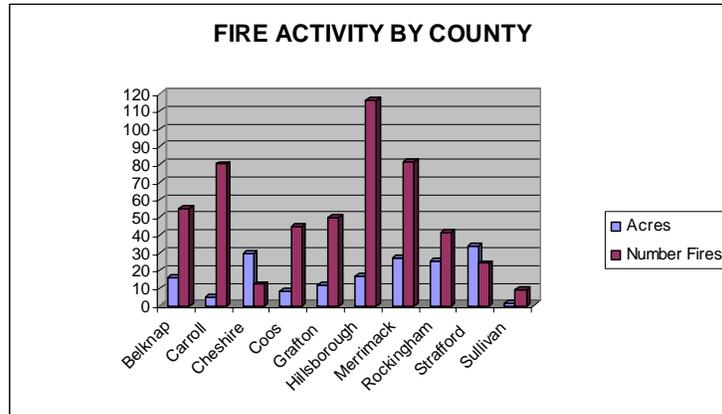
Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing any outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The NH Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Contact the local fire department, or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2217, or online at www.nhdfl.org.

Fire activity was high during the first several weeks of the 2005 fire season, with red-flag conditions issued by the National Weather Service and extreme fire danger in the southern and central portions of the state. This period of increased initial attack activity prompted a 5-day ban on open burning, the first such ban in several years. Despite the dry conditions, the state's largest wildland fire was contained at 29 acres. Our statewide system of fire lookout towers is credited with keeping the fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Fires in the wildland urban interface damaged 10 structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home.

Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2005 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 4, 2005)



<i>Causes of Fires Reported</i>	<i>Fires</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Arson	2	174
Campfire	34	147
Children	29	100
Smoking	40	187
Debris	284	
Railroad	1	
Equipment	7	
Lightning	5	
Misc.*	111 (*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)	

Code Enforcement

2005 was a busy year for the building trades and for the Newbury Building Inspector. A total of 113 permits were issued and, as in past years, the permits were for a variety of projects:

- 22 houses/dwellings
- 23 additions or renovations
- 28 garages
- 18 porches
- 29 decks
- 9 sheds
- 1 swimming pool
- 15 electric
- 5 demo
- 3 plumbing
- 4 commercial properties

Permits are needed for demolition as well as building. Permits are required for all sheds, whether permanently affixed to the ground or not. Permits for sheds that are on blocks or skids and are less than 200 square feet are issued at no charge. Permits are also required for any alterations to existing structures, including removing inside walls, moving windows, and updating or relocating electric or plumbing systems. New or replacement heating systems also require permits. If you have any questions about whether a permit is needed for your project, please call me at 763-4940 or e-mail me at paul@newburynh.org.

As of December 16, 2005, a new building fee schedule went into effect. The fee schedule is available at the

Town Office or on the town web page at www.newburynh.org. A new building permit application form is also now in use. It contains much of the same information as the former application, but has been updated to include the latest town requirements and has been designed to provide all the needed information on one double-sided page, with what we hope are easy steps to follow. Incidentally, to answer a frequently asked question, setbacks from a structure to the property line are measured from the edge of the roof, not the foundation.

I continue to find the residents and builders in Newbury a pleasure to work with. There seems to be general agreement that building and code regulations are for the protection and benefit of the property owner and the town as a whole. Have a prosperous and healthy 2006!

Paul LaCasse, Code Enforcement Officer



Loa Winter, right, discusses her Town Office art show with a visitor. Photo courtesy of Shelly Candidus

Office of Emergency Management

A close call came this year in activating our Emergency Management Office during the two-week period of flooding rains. While there was no need to activate the Town of Newbury Office of Emergency Management in 2005, the need for local planning to address potential emergencies has never been demonstrated more than this past year. With numerous major disasters throughout the country, and within our state and community, local preparedness has proven to be the first line of response.

With all the heavy rain damage, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) declared our county, along with several others in the state, a disaster area due to the heavy flooding and culvert/roadway washouts. Newbury had minor damage compared to many of our neighbors in Southern New Hampshire who lost life and property.

The State of NH Office of Emergency Management along with FEMA continued their efforts to support, train and strengthen the system and process of emergency response, and provided assistance to local officials to be informed and ready.

A committee of Newbury department heads and residents provided input into the preparation of a Hazard Mitigation Plan, which is a requirement for receiving FEMA federal funding due to a natural disaster. As a result of our plan, Newbury was able to qualify for assistance and reimbursement.

The highway staff earned a special thank you for the countless hours that they expended in performing repairs on our road and culvert washouts. Their dedication and constant vigilance during this time prevented any major disruption to our residents.

As always, our town employees and many volunteers continued to serve the town during its time of need.

Paul Groulx, Director



*View of Bald Sunapee
Photo © Martha von Redlich*

**Town Warrant
State of New Hampshire - 2006**

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Newbury in the County of Merrimack in said state qualified to vote in the town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Office Building in said Newbury on Tuesday, the fourteenth (14) day of March, next at One of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
2. To vote on amendments to the existing building regulations.
3. To vote on amendments to the existing zoning ordinance.

The town shall recess the business portion of the meeting until Wednesday, March 15, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at the Mount Sunapee Spruce Lodge -Second Floor off Route 103 in Newbury.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,700,000 for Blodgett Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) improvements. These improvements include wastewater treatment plant improvements and renovations/ repairs to the collection

system and pump stations and related site work. The Town further authorizes the issuance of \$1,700,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and authorizes the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. (Two-thirds (2/3) ballot vote required.) The payments of principal and interest in future years will be paid as part of the user fees for those on the Blodgett Landing WWTP System. The state of NH Department of Environmental Services will make payments for 30 percent of the NH-DES determined eligible costs to help offset the expenditure for the WWTP system. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,914,311 for general operations:

ANNUAL BUDGET	2005	2006
1. Executive	\$117,811	\$125,411
2. Elections	3,725	6,200
3. Financial Administration	187,837	354,420
4. Legal Expenses	43,000	33,000
5. Personnel Administration	267,390	298,137
6. Planning	38,961	52,430
7. Zoning	8,609	9,073
8. General Government Bldg.	38,203	43,186
9. Cemeteries	20,755	25,705
10. Insurance	44,000	45,000
11. Other General Govt.	2,800	3,300
12. Police Department	280,826	304,564
13. Fire Department	78,061	88,961
14. Forest Fire	1,000	1,000
15. Code Enforcement	22,916	21,936
16. Emergency Management	100	400
17. Highway Maintenance	417,581	466,423

18. Highway Reconstruction	186,500	182,355
19. Street Lighting	13,225	13,225
20. Transfer Station	213,688	227,348
21. Health Agencies	25,962	27,564
22. Welfare	15,385	16,310
23. Information Booth	6,830	5,630
24. Parks & Recreation	31,880	47,776
25. Library	65,323	67,811
26. Conservation Commission	600	600
27. Historical Society	250	250
28. Tax Anticipation Notes	1,000	100
29. Sewer Department	128,195	129,811
30. Bond/Note Principal	192,000	200,000
Bond/Note Interest	88,056	76,825
31. Safety Communication Svs.	33,743	39,560
32. Capital Outlay Land	0	0
Capital Outlay Loaders P&L	0	0
Capital Outlay Improvements	85,950	0
TOTAL:	\$2,662,162	\$2,914,311

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$177,500 to be placed in the following capital reserve funds. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$49,000
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	\$103,000
POLICE CRUISER	\$22,500
AMBULANCE	\$3,000

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,000 to be placed in the following existing RSA 31:19-a maintenance expendable trust funds previously established. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

DOCKS	\$8,000
TOWN OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$5,000
TOWN BUILDINGS	\$5,000
MILFOIL CONTROL	\$5,000

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$141,396 to purchase a six- wheel dump truck fully equipped with plow, wing and sander and authorize the withdrawal of \$141,396 from the highway equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,884 for a four-wheel drive multi-function police patrol vehicle and to authorize the withdrawal of \$32,884 from the police cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,000 to purchase a fully-installed generator for the Newbury Safety Services Building.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,400 and to authorize the transfer of \$7,400 from the December 31, 2005 Undesignated Fund Balance to the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. This amount represents the funds received by the town for the old rescue vehicle that was sold at public auction in 2005. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,000 for an air cleaning system fully installed in the Newbury Safety Services Building.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$168,750 to reclaim and pave 6,400 feet of Old Post Road.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$121,250 to pave all Town roads in Ramblewood.

15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,600 to be placed in the Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund and authorize the transfer of \$2,600 from the December 31, 2005 undesignated fund balance for this purpose. Said sum represents the sale of cemetery lots in the prior fiscal year. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 to establish a base of crushed gravel and pave approximately 396 feet of an access road in the Marshall Cemetery.

17. To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Fire Department Personal Protective Equipment Fund, for the purpose of repairing and acquisition of personal protective equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 toward this purpose and name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a land-swap with Fairly Stable, LLC , relative to its property located on West Province Road (f/k/a Province Road) upon such terms

and conditions as the Board of Selectmen may determine to be in the best interest of the Town.

19. To see if the Town will vote to accept Allwood Drive and Whitney Way, subject to approval of the Board of Selectmen. (By Petition.)

20. To see if the Town will vote to designate Gillingham Drive as a scenic road, as provided under RSA 231:157. (By Petition.)

21. To see if the Town will vote to accept all of East Ridge Road (0.15 miles), all of Hearthstone Road (0.28 miles), and part of Meadow Road (0.19 miles) in the Southview subdivision. Subject to approval of the Board of Selectmen. (By Petition.)

22. To see if the Town will vote to accept the rest of High Meadow Road (0.33miles), all of High Ridge Road (0.63 miles), and all of Cloudland Road (0.09 miles) in the High Meadow subdivision. Subject to approval of the Board of Selectmen. (By Petition.)

23. To see if the Town will vote to accept all of Summer Street (0.36 miles) and part of Greystone Lane (0.27 miles) in the Whitethorn subdivision. Subject to approval of the Board of Selectmen. (By Petition.)

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

Newbury Board of Selectmen

Jim Powell, Chair

Richard Wright

Gary Budd

**Budget For and Comparative Statement of Expenditures for
The Town of Newbury, NH
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006**

Purpose of Appropriation RSA 32:3v	Appropriations Prior Fiscal Year	Actual Expenditures Prior Fiscal Year	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year
General Government			
Executive	117,811	129,802	125,411
Elections, Registration & Vital Statistics	3,725	4,108	6,200
Financial Administration	187,837	197,043	354,420
Legal Expenses	43,000	32,892	33,000
Personnel Administration	267,390	244,259	298,137
Planning	38,961	42,797	52,430
Zoning	8,609	7,016	9,073
General Govt. Buildings	38,203	58,463	43,186

Cemeteries	20,755	20,706	25,705
Insurance	44,000	44,559	45,000
Other General Government	2,800	3,246	3,300
Public Safety			
Police Department	280,826	269,331	304,564
Fire Department	79,061	96,603	89,961
Code Enforcement & Inspection	22,916	22,831	21,936
Emergency Management	100	0	400
Safety Communications Services	33,743	32,329	39,560
Highway Admin., Maint., Constr.	604,081	574,253	648,778
Street Lighting	13,225	13,678	13,225
Sanitation			
Solid Waste Collection	85,888	76,170	93,848
Solid Waste Disposal	125,000	118,237	130,500
Solid Waste Recycling	2,800	3,688	3,000
Health			
Health,Community,School Programs	25,962	25,964	27,564

Welfare			
Administration & Direct Assistance	15,385	7,998	16,310
Culture & Recreation			
Parks & Recreation	31,880	30,275	47,776
Library	65,323	65,323	67,811
Other	7,080	5,115	5,880
Conservation Commission			
Administration & Operations	600	600	600
Debt Service			
Principal: Long Term Bonds & Notes	192,000	192,000	200,000
Interest: Long Term Bonds & Notes	88,056	88,056	76,825
Interest: Tax Anticipation Notes	1,000	0	100
Bond Issuance Costs	0	0	0
Capital Outlay			
Land	340,000	341,640	0
Improvements	252,960	131,684	2,052,000
Machinery, Vehicles &	90,250	87,447	174,280

Equipment			
Buildings	46,700	46,700	0
Operating Transfers Out			
To Special Revenue Fund	128,195	128,195	129,811
To Capital Reserve Fund	145,500	145,500	177,500
To Expendable Trust Funds	19,400	19,400	43,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	3,471,022	3,307,908	5,361,091
Source of Revenue			
Revenue Source	2005 Revenue Estimate	2005 Actual Revenue	2006 Revenue Estimate
Taxes			
Land Use Change Taxes	40,000	97,790	40,000
Yield Taxes	15,000	13,180	15,000
Payment In Lieu Of Taxes	12,900	11,486	11,500
Other Taxes	7,500	7,959	7,500
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Tax	40,000	48,413	45,000
Excavation Tax	1,500	1,029	1,500
Licenses, Permits & Fees			

Business Licenses & Permits	1,500	866	1,000
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	400,000	404,526	410,000
Building Permits	15,000	10,228	20,000
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	2,200	4,239	4,000
From State			
Shared Revenue	14,000	14,000	14,000
Meals & Room Tax Distribution	67,000	71,830	73,000
Highway Block Grant	94,221	94,221	94,221
Forest Land Reimbursement	1,352	1,037	1,352
Other	0	18,867	30,000
From Other Governments	30,000	29,217	151,240
Charges For Services			
Income From Departments	50,000	52,710	50,000
Miscellaneous Revenues			
Sale of Municipal Property	4,000	103,450	4,000
Interest on Investments	20,000	49,357	40,000
Other	6,000	5,688	6,000
Interfund Operating Transfers In			

Special Revenue Fund	128,195	128,195	129,811
Capital Reserve Funds	90,250	87,447	174,280
Cemetery			
Other Financing Sources			
Long Term Bonds & Notes	0	0	1,700,000
Surplus	381,400	381,400	50,000
TOTAL REVENUES/CREDITS	1,422,018	1,637,135	3,073,404
			Year 2006
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS			5,361,091
LESS ESTIMATED REVENUES			3,073,404
AMOUNT OF TAXES TO RAISE			2,287,687

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Newbury
Newbury, 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 Newbury as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004, 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 of Newbury's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion 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.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Newbury as of December 31, 2004, 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.

As described in Note 1, the Town has implemented a new financial reporting model, as required by the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments, as of December 31, 2004.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 6 - 19 and 46, respectively, 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 Newbury's basic financial statements. The combining nonmajor fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining nonmajor funds financial statements 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.

Grzelak and Co., P.C.

GRZELAK AND COMPANY, P.C., CPA's
Laconia, New Hampshire
September 2, 2005

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator, as "management" of the Town of Newbury (the "Town"), a local municipality located in the County of Merrimack, New Hampshire, submits this section of the Town's annual financial report in order to present our discussion and analysis of the Town's financial performance during the year ended December 31, 2004 in accordance with the implementation provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 (GASB 34). Please read it in conjunction with the financial statements, which follow this section.

Our discussion and analysis is in accordance with the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 (GASB 34) for the Town's implementation for the year ended December 31, 2004. Please read it in conjunction with the financial statements, which follow this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Town's total combined net assets increased by \$33,591 or 1% between December 31, 2003 and 2004.
- The Town's total combined net assets amounted to \$5,220,644 at December 31, 2004. Net assets consisted of: \$3,146,089 invested in capital assets net of related debt; \$304,610 restricted for capital projects; \$1,115,009 restricted for other nonmajor funds for purposes of each established fund; and an unrestricted net asset balance of \$654,936.
- The Town has a \$1,767,000 liability for long-term obligations that, under GASB 34, reduces net assets. This does not mean that the Town has this entire payment requirement for next year; rather, only \$192,000 of these obligations is due to be paid during the year ended December 31, 2005.
- The Town's long-term liabilities, consisting of general obligation bonds and compensated absence obligations, increased by a net (additions less reductions) \$1,720,000 during the year ended December 31, 2004. The net increase consisted of \$1,647,000 in additions to the long-term liabilities and (\$30,000) in current year payments made.
- During the year, the Town's expenses were \$33,591 less than the \$8,071,104 in revenues generated for charges for services, operating grants and contributions and general revenues (consisting of property taxes and local, state and federal grants and contributions not restricted to specific purposes).

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

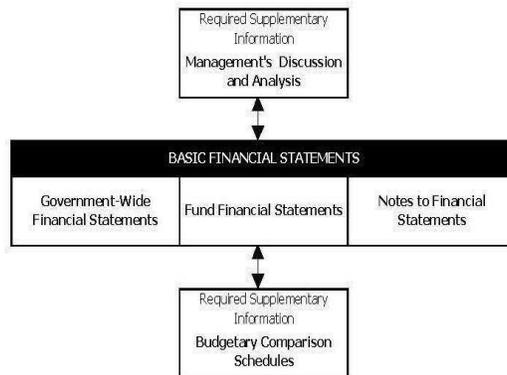
This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Town's basic financial statements. The Town's financial statements are comprised of six primary sections or components: (1) basic government-wide financial statements, (full accrual financial statements), (2) basic fund financial statements, (modified accrual financial statements, current financial resources only), (3) notes to basic financial statements, (4) required supplementary information, (budgetary versus actual comparison), (5) notes to required supplementary information, and (6) other supplementary information.

The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the Town based upon measurement focus and basis of accounting.

- The first two statements are government-wide financial statements that provide both long-term and short-term information about the Town's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the Town, reporting the Town's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements. The governmental funds statements tell how the Town's services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fiduciary fund statements provide information about the financial relationships in which the Town acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of others, to whom the resources belong.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements. Exhibit A-1 shows how the required parts of this annual report are arranged and related to one another.

Exhibit A-1



MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Exhibit B-3 shows that 63.33% of the Town's total expenses were for statutory obligations to other governments; specifically, Merrimack County and the Kearsarge Regional School District. Public safety expenses accounted for 4.43% of total expenses, while 7.30% were for general government services and 6.05% were for maintenance of highways and streets.

Exhibit B-3 TOWN EXPENSES

Functions / Programs	Governmental Activities	
General government	\$ 586,668	7.30%
Public safety	356,095	4.43%
Highways and streets	486,110	6.05%
Sanitation	343,155	4.27%
Health	26,228	0.33%
Welfare	10,970	0.14%
Culture and recreation	134,584	1.67%
Conservation	2,499	0.03%
Debt service	36,576	0.46%
Capital outlay	670,507	8.34%
Payments to other governments	5,090,159	63.33%
Unallocated		
Depreciation	293,962	3.66%
	<u>\$ 8,037,513</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At December 31, 2004, the Town had invested \$4,913,089 (\$15,784,717 at cost or estimated cost less accumulated depreciation of \$10,871,628) in a broad range of capital assets, including land and land improvements, infrastructure, buildings, vehicles and furniture and equipment as summarized in Exhibit C-1.

This amount represents a net increase of 13.44% over the prior year. This year major additions are also summarized in Exhibit C-1.

Exhibit C-1 NET CAPITAL ASSETS AND MAJOR ADDITIONS

Net Capital Assets	Governmental Activities		
	2003	2004	Change
Land and Improvements	\$ 819,377	\$ 1,444,377	76.28%
Infrastructure	10,740,227	10,802,572	0.58%
Buildings	1,373,600	1,373,600	0.00%
Vehicles	1,097,278	1,220,478	11.23%
Machinery and equipment	849,710	915,092	7.69%
Technology equipment	<u>28,598</u>	<u>28,598</u>	0.00%
Capital assets, at cost	14,908,790	15,784,717	5.88%
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(10,577,666)</u>	<u>(10,871,628)</u>	-2.78%
Capital assets, net	\$ 4,331,124	\$ 4,913,089	13.44%
Increase in Capital Assets, Net		<u>\$ 581,965</u>	
Changes			
Construction in progress		\$ 625,000	
Infrastructure addition		62,345	
Vehicle purchases		123,200	
Machinery and equipment additions		65,382	
Depreciation		<u>(293,962)</u>	
		<u>\$ 581,965</u>	

More detailed information about the Town's capital assets is presented in the notes to the basic financial statements.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Debt

At December 31, 2004, the Town had \$1,628,653 of long-term obligations (\$1,820,653 in total obligations less the current portion of \$192,000) as summarized in Exhibit C-2.

This amount represents a net increase of 775.16% over the prior year.

Exhibit C-2 LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

	Governmental Activities		
Long-Term Liabilities	2003	2004	Change
General obligation bonds	\$ 150,000	\$ 1,767,000	1078.00%
Compensated absences	66,098	53,653	-18.83%
	<u>216,098</u>	<u>1,820,653</u>	742.51%
Less current portion	(30,000)	(192,000)	-540.00%
	<u>\$ 186,098</u>	<u>\$ 1,628,653</u>	775.16%
Increase, Net		<u>\$ 1,442,555</u>	
Changes			
General obligation debt issued		\$ 1,647,000	
Principal payment on general obligation debt		(30,000)	
Change in compensated absences		(12,445)	
Change in current portion		<u>(162,000)</u>	
		<u>\$ 1,442,555</u>	

State law (RSA 195:611) limits the amount of general obligation debt that the Town may incur at any one time to 1.75% of the locally assessed valuation as equalized by the Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration. At December 31, 2004, the Town was significantly below its legal debt limit of approximately \$9,603,326.

More detailed information about the Town's long-term liabilities is presented in the notes to the basic financial statements.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

Town management and the Selectmen considered many factors when submitting the 2005 budget to the Municipal Budget Committees and the Town voters.

In developing the budget for 2005, several considerations were taken under advisement by the Board of Selectmen, the town Administrator and the Budget Committee. Many major budget items reflected the town's need for expanded space and services due to growth, which impacts every town department's operating and capital costs. The fact of growth also influenced the town's need to purchase properties, in a proactive move to anticipate needs for expanded services. Similarly, the town factored in additional funds into the budget to support new buildings recently completed. The budget for road improvements was based on the Highway Department's five-year plan, and other budgets reflect the Capital Improvement Program's recommended appropriations. The budget also incorporates an innovative approach to the town's assessing needs by supporting the hiring of a new assessor to serve Newbury and two neighboring municipalities, thus providing more equitable and efficient service to the three towns. Also included in the budget is a cost of living adjustment (COLA) based on the New England States Consumer Price Index for November, 2004.

CONTACTING THE TOWN'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Town's finances and to show the Town's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Town Administrator.

TOWN OF NEWBURY

**Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2004**

	General Fund	Highway Garage	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,445,889	\$ 465,131	\$ 406,476	\$ 3,317,496
Investments	1,096	-	678,993	680,089
Property taxes receivable	348,965	-	-	348,965
Land use taxes receivable	5,307	-	-	5,307
Timber taxes receivable	697	-	-	697
Tax liens receivable	77,400	-	-	77,400
Accounts receivable	5,844	-	19,560	25,404
Other receivables	2,543	-	-	2,543
Due from other governments	2,600	-	-	2,600
Due from other funds	210,288	-	59,747	270,035
Other assets	1,226	-	-	1,226
Total assets	\$ 3,101,855	\$ 465,131	\$ 1,164,776	\$ 4,731,762
Liabilities and Fund Balances				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 76,714	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76,714
Accrued expenses	141	-	-	141
Due to other governments	2,148,545	-	-	2,148,545
Due to other funds	59,747	160,521	49,767	270,035
Total liabilities	2,285,147	160,521	49,767	2,495,435
Fund balances:				
Reserved for:				
Encumbrances	-	-	207,099	207,099
Endowments	-	-	53,546	53,546
Unreserved	816,708	304,610	-	1,121,318
Unreserved, reported in nonmajor:				
Special revenue funds	-	-	671,324	671,324
Capital project funds	-	-	162,729	162,729
Permanent trust funds	-	-	20,311	20,311
Total fund balances	816,708	304,610	1,115,009	2,236,327
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 3,101,855	\$ 465,131	\$ 1,164,776	\$ 4,731,762

The accompanying notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF NEWBURY

**Notes to Basic Financial Statements
December 31, 2004**

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for general obligation bonds are as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2005	\$ 192,000	\$ 8,056	\$ 200,056
2006	200,000	76,825	276,825
2007	200,000	68,600	268,600
2008	195,000	58,675	253,675
2009	165,000	49,000	214,000
After	815,000	121,500	936,500
	<u>\$ 1,767,000</u>	<u>\$ 382,656</u>	<u>\$ 2,149,656</u>

Highway Department

2005 saw the completion of the new Highway Garage and salt/sand shed. This facility turned out to be all we had hoped for and more. We celebrated our move into the new building with a party for the community on October 14th. The Bradford Country Squares were on hand to lead the lively square dancing, and there was lots of food, cider, and activities and prizes for the kids.

The first half of South Road was paved on schedule. Grinding of the second half has been postponed until spring when both grinding and paving will be done. The replacement of the box culvert was delayed until spring due to additional information that was requested by the Department of Environmental Services before it will issue a Wetlands permit.

The intersection of Old Post and Province Roads was reconfigured to improve safety and visibility, and numerous areas were upgraded with drainage improvements and culvert replacements. Roadside mowing, sweeping, crack sealing and dust control continue as usual.

The heavy rains of October 9th and 15th resulted in several areas of damage to town roads. We are expecting some financial reimbursement from FEMA as well as financial assistance in mitigating some problem areas by making improvements to drainage.

The usual duties of plowing and sanding were much easier with the addition of the new plows, wings, and sanders on the 1986 and 1993 Mack trucks. Between

January 1st and December 31 last year, we purchased 365 tons of salt and 2,495 yards of sand.



Peter Titus, Tate Sweetbrown and Joe Branch moving into their new quarters. Photo courtesy of Shelly Candidus

This year we will be performing a complete inventory of all town road culverts to include location, type, size, and condition. When this is completed, it can be integrated with the town's new GIS system to give us a greatly improved method of planning culvert maintenance and replacement.

Residents, please note: sand for resident winter use will continue to be available at the old highway shed. Six 5-gallon pails may be taken at one time by residents with Transfer Station stickers.

Once again, I thank the residents for their continued support and cooperation. Thanks also to the Highway staff for their dedication and hard work, and to the

Board of Selectmen, Police and Fire personnel, and the Town Office staff for assistance and support.

Cal Prussman, Highway Administrator



Square dancing with the Bradford Squares at the new Highway Garage. Photo courtesy of John Warren.

Blodgett Sewer Treatment Facility

Ongoing testing at the sewer system has shown that nitrate levels continue to be below state standards. Operation of the facility in general was without major problems, but it has required close and careful monitoring. Heavy rains during the fall and early winter taxed the system and resulted in increased flows, which meant the pumps had to work harder.

We had an emergency plan in place which had to be enacted on October 8th during heavy rains. An alarm alerted us of high levels at the pump stations and we took immediate steps to avert an overflow by calling in our local septage hauler and working all day to pump down the wet wells of both pump stations. We moved over 40,000 gallons of rain-induced wastewater from the overloaded system and were able to prevent an overflow into the lake. The state was informed of our efforts by our engineering consultants, Defresne-Henry, who noted that while a long-term upgrade of the system is needed, in the short term we are able to keep the system operating as it should. Based on our experience and the studies done by the engineering company, it seems clear that some major upgrades are needed to have a reliable and efficient wastewater system.

Thanks to the residents of Blodgett Landing, town administration and Ed Candidus for their support and assistance.

Tim Mulder, Chief Operator

Blodgett Landing Sewer Committee

Appointed by the Board of Selectmen in July 2004, the Blodgett Landing Sewer Committee was charged with advising the Board on 1) the operation of the current system and 2) repair or replacement that will ensure the long-term viability of the collection system and the treatment plant.

In July Dufresne-Henry, the engineering consultant for the sewer system, presented the final report on the Collection System Upgrade. The collection system consists of 8,700 linear feet of sewer lines and two pump stations. Deterioration of the system, most of which is fifty years old, has allowed groundwater infiltration into the lines through cracks and failing manholes. The infiltration is estimated to be at least 40% of the system capacity; in other words nearly half of the volume to the treatment plant is from infiltration, not from the homes being served. In addition there have been several mechanical failures at the two pumping stations.

Three alternatives were evaluated to resolve the collection system problems, ranging in cost from \$460,000 to over \$3 million. The final report as accepted by the Board of Selectmen recommends the rehabilitation of the collection system for \$360,000 and replacement of the pumps for \$100,000.

In October, the consultant presented recommendations for replacement of the treatment plant. Built in the 1950s, the plant was designed for seasonal use and did not anticipate current New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) standards for operation. Consequently, the plant was in non-

conformance the first day the standards were implemented. Over the past few years the town has diligently worked to keep the system operational and to reduce regulatory infractions. In spite of that work, the current NHDES groundwater discharge permit prohibits any additional user connections or the conversion of homes from seasonal to full-time occupancy.

A replacement treatment plant that meets the capacity requirement of users, including conversion to full-time use, satisfies NHDES standards, and that can operate on the current site was presented to the Board of Selectmen. The proposed system is modular, reducing cost of acquisition, installation and operation, is largely below grade which is beneficial for cold weather operation, and is successfully operating at forty sites throughout New England. The estimated cost for the treatment plant replacement is \$1.2 million.

Bonding for a total project cost of \$1.7 million will be presented at Town Meeting. The town is required to seek bonding as the sewer system is not an independent entity, but rather a part of the town. The bonds will, however, be repaid by the state (30%) and by the users of the system (70%) over twenty years.

The Committee has appreciated the opportunity to work with the Board of Selectmen, town management and staff, the consultant and the users of the sewer system.

Kara Obey, Chair, Gary and Chris Daniels, Steve Picano, Pat Sherman, David and Mary Thayer

Dufresne-Henry Report On Blodgett Wastewater Facility

Blodgett Landing is a lakeside community of about 145 homes on the eastern shore of Lake Sunapee. There is a community wastewater system servicing the area that was constructed in two phases in the late 1950s and early 1970s. The system consists of sewers, two pump stations and a wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). Problems with the sewers and WWTP resulted in a state-mandated evaluation of the entire wastewater system.

Engineers evaluated the system in 2004/05. A report was prepared which identified deficiencies in the system and evaluated alternatives for improvements. The report concluded with a capital improvements plan to address Blodgett Landing's long-term wastewater needs and protect the waters of Lake Sunapee. The capital improvements plan consists of the following:

*	New Package WWTP	\$1,240,000
*	Pump Station Rehabilitation	\$ 100,000
*	Sewer System Rehabilitation	<u>\$ 360,000</u>
	Total	<i>\$1,700,000</i>

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services will contribute a 30% grant (\$510,000) towards the project. The remaining project costs (\$1,190,000) will be paid by Blodgett Landing user fees. If the project is approved, design will begin in the spring of 2006, construction will start in the fall of 2006, and the project will be completed in the summer of 2007.

Fred McNeill, Senior Project Manager, Dufresne-Henry

Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Affiliates

Lake Sunapee Region VNA is proud to provide home health, hospice and community services to residents of the town of Newbury, a member town of Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association since 1970. We are committed to being able to meet the health care needs of residents of your community to the best of our ability. During the past year, 848 home care and 63 hospice visits were made to adults and children needing skilled home health services. More than 1885 hours of support services were provided for those with long-term care needs. Nine residents used our Lifeline program and 11 individuals had their health status monitored daily using our telemedicine technology. Other services utilized include caregiver training and support, bereavement support, parent/child program, and prevention and wellness services including screening clinics, foot-care clinics, and immunization clinics.

Our mission remains at the heart of our care. LSRVNA provides many services that are integral to our mission but which are not reimbursed and are often provided at minimal or no cost. These include support groups (bereavement, caregiver, parent/child), community education, certain hospice services, telemonitoring of patient health status, clinics, health fairs and more.

Cost-saving and efficiency measures are constantly explored. We believe that innovation is essential for a strong future. Thoughtful hiring and cross-training of staff, a growing volunteer base, and use of telemedicine and other technology such as laptop computers for clinical staff are key to controlling costs. Our costs per episode of care are among the lowest in our region. We

now have five years of experience in utilizing telemedicine. This tool helps us encourage patients and families to take an active role in managing their illness, reduce unplanned emergent visits to the hospital, schedule nursing visits with greater efficiency, and communicate useful trended data to physicians for improved disease management. LSRVNA's rate of unplanned hospitalization is 31% below the state average, and 21% below the national average. We know that it's important to you as a patient and consumer to manage your illnesses and avoid emergency situations that put you at increased risk.

Staff competence is highly valued and LSRVNA annually invests in education of staff to ensure their skills will meet our patients' needs. We have over 130 staff and more than 70 active volunteers. Nurses are certified in areas such as wound care, hospice and palliative care, and advance care planning. Others specialize in cardiac care, diabetes, bereavement care and nutrition. Longevity of VNA staff means continuity of care for our patients. Twenty percent of the staff has worked for the VNA for over 10 years, with the average length of employment at over 6 years.

Lake Sunapee Region VNA depends on support from our communities. Funds appropriated by the towns help us to care for more patients in the face of declining reimbursement and increasing costs. About 65% of our revenue comes from Medicare and Medicaid. Medicaid reimburses about 60% of what it costs us to care for a patient; and does not reimburse at all for mileage, care coordination or travel time. Our staff travels about 400,000 miles a year. In 2006, we expect the burden of high prices of gasoline alone to add as much as \$32,000

in expense to our budget for mileage. Other challenges include a growing and aging NH population, nursing and therapy shortages, costly Federal regulatory requirements, increasing fixed costs such as health care and other insurance, and high costs of technology upgrades.

When you, your family or neighbors need home care or hospice services, it is your right to choose the agency that provides that care. We are fortunate to have a strong base of support from towns, businesses and individuals and will strive to maintain our reputation in the community as an agency that is responsive, innovative, caring and worthy of your choice. Town support helps us maintain our commitment to our patients and the greater community to provide the care that you expect and deserve. Thank you for your confidence in our organization.

Andrea Steel, President and CEO



New London Hospital

2005 has been another significant year for New London Hospital. Thanks to you, our physicians, staff and board leadership, our hospital continues to provide excellence in patient care to our community. We are pleased to share these notable achievements of our recent fiscal year, which ended on September 30, 2005.

Our patient care quality evaluation scores continue to be high as reflected in our Press Ganey surveys, our 100% scores on Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services quality indicators, and our high scores on Surgical Infection Prevention.

Our primary-care providers were joined by three new colleagues—Serena Baskin, M.D., Family Practice, Heather Marks, M.D., Internal Medicine, and Maureen Cullen, ARNP, MSN, NP-C, AOCNP—and there was no provider turnover.

We acquired New London Pediatric Care Center, in collaboration with Children's Hospital at Dartmouth (ChaD), in June and welcomed Sara Lester, M.D., Jim McGuire, M.D, Aram Kalpakgian, PA-C, and the staff.

New clinical services were added to meet the needs of our community: Oncology, Coumadin Clinic, Sleep Lab, Plastic Surgery.

The Clough Center expanded its clinical and rehabilitation capabilities, including a dedicated therapy staff with a certified geriatric physical therapist. Our 24/7 ambulance service continues to serve the community with support from all seven towns.

On October 1, we became the 12th member of the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Alliance after successfully completing a year of evaluation and review by both organizations' boards and two state agencies.

New London Hospital became the first hospital in New England to receive a \$2.9 million loan/grant from the USDA Rural Utilities Services Program to implement a new Health Information System that will include advanced technology and electronic medical records.

For the second year in a row, we completed the year with a modest gain from operations.

Community support for New London Hospital exceeded our projections with a very successful Annual Fund and record attendance and proceeds from our second annual golf tournament and our Hospital Days.

Volunteer service to the hospital totaled more than 12,000 hours, with a value of over \$219,000.

G. William Helm, Jr., Chairman, Board of Trustees
Bruce P. King, President & CEO

**Community Action Program
Kearsarge Valley Area Center
Services Provided to Newbury Residences in 2005**

Commodity Supplemental Food Program is a nutrition program that offers participants free nutritious foods to supplement their daily diet. The program serves children under age six, women during pregnancy and up to 12 months after the birth. Value \$22 per unit. *(An individual may not be enrolled in both WIC and CSFP, but a family may have members in both programs.)

Congregate Meals – All elders are welcome to our congregate meal sites/Senior Centers for nutritious hot meals, social/recreational activities and special events. Value: \$6.32 per meal.

Meal-On-Wheels provides the delivery of nutritionally-balanced hot meals to homebound elderly or adult residents five days per week. Value: \$6.32 per meal.

Emergency Food Pantries provide up to five days of food for people facing temporary food crisis. Value: \$5.00 per meal.

Fuel Assistance is available to income-eligible households to help with energy costs during the prime heating season. Priority is given to the elderly and disabled. The average benefit for the 2004-05 program was \$564.00.

Electric Assistance program is a statewide program funded by all electric rate payers which provides a specific tier of discount from 15% to 90% on electric bills for eligible households.

Women, Infants and Children (W.I.C.) provides specific food to supplement the daily diet of pregnant or nursing women and children under five. Participants receive medical/nutritional screening, counseling and education. Value includes value of vouchers and clinical services at \$44.94 per unit.

Family Planning provides confidential, comprehensive gynecological care, including complete medical exams, breast exams, Pap smears, pregnancy testing, birth control and counseling.

Head Start is a child development program serving children before they enter public school. Classroom and in-home learning services are provided for both children and their families. Value: \$8,000 per child.

Neighbor Helping Neighbor provides emergency energy assistance up to \$300 for those not eligible for fuel assistance.

Information and Referral – CAP provides utility, landlord/tenant, legal and health counseling as well as referrals for housing, transportation and other life concerns. These support/advocacy services are not tracked.

Service Description	Units of Service	Households/ Persons	Value
Commodity Supplemental Food Program	Packages - 40	Persons - 4	\$880.00
Congregate Meals	Meals - 417	Persons - 39	\$2,635.44
Meals-On-Wheels	Meals - 1532	Persons - 9	\$9,682.24
Transportation	Rides - 37	Persons - 5	\$249.00
Emergency Food Pantries	Meals - 270	Persons - 27	\$1,350.00
Fuel Assistance	Applications - 32	Persons - 60	\$21,995.00
Electric Assistance	Households - 22	Households - 22	\$13,795.81
W.I.C.	Vouchers - 78	Persons - 7	\$3,505.32
Family Planning	Visits - 2	Persons - 1	\$255.00
Head Start	Children - 1	Children - 1	\$8,000.00
Neighbor Helping Neighbor	Grants - 1	Persons - N/A	\$300.00
Total			\$62,648.56

Family Services

In 2005, the town of Newbury assisted five families. Again this year, the town benefited from the Mt. Sunapee Resort's "Share and Care" day. On a specified day, each skier is asked to bring canned or dry goods to the mountain. The Resort then distributes the goods to the surrounding towns. The food delivered to Newbury was put to good use, aiding local families in need.

With help from the South Newbury Union Church, the town provided 14 Thanksgiving and 18 Christmas baskets for local families in need. Special thanks go to the South Newbury Union Church for its efforts in organizing and assembling the baskets. The town is grateful to all those involved.

Thanks to a local benefactor, gift certificates were distributed to the parents of the children receiving these baskets. It was heartwarming to receive this anonymous gift which brightened Christmas for 32 local youngsters.

During the 2005 holiday season, I was overwhelmed with phone calls from individuals, families, and organizations volunteering and donating time, money, food, services, holiday baskets and presents for these families. The recipients realized that they do indeed live in a caring, generous town where people are quick to help their friends and neighbors in time of need.

If at any time you have question, concerns, or know of a family in need, please call me at 763-4940.

Gail Bostic, Director

Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc.

Since its beginning in 1992 COA's (Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc.) mission has been to serve our nine communities by organizing volunteers to provide needed services, recreational opportunities and entertainment to those 55 years and older. In the thirteen years since its inception, COA has neither asked for nor received federal or state funds for services it provides to area towns. We are grateful for the annual appropriations from the towns that we serve. The balance of the operating expenses for maintaining and staffing our year-round center on Pleasant Street in New London is covered by donations from individuals and businesses who recognize the ever-growing need for our services. COA does not require dues or fees for any of the more than 25 ongoing programs, with the exception of cost recovery for day or overnight trips.

Many of us consider our most important service to be providing door-to-door transportation for those unable to drive. Our volunteer drivers clocked 57,317 miles last year, 1,853 miles from Newbury residents, delivering them to medical appointments as far away as Lebanon or Concord. In addition, appreciating that quality of life is important for good health, COA provides transportation for grocery shopping, hair appointments, visits with friends and programs at the center. Friendly help is just a phone call away from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays. Most of our drivers are also seniors so there is always room for new volunteers to assure rides for anyone in need.

Hard though it may be to believe, the first of the "baby-boomers" are now classified as "seniors." We know, and they know, that 55 is just a number and senior is just a

word. Given good health, Act II can be more stimulating, less stressful and perhaps more fun than Act I. The need for the services and social interaction offered by COA will only grow as the boomers and their parents live longer and healthier lives and find the charms of New Hampshire irresistible in spite of black flies, January and mud season.

We thank all of our supporters: towns, individuals and businesses, and we hope that anyone with suggestions for programs will contact us. COA works in conjunction with all of the other service agencies in the area to improve the quality of life for all.

Marilyn Andrews



*Town Office Holiday Party
Photo courtesy of Shelly Candidus*

Conservation Commission

The Commission continued in its role as advisor and advocate for the environment. During the year the commission reviewed nine Intent-to-Cut notices and made visits to most sites to advise on potential environmental problems. The Commission also reviewed DES Wetlands applications for seven projects in Wetlands Bureau jurisdiction including five for dock repairs.

Four subdivision applications were referred to the Commission for review: Angel Hawk, Deer Pines, Pickman, and J.W.F. Real Estate. In three cases, site visits were made and comments sent to the Planning Board. Also one Site Plan Review application for a welding shop at the Davis property was reviewed and comments sent to the Planning Board.

Newbury is fortunate to have many environmentally conscious members on the Planning Board including two members of the Commission. Thus there is excellent communication between the two bodies. As Newbury grows, they will work together to minimize the impact on the environment from development.

Early in the year, the Commission investigated the use of pesticides and fertilizers at the Baker Hill Golf Club. They were found to be well within state requirements and having little if any impact on the environment.

During the year, the Commission had a number of discussions related to the preservation of natural resources. At the end of the year, it was decided to develop a conservation plan for the town.

The Commission meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:15 p.m. in the Town Office building. Everyone is welcome to attend and join the discussion or offer new suggestions. There are openings for alternate members for those who would like to be more involved in protecting the environment.

William Weiler, Chair

Eric Unger, Dean Geddes, Suzanne Levine, Frank Perrotta, Ken Ames, Clare Bensley, William Annable



Forest Brook Bog

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**Town of Newbury
Annual Town Meeting
March 8, 2005**

Moderator Marashio called the March 8, 2005 Town Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The ballot boxes were examined and confirmed to be empty. Voting on Article 1, Article 2 and Article 3 of the Town Warrant began. The polls were open from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The polls closed at 7:20 p.m. after the last voter had completed the ballot.

Business Meeting - March 9, 2005

Moderator Marashio called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. at which time she explained the rules of order and voting procedures. Mr. Wilbert Willis received a round of applause for the excellent work he did refinishing the podium.

Moderator Marashio read the voting results from the March 8, 2005 election:

Office of Selectman - 3 Years
James M. Powell - 320

Treasurer - 3 Years
Jennifer Goin - 341

Trustee of Trust Funds - 3 Years
Daniel H. Wolf - 324

Library Trustee - 3 Years
Beverly R. Wolf - 338

Supervisor of the Checklist - 6 Years
Lane A. Bellman - 335

Cemetery Trustee - 3 Years
Charles Crickman - 329

Planning Board Member - 3 Years
Barbara M. Freeman - 311

Planning Board Member - 3 Years
William Weiler - 277

Planning Board Member - 1 Year
Travis Dezotell - 299

Zoning Board of Adjustment - 3 Years
Ernest R. Pagragan - 305

Zoning Board of Adjustment - 3 Years
Elizabeth "Betsy" Soper - 305

Planning Board Zoning Amendment No. 1
Yes - 231 No - 122

Planning Board Zoning Amendment No. 2
Yes - 223 No - 134

Planning Board Zoning Amendment No. 3
Yes 237 No - 116

Planning Board Zoning Amendment No. 4
Yes - 267 No - 94

Planning Board Zoning Amendment No. 5
Yes - 245 No - 108

Planning Board Zoning Amendment No. 6
Yes - 228 No - 132

Planning Board Zoning Amendment No. 7

Yes - 233 No - 118
Planning Board Zoning Amendment No. 8
Yes - 275 No - 77

Building Regulation Amendment No. 1
Yes - 238 No - 118
Building Regulation Amendment No. 2
Yes - 255 No - 97

School Board - 1 Year
Daniel H. Wolf - 318

Municipal Budget Committee - 1 Year
Multiple write-ins

School Board Moderator - 1 Year
Robert Bowers - 315

School Question No. 1
Yes - 245 No - 133
School Question No. 2
A - 254 B - 80
School Question No. 3
Yes - 265 No - 106
School Question No. 4
Yes - 282 No - 85
School Question No. 5
Yes - 292 No - 72
School Question No. 6
Yes - 197 No - 146

Selectman Wright thanked Selectman Powell for his years of dedicated service to the Town of Newbury. Selectman Powell expressed his gratitude to be able to serve the town as Selectman and recognized all of the

departments, employees, and volunteers who work together to make the town run efficiently.

Moderator Marashio explained the rules of procedure for the meeting.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,662,162 for general operations:

ANNUAL BUDGET	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
1. Executive	\$ 103,274	\$ 117,811
2. Elections	8,681	3,725
3. Financial Admin.	123,818	187,837
4. Legal Expenses	33,010	43,000
5. Personnel Admin.	285,055	267,390
6. Planning	43,650	38,961
7. Zoning	9,193	8,609
8. General Govt Bldg.	33,193	38,203
9. Cemeteries	20,341	20,755
10. Insurance	45,705	44,000
11. Other General Govt.	2,320	2,800
12. Police Department	54,156	280,826
13. Fire Department	80,955	78,061
14. Forest Fire	620	1,000
15. Code Enforcement	25,240	22,916
16. Emergency Mgmt	20	100
17. Highway Maintnce.	447,491	417,581
18. Highway Recon.	192,450	186,500
19. Street Lighting	14,500	13,225
20. Transfer Station	212,070	213,688
21. Health Agencies	26,459	25,962
22. Welfare	5,385	15,385
23. Information Booth	6,486	6,830
24. Parks & Recreation	30,085	31,880

25. Library	60,088	65,323
26. Conservation Comm.	600	600
27. Historical Society	50	250
28. Tax Anticipation Notes	2,600	1,000
29. Sewer Department	162,390	128,195
30. Bond/Note Principal	30,000	192,000
Bond/Note Interest	8,400	88,056
Bond/Note Issu. Co	12,500	0
31. Ambulance Deduct.	1,000	0
32. Safety Comm. Svcs	30,590	33,743
33. Cap. Outlay Loaders		
P&L	18,627	0
Cap. Outlay Improve.	32,460	85,950
34. Miscellaneous	15	0
Total	\$2,373,677	\$2,662,162

Motion to adopt Article 4 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Selectman Powell explained that the budget was printed in the Newbury Update newsletter with an explanation for the variations. Additionally, handouts detailing the variations were made available at the back of the room for this meeting. The department heads explained the increases/decreases for their respective departments, and no questions were raised. Selectman Powell explained that the bottom line is that the budget is up 12.1% which seems like a steep increase; however, 11.9% of that increase is the debt service that was voted through at last years' town meeting. Consequently, the overall budget is up only approximately .03%.

John Bohl asked if the undesignated fund balance as of December 31 could be used to offset the cost of \$340,000 in Article 8.

Selectman Powell explained that there was an anticipation of challenges on assessments when the revaluation was complete. Fewer challenges than expected resulted in the undesignated fund balance as of December 31. If we use that money to offset the tax rate, we will begin to experience a zig-zag effect on the tax rate and future taxes.

Mr. Bohl made a motion to amend Article 4 as follows:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,662,162 for general operations and furthermore to authorize the use of the December 31, 2004 undesignated fund balance of \$340,000 for this purpose.

Motion to amend was seconded. Discussion followed.

Mr. Bohl suggested that if Article 8 does not pass, then \$340,000 is sitting in the bank earning 2% interest. If we use it to offset the budget, at least it will be put to fiscal use to benefit the tax rate.

Linda Powell asked what would happen to the fund balance if Article 8 doesn't pass.

Dennis Pavlicek, Town Administrator, explained that the fund balance would remain there, and when the tax rate gets set, the Board of Selectmen would use a portion of that to reduce the tax rate for next year.

Ivor Freeman commented against the amendment since it is a rainy day fund and up to the Board of Selectmen when and how to expend. Upon request of Jim Hansen, Moderator Marashio postponed further discussion of Article 4 in order to discuss Article 8 so we know what kind of impact, if any, Article 8 is going to have on Article 4.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$340,000 to purchase property known as the “Bald Sunapee Garden Center”, 927 Route 103 (Map/lot#020-073-257) and furthermore to authorize the use of the December 31, 2004 undesignated fund balance in that amount for this purpose. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion to adopt Article 8 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Selectman Powell explained why the Board of Selectmen thought this would be a valuable property to add to the town's holdings. This property abuts land already owned by the town and would add over two acres to the town's land area. This parcel could accommodate future growth of municipal buildings. It has been recently surveyed by the current owners, contains no wetlands and has a functioning septic system. The building is old but in this case, the land is more valuable to the town than the building. According to the 1997 Master Plan, the residents of the town support the creation of a town center. Acquiring this property would benefit that purpose. According to input from local realtor, \$340,000 is a fair market price.

Dan Wolf asked if there have been any studies done to identify wetlands, hazardous waste, septic failure or other safety issues. Selectman Powell explained that there have been no formal studies done at this time because the Selectmen did not want to spend thousands of dollars on studies for a property that may not get approved for purchase.

Several residents were in favor of the purchase because of the location and topography of the land. Its proximity to the other municipal services will accommodate the need for expansion in the future. We cannot create more land. If the town determines it does not need this lot for future municipal needs, it can always sell it at a later date, perhaps at a higher price.

Several residents were not in favor of the purchase because of the increase in the tax rate to pay for it compounded by the loss of the property from the tax rolls. Also, the town already owns vacant property it could use for future municipal services expansion. A town center doesn't necessarily mean municipal services, it can also mean shops and private business. Just because it is on the market, we should not rush into a purchase, especially without knowing the quality of the land.

Several more residents stated that the town should not enter into a purchase agreement unless there are provisions made for environmental studies and any necessary clean-up to be performed at the seller's expense.

Question was moved by majority vote.

Mr. Wolf requested a paper ballot vote and was supported by more than five voters. Ballot voting followed.

Chairperson Marashio explained that this action has moved us out of Mr. Bohl's amendment that was on the table for Article 4.

Discussion of unrelated issues on Article 4 continued.

Josh Perkins asked if the town will see a net savings in the assessor budget. Selectman Powell explained that Newbury, New London, and Sunapee will be sharing the expense for the assessor. The full cost is in the Newbury budget; however, New London and Sunapee will reimburse Newbury for their share. Consequently, the actual cost will be much less. Additionally, we will not have to go through the expensive revaluation process because part of the assessor's duties will be to keep to a schedule so that property values stay comparable with market values.

Mr. Perkins asked what will happen to the \$76,000 in the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. Selectman Powell explained that if the assessor is approved at this Town Meeting, then the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund will be able to be voted out at the Town Meeting of 2006 and the money in the fund will be used to offset the tax rate.

Moderator Marashio announced the results of the ballot vote on Article 8. Yes - 111 No - 26

Majority in favor. Article 8 passed as read.

Moderator Marashio directed the discussion back to Article 4. As a result of the vote on Article 8, Mr. Bohl and his Second withdrew the amendment to Article 4.

Question on Article 4 was moved by majority vote.

Vote: Majority in favor. Article 4 adopted as read.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$145,500 to be placed in the following capital reserve funds. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$49,000
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	\$81,000
POLICE CRUISER	\$12,500
AMBULANCE	\$ 3,000

Motion to adopt Article 5 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Selectman Budd explained that this article is actually down \$30,000 from last year because we no longer need to budget for the assessor.

Mr. Bohl asked why the town needs to put so much money into capital reserve funds again this year since there is already \$500,000 in reserve funds in the bank. Albert Bachelder, Capital Improvements Committee, explained that each year the department heads will lay out a plan for replacing their equipment for the next six years. These projections are placed on a spreadsheet and funds to meet these needs are calculated over time, respectively.

Mr. Bohl commented that money in the bank means loss of money because the interest rates are so low. Money put away this year will have less buying power next year.

Vote: Majority in favor. Article 5 was adopted as read.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,000 to be placed in the following existing RSA 31:19-a maintenance expendable trust funds previously established. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

DOCKS	\$3,000
TOWN OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$5,000
TOWN BUILDINGS	\$5,000
MILFOIL CONTROL	\$5,000

Motion to adopt Article 6 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Selectman Powell explained that this article has been in past warrants.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 6 was adopted as read.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$53,000 for a new tax map system. The tax map system will include color ortho photos from a flyover this spring along with a 911 map, zoning map, buffer zone map, color digital tax maps, street map and GIS software. These maps will also be utilized in our new Master Plan, saving additional costs to the town.

**Motion to adopt Article 7 was made and seconded.
Discussion followed.**

Selectman Wright explained that our current tax maps are somewhat difficult to handle and are not always accurate. The new system of mapping would be digitized, more accurate and on a local computer and therefore easy to update.

Roger Arend of Terra-Map explained in more detail some of the benefits of this new mapping system. The digitized photographs from a flyover are more accurate than our current system because they do not get distorted due to changes in the terrain. These new maps will make it easier to keep in touch with current appraisals and assessments, can be used in conjunction with planning and zoning documents and identify wetlands and different types of soils, create 911 maps, facilitate public works issues by showing the locations of culverts, bridges, and other structures for maintenance issues. The roads that are depicted on the maps are correct to within six centimeters. The lots of land may be less accurate because the original deeds are obscure. The approach to plotting land is to use the surveys on file for accuracy and then fill in the neighboring lots that may not have a survey on file based on the way the deeds read. Terra-Map, in business since 1987, currently services 25 towns in NH and 7 in VT. Hanover is the biggest town. The town gets all of the files on standard software programs so it is not dependent upon Terra-Map forever. Changes can be made on a town level as necessary and the contract(s) is from year to year. There will be four sets of 24"x 36" maps and several small sets provided. It is also possible to provide a terminal for public use as well as being made available to the existing

town network system. The data could also possibly be made available on the Town's website.

Question on Article 7 was moved by majority vote.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 7 was adopted as read.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,250 for the purchase of replacement sanders and plows and authorize the withdrawal of \$70,250 from the Highway Equipment Fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion to adopt Article 9 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Calvin Prussman, Highway Administrator, explained that there are three sanders that need to be replaced; one on the '86 Mack, one on the '93 Mack, and one on the '01 One-Ton. There are also two plows that will be replaced on the '86 Mack and the '93 Mack and wings will be put on the '86 Mack and the '93 Mack. The wings will cut the plow time down by 1/3 to 1/2 and keep the trucks away from hazards and ditches.

Mr. Perkins asked when the next six-wheeler is scheduled to be purchased. Mr. Prussman said he is hoping to purchase a six-wheeler with a plow, wing, and sander in 2006 for approximately \$160,000 in anticipation of keeping up with new roads that may come to the town for acceptance as a result of new developments currently in the process of subdivision.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. Article 9 was adopted as read.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$46,700 for a new diesel fuel pump and tank. The location will be at the new highway garage.

Motion to adopt Article 10 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Selectman Wright explained that a fueling station was inadvertently not included in the plans for the new Highway Garage. This fueling station would meet all environmental safety requirements and be for highway and fire department use. Since it will be a diesel fueling station, the police department will not be able to make use of it. Using the Ayer and Goss tanks in Bradford would not be practical for Highway Department purposes since time and fuel consumption are factors during a snowstorm. Additionally, the diesel fuel contract is put out to bid which allows the town to purchase in bulk at a discount.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 10 was adopted as read.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to replace a box culvert on South Road.

Motion to adopt Article 11 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Mr. Prussman explained that the town will be reclaiming this end of South Road this summer which will be a practical time to rebuild this culvert. The new culvert will be a 30' concrete culvert with 12' wing walls and an 8' x 8' opening. There will also be some realignment of the road to try to straighten and widen the road at that point. The work will go out to bid. Preliminary figures do not show much of a difference between steel and concrete and includes the engineering and environmental studies, which will need Wetlands approval. Pike's bid was \$70,000 with no alignment work. Traffic will be disrupted approximately 4 - 6 weeks. The road will have to be shut down at the bridge and traffic re-routed through the other end of South Road into Bradford or over Newell Road.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. Article 11 was adopted as read.

Article 12. To see if the town will authorize the Planning Board to require preliminary review of "Major Subdivisions" in accordance with RSA 674:35, I and to make it the duty of the Town Clerk to file a certificate of notice with the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds showing the date the Planning Board has been so authorized in accordance with RSA 674:35, II.

Motion to adopt Article 12 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Barbara Freeman, Chair to the Planning Board, explained that in the past a preliminary review has always been voluntary. The Planning Board is frequently seeing a subdivision come in for the first time

at the Final Review stage. At this point all of the engineering has been done and a lot of money invested in a plan that the Board may not feel appropriate to approve. Additionally, this does not give the public or the abutters much time to review the proposal. At the preliminary phase, the plans should not provide complete and final engineering which creates more flexibility for the Board and the applicant and gives the Board more time to consider the application and give input. Also, this allows the public to be noticed at an earlier phase.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 12 was adopted as read.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to offset the cost of a new ambulance for Bradford Rescue Squad and to authorize the withdrawal of \$20,000 from the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion to adopt Article 13 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Linda Powell spoke on behalf of Bradford Rescue. The ambulance is currently 10 years old, and it is time to think about upgrading. The proposed ambulance is an E450 pick-up chassis which gives a smoother ride. It comes highly recommended by other squads who already use it. There are mobile repair vans to service the ambulance in the event it needs repair. The total cost is \$120,690. After deducting trade-in, purchase incentives and Bradford's share (\$74,000), Newbury's share is \$20,000 based on the percentage of calls to Newbury residences.

VOTE: All in favor. Article 13 was adopted as read.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,010 to construct a boundary wall at the Marshall Cemetery.

Motion to adopt Article 14 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Mary Bachelder, Cemetery Commissioner, explained that the commissioners would like to reserve an area at the top of the hill at Marshall Cemetery for cremation burials. The State law requires that it be enclosed in some fashion. Our proposal is a stone wall to maintain the character of the existing cemetery. The work would be started sometime this year.

VOTE: All in favor. Article 14 was adopted as read.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,400 to be placed in the Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund and authorize the transfer of \$1,400 from the December 31, 2004 undesignated fund balance for this purpose. Said sum represents the sale of cemetery lots in the prior fiscal year.

Motion to adopt Article 15 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Dennis Pavlicek, Town Administrator, explained that last year the town voted to establish this trust fund. This article is a formality to allow money to be taken from the seven cemetery lots that were sold last year and put it into this fund.

VOTE: All in favor. Article 15 was adopted as read.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$157,500 to pave approximately one mile of Old Province Road beginning at the Old Post Road end. It is currently a gravel road that requires constant maintenance. (By petition.) (Not recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion to adopt Article 16 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Pam Ritchie, spokesperson for several other residents who use Old Province Road on a daily basis, explained that the \$157,500 would pay for base work right up to paving, including a 50' apron down Red House Road. Ms. Ritchie emphasized the importance of paving Old Province Road for public safety as well as reducing maintenance costs and avoiding further personal property damage. It has become increasingly more dangerous as development continues at Southview. Traffic has increased, including heavy construction vehicles; school buses have to travel this road four times a day; there are many new homes that need to be accessed by residents and occasionally safety vehicles; and it has become a popular short-cut to Chalk Pond Road via Cheney Road.

Several other residents spoke in favor of paving Old Province Road, pointing out that several times a year this road has to be closed off entirely to all traffic due to road conditions. Even emergency vehicles would not be able to pass. On several days the school bus was not able to get the students to and from home and school.

Occasionally it has to be sanded backwards due to the icing conditions. There have been vehicle accidents related to the road conditions even when there has been no snow or ice because of washboarding and dangerous ditches. It is not fair to the taxpayers that live along Old Province Road to have to wait for development to be complete before the road is brought up to safety standards. None of the other gravel roads in town have to close as often, if ever, as Old Province Road. It should therefore be a priority. Concern was expressed for the town's liability because since the town accepted the road it should be responsible for its safety, too.

Mr. Bachelder spoke in reference to the Capital Improvements Plan. There is a highway construction program developed for six years which prioritizes the road projects throughout that period of time. This road is not on that plan. The town should not sway from the outlined program.

Mr. Prussman commented on the number of construction vehicles that pound Old Province Road on a daily basis. In his opinion, in order to effectively solve the problems, the road needs drain work and needs to be rebuilt from the base up. The intersections also need to be reconstructed, but this is not the appropriate time to put that kind of expensive repair work into the road. The reason Old Province Road is not a priority in the Capital Improvements Plan is because the plan also takes into consideration the length of the road per capita. There are other gravel roads with a higher density of population in town.

Several residents spoke in favor of holding off on the repairs of Old Province Road. Comments were made that

when the road was built, it was not built to current road specifications. The Pike quote does not take into consideration the water problems. Money should not be spent on paving a road that is not stable. Suggestions were made that perhaps the developer of Southview should be responsible for the repair of Old Province Road, at least in part.

Question on Article 16 was moved by majority vote.

VOTE: Majority against. Article 16 failed.

Article 17. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Motion to adopt Article 17 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Holly von Svoboda reported on the Velie Memorial Fund. On behalf of the Board of Directors, she thanked the supporters. To date, there has been almost \$90,000 raised. They are currently looking into playground quotes and designs.

Judy Grocott spoke on behalf of the Newbury Beautification Committee. The NBC would like to expand on projects through the Town and will be assisting in the landscaping at the Newbury Town Office Building. A proposed diagram is at the back of the room for review and comments.

Suzanne Levine spoke on behalf of the Sunapee Area Watershed Coalition. Ms. Levine described the purpose of the coalition as comprising representation from each of the towns to provide feedback regarding water quality

issues affecting Lake Sunapee. The funding for this program is currently being provided by the NH Department of Environmental Services as a pilot program.

Wayne Seaholm asked the Town to consider extending the voting hours from 1 p.m. – 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Linda Champy, Town Clerk*



*Filling up at the Holiday Party at the Town Office.
Photo courtesy of Shelly Candidus*

Summer Town Informational Meeting Minutes of July 30, 2005

Present:

Selectmen: James Powell, Gary Budd

Town Personnel/Chairs: Dennis Pavlicek, Shelly
Candidus, Chief Robert Lee, Henry Thomas, Tim
Mulder, Alan Brown

Citizens: Al Bachelder, Betsy Soper, Dan Wolf, Barbara
Gibson, Charley Schiess, Frank Perrotta, Kara
Obey, James McDonough, Jim & Ginger Myles,
et.al.

Meeting Convened: 8:00 a.m.

Chairman Jim Powell welcomed attendees and explained that the summer town meeting is held to give non-resident taxpayers an update about current issues in the town. He also asked those present to put forward any questions they might have on town projects or topics. Town representatives were introduced.

Alan Brown, librarian, reported that activity at the library continues to grow. The collection now numbers more than 13,000, including 1200 videos and more than 600 audio materials. Patron visits are down a bit this month but the total visits for 2005 are expected to exceed last year's. Alan noted two corrections to the minutes from last year's summer meeting library report: the number of visitors in July 2004 was 1,822 (not 822), and the featured author last October was Ernest (not Frank) Hebert. Local authors continued to be part of the public reading program in 2005, and noted poet Donald Hall will read and discuss his poems as the next featured author.

The Tuesday summer program for school children is in full swing, as is the year-round Wednesday story hour for pre-schoolers. Budget increases in 2005 were mostly attributed to personnel costs. Two students were hired to provide coverage for 20 hours per week. Volunteers contribute more than 17 hours per week. The Friends of the Library provided the library with \$5,000 in funds. Alan noted that the library sailboat weathervane slipped its mooring and had to be removed, repaired and replaced. Powell thanked Alan for his report. A remark from the floor added that he did a very fine job.

Fire Chief Hank Thomas reported there were 120 calls last year and he projects a similar number for 2005. A new rescue vehicle was acquired last fall. There is a new gas motor in the tank truck and the fire boat has been upgraded to improve response time. The Newbury Fire Department has joined the NH Hazmat team which responds to chemical spills and other hazardous waste incidents. The department will participate in a drill at Mt. Sunapee Resort this fall. Thomas invited those present to stop by the Safety Services building on a Tuesday night to see the equipment, and to come on Wednesday nights for Bingo, as well as the annual auction on August 28th.

Powell mentioned that when the KRSD Board met here two weeks ago, they elected Dan Wolf as their new chairman. Powell congratulated Wolf, who explained that the school board is now meeting in area towns. The current big project is raising support and necessary funding for a new Middle School. The board is also addressing costs involved with state mandating for testing. The KRSD budget committee is preparing a budget to stay in line with the cost of living increases.

Powell introduced Tim Mulder and Kara Obey to discuss the status of the Blodgett Landing sewer system, a subject of great interest to most of the attendees. Mulder said the daily operation of the system is going well, and nitrate levels are now below state-mandated requirements. He noted the system is very old; the Imhoff tank was installed in 1959 and is the oldest in the state. Heavy storms and seasonal run-off push the system to its capacity. Obey said that Dufresne/Henry had been hired to evaluate the system and make recommendations for upgrades. They estimate it will cost about \$340,000 to repair the existing system and more than one million for a complete upgrade with modern components. The upgraded system would still serve a fixed number of users (140 houses with about 40 used year-round). Users pay the costs but grants are available from various sources, including DES. Other support money might come from organizations involved in protecting the lake, since this system is directly adjacent to a recreational body of water. An attendee asked if the system could be expanded. Pavlicek said this would involve significant additional cost, although expansion might be considered in the future if federal support were available. Obey added that digging through granite was very expensive and the immediate need was to address ongoing problems. Barbara Gibson asked about the status of the state-imposed moratorium. Pavlicek replied that no extra bedrooms are being allowed at this time, as that would constitute additional users.

A remark from the floor noted that two-bedroom homes are routinely sold as three-bedroom units, or more. Pavlicek said the town had little control over this. Jim McDougall noted that this can be controlled via the

building permit process. Powell said the town cannot control how rooms designated as a den or family room are really used. He noted that Newbury is more stringent than neighboring towns regarding building-related restrictions. A question from the floor asked if someone got a permit to build a two-bedroom house and built three bedrooms, would this be a violation? Powell said yes, and when we are advised that this has happened or note it on an inspection, we take steps to make the homeowner comply with regulations.

Returning to the subject of Blodgett sewer, an attendee asked how residents there could anticipate the increased costs to users of repairs and/or upgrades to the system. Powell said more information on the system upgrading would be available at town meeting, and a warrant article would be presented to the townspeople at that time. Obey added that the state will offer financial support up to 30% of the costs. An attendee asked if federal aid would also be available. Obey said they had helped in the past, but we need to have solid cost figures before we would not be hindered. Obey reminded attendees that the sewer bill is not part of town taxes, and represents a user fee for those connected to the sewer. Mulder added in closing that no sump pumps are allowed to be connected to the sewer.

Powell reported to those present that a committee had been formed to look at all town-owned buildings and make recommendations for their possible uses. He introduced Betsy Soper, who is spearheading this effort. Soper reported that she has inspected the town-owned buildings. Some appear to be viable, while it is questionable if others could be made useful at a reasonable cost. She expects to have some specific ideas

per location early next year. She was asked if all the buildings are being used now. She replied that some are used only occasionally, such as the Veterans' Hall which is used three days a year for the Haunted House and for storage for the firemen's auction. A question was raised about use of the Grange Hall. Powell said a small grange group meets there once a month and has its annual dinner there. The Historical Society meets in the old Town Hall and Sherman Hall contains a vault of historic documents and pictures. Thomas added that antiques are stored upstairs in Sherman Hall. Soper said the old Highway Garage will be used for storage short-term and the Bald Sunapee property is a long-range strategic holding for the town. Its use will be discussed at Town Meeting. Powell was asked if town growth was a factor in accumulating properties. He said yes, Newbury has grown from 1800 to over 2000 in the last two years.

Soper was thanked for her efforts. Powell mentioned that she was also instrumental in founding the Newbury Beautification Committee, whose members have worked hard to bring beautiful flowers and plants to enhance town properties. Pavlicek added that the NBC also went all out to support the dedication of the new town office and provided great salads for the occasion.

An attendee asked what percentage of town property owners were non-residents. Powell said about half. Pavlicek added that more people are moving here permanently.

Mr. McDonough asked about the Lake Todd Village District. Powell said it is a municipality by law, created

to control the use, repair and insurance of the dam at Lake Todd. Being declared a municipality allows for lower insurance rates for the dam and creates a system for property owners there to be taxed for the cost.

A question was raised about the results of a traffic study recently done on Gerald Drive. Powell said the Highway Safety Committee addressed this issue along with a request to set a speed limit for the recreational and beach area on Gerald Drive at Chalk Pond. Powell said he did not have a copy of the results of the traffic study, and asked the attendee to leave his name and number for follow-up.

A question was asked about how the new assessor would divide up his time among the three towns he will work for. Pavlicek said his time would be apportioned according to the number of lots in each town, and costs for his time, but each town would receive roughly 1/3 of his time.

Mr. Myles remarked that the town should enact a noise ordinance banning jake brakes on town roads, especially now with ongoing construction in Southview. He also suggested placing a 1,000-gallon container at the Transfer Station to collect used oil. Powell said the town tried for several years to recycle oil in a smaller tank, but in cold winter weather it could not be pumped out. Myles said a larger container would work better and could make money for the town. Powell said most garages will take waste oil but the selectmen will look at this issue again.

An attendee remarked that the culverts were full on Skytop Road. Powell said he would ask the Highway

Administrator to check all the town culverts. Kara Obey asked that Prussman contact her about drains at Blodgett Landing that need attention.

Mrs. Myles asked if the town could set aside a special day for burning old American flags. Thomas said the Cemetery Trustees do that, or people can bring old, damaged flags to the Fire Department for disposal.

Powell introduced Police Chief Bob Lee. Lee said in the two weeks he has been in office, lots of items have been set in motion. New, more casual summer uniforms are being used. Police vehicles will be on the street more and there will be extra officers on patrol, especially in the late evening. He has ordered a system for issuing credentials to be in place within a week. He said the police officers are ambassadors of the town and should make the best first impression. He will be available from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily and will respond to all calls.

Mr. Myles said people are driving 50 mph at the intersection of Route 103 from Ledge Hill past Old Post Road and into town. There is no safety walk and speed is dangerous for pedestrians. Chief Lee said he is looking into ways to control speed, including message board signs. Pavlicek said he is looking into possible grants to establish a sidewalk from Bald Sunapee to the Caboose.

Chief Lee was asked if he would establish a presence at Blodgett Landing and be able to attend meetings of the COA. He responded yes, he or a representative would attend and he also plans to have an active presence in the local schools. He was asked about his staff. He said he had 5 ½ part-time and three full-time officers. He plans

to reduce the on-call time and the amount of part-time hours with partial shifts.

Chief Lee was asked about a leash law in town. He said Newbury has a leash law and dogs are required to be licensed. Stray dogs brought into the PD are cared for until they are picked up. Thomas explained that the leash law requires dogs to be kept on a lead or be verbally restrained when outside with owners.

Obey remarked that Blodgett residents appreciated police presence at the town dock, especially to keep people off the dock after 11 p.m. A remark from the floor said two-hour parking at Blodgett Landing is not being enforced. Chief Lee said he is looking at the signage to make sure it's enforceable.

An attendee asked if residents could request street lighting. Powell said to send the request to the Board of Selectmen for consideration. Pavlicek added that pole numbers should be included with the request.

Mr. Myles remarked that the intersection of Old Post Road and Old Province Road was dangerous. Powell said the work was not completed yet, and it will be fixed.

Powell noted that *Newbury Update*, a periodic newsletter about town news, issues and events, is available. Mr. Myles asked that Board of Selectmen meeting minutes be posted on the town web page. No postings of minutes have been made since May. Pavlicek said he would update the listing. Obey asked that her minutes from the Blodgett Sewer Committee also be posted. Powell said that was a lower priority, but we will try to keep the town news up to date on the web page.

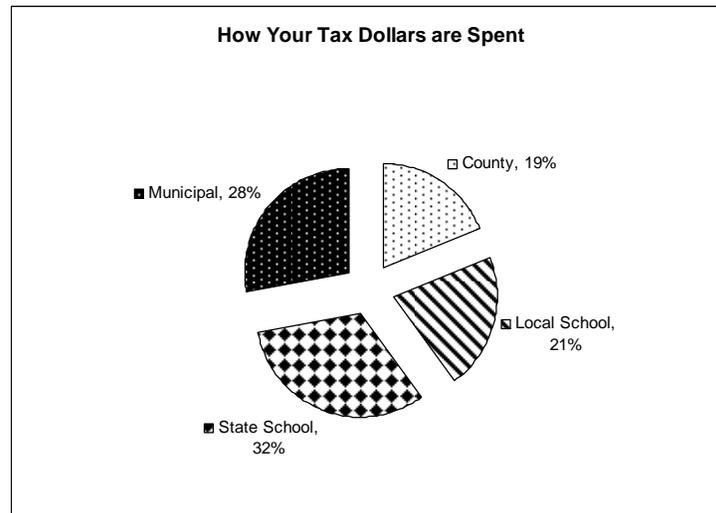
The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a. m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Shelly Candidus, Administrative Assistant*



Youngsters enjoying fun, food and games at the new Highway Garage fall celebration. Photo courtesy of John Warren.

Your Tax Dollars 2005



County	2.73	19%
Local School	4.74	21%
State School	3.01	32%
Municipal	<u>4.15</u>	<u>28%</u>
Total	14.63	100%

Births
Registered in the Town of Newbury, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2005

Date	Child's Name	Birth Place	Father's Name	Mother's Name
01/08/05	Siena Maria Dyke	Claremont, NH	Adam Dyke	Donna Dyke
02/17/05	Jacob Robert Baldasaro	Lebanon, NH	Mark Baldasaro	Susan Baldasaro
02/21/05	Maya Carolyne Corbyn	Lebanon, NH	Richard Corbyn	Wendy Corbyn
04/05/05	Amanda Doyle Lyons	Lebanon, NH	Michael Lyons	Kathleen Lyons
04/14/05	Lily Riann Johnson	Lebanon, NH	Jason Johnson	Shanon Connolly
04/29/05	Mya Elizabeth Cluff	Concord, NH	William Cluff	Lacy Cluff
05/01/05	Henry Fitzgerald Tuohy	Lebanon, NH	Patrick Tuohy	Jennifer Tuohy
05/05/05	Rylie Nicole Guerrette	Concord, NH	Philip Guerrette	Carrie Guerrette
08/07/05	Colin Alexander Falvey	Concord, NH	Scott Falvey	Emily Welsh
09/20/05	Colby Alan Vonkannewurff	Lebanon, NH	Patrick Vonkannewurff	Terra Geer-Vonkannewurff
09/21/05	Lily Ann Wright	Lebanon, NH	Miklos Wright	Annie Wright
09/22/05	Jasmine Lynn Shampney	Lebanon, NH	Perley Shampney	Jessica Wood
10/07/05	Owen Christopher Magee	Lebanon, NH	John Magee	Donna Magee
10/16/05	Katelyn Marie Morrison	Lebanon, NH	Max Morrison	Rhonda Morrison
10/23/05	Lauren Elizabeth Dustin	Lebanon, NH	Kenneth Dustin	Andrea Dibuono-Dustin
11/04/05	Courtney Michelle Kendrigan	Lebanon, NH	Peter Kendrigan	Sean Kendrigan

Marriages
Registered in the Town of Newbury, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2005

Date	Groom's Name	Groom's Residence	Bride's Name	Bride's Residence	Place of Marriage
01/08/05	Douglas J. Cooper	Lynchburg, VA	Kathryn Leah Whitman	Newbury, NH	Newport, NH
02/14/05	Donald G. Cassidy	Newbury, NH	Cheri B. Cassidy	Newbury, NH	Newbury, NH
05/06/05	Gregory S. Timbas	Manchester, NH	Claire S. Cahill	Newbury, NH	Bedford, NH
05/21/05	Caleb J. Chipman	Newbury, NH	Noel H. Tomaino	Newbury, NH	Bradford, NH
08/04/05	Paul S. Canfield	Newbury, NH	Dawn M. Ridley	Newbury, NH	Newbury, NH
08/19/05	Christopher J. Hilton	Newbury, NH	Sunshine M. Goss	Newbury, NH	Springfield, NH
08/20/05	Andrew T. Weston	Orono, ME	Kelly L. Barbour	Newbury, NH	Newport, NH
12/02/05	Leonard J. Riccio	Newbury, NH	Denise C. Bendzlowicz	Newbury, NH	Bradford, NH

Deaths
Registered in the Town of Newbury, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2005

Date	Decedent's Name	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Name
01/06/05	Charlene Wood	Manchester, NH	Allen Hancock	Ann McGunigle
03/04/05	Anne Erickson	Newbury, NH	Harry Forrest	Emma Sharpe
03/21/05	Harold Folsom	Warner, NH	Forest Folsom	Avis Ayer
03/23/05	Siena Dyke	Newbury, NH	Adam Dyke	Donna Dempsey
07/26/05	Michael J. Whitman	Newbury, NH	Clyde Roberts	Barbara Yates
08/03/05	Clifford Ayer	New London, NH	Loren Ayer	Neva Colburn
08/09/05	James Newell	Concord, NH	Milford Newell	Vera Craig
08/22/05	George Ferren	Warner, NH	William Ferren	Jennie Wright
08/22/05	Millard Whiteside	Newbury, NH	William Whiteside	Alice Thompson
09/02/05	Walter Croteau	Newbury, NH	Joseph Croteau	Beatrice Duddy
09/20/05	Richard Martin	New London, NH	Harold Martin	Frances Paige
11/03/05	Clarence Linton	Newbury, NH	Leon Linton	Florence Persons
12/02/05	Warren Ritchie	New London, NH	Albert Ritchie	Ruth Parker

Newbury Service Directory

Emergency Phone Numbers

ALL EMERGENCIES: DIAL 911

FIRE DEPARTMENT (non-emergency)763-4403
POLICE STATION (non-emergency) 763-4104
POLICE DISPATCH.....763-2221

After calling for Emergency help, please turn on all outside lights both during the day and at night to aid in locating your residence. If possible, have someone outdoors to meet the responding units.

Selectmen’s Office763-4940
Fax.....763-5298

Monday, Tues., Thurs., Fri.: 8:00 a.m. – Noon

Selectmen meet every two weeks on a rotating schedule of Monday nights at 6:30 p.m.

See posted meeting schedules for dates.

www.newburynh.org

E-mail: townadmin@newburynh.org

Town Clerk & Tax Collector’s Office.....763-5326

Monday: 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

(closed from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.)

Code Enforcement Officer.....763-4940

Monday 8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Wednesday Noon – 6 p.m.

Forest Fire Warden Dave Smith.....938-5925

Town Highway Department.....938-5494

Library.....763-5803

Monday 12:00 Noon – 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 12:00 Noon – 5 p.m.

Friday closed

Saturday 10 a.m.– 2 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 Noon – 5 p.m.

Transfer Station.....763-2289

Monday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Land Use Board Coordinator.....763-4940

Call for Zoning and Planning Board information.

*Planning Board meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday
of the month at the Town Office.*

