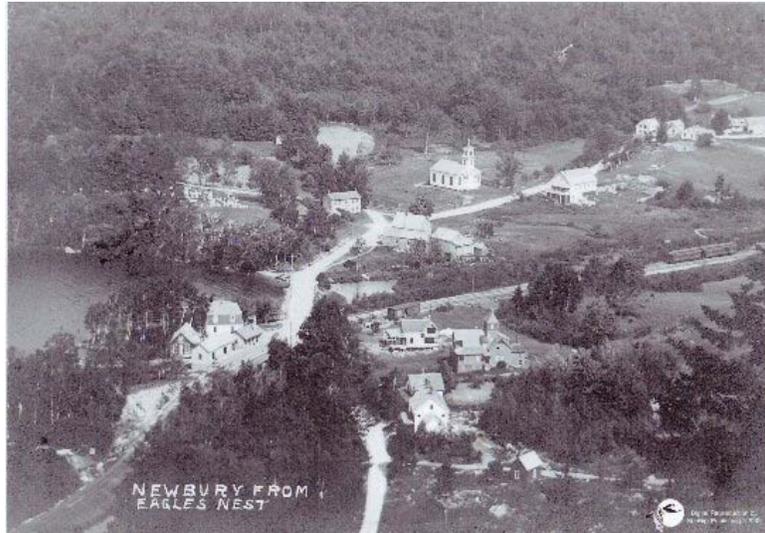


# Annual Report

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



*for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2006  
with Vital Statistics for the year 2006*

*Newbury Center from The Eagle's Nest, circa 1900  
Photo courtesy Ron Garceau, SooNipi Magazine  
Cover photo: Newbury Center from The Eagle's Nest, 2006  
Photo courtesy Wayne Whitford*

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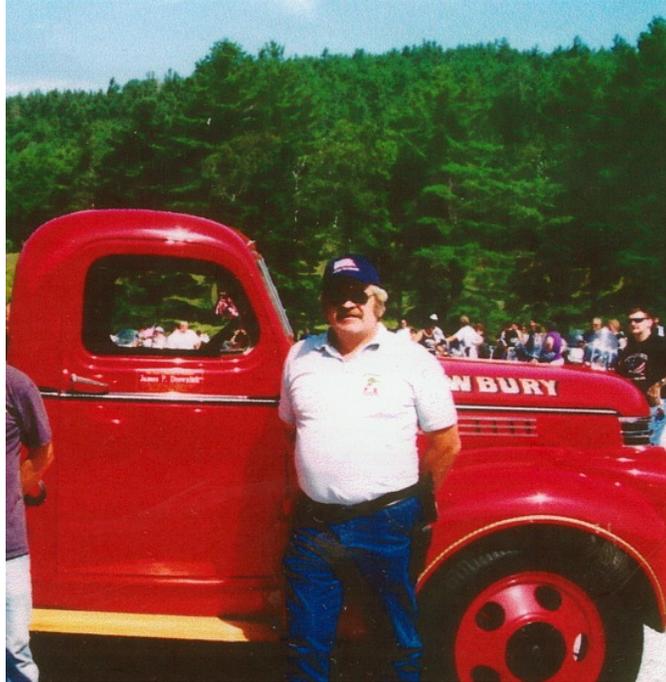
**In Memoriam**  
**Kevin Walker – 1951-2006**

Kevin graduated from Woodstock High School in 1969 and was in the U.S. Army from 1971 to 1974. He and his family moved to Newbury in 1976 and he joined the Newbury Fire Department in 1978. Kevin was an EMT and a Deputy Fire Warden. While he took pride and pleasure in his official fire warden duties, his favorite sideline activity as a fireman was working on Newbury's Haunted House for the past 20 years. Kevin loved to thrill kids of all ages. He and other fire department members put in long hours preparing the Haunted House for local children (and their parents!) at Halloween and he said it was well worth the time and effort to see how both young and old enjoyed the spooky fun. Another of his contributions and pleasures was restoring the department's antique fire truck with his good friend, Jim Drewniak. Kevin was justifiably proud of the results of their work.

For 10 years after his move to Newbury, Kevin worked at Pine Tree Castings. He then did carpenter work before moving to Excalibur Shelving Systems, where he worked for 15 years. He pursued his jobs with enthusiasm, and his family benefited from his skills as a plumber, mechanic, carpenter, electrician, landscaper, and more. He could be found at home in his workshop over the garage enjoying his model trains and woodworking hobbies.

Kevin had many friends and was always ready to lend them a helping hand. His good friend, Colin Nelson, worked with him at Excalibur and was his associate as a Newbury fireman. He describes Kevin as "a passionate man who loved family- and friend-oriented activities, be it a cookout or helping with a complicated project. He was a joker who enjoyed a good laugh and loved placing someone in the path of a practical joke." Colin said Kevin is missed not only by his immediate family, but by the extended family of friends he adopted throughout his life.

To his wife of 33 years, Kevin will be remembered as “a stubborn old mule.” To his girls, he’ll always be the man who could do anything. His grandson will think of him as the best bear-hugger ever, and his baby granddaughter will know him through family stories and memories.



*Kevin Walker, photo courtesy Walker family*

## **Town Officers**

### **Selectmen\***

Jim Powell, Chairman, term expires 2008

Richard Wright, term expires 2007

Gary Budd, term expires 2009

### **Town Administrator\*\***

Dennis J. Pavlicek

### **Moderator\***

Nancy Marashio, term expires 2008

### **Deputy Moderator\*\*\*\*\***

Vincent Iacopino

### **Representative to the General Court**

Patricia McMahan

### **Town Clerk and Tax Collector\***

Linda Plunkett, term expires 2009

### **Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Tax Collector\*\***

Martha von Redlich

### **Treasurer\***

Jennifer Goin, term expires 2008

### **Deputy Treasurer\*\***

Debbie Sias

### **Trustees of Trust Funds\***

Clayton Johnson, term expires 2007

Daniel H. Wolf, term expires 2008

Claire Vannatta, term expires 2009

**Library Trustees\***

Elizabeth Tentarelli, term expires 2007  
Beverly Wolf, term expires 2008  
Paula Falkowski, term expires 2009

**Newbury Member,  
Kearsarge Regional School Board\***

Daniel H. Wolf, term expires 2009

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

Robin Parkhurst, term expires 2009

**Supervisors of the Checklist\***

Clayton Johnson, term expires 2007  
Sue Russell (temp), term expires 2007  
Al Bachelder, term expires 2009

**Cemetery Trustees\***

Doris Morrow/Paul Riley, term expires 2007  
Charles Crickman, term expires 2008  
Mary Bachelder, term expires 2009

**Planning Board\***

Barbara Freeman, Chair, term expires 2008  
William Weiler, Vice-Chair, term expires 2008  
Al Bachelder, term expires 2007  
David Thayer, term expires 2007  
Ron Williams, term expires 2009  
Travis Dezotell, term expires 2009  
Deane Geddes, Alternate, term expires 2007  
Lacy Cluff (ret.), Alternate, term expires 2007

**Zoning Board of Adjustment\***

Thomas Vannatta, Chair, term expires 2007  
Betsy Soper, Vice-Chair, term expires 2008  
Vacancy, term expires 2007  
Katheryn Holmes, term expires 2007

Elizabeth Ashworth, term expires 2009  
William Cluff, Alternate, term expires 2007  
Helen Wright, Alternate, term expires 2007  
Alex Azodi, Alternate, term expires 2009

**Conservation Commission\*\***

William Weiler, Chair, term expires 2009  
Eric Unger, term expires 2007  
Deane Geddes, term expires 2007  
Suzanne Levine, term expires 2008  
Frank Perrotta, term expires 2008  
William Annable, Alternate, term expires 2008  
Katheryn Holmes, Alternate, term expires 2008  
Clare Bensley, Alternate, term expires 2009

**Chief of Police\*\***

Robert Lee

**Chief of Fire Department\*\*\*\***

Henry E. Thomas, Jr.

**Officer of Emergency Management\*\***

Paul Groulx

**Health Officer\*\***

M. Wayne Whitford

**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, 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

The fireworks were a spectacular finale to our First Annual Newbury Old Home Day celebration.

First, a special "Thank You" to all the town Administrative employees, the Fire Department, Police Department, Recreation Committee, Highway Department, the Transfer Station, the Beautification Committee, and all the community people who worked so very hard to make Old Home Day happen. Thank you, the townspeople, for supporting this event and making this community the special place it is. We hope to continue this annual event for many years to come. If you missed it last year, be sure to come this year.

In 2006, many town projects were started and others were completed. Engineering work for the Blodgett Wastewater Treatment Plant and Fishersfield Park were completed and construction start-up for both will occur in 2007.

After receiving approval at town meeting, the town contracted with New London and Sunapee to share a tax assessor. 2006 was the first year this arrangement was put in place and it has been highly successful. Tax assessing information is available at the Town Office or you may access the online database on the Town of Newbury website ([www.newburynh.org](http://www.newburynh.org)).

Land values have been rapidly increasing and are reflected in this year's tax assessments. That being said, it may not result in an equal rise in taxes. The Newbury tax rate has actually dropped over the previous year. Your Board of Selectmen has the onerous task of balancing the budget and not significantly raising taxes; all of this in the face of ever-rising school budgets and county taxes, over which we have no control.

We have managed to keep to a very modest budget increase in the face of all of this. At the same time, we have made sure

that the budget keeps pace with the demands that growth has placed on the town.

The rate and direction of growth are being actively considered by the Planning Board as they update the Master Plan. Your input via questionnaires and public meetings has been extremely helpful and will be reflected in the final plan, which is scheduled for publication later this year.



*Selectmen announce Tree City Award at Old Home Day, July 8, 2006  
Photo courtesy Paul Howe*

The Town of Newbury is fortunate to have dedicated employees and volunteers who work to make it a great place in which to live. We have a need for volunteers to serve on various town committees and organizations. The many benefits of volunteerism include self-satisfaction, socialization, community involvement, learning new skills, and recognizing that your contribution matters. If you have a skill to share, or would like to learn one, please contact us. Volunteerism is people helping people, willing to work on behalf of others.

In 2007, some of the planned activities under consideration are: a town Community Garden, Farmers' Market,

development at Fishersfield, and the annual Newbury Old Home Day celebration. We hope all of you will join us in making these Newbury events fun and successful.

*Jim Powell, Dick Wright and Gary Budd*



*Selectman Wright serves up the burgers at Old Home Day  
Photo courtesy Rich Cole*

## **Town Administrator's Report**

First of all, thanks to the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee for preparing the 2007 budget. As the town continues to grow and the demand for services increases, they have worked hard to keep costs in line. As you review the budget, you will notice a dramatic decrease in employee benefits – dropping close to \$300,000 from 2006. This is not because we have deprived town employees of benefits, but because we have moved the costs of benefits to be charged against each department, thus increasing specific department costs to reflect this expense.

Several significant projects were initiated in 2006 and will move forward in 2007:

### **Blodgett Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade**

This rehabilitation project, approved at Town Meeting last year, has been progressing with engineering studies and division of the project into three phases. Work on Phase I, upgrading the sewer lines, has been awarded to United Construction from Newport. Construction should begin this winter and be completed by late spring. When finished, the system will have much less groundwater infiltration and this will alleviate excess pumping after heavy rains. Bids are being prepared to go out for Phase II, which will involve rehabilitation of the pump stations at Blodgett and Croft Beach. Bids should be awarded in late spring, with the work to be done after Columbus Day to avoid inconveniencing local residents. The final phase of the project, upgrading the treatment plant, is scheduled for the fall of 2007 into winter of 2008. Interest on the bond will be only 1 percent until the project is completed, when it will go to 2.48 percent. Users of the system will not be impacted with debt service payments until 2008.

### **Statistical Update**

During 2006, the town underwent a statistical update which was necessary because a review by the DRA showed our Coefficient of Dispersion (ratio) was not within required parameters. Since our last revaluation three years ago, our ratio went from 91 percent to 72.7 percent. During the 2006 update, our total values went from approximately \$510,000,000 to \$693,000,000. For more information, please see the tri-town assessor's report.

### **Sidewalk Grant**

Newbury has been awarded a grant funded by Federal Transportation Enhancement Funds. The total project funding amount was \$643,100. Twenty percent of these funds are a town match and the remaining 80 percent (\$514,480) are federal funds. (See 2007 Warrant Article # 7.) This project was rated # 1 in New Hampshire and also received the largest amount of funding of any of the awarded projects. Many thanks to those who appeared at hearings in support of the grant – “You made it happen!” We expect to do engineering studies in 2007 and hope to start construction as soon as possible after the state reviews the plans and the grant approval. This project will give us a sidewalk from the harbor to town property along Route 103, and will also improve drainage in the harbor area. For more information and updates, please stop in the Town Office.

### **Town Bridges Update**

The selectmen requested that the state review two of our town bridges to see if they are eligible for replacement under state grants. One on Village Road has been approved, and the other, on Sutton Road, is in process with a favorable outcome expected. The grant provides 80 percent of the funding. By taking the Capital Reserve fund that was previously marked for Revaluation and making it a Bridges Capital Reserve fund, the town will be able to meet its responsibility immediately for the 20 percent town portion of the first bridge replacement. In

2008, the town will start putting money in this Capital Reserve fund for replacement of the second bridge.

### **Fishersfield Park**

Engineering studies and Wetland Bureau approval for the development of Fishersfield Park were completed in 2006, thus clearing the way for work to begin on this project. The first areas to be addressed will be the access road, parking area, and development of a recreation field. Selectman Dick Wright has been appointed key person to move the work forward. As soon as the weather permits, loads of clean fill will be trucked in to prepare the work sites.

### **Old Home Day**

The 2006 Old Home Day celebration was a great success. The various committees that planned and executed the event are to be congratulated for their work. Plans for this year's Old Home Day are already under way. We can always use extra hands and new ideas, so if you are interested in working on any portion of this event, please contact the Town Office. Because of the success of the Farmers' Market, we are in the early planning process of making this market an ongoing town event throughout the summer. Let us know if you would like to support this project. Stay tuned for more new ideas for Old Home Day 2007, which is scheduled for Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **“Visioning”**

The selectmen have asked Patricia Sherman to work with them and Newbury residents to conduct “visioning” sessions in 2007 to explore the best uses of town buildings and properties in the town center. Watch for ads this spring and summer that will announce public meetings on this topic. We need your voice to be heard to help decide the use of these properties and direction of town progress, while preserving our rural heritage. On a side note, it's gratifying that since the renovation of the Town Office building, our new meeting room has been used regularly by many diverse local groups. We're

happy to make this space available, and glad the public has responded so positively.

### **Tax Rate Projection**

Based on the appropriations approved by the selectmen, I project that the town portion of the 2007 tax rate will decrease by about 20 cents per thousand if all warrant articles recommended by the selectmen pass.

Finally, I want to thank all town employees, board members and volunteers for all the hard work that they perform for the town. Special thanks go to Patricia, Linda, Debbie and Shelly for going the extra mile throughout the year.

*Dennis J. Pavlicek, Town Administrator*



*Dennis Pavlicek feeding the hungry at Old Home Day  
Photo courtesy Rich Cole*

## Town Clerk

### Debits

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued .....	\$404,268.36
Dog Licenses Issued .....	2,375.50
UCC Filings .....	693.00
Boat Registrations .....	9,339.96
Vital Records .....	624.00
Filing for Offices .....	11.00
Fish and Game .....	1,679.00
Miscellaneous .....	638.00
<b>TOTAL DEBITS .....</b>	<b>.\$419,628.82</b>

### Credits

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued .....	\$404,268.36
Dog Licenses Issued .....	2,375.50
UCC Filings .....	693.00
Boat Registrations .....	9,339.96
Vital Records .....	624.00
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Fish and Game .....	1,679.00
Miscellaneous .....	638.00
<b>TOTAL CREDITS .....</b>	<b>\$419,628.82</b>

**Treasurer**  
**General Fund 2006 Receipts**

Received from Tax Collector	\$8,491,471.66
Received from Town Clerk	\$ 419,628.82
Received from State of NH	\$ 197,412.36
Police Private Duty	\$ 5,683.00
Police Reports	\$ 451.50
Police Fines	\$ 1,175.00
Cemetery Lots	\$ 1,000.00
Building Permits	\$ 31,828.52
Pistol Permits	\$ 0.00
Reimbursements	\$ 0.00
Planning Board	\$ 3,111.43
Zoning Board	\$ 2,772.16
Recycling	\$ 9,017.82
Capital Projects	\$ 0.00
Insurance Reimbursement & Short-Term Disability	\$ 21,080.40
Town Office	\$ 678.50
Tax Lien	\$ 0.00
Parks & Recreation	\$ 5,193.75
Interest on Checking Account	\$ 69,281.47
Sale of Town Property	\$ 355.00
Tri-Town Assessor	\$ 138,744.49
Highway Department	\$ 76,603.08
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 12,971.00
Cable Fees	\$ 0.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 17,151.77
Transfer Station	<u>\$ 12,721.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,518,332.73</b>
Transfers to/from Investment Accounts	(\$ 215,346.98)
Beginning Balance January 1, 2006	\$2,365,086.84
Total Receipts & Beginning Balance	\$ 11,668,072.59
Selectmen's Orders Paid	<u>(\$9,390,286.41)</u>
Balance on December 31, 2006	\$2,277,786.18

## Investment Accounts

### **NH Public Deposit Investment Pool**

Balance January 1, 2006	\$1,126.44
Plus: Interest	\$53.63
Plus: Deposits	\$0.00
Less: Transfers	<u>\$0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2006	\$1,180.07

### **Mascoma Savings Bank**

Balance January 1, 2006	\$1,771.27
Plus: Deposits	\$0.00
Plus: Interest	\$2.58
Less: Transfers	<u>(\$1,773.85)</u>
Balance December 31, 2006	\$0.00

### **Blodgett Sewer Money Market Account**

Balance January 1, 2006	\$33,346.68
Plus: Deposits	\$0.00
Plus: Interest	\$1,767.23
Less: Transfers	<u>\$0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2006	\$35,113.91

### **Conservation Commission**

Balance January 1, 2006	\$192,334.91
Plus: Interest	\$9,510.80
Less: Transfers	(\$3,610.20)
Plus: Transfers	<u>\$54,395.80</u>
Balance December 31, 2006	\$252,631.31

### **Recreation Revolving Fund**

Balance January 1, 2006	\$510.79
Plus: Interest	\$2.73
Less: Transfers	(\$909.00)
Plus: Transfers	<u>\$2,423.50</u>
Balance December 31, 2006	\$2,028.02

### **Newbury Beautification Committee**

Balance January 1, 2006	\$1,747.88
Plus: Interest	\$4.54
Less: Transfers	(\$2,194.70)
Plus: Transfers	<u>\$3,247.25</u>
Balance December 31, 2006	\$2,804.97

## Report of The Trust Funds of The Town of Newbury, New Hampshire on December 31, 2006

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND <small>List first three trusts awarded in a common trust fund</small>	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED <small>Whether term, diversified, term, etc. If Common Trusts, state %</small>	PRINCIPAL					INCOME				Grand Total Of Principal & Income at End of Year	
				Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Cash Balance or (Accesed) on Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End Year	INCOME DURING YEAR		EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END YEAR		
									%	Amount				
Various	<b>CEMETERY FUNDS:</b> Various	perpetual care	PDIP	\$15,398.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,398.79	\$20,979.33	100.00%	\$1,726.18	\$0.00	\$22,705.51	\$38,104.30
	<b>TOTALS</b> A/C CEMETERY FUNDS			\$15,398.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,398.79	\$20,979.33		\$1,726.18	\$0.00	\$22,705.51	\$38,104.30
1972	<b>SCHOLARSHIP FUND:</b> Edith K. Eaton	Scholarship	Lake Sunapee Bank	\$198.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49.78	\$148.40	\$0.22		\$0.17	\$0.22	\$0.17	\$148.57
	<b>TOTALS</b> A/C SCHOLARSHIP FUND			\$198.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49.78	\$148.40	\$0.22		\$0.17	\$0.22	\$0.17	\$148.57
1954	<b>LIBRARY FUNDS:</b> Jennie J. Folsom	Library	SRSB	\$2,992.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,992.58	\$16.52		\$16.50	\$16.52	\$16.50	\$3,009.06
1966	Shirley Powers	Library	SRSB	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$5.52		\$5.51	\$5.52	\$5.51	\$1,005.51
2000	Patricia W. Steinfield	Library	PDIP	\$15,592.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,592.00	\$446.19		\$741.21	\$446.19	\$741.21	\$16,333.21
2002	White Library Fund	Library	PDIP	\$4,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,750.00	\$136.01		\$225.68	\$136.01	\$225.68	\$4,975.68
2004	Marion Smith Fund	Library	PDIP	\$20,382.63	\$4,607.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$549.21		\$1,162.26	\$549.21	\$1,162.26	\$26,162.26
2006	Perkins Library Fund	Library	PDIP	\$0.00	\$9,094.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,094.66	\$0.00		\$382.96	\$0.00	\$382.96	\$9,477.62
	<b>TOTALS</b> A/C LIBRARY FUNDS			\$44,727.19	\$13,702.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$58,429.22	\$1,153.45		\$2,534.12	\$1,153.45	\$2,534.12	\$60,963.34
1962	<b>CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS:</b> Town of Newbury	Highway Equip.	PDIP	\$192,306.97	\$103,000.00	\$0.00	\$130,169.16	\$165,137.81	\$5,834.84		\$6,624.73	\$5,834.84	\$9,624.73	\$174,762.54
1971	Town of Newbury	Fire Equip.	PDIP	\$72,121.67	\$56,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$128,521.67	\$7,582.78		\$4,920.16	\$0.00	\$7,502.94	\$136,024.61
1984	Town of Newbury	Police Equip.	PDIP	\$19,591.21	\$22,500.00	\$0.00	\$31,994.10	\$10,097.11	\$644.73		\$1,314.61	\$644.73	\$1,314.61	\$11,411.72
1993	Town of Newbury	Ambulance Fund	PDIP	\$17,497.18	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,497.18	\$546.24		\$923.55	\$0.00	\$1,469.79	\$21,966.97
1995	Town of Newbury	Recreational Facility	PDIP	\$22,966.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,966.27	\$1,193.26		\$1,146.37	\$0.00	\$2,339.62	\$25,305.89
1997	Town of Newbury	Revaluation	PDIP	\$75,340.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75,340.77	\$2,812.19		\$3,708.55	\$0.00	\$6,520.74	\$81,861.51
	<b>TOTALS</b> A/C CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS			\$399,824.07	\$184,900.00	\$0.00	\$162,163.26	\$422,560.81	\$13,614.03		\$21,637.97	\$6,479.57	\$28,772.43	\$461,333.24
1977	<b>GENERAL TRUST FUNDS:</b> Town of Newbury	Dock Repairs	PDIP	\$29,860.24	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,687.52	\$30,172.72	\$1,072.48		\$1,411.28	\$1,072.48	\$1,411.28	\$31,584.00
1984	Town of Newbury	Town Blids.	PDIP	\$39,155.89	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,771.82	\$40,384.07	\$2,553.18		\$2,003.35	\$2,553.18	\$2,003.35	\$42,387.42
1987	Town of Newbury	Cem. Monuments	PDIP	\$317.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$317.20	\$0.00	\$33.52		\$9.30	\$42.67	\$0.15	\$0.15
1995	Town of Newbury	Office Equip.	PDIP	\$32,698.20	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,754.02	\$31,944.18	\$1,059.98		\$1,612.05	\$1,059.98	\$1,612.05	\$33,556.23
2002	Town of Newbury	Milfoil	PDIP	\$2,149.61	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,899.76	\$2,749.85	\$100.24		\$113.51	\$100.24	\$113.51	\$2,363.36
2004	Town of Newbury	Cemetery Maint.	PDIP	\$4,400.00	\$3,046.19	\$0.00	\$446.19	\$7,000.00	\$125.96		\$309.95	\$0.00	\$435.91	\$7,435.91
2006	Town of Newbury	Fire Dept. - PPE	PDIP	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00		\$224.90	\$0.00	\$224.90	\$10,224.90
	<b>TOTALS</b> A/C GENERAL TRUST FUNDS			\$108,581.14	\$36,046.19	\$0.00	\$22,876.51	\$121,750.82	\$4,955.36		\$5,684.34	\$4,868.55	\$5,601.15	\$127,551.97
	<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>			\$668,729.37	\$234,648.22	\$0.00	\$185,089.55	\$818,288.04	\$40,732.39		\$31,582.78	\$12,501.79	\$59,813.38	\$678,101.42

**Tax Collector's Report**  
**Summary of Tax Accounts Fiscal Year Ended**  
**12/31/2006**

<b>Uncollected Tax</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Prior</b>
<b>Beginning of Year</b>			
Property Tax		\$ 398,969.20	
Land Use Change			
Yield			
Excavation/yard			
Utility Charge		\$ 11,672.16	
Interest & Bounced Ck		\$ 54.21	
<b>Tax Committed</b>			
Property Tax	\$8,294,265.00		
Land Use Change	\$ 59,350.00		
Yield	\$ 15,981.39		
Excavation/yard	\$ 951.58		
Utility Charge	\$ 129,920.00		
Other			
<b>Overpayment</b>			
Property Tax	\$ 992.80	\$ 1,472.75	
Land Use Change			
Yield			
Excavation/yard			
Excavation Activity			
Sewer Tax	\$ 392.00		
Insufficient Funds Fee		\$ 75.00	
Interest - Late Tax	\$ 4,241.26	\$ 21,771.14	
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$8,506,094.03</b>	<b>\$ 434,014.46</b>	

<b>Remitted to Treasurer</b>			
Property Tax	\$7,783,820.16	\$ 393,421.39	
Land Use Change	\$ 43,750.00		
Yield	\$ 6,093.40		
Interest & Costs	\$ 4,240.63	\$ 21,825.35	
Excavation Tax	\$ 951.58		
Utility Charge	\$ 117,104.91	\$ 11,672.16	
Conversion to Lien			
Bounced Check		\$ 75.00	
Other			
<b>Abatements</b>			
Property Tax	\$ 3,018.80	\$ 7,020.56	
Land Use Change			
Yield			
Excavation/yard			
Utility Charge			
Interest	\$ 0.63		
Adjustment			
<b>Deeded to Town</b>	\$ 18.00		
<b>Uncollected Tax</b>			
<b>EOY</b>			
Property Tax	\$ 508,400.84		
Land Use Change	\$ 15,600.00		
Yield	\$ 9,887.99		
Excavation/yard			
Interest			
Utility Charge	\$ 13,207.80		
Bounced Check			
Total Credits	\$8,506,094.74	\$ 434,014.46	
<b>Levies Of</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Prior</b>
Unredeemed liens at start of Year		\$ 74,854.43	\$31,221.79

Liens Executed During	\$ 147,554.08		
<b>Fiscal Year</b>			
Interest & Costs	\$ 2,972.81	\$ 4,972.06	\$11,770.04
Mortgage Research Costs	\$ 1,135.75	\$ 796.82	\$ 1,160.39
Total Debits	\$ 151,662.64	\$ 80,623.31	\$44,152.22
<b>Remitted to Treasurer</b>			
Redemptions	\$ 29,777.35	\$ 26,343.33	\$31,179.02
Interest & Costs	\$ 2,971.40	\$ 4,972.06	\$11,770.04
Mortgage Research Costs	\$ 184.75	\$ 307.08	\$ 1,129.39
Deeded to Town	\$ 86.19	\$ 85.10	\$ 73.77
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	\$ 53.98	\$ 42.30	
Unredeemed Mortgage Research Costs	\$ 925.00	\$ 476.74	
Unredeemed Liens at End of Year	\$ 117,663.97	\$ 48,396.70	
Total Credits	\$ 151,662.64	\$ 80,623.31	\$44,152.22

## Assessor's Report

It's been a year and a half since I came to Newbury to establish an assessing department. To date, we have been able to assist with a new mapping project, complete assessing all building projects in a timely manner, and complete a town-wide assessment update. Assessment updates are always a concern to residents. While this is understandable, our goal is to apply New Hampshire law fairly and equitably. Because of this, some property owners end up paying more and some pay less. This is always the case because different types of properties go up or down in value at different rates. The good news is, I believe the market has stabilized for the most part. If this is the case, there will be some leveling off in all segments of the market, thus alleviating the need to perform assessment updates in the near future.

We met with about 350 individuals over the last valuation cycle -- some by phone, some by office appointment, and others at their property. We try to recognize the characteristics about a person's property that affect its value and address them in the assessment. Some items are evident during a physical inspection, some by a visual drive-by, while others are only evident through record research or the property owner's personal knowledge. That's why it is important for property owners to review their property record files or, at a minimum, the property record card for errors or inconsistencies. This should be done every few years. The assessor's office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. weekdays except Wednesdays and the lobby area, where there is a public terminal, is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (and until 7:00 p.m. on Mondays). We are also available by appointment to meet you at your property to answer any questions you might have.

We are in the process of reviewing the Current Use files to determine compliance with state standards. There are other reasons to do this. First, every taxpayer should be reasonably satisfied that if a property owner is receiving a lesser

assessment for land in Current Use, the records should be accurate. Second, accurate records make the job easier when property is removed from Current Use and a penalty is due.

Another issue we are addressing is the compliance of elderly and veteran exemptions. The goal is to make sure those who are entitled to an exemption get one and those who are not, don't. The veteran exemption used to be \$100. Now it is \$500, a significant difference. Therefore, close scrutiny of the records is important to assure that all taxpayers are being treated fairly.

We will continue to review the new tax maps for accuracy and completeness and correct any problems that we find. 2007 will bring us into the world of GIS (geographic information systems). This will allow us to have digital aerial photos of the Newbury landscape with tax map overlays. It will allow the residents, employees and consultants to do a better job when looking at such things as land use patterns and their effect on the natural surroundings. It will also allow us to graphically represent the various neighborhoods established for assessing purposes and their relationship with one another. These are exciting times.

A few interesting facts about Newbury: The town contains approximately 21,082 acres. There are about 2,534 separate and distinct parcels of which 148 are exempt from taxation. Approximately 46% of property value is direct waterfront. Add the indirect waterfront (water access and shared waterfront) and the figure is well over 50%. This is also typical of both New London and Sunapee.

As always, we have an open-door policy. If you have any questions relating to your assessment and/or the assessing process, please do not hesitate to call or stop by.

*Normand Bernaiche, Assessor  
Dan Fitzgerald, Assistant Assessor*



*Town Assessor taking the plunge at Old Home Day*

**Summary Inventory of Valuation  
2006 Assessed Valuation**

<b>Value of Land Only:</b>			
	Acres	Valuation	Totals
Current Use	6,693.87	\$967,834	
Residential	10,421.97	\$362,206,695	
Commercial/ Industrial	1,716.94	\$10,123,740	
Total of Taxable Land	18,832.78		\$373,298,269
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable	2,253.69	(\$40,449,882)	
<b>Value of Buildings Only:</b>			
Residential		\$288,268,640	
Manufactured Housing		\$402,300	
Commercial/ Industrial		\$23,940,160	
Total of Taxable Buildings			\$312,611,100
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable		(\$5,458,200)	
<b>Public Utilities</b>			
Electric			\$8,000,000
Water			\$ -
<b>Valuation Before Exemptions</b>			\$693,909,369
Blind Exemptions (Number: 0)		\$ -	
Elderly Exemptions (Number: 8)		\$300,000	
Wood Heating Exemptions (Number: 6)		\$525	

Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions			\$330,525
<b>Net Valuation on Which the Tax Rate is Computed</b>			\$693,578,844
<b>Revenues Received from</b>			
Payments in Lieu of Taxes			
State & Federal Forest Land Recreation and/or Flood Control Land.		\$987	
Other (John Hay Nat'l Wildlife)		\$12,971	

### Tax Credit

	Limit	Number	Tax Credit
Totally & permanently disabled	\$2,000	3	\$6,000
Vets., their spouses or widows, and widows of vets.	\$500	120	\$60,000
Total war service credits		123	\$66,000

## Inventory of Town Property

Location	Assessed Value	Use
365 Bowles Road	89,000	sewer garage
Stone Wall Lane	35,100	vacant land
44 Pine St.	107,600	Blodgett Fire Stat.
Washington St.	11,100	vacant land
Washington St.	11,100	vacant land
34 Lake Ave.	150,000	pumping station
Park 10 Rd.	500	vacant land
927 Route 103	242,400	Bald Sunapee
933 Route 103	397,200	Library
937 Route 103	632,200	Town Office
Route 103	122,300	vacant land
Route 103A	823,400	Lakeside Cemetery
Off Route 103	2,800	vacant land
952 Route 103	633,500	Safety Services
967 Route 103	620,100	Town dock
977 Route 103	646,500	beach
Route 103	407,100	Train Station
Route 103	931,800	Info Booth/Caboose
Lakeview Ave.	31,300	vacant land
Stoney Brook Rd.	32,500	cemetery
Baker Hill Rd.	37,700	cemetery
6 Stoney Brook Rd.	6,000	vacant land
Chalk Pond Rd.	5,000	vacant land
Blodgett Brook Rd.	53,300	vacant land
Skytop Drive	28,800	vacant land
Bartlett Road	17,200	vacant land
Off Province Rd.	33,100	cemetery
Old Post Rd.	219,700	Fishersfield
Route 103	4,200	vacant land
Route 103	4,800	vacant land
Mountain Rd.	41,300	vacant land

Newell Rd.	47,000	cemetery
Pleasant View / South Rds	55,600	cemetery
20 Sutton Rd.	132,700	old Highway shed
7 Sutton Rd.	59,100	Hearse House
137 Village Rd.	141,200	Grange Hall
Village Road	207,200	Sherman Hall
Village Road	23,400	vacant land
35 South Rd.	9,700	vacant land
Southgate Rd.	38,200	vacant land
Brookside Rd.	3,300	vacant land
201 Old Post Rd.	101,200	Transfer Station
Rt. 103, Old Province Rd.	70,600	vacant land
South Rd.	790,700	Highway Garage
Old County Rd. South	51,8000	vacant land
50 South Rd.	34,400	vacant land
Park 10	1,500	vacant land
Park 10	2,600	vacant land
Park 10	600	vacant land
Park 10	34,400	vacant land

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



*Daffodil Celebration 2006  
Photo courtesy Tom Nowell*

## **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 three appointed residents from 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, Alex Azodi, Joy  
Nowell, Tom Vannatta, Dennis Pavlicek*

## Newbury Public Library

The library had a busy 2006, full of activity, hectic at times, but always rewarding.

### **The Collection**

At year's end, the library had 14,090 items on its shelves. During the year, 683 items were added and 389 withdrawn. The collection included 43 periodical titles, 1,300 videos, and 688 audio books.

### **Patrons**

The library had 1,472 registered patrons, including 213 public libraries that participate in the New Hampshire interlibrary loan program.

### **Patron Visits and Checkouts, 2006**

The library saw an increase in both patron visits and checkouts in 2006.

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Patron visits	14,251	13,381	13,924
Checkouts	18,242	17,935	17,568

The inter-library loan activity decreased in 2006 with the library borrowing 483 items from other libraries and lending 431.

### **Programs, 2006**

#### Reading Discussions

January: *The Bridge of San Luis Rey* by Thornton Wilder  
Discussion leader: Tom Forry

February: *The Plot Against America* by Philip Roth  
Discussion leader: Susan Crickman

March: *The Scalpel and the Silver Bear* by Lori Arviso Alvord, M.D.

Discussion leader: Nancy Marashio  
April: *Keeping Faith* by Jodi Picoult  
Discussion leader: Liz Tentarelli  
May: *Aloft* by Chang-rae Lee  
Discussion leader: Frank Perrotta  
June: *Mosquito Coast* by Paul Theroux  
Discussion leader: Liz Tentarelli  
July: *Ceremony* by Leslie Marmon Silko  
Discussion leader: Nancy Marashio  
August: *The Darling* by Russell Banks  
Discussion leader: Frank Perrotta

#### Fall Book Discussion Series and Slide Program

*Rivers and the American Imagination*, presented by Stephen Cernek of Newbury

Discussions held during the fall featured Mark Twain's *Huckleberry Finn* and Norman MacLean's *A River Runs Through It*. The group examined the critical role the rivers and their adjacent landscapes play in these works.

#### Cultural Programs

Newbury poet Dianalee Velie read a selection of her poems in April to celebrate National Poetry Month. The library hopes to form a poetry group that will meet on a regular basis.

#### Preschool Story Hour

Preschool story hour was held every Wednesday in 2006. Average attendance was 11 children and 8 adults. The library welcomed children's librarian Jane Moss, who joined the library staff this year. Jane, along with favorite puppet Teddy, read stories and engaged the children in song, finger plays and movement activities focusing on language development. The story-hour kids enjoyed two nature programs with special guest Kathleen Stowell, naturalist from the Lake Sunapee Protective Association.

#### Summer Reading Programs

"Stories and Ice Cream for Hot Summer Days" - The summer's program for children in grades 1-5 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.

#### Young Adult (YA)

Janet Rucker, the library's new young-adult librarian, encouraged students in the Young Adult summer reading program. Students in grades 6-12 earned "library bucks", entered raffles and participated in special events including a pizza tasting and a silent auction.

#### Family Programs

"Supper-Time Stories for Summer Evenings" - The library invited families to bring a brown-bag dinner and enjoy readings and visits with children's authors Deb Bruss and David Elliott.

"A Day to Make Faces and Play with Your Food" - Parents and children engaged in pumpkin decorating, making silly and scary faces using vegetables as their medium.

"Urban Legends and Ghost Stories" - This program was hosted by (YA) librarian Janet Rucker. Storytelling by Andrew Pinard and David Barden, and a reading of an original urban legend written by Jack Rucker and Foster Lee, made this a truly terrific evening!

"December Family Fun Day" - Over 112 folks, big and small, pitched in to help create a winter wonderland in the library. Some of the many activities engaged in were building a graham-cracker cottage or pretzel log cabin, constructing three-dimensional snowflakes, making glitter ornaments, cookie and cupcake decorating, creating your own poinsettia pen, letter writing to Santa, as well as making bread cut-outs rolled in bird seed to hang outside for our animal friends.

### **Friends of Newbury Public Library, Inc.**

The Friends, a nonprofit corporation, had 163 paying members in 2006. The Friends raised money to support the library through dues, donations, and a bake sale. At its annual meeting in September, the membership re-elected its board of directors and elected Lee Fleming-Salt president, Michelle Noyer and Jen Sweet co-secretaries, and Ken Tentarelli treasurer. The Friends gave the library a supply of DVD & CD boxes, sponsored a tea for the volunteers, supported the summer reading programs and supplied refreshments for all of the library's programs. In addition, they spent over \$300 for books, \$300 for audio books, \$100 for software and \$1,000 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 2006 were Regina Almond-Albro, Tom Albro Jr., Dave Barden, Bob Bergeron, Robert Brown, Stephen Cernek, Susan Crickman, Den Danna, Don Falkowski, Julia Falkowski, Paula Falkowski, Kelly Fayton, Lee Fleming-Salt, Tom Forry, Judy Hale, Stu Hale, Taylor Hunter, Lorraine Iacopino, Greg Johnson, Suzanne Levine, Alice Lynn, Nancy Marashio, Bruce Marquis, Jane Moss, Mike Moss, Elijah Nelson, Frank Perrotta, Krystina Pulaski, Janet Rucker, Casey Rucker, Sue Russell, Ken Tentarelli, Liz Tentarelli, Sharon Tentarelli, Dianalee Velie, Beverly Wolf, Dan Wolf, and Elizabeth Wolf. During 2006, volunteers contributed over 700 hours of labor, or over 15 hours per week.

### **Wireless Internet Access**

High-speed wireless access is now available.

### **Computer Lessons**

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

**Disabled Access**

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

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 our web site at <http://newburylibrary.net/>.

*Rosie Johnson, Librarian*

*Trustees: Bev Wolf, Paula Falkowski, Liz Tentarelli*



*Cailyn Dezotell masters pumpkin decorating at the Library  
Photo courtesy Rosie Johnson*

## **Newbury Historical Society**

Late in the year, the Society board created a history committee with John Grocott as its chairman. The group has adopted "Sherman-Ayer History Club" as its name, and its purpose is to deliver Newbury history to the community with imagination. The group has cleaned up and organized space in Sherman Hall for its meetings. There are now five members and they are looking for four more. Anyone interested in joining should call John at 938-5744.

Cataloging of the collection has turned out to be a daunting task. Early in the year we found out how big a job it is when we asked a professional to come in and give us an estimate for the work. The price quoted was over \$40,000. Several board members investigated grant agencies and summer help. There seems to be no money to help organizations or projects such as ours. Since then two of our members have started organizing the collection physically in an effort to simplify the task. We continue to discuss how to complete the cataloging task.

At the request of Deane Geddes, Society member and Planning Board alternate, the Society is cooperating in writing a historical resources chapter for the master plan.

Since 1892 in Newbury there has been a tradition of presenting a cane to the oldest person in town. The Society was given the responsibility for this in 1989. This year as we began a search for a new recipient, it became clear, with the changes in society, that it was difficult to know who was eligible. A new policy was researched and written. After a continued search, the Newbury Bicentennial Cane was presented to 99-year-old Helen Appleby of Bowles Road.

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 it can be done at 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 provided old photos to a local magazine and the Center Meeting House. 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.

The Society held its annual meeting in July in the Town Office. The membership reelected incumbent directors Bill and Margie Weiler for three-year terms. They also elected Deane Geddes, who replaced the retiring Bill Annable, for a three-year term. The featured speaker was Harold Perkins of Newport who presented a talk entitled "The Perkins Family and Related Early Newbury Families."

Our membership now stands at 83, which includes 41 family memberships, one business membership, and 41 individual members. Among the individual members, 32 are lifetime members.

The Treasurer reports that at the end of our fiscal year, May 31, our working fund balance was \$4,738.37. Our conservation and preservation fund balance increased to \$1,114.46. We have \$3,450.00 in certificates of deposit, the interest from which pays the dues of the life members.

Our board of director meetings, 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 on Saturday afternoons, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. from May through October or by appointment. Call John Grocott at 938-5744. Access to the

collection may be arranged through Bill Weiler or Alice Lynn as well.

*William Weiler, President (938-2892)*

Officers: *John Grocott, Vice President, Margaret Weiler, Treasurer, Barbara Steward, Secretary*

Directors: *Joseph Cronin, Deane Geddes, Alice Lynn, Robert Morris, Dennis Pavlicek*



*Historical Society members Margie & Bill Weiler, Dennis Pavlicek, John Grocott and Alice Lynn present Helen Appleby with the Newbury Bicentennial Cane. Photo courtesy Rich Cole*

## **Center Meeting House**

The Newbury Center Meeting House continues its vigorous return to life. As another year is completed, there is much to be thankful for as progress is being made on a number of fronts. Most visible was the recent work to raise the building off its old foundation and pour a new frost-resistant concrete base upon which the old granite foundation was reset. The Meeting House should sit square and strong for another 175 years with this new base.

The Architecture and Restoration Committee had contracted with an architectural firm to provide an assessment of the building and what it would take to restore it to its former grandeur. When it was determined that restoration would not make good sense without a new, firm and lasting foundation, they decided to push to get this work completed before the winter frost set in. The Board of Directors agreed and arrangements were quickly made. The whole community was impressed to see the building lifted five feet and “floating” in mid-air for two months, and thanks to a superb effort the job was completed.

On the Sunday before Thanksgiving the CMH sponsored a Thanksgiving Celebration at the Town Office. Eighty people turned out to be entertained by musical renditions and a slide show of the early days of Newbury and the CMH. The Newbury Beautification Committee added to the festivities with refreshments for all. Attendees brought food for donation to the Food Pantry. We plan to continue this tradition annually.

Please become a member of this worthwhile committee and help to bring the Newbury CMH back to active life in our community.

*Doug Whelan, Fundraising Committee*

Board members: *Dan Wolf (Chair), Chuck Kennedy, Virginia Kennedy, Alice Lynn, Mary Marzelli, Tracy Messer, Claire Vannatta, Bill Weiler, Doug Whelan.*



*The Whelans and the Weilers lend a hand raising the Center Meeting House in preparation for a new foundation.  
Photo courtesy Argus-Champion*

## **Transfer Station**

Recycling has become a major effort at the Transfer Station, and it is providing the town with cost savings as well as serving to help the environment.

Residents have been very responsible about using the new container which holds # 1 (PETE) and # 2 (HDPE) plastics and tin cans. There is no cost to the town for providing this extra recycling measure, and we are able to save disposal fees since these materials are no longer part of the compacted trash.

Our non-profit recycling cooperative, Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRRA), reports to us that our efforts really do make a difference:

In 2006, we recycled 4,280 pounds of aluminum cans, thus conserving enough energy to run a television for 435,533 hours. We recycled 73 tons of paper, saving 1,241 trees. Eighty-five tons of scrap metal were recycled, conserving 85,000 pounds of coal. Next year, we'll have the recycled tin cans and plastic numbers to add to Newbury's positive contribution to the environment.

We also now separate out electronic equipment from the mainstream trash. Components can be recycled from television sets, computer monitors, CPUs and printers, stereo systems, VCRs and table radios. While we have had this program in operation for the past six months, the state has made it mandatory for all New Hampshire towns starting July 1, 2007.

To help our residents, we have placed new signs in each of the recycling areas, clearly stating what materials go in each spot.

Vehicle identification tags are required for admission to the Transfer Station. The public seems to prefer the hang-tags now in use to the old sticker system. Hang-tags must carry the vehicle registration number and are renewable annually. If you

are a Newbury property owner and need a hang-tag, please contact the Town Office during regular business hours.

Thanks to everyone for your cooperation in making Newbury's recycling efforts successful. For the small amount of time it takes to separate your trash and dispose of it properly, you are doing the world a great favor.

*Churchill Heselton, Chief Operator  
Will Willis, Assistant*



*Lake Solitude from Mt. Sunapee  
Photo courtesy Wayne Whitford*

## **Information Booth**

Winter set in a bit late this year, but it found our Information Booth dressed in a new coat of paint, ready for many more seasons.

From Memorial Day to Columbus Day, we have visitors from all over the world who are totally charmed by the beauty of our area and the sparkling cleanliness of the air and water.

Hikers are numerous, from the serious ones who climb the Newbury Trail up to Lake Solitude to the family groups who want to roam over The Fells.

The future addition of the sidewalk proposed for Newbury harbor will be very well received. Visitors are amazed that we welcome them without charge to the town beach and our picnic area near the booth and caboose. With everyone charging for things that once were free, we are pleased to be able to tell visitors that they can enjoy our beach, views, and picnic area at no cost.

Newbury's Master Plan embraces preserving our history and the flavor of how things used to be. Our harbor attractions reinforce this philosophy.

We look forward to our next season at the booth. We like to see people smile!

*Martha von Redlich, Jean Gaito, Jane Johnsen*

## Art in the Office

The Town Office meeting room continued to play host to several talented Newbury artists and craftspeople during 2006. In January and February, our winter days were brightened by an exhibit of lithographs and drawings by John Brennan, whose work is found in private and public collections around the world, including the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and the Fine Arts Collection of the Boston Public Library. John is a resident of Newbury and Clifden, Connemara, Ireland, and he teaches his craft during summers at the Burren College of Art in County Clare.

Concurrent with the meeting room exhibits, displays spilled out into the lobby. There, visitors had an opportunity for a hands-on look at *Pack Your Bags .. Go USA*, a children's book written by South Newbury resident Allyson Murphy and her sister, Kimberly Murphy Weaver. Based on their childhood travels, the sisters created a children's tour guide of each of the 50 states, reflecting the diversity of cultures found across the country.

Ken Schuster helped us usher in spring with his diverse collection of photography in April. A former creative director at an advertising agency, Ken moved to California where he taught both commercial and creative photography at several colleges. He retired from teaching in 2001 and found his real interest was in recording the beauty of the natural world. He had visited the Lake Sunapee area as a young man and soon rediscovered its attractions on the Internet. He now lives in the Chalk Pond area where he explores the nearby wildlife refuge with his camera.

From early May through mid-June, Maureen Rosen shared many of her photographs in an exhibit titled *The Lake and Beyond*. The show was a compilation of thirty images of the Lake Sunapee area inspired by poetic verses, which were quoted and linked to each picture. Many of the photographs

illustrated her skill in enhancing her pictures with specialized computer software. Maureen created an outstanding slide show of our first Old Home Day highlights, and she continues to contribute to displays in the Town Office lobby and the annual Town Report.



*Maureen Rosen (left) discusses her photography.  
Photo courtesy Shelly Candidus*

Katheryn Holmes shared her life-long love of the area with her August display titled *Sunset Hill and Beyond*. Her photographs included images of Lake Sunapee, Sunset Hill and vistas taken from the vantage point of her house on the lake, built by her great-grandfather in 1891. Here, she captures the view as it changes daily and from season to season. Also included were pictures she took on travels to Italy, Spain and Canada.



*Katheryn Holmes greets admirers of her photography.  
Photo courtesy Shelly Candidus*

A double treat greeted visitors in September and October. Nature photographs by Lynn St. Louis and selected pottery by Steve and Sue Russell complemented one another in a rich visual exhibit. Lynn's pictures highlighted flora and fauna native to this region, many taken on "nature escapes" in her kayak where she captures rare images of loons, frogs, and butterflies with her camera and telephoto lens. The Russells discovered the pleasures and satisfaction of pottery after an early retirement from their careers in California and a move to Chalk Pond in Newbury. Both of the Russells have made the pursuit of art and a love of nature part of their lives, and the medium of pottery gives them the perfect way to express this. This show exhibited the best of the two media.

In November, the Center Meeting House board and trustees used the meeting room for a display of materials highlighting this historic building and plans for its restoration. Included were photographs by Maureen Rosen, stained glass by Veronica Schubert, a painting by Loa Winter, and a replica of

the building constructed by Tracy Messer. This display was admired by the many attendees at the Thanksgiving Celebration sponsored by the group.

Pictures of many of the 2006 exhibits appear in these pages, as well as photographs donated by area residents. We are grateful for the opportunity to showcase the many and varied talents of Newbury residents. If you would like to use our space to share your artistic accomplishments with the public, please call the Town Office for more information.

*Shelly Candidus, Program Coordinator*



*Steve Russell explains pottery technique.  
Photo courtesy Shelly Candidus*

## **Parks and Recreation**

Parks and Recreation has gone through a great deal of transition in the last year. Harry Seidel stepped down as the director after many years of service. Both Harry and Barry Caravan are recognized for their efforts in furthering Newbury's parks and recreation opportunities. In the spring, the selectmen established a new Parks and Recreation Committee. Members include Gail Bostic, Mark Cashin, Bob Morris, Peter Newbern, Jane Pratt, and Jay Tucker. Shortly thereafter, a part-time Recreation Coordinator, Marilyn Hill, came on board.

The summer swimming lessons were once again provided by Nicole Wallace, our local Red Cross-certified swimming instructor, and were well attended. If you are interested in having your child participate, contact the Town Office in the early summer.

Also last summer, a trip was organized to see a New Hampshire Fisher Cats' baseball game. A chartered bus took several people to root the Fisher Cats on to victory. The summer concerts continued to be a hit on Thursday nights throughout the summer season. A 50/50 raffle also took place during the concerts to raise money for Parks and Recreation programs. A Recreation Survey was sent out to gauge residents' interest in potential future activities and programs.

During the fall, a Newbury Fall Festival was held at Bald Sunapee. It included a farmers' market, flea market, children's games and crafts, and food. A steady stream of people attended and enjoyed the event. Also, a hiking/after-school activity program was held in the fall. The program was for middle-school children and took place at The Fells.

The Fishersfield project has finally received all the necessary permits for work to go forward. Clean fill is needed for the

area prior to any further development of the site. We look forward to being involved in this project in 2007.

We are currently in the process of organizing a weekly farmers' market to be held on Friday afternoons at Bald Sunapee, next to the town library. A committee has been formed to oversee this event.

The committee is also planning a summer camp at the Fells this year. The dates have yet to be determined. Please log onto the town web site for more information in the spring.

*Peter Newbern, Chair*



*Fourth of July Parade, South Newbury  
Photo courtesy Rosie Johnson*

## **Bradford/Newbury/Sutton Youth Sports**

In 2006 Bradford/Newbury/Sutton Youth Sports (BNSYS) provided team-based athletic opportunities for area youth. In the spring and summer there were 199 participants in the baseball and softball programs. This was an increase of over 30% from 2005. In the fall, the soccer program welcomed 156 children, an increase of over 20% from a year ago. As the enrollment at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School in Bradford continues to grow, we expect continued growth and participation in local youth sports.

During the summer of 2006 BNSYS hosted the first Annual Cougar Baseball Camp which was run by Kearsarge Regional High School coach Rob Bennett, his staff, and members of the high school team. In its first year, there were 25 participants. We look forward to the continued success of this camp.

Another exciting event held for the first time was the 100-inning game. This event kicked off the beginning of the baseball season by inviting area towns to compete in this fun-filled tournament hosted by BNSYS. We look forward to hosting this event again in 2007.

In 2006, BNSYS opened the new softball field at Warren Brook Park. The funds to build this new facility were generously donated by area individuals and businesses. We thank everyone for their wonderful support.

The soccer program continues to grow and flourish. In the hot August sun, BNSYS again hosted the Major League Soccer Camp, which brought in professional soccer players to help over 75 of our area youth improve their skills.

In the Fall of 2006, BNSYS hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls' soccer tournament to end the year. Several nearby towns were invited to participate. We are pleased to announce that our BNSYS girls took home 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the event.

BNSYS continues to maintain a strong presence in community events. Our yearly fundraising event at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration was once again a huge success. Additionally, BNSYS cooked up sausage and hot dogs at the Newbury Old Home Day as well as at the Fall Festival event sponsored by the Newbury Recreation Committee.

Our largest fundraising event is the Annual BNSYS Golf Tournament. This year's event was our most successful ever. Many thanks to all those who contributed and participated in the event.

New this past year is the BNSYS website which provides an informative overview of all the happenings with area youth sports. Our home-page can be found at [www.bnsys.org](http://www.bnsys.org).

BNSYS is fortunate to have wonderful facilities available to us. Warren Brook Park, where our Babe Ruth Baseball, T-Ball, softball and soccer games are played, is owned by the organization. Our baseball and soccer games for younger children are played at the elementary school fields and the Brown-Shattuck Park in Bradford. BNSYS maintains all of these facilities used during our seasons.

Upcoming projects and purchases for this year include:

- \*A new storage shed and maintenance facility at the Warren Brook Park

- \*Additional fencing for the softball field

- \*A well to provide water at Warren Brook Park

- \*Repairs to the roofs on the dug-outs and Snack Shack at the elementary fields

- \* New uniforms and equipment needed for many of the youth programs

BNSYS is a volunteer organization that relies heavily on community support. In the past, most of that support has come from contributions from individuals, families and businesses. While we will continue to reach out for volunteers in the area, we will also be asking the Towns of Bradford, Newbury and Sutton for some additional financial support as well. It is our goal to provide the best

quality sports opportunities to our area youth, while reinforcing the concepts of sportsmanship and team participation.

*Jay Tucker, President*

Our current Board of Directors includes:

<i>Ed Anderson</i>	Secretary
<i>Jane Bready</i>	Fundraiser
<i>Tina Desfosses</i>	Softball Director
<i>Jen Dow</i>	Soccer Director
<i>Diane Gadoury</i>	Treasurer
<i>Steve Patten</i>	Baseball Director & Field Maintenance



*Attracting the crowds at Old Home Day  
Photo courtesy Paul Howe*

## **The Velie Memorial Fund, Inc.**

We are delighted to report that 2006 was a year of tremendous growth and achievement for the Velie Memorial Fund, Inc.

Since our initial donation of \$1000 in 2002, we are proud to announce our fund has now surpassed the remarkable figure of \$100,000. This could not have been done without overwhelming support from the Town of Newbury, surrounding neighbors and our sister community in Connecticut. We are now only steps away from achieving our mission to raise funds to design, develop and build a playground in Newbury in loving memory of Currie-Hill Velie and her sons Joseph John Velie IV and Jack Jasper Velie.

Significant developments occurred in early September 2006 when the Board of Selectmen looked at town-owned property in the centre of Newbury as a possible site for the Velie Memorial Playground. Based on Newbury's growing demographics, the future addition of new sidewalks, and the townspeople's enthusiasm for an in-town location, the Selectmen and Town Administrator, Dennis Pavlicek, evaluated the property directly behind the Town Library as a possible site option.

The site was unanimously approved by the selectmen and also received unanimous support from the Trustees of the Newbury Library. On November 4<sup>th</sup>, Selectman Jim Powell and Town Administrator Dennis Pavlicek met with The VMF's Board of Directors and unveiled the area behind the library as the official site for the Velie Memorial Playground.

Consultation with playground designers confirmed the site suggested by the town met the prerequisites for the expansive playground. VMF plans to construct a 100 x 100-foot flat, well-lit, safe and secure site that is accessible to town amenities. The VMF Board was enthusiastic about the proposal. Dianalee Velie, the Board's Chairperson, stated,

“What a wonderful opportunity for our community. While enjoying a beautiful day on Lake Sunapee, families will be able to walk to the Town Library and spend time at the playground.” Selectman Powell stated, “This is a great example of what a town can do when we all work together.”

The VMF is currently working very closely with experienced designers. We are requesting playground design presentations that reflect the rich history of our Newbury community and we have three exciting designs on the table. We eagerly anticipate building the playground in Newbury in 2007.

Fundraising efforts included our ongoing Friends Drive, participation in Newbury’s Old Home Day and a charity dinner at the beautiful New London Inn. We ended a year of successful events by participating in a televised cooking show with Marie Pacetti.

Our current Board of Directors includes Dianalee Velie, Joe Velie, David Fanning, Dexter Burley, Catherine Feeney, Catherine Budd and Holly von Svoboda.

*Holly von Svoboda* for The Velie Memorial Fund, Inc.

## **The Fells**

### **Friends of the John Hay National Wildlife Refuge**

2006 was a year of high energy and great accomplishments, setting the stage for what is anticipated in 2007 to be a turning point for both the site and the nonprofit organization which both go by the name of "The Fells." After years of discussions, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) began the formal process of studying the possibility of private ownership of the northern half of the property, consisting of 83.5 acres, which includes all of the buildings at The Fells and all of the garden spaces. As part of this process, USFWS met in May with the Select Board of the Town of Newbury. Then in June, a public meeting was convened by USFWS at the Newbury Town Office. Newspapers, including the *Concord Monitor*, reported on the proposed property transfer. Throughout the year, progress continued on preparing the Environmental Assessment required by this process. We anticipate a property transfer in early 2007.

While USFWS has been preparing their recommendations, The Fells has been raising capital for the expected acquisition. Gifts and pledges have been secured in the amount of \$700,000 toward an initial \$750,000 goal. Support for this crucial effort has been very broad. The public in Newbury and neighboring towns, as well as Fells members from afar, have all been very supportive of the proposed property acquisition. We think this bodes well not only for the near term, but for the long-term future of The Fells.

Our 2006 programming was a mixture of recurring classes, events and new offerings. The focus of the summer was "Around the Bend: Art, History and Ecology Along the Sugar River," a Main House gallery show with 38 new landscape paintings by two local artists, Jennifer Hansen and Lisa Jelleme-Miller, interspersed with historic photographs from the collection of Ron Garceau of Sunapee. This beautiful

exhibit that highlighted our local area was extremely well received and served as a jumping-off point for six related educational lectures that proved to be very popular. Please see our 2006 course book for further details on many other events and educational programs.



*The Fells Garden Gate*  
*Photo courtesy Rich Cole*

In addition to Fells memberships held by Newbury residents and the other financial support those households provide, volunteer work was done by several Newbury-ites (including the Board—Bunny Steinfield has joined other Newbury directors Fay Barden and Bob Morris, while Susan Mayer has just rotated off), and residents participated in many of our programs. We thank the Town for special assistance and collaboration. The Town provided meeting space for our spring Garden Symposium. The Town's Recreation Department offered a fall after-school program at The Fells for several weeks, attended by nine children. The Fells gave free admission to Newbury residents and employees on July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> as “Thank You, Newbury!” days.

General Fells visitation was flat in the summer months and off a bit in May and June, probably due to a string of wet weekends. This seems consistent with tourism in the area as a whole. Our single biggest summer visitation was Artists Weekend, July 14-15. For Christmas at The Fells, held the first two weekends in November, we had a total of 1,200 visitors. We had an increasing number of group visitors. Notably, both the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and the New Hampshire Bar Association brought their staffs to The Fells for summer outings.

We continue to work collaboratively with many other nonprofits. The Lake Sunapee Protective Association brought area fourth graders to The Fells as part of its watershed ecology educational program. The NH Audubon Society ran its Fells day camp for four weeks in August.

Fells membership is growing steadily, now at nearly 900 households. There are about 150 active volunteers, including Newbury residents Dave and Fay Barden who were named 2006 Volunteers of the Year. Volunteers assist in a wide variety of ways, all vital to the health of this organization and the upkeep of this place. We experienced some staff changes, but kept the overall number of staff consistent with the prior

year, with three people working year-round in the Gatehouse and an additional seven seasonal employees, plus contract workers and college interns. Last summer interns from Colby-Sawyer College, Cornell University and the University of Kentucky worked and lived at The Fells.

In 2006, we continued renovation of Clarence Hay's extensive alpine Rock Garden, with a focus on clean-up and replanting in the northeast quadrant. Our most significant landscape progress was on the other side of the built area, near the Old Garden and running down toward the Cottage. In the fall, we addressed serious drainage failures there that were leaving growing spaces entirely too damp, eroding the road, and making the Cottage overly moist. With volunteer help, we replaced failed drainage and properly redirected our abundant autumn waters. This is a major step forward and will tie in with our study of and eventual rehabilitation of the Old Garden.

We value our congenial and cooperative relationship with the Town of Newbury. I email Dennis Pavlicek, Ex-officio to our board, agendas and minutes of Fells board meetings. I invite open communication at all times and look forward to further developing our relationship for the benefit of Newbury residents and those who visit Newbury and The Fells. I hope that we are able to expand our work together in the months and years ahead. In particular, there may be other opportunities through the Town Recreation Department to connect with The Fells. Thank you to town residents and leadership for your support in many ways during 2006.

*Karen Zurheide, Executive Director*

## **Newbury Beautification Committee**

We hope you all had an opportunity to enjoy the Celebration Garden's explosion of daffodil yellow in the field behind the Town Offices and along the fence by the Bald Sunapee property this past spring.

Over Memorial Day weekend, we had our first annual plant sale at the Bald Sunapee property. The sale provides additional funds for our activities. Please join us on Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> for this year's sale of annuals and perennials.

The numbers of flower barrels and window boxes increased this year and we added hanging baskets in the "downtown area" thanks to a contribution from Mt. Sunapee Resort. With the increased container watering and bed weeding, we were very grateful for the addition of some new volunteers. In appreciation for all the waterers, Jacqueline Donovan held a "Thank You and Get Acquainted Tea" at her home.

Our group enjoyed helping with Old Home Day from planning and raising the banner, to making salads and serving. Betty Spahl headed up the flag placement for the Fourth of July and Charlene Harris did a workshop on dividing plants. In September we had a luncheon in honor of Alice Lynn, our "town treasure," at the Nowells' barn and then geared up for the Fall Festival where Sally Wollensak and Linda St. Onge made leaf peepers with the children. November brought the Center Meeting House-sponsored Thanksgiving celebration for which NBC provided refreshments. December saw the wreaths hung on the new brackets, and greenery and wreaths decorating the Vets' Hall, Center Meeting House, Library and Town Office. A tree donated by the Bensleys of Between-the-Mountains Farm was placed and lighted in the Gazebo.

We wish to thank all the women and men who worked together to make Newbury more beautiful this past year and to extend a standing invitation to all to join us in our activities for 2007.

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

*Joy Nowell, President*



*Committee members Linda St. Onge, Judy Grocott, Joy Nowell, Bonnie Guterl, and Claire Vannatta accept Kearsarge Magazine's Good Citizen Award.*

*Photo courtesy Tom Nowell*

## **Report of the School Board**

As the Kearsarge Regional School District completes its 40<sup>th</sup> year of operation it is interesting to look back at the changes over that period. Seven elementary schools have been combined into four new or renovated facilities. A new high school was built and has had two additions. A new middle school is under construction.

The physical changes are the most obvious, but not the most important. The manner in which our children are educated has changed the most. We now provide kindergarten for all students. Special education requirements have increased and continue to place a large burden on the District. The course curriculum is far more aligned, so that what is taught in first grade has bearing on the entire 12 years of study. An innovative night school program is available for students who have jobs during the day. Adult education programs are now available. The interest in athletics has given rise to many new sports teams.

The opportunity for Newbury's 285 students to receive an excellent education is available in the Kearsarge Regional School District. Parents, students, and community members need to explore and take advantage of all that Kearsarge has to offer. Your efforts will be well rewarded.

Thank you for your support of our school district and especially for your vote in favor of the new middle school last year. As always, I am available to answer any questions or comments.

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

## Cemetery Trustees

Many diverse projects and issues concerned the Cemetery Trustees again last year. Foremost was the continuing monument work that began in 2000. This year's monument repair and cleaning concluded a four-year effort in South Newbury Cemetery. Stones were reset in Twiss Burial Ground as well. The Keene Monument Company staff began work in June and finished on July 18.

The Marshall Cemetery improvement was completed in June with the re-paving of the entire driveway and the turnaround on the Fulton Grant. Plantings of low shrubs and trees followed. Trees were also planted in Booth Sherman and South Newbury cemeteries.



*Military marker at Simeon Simons' grave site.  
Photo courtesy Mary Bachelder*

Last year Chuck Crickman, Cemetery Trustee, researched information on the Simons burial ground, establishing the burial was that of Simeon and his wife, Mary Eliza. Simeon Simons fought at the Battle of Bunker Hill and was enlisted from 1775 to 1777 in the Revolutionary War. This year the Cemetery Trustees applied for and received a military marker from the Veterans Administration and installed it at the grave site off Sutton Road in April. A picture of this burial site is on the cover of the revised self-guided tour brochure of Newbury Cemeteries. Also, access to the burial ground from Sutton Road was cleared and marked and a footbridge spanning a creek was built with the help of New England College interns volunteering at Fishersfield Park.

In the fall, Cemetery Trustees cleared away brush and overgrown vines from the walls at Baker Hill Cemetery facing Baker Hill Rd. We discovered the stone wall was in total disrepair and shortly after arranged to have the wall rebuilt.

Chuck Crickman represented the Cemetery Trustees at the annual training session in Concord and at the NH Cemetery Association in Boscawen in April. He continues to research the access roads and boundaries of all cemeteries to correct and update the new town mapping system. Concern continues over the lack of permanent access to our Twiss Burial Ground off Old Post Road. Preservation of the adjacent cellar holes is also a concern. For more information on this lesser-known cemetery see the article on Newbury Cemeteries in the fall issue of SoaNipi Magazine.

The Trustees spent many hours reviewing cemetery procedures and policies and comparing them to other communities. Chuck visited Weare, Henniker, Wilmot and Hanover to view cemeteries and visit other trustees. As part of this endeavor, we attended a meeting of the cemetery trustees of Bradford in September. Perpetual-care procedures were reviewed in January with Trustees of the Trust Funds.

The Master Plan update for cemeteries was completed in May, followed by discussions in August with the C.I.P. Committee regarding major projects for the next few years. Acting on suggestions from that meeting, the Cemetery Trustees revised its planning schedule and decided to act this next year on significant improvements in fencing and gate at the Lakeside Cemetery. The project appears to be possible in a two-year time frame with current bids that have been received.

In November, the Trustees welcomed Paul Riley to complete the unexpired term of Doris Morrow, who faithfully served as Trustee since 2002. She will be particularly remembered for her efforts in landscaping and beautification of the cemeteries.

Again, we had a normal year for burials (7), but an above-average year for monument and corner marker installations (10). Toward the end of the year, we placed a number of temporary markers in critical areas of Lakeside Cemetery to assist us in identifying plot locations.

Accomplishing the many and varied tasks to manage our cemeteries requires much time and effort. Fortunately we have a group of Friends of Newbury Cemeteries who concern themselves with various projects. John Warren led several cemetery tours in 2006 and also wrote an excellent article about Newbury cemeteries in the October 2006 issue of SooNipi Magazine. John Grocott assisted in numerous landscape and gardening projects. In addition, he continues research about families relating to Marshall Cemetery.

There are many volunteer opportunities and we invite anyone to call and offer assistance. We wish to thank, in addition to

the above, the Cashin family, Elaine Warren, Cal Prussman, Will Willis, Bob Clark, Charles Duncan, Karen and Al Bachelder, and the Chadwick Funeral Home for the special tasks they performed.

*Mary Bachelder, Chair  
Charles Crickman, Paul Riley*



*Marshall Cemetery gate  
Photo courtesy Mary Bachelder*

## **Planning Board**

### **The Ten-Year Master Plan:**

The Newbury Planning Board has been hard at work updating the town Master Plan. The Master Plan is a blueprint for the growth and preservation of our town. It defines a vision for Newbury's future. Because we can't stress enough how important it is for our residents to help shape that future, we have reached out to citizens to be involved in the process. Last year we held visioning workshops and public forums to report results. In 2006, the board mailed survey forms to each resident and/or property owner to elicit their views on town development. Response was good. Survey results were tabulated and presented to residents in a public forum. These results will provide guidance for the development of the Master Plan.

This past spring and summer were dedicated to reviewing the recommendations that were in the 1997 Master Plan. The board, appropriate town departments, and citizen participants determined which recommendations have been accomplished, which are yet to be accomplished and should be included in the update, and which should be left out. Then new, additional recommendations were formulated. Draft recommendations have been completed for most of the Master Plan components. These include: Community Services and Recreation subheadings: Cemeteries, Fire Protection and Ambulance Services, Library Services, Police Protection Service, Social Services, Transportation and Recycling Services, Town Water and Sewer Services and Educational Services; Housing; Natural and Cultural Resources; Community Characteristics, and Regional Context. These are available for your review in the Town Office. If you wish to participate in the Master Planning meetings, they are held every first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Office large meeting room. Contact Patricia MacDonald, land-use board assistant, for a

schedule of topics to be discussed or to be added to the email list of participants.

Thanks to all those Newbury residents who have contributed their precious Saturdays, evenings and spare time reading and filling out questionnaires to help us update the Master Plan.

**Regulatory Work:**

The board has conducted public hearings for the review of numerous subdivisions and site plan review applications. One major subdivision approved this year is the Field Stone Ridge Subdivision off Gillingham Drive and Old Sutton Road. This project is in both Sutton and Newbury and was determined to have regional impact. It required extensive review and had been in process since 2005. Field Stone Ridge has 30 house lots in Newbury and 7 in Sutton. All are accessed from Newbury.

A complete list of projects reviewed for this year:

- 2 Annexations/ lot-line adjustments
- 2 Minor subdivisions
- 1 Major subdivision
- 1 Major subdivision in Sutton of regional impact
- 2 Site Plan Reviews
- 21 Conceptual Hearings

Also completed:

Zoning Amendments for Town Ballot

The Five-Year Capital Improvements Program (CIP) was updated by the CIP subcommittee. Thanks to Ivor Freeman (Chair), Ken McWilliams (Consultant), Dennis Pavlicek (Town Administrator), Jim Powell (Chair, Board of Selectmen), and Planning Board members David Thayer, Ron Williams and Deane Geddes.

This year I once again thank the Planning Board members for their time and dedication. Our town benefits so much from your participation. In particular, I would like to single out Al Bachelder, Ken McWilliams and especially Vice-Chair Bill Weiler, for the extraordinary amount of work they contribute to the board. I could not be an effective Chair without them. Thanks also to Planning Board members for 2005-2006: Al Bachelder, Lacy Cluff (alternate and secretary), Travis Dezotell, Deane Geddes (alternate), David Thayer, Bill Weiler (Vice-Chair), Ron Williams, our new secretary Linda Plunkett, and Patricia Sweet-MacDonald, Land Use Board Assistant.

*Barbara Freeman, Chair*



*View from Baker Hill  
Photo courtesy Wayne Whitford*

## **Zoning Board of Adjustment**

The ZBA is a quasi-judicial municipal board that is granted authority by New Hampshire RSAs 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.

2006 was another busy year for the ZBA volunteer members and alternates. 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 in question. Thus members can make responsible decisions based upon their understanding of the ordinances and the unique features of the property. Twenty ZBA hearings were held during 2006 with the following actions:

- 9 Variances were granted with conditions.
- 6 Variances were denied.
- 3 Special Exceptions were granted with conditions.
- 1 Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Requirement was granted
- 1 Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Requirement was denied.

In addition, three applications for appeal of administrative decisions and/or of ZBA decisions were submitted. The board moved to dismiss each one without a hearing. The rationale for dismissal was based upon timeliness of the application or lack of standing as to impact of the decision.

The ZBA held one non-hearing work session. Four 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 sessions hosted by the Planning Board.

As Chair of the ZBA, I ask for your support on the proposed additions and amendments to the existing zoning ordinances. The amendments will help to clarify the definition and intent of the Wetlands Conservation Overlay District and make revisions within the Skyline/Hillside Conservation Overlay District Boundary.

Finally, I would like to thank the members and alternates who have served and continue to serve on the ZBA. As Chair of the ZBA for the last three years, I have been fortunate to have had their support and confidence. They are a dedicated, knowledgeable, and responsible group who are a pleasure to work with and are individual assets to the town of Newbury.

*Thomas W. Vannatta, Chairperson*

*Betsy Soper (Vice-Chair), Katheryn Holmes, Ernie Pagragan, Elizabeth Ashworth, Alex Azodi, William Cluff, Helen Wright, Patricia MacDonald (Land Use Board Assistant), and Lacy Cluff (Secretary/Alternate).*

## **UNH Cooperative Extension-Merrimack County**

For 92 years, UNH Cooperative Extension, the public outreach arm of the University of New Hampshire, has engaged New Hampshire residents with a broad variety of non-formal educational offerings. One in four Merrimack County residents took advantage of at least one Extension program last year.

We offer programs 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 acculturation for refugee families. We respond to the needs of forest landowners, commercial farmers, niche growers, farmers' markets, and many other groups.

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. We provide guidance to community boards on current use, timber tax law, and other land-use issues. We also help social service agencies plan programs and stay current with the latest research and best practices.

Our county staff participate—and sometimes take leadership roles—in many state and local coalitions, among them the Franklin Asset Building Coalition, the Concord Substance Abuse Coalition, the Timberland Owners Association, N.H. Farm and Forest Exposition board, Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust outreach committee, N.H. Association for Infant Mental Health, the state Marriage and Family Advisory Board, and the N.H. Volunteer Administrators Association.

Merrimack County Extension provides fact-sheet 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 & Garden Education Center, staffed Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The number for the Info Line is 1-877-398-4769. Last year, the Info Line handled more than 800 requests from Merrimack County residents. Extension also distributes a wide range of information from our Web site: [www.extension.unh.edu](http://www.extension.unh.edu).

Finally, UNH 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.

*Mary West, Natural Resources Secretary*



*State helicopter drops in on Old Home Day  
Photo courtesy Paul Howe*

## **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 our 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.

Here is a summary of our work during the past year:

- Obtained funds for Route 120 Corridor Management Plan in Hanover and Lebanon, and for transit planning with Community Transportation Services in Sullivan County.
- Completed approval process for Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) developed for Sullivan County to increase eligibility for federal funding for economic development and infrastructure improvements. Continued to collaborate with economic development partners in Grafton County through the North Country CEDS Committee.
- Partnered with Lake Sunapee Protective Association and Sunapee Area Watershed Coalition to help communities collaborate on watershed management planning.
- Brought Route 4 Corridor Management Plan near completion to balance growth of Canaan and Enfield village centers with needs of commuters.
- Adopted revised UVLSRPC Regional Plan incorporating

new Housing and Economic Development elements.

- Promoted our region's priorities for federal and state transportation funding including Transportation Enhancement Grants. Served on NH Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Advisory Committee.
- Worked with state agencies to ensure that the needs of our area communities are understood and addressed. Participated in work group studying sprawl in NH and effectiveness of statesmart-growth policies, NH Association of Regional Planning Commission's Legislative Policy Committee, NH GIS Advisory Committee, and Mt. Sunapee Ski Area Advisory Committee.
- Co-wrote zoning guidebook with NHDES and NHARPC.
- Assisted Connecticut River Joint Commissions with update of corridor management plan.
- Provided consulting to Twin Pines Housing Trust.
- Participated in Sullivan County Community Mobility Project to begin identifying and addressing unmet transportation needs.
- Performed over 100 traffic counts throughout the region to provide data for state and regional transportation plans.
- Continued day-to-day collaboration with regional partner organizations, *e.g.* Advance Transit, Community Transportation Services, Upper Valley Transportation Management Association, Connecticut River Joint Commissions, Connecticut River Byway Council, Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee, Upper Valley Housing Coalition, North Country R C & D, and Lake Sunapee Protective Association.
- Organized 4 hazardous waste collections in which over 700

households participated to keep over 4,500 gallons of hazardous chemicals out of the region's groundwater.

- Facilitated 4 roundtable discussions for municipal representatives to discuss and get advice on issues of common concern including: balanced growth, protecting community quality of life and natural resources, the need for more affordable and senior housing, the tax structure, the lack of money for planning, Class VI road policies, Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts, telecommunications towers, FEMA assistance, flood management and other emergency preparedness, and keeping the master plan a current and living document.
- Assisted 15 communities with updates of local master plans, 6 with natural resource inventories, 7 with zoning amendments, 3 with other regulations, and 3 with capital improvement programs.
- Completed road inventories in 5 member communities, 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 5 with review of National Flood Insurance Program compliance. Assisted Sullivan County communities with process to adopt new floodplain maps to ensure residents' continued eligibility for flood insurance.
- Assisted 6 towns with review of proposed developments.
- Completed special projects to address local needs, such as the Elkins Village Plan in New London and culvert inventory for Newbury.
- Compiled planning how-tos for communities interested in enhancing their "creative economy" as an economic

development tool.

- Continued emphasis on informational programs and training for local officials including law lecture series and bimonthly programs including: Being Heard in Concord, Managing Growth in the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Region, Planning for Town Woodlands, Natural Resource Inventories, and Reducing Municipal Energy Consumption: Addressing Climate Change.
- Responded to day-to-day requests from local board members and staff for guidance, data and GIS maps.
- Maintained website -- [www.uvlsrpc.org](http://www.uvlsrpc.org) -- to share information on planning issues and events, and kept library current with the latest technical guidance, planning literature, and sample regulations.
- Provided information to 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.

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. In FY2006 we held a retreat to enable representatives from member communities and other local officials to identify the most important focus areas for the UVLSRPC for the next 5 years. The following 5 priorities were identified:

- Planning for and Managing Growth
- Resource Protection
- Economic Stability
- Education and Advocacy
- Solid Waste

We appreciate the high level of participation and support we receive from our communities, and look forward to continuing to serve the needs of the region in addressing the issues above and others that arise in the future. We welcome feedback from the Commissioners appointed by each community, as well as local officials and residents, to ensure that our work program continues to focus on those regional issues that are of the highest priority to you. Please feel free to contact us at (603) 448-1680 or e-mail me at [tbamford@uvlsrc.org](mailto:tbamford@uvlsrc.org) to share your thoughts.

*Tara E. Bamford, Executive Director*



*Mountain panorama  
Photo courtesy John Warren*

## **Police Department**

The police department continues to undergo change resulting in measurable impacts on the community. Among these have been changes in personnel. Glen Drewniak has chosen to continue his career with the Merrimack County Sheriff's Office, and we join in congratulating part-time Officer Jon Ciavola who graduated from the full-time officer academy and has moved on to a new position with the Franklin Police Department. In the growth department, we have welcomed William "BJ" Hardy and Christopher Boucher to the department as full-time patrol officers. The addition of full-time patrol personnel has made for a huge increase in the ability to deliver a higher level of service over a greater number of patrol hours. No matter the time of day, or day of the week, expect to see a uniformed Newbury Police Officer responding. Besides increasing the number and times of patrol, a greater emphasis has been placed on the type and locations of patrols. This has been instrumental in maximizing the department's effectiveness on both overall crime and overall traffic issues. This year's statistics show that a positive attitude and a closer working relationship with the community works! In brief, here's how the numbers shape up:

Overall crimes against property – DOWN 35%  
Overall crimes against persons – DOWN 44%  
Overall alarm activations – DOWN 19%  
Overall traffic enforcement efforts – UP 30%  
(while complaints about traffic have gone DOWN 30%!)

The Police Department is a major part of our community, and as we continue to work as a team to solve issues as they arise, we'll be stopping new problems from happening, and continuing to make Newbury the best place to live. The support for the department over the last year has been overwhelming, and that support has been the catalyst to our positive changes. Keep those expectations high – we expect to continue to live up to them!

Chief *Bob Lee*  
Sergeant *Henry Thomas*  
Corporal *Brad Wheeler*  
Officers *William 'BJ' Hardy, Chris Boucher,*  
*E. Neill Cobb, Jodi Bailey, Warren Foote, & E. Buddy Rowe*  
Administrative Assistant *Deborah Lacombe*



*Chief Lee welcomes new officer 'BJ' Hardy*

**Newbury Police Department  
Calls For Service 2006**

Classification	Total
Death/Suicide	1
Alarm	11
Drunk	3
Sexual Assault	1
Assault	4
Harassment	5
Reckless Conduct	1
Criminal Threat	1
Burglary	6
Criminal Trespass	3
Shoplifting	1
Theft	27
Fraud	4
Fraud Bad Checks	8
Criminal Mischief	15
Drugs/Possession	2
Property Found	25
Indecent Exposure	1
Domestic Dispute	9
Liquor Law Violations	2
Disturbance	5
Weapon Permits	18
Shots Fired	3
Fireworks Violations	3
Harassing Communication	3
Disorderly Conduct	2
DUI	11
Reckless Driving	2
Driving on Suspension/Revocation	4
Parking Violation	2

Traffic Offense Warning	1110
Traffic Offense Citation	271
Traffic Offense-Arrest	23
Motor Vehicle Check	5
MV/Traffic Complaint	30
Traffic Crash/Fatal	1
Traffic Crash/Personal Injury	5
Traffic Crash/Property Damage	34
Traffic Crash/Non Reportable	13
Road Rage	1
Defective Equipment Tag	1
Littering-Illegal Dumping	5
OHRV Complaint	1
Animal-Stray	29
Animal-Nuisance	6
Animal-Bite	1
Animal Livestock Complaint	2
Animal-Wild	5
Neighborhood Disputes	9
Noise Disturbance	11
Unwanted Subject	5
Assist – Fire/Police	16
Assist – In County Police	90
Assist – Newbury Fire	36
Assist – Newbury Medical/Rescue	22
Assist – Town Office	2
Assist – Public Works/EOC	3
Alarm – Bank	2
Alarm – Business	24
Alarm – House	91
Alarm – Public Building	2
911 Hang-up	25
Property – Lost	22
Missing Person	6
Fireworks Permit	1
Tobacco Violation	1

Juvenile Complaint	6
Citizen Requested Assistance	47
Assist – Stranded Motorist	20
Fingerprints/School, INS	16
Civil Issue/Stand by	27
VIN Inspection	2
House Check Request	46
Suspicious Person/VEH/Incident	44
Abandoned Vehicle	15
Welfare Check	15
Open Door/Window/Gate	14
Public Relations-Talk or Lecture	1
M/V Unlock	13
Paperwork Relay	5
Road Hazard/Obstruction	29
M/V Repossession	3
Selective Enforcement Request	62
Police Information	62
Manner of Operation	1
Building Check – Business	312
Building Check – Public	128
Building Check – Residential	11
Warrant-Criminal Civil	1
Paper Service	39
Placing Snow/Debris on Road	2
Animal Complaint	29
Assist Court	1
Animal Vicious	1
Case Follow up	8
Identity Fraud	1
Ride Along	1
Sexual Offender Registration	5
Warrant – Criminal	4

## **Newbury Fire Department**

The number of fire and rescue calls for the year 2006 was 160, down slightly from the 2005 all-time record; it was the second-busiest year in Newbury Fire Department's history. Department members also spent considerable additional time in training, equipment maintenance and community activities. Continued building construction resulted in increased fire prevention and fire safety inspection activity for the department. The department was also heavily involved throughout the year with neighboring communities through the fire mutual aid, Emergency Medical Services, and the Midwestern NH Hazardous Materials Mutual Aid districts.

In 2006, the department lost a long-time friend and very active member, Captain Kevin Walker, who passed away during the summer. A memorial service for department members, family, town officials and friends was held at the Safety Services Building in remembrance of Kevin.

Equipment that was purchased through the 2005 Assistance to Firefighters Grant awarded to the Newbury Fire Department was received and put into service. All Newbury firefighters now have the protection of the new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and turnout gear, which meets the latest National Fire Protection Association safety standards. Because of competitive bidding, the department was able to purchase the equipment below the original estimates and the remaining grant funds were used to purchase fire prevention equipment.

Through another grant from the State of New Hampshire, the department received new multi-channel portable radios, which improve communication on the emergency scene and enable the responders to communicate with other emergency agencies that may use other radio frequencies. These grants enabled the department to upgrade equipment at very little cost to the taxpayers.

Improvements to the Safety Services Building included the installation of a diesel exhaust filtering system and an emergency power generator enabling the building to remain fully operational during power failures. Through fundraising efforts by department members, a specialized firefighters' gear washing machine was also purchased.

The year 2006 saw the implementation of an enhanced training program for the department. In addition to in-house training, New Hampshire Fire Academy instructors brought their equipment to Newbury for specialized firefighter training. Individual department members also spent numerous hours in fire and rescue training classes. The annual NH Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Conference was held at Mount Sunapee Resort again this year, enabling department personnel to attend this two-day professional development session without having to travel out-of-town.

Grant funding enabled the department to significantly expand its fire prevention and community fire-safety outreach program. As the year ended, surveys were being completed on all commercial properties in the town. This information is being entered into a fire-prevention database on mobile computers in department vehicles. The database and computers, which were purchased through the grant, enable the firefighters and responding rescue personnel to have detailed information on a location, including floor plans, hazards and emergency contacts. This data will also be used in department training so that all members will be familiar with the business property if an emergency should arise.

Fire prevention outreach and information was a big part of the Newbury's Old Home Day celebration held in July. Fire apparatus and equipment were on display at the Safety Services Building, along with fire safety information and coloring books for children. EMS personnel provided first aid for attendees and the fire department coordinated the evening's

fireworks display and public safety from the fireboat on the lake.

The Newbury Fire Department has provided fire safety information in pamphlets and fact sheets available at the Town Office. Fire safety advice as well as complete information on the Newbury Fire Department is available 24 hours a day on the department Internet website: [www.newburyfd.org](http://www.newburyfd.org).

Throughout the year, members of the department donated their time to community activities, such as the Halloween Haunted House, summer bingo, neighborhood parades, and the annual children's Christmas party.

As development continues through the town, it is becoming critical that fire and rescue responders are able to locate a home in an emergency. Town ordinance requires that all properties have street numbers that are visible from the road. Properties on Lake Sunapee should also have their street numbers listed on their dock or boathouse since the fireboat, when in service, responds to fire calls on the lake. Please also maintain driveways and access to your property at all times so emergency vehicles can reach you as quickly as possible. If you are a seasonal resident or have an alarm system, be sure your alarm company, a neighbor or the Newbury Police Department has up-to-date emergency contact information.

***Department Officers:***

Chief:	<i>Henry Thomas Jr.</i>
Assistant Chief:	<i>Dave Smith</i>
Captain	<i>Patrick Vonkannewurff</i>
Medical Director	<i>Pam Drewniak</i>
Lieutenants:	<i>Ken Burnell, Jamie Bechok, Mike Bascom, Jen Smith</i>
Clerk:	<i>Ken Holmes</i>
Treasurer:	<i>Robin Parkhurst</i>
Fire Prevention:	<i>Wayne Whitford</i>
Communications:	<i>David Kinsman</i>

Standing Committee: *John Croteau, Colin Nelson,  
Mike Meninno*

***Department Calls 2006***

Auto Accidents	21
Boat Rescue	0
Brush Fire	2
Chimney Fire	1
False Alarm	17
Fuel Spill	1
In-House Medical	52
Mutual Aid	4
Other Medical	16
Search & Rescue	5
Service Call	17
Smoke/gas	10
Structure Fire	2
Vehicle Fire	2
Wires Down	10
Total	160

*Henry Thomas Jr., Fire Chief*

## **Forest Fire Warden**

This past summer, we suffered the loss of long-time Deputy Warden Kevin Walker. Kevin was a truly devoted warden. He always stayed up-to-date on state rules and regulations, attended all training activities, and was a great asset at all fire incidents in our area and town. He is dearly missed and our continued sympathy goes out to his family.

Another very wet fire season kept the fire danger low for most of the year. 2006 was a very lengthy permit-required year as the snow was gone by mid-March and as of January first, the ground was still brown. Many permits were issued and we had very few burning problems. Remember that you must have a permit for any open burning whenever the ground is not covered with snow.

Even if you are burning with a permit, don't be surprised if we stop by to check your fire. I get many calls from someone passing by a smoke or fire site and they call it in to us. Even if we know a permit has been issued, we are obligated to check it out. It's a good idea to notify your neighbors when you are going to burn so they won't be alarmed when they see smoke from behind your house. When we do check a fire, the most common violations are material too big (5 inches diameter is the maximum allowed) and/or a fire left unattended. You must physically attend your fire until it is completely out.

Burning in chimeneas and outdoor metal fireplaces requires a permit. Please continue to call with your questions and concerns. We will do our best to provide information.

I want to thank Doug Miner, our state ranger, for his continued support, the Newbury Fire and Police departments, and New London Dispatch for their cooperation and assistance.

*David G. Smith, Warden* 938-5925

## State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens may contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org).

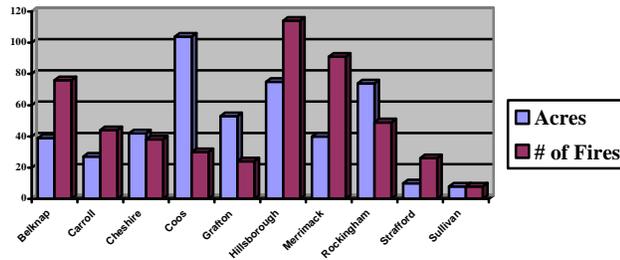
Fire activity was very high during the first several weeks of the 2006 fire season, with red-flag conditions issued by the National Weather Service and extreme fire danger in many sections of the state. The largest forest fire during this period occurred in late April and burned 98 acres. Extremely dry spring conditions resulted in over twice the amount of acreage burned than in all of 2005. Our statewide system of lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Fires in the wildland-urban interface damaged 6 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. Keep your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintain adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

## 2006 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 8, 2006)

(figures do not include fires in the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	39	76
Carroll	27	44
Cheshire	42	38
Coos	104	30
Grafton	53	24
Hillsborough	75	114
Merrimack	40	91
Rockingham	74	49
Strafford	10	26
Sullivan	8	8



Causes of Fires Reported			Total Fires	Total Acres
Arson	15	<b>2006</b>	500	473
Campfire	24	<b>2005</b>	546	174
Children	13	<b>2004</b>	482	147
Smoking	50	<b>2003</b>	374	100
Debris	284			
Railroad	3			
Equipment	4			
Lightning	1			
Misc.*	106			

Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.

## Code Enforcement

Ninety-five building permits were issued in 2006, and as in past years, permits were for a variety of projects:

- 25 house/dwellings
- 21 additions/renovations
- 25 garages
- 20 porches
- 25 decks
- 6 sheds
- 11 electrical
- 3 plumbing
- 6 demo
- 1 swimming pool
- 2 barns
- 1 rebuild of commercial property

Permits are needed for demolition as well as construction.

Following are some additional tips to keep in mind when planning your projects:

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 200 square feet or less are issued at no charge. Permits are also required for any alterations to existing structures, including removing inside walls, moving or enlarging windows, and any changes in electric or plumbing systems. New or replacement heating systems also require permits available at the Town Office. If you have any questions about whether a permit is needed for your project, please call me at 763-4940 ext. 203 or e-mail me at [paul@newburynh.org](mailto:paul@newburynh.org).

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 2007!

*Paul LaCasse, Code Enforcement Officer*



*Holiday party at the Town Office  
Photo courtesy Shelly Candidus*

## Office of Emergency Management

It was a busy year in this office. Two plans were completed with the assistance of Town Office personnel, Police, Fire and Highway officials. The first was the “Hazard Mitigation Plan,” which identifies potential hazards in the community and makes recommendations for avoiding them in the future. This plan is required in order for the town to receive federal FEMA assistance. The second plan, the “Local Emergency Operations Plan,” was recently completely revised to meet State of NH Bureau of Emergency Management guidelines. In preparing these plans, our safety officials, several department heads and citizens gave many dedicated hours of their time.

For a second year in a row, Merrimack County has qualified for assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Disaster Declaration for Public and Individual Assistance for sustained losses under FEMA Disaster ID # DR1643. Newbury qualified for federal assistance for rain-related damages to its roadways.

While it was not necessary to activate the Town of Newbury Office of Emergency Management in 2006, the need for local planning to address potential emergencies has never been greater. With numerous major disasters throughout the country, and to safeguard our state and community, local preparedness has proven to be the first line of response.

Three workshops, “**Are You Prepared?**” were well-attended this year at the Town Office. Special thanks for spearheading this effort go to Town Clerk Linda Plunkett, and Becky Barnes, representing the South Newbury Union Church.

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 so we can be informed and ready.

As always, special thanks to the Police, Fire, Highway, Town Office employees and countless volunteers who continue to serve the town.

*Paul Groulx, Director*



*A local crafter with her jewelry at Old Home Day  
Photo courtesy Rich Cole*

**Town Warrant**  
**State of New Hampshire - 2007**

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 thirteenth (13) 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 zoning ordinance.

The *Planning Board's Amendment No. 1* proposes to amend **ARTICLE VIII (Wetlands Conservation Overlay District), Section 8.0 Purpose** to clarify and further define the intent of the article. A definition for the buffer area around a wetland is proposed. The amendment proposes to change the wetland regulations to require a conditional use permit approval by the Planning Board for development in the buffer area around a wetland instead of the current requirement for approval of a special exception by the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

The *Planning Board's Amendment No. 2* proposes to amend **ARTICLE XVIII (Skyline/Hillside Conservation Overlay District, Section 18.2 Skyline/Hillside Conservation Overlay District Boundary** to revise some of the overlay district boundaries. Some of the boundaries were changed to correct errors in the specification of those boundaries.

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

The *Planning Board's Amendment No. 3* proposes to amend **ARTICLE VII (Shore Land Overlay District), Section 7.2 Shore Land District** to add the following two permanent streams to the Shore Land Overlay District:

- § **Roaring Brook (the northerly stream entering Chalk Pond on its southwest shore), and**
- § **Bly Brook (the southerly stream entering Chalk Pond on its southwest shore).**

YES    \_\_\_    NO    \_\_\_

The town shall recess the business portion of the meeting until Wednesday, March 14, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. at the Mount Sunapee Spruce Lodge -- second floor -- off Route 103 in Newbury.

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,067,018 for general operations:

ANNUAL BUDGET	2006	2007
1. Executive	\$125,411	\$166,540
2. Elections	6,200	4,380
3. Financial Administration	354,420	417,655
4. Legal Expenses	33,000	28,000
5. Personnel Administration	298,137	2,000
6. Planning	52,430	52,012
7. Zoning	9,073	13,208
8. General Government Bldg.	43,186	47,546
9. Cemeteries	25,705	25,430
10. Insurance	45,000	46,000
11. Other General Govt.	3,300	23,900
12. Police Department	304,564	406,594
13. Fire Department	88,961	104,840
14. Forest Fire	1,000	1,038
15. Code Enforcement	21,936	26,794
16. Emergency Management	400	4,805
17. Highway Maintenance	466,423	559,314
18. Highway Reconstruction	182,355	210,000

19. Street Lighting	13,225	13,500
20. Transfer Station	227,348	272,736
21. Health Agencies	27,564	30,743
22. Welfare	16,310	16,494
23. Information Booth	5,630	6,436
24. Parks & Recreation	47,776	57,967
25. Library	67,811	74,885
26. Conservation Commission	600	600
27. Historical Society	250	250
28. Tax Anticipation Notes	100	100
29. Sewer Department	129,811	146,550
30. Bond/Note Principal	200,000	200,000
Bond/Note Interest	76,825	68,600
31. Safety Communication Svcs.	39,560	38,101
32. Capital Outlay	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,914,311</b>	<b>\$3,067,018</b>

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$148,000 to be placed in the following capital reserve funds: (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$47,000
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	\$98,000
AMBULANCE	\$3,000

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,000 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	\$6,000
TOWN BUILDINGS	\$7,000
MILFOIL CONTROL	\$5,000
FD PERSONAL PROTECTION	\$10,000

6. To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund to a Bridges

Engineering/Construction/Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund and name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend; furthermore to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed into this Bridges Engineering/Construction/Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund. (2/3 vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$643,100 for a sidewalk and related improvements along Newbury Harbor. \$514,480 will come from a Transportation enhancement grant, \$60,000 will come from donations and in-kind services and \$68,620 from the December 31, 2006 undesignated fund balance. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the sidewalk and harbor improvements are completed or by December 31, 2011, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the following town-owned properties:

- a) Park 10 parcel, 0.06 acre, Map/lot # 031-775-211
- b) Park 10 parcel, 0.12 acre, Map/lot # 031-788-301
- c) Park 10 parcel, 0.33 acre, Map/lot # 031-764-094
- d) Park 10 parcel, 0.20 acre, Map/lot # 020-055-210
- e) Old Highway Garage, corner Route 103 & Sutton Rd. (Map/lot # 043-348-244) commercial property

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 to purchase property that adjoins the town-owned Bald Sunapee property, 919 Route 103 (Map/lot # 020-065-227).

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,700 to purchase a Message Sign with integrated speed measurement and furthermore to accept a Department of Highway Safety grant in the amount of \$6,000, the remaining \$8,700 to come from taxation.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$48,926 to purchase a one-ton pickup truck equipped with a plow and sander and authorize the withdrawal of \$48,926 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

12. To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with RSA 154:1, to authorize the appointment of the Newbury Fire Chief by the Board of Selectmen, who will also appoint firefighters upon the recommendation of the Fire Chief.

13. To see if the Town will vote to establish a town forest under the provisions of RSA 31:110, and to transfer part of Map 32, Lot 012-426, "Fishersfield Park," to the town forest, and to place the town forest under the management of the Conservation Commission as authorized by RSA 31:112, II.

14. To see if the Town will vote to express an opinion in opposition to proposed "Real ID" legislation to the Governor and the General Court.

15. To see if the Town will vote to support an initiative proposed by the Carbon Coalition (NH Citizens for a Responsible Energy Policy) to ask for effective action by the President and Congress to address the issue of climate change (global warming) by establishing a national program requiring reductions of greenhouse gas emissions and creating a major national research initiative to foster development of sustainable energy technologies, thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be placed in the Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund and authorize the transfer of \$1,000 from the December 31, 2006 undesignated fund balance for this

purpose. Said sum represents the sale of cemetery lots in the prior fiscal year. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,500 to prepare a renovation study for the three town-owned buildings in South Newbury.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,885 to replace approximately 420 feet of chain-link fence along the frontage of Lakeside Cemetery with granite post and chain fencing.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 for the restoration of the Center Meeting House. The Meeting House shall first raise at least \$300,000. (By petition.) (Not recommended by the Selectmen.)

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for asphalt surface treatment of a mile of Province Road.

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional \$2,500 to help fund infrastructure improvements for the Bradford-Newbury-Sutton Youth Sports non-profit organization. (Proposed improvements include construction of a maintenance/storage facility at Warren Brook Park, safety fencing for the softball field, roof repairs on the Elementary School dug-outs and Snack Shack, repairs to the dug-outs at Brown-Shattuck Field, a new well at Warren Brook Park, aeration and fertilization to all athletic fields, maintenance on the mowing equipment and improvements to parking area at Warren Brook Park.) (By petition.) (Not recommended by the Selectmen.)

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

**Newbury Board of Selectmen**

\_\_\_\_\_ Jim Powell, Chair  
\_\_\_\_\_ Richard Wright  
\_\_\_\_\_ Gary Budd

February 14, 2007 \_\_\_\_\_ Date Posted

**Budget For and Comparative Statement of Expenditures for  
The Town of Newbury, NH  
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year  
January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007**

Purpose of Appropriation RSA 32:3v	Appropriations Prior Fiscal Year	Actual Expenditures Prior Fiscal Year	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)
<b>General Government</b>				
Executive	125,411	127,812	166,540	
Election, Registration & Vital Stats.	6,200	9,173	4,380	
Financial Administration	354,420	362,581	417,655	
Legal Expenses	33,000	25,117	28,000	
Personnel Administration	298,137	274,293	2,000	
Planning	52,430	37,037	52,012	
Zoning	9,073	8,421	13,208	
General Government Buildings	43,186	49,296	47,546	
Cemeteries	25,705	25,358	25,430	
Insurance	45,000	42,288	46,000	

Other General Government	3,300	3,813	23,900
<b>Public Safety</b>			
Police Department	304,564	274,535	406,594
Fire Department	89,961	79,085	105,878
Code Enforcement & Inspection	21,936	24,040	26,794
Emergency Management	400	981	4,805
Safety Communications Services	39,560	38,342	38,101
Highway Admin & Maintenance	648,778	639,844	769,314
Street Lighting	13,225	12,435	13,500
<b>Sanitation</b>			
Solid Waste Collection	93,848	98,051	130,836
Solid Waste Disposal	130,500	122,132	134,500
Solid Waste Recycling	3,000	4,010	7,400
<b>Health</b>			
Health/Community/School Programs	27,564	27,566	30,743
<b>Welfare</b>			
Administration & Direct Assistance	16,310	8,872	16,494
<b>Culture &amp; Recreation</b>			

Parks & Recreation	47,776	49,071	57,967	
Library	67,811	67,850	74,885	
Other	5,880	6,078	6,686	
<b>Conservation Commission</b>				
Administration & Operations	600	600	600	
<b>Debt Service</b>				
Principal: Long Term Bonds & Notes	200,000	200,000	200,000	
Interest: Long Term Bonds & Notes	76,825	76,825	68,600	
Interest: Tax Anticipation Notes	100	0	100	
Bond Issuance Costs	0	0	0	
<b>Capital Outlay</b>				
Land	0	0	250,000	
Improvements	2,052,000	308,775	711,485	2,500
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	174,280	168,643	63,626	
Buildings	0	0	0	75,000
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>				
To Special Revenue Fund	129,811	121,002	146,550	
To Capital Reserve Funds	177,500	177,500	173,000	

To Expendable Trust Funds	43,000	43,000	37,000	
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	5,361,091	3,514,426	4,302,129	77,500

**Source of Revenue**

Revenue Source	2006 Revenue Estimate	2006 Actual Revenue	2007 Revenue Estimate
<b>Taxes</b>			
Land Use Change Taxes	40,000	29,675	40,000
Yield Taxes	15,000	15,981	15,000
Payment In Lieu Of Taxes	11,500	12,971	12,900
Other Taxes	7,500	9,340	9,000
Int. & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	45,000	47,391	45,000
Excavation Activity Tax	1,500	952	1,500
<b>Licenses, Permits &amp; Fees</b>			
Business Licenses & Permits	1,000	704	1,000
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	410,000	404,191	420,000
Building Permits	20,000	31,829	32,000
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	4,000	3,637	4,000

<b>From State</b>			
Shared Revenue	14,000	13,994	14,000
Meals & Room Tax Distribution	73,000	78,181	80,000
Highway Block Grant	94,221	92,336	94,221
Forest Land Reimbursement	1,352	987	1,352
Other	30,000	19,812	580,480
From Other Governments	151,240	149,977	159,510
<b>Charges For Services</b>			
Income From Departments	50,000	44,299	50,000
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>			
Sale of Municipal Property	4,000	355	260,000
Interest on Investments	40,000	69,173	65,000
Other	6,000	3,300	6,000
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In</b>			
Special Revenue Funds	129,811	129,920	146,550
Capital Reserve Funds	174,280	168,643	48,926
Cemetery			
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>			

Long Term Bonds & Notes	1,700,000	1,700,000	0
Surplus	50,000	50,000	69,620
<b>TOTAL REVENUES/CREDITS</b>	<b>3,073,404</b>	<b>3,077,648</b>	<b>2,156,059</b>
		<b>YEAR 2007 W/ Articles</b>	<b>Year 2006 W/ Articles</b>
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>		4,302,129	5,361,091
<b>LESS ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>		2,156,059	3,073,404
<b>AMOUNT OF TAXES TO RAISE</b>		2,146,070	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 Town of Newbury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2005, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Town of Newbury's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

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, 2005, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 6 through 20 and 48 through 50, 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.*

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Laconia, NH  
June 2, 2006

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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Town of Newbury  
December 31, 2005

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, 2005 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). Please read it in conjunction with the financial statements, which follow this section.

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Town's total combined net assets increased by \$848,589 or 13% between December 31, 2004 and 2005.
- The Town's total combined net assets amounted to \$7,340,083 at December 31, 2005. Net assets consisted of: \$5,816,766 invested in capital assets net of related debt; \$527,005 restricted for special revenue funds; \$397,599 restricted for other nonmajor funds for purposes of each established fund; and an unrestricted net asset balance of \$598,713.
- The Town has a \$1,575,000 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 \$200,000 of these obligations is due to be paid during the year ended December 31, 2006.
- The Town's long-term liabilities, consisting of general obligation bonds, compensated absence obligations, and unamortized bond premiums, decreased by a net (additions less reductions) \$199,845 during the year ended December 31, 2005. The net decrease consisted of \$10,455 in additions to the long-term liabilities and (\$202,300) in current year payments made.
- During the year, the Town's expenses were \$848,589 less than the \$8,797,735 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).

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### CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS OF THE TOWN AS A WHOLE

#### Net Assets

Exhibit B-1 shows the composition of the Town's total combined net assets, which increased between December 31, 2004 and 2005 by \$848,589 or 13% to \$7,340,083.

#### Exhibit B-1 NET ASSETS

	Governmental Activities		
	2004	2005	Change
<b>Assets</b>			
Current and other assets	\$ 4,484,727	\$ 3,921,088	\$ (563,639)
Noncurrent assets	4,913,089	7,391,766	2,478,677
<b>Total assets</b>	9,397,816	11,312,854	1,915,038
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current liabilities	2,548,519	2,440,963	(107,556)
Noncurrent liabilities	2,899,503	1,531,808	(1,367,695)
<b>Total liabilities</b>	5,448,022	3,972,771	(1,475,251)
<b>Net Assets</b>			
Investment in capital assets, net of related debt	4,416,939	5,816,766	1,399,827
Restricted	1,419,619	924,604	(495,015)
Unrestricted	654,936	598,713	(56,223)
<b>Total net assets</b>	\$ 6,491,494	\$ 7,340,083	\$ 848,589

A portion of the net assets are either invested in capital assets or restricted as to the purposes they can be used for.

- The Town's investment in capital assets (land and land improvements, construction in progress, buildings, furniture and equipment and infrastructure, net of accumulated depreciation), net of related debt, is the largest component of the total combined net assets.
- Restricted net assets represent capital project, capital reserves and specific fund net asset amounts that are not available for discretionary spending.

Unrestricted net assets are a positive of \$598,713; it is the result of having currently available resources that are more than current liabilities.

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### Change in Net Assets

The Town's total revenues were \$8,797,735 while total expenses were \$7,949,146, resulting in an increase in net assets of \$848,589.

Exhibit B-2 shows that a significant portion of the Town's total revenues came from the following general revenue sources; 86.84% from property taxes, 4.76% from local sources and unrestricted fees and, 1.24% from State of New Hampshire source intergovernmental revenues primarily derived from state aid programs. Program revenues directly associated with a specific department accounted for the following percentages of total revenues, charges for services provided 2.40% of total revenues while operating grants and contributions provided 2.17% of total revenues.

### Exhibit B-2 SOURCES OF TOWN REVENUES

Governmental Activities							
	2004		2005		Change		
<b>Program Revenues</b>							
Charges for services	\$ 191,819	2.38%	\$ 211,059	2.40%	\$ 19,240	10.03%	
Operating grants and contributions	88,010	1.09%	190,919	2.17%	102,909	116.93%	
<b>General Revenues</b>							
Property taxes	7,201,369	89.22%	7,639,981	86.84%	438,612	6.09%	
Local sources	406,494	5.04%	418,943	4.76%	12,449	3.06%	
State of New Hampshire sources	87,577	1.09%	109,529	1.24%	21,952	25.07%	
Other sources	95,835	1.19%	227,304	2.58%	131,469	137.18%	
	<u>\$ 8,071,104</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 8,797,735</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 726,631</u>	<u>9.00%</u>	

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Exhibit B-3 shows that 68.48% 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 4.52% of total expenses, while 9.88% were for general government services and 5.45% were for maintenance of highways and streets.

### Exhibit B-3 TOWN EXPENSES

#### Governmental Activities

Functions / Programs	2004		2005		Change	
General government	\$ 586,668	7.30%	\$ 785,055	9.88%	\$ 198,387	33.82%
Public safety	356,095	4.43%	359,047	4.52%	2,952	0.83%
Highways and streets	486,110	6.05%	432,847	5.45%	(53,263)	-10.96%
Sanitation	343,155	4.27%	245,022	3.08%	(98,133)	-28.60%
Health	26,228	0.33%	25,964	0.33%	(264)	-1.01%
Welfare	10,970	0.14%	7,999	0.10%	(2,971)	-27.08%
Culture and recreation	134,584	1.67%	130,699	1.64%	(3,885)	-2.89%
Conservation	2,499	0.03%	5,850	0.07%	3,351	134.09%
Debt service	36,576	0.46%	73,908	0.93%	37,332	102.07%
Capital outlay	670,507	8.34%	36,312	0.46%	(634,195)	-94.58%
Payments to other governments	5,090,159	63.33%	5,443,964	68.48%	353,805	6.95%
Other financing uses	-	0.00%	5,600	0.07%	5,600	100.00%
<b>Unallocated</b>						
Depreciation	293,962	3.66%	396,879	4.99%	102,917	35.01%
	<u>\$ 8,037,513</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 7,949,146</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ (88,367)</u>	<u>-1.10%</u>

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## Governmental Activities

Exhibit B-4 presents the net cost of the Town's largest functions based upon the total expense, less charges for services and operating grants and contributions, of each function. The net cost reflects the amount that was funded by general revenues (principally property taxes and general state aid).

### Exhibit B-4 TOTAL AND NET COST OF SERVICES

	2004		2005	
	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services
<b>Functions / Programs</b>				
General government	\$ 586,668	\$ 579,731	\$ 785,055	\$ 743,107
Public safety	356,095	345,724	359,047	255,114
Highways and streets	486,110	398,085	432,847	334,724
Sanitation	343,155	172,547	245,022	97,905
Health	26,228	26,228	25,964	25,964
Welfare	10,970	10,510	7,999	1,127
Culture and recreation	134,584	131,156	130,699	126,714
Conservation	2,499	2,499	5,850	5,850
Debt Service	36,576	36,576	73,908	73,908
Capital outlay	670,507	670,507	36,312	36,312
Payments to other governments	5,090,159	5,090,159	5,443,964	5,443,964
Other financing uses/nonoperating expenses	-	-	5,600	5,600
<b>Unallocated</b>				
Depreciation	293,962	293,962	396,879	396,879
	<b>\$ 8,037,513</b>	<b>\$ 7,757,684</b>	<b>\$ 7,949,146</b>	<b>\$ 7,547,168</b>

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The total cost of all governmental activities this year was \$7,949,146; the total net cost was \$7,547,168. The primary financing for these activities of the Town was as follows:

### Taxes

- The amount that was paid by taxpayers was \$7,531,809 from property taxes, \$97,790 from land use change taxes, \$13,180 from yield taxes, and \$8,988 from other taxes.
- Interest collected on delinquent taxes was \$48,363, while abatements charged against current year taxes were \$71,635.

### Charges for Services

- Sewer user billings to individuals amounted to \$147,117.
- Police charges totaled \$11,050, consisting primarily of outside detail billings.

### Operating Grants and Contributions

- Highway block grant monies from the State of NH were received in the amount of \$94,221 and are restricted for the use of highway and street maintenance.

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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## ANALYSIS OF BALANCES AND TRANSACTIONS OF THE TOWN'S INDIVIDUAL FUNDS

### General Fund

The general fund balance decreased \$51,288 during the year from a surplus balance of \$816,708 at December 31, 2004 to a \$765,420 fund balance at December 31, 2005. The December 31, 2005 fund balance consisted of \$124,125 in reserves for encumbrances and \$641,295 unreserved.

### Major Governmental Funds

#### Capital Reserve Funds

Expendable capital and maintenance reserve funds (established by voters at an annual Town meeting as trust funds in accordance with statutory requirements) are reported as a major fund in the basic financial statements. The capital reserve fund balances increased \$86,523 during the year from \$440,482 at December 31, 2004 to \$527,005 at December 31, 2005. In accordance with statutory requirements they are held by the Trustees of Trust Funds and are only released for the restricted specific purposes of the individual funds.

### Nonmajor Governmental Funds

#### Library Fund

The library fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The library fund balance decreased \$2,588 during the year from a surplus balance of \$14,082 at December 31, 2004 to a balance of \$11,494 at December 31, 2005.

#### Blodgett Sewer Fund

The sewer fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The sewer fund balance increased \$12,165 during the year from a surplus balance of \$27,059 at December 31, 2004 to a balance of \$39,224 at December 31, 2005.

#### Recreation Revolving Fund

The recreation revolving fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The recreation fund balance decreased \$468 during the year from a surplus balance of \$979 at December 31, 2004 to a balance of \$511 at December 31, 2005.

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### Conservation Fund

The conservation fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The conservation fund is financed from a portion of the land use change tax collections during the year. The conservation fund balance increased \$56,513 during the year from a surplus balance of \$187,477 at December 31, 2004 to a balance of \$243,990 at December 31, 2005.

### Beautification Committee Fund

The beautification fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The beautification fund is financed through local donations. The beautification fund balance increased \$503 during the year from a balance of \$1,245 at December 31, 2004 to a balance of \$1,748 at December 31, 2005.

### Highway Garage Capital Project Fund

The highway garage fund is classified as a capital project fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. It is used to account for the construction of a new highway garage. At December 31, 2005 the highway garage fund had a remaining fund deficit of \$23,471.

### Town Office Addition Fund

The town office addition fund is classified as a capital project fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The town office capital project fund is used to account for the renovation of and addition to the town office building. The project is funded by general obligation debt. The town office project was complete as of December 31, 2005.

### Fisherfield Fund

The Fisherfield fund is classified as a capital project fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The Fisherfield fund is used to account for the construction of a recreation park. Financing for the project is to come from a federal grant, property taxes, capital reserve funds and private donations. The Fisherfield fund had a remaining fund balance at December 31, 2005 in the amount of \$41,844.

### Common Trust Funds

The common trust funds are classified as permanent funds and are aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The common trust funds balance increased \$8,402 during the year from a surplus balance of \$73,857 at December 31, 2004 to a balance of \$82,259 at December 31, 2005. The fund balance is comprised of \$60,126 reserved for endowments and \$22,133 of unreserved fund balance.

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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## GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

For the year ended December 31, 2005 the Town did not revise its statutory budgetary line items; rather, the Town's budgetary control was managed on an aggregate total budget-to-actual basis; total estimated revenues and appropriations versus actual revenues and expenditures.

### Final Versus Original Budget Comparison

The original and final budget amounts were the same.

### Actual Versus Final Budget Comparison

The amounts of actual inflows (resources) and outflows (charges to appropriations) varied from the final budget for the following significant items:

- Actual inflows (resources) exceeded the budgetary revenue estimates by a positive variance of \$725,015. This was primarily attributable to; (1) \$435,308 in fund balance which was retained (not used to reduce taxes), and (2) actual land use taxes exceeded estimates in the amount of \$57,790, and the sale of municipal property exceeded estimates by \$95,450.
- Actual total outflows (expenditures or charges to appropriations) were less than the budgeted total appropriation by \$40,405. Significant favorable variances were reported in the highways and streets budget in the amount of \$59,828, while transfers out to the conservation fund as the result of land use change tax collections exceeded appropriations in the amount of \$51,655.

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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### CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

#### Capital Assets

At December 31, 2005, the Town had invested \$7,391,766 (\$18,670,712 at cost or estimated cost less accumulated depreciation of \$11,278,946) 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 19.53% 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		
	2004	2005	Change
Land and improvements	\$ 1,444,377	\$ 1,315,719	-8.91%
Infrastructure	10,802,572	10,915,872	1.05%
Buildings	2,680,889	4,032,543	50.42%
Vehicles	1,220,478	1,235,177	1.20%
Machinery and equipment	915,092	1,121,628	22.57%
Technology equipment	<u>28,598</u>	<u>49,773</u>	74.04%
<b>Capital assets, at cost</b>	<b>17,092,006</b>	<b>18,670,712</b>	<b>9.24%</b>
Accumulated depreciation	(10,908,067)	(11,278,946)	-3.40%
<b>Capital assets, net</b>	<b><u>\$ 6,183,939</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 7,391,766</u></b>	<b><u>19.53%</u></b>
<b>Increase in Capital Assets, Net</b>		<b><u>\$ 1,207,827</u></b>	
<b>Changes</b>			
Land and improvement additions		\$ 456,176	
Construction in progress		49,453	
Infrastructure addition		113,300	
Building additions		722,967	
Vehicle purchases		40,699	
Machinery and equipment additions		206,536	
Technology additions		21,175	
Gain (Loss) on disposals		(5,600)	
Depreciation		<u>(396,879)</u>	
		<b><u>\$ 1,207,827</u></b>	

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

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### Debt

At December 31, 2005, the Town had \$1,531,808 of long-term obligations (\$1,731,808 in total obligations less the current portion of \$200,000) as summarized in Exhibit C-2.

This amount represents a net decrease of 11.54% from the prior year.

### Exhibit C-2 LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Long-Term Liabilities	Governmental Activities		
	2004	2005	Change
General obligation bonds	\$ 1,767,000	\$ 1,575,000	-10.87%
Compensated absences	53,653	64,108	19.49%
Unamortized bond premium	103,000	92,700	-10.00%
	1,923,653	1,731,808	-9.97%
Less current portion	(192,000)	(200,000)	-4.17%
	<u>\$ 1,731,653</u>	<u>\$ 1,531,808</u>	<u>-11.54%</u>
<b>Net Change</b>		\$ (199,845)	
<b>Changes</b>			
Principal payment on general obligation debt		\$ (192,000)	
Change in compensated absences		10,455	
Amortization of bond premium		(10,300)	
Change in current portion		(8,000)	
		<u>\$ (199,845)</u>	

State law (RSA 195:6II) 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, 2005, the Town was significantly below its legal debt limit of approximately \$12,443,429.

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

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## ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

Town management and the Selectmen considered many factors when submitting the 2006 budget to the municipal Budget Committee and the town voters. These considerations included factoring in higher fuel prices, increased costs for paving roads, additional costs for utilities in new, expanded buildings, and an increase in personnel at the Police Department.

In developing the budget for 2006, the Town Administrator met with all department heads to discuss their proposed budget in light of that requested for the previous year, as well as actual expenditures for 2005. Proposed budgets were then discussed, line item by line item, by the Town Administrator with the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee. Department heads were also invited to these budget discussions.

While some budgets remain relatively flat from year to year, some are impacted by economic factors, personnel changes, need for new equipment, etc. For instance, an increase in the Parks & Recreation budget covered hiring a new Activities Coordinator and the costs of Newbury's first Old Home Day. The Police Department budget increase covered new equipment, communication costs, salaries and the County Attorney stipend. Solid Waste Collection was raised to include buying a truck and plow, and the Highway Department increase covered replacement equipment, costs of crack sealing, gravel, etc. An increase in the Planning Board budget was made to cover expenses related to updating the Master Plan.

Financial Administration's budget rose sharply to reflect the cost of hiring a town assessor, and related expenditures. 2006 was the first year of implementing an innovative agreement among the towns of Newbury, Sunapee, and New London to share an assessor. The costs of this venture to Newbury will be offset by reimbursement from the other two towns. The budget for Legal costs was cut to reflect anticipated lower costs for settling appeals of property tax abatements, due to the new assessing arrangement.

Several warrant articles also impacted the overall 2006 budget. An expense of \$16,000 for a new generator for the Safety Services building was approved, as well as \$38,000 for an air cleaning system for that building. Costs of paving all town roads in Ramblewood and a portion of Old Post Road totaled \$290,000. Also, several subdivision roads were accepted by the town, adding to maintenance costs. Approval of raising \$1,700,000 in a bond to cover upgrading the Blodgett Wastewater Treatment facility did not impact the 2006 budget, but will be reflected in 2007.

## 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.

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**Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
December 31, 2005**

Assets	General Fund	Capital Reserves	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
				Funds
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,381,391	\$ -	\$ 163,698	\$ 2,545,089
Investments	1,127	527,005	209,651	737,783
Property taxes receivable	399,098	-	-	399,098
Tax liens receivable	107,547	-	-	107,547
Accounts receivable	107,400	-	11,672	119,072
Other receivables	20	-	-	20
Due from other funds	5,795	-	41,844	47,639
Other assets	779	-	-	779
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,003,157</b>	<b>\$ 527,005</b>	<b>\$ 426,865</b>	<b>\$ 3,957,027</b>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 98,677	\$ -	\$ 23,471	\$ 122,148
Due to other governments	2,097,457	-	-	2,097,457
Due to other funds	41,844	-	5,795	47,639
Other liabilities	(241)	-	-	(241)
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>2,237,737</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,266</b>	<b>2,267,003</b>
Fund balances:				
Reserved for:				
Encumbrances	124,125	-	-	124,125
Endowments	-	-	60,126	60,126
Unreserved	641,295	527,005	-	1,168,300
Unreserved, reported in nonmajor:				
Special revenue funds	-	-	296,967	296,967
Capital project funds	-	-	18,373	18,373
Permanent trust funds	-	-	22,133	22,133
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b>765,420</b>	<b>527,005</b>	<b>397,599</b>	<b>1,690,024</b>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 3,003,157</b>	<b>\$ 527,005</b>	<b>\$ 426,865</b>	<b>\$ 3,957,027</b>

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

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**Notes to Basic Financial Statements  
December 31, 2005**

**NOTE 7 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

The Town can issue general obligation debt instruments to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of major capital equipment, infrastructure and other facilities. General obligation debt instruments are "direct government obligations" and consequently are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The Town is obligated under certain leases accounted for as capital leases. The leased assets are accounted for as capital assets and capital lease liabilities in the government-wide financial statements. In the governmental fund financial statements the lease is recorded as an expenditure and other financing source in the year executed; annual lease payments are recorded as expenditures when paid. Other long-term obligations include compensated absences and early retirement obligations.

A summary of long-term liabilities outstanding at December 31, 2005 is as follows:

	<b>General Obligation Bonds</b>	<b>Capital Leases</b>	<b>Unamortized Bond Premium</b>	<b>Total</b>
Beginning balance	\$ 1,767,000	\$ 53,653	\$ 103,000	\$ 1,923,653
Additions	-	10,455	-	10,455
Reductions	(192,000)	-	(10,300)	(202,300)
Ending balance	<u>1,575,000</u>	<u>64,108</u>	<u>92,700</u>	<u>1,731,808</u>
Current portion	200,000	-	-	200,000
Noncurrent portion	<u>1,375,000</u>	<u>64,108</u>	<u>92,700</u>	<u>1,531,808</u>
	<u>\$ 1,575,000</u>	<u>\$ 64,108</u>	<u>\$ 92,700</u>	<u>\$ 1,731,808</u>

Long-term liabilities outstanding at December 31, 2005 consisted of the following:

	<b>Issue Year</b>	<b>Interest Rate</b>	<b>Maturity Date</b>	<b>Original Amount of Issue</b>	<b>Amount Outstanding 12/31/05</b>
<b>General Obligation Bonds</b>					
Library Renovation Bond	1998	4.58%	2008	\$ 310,000	\$ 90,000
Highway Garage and Town Office	2004	3.63%	2014	1,647,000	<u>1,485,000</u>
					<u>1,575,000</u>
<b>Other Long-Term Obligations</b>					
Compensated absences					64,108
Unamortized bond premium					<u>92,700</u>
					<u>156,808</u>
					<u>\$ 1,731,808</u>

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December 31, 2005

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

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
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
2010	165,000	40,750	205,750
After	<u>650,000</u>	<u>80,750</u>	<u>730,750</u>
	<u>\$ 1,575,000</u>	<u>\$ 374,600</u>	<u>\$ 1,949,600</u>

### NOTE 8 - PROPERTY TAXES

#### Property Tax Calendar

The Town is responsible for assessing, collecting and distributing property taxes in accordance with state legislation. The property tax year is from April 1 - March 31. Unpaid property taxes may be liened (following statutory notification and procedural guidelines) as soon as 30-days after the final bill (or installment) is due. Unpaid taxes are assessed interest at a rate of 12% up to the "lien date," at which time the rate increases to 18%. Two years from the execution of the real estate tax lien the Tax Collector may execute to the lienholder a "deed" of the property subject to the real estate tax lien and not redeemed (paid).

#### Revenue Recognition

The Town recognizes property tax revenues when they are levied (i.e., after a warrant for collection is committed to the Tax Collector by the Board of Selectmen). This is a GAAP departure (from *GASB Statement #1* generally, and specifically *NCGA Interpretation -3 "Revenue Recognition - Property Taxes"*). Under GAAP, certain disclosures are required of property tax revenues that are not received during the period, or within 60-days thereafter, that are recognized as receivables without a corresponding reserve. The Town believes that this application of GAAP to its property tax revenues would result in misleading financial statements since such GAAP application would reduce fund balance by the amount of uncollected property taxes; concurrent with a GAAP requirement to record an expenditure (and payable) for the amount due to the local education authority (such amount based solely on a share of the uncollected property taxes). This GAAP departure as applied to New Hampshire towns was addressed by the GASB in 1984. The GASB, in responding to an inquiry on this matter, provided justification for the departure from the 60-day rule due to the unique legislation in the State of New Hampshire regarding the Town's responsibility for (and expenditure recognition of) intergovernmental payments to the local education authority (school district). This justification has been reviewed and accepted by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (which requires GAAP-based regulatory reporting) and has been established as a widely prevalent practice followed by most New Hampshire towns.

## **Highway Department**

2006 saw the reconstruction of the north end of South Road which consisted of full-depth reclamation of 14,000 square yards of road and paving 7,000 feet of new road including the entrance at Mountainside. We also did a shim/overlay of 800 feet of Newell Road at the intersection of South Road. The existing 22-foot box culvert was replaced with a new pre-cast 30-foot culvert, thus widening the road and increasing visibility on the approaches. New guard rails were installed.

The west end of Old Post Road was also reconstructed. This consisted of the full-depth reclamation of 14,265 square yards of road, the widening of the two stone culverts below the Transfer Station, installation of under-drain and other drainage improvements, and paving of 6,400 feet of new road including the intersection at Province Road.

Ramblewood subdivision was also paved. We made numerous drainage improvements along with the installation of 4,506 feet of new pavement and 450 feet of shim/overlay.

Concrete and guardrail work was completed on the first two bridges on Mountain Road. This work consisted of the removal of old concrete, forming and pouring of new concrete, installation of new bridge posts and replacement of guardrails. This work will extend the life of the structures and greatly increase the safety of the motoring public.

Along with the usual duties of snow removal, grading and sweeping of town roads, we also responded to several heavy rain events which resulted in damage to town roads. The town culvert inventory was done which will help us with the maintenance of more than 600 town-owned culverts and identify culverts in poor condition which will need to be replaced. Mowing of roadsides took place on the south side of town and next year we will be doing the north side. The new

Mack six-wheeler arrived in town in September fully equipped and ready for work.

Winter sand for residents' use will still be available this winter at the old Highway shed located on Sutton Road.

As always, thanks to the residents for their support and cooperation. Thanks also to the Highway Department staff for their hard work and dedication, the Board of Selectmen, Town Office staff, and Police and Fire personnel for their assistance.

*Cal Prussman, Highway Administrator*



*Fourth of July Parade, South Newbury  
Photo courtesy Rosie Johnson*

## **Blodgett Wastewater Treatment Facility**

Once again, heavy rains in the fall caused infiltration of ground water at the Crofts Beach pump station, and our alarm system alerted us of high levels of infiltration. We were able to avert an overflow through the efforts of our septage hauler and pumping down the wet well. Maintenance efforts have been ongoing and have kept the infiltration problem in check.

The long-awaited upgrade of the Blodgett Wastewater Treatment Plant came a step closer to reality in 2006. An engineering company has presented plans for work on the system, and a contractor has been hired to start Phase I, which will address the rehab of the sewer lines to reduce ground water infiltration. This work will alleviate the infiltration problem which has caused major concern every year. Work on this portion of the project is slated to begin shortly, with upgrades to the pump stations and the treatment plant to continue throughout 2007-2008. When complete, the upgraded system will correct the infiltration problem, provide easier and more accurate readings and maintenance, and more trouble-free performance. Additional hook-ups to the system may be possible when the upgrade is completed.

A new flow meter was installed at the treatment plant in 2006, which simplifies tracking the meter readings of the flow at each of the pump stations. I am evaluating systems currently used at the treatment plant to see which can be modified and upgraded, rather than replaced, in order to keep rehabilitation costs down.

Ongoing testing for nitrates has determined that the levels are now well below state standards. Weekly testing will continue, as required by the state.

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

*Tim Mulder, Chief Operator*



*Harold Newell brings music to Old Home Day  
Photo courtesy Rich Cole*

## **Health Officer**

The focus of the Newbury Health Officer in 2006 was planning and public health information. We were involved with NH Department of Health and Human Services in the coordination of food-service establishment inspections and with the Department of Environmental Services in water quality and pollution prevention. There was also increased involvement and cooperation with New London Hospital and the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Area, as well as health officers in New London and other neighboring communities.

Early in the year, the health officer worked with the state Department of Health and Human Services to plan for response to a possible Avian Flu pandemic. An emergency response plan for the Town of Newbury was developed, with support from the board of selectmen, town administrator, fire, police and other town departments. This preliminary plan was one of the first developed for a community in our area. It included a Town Continuity of Operations Annex, addressing the continued provision of essential services in the event a significant number of town employees and officials became ill during a pandemic.

As the year progressed, the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services determined that these plans would be developed on a regional basis, instead of by individual city or town, and Newbury became part of the Greater Sullivan County All Hazards Region. The health officer was named Newbury's representative to the regional committee and is working with other communities in our area to develop a health emergency plan that uses Newbury's plan along with the resources from other cities and towns in the region. The Regional Health Emergency Plan will be done in 2007.

The health officer was also involved with the Emergency Management Officer, Paul Groulx, in updating the Emergency Operations Plan for natural and man-made emergencies which

might impact the Town of Newbury. That plan was completed during 2006. The health officer, along with other town officials, would play an important role in the event of a disaster impacting our community. He was also involved with other area health and safety officials in a school emergency planning workshop with the Kearsarge Regional School District.

During the summer of 2006, the Health Officer, in conjunction with Town Clerk Linda Plunkett, Emergency Management Officer Paul Groulx, and representatives from the American Red Cross, conducted a series of family emergency-planning workshops at the town office. These workshops were well attended and the feedback from the attendees was very positive.

Health-related information is available to town residents and visitors via postings and handouts at the town office and on the Town of Newbury website ([www.newburynh.org](http://www.newburynh.org)). The Health Officer's page on the website contains timely information on the status of Avian Flu, as well as seasonal information on West Nile Virus, EEE, flu, and reports on contaminated food or disease outbreaks that the public should know about. The information is provided through documents and links from the state Department of Health and Human Services, the Center for Disease Control (CDC), US Department of Health and Human Services, World Health Organization and other health information resources. Additional information is provided in the Public Notice section of the website's front page.

Public health information was also a big part of the health and safety display at the Safety Services Building at Newbury's

Old Home Day, last July 8<sup>th</sup>. Health and safety information for children as well as adults was available along with representatives from the police, fire & EMS departments and health officer to answer questions.

*Wayne R. Whitford, Health Officer*



*Beautification Committee getting a head start on spring  
Photo courtesy Tom Nowell*

## **Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association**

When you speak to patients' families, no matter what the age, the desire to have the family unit together with the support of community friends and neighbors is key to their sense of well-being. The number one need/concern of seniors according to a 2003 AARP study is how to live in their own home and their own community for as long as possible. Eighty-three percent want to stay in their existing home as long as possible and recognize that they may need to make some changes in order to do so.

The population in New Hampshire is expected to grow 29% between now and 2020. The NH population 65 years and over will grow 177% from 163,615 to 332,178 during that time. Friends and family members provide eighty percent of all long-term care at home.

All of these changes will have substantial impact on our community in terms of needed social and economic resources. A vital community depends on a variety of resources to meet the needs of its residents. Town leadership depends on the quality and commitment of community-based organizations to support physical, emotional, social and financial "health" in the town.

Since its founding in 1970, Lake Sunapee Region VNA has evolved to meet the needs of the community. Our mission is to provide home health, hospice, personal support, health promotion and other non-medical services that encourage independence and preserve dignity for people of all ages. This year was no exception.

Lake Sunapee Region VNA invested in education to ensure competency of staff in pediatrics, hospice and palliative care, wound care and more. A number of staff became certified in specialty areas so that the latest advances in health care are

available to you at home. We continue to acquire the necessary medical and information technology to support excellence in care. LSRVNA consistently ranks above the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile in patient satisfaction, and meets or exceeds state and national standards for patient outcomes. In October 2006, Outcome Concept Systems ranked Lake Sunapee Region VNA in the top 25% of home-care agencies nationwide based on publicly available data.

When you choose Lake Sunapee Region VNA for your home health and hospice care, you can feel comfortable knowing that among the more than 120 staff and 70 active volunteers, many are your neighbors and friends who stand ready to care for you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Almost 30% of the staff has been with us for over 15 years, with six years being the average length of employment. Sixty-three percent live within the Kearsarge, Sunapee or Newport area. Every staff person undergoes reference and background checks, extensive orientation, and training. Every employee is fully covered by liability insurance. We know that these kinds of standards are important to you when you choose a provider.

Think about your family, friends and neighbors and what home health and hospice care might mean to them.

*Think of the woman who suffered from a rare neurological disorder for the last 10 years of her life. After 50 years of marriage, her husband was determined to care for her at home. When he experienced some health problems, he realized he would need help. LSRVNA physical therapists helped him regain good health. Physical therapists, nurses and home health aides helped the patient to “make the best possible use of her limited abilities.” “The aides were so capable and loving that my wife felt like they were a part of the family.” Finally, hospice care was needed and it “made it possible for my wife to be comfortable at home surrounded by family.”*

*Think of the young couple bringing home their first-born infant who needed to be closely monitored for jaundice and breathing issues. "Bringing home our newborn was exciting and overwhelming. The Lake Sunapee Region VNA nurse came to our home several times to check on our son's feeding, weight, breathing and on my progress...all in the comfort of our own living room. The care we received made the transition from hospital to our home much more manageable."*

*Think of the teenager whose life changed forever when he was struck by a car and sustained life-threatening injuries. The family insisted on bringing him home rather than having him enter a rehab facility. Unable to walk, speak, eat, or use his arms, the boy needed nursing care, physical and occupational therapy. His parents believe that their son is doing well -- or better --- at home than he could ever have done in a facility away from the support of his family, friends and community. Miracles do happen!*

The Lake Sunapee Region VNA volunteer Board of Trustees and staff plan for the future using information gathered from the community. As we look to that future, we are grateful for the support of our member towns, businesses, service organizations and individuals who value our work and our mission. Our planning focuses on achieving operating efficiencies, expanding revenues sources, and collaborating with local and regional organizations to implement programs and services that will support town residents; in short, to help strengthen the rich tapestry of services and support that makes your community special to you.

More than 250 residents of Newbury utilized home-care services and programs through Lake Sunapee Region VNA during the past year. Home care was provided for 76 residents. Four residents and their families received 251 days of hospice, volunteer support and bereavement care. Long-term care and personal-care support services helped 14 patients remain at home. Lifeline and home tele-medicine services monitored 34

residents during the year to keep them safe at home. More than 125 residents used our many community health services, including support groups for adults and children, foot care, blood pressure and immunization clinics. Thank you for the opportunity to care for residents of the Newbury community. We renew our commitment to you to provide the quality home health and hospice services you expect with the caring, respect and compassion you deserve.

*Andrea Steel, President and CEO*



*Joy and Tom Nowell host a party to honor Alice Lynn's community spirit  
Photo courtesy Tom Nowell*

## **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, 2006,

- Our patient-care quality evaluation scores continue to be high as reflected in our Press Ganey surveys, our scores on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) quality indicators, and our high scores on Surgical Infection Prevention.
- Our primary care providers were joined by three new colleagues: Michael J. Carr, D.O, Family Medicine in New London; Ben Holobowicz, Jr., MPAS, PA-C, Family Medicine at Newport Health Center; and Lori D. Richer, M.D. in Family Medicine in New London.
- The Women's Health Program now includes Patricia Miller, M.D., Gynecologist in New London. She will soon be joined by two Certified Nurse Midwives and an obstetrician from Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center who will provide pre- and post-natal care in New London, with delivery at DHMC.
- New London Hospital Practices added several important specialty services: Jennifer A. Kernan, M.D., Neurosurgeon, joined the Hospital staff and sees patients and performs neurosurgery at New London Hospital; and Jennifer Judkins, M.D., board-certified in Otolaryngology (Ear, Nose & Throat), from Upper Valley ENT, schedules patients in New London. Dr. Sean Bears and Dr. Donald Eberly rejoined New London Hospital Practices as General Surgeons.
- Our Family Care Center at Grantham has served area residents for one year. A wide variety of services is provided by Serena Baskin, MD and Benjamin Holobowicz, PA.
- Our Sleep Disorders Center and our Oncology

programs saw significant growth in the number of patients seen.

- The Hospital achieved its operating and non-operating budgets, which are the strongest financial results for the Hospital in the past eight years. FY 2006 is also the third year in a row that the hospital has had a positive gain from operations.
- We celebrated one year as a member of the G. William Helm, Jr. Dartmouth Hitchcock Alliance.
- Our 24/7 ambulance service continues to serve the community with support from all seven towns.
- The Board of Trustees approved recommendations from the Strategic Planning Committee to pursue plans for a renovation and expansion project to our 50-year-old inpatient unit and replace physician offices with a new building.
- After receiving a \$2.9 million loan/grant from the USDA Rural Utilities Services Program in 2005 to implement a new Health Information System that will include advanced technology and electronic medical records, the Hospital completed the first step in updating to a new information system in late fall 2006.
- The Friends of New London Hospital held a Grand Gala in June featuring a sold-out evening of dining, dancing and a silent auction at Baker Hill Golf Club.
- Community support for the Hospital exceeded our projections with a very successful Annual Fund and record attendance and proceeds from our third annual golf tournament and 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hospital Days.
- Our Yankee Cable TV show "About Your Health," hosted by Bruce King, President & CEO, has aired monthly, featuring our physicians and services.
- The New London Hospital Art Program has showcased the works of twelve local artists over the year with quarterly installations, bringing the art of healing to our walls for patients, visitors and staff.

Volunteer service to the hospital totaled more than 13,000 hours, with a value of over \$234,000. The Friends of New London Hospital also contributed countless hours supporting a variety of community-based programs.

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



*An exhibitor adds blooms to the craft show at Old Home Day  
Photo courtesy Rich Cole*

**Community Action Program  
Kearsarge Valley Area Center  
Services Provided to Newbury Residences in 2006**

**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 \$46.74 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: \$6.04 per meal.

**Meals-On-Wheels** provides the delivery of nutritionally balanced hot meals to homebound elderly or adult residents five days per week. Value: \$6.65 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 2005-06 program was \$652.00.

**Electric Assistance** program is a statewide program funded by all electric rate payers which provides a specific tier of discount from 15% to 95% on electric bills for eligible households. Statistics from 1/1/05 to 12/31/05.

**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 \$45.69 per unit.

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

**The Fixit Program** mobilizes volunteers, especially skilled occupations such as plumbers and electricians, to assist elderly clients with small household repairs.

**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.

<b>Service Description</b>	<b>Units of Service</b>	<b>Households/ Persons</b>	<b>Value</b>
Commodity Supplemental Food Program	Packages - 48	Persons - 8	\$2,243.52
Congregate Meals	Meals - 362	Persons - 56	\$2,186.48
Meals-On-Wheels	Meals - 1045	Persons - 14	\$6,949.25
Transportation	Rides - 4	Persons - 3	\$27.12
Emergency Food Pantries	Meals - 20	Persons - 2	\$100.00
Fuel Assistance	Applications - 30	Persons - 79	\$23,400.00
Electric Assistance	Households - 16	Households - 16	\$13,902.46
W.I.C.	Vouchers - 96	Persons - 16	\$4,386.24
Family Planning	Stats. Not Available		
The Fixit Program	Jobs - 3	Households - 2	\$139.91
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$53,334.98</b>

*Laura Hall, Area Director*  
Kearsarge Valley Area Center

## **Family Services**

In 2006, the town of Newbury assisted eight 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 in exchange for a reduction on their lift ticket price. The Resort then distributes the goods to the surrounding towns. Also this year, people attending the Thanksgiving Celebration at the Town Office were asked to bring in food for those in need. With the help of the Food Pantry at the South Newbury Union Church, the food items donated were used to aid local families in need.

In coordination with the South Newbury Union Church and the generous people of the town of Newbury, 14 Thanksgiving and 15 Christmas baskets were made available and delivered to local families.

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 28 local youngsters.

New this year was the "Giving Tree." Early in November, a tree was put up at the Town Office with 28 snowflakes. Each snowflake represented a wish of a needy child. These snowflakes were quickly claimed by caring people of Newbury, who then placed the presents under the tree for distribution with the Christmas baskets. The South Newbury Union Church sponsored a "Breakfast with Santa" with the proceeds benefiting the Giving Tree.

Again this 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 local families. The recipients were very appreciative of all the help, and 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 questions, concerns, or know of a family in need, please contact me at 763-4940.

*Gail Bostic, Director*



*Cheyrl Fogwill fills her plate at Old Home Day  
Photo courtesy Rich Cole*

## **Kearsarge Area Council on Aging**

December 31, 2006 marked the end of the fourteenth year that the Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc. has been serving people 55 and over in Andover, Danbury, Grantham, Newbury, New London, Sunapee, Springfield, Sutton and Wilmot.

As we have aged, so we have grown, until in 2006 our membership passed the 2,500 mark. Many well-organized and dedicated volunteers, 225 in number, carry out the numerous programs and services which enhance the quality of life of so many of our area seniors. Thus our motto: PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE. COA has never charged any fees for membership or participation in its programs and activities—with the exception of trips, which are offered at cost. COA has neither asked for nor received federal or state funds to defray its operating expenses. We are most grateful for the annual appropriations from each of the nine towns we serve. The balance of our operating expenses is covered by donations from individuals and businesses that recognize the continuously growing need for the services we offer. We are especially grateful this year to Mascoma Bank Foundation and Hannaford's Market for grants to enable special projects. COA is proud that we have consistently operated on a "bare-bones" budget. Our paid staff continues to consist of a full-time executive director and a part-time administrative assistant.

COA sincerely believes that area seniors reap many benefits from the towns' annual appropriations. Not only do they benefit from participation in our services and activities, but also younger residents, as well as those from out-of-town, find it helpful to have these programs available to their elders who live here. Participation in outside activities is known to benefit seniors mentally as well as physically. COA volunteers provide area residents 55 and older with free door-to-door transportation for hospital and doctor appointments (locally, as well as to White River Junction, Lebanon and Concord), for

grocery shopping, and other activities. These trips totaled 60,000 miles in 2006 and we expect these numbers will increase with the growing senior population (commonly known as the rise of the “baby boomers,” and of course, their parents!) in the areas we serve. *(Further, COA drivers are seniors themselves, and there is always a need for volunteer drivers to insure that everyone who needs a ride gets one.)*

COA is grateful to all of its supporters – towns, individuals, and businesses -- and is always open to suggestions for new programs. We also cooperate and work together with all of the other service organizations in the area to achieve a better quality of life for all seniors.

*Hugh Chapin, Vice-Chairman*



*Diana Morris, Jacqueline Donovan and Suzanne Levine dish it up at Old Home Day.*

*Photo courtesy Rich Cole*

## Conservation Commission

The Commission continued in its role as advisor and advocate for the environment. During the year the commission reviewed seven Intent-to-Cut notices and made visits to most sites to advise on potential environmental problems. The Commission also reviewed DES Wetlands applications for 24 projects in Wetlands Bureau jurisdiction. The 24 applications break down into several different categories as follows:

Docks & Boathouses	15
Home replacement	1
Road repair	5
Wetland Crossings	2
Dam repair	1

Members of the Conservation Commission made site visits to all of the waterfront locations as well as the dam and home site developments, Gillingham Drive and South Road.

The Commission's biggest project this year has been the creation of a Conservation Plan to guide the town in choosing which resources to protect, and how to use, most effectively, the assets of the conservation fund. After deciding on the content and form of the plan, a consultant was selected and hired to do the research and write the plan. By the end of the year, eight maps had been made, some of the research was completed, and a public input meeting had been planned.

Two commission members created, with Library Director Rosie Johnson, a Conservation Commission display in the Newbury Library. Various photos, posters and conservation materials have been placed on view, and some conservation-related books from the library are available for reading.

A representative of the Board of Selectmen consulted with the Conservation Commission in regard to creating a town forest. In 2006, further talks included a discussion of the boundaries,

and whether the Commission should manage the forest. We hope an article will be placed on the 2007 warrant to bring this project to fruition.

The Sunapee Hills Association consulted with the Conservation Commission on Chalk Pond watershed management issues. Two members toured the area on a rainy day in May, and members of the Association came to a Commission meeting for further discussion. The Commission was able to help with several issues.

The Commission meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:15 p.m. in the Town Office. 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*  
*Deane Geddes, Vice- Chair*  
*Frank Perrotta, Clerk*

*Susanne Levine*  
*Eric Unger*  
*William Annable, Alternate*  
*Katheryn Holmes, Alternate*

## **Sunapee Area Watershed Coalition (SAWC)**

SAWC was organized in January 2005 in the Sunapee area to address several areas:

- to protect water quality,
- to raise community awareness of important issues concerning the Lake Sunapee watershed and surrounding areas,
- to formulate clear guidelines for responsible, long-term stewardship of the water resources, and
- to promote cooperation among Sunapee watershed towns in using the guidelines to implement programs effective in addressing the salient issues to the common benefit of area communities.

Since all water within the boundaries of a watershed is connected, collaboration among watershed towns and residents is essential when dealing with water issues. SAWC is made up of representatives from each watershed town (Goshen, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sunapee and Sutton), the Lake Sunapee Protective Association, Colby-Sawyer College, Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, 13 lake and pond associations and interested watershed residents, as well as DES. The inter-town coalition was formed to develop a long-term watershed management plan for the Lake Sunapee watershed. When completed, it will be one of the first watershed management plans in the state.

During 2006, SAWC made strides toward its goal. There are three subcommittees, each focused on a subject for watershed planning: Land Use, Water Quality, and Education. Three projects were initiated and are either complete or soon to be:

- Water Quality Model, which will take watershed input variables such as the number of houses, to predict resulting phosphorus loading in water bodies;

- Town-by-town building and site regulation assessment, with sample and recommended regulations;
- Updated build-out analysis of the Sunapee watershed.

These projects are supported by a DES Pilot Grant. During 2007, SAWC subcommittees will use data from these projects to propose recommendations to the towns and the public.

During 2007, SAWC's Watershed Planning Committee will work specifically on the Watershed Plan. The process will be assisted by Granite State Rural Water Association, who will help SAWC through the process, write the plan, and provide initial implementation support on the plan recommendations. As they have been from the beginning, Sunapee area towns will continue to be updated with SAWC's activities and progress. The ultimate goal is to have the Watershed Plan, with its recommendations, accepted by the towns into their Master Plans, and act as a living document during implementation. For regular updates and meeting minutes, visit the SAWC website at: [www.sunapeewatershed.org](http://www.sunapeewatershed.org).

*June Fichter, Co-chair*



*Taking their chances at Old Home Day*  
Photo courtesy Rich Cole

## **Fishersfield Park**

The year 2006 saw the completion of the full network of trails, totaling about 3.5 miles, planned for Fishersfield Park. They extend from behind the athletic field to be constructed off Old Post Road, to encompass the 94-acre park property's forest extremities. Overall there is an elevation rise to the rear-most heights of roughly 200 feet, with easy and moderate trails at the lower and foothill elevations. A more challenging, and rewarding, boundary trail traverses the upper boundaries.

Trails weave through wildlife habitat offering ample opportunities for nature study. They also pass by many natural and historic features in the park. Overall they offer the hiker a good view of the size and terrain variations of an original Newbury sheep farm dating back to 1807, when Charles Colburn became the first owner of the property. One can also view and admire the immense effort expended in constructing the 1.5 miles of stone boundary walls required for this farm. A trail guide with map has been prepared citing these features, which will be available at the park sign box on Old Post Road, and also at the town office and library.

Trail development has been a high priority at Fishersfield following the town's purchase of the land and decision for park use in 2003. During 2004 a trail network extending beyond the pond area took shape with initial alignments and clearing. Volunteers from Colby-Sawyer College athletic teams assisted in this effort. A CSC intern, Joe Jennings, also worked with the trail committee through the spring of 2005 providing valuable trail development and GPS mapping assistance.

In 2006 Chuck Crickman continued on as Trail Coordinator after the departure of Harry Seidel and Dale Jones. In the spring he was ably assisted by two Environmental Science interns from New England College, Kris Cheeseman and Tim Brooks, who made possible the installation of sign posts needed at 30 trail intersections. Digging two-foot holes in our rocky,

rooty terrain was a monumental task. They also constructed a 16-foot guardrail at a precipitous spot on the upper boundary trail, and contributed to a planned nature study guide.

Through the rest of 2006, trail work was back to its lone volunteer. Seeing the light at the end prompted many hours of effort to see it through. Sixty trail signs were installed on the newly set posts, final trail alignments were adopted, and all trails were fully cleared to typically 6 to 8-foot minimum widths.

The last gasp was trail blazing. After studying various options, it was decided to use aluminum blazes attached to trees with aluminum nails. Use of aluminum was important to maintain sawmill safety in the event of future tree harvesting, and it provides long life without maintenance. Also, colored blazes are available to allow color-coding our seven named trails. Altogether about 700 blazed markers were used.



*Blazing the way at Fishersfield trail system  
Photo courtesy Chuck Crickman*

So it's done – well, not entirely. Every spring the weeds jump out again and have to be whacked. Trees and heavy branches fall

over the trails and need to be sawed and removed. Trail-bed improvements are ongoing. Also, while most water crossings are readily handled by stone hopping, there are a few seasonally wet spots that should have small footbridges built over them. Thus the call for volunteers continues. To help, call me anytime at 763-5845.

*Chuck Crickman*  
*Trail Coordinator, Fishersfield Park*

## **The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust**

For nearly 20 years the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) has been a leader in the conservation of our natural resources in the Mt. Kearsarge/Lake Sunapee Region. This non-profit, citizen-based group's mission is to protect the rural landscape of this region.

Operated by a volunteer board of thirteen Trustees, the ASLPT has grown from an all-volunteer organization with an initial charter membership of 475 into an organization of over 1,100 memberships with a full-time executive director, a full-time land protection specialist and three part-time office assistants. We are pleased to have 75+ volunteers providing year-round support for easement monitoring, committee assignments and clerical work. Since our founding in 1987, the ASLPT has completed 86 projects and protected a total of 4,613 acres. All projects must provide for some public benefit and two thirds of our properties offer public access.

Many of our members are involved in our events, are easement monitors, volunteer to assist with office work, organize fund-raising events and serve on various committees. We are especially thankful for their support and the countless hours that they give us during the year. Our members are the lifeblood of the ASLPT and if you are not already a member, I urge you to become one.

Land conservation is a partnership and oftentimes will involve not only the landowner and ASLPT, but other conservation organizations and local conservation commissions. It has been a year and a half since the ASLPT welcomed Beth McGuinn as our full-time land protection specialist. When we hired Beth, we had a backlog of projects, and although more land is being protected, we continue to have a growing backlog. In order to continue our work, we must count on the financial support of members and friends with the intention of hiring a second land protection specialist in 2009.

In order to reach this goal, this spring we have initiated the Annual Preservation Fund. This appeal, along with your annual membership renewal in the fall, will be the only times we ask for funds each year. While annual memberships are the base of support for the ASLPT, they are not sufficient to meet the growing demands for land conservation in our region.

Projects completed during 2006 include the following:

- Clark Lookout – New London – 6.2 acres
- Dane Lot (Webb) – Sunapee – 74 acres
- Harrison Lot (Webb) – Sunapee – 69 acres
- Cordingley Preserve – New London – 13 acres
- Courser Farm – Warner – 138 acres
- Hayes – Springfield – 267 acres
- Rosenblum – Danbury – 141 acres

As in prior years, our two “progressive” dinner fundraisers held in July proved to be extremely popular and everyone involved had a great time. I am grateful to the hosts that make these events so successful. In September the third annual Growers’ Dinner was sponsored by Jack’s of New London and in December we held our fourth annual Holiday Party at Foxstand in Springfield. We very much look forward to seeing many of our members at these events.

We were delighted to have a student from Colby-Sawyer College, Katie Srednicki, create a DVD for the ASLPT featuring 5 ASLPT easement donors for her senior-year capstone project including Putnam, Courser, Broshek, Spring Ledge Farm and Clark Lookout. Her DVD is so professional that the ASLPT will be using it as part of its potential easement donor information packet. Please take a look at it at [www.ausbonsargent.org](http://www.ausbonsargent.org) or stop by the office to get a copy.

In 2007 the ASLPT is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Many events are planned throughout the year and I hope that you will be able to join us at one or several of them.

I would like to thank everyone involved with the ASLPT either as an easement donor, a member, or as one who contributes many volunteer hours to the organization.

*Deborah L. Stanley, Executive Director*

**Board of Trustees:**

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**Town of Newbury  
Annual Town Meeting  
Tuesday, March 14, 2006**

Moderator Marashio called the March 14, 2006 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 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The polls closed at 7:15 p.m. after the last voter had completed the ballot.

**Business Meeting – Wednesday, March 15, 2006**

Moderator Marashio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at which time she explained the rules of order and voting procedures. Voters checked in with the ballot clerks and picked up their voting cards and yes/no ballots.

Moderator Marashio read the voting results from the March 14, 2006 election.

Office of Selectman:	Gary Budd – 487
Town Moderator:	Nancy Marashio – 535
Town Clerk/Tax Collector:	Linda Champy - 572
Trustee of Trust Funds:	Claire Vannatta – 505
Library Trustee:	Paula Falkowski – 522
Cemetery Trustee:	Mary Bachelder – 499
Supervisor of the Checklist:	Write-in Votes – several
Planning Board:	Travis Dezotell – 463
Planning Board:	J. Ronald Williams – 484
Zoning Board of Adjustment:	Elizabeth Ashworth -- 255 William Cluff – 159
Building Code Amendment No. 1:	Yes – 464    No – 94
Zoning Amendment No. 1:	Yes – 459    No – 77
Zoning Amendment No. 2:	Yes – 445    No – 84

Zoning Amendment No. 3: Yes – 425 No – 102  
School Moderator: Robert E. Bower, Jr. – 494  
Municipal Budget Committee: Robin Lee Parkhurst – 478  
School Board Representative: Daniel H. Wolf – 491  
School Ballot Question No. 1: Yes – 483 No – 106  
District-wide Yes = 78%

School Ballot Question No. 2: A. New London – 96  
B. Sutton – 484  
District-wide Sutton = 68%

School Ballot Question No. 3: A – 355 B – 213  
District-wide A = 60%

School Ballot Question No. 4: Yes – 447 No – 132  
District-wide Yes = 80%

School Ballot Question No. 5: Yes – 477 No – 103  
District-wide Yes = 84%

School Ballot Question No. 6: Yes – 480 No – 104

Selectman Powell thanked the owners/operators of Mt. Sunapee Resort for renting the meeting room to the town for its annual meeting. He also thanked the employees and volunteers of the town for helping the town function.

Selectman Wright presented Mrs. Folsom with a proclamation dedicated to the memory her husband, Harold Folsom, for all of his years of service to the town.

Selectman Budd presented Josh Perkins with a proclamation dedicated to the memory of his friend and neighbor, Clifford Ayer, for all of his years of service to the town.

Selectman Powell presented Bruce Croteau with a proclamation dedicated to the memory of his father, Walter Croteau, for all of his years of service to the Town.

Selectman Powell presented a proclamation to Wilbert Willis for all of his dedication and hard work in and around the Town of Newbury.

Gary Budd read a proclamation dedicated to Harry Seidel in recognition of all his hard work and dedication to the Newbury Parks and Recreation Department.

Moderator Marashio began the meeting with introductions of the Town and Voting Officials. Voting rules and procedures for conducting the Town Meeting were explained.

**Article 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.)**

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

Selectman Powell emphasized to the voters present that this article will have no impact on the tax rate. The expenses associated with the passing of this article will be paid for by the users of the WWTP.

Fred McNeil, representative from Dufresne-Henry, made a presentation of the needed and proposed work. The current system was originally built 50 years ago for summer use only. Over time, cottages were winterized and occupied year-round. The use became too much for the existing system. In 2003, the NHDES prohibited additional user connections and conversions as a result of high nitrate levels in the water testing. In 2005, the town received a letter of deficiency from the State of NH because of sewer system overflow. Audits of the collection system, pump stations, and treatment plant determined that the following improvements and updated technology were necessary to correct the deficiencies: \$360,000 for trenchless technology for the collection system; \$25,000 to update the original pump station and \$75,000 to update the Croft's Beach pump station to today's standards; and \$1,240,000 to update the treatment plant long term with an Amphidrome system.

John Whelan asked if this system is going to cost \$1.7 million plus 30%, or \$1.7 million minus 30%. Dennis Pavlicek, town administrator, explained that the state will contribute 30% of the \$1.7 million but not until the work is satisfactorily completed. At that point in time, the 30% will actually be a reimbursement toward the payment and debt service.

Gary Daniels asked for the voters' support to approve this article. Passage of this article will not increase the tax rate, and it will help protect the water quality of Lake Sunapee. He stated that 20% of assessed values in Newbury are in the area of the sewer system; and if the property values decrease due to a faulty septic system, the general tax rate will go up and negatively affect all taxpayers. Also, residents of Blodgett Landing should be given the same opportunity to fix their failing system as all other residents in town.

Appreciation to Tim Mulder, treatment plant supervisor, was expressed for all the time and attention given to the plant.

June Fichter commented that the Blodgett Landing residents are being very proactive to fix this problem and the rest of the town should support them. Additionally, support for the protection of Lake Sunapee is important.

Al Bachelder asked why the whole town is involved in this decision if the article is not going to impact the tax rate. Dennis Pavlicek explained that the main reason is that Blodgett Landing Sewer is a municipal system. Additionally, if the project is backed by the town, a better interest rate (3.48% quote) can be obtained.

Alex Azodi asked what the capacity of the new system will be. Mr. McNeil stated that it will support the existing 145 homes plus 12 more hook-ups for a total of 157. That number includes all available building lots in the sewer area.

Karalyn Obey spoke on behalf of the article and asked for the support of the voters. It is a good plan and will satisfy the state requirements in addition to being in the best interest of the town and Lake Sunapee.

Steve Winter asked if this is an off-budget item. Dennis Pavlicek explained that the town has to appropriate the money, but there will be revenue to offset that amount.

Steve Winter asked what happens to the contingency built into the quote. Dennis Pavlicek explained that the bond can be taken out in increments. Therefore, if we don't need it, we don't take it out. At a future town meeting, there would have to be a vote to rescind the bond authorization if we have not expended all the bond authorization.

Wayne Seaholm asked how long the improvements will take to complete.

Mr. McNeil estimated that the pump stations should be completed by December 2006, and after documentation and application has been granted state approval, the treatment plant should be completed by spring 2007.

Question was moved.

**Vote to move Article 4. All in favor.**

Moderator Marashio explained that a 2/3 paper ballot Yes vote is required to pass Article 4. The polls will remain open for a period of one hour. The polls opened at 7:50 p.m.

After a short recess, the meeting continued.

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

<b>ANNUAL BUDGET</b>	<b><u>2005</u></b>	<b><u>2006</u></b>
<b>1. Executive</b>	<b>\$ 117,811</b>	<b>\$ 125,411</b>
<b>2. Elections</b>	<b>3,725</b>	<b>6,200</b>
<b>3. Financial Administration</b>	<b>87,837</b>	<b>354,420</b>
<b>4. Legal Expenses</b>	<b>43,000</b>	<b>33,000</b>
<b>5. Personnel Admin.</b>	<b>267,390</b>	<b>98,137</b>
<b>6. Planning</b>	<b>38,961</b>	<b>52,430</b>
<b>7. Zoning</b>	<b>8,609</b>	<b>9,073</b>
<b>8. General Government Bldg.</b>	<b>38,203</b>	<b>43,186</b>
<b>9. Cemeteries</b>	<b>20,755</b>	<b>25,705</b>
<b>10. Insurance</b>	<b>44,000</b>	<b>45,000</b>
<b>11. Other General Gov't</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>3,300</b>
<b>12. Police Department</b>	<b>280,826</b>	<b>304,564</b>
<b>13. Fire Department</b>	<b>78,061</b>	<b>88,961</b>

<b>14. Forest Fire</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>15. Code Enforcement</b>	<b>22,916</b>	<b>21,936</b>
<b>16. Emergency Management</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>17. Highway Maintenance</b>	<b>417,581</b>	<b>466,423</b>
<b>18. Highway Reconstruction</b>	<b>186,500</b>	<b>182,355</b>
<b>19. Street Lighting</b>	<b>13,225</b>	<b>13,225</b>
<b>20. Transfer Station</b>	<b>213,688</b>	<b>227,348</b>
<b>21. Health Agencies</b>	<b>25,962</b>	<b>27,564</b>
<b>22. Welfare</b>	<b>15,385</b>	<b>16,310</b>
<b>23. Information Booth</b>	<b>6,830</b>	<b>5,630</b>
<b>24. Parks &amp; Recreation</b>	<b>31,880</b>	<b>47,776</b>
<b>25. Library</b>	<b>65,323</b>	<b>67,811</b>
<b>26. Conservation Commission</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>27. Historical Society</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>28. Tax Anticipation Notes</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>29. Sewer Department</b>	<b>128,195</b>	<b>129,811</b>
<b>30. Bond/Note Principal</b>	<b>192,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>
<b>Bond/Note Interest</b>	<b>88,056</b>	<b>76,825</b>
<b>31. Safety Comm. Svstems</b>	<b>33,743</b>	<b>39,560</b>
<b>32. Capital Outlay Land</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Capital Outlay Loaders P&amp;L</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Capital Outlay Improvemts</b>	<b>85,950</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$2,662,162</b>	<b>\$2,914,311</b>

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

Selectman Powell gave a general explanation for the changes in the budget.

Ken Tentarelli asked why the highway budget is broken into two categories. Selectman Powell explained that reconstruction of roads is a major expense and separate from the overall highway budget and therefore not put into the regular

operating budget. The Capital Improvement Program Committee has identified certain dates by which certain roads should be paved. If the paving schedule needs to change due to unforeseen future events, the operating budget will not be affected.

Kerry Behrens expressed some confusion regarding why some lines have trust funds in addition to raising more money for those same items, specifically the revaluation fund.

Selectman Powell explained that the trust funds are earmarked for specific items and not for the operating budget. There may have to be a future warrant article to put the money for the revaluation back into the general fund to offset future taxes once the tri-town assessor gets on schedule.

Liz Tentarelli explained that the Library Trust Funds are funded by donations and not by tax money. Sometimes when money is donated, it is earmarked for specific purposes.

Josh Perkins commented that since 2002, the operating budget is up \$1.1 million. Selectman Wright explained that the town is growing, therefore the costs of services and municipal needs increase. The bond issues are driven by demand for services. Compared to the county and school, the town is doing a good job holding its own.

Selectman Powell stated that the Capital Improvement Program Committee has been acting pro-actively on behalf of the town by putting in place a plan and acting on it in a timely manner. The Budget Committee is charged with trying to control expenses.

**VOTE: All in favor. Article 5 was adopted.**

**Article 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.)**

<b>Fire Department</b>	<b>\$49,000</b>
<b>Highway Department</b>	<b>\$103,000</b>
<b>Police Cruiser</b>	<b>\$22,500</b>
<b>Ambulance</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>

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

Josh Perkins commented that the more money that is put into capital reserve funds, the more will be spent, perhaps unnecessarily. Dan Wolf explained that some of the numbers are recommended by the Capital Improvement Program.

**VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 6 was adopted.**

**Article 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.)**

<b>Docks</b>	<b>\$8,000</b>
<b>Town Office Equip.</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Town Buildings</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Milfoil Control</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>

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

Selectman Budd explained that these numbers were recommended by the Capital Improvement Program.

Gloria Whelan asked for a report on the state of milfoil control. June Fichter explained that there is milfoil in Lake Sunapee, and the LSPA has had success in keeping it under control. There is no invasive milfoil in Newbury that we know of at this point in time.

**VOTE: All in favor. Article 7 was adopted.**

**Article 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.)**

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

Cal Prussman, highway administrator, explained that this will replace the 1993 Chevy Pickup that currently has over 200,000 miles. The highway department will not be getting rid of any Macks; this will be an addition to the fleet.

**VOTE: All in favor. Article 8 was adopted.**

**Article 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.)**

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

Police Chief Lee explained that this will be an additional patrol vehicle, car and equipment. Since the town will have a new officer, this will equip each officer with a vehicle. With many new roads and long dirt driveways in town, it is necessary to purchase one with four-wheel drive.

Beverly Wolf asked for an explanation of 'multi-function' use. Chief Lee explained that this vehicle would also be able to provide assistance to other safety services, which is especially important since the police are often the first responders.

**VOTE: All in favor. Article 9 was adopted.**

**Article 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.**

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

Fire Chief Thomas explained that the existing generator does not support all of the necessary lights and equipment in the event of a power outage. The proposed generator will supply power to all of the lights, radio, and telephones at the safety services building. The telephone system at the Town Office building is tied in and supported by the system at the Safety Services Building.

**VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 10 was adopted.**

**Article 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.)**

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

Kerry Behrens asked why this money could not be given back to the general fund to offset property taxes. Selectman Powell explained that it would have been a wash, because the town would then have to raise the Capital Reserve Fund by that amount.

**VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 11 was adopted.**

**Article 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.**

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

Chief Thomas explained that OSHA regulations have mandated an air exchange system. Josh Perkins asked how many different systems were researched since there are similar systems available for \$12,000 to \$15,000. Chief Thomas commented that he did review other systems that were in the \$15,000 range but did not seem as efficient for the long term. The proposed system has come highly recommended by other departments and includes installation.

**VOTE: All in favor. Article 12 was adopted.**

**Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$168,750 to reclaim and pave 6400 feet of Old Post Road.**

**Motion to adopt Article 13 was made and seconded.**

Selectman Powell explained that Old Post Road is one of the most traveled roads in town.

Cal Prussman stated that the \$168,750 will cover the costs of reclamation, scaring, a 2" binder and a 1" top coat. It will also cover a 100-foot apron onto Old Province Road.

**VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 13 was adopted.**

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

**Motion to adopt Article 14 was made and seconded.**

**Discussion followed.**

Selectman Powell explained that based on a traffic count last year, the Ramblewood development supports a heavy volume of traffic. This article is also recommended by the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Cal Prussman stated that data from the traffic counters placed throughout town showed the following:

- Ramblewood: average of 296 vehicles per day
- Province Road: average of 198 vehicles per day
- Rollins Road: average of 253 vehicles per day

Jennifer Goin stated that several years ago the paving of Ramblewood was approved by the town at a town meeting and was only 1/3 completed. What happened to those funds and why was it never completed? Selectman Powell explained that the whole of Ramblewood was not approved, just the beginning apron. Consequently, that is all that was completed.

June Fichter asked what the road conditions are, comparatively speaking, between Old Province Road and Ramblewood. Cal Prussman stated that the article to pave Old Province Road is brought by petition, not by the town. Ramblewood roads have a more solid base and fare well throughout the winter and spring. The apron that was paved over ten years ago is still in good shape.

Selectman Powell commented that the town has talked about the section of Old Province Road several times. In discussion, it has been recognized that Old Province Road is going to require a lot of base work and is on the Capital Improvement Program for attention in 2007 and 2008.

Josh Perkins asked if anyone was keeping track of the amount of road surface that is being accepted and paved this year. It is not reasonable to put all of this extra work onto the highway workers and expect them to get their usual work done as well. Selectman Wright stated that the Selectmen have considered that. Requests to bring the gravel roads up to specs come forward each year. They will have to be done eventually and the prices keep going up each year. So, to put them off is not in the best interest of the town. Our feeling is that we have to continue to put the issues out to the voters and let the voters decide whether to do it now, or later at a higher price.

**VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 14 was adopted.**

**Ballot Vote Polls on Article 4 were closed at 8:53 p.m.**

**Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,600 to be placed in a 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.)**

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

Selectman Wright explained that this is the amount of money received for the sale of cemetery lots last year. This article just transfers that money into a maintenance fund to maintain those lots.

**VOTE: All in favor. Article 15 was adopted.**

**Article 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.**

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

Mary Bachelder, cemetery trustee, explained that Marshall Cemetery has been expanded to include a new area called the Felton Section, which currently has a roughed-in pathway for a road. This money will take care of all the driving surface beginning from the entrance of Marshall Cemetery at Newell Road all the way up to loop around the Felton Section and back down to Newell Road.

Liz Tentarelli stated that based on the information in the Town Report, there were only 16 burials last year. That does not seem like very high traffic to justify paving. Mary Bachelder explained that out of the 11 cemeteries in Newbury, Marshall is the only one with a paved road due to the topography. It is steep and not in good shape. Although there were only 16 burials, lots of people visit the grave sites year-round. Currently, there is no place to back a vehicle up to turn around unless it backs over other burial sites or backs down the steep hill. This proposal would provide a safe way to turn around and exit the cemetery.

Kerry Behrens asked how many sites are currently empty. Mary Bachelder quoted 15 sites in the old section of Marshall Cemetery and an undetermined number at the top in the Felton Section for cremations.

Barbara Freeman commented that part of the issue is also accessibility for those people who have difficulty walking.

**VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 16 was adopted.**

**VOTE RESULTS FOR ARTICLE 4: 135 voted**

**Yes = 133**

**No = 2**

**Article 4 was adopted.**

**Article 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.)**

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

Fire Chief Thomas explained that this money will help with the costs of replacing protective gear and breathing apparatus. The fire department has gotten grants in the past, \$80,000 last year. Since the costs are so high and the grants are not guaranteed, it is a good idea to plan ahead. We know we are going to have to update and replace existing, expensive equipment accordingly.

Ivor Freeman commented that replacement of damaged equipment can be funded by the operating budget. Additionally, the municipal review committee has not yet come back with their report. This article is premature.

**VOTE count of hands: Yes = 65 No = 50  
Article 17 was adopted.**

**Article 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.**

**Motion to adopt Article 18 was made and seconded.  
Discussion followed.**

Selectman Powell stated that this is a housekeeping article. He explained that years ago, the construction of West Province Road was not built according to the deed descriptions. Consequently, the deed description indicates West Province

Road coming through the front porch of property owned by Fairly Stable, LLC. This swap would reconcile the deed descriptions with the actual location of the road.

**VOTE: All in favor. Article 18 was adopted.**

**Article 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)**

**Motion to adopt Article 19 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.**

Tony Shepherd informed the voters that Allwood is a development off Morse Hill Road consisting of 13 house lots, most of which have year-round homes built on them. For two winters, the residents in Allwood have been paying for their own plowing and maintenance. The road has been built to town specifications and guard rails included where needed. The development also includes a fire cistern available for area residents.

Dan Wolf asked how long the roads are. Cal Prussman stated Allwood Drive = 0.17 mile; Whitney Way = 0.15 mile for a total of 0.32 mile.

Dan Wolf commented that the townspeople are looking at about 2 ½ miles of road tonight. A number of years ago, the town agreed to accept only one mile of road per year.

Bill Chambers commented that the roads in Allwood are all paved and ready to go. They do not need any development, only maintenance.

Wayne Seaholm asked if the road agent was happy with the road. Cal Prussman explained that Provan and Lorber oversaw the construction of the road. There are a couple of issues that need to be addressed but are minor to deal with. The only foreseen costs are plowing, sanding, and sweeping. He cited the Master Plan which quoted every new 10 miles of road equals one six-wheeler and one man.

Ken Tentarelli asked Mr. Prussman if the town accepts one mile of road per year, could he make a recommendation of which mile that would be. Cal Prussman said that he would rather not.

Selectman Powell stated that the "one mile/year" agreed upon at a previous meeting is not binding in future meetings.

Linda Powell asked if the town is going to hold to one mile/year, can those miles be accumulated? Selectman Powell stated that he did not think that the intent of the town meeting those years ago was meant to be cumulative. He reminded the voters that some years there are no roads on the warrant for adoption.

Bill Weiler asked if a Certificate of Performance has been granted to this development yet. Barbara Freeman stated that no certificate of performance has been granted at this time. Until the outstanding issues (minor) are dealt with, the certificate will not be issued.

Wayne Seaholm commented that private roads are expensive to deal with. The town has already agreed to accept roads that are built to town specifications and paved. The Allwood development has met those requirements, therefore the town should accept the road.

Cal Prussman commented that at first glance, he would require the brush to be cleared out of the town right of way, and the cracking from heavy equipment needs to be fixed as requested. The conditions with the planning board are separate from the highway department.

Selectman Powell stated that four years ago, the town voted to accept Blodgett Brook Road. It never has been accepted by the Board of Selectmen and taken over by the Highway Department because there are conditions that do not meet town specifications. Therefore, be assured that the Board of Selectmen will not accept the road if all of the conditions are not met.

**Vote: Majority in favor. Article 19 was adopted.**

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

**Motion to adopt Article 20 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.**

Gerry Gold explained that this article will provide protection to trees and stone walls within the town right of way along Gillingham Drive. There are no costs except the cost to advertise a public hearing if the town needs to do maintenance work involving the disruption of trees and/or stone walls. There is no impact on property owners. This proposal is within the parameters of the Master Plan and would protect the rural character of Gillingham Drive.

Cal Prussman reiterated that this scenic road designation does not affect the property owner's rights. Therefore, if a property

owner wants to clear-cut and move the stone wall on their property, they may.

Alison Kinsman asked if this article would add any challenges or burdens onto the town, financially or otherwise.

Cal Prussman stated that as far as the highway department goes, if a tree needs to be taken down, a public hearing is required first. The definition of a tree is 15" or more in circumference at 4' from the ground.

Wayne Seaholm asked if the selectmen are in favor of this article. Selectman Powell stated that this is a petitioned article. Therefore, the board of selectmen does not take a stand.

Barbara Freeman explained that the planning board would hold the public hearing, therefore there is minimal burden. The planning board promulgates the Master Plan which promotes preservation of rural character

Steve Winter asked if a home owner has a stone wall on the town right of way, would rebuilding that stone wall be prohibited. Barbara Freeman stated that it is forbidden to remove boundary markers, so it ought to be ok. to rebuild a stone wall in the same place.

Question was moved.

Vote on moving the question: Majority in favor.

**VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 20 was adopted.**

**Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to accept all of East Ridge Road (0.15 mile), all of Hearthstone Road (0.28 mile), and part of Meadow Road (0.19 mile) in the**

**Southview subdivision. Subject to approval of the Board of Selectmen. (By Petition)**

**Motion to adopt Article 21 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.**

Bob Bell, developer, spoke on behalf of this article. These roads currently serve four houses and are part of the Southview subdivision. The roads were built to town specifications and were approved by the planning board for meeting its requirements. They have been deemed acceptable by Cal Prussman and Lou Caron, engineer representing the Town of Newbury.

Dan Wolf commented that the townspeople at tonight's meeting ought to think about the one-mile-per-year option because a truck and a driver is going to cost the town \$50,000 - \$60,000 each year, adding to the cost of road maintenance. The town needs a system or guidelines for approving roads.

Paul MacVittie stated that there are currently 19 homes in Southview. The town already plows most of Southview. Therefore the vehicles and manpower are already in the proximity. The developer did a great job building these roads.

Paul Riley asked what 'subject to approval of the Board of Selectmen' means? Selectman Powell explained that the board looks at the building of the road and the road agent verifies that the road has been built to specifications. If everything is built and done as required, the town then takes ownership of the road along with the responsibility for maintenance.

Josh Perkins asked Barbara Freeman why these roads were allowed to have only 2" of hot top and not 3" as cited in the regulations. Also, why is the bridge work that was required in

2001 not yet complete? Will there be a bond to make sure that the work gets done? Barbara Freeman stated that the roads built by Bob Bell have been reviewed by Cal Prussman and Lou Caron extensively. Certain changes have been reviewed and agreed upon. The planning board has written documentation from Bob Bell promising that he will repair any damage done to the surface of the road if necessary over the next five years. The bridge work is an ongoing issue being carefully worked out. The subdivision will not be signed off by the planning board until all conditions are met.

**VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 21 was adopted.**

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

**Motion to adopt Article 22 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.**

Selectman Wright made a motion to amend Article 22 to read High Point Road, not High Ridge Road. Motion was seconded.

**Vote on amendment: All in favor. Article 22 was amended. Discussion followed.**

Bob Bell stated that he would be willing to continue maintaining the road for another year if it could be accepted for 2007. All of the roads in High Meadow are built to town specifications and paved. There are \$207,988 in property taxes generated from residents of these roads. Consideration should be given to accepting them.

**VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 22 was adopted.**

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

**Motion to adopt Article 23 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.**

Bob Bell, developer, proposed that he would maintain this road for a period of two years if the town would agree to consider taking it over at the end of two years. There are currently three homes on this road.

Linda Powell made a motion to amend Article 23 to include the statement that Mr. Bell will maintain the road for two years prior to the Town taking over maintenance. Motion was seconded. Discussion followed.

Dan Wolf cautioned the voters about setting a bad precedent by promising acceptance in an uncertain future. He encouraged the voters to vote down the amendment and reconsider the article from scratch next year.

**Vote on amendment: Majority opposed. Article 23 is not amended. Discussion followed on the original Article 23.**

Gloria Whelan commented that the voters are adding a lot of miles and thought should be given to the cost of road maintenance. She asked how much in property taxes those lots are generating. Bob Bell quoted \$50,260 in 2005.

Cal Prussman recognized that Mr. Bell is willing to hold off on the town taking over the maintenance, and he would prefer to see this article come back next year. The town needs to limit the number of miles of road it accepts each year.

Bill Chambers asked if this is a Planning Board issue. Barbara Freeman explained that when a developer comes before a town planning board, there is nothing the board can legally do to prevent development. Before the road is accepted by the town, it is up to the developer to maintain the road.

Steve Winter commented that he is uncomfortable using property taxes as a deciding factor when considering accepting a road.

Alison Kinsman asked what the cost is per mile for maintenance. Cal Prussman said sand costs from November 2005 – March 2006 equaled \$350.00/mile.

Question was moved.

Vote on moving the question: Majority in favor. Question was moved.

**VOTE: Majority against. Article 23 was not adopted.**

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

Janet Krueger asked for a reaction from attendees regarding mailing out sample ballots prior to elections. In the past, sample ballots were mailed to voters and received a favorable response. The cost is under \$200 per election. The ballots proposed to be mailed are those for the March and November elections.

**VOTE: Majority in favor.**

Linda Powell asked for a show of hands of those people who were aware of the Newbury Update. (approximately ½ present).

Gerry Gold recognized how well the town functions; thanked all for their goodwill.

Jim Powell publicly recognized Shelly Candidus for all of her hard work and expertise in putting the 2005 Town Report together.

Ivor Freeman thanked Dennis Pavlicek and all of the office staff for reorganizing the accounting changes required by GASB (Governmental Accounting Standards Board).

Harold Krueger asked for an update on the Wild Goose property. Selectman Wright explained that Lee Perry from the Fish and Game Department will be coming on April 18 to review what may be done with the property. Fish and Game is still pushing for a boat launch. A counter proposal is to have just car-top water craft launched from the Wild Goose property, and a more developed launch from the State Beach. There are concerns regarding the speed of traffic on Route 103 by Birch Grove Road which is the access for the Wild Goose property. It is posted at 50 mph, but the clocked speeds are 70+ mph or more. The selectmen are unsure how this will evolve over time.

Steve Winter commented that there is a committee in the legislature that deals with the shoreland protection act. If Fish and Game follows the law, they cannot do that project at Wild Goose. He said Carol Murray from Dept of Transportation said

that Fish and Game could not build there if the town does not give a driveway permit to access the site.

**Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. All in favor.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Linda Plunkett, Town Clerk*



*Summer blooms in Newbury garden  
Photo courtesy Rich Cole*

**Newbury Board of Selectmen  
Summer Town Informational Meeting  
Minutes of July 29, 2006**

**Selectmen:** Richard Wright, Gary Budd

**Town Personnel:** Dennis Pavlicek, Town Admin; Shelly Candidus, Admin. Assistant; Tim Mulder, Blodgett Wastewater Treatment Plant; Police Chief Lee; Cal Prussman, Highway Admin.

**Public:** Frank Perrotta, Tom Vannatta, Jim & Ginger Myles, Jack Fisher

**The meeting convened at 8:00 a.m.**

Selectman Wright welcomed attendees and explained that this annual informational meeting was held to give property owners, especially non-residents, an opportunity to discuss any issues or questions and obtain updates on matters pertaining to the town. He noted that since the turnout was very small, formal reports from department heads would be omitted and the meeting would be turned over to those who had specific questions or comments.

Jim Myles commented that the speed limit on Route 103 through the harbor area was not being enforced. He observed on Old Home Day that cars at the crest of Ledge Hill were heading toward the harbor at 40 – 50 mph. He feels a police officer should have been there to protect the crowds attending the town event. He's also noted several trailer trucks carrying flattened cars zoom along until they see the second 30 mph sign. He has observed fewer police officers than usual in the area.

Mr. Myles' second comment regarded the use of jake brakes on trucks instead of down-shifting. He finds this a very disturbing practice and said many other states forbid their use. Pavlicek noted that this use fell under state jurisdiction. Myles suggested there be a town ordinance forbidding jake brakes and that this should be brought to the selectmen for discussion.

Third, Mr. Myles asked about the easement on the sides of town roads. Wright said it is usually 2 rods more or less (16 ½ feet), but it varies depending on the width of the road. Prussman said Province Road is laid out at 4 rods, other roads at 2 rods. A general rule is stone wall to stone wall (4 rods). Myles asked what the easement was for clearing brush -- from the edge of the road to a stone wall? Prussman said the right-of-way is from the edge of the road to the property line. Pavlicek said years ago deeds didn't reflect road width. Deeds may specify an easement; if not, rule of thumb is used. Myles noted that a tree on a neighbor's land is in the right-of-way and it makes the road undulate and causes noise. Will repaving straighten this out? Prussman said when the grinding has settled it should smooth out. Myles said the tree is in the easement area. Why doesn't the Highway Department remove it? Wright explained that an easement is granted to the town by the property owner for maintenance work. The town must get permission to cut trees, move walls, etc. The property owner owns the easement and to the center of the road. Myles said that while the highway crew does a good job, when they mow they leave debris that goes into his culvert and causes erosion problems. Prussman remarked that culvert maintenance is the responsibility of the home owner, per state law. Myles said he would like to see that law.

Myles' next concern was with litter behind the restaurant in Newbury Harbor. He said the situation has improved, but the employees don't cover the dumpsters. He asked if the town could mandate that the dumpsters should be covered or contained. Uncovered, they invite bears and scavengers and cause spilled garbage. Wright remarked that dumpster covers are very heavy and young people might have a hard time lifting them. The town might be able to suggest enclosures of some kind. The board will look into this. Pavlicek added that concerns should be brought to the property owner, not the leasees.

Finally, Myles asked if the town had taken ownership of donated properties in Park 10. Do they have road access or are they landlocked? Pavlicek replied that there are four small lots deeded to the town. He believes all are accessible via town and paper roads. The lots are separated from one another.

Jack Fisher asked about the status of broadband service for the town. Pavlicek explained that 8 communities have formed a consortium dedicated to bringing fiber optics to their towns. A status report is due on August 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be a joint meeting of the Boards of Selectmen from all the towns to discuss access to fiber optics in their areas. Verizon is not providing this service because they say there are too few potential users scattered over large areas. Pavlicek said fiber optic lines, which would cost more than \$100,000, would provide faster and more versatile access, but that would be at least two years in the future. Fisher said he lives on Acorn Street and cannot get broadband. Budd said he has asked providers and they have no interest in expanding their service, so the town obtained a T1 line to run off phone lines. We have six town lines all connected and this has given the town a cost savings. Pavlicek advised Fisher to use the library for Internet access, when possible.

Fisher asked if any major capital improvements are in the works. Wright said the selectmen had not reviewed the budget for 2007 yet, but he is sure there will be road improvements. Budd added that road work is planned several years in advance, per the CIP. Prussman said asphalt prices are going up. It is now \$55 per ton, up from \$28 per ton two years ago. Pavlicek added that the town is working on the Blodgett Wastewater Treatment Facility upgrade. Work on Phase One, the underground pipes, would begin after Labor Day and work will be ongoing on the project throughout 2007. Budd noted that the CIP meetings will start up again next month and invited people to work on the committee.

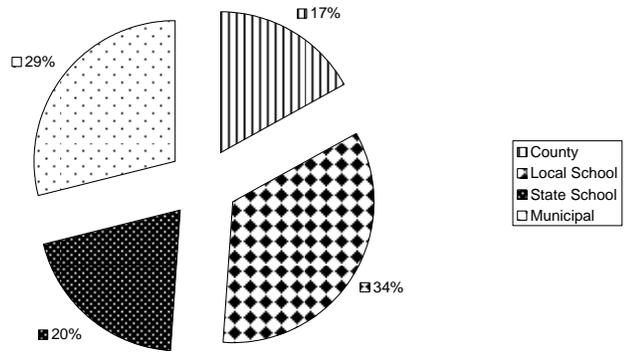
Fisher asked if there had been any action on litigation between school districts and towns. Pavlicek said that issue had pretty much died at this point. Wright added that the legislators have to define what a “good” education is. Pavlicek noted that Newbury is not paying a donor fee anymore.

Fisher asked if the Board of Selectmen meetings are posted on the town website. Wright answered in the affirmative.

There were no additional questions or comments. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Shelly Candidus, Administrative Assistant*

## Your Tax Dollars 2006



County	2.09	17%
Local School	4.03	34%
State School	2.39	20%
Municipal	<u>3.56</u>	<u>29%</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>12.07</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Births**  
**Registered in the Town of Newbury, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2006**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Birth Place</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
03/14/06	Craig Kenneth Lewis	Lebanon, NH	Gary Lewis	Christina Lagasse
04/09/06	Abigail Morris Sweet	Concord, NH	Richard Sweet	Jennifer Sweet
05/09/06	Kyla Ann Allen	Concord, NH	John Allen	Allyson Humphrey
05/16/06	Reese Lynn Lacombe	Concord, NH	Michael Lacombe	Kristie Lacombe
06/25/06	Bristol Rose Messer	Concord, NH	Roy Messer	April Messer
06/29/06	Corbin Phoenix Schroeder	Lebanon, NH	Jonathan Schroeder	Bonita Sevigny
06/29/06	Carter Nelson Theriault	Lebanon, NH	Scott Theriault	Holly Theriault
07/10/06	Jamison Russell Caseley	Claremont, NH	Russell Caseley	Miranda Gill
07/16/06	Dominique Elyse Brown	Lebanon, NH	Curtis Brown	Lindsey Hilton
08/01/06	Sadie Cherith Cooper	Concord, NH	Douglas Cooper	Kathryn Cooper
09/01/06	Davin Miles Selby	Plymouth, NH	Theodore Selby	Jessica Selby
09/30/06	Emily Ella Welch	Concord, NH	Michael Welch	Yvonne Ruda-Welch
10/14/06	Phoebe Rose Uhlenkott	Claremont, NH	Daniel Uhlenkott	Miriana Uhlenkott
11/07/06	Hunter Lee Laclair	Concord, NH	Bradley Laclair	Sandra Sanderson
12/07/06	Alexis Mya Jackson	Claremont, NH	Christopher Jackson	Sarah Keith
12/26/06	Nikolai Gabriel Cole-Johnson	Lebanon, NH	Erik Cole-Johnson	Lauren Cole-Johnson

**Marriages**  
**Registered in the Town of Newbury, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2006**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Groom's Name</u></b>	<b><u>Groom's Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Bride's Name</u></b>	<b><u>Bride's Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Place of Marriage</u></b>
02/14/06	Gary L Dimick	Newbury, NH	Rhianna D Miller	Newbury, NH	Goshen, NH
04/12/06	Michael L Wood	Newbury, NH	Lisa E Timbrell	Newbury, NH	New London, NH
07/08/06	Charles C Palmer	Newbury, NH	Jessica L Orlowski	Newbury, NH	Newport, NH
07/22/06	Michael N Altuz	Newbury, NH	Lindsay E Hisler	Newbury, NH	Newbury, NH
08/19/06	Mark E Watson	Newbury, NH	Debra A Frost	Newbury, NH	Newbury, NH
10/14/06	William R Brown	Newbury, NH	Allyson M Murphy	Newbury, NH	Newbury, NH

**Deaths**  
**Registered in the Town of Newbury, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2006**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Decedent's Name</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
01/23/06	Margaret Erickson	Lebanon, NH	Clarence McAnally	Frances Cunningham
01/25/06	Laura Grant	Lebanon, NH	George Devoid	Christin Cota
02/02/06	Marion Traub	New London, NH	Simon Juskowitz	Yetta Cohen
04/10/06	Kathleen Brown	Woodsville, NH	Arnold Duffey	Nellie Perry
05/04/06	Mortimer Barnes	Newbury, NH	Ernest Barnes	Johanna Parker
06/03/06	Deborah Brown	Warner, NH	Elliott Trull	Sybil Shaw
06/04/06	Dorothy Gasparri	New London, NH	George Archer	Mary Shea
06/21/06	Leah Hitchcock	Woodsville, NH	John Goodwin	Leah Rogers
07/21/06	Kevin Walker	Newbury, NH	William Walker	Eleanor Gramling
07/22/06	Gerald Mayer Jr.	Newbury, NH	Gerald Mayer Sr.	Marie Hoffmann
08/25/06	Vera Meyette	North Haverhill, NH	Harry Williams	Mary Stevenson
09/28/06	John Huber	New London, NH	Edward Huber	Ursula Schneider
10/01/06	Alexander Gissler	Newbury, NH	Carl Gissler	Cynthia Digilio
10/01/06	Larry Jeanson	New London, NH	Norman Jeanson	Irma Bean
12/02/06	Harry Renfrew	Lebanon, NH	Walter Renfrew	Pauline (Unknown)
12/08/06	Mary White	Derry, NH	Daniel Callahan	Helen Daneau
12/25/06	Sarah Kelly	New London, NH	Robert Shaw	Frances Doyle

## Newbury Service Directory

### ALL EMERGENCIES: DIAL 911

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.

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

Selectmen's Office .....763-4940  
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](http://www.newburynh.org)

E-mail: [townadmin@newburynh.org](mailto: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: Noon – 8 p.m.*  
*Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: Noon – 5 p.m.*  
*Friday closed*  
*Saturday: 10 a.m.– 2 p.m.*  
*Sunday: 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.*