

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



Photo courtesy Lynn St. Louis

for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2007
with Vital Statistics for the year 2007

Cover photo: Lake Sunapee State Beach
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Photo courtesy Donna Long

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In Recognition

It is a pleasure to dedicate this year's Town Report to lifetime Newbury resident John "Mike" Croteau for his many years of service to the town. Born and raised in Newbury, Mike has been a member of the Fire Department for the past 62 years. (No, that's not a typo...it really has been 62 years!) It was inevitable that Mike joined the Newbury Fire Department those many years ago as it is undoubtedly 'in his blood'. He had several family members that were also members of the department. His father was the fire chief in Newbury for 26 years. Two of his uncles and his brother-in-law also served on Newbury's Fire Department. It is definitely a Croteau family tradition.

Brought up in Newbury, Mike attended the Baker Hill one-room school. His parents built and operated an Amoco station in town. He attended Simonds High School in Warner and still remembers the sound of the whistle when he took the train to Warner. He graduated high school in 1948 and served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War from 1949-1953 with the rank of quartermaster 2nd class. After his discharge he attended Feener Tech in Boston.

Mike met Rosemary Kelly in 1950 at Larry's Play House in Sunapee Harbor. They married in 1956 and had 3 children, Heather, Shawn and Bridgette. While volunteering his time at the fire department, he has held the position of Forest Fire Warden since 1972. He also worked 32 years for the New Hampshire Department of Transportation in highway design in Concord. He retired in 1990, and since has owned a septic design business in which he does some consulting work for the town from time to time. Whenever the Town of Newbury needs septic design work done, Mike is always eager to help out whenever he can.

Thank you, Mike, for your ongoing commitment to the Town of Newbury. The dedicated service you have given our community for the past 62 years is greatly appreciated and will forever be cherished. You are truly a respected and well-loved member of the Newbury Fire Department and we are thankful for your ongoing devotion to our Town.



*Mike Croteau in uniform
Photo courtesy Croteau Family*

In Memoriam
Delbert Harris, Jr.
1932-2007

Delbert Harris, Jr., devoted resident and past town employee of Newbury, passed away on October 15, 2007. His dedication and love for the area will be deeply missed by all those who knew him.

Born in Massachusetts, and raised in Bradford, NH, Del considered himself a New Hampshire native, and seldom admitted to others that he originated from another state. He lived in the area until he served in the Navy from 1951-1955 during the Korean conflict where he served as an E-5 Quartermaster 2nd class on the aircraft carriers Wasp and Antietam.

Upon his return to the area, Del held several jobs in the area before starting his own business as a carpenter, building many homes in the area while displaying his fine craftsmanship and attention to detail. In 1985, Del and his wife, Charlene, decided to build their own home. After looking at several properties, the couple decided on land on Gillingham Drive in Newbury to call their own. Del put in many hard hours of work clearing the land and building their dream retirement home. The result was a beautiful view of Mount Kearsarge. He never failed to remind folks that he took the view with him when he moved from Bradford to Newbury.

Del was a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment from 1987 to 2003 and offered much of his knowledge and familiarity of the area to the group. He also served as the town's building inspector from 1994 to 2003, using his first-hand experience from his many years of experience to keep the buildings in Newbury structurally safe and conforming to all building regulations.

In 1989, Del began to perambulate the town lines in Newbury. He was responsible for doing research on old perambulation reports, topography maps and meeting with other town perambulators and historians. He then would add his own report to the town's records dating back to 1793.

Del used to say that if you build it right the first time, you don't need to repair it later. Del's thoroughness and ongoing support of the town has definitely contributed to the foundation of Newbury and has strengthened our community. His love of and contributions to the town of Newbury will stand in the community for many years to come. He is greatly missed.



Del Harris, photo courtesy Harris family

Town Officers

Selectmen*

Jim Powell, Chairman, term expires 2008

Gary Budd, term expires 2009

Richard Wright, term expires 2010

Town Administrator**

Dennis J. Pavlicek

Moderator*

Nancy Marashio, term expires 2008

Deputy Moderator*****

Vincent Iacopino

Representative to the General Court

Patricia McMahon

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*

Daniel H. Wolf, term expires 2008

Claire Vannatta, term expires 2009

Clayton Johnson, term expires 2010

Library Trustees*

Beverly Wolf, term expires 2008
Paula Falkowski, term expires 2009
Elizabeth Tentarelli, term expires 2010

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

Daniel H. Wolf, term expires 2009

**Newbury Member,
KRSB Municipal Budget Committee***

Robin Parkhurst, term expires 2009

Supervisors of the Checklist*

Al Bachelder, term expires 2009
Sue Russell, term expires 2011
Clayton Johnson, term expires 2013

Cemetery Trustees*

Charles Crickman, term expires 2008
Mary Bachelder, term expires 2009
Paul Riley, term expires 2010

Planning Board*

Barbara Freeman, chair, term expires 2008
William Weiler, vice-chair, term expires 2008
Ron Williams, term expires 2009
Travis Dezotell, term expires 2009
Deane Geddes, term expires 2010
Tom Vannatta, term expires 2010

Zoning Board of Adjustment*

Elizabeth Ashworth, chair, term expires 2009
Katheryn Holmes, vice-chair, term expires 2010
Barbara Richmond, term expires 2008
Steve Russell, term expires 2008
Helen Wright, term expires 2008

Alex Azodi, alternate, term expires 2009
Sue Russell, alternate, term expires 2008

Conservation Commission**

William Weiler, chair, term expires 2009
Katheryn Holmes, vice-chair, term expires 2010
Suzanne Levine, term expires 2008
Frank Perrotta, term expires 2008
Eric Unger, term expires 2010
William Annable, alternate, term expires 2008
Deane Geddes, alternate, term expires 2010

Chief of Police**

Robert Lee

Chief of Fire Department****

Henry E. Thomas, Jr.

Officer of Emergency Management**

Paul Groulx

Health Officer**

Wayne R. 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

Just as in recent years, many exciting town projects were undertaken during 2007. At the March 2007 town meeting, the community voted to appropriate funds for a sidewalk and related improvements along Newbury Harbor. It was with much enthusiasm that the board of selectmen selected an engineering firm and began the process of developing the site plan. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2008 with an expected completion period of around six months.

The town also voted to appropriate funds for the purchase of the property that adjoins the town-owned Bald Sunapee property. As the town continues to grow and more community services are required, this purchase will allow for future development of Newbury's infrastructure. Three planning sessions were held to coordinate the development of possible site plans for the harbor area. The input from the facilitator, Patricia Sherman, planning board representatives and a number of community volunteers and residents was definitely recognized and appreciated by the board.

The Fishersfield project continues to press forward. Much notable progress was made in 2007. Roads were roughed in, a storage/snack shack and restrooms facility is almost complete and yes, there is grass on the soccer field! Further progress will be seen in 2008 with the completion of a tennis court as well as basketball and volleyball courts. It is anticipated that the grass will be ready for playing around the fall of 2008.

A renovation study of the 3 town-owned buildings in South Newbury was also completed. This study provides valuable recommendations for improvements, repairs, on-going maintenance and potential utilization of these historical properties.

Even with all the improvements to the town, we managed to once again maintain a modest budget increase during 2007. With the sharply rising cost of fuel, electricity, etc., this has not been an easy task. Our thanks go out to our town administrator, Dennis Pavlicek, the capital improvements committee, our department heads and employees who have assisted in developing a plan that attempts to blend recognition for the financial impact to our citizens while at the same time attempting to properly maintain and enhance our community.

Once again, the Newbury Old Home Day celebration was a highlight of the summer. It was a very enjoyable day for all those who participated. The selectmen can say without reservation that Newbury has the best fireworks in the Lake Sunapee Region.

As always, the board of selectmen wishes to express its thanks to all the town employees and community volunteers, for without their support we would not enjoy such a vibrant community. 2007 has proven to be a successful year, and we look forward to another rewarding year in Newbury in 2008.

Jim Powell, Dick Wright and Gary Budd



*Smokey the Bear pals around with Jim Powell.
Photo courtesy Elizabeth Ashworth*

Town Administrator's Report

It is my privilege and pleasure to present to you my report as town administrator for 2007. It seems like this year has gone by in a flash. Once again, thanks to the board of selectmen and the budget committee for preparing the 2008 budget. There were many challenges this year with significant cost increases in energy-related items which are passed on to most other items that impact our budget. They were able to craft a budget that keeps services at a stable level while our population continues to rise.

WCNH.Net Update

As many of you know, Newbury has joined the towns of Orford, Hanover, Lyme, Sunapee, Springfield, Enfield and New London in an effort to bring a community-based fiber optic network to this region that would be open to all service providers of all kinds. I have spent a good deal of time this past year as the town's representative to West Central New Hampshire Regional Health and Security Communications Consortium, better known as WCNH.net. While we are not ready to bring this program to town meeting this year, we have made progress and hope to do that next year. While our initial goal was to expand the reach of high-speed internet to portions of this region that have not been "connected", we discovered that a fiber network offers many times the bandwidth capacity of a conventional high-speed network such as DSL. We believe that a fiber-optic network will bring us "ahead of the curve" and enhance the quality of life in our communities by improving communications between security agencies, increasing educational opportunities for students and teachers, enhancing healthcare services and increasing opportunities for businesses and economic development. Of course, financing a network of this size will be a major undertaking and our goal is not to have an impact on property tax rates other than what the individual towns use as services themselves.

Bridges Update

Article #7 of the 2008 warrant will authorize the selectmen to replace the bridges (engineering and construction), one located on the west end of Village Road which is currently red listed and the municipal bridge located on Sutton Road. We have been given permission by NH DOT, which is funding 80% of the cost, to put both of them out to bid for engineering and construction at the same time. We hope that by doing so, we will get better bids because the bidders will be able to cut back on their mobilization costs (surveying crews, equipment mobilization, etc.). We hope to choose the engineering team soon and commence the engineering shortly after receiving the permission by town meeting. We would then hope to put out the construction designs for bids as soon as we receive design and bid packages from the engineering firm, with construction scheduled to be completed by the end of 2009.

Sidewalk Project Update

Originally, we were not expecting to be constructing the sidewalk and harbor area improvements in 2008, but as our project is ready to proceed we have been moved up in the state process for funding. We hope to start the construction this year. The design process is almost complete and we were able to get a lot of valuable input from residents during the "visioning sessions" that were held this past summer. So please look forward to a new path that will connect town buildings and facilities within the town center and harbor area.

New Resident in Town

2007 brought a highly visible new resident to Newbury. As you have passed the safety services building, I am sure you have noticed a friendly face with an always waving arm. Since early summer, Smokey the Bear has adorned the outside of the safety services building with his warnings of fire danger. This sign was the brainchild of Doug and Gloria Whelan, who wondered why there was no Smokey the Bear sign in town. Local Boy Scout Troop #71 was contacted and it

just so happened that there was an Eagle Scout candidate who was looking for a community project to do in the area. Michael Drew and his fellow boy scouts designed and constructed Smokey, as well as created an area for flowers underneath the sign. Thanks to Michael and Boy Scout Troop # 71, as well as Henry and Helga Thomas who assisted in the project, for a job well done.

Comings and Goings

2007 saw some changes in personnel at the town office. Shelly Candidus retired in May. Shelly worked for the town 11 years and was a tremendous asset to us with her positive attitude. She was a first-rate author of past annual reports including the award-winning 2006 report. Donna Long was chosen to replace Shelly and has already proved up to the challenge in many tasks. 2007's annual report is indicative of her abilities.



*Shelly Candidus arrives with husband Ed at her retirement party.
Photo courtesy Rich Cole*

Patricia Sweet-MacDonald left to fulfill obligations as a distinguished artist. While Patricia was with the town for only two years, she helped update the assessing and planning board files immensely. We'll miss her 'can do' personality. Denise Walter was chosen to replace her and has continued the process of updating current-use and exemption information as well as assisting residents in the land-use office.

Marilyn Hill left to pursue other interests. Marilyn was our first recreation coordinator and brought new ideas and programs into Parks and Recreation. Travis Dezotell was chosen to replace her and, with his enthusiasm, has already added new programs such as a 5K Fall Fling run, ice skating at the fire pond and assisting with the preparation of the Fishersfield recreation area for use in the upcoming year.

In Recognition

The town and individuals associated with the town received recognition this year. In May, the town received its second community beautification award from the NH Arborists Association; this award was presented to Jim Powell and the Newbury Beautification Committee by Governor John Lynch in Concord. In November Alice Lynn received a well-deserved community volunteer-of-the-year award from NH Local Government Center at a ceremony in Manchester.

Newbury, along with the town of New London, as first-time recipients in New Hampshire, received an Intergovernmental Partnership Award from the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) for their innovative tri-town assessing agreement and finally, the town received the first-place award (in its population category) for its 2006 annual report. Kudos go to Shelly Candidus for being "our author" and all those who submitted reports to inform residents of goings on in the year. While no awards are out there currently for newsletters, many thanks to Linda Powell for her time and

effort for providing residents with a comprehensive recap of town goings on in the bi-monthly Newbury Update.

Tax Rate Projection

If all articles pass at town meeting we are projecting a 30-cent **decrease** in the town portion of the tax rate. While we have vehicle purchases this year, we are funding these through their respective capital reserves. This process showcases how these reserve funds keep the town portion of the tax rate stable over the long run.

Finally, I want to recognize the town office staff, the department heads and all of our employees that day in and day out perform the excellent work they do for the residents of Newbury. Thanks also to our dedicated town volunteers and board members who put in immeasurable amounts of time to make Newbury the special place it is. I would also like to express my gratitude to the board of selectmen; theirs is not an easy job, but I believe they do it well and certainly make my job easier. And last, I would like to express my gratitude to the residents of Newbury for this opportunity to serve them.

Dennis J. Pavlicek, Town Administrator



*Gail Bostic and Dennis Pavlicek at Shelly's retirement party
Photo courtesy Rich Cole*

Town Clerk

Debits

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	\$386,718.58
Dog Licenses Issued	2,060.00
UCC Filings	525.00
Boat Registrations	9,119.15
Vital Records	831.00
Filing for Offices	10.00
Fish and Game	7,415.70
Miscellaneous	106.50
TOTAL DEBITS\$406,785.93

Credits

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TOTAL CREDITS	\$406,785.93

Treasurer
General Fund 2007 Receipts

Received from Tax Collector	\$9,183,191.83
Received from Town Clerk	\$ 406,785.93
Received from State of NH	\$ 480,706.90
Police Private Duty	\$ 5,110.00
Police Reports	\$ 330.00
Police Fines	\$ 1,685.92
Cemetery Lots	\$ 1,800.00
Building Permits	\$ 28,623.66
Reimbursements	\$ 4,258.33
Planning Board	\$ 5,228.25
Zoning Board	\$ 1,343.00
Recycling	\$ 12,565.57
Insurance Reimbursement	\$ 23,880.97
Town Office	\$ 1,230.58
Tax Lien	\$ 335,176.37
Parks & Recreation	\$ 655.27
Interest on Checking Account	\$ 57,763.39
Sale of Town Property	\$ 4,364.30
Tri-Town Assessor	\$ 107,704.35
Town Departments	\$ 36,466.81
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 12,005.00
Cable Fees	\$ 5,292.03
Miscellaneous	\$ 8,131.12
Transfer Station	\$ 12,164.00
Rent	<u>\$ 2,800.00</u>
Total	\$ 10,739,263.58
Transfers to/from Investment Accounts	(\$ 77,854.44)
Beginning Balance January 1, 2007	\$2,277,786.18
Total Receipts & Beginning Balance	\$ 12,939,195.32
Selectmen's Orders Paid	<u>(\$10,644,349.66)</u>
Balance on December 31, 2007	\$2,294,845.66

Investment Accounts

NH Public Deposit Investment Pool

Balance January 1, 2007	\$1,180.07
Plus: Interest	\$59.73
Plus: Deposits	\$0.00
Less: Transfers	<u>\$0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2007	\$1,239.80

Blodgett Sewer Money Market Account

Balance January 1, 2007	\$35,113.91
Plus: Deposits	\$1,787.33
Plus: Interest	\$0.00
Less: Transfers	<u>\$0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2007	\$36,901.24

Conservation Commission

Balance January 1, 2007	\$252,631.31
Plus: Interest	\$7,393.40
Less Transfers	\$214,324.67
Plus: Transfers	<u>\$22,172.10</u>
Balance December 31, 2007	\$67,872.14

Recreation Revolving Fund

Balance January 1, 2007	\$2,028.02
Plus: Interest	\$6.47
Less: Transfers	\$1,268.30
Plus: Transfers	<u>\$2,985.55</u>
Balance December 31, 2007	\$3,751.74

Newbury Beautification Committee

Balance January 1, 2007	\$2,804.97
Plus: Interest	\$0
Less: Transfers	\$5,131.74
Plus: Transfers	<u>\$8,008.93</u>
Balance December 31, 2007	\$5,682.16

Tax Collector's Report
Summary of Tax Accounts Fiscal Year Ended
12/31/2007

Uncollected Tax	2007	2006	Prior
Beginning of Year			
Property Tax		\$ 508,400.84	
Land Use Change		\$ 15,600.00	
Yield		\$ 9,887.99	
Excavation/yard			
Utility Charge		\$ 13,207.80	
Interest & Bounced Ck			
Tax Committed			
Property Tax	\$8,980,713.00		
Land Use Change	\$ 97,900.00		
Yield	\$ 13,401.04		
Excavation/yard	\$ 871.01		
Utility Charge	\$ 146,595.00		
Other			
Overpayment			
Property Tax	\$ 4,594.00	\$ 5,702.99	
Land Use Change			
Yield			
Excavation/yard			
Excavation Activity			
Sewer Tax			
Insufficient Funds Fee	\$ 50.00		
Interest - Late Tax	\$ 7,037.76	\$ 35,893.42	
Total Debits	\$9,251,161.81	\$ 588,693.04	

Remitted to Treasurer			
Property Tax	\$8,365,281.28	\$ 509,807.04	
Land Use Change	\$ 84,600.00	\$ 15,600.00	
Yield	\$ 12,952.66	\$ 9,887.99	
Interest & Costs	\$ 6,999.60	\$ 35,893.42	
Excavation Tax	\$ 871.01		
Utility Charge	\$ 130,912.52	\$ 13,207.80	
Conversion to Lien			
Bounced Check	\$ 25.00		
Other			
Abatements			
Property Tax	\$ 207.83	\$ 4,296.79	
Land Use Change			
Yield			
Excavation/yard			
Utility Charge			
Interest			
Adjustment			
Deeded to Town			
Uncollected Tax			
EOY			
Property Tax	\$ 619,817.89		
Land Use Change	\$ 13,300.00		
Yield	\$ 448.38		
Excavation/yard			
Interest	\$ 38.16		
Utility Charge	\$ 15,682.48		
Bounced Check	\$ 25.00		
Total Credits	\$9,251,161.81	\$ 588,693.04	
Levies Of	2006	2005	Prior
Unredeemed liens at start of Year		\$ 117,663.97	\$48,396.70

Liens Executed	\$ 335,176.37		
Fiscal Year			
Interest & Costs	\$ 9,774.28	\$ 9,862.20	\$17,742.15
Mortgage Research Costs	\$ 2,296.00	\$ 925.00	\$ 929.74
Bad Check Chg.			\$ 25.00
Total Debits	\$ 347,246.65	\$ 128,451.17	\$67,093.59
Remitted to Treasurer			
Redemptions	\$ 185,600.79	\$ 58,888.34	\$48,396.70
Interest & Costs	\$ 9,774.28	\$ 9,862.20	\$17,742.15
Mortgage Research Costs	\$ 655.00	\$ 455.68	\$ 929.74
Bad Check Chrg.			\$ 25.00
Deeded to Town			
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	\$ 125.41	\$ 276.40	
Unredeemed Mortgage Research Costs	\$ 1,628.00	\$ 469.32	
Unredeemed Liens at End of Year	\$ 149,463.17	\$ 58,499.23	
Total Credits	\$ 347,246.65	\$ 128,451.17	\$67,093.59

Assessor's Report

The ushering in of 2007 saw changes in the assessing department. Dan Fitzgerald left to start his own business and Kris McAllister was hired to replace him. Kris and I rotated between Newbury, Sunapee and New London. Kris comes to us with over 6 years of experience and has attained the certified New Hampshire assessor designation and is approved as an appraiser supervisor by the State of New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration.

2007 has been a productive year in the world of assessing. We are completing the review of current use to comply with state requirements, not to mention the accuracy of our records. Our tax map review has been completed and the changes are at the mapping company. The next step is to have as accurate as possible a complete set of tax maps in both paper and in digital format. The digital format will allow us to link not only the assessing data to individual parcels but will allow additional data collected by various departments to be analyzed in the context of location. The color aerial photos will be added and the tax maps will become interactive.

We will be out during the winter and spring visiting properties for changes based on outstanding building permits from last year and this year along with reviewing subdivisions, lot mergers and annexations to reflect the proper assessment. If you see footprints in the snow around your house and you are not home we will leave a business card with a short note to let you know we were there. This would occur during the course of measuring the exterior of your home to verify the measurements.

A lot is happening in the world of assessing. The state of New Hampshire, along with the Department of Revenue Administration, has ramped up oversight, guidelines and rules to help improve the assessing programs around the state. As

we all know, New Hampshire relies on property taxes for most of its revenue. These rules are meant to create more transparency in the assessment process. The next time we complete an update of values town-wide we will produce a report which outlines all the steps we took to complete the update along with the data and thought process used. It is a lot of work on our end, but the outcome should mean continued fair and equitable assessments.

Some basic statistics are: we have about 2,528 separate parcels of which 150 are exempt from taxation. About half of the taxable value is direct waterfront and the number grows to well over 50% if you add to that water-access properties. Of the 2,528 parcels about 1,690 have buildings on them of some sort. The Town of Newbury has approximately 21,070 acres of assessable land.

We are scheduled to go through assessment review in 2010. The New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration Property Appraisal Division is charged with monitoring our assessment program following state law, administrative rules and guidelines established by the Assessing Standards Board. This review will be the most comprehensive to date. In my opinion, the most significant change will be the writing of an industry-compliant report by us explaining the thought process and corresponding data used to arrive at new values. The goal is to make the process transparent.

We are in the process of delineating neighborhoods, grouping them by age of home, size of lot, size of house, location and other factors that share similar characteristics. This will allow us to fine tune our data and produce more fair and equitable assessments. Preliminarily, the median ratio (assessed value compared to sale price) is 89.4% as compared to last year when it was 94%. This means that if a property sold for \$300,000, on the average the assessment would be \$268,200 or 89.4% of sales price. Please note that the 89.4% is an average

number made up of all sale prices in Newbury compared to the corresponding assessment.

We are constantly monitoring the market conditions as they relate to the different classes and sub-classes of property to determine if inequity exists among these classes. We are watching all segments closely over the next several months to determine if adjustments need to be made for the 2008 tax year.

There has been a lot of publicity surrounding the so-called 'view tax'. There is no such thing. View is simply a component part of the value of your property. There are varying degrees of view which we as professional assessors have been quantifying for years. Yes, view can be somewhat subjective, but the fact is, as long as the factors are being applied consistently across an entire community by a trained professional, it is fair. That is the ultimate goal of an assessing program: to be fair. Much of the recent talk about view stems from the fact that these communities never used view as a component of value. This tended to make their assessments unfair. In Newbury, view has been a component of value back to at least 2003 and maybe longer. The NH Assessing Standards Board recently stated that view is a component of a property's value. Opponents have stated the board should better define a view. I believe guidelines and standards established by the board will help in this area, but it will take some time to work through.

I would also like to remind taxpayers to regularly review their property record file to make sure their records are accurate. The office is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with assistance available, except for Wednesday when the office is

closed. You can view your property record card on-line at <http://data.visionappraisal.com/NewburyNH/>. Please do not hesitate to call our office at 763-4940, ext. 201, 209 or 212, with any inquiries relating to your property assessment.

*Normand Bernaiche, Town Assessor
Kris McAllister, Assistant Assessor
Denise Walter, Assessing Clerk*



*Kris McAllister, Norm Bernaiche, Thomas Dunn and
Jon Steiner visit during the holiday party at the town office
Photo courtesy Donna Long*

**Summary Inventory of Valuation
2007 Assessed Valuation**

Value of Land Only:			
	Acres	Valuation	Totals
Current Use	10,822	\$880,811	
Residential	10,577.65	\$358,655,360	
Commercial/ Industrial	1,712.39	\$9,586,633	
Total of Taxable Land	23,112.04		\$369,122,804
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable	2,255.09	(\$40,441,978)	
Value of Buildings Only:			
Residential		\$296,464,440	
Manufactured Housing		\$402,300	
Commercial/ Industrial		\$24,032,360	
Total of Taxable Buildings			\$320,899,100
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable		(\$5,624,400)	
Public Utilities			
Electric			\$5,000,000
Water			\$ -
Valuation Before Exemptions			\$695,021,904
Blind Exemptions (Number: 1)		\$15,000	\$15,000
Elderly Exemptions (Number: 5)		\$195,000	\$195,000
Wood Heating Exemptions (Number: 6)		\$450	\$450

Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions			\$210,450
Net Valuation on Which the Tax Rate is Computed			\$694,811,454
Revenues Received from			
Payments in Lieu of Taxes			
State & Federal Forest Land Recreation and/or Flood Control Land.		\$1,052	
Other (John Hay Nat'l Wildlife)		\$12,005	

Tax Credit

	Limit	Number	Tax Credit
Totally & permanently disabled	\$2,000	3	\$6,000
Vets., their spouses or widows, and widows of vets.	\$500	119	\$59,500
Total war service credits		122	\$65,500

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	239,000	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	4,800	vacant land
952 Route 103	633,500	Safety Services
967 Route 103	620,100	Town dock
977 Route 103	675,000	Beach/Train station
919 Route 103	169,500	Camacho
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	2,800	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	51,800	vacant land
50 South Rd.	34,400	vacant land
Park 10	1,500	vacant land
Park 10 (Dopler)	2,600	vacant land
Park 10 (Wildwood)	2,100	vacant land
Newbury Traffic Circle	50,100	vacant land

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



*Gazebo in the snow
Photo courtesy Donna Long*

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 of the community.

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

The budget committee hereby recommends passage of the budget and other warrant articles as submitted by the board of selectmen.

Jim Powell, Richard Wright, Gary Budd, Ivor Freeman, Joy Nowell, Tom Vannatta, Dennis Pavlicek



*Photo courtesy
Connie Pavlicek*

Newbury Public Library

The library enjoyed a lively and productive 2007. In November, the library was pleased to welcome Shannon Storm to the staff.

The Collection

At year's end, the library had 14,746 items on its shelves. During the year, 778 items were added and 129 withdrawn. The collection included 43 periodical titles, 1,415 videos and 765 audio books.

Patrons

The library had 1,588 registered patrons, and served 213 other public libraries through the New Hampshire interlibrary loan program.

Patron Visits and Checkouts, 2007

The library saw an increase in both patron visits and checkouts in 2007.

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Patron visits	14,557	14,251	13,381
Checkouts	18,807	18,242	17,935

Interlibrary Loans

Borrowing: 445

Lending: 313

Programs, 2007

Reading Discussions

- January: *The Footprints of God* by Greg Iles
Discussion leader: Tom Forry
- February: *Muster Days at Muster Field Farm* by Jack Noon
Discussion leader: Jack Noon
- March: *Second Glance* by Jodi Picoult
Discussion leader: Liz Tentarelli
- July: *A Girl Named Zippy* by Haven Kimmel
Discussion leader: Jane Moss
- August: *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe
Discussion leader: Bette Cruikshank
- October: *The Game of Their Lives* by Geoffrey Douglas
Discussion leader: Geoffrey Douglas
- December: *Rules for Old Men Waiting* by Peter Pouncey
Discussion leader: Frank Perrotta



*Leisurely enjoying the afternoon at the Library
Photo courtesy Rosie Johnson*

Guest Author Visits

In February, avid outdoorsman and historian Jack Noon of Sutton led the group in a discussion of his book *Muster Days at Muster Field Farm*.

Geoffrey Douglas, author of *The Game of Their Lives: The Untold Story of the World Cup's Biggest Upset*, read selections from his book and answered audience questions during the October book discussion.

Cultural Programs

Newbury poet Dianalee Velie acted as moderator of our monthly Poetry Jam. This new program experienced exciting growth over the past year.

Preschool Story Hour

Preschool story hour was held every Wednesday in 2007. Average attendance was 11 children and 8 adults. Children's Librarian Jane Moss, 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 also enjoyed nature programs with special guest Kathleen Stowell, naturalist from the Lake Sunapee Protective Association, and an October visit from Susan Cancio-Bello filled with music, movement and spooky Halloween fun!

Summer Reading Programs

The summer's program for children in grades 1 through 5 - Stories and Ice Cream for Hot Summer Days - ran on Tuesday afternoons during July and August with book readings, craft activities and ice cream. Liz Tentarelli and Bev Wolf, both

volunteers, conducted the program. In addition, the summer program included two poetry workshops led by Tim Fortier and Dianalee Velie.

Janet Rucker, the young adult librarian, encouraged students in the YA summer reading program. Students in grades 6-12 earned "library bucks" for pages read. At the end of the summer they celebrated their reading success with a pizza party and silent auction.

Family Programs

"Birds for Beginners"- This hands-on program presented by the New Hampshire Audubon Society provided children in grades kindergarten through 5th grade with an opportunity to see and touch wings, feathers, bones and beaks, as well as visit with a live bird.

"Fun with French"- Delphine Hill taught French through stories, songs and games to children in grades 1-5.

"Supper Time Stories for Summer Evenings" - The library invited the community to join us for family fun, stories and inspired silliness. The following programs were held on three Monday evenings during the summer: *Around the Pond* with Kathleen Stowell; *Pizza Stories, Pizza Crafts and PIZZA!* with Jane Moss; and *The Rainbow Fish* with Susan Cancio-Bello.

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

"Paws-to-Read" - Children (ages 5 and above) were invited to participate in a program to improve their literacy skills with the assistance of a certified canine companion and her handler, Sheila Sabo.

“Happy Book Day Party” - Children's Librarian Jane Moss and area children celebrated the arrival of 66 new young adult and children's books. The books were generously given by The Libri Foundation and the Friends of the Newbury Public Library.

Friends of Newbury Public Library, Inc.

The Friends, a nonprofit corporation, supported the library through dues, donations and a bake sale. At their annual meeting in September, the Friends elected Liz Moulton as president, Michelle Noyer and Jen Sweet as co-secretaries and Ken Tentarelli as treasurer. The Friends gave the library a supply of DVD and CD boxes, supported the summer reading programs and supplied refreshments for all of the library's programs. 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 2007 were Regina Almond-Albro, Dave Barden, Bob Bergeron, Susan Crickman, Den Danna, Don Falkowski, Julia Falkowski, Paula Falkowski, Kelly Fayton, Lee Fleming-Salt, Tom Forry, Judy Hale, Stu Hale, Lorraine Iacopino, Greg Johnson, Christy LeBoeuf, Suzanne Levine, Alice Lynn, Nancy Marashio, Bruce Marquis, Jane Moss, Mike Moss, Frank Perrotta, Krystina Pulaski, Janet Rucker, Sheila Sabo, Ken Tentarelli, Liz Tentarelli, Sharon Tentarelli, Heidi Thoma, Dianalee Velie, Bev Wolf and Dan Wolf. For the year, volunteers contributed over 500 hours of labor.

Wireless Internet Access

High-speed wireless access is 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 the library's web site at <http://newburylibrary.net/>.

Rosie Johnson, Librarian

Trustees: Bev Wolf, Paula Falkowski, Liz Tentarelli



*Jacob Long enjoys a pizza at the 'Supper Time Stories for Summer Evenings' at the Library
Photo courtesy Rosie Johnson*

Newbury Historical Society

Last January, the Newbury Historical Society started off the year with two new initiatives. The Sherman-Ayer History Club was proposed by John Grocott and it was created as a committee of the society. The purpose is to research the story of Newbury's past and communicate it to the community. Anyone interested in researching and writing historical sketches and who wishes to join the club may contact any of the officers or directors below.

A proposal to place date markers on historic homes was made by Diana Morris. The board created a committee to carry this out. During the rest of the year, homes were sought and research started. Several sample markers were designed and constructed with one being selected by the board. Anyone wishing a marker and who knows the age of their home may contact an officer or director.

A proposal to create a pictorial town history was made by Dennis Pavlicek. The board agreed it was a good idea and created a committee to carry out the project which is still in the planning stages. The committee expects to produce a book with close to three hundred old pictures of Newbury people and places. If you have any old pictures (1960 and earlier) to contribute, please see Dennis or Bill Weiler to have them copied.

The society, in cooperation with the town, applied for and won a grant of \$10,000 to restore and conserve town book "C", the oldest surviving record book in the town. This preservation project was made possible through funds received from the sale of the moose New Hampshire conservation license plate and administered by the New Hampshire State Library, a division of the New Hampshire Department of Cultural

Resources. When the project is complete in June 2008, the book will be available to be seen by the public, and microfilm copies will be available to researchers.

This year the society joined a historical collaborative consisting of The Barn Playhouse, The Fells, and the New London and Sunapee historical societies. The purpose is to offer a series of history-based events during the summer for the entertainment of locals and tourists. The society will contribute to next year's theme: *Hosting our Summer Guests: 1880s – 1930s*.

The society held its annual meeting in July in the South Newbury town hall. The membership reelected incumbent director Alice Lynn for a three-year term. Also, they elected Bob Morris and Dick Matte for three-year terms. The featured speaker was Ron Garceau of Sunapee who presented a slide show entitled "The Steamboat Era on Lake Sunapee."

Our membership now stands at 100, which includes 52 family memberships, 4 business memberships, and 44 individual members. Among the individual members, 33 are lifetime members.

The treasurer reports that at the end of our fiscal year, May 31st, our working fund balance was at \$4,450.19. Our conservation and preservation fund balance increased to \$1,118.32. We have \$3,800.00 in certificates of deposit, the interest from which pays the dues of the life members.

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

Please see our web page on the town website. Just click on "Historical Society" on the front page. Meeting minutes, board

members' names, and contact information are now available. Look for continuing improvements.

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: *Deane Geddes*, *Alice Lynn*, *Robert Morris*,
Dennis Pavlicek



The Center Meeting House circa early 1900's

Center Meeting House

Vision Statement: To conserve the Center Meeting House for future generations and to make it a center for activities that will unite and enrich our community.

Mission Statement: To restore the Center Meeting House to its former glory, and to ensure that the restoration will last and be aesthetically pleasing by using the highest quality workmanship and materials available.

Pat Sherman, the contractor of Newbury's visioning process, reports that, "During each of the three public sessions that made up the visioning process, participants emphasized that any new buildings should respect the meeting house's architectural style, pastoral setting and building scale, to ensure that the meeting house's historic significance is honored and preserved for the town's future."

Past successes include the setting of a new foundation, two celebrations of Thanksgiving that included entertainment in the town's meeting room, the collection of food for the food pantry, and refreshments by the Newbury Beautification Committee. The people of Newbury were proud to receive recognition of the CMH's importance to the state when we were awarded a Land & Community Heritage Investment Program grant in the amount of \$100,000.

Intense work has continued behind the scenes in developing the necessary plans for the renovation work and raising the money to pay for it. Much more is required and the pace of work in the meeting house and activities to raise the necessary funds will be more obvious in the coming weeks. While fundraising has now surpassed the \$500,000 mark, you will soon be hearing more about what we need to complete this monumental task.

Everyone received our first newsletter that was mailed out to over 1,700 homes of property owners, both local and out of town. The response, both in terms of awareness and new memberships, has been gratifying.

Our board meetings are held in the town offices at 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. Come and join us in finding out what is happening and give us your input to truly make the Center Meeting House a center for our town's activities.

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



*Center Meeting House Steeple
Photo courtesy Donna Long*

Transfer Station

The residents of Newbury have been doing a great job with their recycling efforts at the Transfer Station this year. There has been an increase in the recycling of co-mingled paper, plastic and tin cans, which has resulted in the town receiving money back at an all-time high. Also, more people have been putting their electronic recyclables in the proper bins which has cut down on the amounts of electronics going into the trash. The existing recycling collection consists of the following: co-mingled containers for #1 and #2 plastics and steel cans, corrugated cardboard (OCC), glass, mixed paper, metals, aluminum cans and assorted steel, computers and electronics, DC batteries, lead acid batteries, tires, leaves and grass clippings.

Our compost area has moved over to the Fishersfield property across the street. Anyone who has compost should see an attendant to receive directions on where and when to dispose of materials. The compost pile is periodically turned over by our highway department.



*Residents enjoy the band 'Lunch at the Dump' during Old Home Day
Photo courtesy Elizabeth Ashworth*

The recycling rate for 2007 is 27.5%, up from 19% in 2006. Since 2005 we are down over 50 tons of trash that have gone into recycling. Thank you so much, Newbury! The following data shows the increase of recyclable materials compared to the prior year.

Town of Newbury Solid Waste Summary

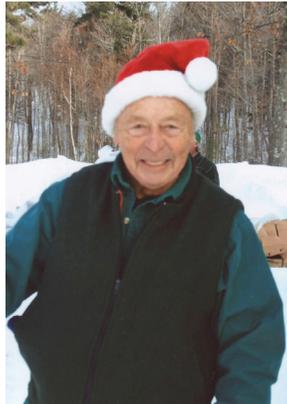
	2004	2005	2006	2007
Trash (tons)	894.19	899.34	882.91	841.74
Demo (tons)	260.75	237.12	225.47	212.49
Paper (tons)	55.59	91.29	53.04	103.23
Cardboard (tons)	31.89	15.94	15.4	42.57
Aluminum (tons)	5.535	2.598	2.11	2.77
Steel (tons)	94.88	93.77	83.14	65.09
Batteries	1.73	2.22	0	1.76
Co-mingled				
Container (tons)			3.6	14.65
Electronics (tons)				4.16
Glass (tons)				8.25
Compost yard waste (cu. yds.)				60

Just a reminder, the transfer station hours of operation are: Mondays 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The fees for the following disposal of waste are: Construction and demolition \$30 per half or small pick-up, \$50 for full-size pick-up, \$60 per one-ton truck; \$10 for stoves, heaters, washers, dryers, dishwashers, microwaves, convection ovens, or water heaters; \$25 for air conditioners, refrigerators, or freezers (doors must be removed); \$3 for propane tanks, \$3 for tires less than 16", \$10 for tires 16" and greater, \$10 for TVs and monitors less than 19", \$20 for console TVs and screens greater than 19", \$5 for CPUs and printers, \$10 for stereo systems and \$5 for VCRs and table radios.

As always, thank you to all residents of Newbury for your ongoing cooperation in making Newbury's recycling efforts successful. Remember, every pound of recycled goods is one less pound of trash for which Newbury gets charged. For the small amount of time it takes to recycle you are keeping our landfills open that much longer.

Recyclable Material	Amount Recycled in 2007	Environmental Impact Here is only one benefit of using this recycled material rather than natural resources (raw materials) to manufacture new products.
Aluminum Cans	5,540 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to run a television for 563,750 hours.
Paper	103 tons	Saved 1,744 trees
Scrap Metal	65 tons	Conserved 65,081 pounds of coal

Churchill Heselton, Chief Operator
Will Willis, Assistant



Will Willis in his holiday attire
Photo courtesy Holly von Svoboda

Information Booth

Since 2001, visitors to our Newbury information booth were greeted with the cheerful, smiling person of Jean Gaito. We lost Jean this year and our hearts will always miss her.

Charley Killam joined us in greeting the hundreds of people, visitors and residents alike, who stopped by to learn more about our region. In this day of everything costing more and more, it is a pleasure to offer the hospitality of Newbury's harbor.

We look forward to a busy summer of 2008.

Martha von Redlich, Jane Johnsen and Charles Killam



*Jean Gaito (1930 – 2007)
Photo courtesy Martha von Redlich*

Old Home Day

Old Home Day proved to be another success in 2007. Several volunteers met in early spring to start organizing this annual event. Various subcommittees were formed and each group met independently, then reported to the whole committee on a monthly basis. These subcommittees included advertising and public relations, kids' games, food, entertainment, safety and general administration.

Numerous activities took place throughout the day at various locations. Another visit from the state helicopter, entertainment by the Bruce Marshall Group, kids' water games and boat rides took place at the harbor. A farmers' market with local produce and crafts, as well as children's games, was held at the Bald Sunapee property. The safety services building had a visit from Smokey the Bear, and there was an information booth set up during the day. The fire department also held a bingo game in the evening. The town office was host to an art exhibit, board games, entertainment by Lunch at the Dump, a dunk tank, displays of local organizations, a performance by the Bradford Squares, and an old-fashioned barbecue. The day-long event was topped off by a spectacular fireworks display at the harbor.

Many thanks to the volunteers in and around Newbury that helped organize and execute this town-wide gala. We look forward to the third annual Old Home Day scheduled tentatively for July 12, 2008. Anyone who is interested in taking part in planning this year's celebration should contact the town office at 763-4940.

Donna Long, Administrative Assistant

Parks and Recreation

2007 was an exciting year for Newbury Parks and Recreation. Many new programs and events came into existence and all of the existing programs continued to thrive. 2007 also saw increases in usage of all of our existing facilities. The Newbury Harbor beach and dock area saw a busy summer and again hosted a successful swimming lessons program as well as the popular, Thursday night Newbury Summer Concert Series. These events are usually very well attended in good weather and we hope to continue to bring some of your favorite acts back to Newbury, as well as bring in some of the hot new acts in the Lake Sunapee Region. The combination of great music, swimming access, boat access and good friendship makes these community events not to be missed.

Two Newbury Recreation Department events were hosted in conjunction with The Fells and the John Hay Estate and we would like to thank Dr. Mary Kronenwetter and the Friends of the Fells for all of their continuous support. This is a great place to have access to and both of our camps were buoyed greatly by this incomparable location. The first camp we held there this year was the Newbury Recreation Ecology Camp. This camp was a combination of wetland ecology, hiking, watershed ecology, fisheries biology as well as a morning of fishing on the lake with New Hampshire Fish and Game. This camp will be expanded next year to a wider age range. The second camp, Newbury Fall Hiking Program, was also successful, where we hosted 21 students from Kearsarge Elementary three consecutive Wednesday afternoons. Students were able to take the bus, since this is a standard route, and arrive at The Fells for an afternoon hike that was sprinkled with an easygoing lesson about the watershed that is evident on this property.

This year marked the start of a vibrant, community weekly event, The Newbury Farmers' Market was held every Friday

night in the summer and fall from 4-7 p.m. at the Bald Sunapee location adjacent to the library. These events were punctuated by talented local craftsmen, produce from local farms, live music, delicious baked goods and a valuable community meeting place. What a tremendous opportunity to our community-food grown close to home, supporting our neighbors' business instead of big business and live music all at one place.

The Newbury Fall Foliage Festival and the Fall Fling 5K were hosted in September, and were very successful. The 5K fun run/walk had 54 entrants which was beyond expectations for a first-year event. The festival consisted of a craft fair with local vendors, food concessions, local groups and kids' games on the lawn behind the festival. Nearly one thousand dollars were raised for the Recreation Revolving Fund to be targeted towards equipment needed for Fishersfield Park.

A fly-casting lessons program was started in 2007 and the lessons were attended by nine people. Look for more casting lessons as well as fly-tying in spring/summer 2008.

Thank you to our many volunteers without whom not much of this is possible. It is truly the spirit of volunteerism which continues to drive us forward.

Travis Dezotell, Recreation Coordinator



*Jonlyn Legros has a great finish
at the first annual Fall Fling 5K
Photo courtesy Pete Legros*

Kearsarge Area Preschool

The Kearsarge Area Preschool proudly “graduated” ten students in June 2007 and we hear they are thriving in area kindergartens. Several of our past parents are now active members and leaders in their elementary school parent organizations and we are proud of them too!

K.A.P. parents helped out at the third annual Bradford Fun Day in September, sponsoring a craft tent where young artists could make pinwheels, bracelets, and fall decorations. Once again, families and staff collected items for two Thanksgiving baskets that were distributed by local churches to families in need. New this year, the preschool hosted a very successful Breakfast with Santa. Over 90 people turned out for pancakes and photos with Santa. One young visitor, apprised by his mother that sometimes helpers stand in for the real Santa during the busy Christmas season, looked carefully at the man in the red suit and said with awe, “Wow, they got the REAL Santa!”

It has been a challenging year in some respects for the program, with lower than usual enrollment and unexpected turnover in the board of directors. A committee has formed to investigate ways the program can grow and change to better serve the needs of our community, perhaps with extended hours to make it more accessible for working parents. Current parents are also working hard on various fundraising efforts to help make up for fewer tuition dollars than anticipated. We hope the community will respond generously so that the program can continue to provide a wonderful first school experience for our youngest learners.

We are grateful to the Town of Bradford for keeping our beautiful space in the Bradford Area Community Center affordable and to the Town of Newbury for financial support. We also give our special thanks to Kate Dobrowski, BACC

director, for her above-and-beyond help with day-to-day issues and to the BACC Governance Board for its willingness to help our program. We also appreciate the great work on repairing the outdoor deck done by Bruss Construction.

You can learn more about the preschool and find application materials on our website, www.kearsargeareapreschool.org. Families with interest in the 2008-2009 school year (and beyond!) are encouraged to join current families in planning for our future!

Lyn Betz, teacher/director

Karen Hambleton, president, board of directors

2007-2008 Board of Directors: Karen Hambleton, president and acting treasurer; Bonnie Nester, vice president; Mary Ann Wright, secretary and representative to the BACC; Karen Strickland and Celina Wilson, officers.



The four-year-old class of the Kearsarge Area Preschool helped pack Thanksgiving baskets that included napkin rings they had created.

Photo courtesy Lyn Betz

Bradford-Newbury-Sutton Youth Sports

In 2007 Bradford-Newbury-Sutton Youth Sports (BNSYS) provided team-based athletic opportunities for area youth. In the spring and summer, there were 149 participants in the baseball and softball programs comprised of twelve teams ranging from t-ball to the 13-and-older Babe Ruth teams. There were 6 scholarships given to families who requested assistance.

In the fall, the soccer program welcomed 154 children and an additional 6 scholarships were given to those in need to ensure that every child who wanted to participate could do so. It is exciting to continue to maintain such healthy participation from our area youth.

Once again, the major-league camp came to provide instruction to over 87 kids. We thank all those who opened up their homes to help sponsor these coaches. The soccer camp continues to be a great success.

In August, BNSYS sponsored "SoccerFest" which was a fund raiser for the soccer program. This event was a lot of fun and culminated with an exciting game between the major-league soccer coaches and the Kearsarge Regional High School soccer team. We thank all those who participated in this wonderful event.

Last year, BNSYS set a number of goals to build our infrastructure. We raised additional funds from the towns of Bradford and Newbury, as well as many private sources, to accomplish these goals. We are most grateful to all for your generous support.

Some of the improvements accomplished were:

- ❖ A new storage and maintenance facility was built at Warren Brook Park.

- ❖ Fencing was erected at the softball field.
- ❖ A new well was provided at Warren Brook Park.
- ❖ New roofs were installed on the dugout and snack shack at the elementary school.
- ❖ Some new uniforms were provided for both baseball and softball teams.

Once again, thank you to all who provided financial support as well as to those providing materials and labor to accomplish our goals.

The 2007 golf tournament took place at the Country Club of New Hampshire. This year's event was the most successful ever. Not even a few rain drops could spoil the fun. Many thanks to all those who contributed and participated in this annual fundraising event.

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 the younger children are played at the elementary school and Brown-Shattuck Park in Bradford. BNSYS maintains all of these facilities during the sport seasons.

BNSYS is a volunteer non-profit organization that relies heavily on community support. Most of this support comes from contributions from individuals, families and local businesses. Support from the towns was increased last year to help BNSYS meet our objectives for the year and we are grateful. It is our continued 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>	Fundraising
<i>Tina DesFosses</i>	Softball Director
<i>Jen Dow</i>	Soccer Director
<i>Diane Gadoury</i>	Treasurer
<i>Dennis Heiner</i>	Baseball Director
<i>Michael MacDonald</i>	Equipment Director
<i>Rod McConnell</i>	Field Maintenance
<i>Jay Tucker</i>	President



Carly St. Louis runs with the ball during a BNSYS soccer game. Photo courtesy Lynn St. Louis

The Velie Memorial Fund, Inc.

We are delighted and proud to report that 2007 has been the most significant year for The Velie Memorial Fund, Inc.

After raising more than \$110,000 in donations and receiving an additional \$47,000 in grant funds, we have reached our final goal. VMF is now ready to complete construction of a beautiful playground in loving memory of Currie-Hill Velie and her sons, Joseph John Velie and Jack Jasper Velie, in the spring of 2008.

The greatest accomplishment in 2007 occurred the week before Christmas when \$150,000 in playground equipment was delivered from GameTime's headquarters in Fort Payne, Alabama to the community and children of Newbury, New Hampshire. It was like a huge Christmas present arriving to our great town. Everyone was in the Christmas spirit. With the magnitude, weight and size of the heavy equipment, our team could not have attempted to unload it without the tremendous assistance from Dennis Pavlicek, Travis Dezotell, Will Willis, Hank Thomas, Churchill Heselton, Mike Bascom, Dave Fanning, Tate Sweetbrown and Brian Wright. "It is wonderful to see so many volunteers help us make a dream come true," said Dianalee Velie.

As the equipment was carefully unloaded, we found an extra surprise parcel in the container. A small, stowaway kitten hopped on board in Alabama and traveled five days without food and water to reach the town of Newbury.

Frightened and traumatized, this little southern belle jumped out of the container into the deep snow. She fled into the cold December blizzard and was later rescued by Police Chief Bob Lee. We are pleased to report that with the generous care and assistance received from The Compassion Veterinary Clinic that Ala (the angel) from Alabama is doing very well and has

chosen to reside at the von Svoboda home at Mountain Meadow Hideaway. She will be a special guest of honor at our grand opening ceremony.



*Kristyn cuddles with Ala
Photo courtesy Ken Schuster*

As we reflect back on the growth and development of this project, VMF will always remember a day in October when the town of Newbury announced that they had chosen a 10,000-square-foot site for the playground located in the center of Newbury. “It is magnificent! With new sidewalks in the forecast, the backdrop of Mount Sunapee and the close proximity to our wonderful library, we could not have asked for anything more for the children,” said Dianalee Velie.

For many months, VMF worked with playground companies in order to find the best possible design for our town. While interviewing one of three playground finalists, GameTime Inc. presented The Velie Memorial Fund, Inc. with an additional \$47,000 grant. This significant contribution allowed for additional pieces of playground equipment to be purchased. When GameTime presented such a wide choice of equipment

together with an additional grant, we knew we had just chosen our designer, according to project chairman Dianalee Velie.

The grant works in conjunction with GameTime and The Trust for Public Land (TPL). This is a national nonprofit land conservation organization that conserves land for people to enjoy as parks, gardens and natural areas ensuring livelihood in communities for generations to come. Since its founding in 1972, TPL has helped protect 2-million acres of land in 45 states.

The playground's theme is centered on Newbury's rich history and natural beauty. There will be a small train and swings for the 2-3 year olds. For the older children, there will be climbing walls, swings, ropes and a cascading double slide done in rich blue tones representing our beautiful lake and mountains.

We can envision meandering natural pathways with two small bridges that will connect the playground to the town offices. VMF's group strongly believes it is important to integrate nature into the playground environment in a way that awakens and encourages the sense of discovery in our children.

The third accomplishment was achieved in November 2007 when a development agreement was signed between the town of Newbury and The Velie Memorial Fund, Inc.

VMF also graciously received assistance with the initial site preparation from a private donor. Jim Powell, Dick Wright and Dennis Pavlicek then joined Dianalee Velie and VMF's Board of Directors, David "Grizz" Fanning, Dexter Burley and Holly von Svoboda, on Friday, November 16th at the official ground-breaking ceremony. In order for the ground to settle over the winter months, the site has now been leveled and cleared.

At this time, we would like to express our sincere gratification and thanks to our selectmen and our wonderful community. As Jim Powell stated, "It is amazing what a town can do when it comes together." Currently, we are now waiting on the snow to melt and look forward to completing this project and inviting you to our grand opening in the spring of 2008.

Our current board of directors includes Dianalee Velie, Joe Velie, David "Grizz" Fanning, Dexter Burley, Catherine Feeney, Catherine Budd and Holly von Svoboda.

Holly von Svoboda for The Velie Memorial Fund, Inc.



*Tate Sweetbrown, Travis Dezotell, Brian Wright, Dave Fanning and Will Willis pose by the loader after unloading the playground equipment.
Photo courtesy Holly von Svoboda*

The Fells

Friends of the John Hay National Wildlife Refuge

While the anticipated 2007 property transfer described in last year's report to put 83.7 acres into ownership by The Fells nonprofit did not yet take place, progress on that significant project continued throughout the year. On September 6, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) held a meeting at the Newbury town offices to take public comments on its draft Environmental Assessment (EA). That report was accepted and finalized by USFWS in October, making its choice to transfer property to The Fells official. In December the Town of Newbury gave subdivision approval for the property transfer.

We have exceeded our minimum \$750,000 fundraising goal for this project. As part of this campaign, we sent requests for support to all residents of a dozen local towns, including Newbury. Anyone who gave at least \$50 to the campaign was also given a Fells membership, including a number of households from Newbury who chose to support us in this way.

Our 2007 programs were many and varied, including classes, lectures, walks and exhibits in history, horticulture and the environment. We continued to partner in education with the Lake Sunapee Protective Association, the New England Wild Flower Society, and the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, among others. We worked to further expand our programs for children and families. Participation by the Town of Newbury Recreation Department in this area has been important. In the summer, Travis Dezotell, Newbury's recreation coordinator, taught a week of children's ecology day camp. In the fall, he led a children's after-school hiking program at The Fells for several weeks, attended by about 20 children each week. We appreciate Travis meeting

with our Education Committee to plan such collaborative programming.

We participated in a new history collaboration with the New London and Sunapee historical societies, as well as the New London Barn Playhouse and the Lake Sunapee Protective Association, presenting *1920s and '30s: Pastimes and Amusements Around Lake Sunapee*. In 2008, this collaboration is being extended to include the Newbury Historical Society, which has been meeting with The Fells and the other participants this fall to plan for next year.

The engaging figurative sculpture exhibit *Go Figure!* was on the grounds from July through October, with a companion exhibition in the Main House for July and early August. This show garnered excellent publicity for The Fells across the state and attracted many visitors. Two other art shows in the Main House flanked that exhibit, first *Sunapee Summer Memories* and later *In Nature*. Please reference our 2007 course book for more complete information on events and programs throughout the year.

Visitation to The Fells was exceptional this summer, with over 7,000 visitors counted from late May through early October, not including tour groups, participants in educational programs, or special-event attendees. This compares with 4,500 visitors over the same period in 2006. This increased visitation made for an often crowded Fells parking area, especially since hikers of Sunset Hill (Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests' property) also use The Fells lot.

In addition to many groups that came to tour The Fells, the New London Rotary Club had its annual meeting at The Fells in June and the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation brought its most significant donors to The Fells for a gathering in August. Three small weddings (including two receptions)

were held at The Fells in 2007. The timing of our popular annual Plant Sale was successfully changed from August to June. Besides free opening receptions for our other two art shows, we hosted a ticketed opening celebration for our sculpture exhibit in late June (whose honorary chair was Van McLeod, commissioner for the State of New Hampshire's Department of Cultural Resources, and which was also attended by Sylvia Larsen, president of the New Hampshire State Senate) and a return of our fundraising auction in August.

In addition to regular gardens and grounds maintenance, several parts of the property received special attention this year. We replanted the large heather bed to the south of the Rock Garden. Those historic plants were mostly destroyed by a combination of little snow cover and very cold, windy conditions two winters earlier. We also completed a Master Plan for the Old Garden and the surrounding northern portion of the property and began renovation work in that area. In October, the New Hampshire Society of Arborists limbed, trimmed and cut down selected trees for safety and aesthetic reasons, with a focus in the Old Garden. They did this work on a volunteer basis, having chosen The Fells for their annual fall work project. Other landscape achievements in 2007 include new plantings outside the Main House public restrooms, clearing under the large beech tree by the Rose Terrace, and the uncovering of the handsome rocky ledge between the Main House and the Cottage.

A portion of the exterior of the Main House was professionally painted this year, with plans to do more of that project in each of the next two years. Volunteers installed a ventilation system in the Main House public restroom area and also enclosed an outside storage space adjacent to the Gatehouse.

Fells membership is now over 1,000 households, a new milestone. Of these, 115 are from Newbury. We introduced a

corporate membership program in 2007, with 17 inaugural business participants.

Our 2007 staffing level has remained fairly consistent, and included four summer interns (up from three – from Dartmouth College, Hampshire College, Lewis and Clark College and the University of Minnesota), three of whom lived in the Main House for 12 weeks. Three staff members continue to work year-round in the Gatehouse, along with an additional seven seasonal employees plus several contract workers.

We continue to provide the Newbury Library with a complimentary Fells library membership which provides passes to be checked out that admit holders to The Fells at no charge. On July 14 and 15, in conjunction with Newbury Old Home Day, we offered free Fells admission to all Newbury residents and employees. Later in the summer, we sent two free passes to every postal patron in a dozen local towns including Newbury (the same towns from which we had solicited capital campaign support). Many Newbury residents used the passes to visit The Fells.

Newbury residents continue to volunteer their time at The Fells in a wide range of capacities, including board (Fay Barden and Bob Morris) and committee leadership, gardening, hospitality, maintenance, shop keeping, special events, tour guiding and more. Dennis Pavlicek continues as an ex-officio board member, and received by email all agendas and minutes of Fells board meetings throughout the year.

We thank the Town of Newbury for support and help in both general and specific ways during 2007. We particularly appreciated the use of the Town Office meeting space for history series lectures in January (*New Hampshire on Skis*) and November (*Hunting as a Gentleman's Recreation – History and Images of Corbin's Park*).

We view The Fells as a wonderful natural and cultural asset of historic significance that it is our mission to preserve and share with the public, first and foremost our closest neighbors, then other local residents as well as tourists from outside our area. This place is a wonderful treasure that we hope will be appreciated and enjoyed by many. We look forward to working together with the Town of Newbury in 2008 for the common good, benefiting residents of Newbury and beyond.

Karen Zurheide, Executive Director



*Solitude on Lake Sunapee
Photo courtesy Donna Long*

Newbury Beautification Committee

Before town meeting 2007, Newbury Beautification Committee (NBC) hosted the first annual ham-and-bean supper at Mt. Sunapee Resort's Spruce Lodge. We provided the ham and beans and invited everyone to join us and bring a dessert or bread to share. We all enjoyed it and hope you did also. We are once again inviting you to join us. We will do ham, beans, coleslaw and beverages and hope you will come. Bring a dessert or rolls (if you can) but do come!

The second new 'tradition' we started in 2007 was the wreath sale on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. We thank you for your participation and invite you to next year's sale on November 29th. The wreath sale defrays the costs of our greening the town for the holidays just as the Memorial Day plant sale helps pay for the flowers in the planters throughout Newbury. This year's plant sale will be Saturday, May 24th. The location is yet to be determined but we will keep you posted.



*Claire Vannatta, Joy Nowell and Sue Russell make bows
for the Newbury Beautification Committee wreath sale.
Photo courtesy Rich Cole*

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. We meet the first Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. in the town offices but meetings are optional.

Please join us in making Newbury more beautiful. There is something for everyone—Old Home Day, Fall Festival, Thanksgiving gathering, plant barrels, wreath sale, greening the town. Join us. Do a little or a lot—it is fun.

For information or to join the NBC, call Bonnie Guterl (763-2840), Diana Morris (763-5859) or Joy Nowell (938-6054).

Joy Nowell, President



*The Newbury Beautification Committee receives
an award from Governor John Lynch.
Photo courtesy Rich Cole*

Report of the School Board

As you read this report, we are preparing to move into our new regional middle school. The Kearsarge Regional School District, beginning its fifth decade, continues to strive to provide the best learning environment possible for our students and staff. Our excellent faculty has the resources and opportunity to develop new and innovative strategies in addressing the demands facing Newbury's students in today's global society.

The current focus of our efforts will be on the continued development of a comprehensive strategic master plan. A subcommittee of the board, with the superintendent, has been reviewing the district's vision and mission in order to more clearly define and articulate the district's short- and long-term goals and objectives. While the first phase of the review has been limited to district personnel, during the next several months it will be expanded to include parents, parent groups, students and the community at large.

The proposed 2008-09 budget provides for the hiring of a facilities director. This position will allow for the coordination of facility maintenance and the development of a district capital improvement plan. We believe that having one individual responsible for the development and implementation of the district capital improvement plan will be more cost efficient and provide a superior result.

The Kearsarge Regional School District continues to provide an excellent education for all Newbury students. This would not be possible without the support of you, our Newbury citizens.

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

Cemetery Trustees

Our most important effort this year was the fence project at Lakeside Cemetery. Approximately 440 feet of chain-link fencing was replaced by granite posts and chain with double pillars and a gated entrance. The contract was signed with Campbell Fence of Salisbury in April and work began on August 15 with the delivery of the posts from Sunapee Granite. Attaching the I bolts that connect the chain to the granite took some time as the process was slow and painstaking. Several more days were needed to set the posts in place and connect the chain. Work was completed in mid-September and then the disturbed areas were filled in and reseeded.

Much time was spent in planning next year's extension of fencing at Lakeside. We anticipate putting chain-link fencing along the west side boundary area. This proposal had to be preceded by survey work as that boundary was not clear.

Monument repair work this year included approximately 35 old gravestones in Chandler and several in Bean Cemetery. This work was completed by the Keene Monument Company in October. As of this year, all cemeteries except Lakeside have had substantial monument maintenance work completed as part of a long-range improvement program.

On September 15, the trustees hosted the fall meeting of the Old Graveyard Association. Despite the stormy day, the meeting was well attended and the members enjoyed their first-ever visit to our facilities and cemeteries. Arrangements were made by John and Elaine Warren, members of the friends of the cemeteries. Talks were given by each of the trustees covering Newbury history, research methods on old families, and photographic preservation of monuments. Following a

luncheon, the group toured the Simons' Grave Site, Baker Hill Cemetery, and Lakeside Cemetery.

During the year the cemetery trustees attended state training sessions in Concord, a history lecture on the origins of the Kearsarge area towns, and meetings of the New Hampshire Cemetery Association.

We are continuing to add to our database of deed and burial information. Paul Riley has spent much time photographing monuments, taking measurements and recording inscriptions. Thus, information which disappears as the stones age and deteriorate will be preserved on disks for future use. They are also being compiled in a book to keep with the town records.

Charles Crickman continued research on the Twiss family and has established familial relationships with the Simons and Gillingham families. Correspondence continues with various family members who have supplied information to him this year.

This was a below-average year for burials with only five. Lot sales this year totaled \$1,800.

Thanks to all those people who have assisted the cemetery trustees in the innumerable tasks that have to be performed in managing the cemeteries.

Mary Bachelder, (chair), Charles Crickman, Paul Riley

Planning Board

The Ten-Year Master Plan:

The Newbury Planning Board has nearly completed updating the town ten-year master plan. It is due to be completed in April 2008. For those of you who have not been following the process, we have been working on the master plan for the past three years. 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 throughout the planning process. In 2005 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. Survey results were tabulated and presented to residents in a public forum. The results have provided guidance for the continuation of work on the master plan.

This year we completed analysis and recommendations for 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.

In the last six months, we have concentrated on land use. The selectmen initiated, and the planning board supported, a study of town-owned and adjacent properties in the town center. Patricia Sherman, a planning and architecture consultant and Newbury resident, was retained to study and conduct a 'visioning' for the future of the town center. Three public

forums were held in June, July and August. The result was a vision for the future of our town center. This became part of the Land Use chapter of the master plan. In November, the planning board held an additional public forum to discuss future land use in the entire town. The Land Use chapter, as well as all other master plan draft chapters, are now available for public review.

Special thanks to all those Newbury residents who have contributed their precious Saturdays, evenings and time participating, reading and filling out questionnaires, etc. to help us in the master plan process.

Regulatory Work:

The board conducted public hearings for the review of subdivisions and site plan review applications. There have been two new major subdivisions this year. One of these subdivision applications failed to meet subdivision requirements and a waiver request was denied. The planning board has also been reviewing conditional-use permit applications. To protect our wetlands, Newbury's zoning regulations forbid construction in the 75-foot setback from wetlands except for some minor exceptions which require a conditional-use permit.

A complete list of projects reviewed for this year:

- 8 Annexations/lot-line adjustments, one denied
- 5 Minor subdivisions
- 2 Major subdivisions, one denied
- 1 Site plan review
- 2 Conditional-use permits, one denied
- 7 Conceptual hearings

Also completed:

Zoning amendments for town ballot include a new article for Storm Water Management. The last few years of heavy wet weather have demonstrated what negative impacts development can have on water runoff and erosion. To protect the town as it continues to develop, a Storm Water Management ordinance has been developed. This ordinance was initiated by residents living around Chalk Pond, who have been experiencing real problems with storm water. They were able to obtain a state Department of Environmental Services (DES) grant to fund the development of this ordinance. The whole town will benefit from this effort. Bill Weiler and Deane Geddes were planning board representatives on the committee that oversaw this work. Charles Hirshberg was the engineering consultant who wrote the ordinance.

The five-year Capital Improvements Program (CIP) has been updated by the CIP subcommittee. Special thanks to Ivor Freeman (chair), Ken McWilliams (planning consultant), Dennis Pavlicek (town administrator), Jim Powell (chair, selectmen), and Ron Williams and Tom Vannatta (both Planning Board).

Thank you to the planning board members for their time and dedication to planning board service. It is a lot of work and our town benefits so much from this participation. In particular, I would like to single out Ken McWilliams and vice chair Bill Weiler for the extraordinary amount of work they put into the board. I could not be chair without them. Thanks again, planning board members for 2007-2008: Travis Dezotell, Deane Geddes, Tom Vannatta, Bill Weiler (vice chair), and Ron Williams. Thank you also Linda Plunkett, secretary; Denise Walter, land use board assistant, and Patricia MacDonald, past land use board assistant.

Barbara Freeman, Chair

Zoning Board of Adjustment

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (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.

2007 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 so they can make responsible decisions based upon their understanding of the ordinances and the unique features of the property. Eleven ZBA cases were heard during 2007 with the following actions:

- 5 variances were granted with conditions
- 1 variance was denied
- 2 special exceptions were granted with conditions
- 1 equitable waiver of dimensional requirement was denied
- 1 application for an appeal of administrative decisions of the ZBA was heard. The original decision of the board was upheld.
- 1 special exception was continued to January 2008

We had some difficult cases this year and we had to make some tough decisions to uphold the town zoning ordinances. I appreciate the hard work and dedication of the board members and alternates. It is difficult to balance work, personal life, and board meetings and I applaud their service to the town. I want to thank the members and alternates who served on the ZBA in 2007: Katheryn Holmes

(vice-chair), Steve Russell, Helen Wright, Barbara Richmond, William Cluff, Betsy Soper, Clay Rucker, Alex Azodi, Sue Russell, Denise Walter (land use board assistant), and Linda Plunkett (secretary).

Elizabeth Ashworth, Chairperson



*Mount Sunapee
Photo courtesy Donna Long*

UNH Cooperative Extension-Merrimack County

For 93 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, Concord Asset Building Coalition, the Concord Substance Abuse Coalition, the Timberland Owners Association, N.H. Farm and Forest Exposition board, Ausbon Sargent Preservation Land 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 our educators are often a guest of WPTL Radio (107.7 FM), which offers 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., and 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. The number for the Info Line is 1-877-398-4769. Last year, the Info Line handled more than 684 requests from Merrimack County residents.

Finally, UNH Extension trains and supports over 4,300 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.

Extension also distributes a wide range of information from our Web site: www.extension.unh.edu.

Marilyn Sullivan, County Office Administrator



*Alice Lynn draws a ticket for the raffle at Old Home Day.
Photo courtesy Elizabeth Ashworth*

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:

- Completed Phase I of the Route 120 Corridor Management Plan in Hanover and Lebanon, and began transit plans with Community Transportation Services in Sullivan County and Advance Transit in Grafton County.
- Continued to participate and facilitate the 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.
- Completed the Route 4 Corridor Management Plan to balance growth of Canaan and Enfield village centers with

needs of commuters.

- Obtained funding for Source Water Protection inventories, planning and outreach for Claremont and Croydon.
- Promoted our region's priorities for federal and state transportation funding including Transportation Enhancement (TE) Grants. Served on NH Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Advisory Committee (CMAQ).
- Participated in work group studying sprawl in NH and effectiveness of state smart-growth policies with NH Association of Regional Planning Commission's Legislative Policy Committee, NH GIS Advisory Committee, and Mount Sunapee Ski Area Advisory Committee
- Co-wrote innovative zoning guidebook with NHDES and NHARPC.
- Began updating the Land Use Chapter of the Regional Plan.
- Participated in the New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning's fall conference.
- Assisted Connecticut River Joint Commissions with update of corridor management plan.
- Participated in Sullivan County Community Mobility Project to begin identifying and addressing unmet transportation needs.
- Performed over 100 traffic counts in 13 communities throughout the region to provide data for state and regional transportation plans.
- Continued to participate with 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 Resource Conservation & Development, and Lake Sunapee Protective Association.

- Organized 4 hazardous waste collections in which over 1,100 households participated to keep approximately 11,000 gallons of hazardous chemicals out of the region's groundwater.
- Organized, facilitated and participated in a panel discussion for local officials regarding solid-waste disposal issues in Sullivan County.
- Assisted 7 communities with updates of local master plans, 2 with zoning amendments, 1 with a Natural Resource Inventory, 1 with starting a capital improvement program and 3 with other regulations.
- Completed road inventories in 5 member communities and processed inventories in an additional 3 communities, ensuring that full state aid for maintenance is received.
- Conducted hazard mitigation planning in 6 communities to enable them to be eligible for federal disaster assistance and hazard mitigation funds. Assisted 2 communities 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 communities with review of proposed developments.
- Published Elevate the Creative Economy: a planning guide for communities interested in enhancing their

“creative economy” as an economic development tool.

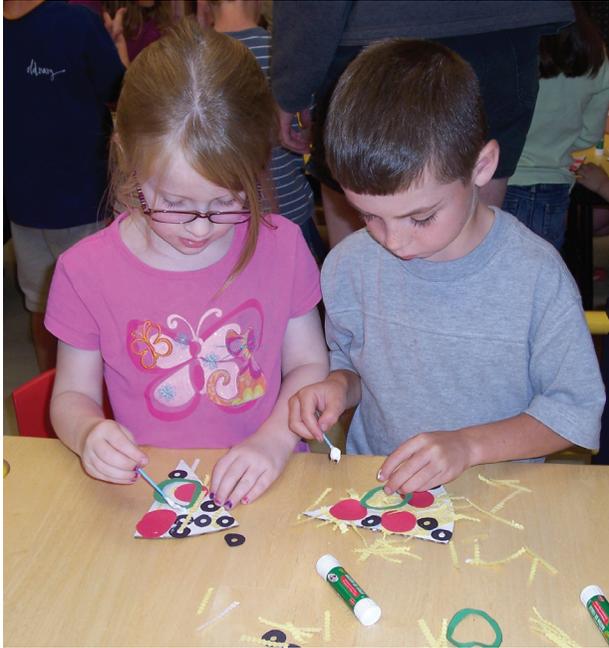
- Continued emphasis on informational programs and training for local officials in including Law Lecture Series and programs including: People Power: How to get Citizens to Turn Out, Tune in, and Stay Tuned; How to Combat Sprawl with Simple Zoning Techniques, and Context Sensitive Solutions: What This New Approach to Transportation Planning Means for Your Community.
- Began the CSS (Context-Sensitive Solutions) Process with Charlestown and Walpole for Route 12.
- Responded to numerous day-to-day requests from local board members and staff for guidance, data and GIS maps.
- Continued to update our website - www.uvlsrc.org - with 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 the region, while balancing the varied concerns of both the larger and smaller communities within our area.

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 count on 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 cwalker@uvlsrc.org to share your thoughts.

Christine Walker, Executive Director



*Madison Bills and Christopher Schnyer
work on their pizzas at the library.
Photo courtesy Rosie Johnsen*

Police Department

Once again we've come to the close of another year. While the Police Department continues to meet the demands of an ever-growing community, the cost for providing those services continues to remain in check. In the coming year, you'll see our continued effort to keep resources up to date and cost effective. Training for our Officers is being expanded, and advanced learning opportunities are being sought out and pursued. This is all a part of our commitment to provide the best-trained and best-equipped police department we can be. And it shows! The overall crime rate in town stays low, while the nation shows a steady climb upwards. There's good news in the traffic department as well. Everyone has seen the department's portable message and traffic trailer, and the



*Brad Wheeler poses next to the new electronic sign used by the Newbury police department
Photo courtesy Chief Bob Lee*

reviews have been great, not to mention the added feature of promoting our community's activities. Our speeding issues in town have fallen and, while our accident rate is low, all the early snow we've received has led to an increase in weather-related incidents.

The continued support of the community is the driving force for all of the positives you can see on a daily basis in the department. Knowing that all of us are working as a team to keep Newbury the best place to call home is what makes the mission worthwhile. Don't forget to stop by to ask questions, or just say "Hello" when you get the chance – we'd love to hear how you're doing! Remember that the department belongs to all of us, so keep your ideas coming.

Thanks again for another great year!

Chief *Bob Lee*

Sergeant *Henry Thomas*

Corporal *Brad Wheeler*

Officers *William 'BJ' Hardy, Chris Boucher,*

E. Neill Cobb, Aaron Sparks, Warren Foote, & E. Buddy Rowe

Administrative Assistant *Deborah Lacombe*



Police Chief Bob Lee talks to the local Cub Scouts about keeping the community safe.

Photo courtesy Donna Long

**Newbury Police Department
Calls For Service 2007**

Classification	Total
Death/Suicide/Unattended	3
Drunk	3
Sexual Assault	6
Assault	1
Harassment	1
Criminal Threat	3
Criminal Trespass	10
Burglary	7
Theft	34
Fraud	2
Fraud - Identity	4
Fraud - Bad Checks	6
Criminal Mischief	13
Drugs/Possession	5
Property Found	23
Property Lost	18
Domestic Dispute	7
Liquor Law Violations	1
Disturbance	4
Weapons Permits	35
Shots Fired	4
Fireworks Permits	2
Fireworks Violations	5
Harassing Communication	4
Disorderly Conduct	1
DUI	8
Driving on Suspension/Revocation	5
Ride Along	1
Funeral/Bank Escort	1
Parking Violations	9

VIN Inspection	11
Manner of Operation	4
Abandoned Vehicle	21
M/V Unlock	17
M/V Repossession	1
Road Hazard/Obstruction	20
Placing Snow/Debris on Road	1
Traffic Offense Warning	669
Traffic Offense Citation	243
Traffic Offense-Arrest	7
Motor Vehicle Check	6
MV/Traffic Complaint	50
Assist-Stranded Motorist	26
Traffic Crash/Fatal	1
Traffic Crash/Personal Injury	10
Traffic Crash/Property Damage	49
Traffic Crash/Non Reportable	15
Littering-Illegal Dumping	3
OHRV Complaints	1
Animal-Complaints	36
Animal-Vicious	1
Animal-Stray	33
Animal-Nuisance	11
Animal-Bite	6
Animal-Livestock Complaint	3
Animal-Wild	23
Neighborhood Disputes	6
Noise Disturbance	9
Unwanted Subject	4
Assist-Fire/Police	66
Assist-In-County Police	74
Assist-Newbury Fire	50
Assist-Newbury Medical/Rescue	30
Assist-Town Office	1
Assist-Public Works/EOC	3
Assist-Social Service Agencies	2

Assist-Court	3
Alarm	31
Alarm – Bank	1
Alarm – Business	33
Alarm – House	84
911 Hang-up	34
Missing Person	5
Tobacco Violation	1
Juvenile Complaint	5
Citizen Requested Assistance	69
Civil Issue/Stand by	23
Suspicious Person/Veh/Incident	88
Welfare Check	23
Open Door/Window/Gate	15
Public Relations-Talk or Lecture	1
Paperwork Relay	1
Selective Enforcement Request	56
Fingerprints/School, INS	26
Police Information	83
House Check Request	42
Building Check – Business	474
Building Check – Public	62
Building Check – Residential	27
Paperwork Service	27
Case Follow up	3
Warrant – Criminal	5

Newbury Fire Department

The year 2007 was an important year for the Newbury Fire and Rescue Department for a number of reasons. First, because of the record number of responses to fires, motor vehicle accidents, medical emergencies and other emergencies in the town of Newbury and neighboring communities through our mutual-aid agreements.

The department responded to a total of 247 calls during 2007, which is 54% above the number of calls in 2006 and 37% greater than the busiest year ever, 2005. This averaged out to almost five emergency calls per week for the department's twenty-six on-call firefighters who all have other jobs.

Medical emergencies continue to account for the largest category of responses as our community grows and ages, at 37% of the calls. Unfortunately, the next highest category of response, 17%, is false alarms which were up 153% from previous year. Automobile accidents, which are often also medical emergencies, were up 43% and accounted for 12% of the responses.

These numbers do not include the hours that the members of the Newbury Fire & Rescue Department spent in training, meetings, details, equipment maintenance, conducting inspections, administrative duties and other non-emergency functions.

Because of the increased department activity as well as training, legal and other requirements, during 2007 the board of selectmen and department officers spent numerous hours developing and formalizing policies and procedures. Although the fire and rescue department's personnel are part-time town employees, the number of employees makes it the largest town of Newbury department. Some of these policies and procedures were implemented to meet state employment

regulations required of all municipal employees. The establishment of job descriptions and qualifications formalized the human resources policies of the department to comply with town employment policies as well as state and federal requirements.

Considerable time was also spent with the selectboard on fire and safety ordinances that will not only enhance the safety of the residents and visitors to the town of Newbury, but also improve the operations of the public-safety departments.

As noted above, the number of false alarms, not only for the fire and rescue department but also the police department, has increased substantially. These needless alarms not only cost the town money, as on-call firefighters must be paid to respond, but could also result in a delayed response to a real emergency. The new ordinance establishes criteria for the installation of central-station fire and security alarms and requires these alarms and the companies that monitor them to have a permit. Alarm permit applications are available at the Newbury Police Department and can be downloaded from the town website, www.newburynh.org. There is no fee for the alarm permits. The ordinance also establishes fines for alarm systems that are operated without a permit and for multiple false fire or security alarms from the same location. Property owners who have existing alarm permits will need to re-file for the new permit by October 2008. Complete details on the ordinance and the penalties can be found on the website.

Residents and businesses with central-station fire alarms can assist in reducing the cost of false alarms to the town. Should you accidentally set off the fire alarm or you know that a detector or alarm has malfunctioned, please call the Newbury Fire Dispatch Center at 763-2221 and inform them that the alarm was accidental and there is no fire. They will then reduce the full fire department response to your property.

Another ordinance enacted in 2007 is the fireworks ordinance, which regulates the types of fireworks displayed in all parts of the town of Newbury and requires a permit from the fire and rescue department for those setting off fireworks in the town. Fines are established for those who set off fireworks without obtaining permits. The permits are available from the forest fire wardens and details on the ordinance are available on the town website.

In addition to working with the selectboard, the department is working with the Kearsarge fire mutual-aid district in updating the mutual-aid response information for the town and the Midwestern New Hampshire Hazardous Materials Response Team in formalizing the response procedures for hazardous materials emergencies. Fire prevention inspections of the town's businesses and updating of the business database that was started in 2006 continued through 2007. The department again was heavily involved in the planning and staffing of the Newbury Old Home Day events. Work has also been done to improve the town's public fire protection classification with the Insurance Services Office (ISO).

Throughout the year, the department continues to be active with the New Hampshire Fire Academy, the Bureau of Fire Standards and Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Medical Services District C5, the New Hampshire Municipal Association, New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs and other agencies and organizations.

The department has been working on the specifications for a new tanker truck to replace the department's thirty-year-old tanker which no longer meets the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards for fire apparatus. The cost of the new truck has been funded in the department's capital equipment budget for equipment replacement and is expected to be delivered in 2008.

In 2007, the Newbury Fire & Rescue Department applied for and was awarded an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) in the amount of \$35,800 from the US Department of Homeland Security. This is the second AFG received in the last five years. The grant is to enhance the department's rescue and communication capabilities by providing funding for equipment that would not be available through the municipal budget. The grant was used to purchase a hydraulic rescue tool and other rescue equipment that can be used in the rescue of victims trapped in automobile collisions. This tool has already been used to extricate someone from an automobile accident. The grant also funded a thermal-imaging camera that can be used to locate the source of a fire in a building and/or individuals who may be missing. Also funded were additional ice-rescue suits for the department. This equipment was received in the fall of 2007, and extensive training was conducted. The grant also provided funds for a radio repeater system to improve the department's communications in certain parts of the town. The radio equipment will be delivered and installed in early 2008. This grant has greatly improved the capabilities of the Newbury Fire & Rescue Department at very little cost to the taxpayers of the town.

The Newbury Recreation Department and Fire & Rescue Department acquired a Kubota RTV off-road vehicle that will be used by the recreation department at Fishersfield Park in the summer and by the fire & rescue department during the winter. The vehicle, which has removable tracks, can be used in the snow and over snowmobile trails, where other vehicles would not be able to go, for rescues of lost or injured people during the winter. This too will enhance the department's rescue capabilities.

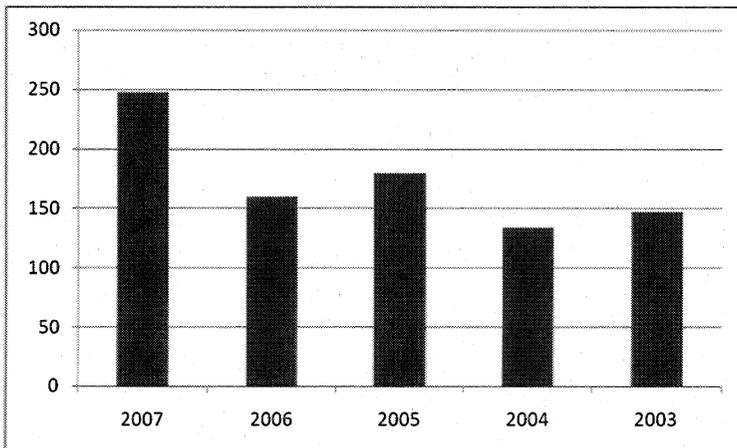
With the substantial increase in the number of emergency calls and other duties and a decrease in the number of Newbury Fire & Rescue Department members, the department is looking for new members from the community. Previous firefighting and

emergency medical experience is preferred but not required as training is provided and certification and licensing courses are available for those who are interested. Department members are paid by the hour for calls, meetings and training. Information on the Newbury Fire & Rescue Department can be found on the department's website, www.newburyfd.org. Please stop by the safety services building on any Tuesday evening between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. to pick up an application or if you would like to discuss membership opportunities with the Newbury Fire and Rescue Department.

Henry Thomas Jr., Fire Chief

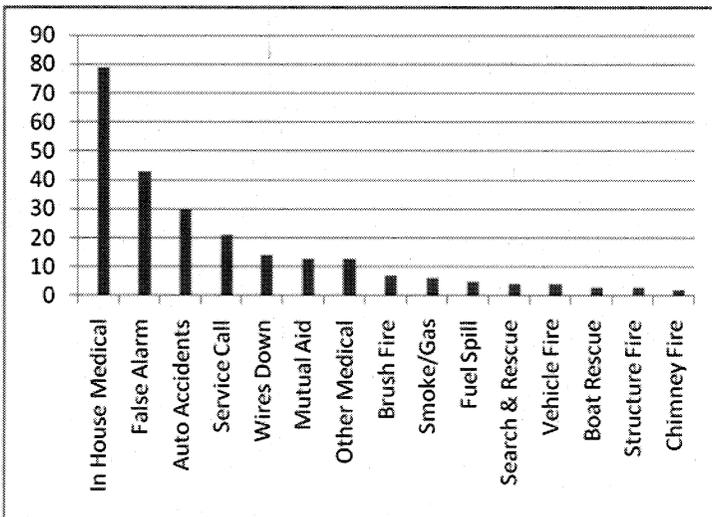
Department Officers

Chief	Henry Thomas Jr.
Deputy Chief	Dave Smith
Captains	Ken Burnell Pam Drewniak
Lieutenants	Mike Bascom, Jamie Bechok, Mark Moran, Wayne Whitford
Clerk	Ken Holmes
Fire Prevention	Wayne Whitford
Communications	Dave Kinsman
Standing Committee	Mike Croteau, Mike Mennino



Department Calls for 2007

Auto Accidents	30
Boat Rescue	3
Brush Fire	7
Chimney Fire	2
False Alarm	43
Fuel Spill	5
In-House Medical	79
Mutual Aid	13
Other Medical	13
Search & Rescue	4
Service Call	21
Smoke/Gas	6
Structure Fire	3
Vehicle Fire	4
Wires Down	14
 Total	 247



Forest Fire Warden

2007 was a good year for the town with regards to forest fire safety. Again, it was a very wet year, with above-average rainfall. The incidents we had were all minor, but they took up time and were hectic. During our normal spring dry spell before green-up we had two brush fire calls at the same time. One was caused by a downed power line and the other was caused by a tossed cigarette butt from a vehicle. Both were handled quickly and caused little damage. We also searched for a couple of lightning strikes and had another fire caused by the improper disposal of ashes.

I am sure you have seen our new Smokey the Bear fire danger sign at the station. The Boy Scouts did a great job pulling that off for us! The final product far exceeded my expectations. A big thank you goes out to them for their time and effort. We will do our best to keep it updated as the fire danger changes, sometimes daily. If you notice that it reads high, don't plan on being able to get a permit until conditions change.

I think the word is getting around for seasonal campfire permits. We wrote about twenty more this year than last. The state laws do require a permit for chimeneas, metal fireplaces, fire rings, etc. There are also setback requirements that we must check before issuing your permit. Also, when you have a brush burn permit, please remember a 5-inch diameter is the maximum allowed wood size and you must physically attend your fire until it is completely out. Please call if you have questions. It is much easier to deal with them first, before we have an issue. If you can, burn now, before the snow goes. We usually have a three-week period in the spring when permits will not be issued.

Thanks to the deputy wardens for handling many issues and attending the annual state training each spring. Ken Burnell has been a huge asset, especially around Blodgett Landing

where he has written many permits for us. Thanks again to the Newbury fire and police departments and New London dispatch for the cooperation and assistance. We are also lucky to have Doug Miner as our state ranger. He offers us much assistance and many resources as needed.

David G. Smith, Warden 938-5925



*The new Smokey the Bear sign designed by
Boy Scout Troop #71.
Photo courtesy Donna Long*

State Forest Ranger

Your local forest fire warden, fire department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk 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 New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information, please contact the Division of Forests and Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfl.org.

Fire activity was very busy during the spring of 2007, particularly late April into early May. As the forests and fields greened up in later May the fire danger decreased. However, a very dry late summer created very high fire danger again from August into September, with fire danger reaching very high on Labor Day weekend. Even with the dry conditions, the acreage burned was less than half that of 2006. The largest forest fire during the 2007 season burned approximately 26 acres on the side of Wantastiquet Mountain in Chesterfield during the month of May. Our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2007 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn

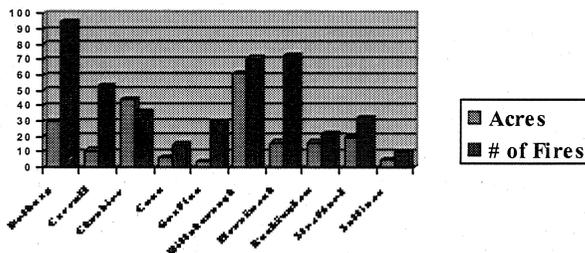
more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's forest rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2007 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 8, 2007)

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

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	30	95
Carroll	11	53
Cheshire	44	36
Coos	6	15
Grafton	4	30
Hillsborough	61	71
Merrimack	16	73
Rockingham	16	22
Strafford	19	32
Sullivan	5	10



Causes of Fires Reported		Total Fires	Total Acres	
Arson	5	2007	437	212
Campfire	38	2006	500	473
Children	22	2005	546	174
Smoking	41	2004	482	147
Debris	197	2003	374	100
Railroad	5			
Equipment	3			
Lightning	7			
Misc.*	119			

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



*View of Mount Sunapee from Blodgett Landing
Photo courtesy Donna Long*

Code Enforcement

2007 was a busy year for the building trades. A total of 106 building permits were issued in 2007. As in past years, permits were for a variety of projects.

- 20 house/dwellings
- 15 additions/renovations
- 20 garages
- 4 barns/ 1 commercial included
- 6 commercial alterations
- 12 porches
- 34 decks
- 8 sheds
- 10 electrical permits
- 9 demo permits
- 1 plumbing
- 15 alterations

Permits are required 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 120 square feet or less are issued permits at no charge. Permits are required any time a structural change is made to the existing structure, examples include enlarging a window opening, moving a door, relocating an interior wall, and any change in the original plumbing system or electric service (this however does not mean you need a permit if you are changing a plumbing fixture or a light switch, which does not require a permit). New heating systems and replacement heating systems require a permit from the fire dept. and are available at the town office. If you have any questions as to whether a permit is required for your project,

please call me at 763-4940 ext. 203 or email me at paul@newburynh.org.

For the residents that live on the lake or ponds of Newbury there have been extensive updates to the law for the CSPA (Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act) which will take effect in April 1, 2008. For more information on this you can call Arlene Allen, shoreland protection outreach coordinator, at 603-271-0862 or visit the following website:

www.des.state.nh.us/cspa/pdf/CSPAchanges_incorporated.pdf

All projects must be permitted and started to be grandfathered before April 1, 2008.

The state also adopted the International Residential Code 2006 as of August 17, 2007.

It has been a pleasure working with all the residents and builders this past year.

To all the residents of Newbury, good health and prosperous new year.

Paul LaCasse, Code Enforcement Officer

Office of Emergency Management

While it was not necessary to activate the Town of Newbury Office of Emergency Management in 2007, the need for local planning to address potential emergencies has been strongly demonstrated once again. With continued major disasters occurring throughout the country, and within our state and community, local preparedness and response has proven to be the first line of defense.

For the third year in a row, it was a busy time for the highway crew. Newbury, as part of 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 # DR 1695NH for substantial damages incurred to its roadways and drainage systems. A total of \$170,000 has been reimbursed to the town for damages incurred during the heavy spring flooding under the FEMA reimbursement program.

The rainstorm that occurred on April 16th created numerous road closures throughout the area. Route 103A was closed for several days as well as a few local roads in town. It is imperative that all citizens have a "Family Preparedness Plan" ready in case of a local disaster. Based on numerous past incidences, the town in coordination with the American Red Cross has formed a partnership agreement in setting up a shelter at the town office building. In addition, the Town of Newbury Office of Emergency Management, in collaboration with the American Red Cross, has facilitated an agreement whereby the Mt. Sunapee Resort facility would provide emergency shelter assistance should a devastating hurricane hit area communities.

In other areas of public assistance and training, the Office of Emergency Management set up an information booth at Old

Home Day, and provided information on emergency preparedness. Five Boating Certification Training Courses were coordinated, which were provided by the State of NH Marine Patrol and held at the town office.

The State of NH Office of Emergency Management along with FEMA continued their efforts to support, train and strengthen the system and processing of emergency response by providing assistance and grants to aid local officials.

As always, special thanks to the police, fire, highway, and town employees who continue to serve the town during its times of need. Also thanks to Judy Fech for volunteering her time and support during the past six months. She has proven to be a valuable asset to our office.

Paul Groulx, Director



*Alice Lynn receives the volunteer of the year award from David Caron, chair of the NH Local Government Center.
Photo courtesy Eleanor Baron*

**Town Warrant
State of New Hampshire - 2008**

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 eleventh (11) day of March, next at one of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

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

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Newbury Building Regulations?

PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1:

The *Planning Board's Amendment No. 1 to the Building Regulations* proposes to delete **ARTICLE III B. 1.** referencing the International Residential Code.

YES ___ NO ___

RATIONALE:

This section of the Newbury Building Regulations was adopted before the state-adopted the International Residential Code. Now that the state has adopted the latest version of the International Residential Code, there is no need to continue its

adoption on a local level. The cover sheet "Important Notice" for the Newbury Building Regulations will be updated to reference this and other state-adopted codes.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Newbury Zoning Ordinance?

PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1:

The *Planning Board's Amendment No. 1 to the Zoning Ordinance* proposes to add a new article on Storm Water Management to guide landowners and contractors into practices which will reduce pollution and erosion caused by rain water and snow melt with the goal of moving storm water into the ground instead of over it.

In addition to the new **ARTICLE XXI (Storm Water Management)**, the amendment would add new definitions to **ARTICLE II (Definitions)**, amend **Section 7.8 Erosion Control** in **ARTICLE VII (Shore Land Overlay District)**, amend **Section 6.16 Erosion Control and Drainage** in **ARTICLE VI (Blodgett Landing Cottage District)**, and delete **Section 18.7 Erosion Control** in **ARTICLE XVIII (Skyline/Hillside Conservation Overlay District)**.

YES ___ NO ___

RATIONALE:

The purpose of this new article is to guide landowners and contractors to use practices which will reduce pollution and erosion caused by rain water and snow melt. The goal is to move storm water into the ground instead of over it.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Newbury Zoning Ordinance?

PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 2:

The *Planning Board's Amendment No. 2 to the Zoning Ordinance* proposes to amend **ARTICLE X (Flood Plain Overlay District)**, add and amend definitions in **ARTICLE II (Definitions)** and amend **ARTICLE XVI (Board of Adjustment)**. These changes are needed in order for the Town to remain in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program and for residents to continue to be able to purchase flood insurance.

YES ___ NO ___

RATIONALE:

These proposed amendments to the floodplain regulations are necessary for the Town's regulations to meet the minimum requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This program makes flood insurance available to any resident in a community that adopts and enforces floodplain regulations that meet the minimum requirements of the NFIP. These changes are needed in order for the Town to continue to participate in the NFIP and for residents to continue to be eligible to purchase flood insurance.

The town shall recess the business portion of the meeting until Wednesday, March 12, 2008, 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 \$3,226,673 for general operations:

ANNUAL BUDGET	2007	2008
1. Executive	\$166,540	\$175,886
2. Elections	4,380	11,067
3. Financial Administration	417,655	437,999
4. Legal Expenses	28,000	25,000
5. Personnel Administration	2,000	2,800
6. Planning	52,012	50,349
7. Zoning	13,208	13,017
8. General Gov't. Bldg.	47,546	51,981
9. Cemeteries	25,430	25,780
10. Insurance	46,000	50,865
11. Other General Govt.	23,900	14,000
12. Police Department	406,594	438,848
13. Fire Department	104,840	139,968
14. Forest Fire	1,038	1,038
15. Code Enforcement	26,794	28,124
16. Emergency Management	4,805	4,478
17. Highway Maintenance	559,314	565,980
18. Highway Reconstruction	210,000	243,000
19. Street Lighting	13,500	14,040
20. Transfer Station	272,736	290,418
21. Health Agencies	30,743	31,324
22. Welfare	16,494	16,294
23. Information Booth	6,436	6,565
24. Parks & Recreation	57,967	72,644
25. Library	74,885	81,297
26. Conservation Commission	600	1,603
27. Historical Society	250	1,000
28. Tax Anticipation Notes	100	100
29. Sewer Department	146,550	141,825
30. Bond/Note Principal	200,000	195,000
Bond/Note Interest	68,600	58,675
31. Safety Comm. Svs.	38,101	35,708
32. Capital Outlay	0	0
TOTAL:	\$3,067,018	\$3,226,673

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$181,000 to be placed in the following capital reserve funds: (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$45,000
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	\$98,000
AMBULANCE	\$ 3,000
BRIDGES	\$35,000

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 raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000 to tear down and dispose of the buildings located on the town-owned "Bald Sunapee" and adjoining parcels and for the placement of fill and gravel at this location. These funds will also be utilized for an architectural plan for a Safety Services Department building and parking layout.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,040,000 for engineering and construction costs for Newbury Bridge 138/72 Sutton Road over Ring Brook and Newbury Bridge 120/078 Village Road (Old NH Route 103) over Andrew Brook. \$832,000 will come from a State of NH Bridge Aid grant, \$148,000 will come from the Bridges Engineering/Construction/Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund that was established in 2007 and \$60,000 from the December 31, 2007 undesignated fund balance. This will be a

non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the bridges are completed or by December 31, 2012, 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 property, subject to such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen may determine to be in the best interest of the Town: Old Highway Garage, corner Route 103 & Sutton Road (Map/lot # 043-348-244), commercial property.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$180,000 for the purchase of a new Fire Tanker and authorize the withdrawal of \$180,000 from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$62,000 for a one-ton truck with dump body equipped with a plow and authorize the withdrawal of up to \$62,000 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for a 2-bay cold-storage building to be located at Fishersfield.

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 appropriate the sum of \$1,800 to be placed in the Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund and authorize the transfer of \$1,800 from the December 31, 2007 undesignated fund balance for this purpose. Said sum

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

14. To see if the Town will vote to dissolve the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993. Another Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund was established in 1995 and remains in effect. This is a housekeeping article.

15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to convey approximately 1,100 square feet of land that is part of the Lakeside Cemetery parcel Map 20 Lot 125-373 to direct abutters per an annexation plan of January 7, 2008 prepared by Pennyroyal Hill Land Surveying.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for Phase 1 of the rehousing and cataloging of the Sherman Hall Collection. (The total amount for Phase 1 is \$17,450; Newbury Historical Society will pay \$12,450 and the Town will pay the remaining \$5,000.)

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000 to remove the existing fence and replace with chain-link fencing approximately 450 feet along the west side boundary and 130 feet along the north boundary of the Lakeside Cemetery.

18. To see if the Town will vote to accept all of Summer Street (0.36 mile) and all of Greystone Lane (0.54 mile) in the Whitethorn subdivision. Subject to approval of the Board of Selectmen. (By petition.)

19. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representative, our State Senator and our Governor:

Resolved: We the citizens of Newbury, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become

unjust and unfair. State leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representative, our State Senator and our Governor to reject the “pledge”, have an open discussion covering all options, and adopt a revenue system that lowers property taxes.

(By Petition.)

20. To see if the Town will vote to dissolve the Cemetery Monuments Expendable Trust Fund created in 1987.

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

Newbury Board of Selectmen

_____ Jim Powell, Chair
_____ Richard Wright
_____ Gary Budd

February 18, 2008 _____ 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, 2008 to December 31, 2008**

Purpose of Appropriation RSA 32:3v	Appropriations Prior		Actual Expenditures		Appropriations	
	Fiscal Year	Prior Fiscal Year	Prior Fiscal Year	Ensuing Fiscal Year	Ensuing Fiscal Year	(Not Recommended)
General Government						
Executive	166,540	173,422	173,422	175,886		
Election, Registration & Vital Stats.	4,380	4,919	4,919	11,067		
Financial Administration	417,655	395,169	395,169	437,999		
Legal Expenses	28,000	14,916	14,916	25,000		
Personnel Administration	2,000	1,711	1,711	2,800		
Planning	52,012	58,824	58,824	50,349		
Zoning	13,208	12,127	12,127	13,017		
General Government Buildings	47,546	49,581	49,581	51,981		
Cemeteries	25,430	24,984	24,984	25,780		
Insurance	46,000	46,572	46,572	50,865		

Other General Government	23,900	25,783	14,000
Public Safety			
Police Department	406,594	375,735	438,848
Fire Department	105,878	115,285	141,006
Code Enforcement & Inspection	26,794	25,791	28,124
Emergency Management	4,805	5,464	4,478
Safety Communications Services	38,101	29,258	35,708
Highway			
Highway Admin & Maintenance	769,314	711,416	808,980
Street Lighting	13,500	14,770	14,040
Sanitation			
Solid Waste Collection	130,836	105,604	143,968
Solid Waste Disposal	134,500	117,352	134,950
Solid Waste Recycling	7,400	6,582	11,500
Health			
Health/Community/School Programs	30,743	29,243	31,324
Welfare			
Administration & Direct Assistance	16,494	11,229	16,294

Culture & Recreation				
Parks & Recreation	57,967	70,761	72,644	
Library	74,885	74,885	81,297	
Other	6,686	5,665	12,565	
Conservation Commission				
Administration & Operations	600	774	1,603	
Debt Service				
Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	200,000	200,000	195,000	
Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	68,600	68,600	58,675	
Interest: Tax Anticipation Notes	100	0	100	
Bond Issuance Costs	0	0	0	
Capital Outlay				
Land	250,000	250,791	0	
Improvements	713,985	143,844	1,116,000	
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	63,626	47,308	242,000	
Buildings	75,000	75,000	40,000	
Operating Transfers Out				
To Special Revenue Fund	146,550	146,550	141,825	

To Capital Reserve Funds	173,000	173,000	181,000
To Expendable Trust Funds	37,000	37,000	37,800
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	4,379,629	3,649,915	4,848,473

Source of Revenue

Revenue Source	2007 Revenue Estimate	2007 Actual Revenue	2008 Revenue Estimate
Taxes			
Land Use Change Taxes	40,000	48,900	40,000
Yield Taxes	15,000	13,401	15,000
Payment In Lieu Of Taxes	12,900	12,005	12,005
Other Taxes	9,000	9,119	9,000
Int. & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	45,000	83,284	60,000
Excavation Activity Tax	1,500	871	1,500
Licenses, Permits & Fees			
Business Licenses & Permits	1,000	895	1,000
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	420,000	386,719	410,000
Building Permits	32,000	28,624	30,000

Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	4,000	2,998	4,000
From State			
Shared Revenue	14,000	5,814	5,814
Meals & Room Tax Distribution	73,000	93,614	95,000
Highway Block Grant	94,221	87,434	94,963
Forest Land Reimbursement	1,352	1,052	1,052
Other	580,480	574,480	832,000
From Other Governments	159,510	143,092	170,000
Charges For Services			
Income From Departments	50,000	50,379	50,000
Miscellaneous Revenues			
Sale of Municipal Property	10,000	4,364	225,000
Interest on Investments	65,000	57,818	57,000
Other	6,000	3,300	6,000
Interfund Operating Transfers In			
Special Revenue Funds	146,550	146,550	141,825
Capital Reserve Funds	48,926	32,608	242,000
Cemetery			

Other Financing Sources			
Long-Term Bonds & Notes	0	0	0
Surplus	69,620	69,620	61,800
TOTAL REVENUES/CREDITS	1,899,059	1,856,941	2,564,959
		YEAR 2008 W/ Articles	Year 2007 W/ Articles
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		4,848,473	4,379,629
LESS ESTIMATED REVENUES		2,564,959	1,899,059
AMOUNT OF TAXES TO RAISE		2,283,514	2,480,570
2008 Taxes = 2,283,514		2007 Taxes = 2,480,570	Difference = - 197,056
% Increase = -7.94%			

2007 Town Tax Rate =	\$3.71
2008 Projected Decrease =	-\$0.29
2008 Projected Town Tax Rate	\$3.42

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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, 2006, 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, 2006, 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.

Grzelak & Company, P.C., CPAs
Laconia, NH

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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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, 2006.

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 \$778,012 or 11% between December 31, 2005 and 2006.
- The Town's total combined net assets amounted to \$8,118,095 at December 31, 2006. Net assets consisted of: \$6,531,001 invested in capital assets net of related debt; \$578,885 restricted for special revenue funds; \$457,227 restricted for other nonmajor funds for purposes of each established fund; and an unrestricted net asset balance of \$550,982.
- The Town has a \$1,375,000 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) \$199,977 during the year ended December 31, 2006. The net decrease consisted of \$10,323 in additions to the long-term liabilities and (\$210,300) in current year payments made.
- During the year, the Town's expenses were \$778,012 less than the \$9,577,307 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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OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

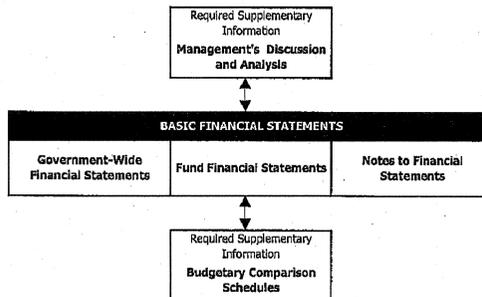
This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Town's basic financial statements. The Town's financial statements are comprised of six primary sections or components: (1) basic government-wide financial statements, (full accrual financial statements), (2) basic fund financial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

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

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

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

Exhibit A-1



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Exhibit A-2 summarizes the major features of the Town's financial statements, including the portion of the Town government they cover and the types of information they contain.

Exhibit A-2

	Government-Wide	Fund Statements	
		Governmental	Fiduciary
SCOPE	Entire Town government (except fiduciary funds)	All activities of the Town that are not proprietary or fiduciary	Instances in which the Town is the trustee or agent for someone else's resources
REQUIRED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	Statement of Net Assets Statement of Activities	Balance Sheet Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances	Statement of Fiduciary Assets Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets
ACCOUNTING BASIS	Accrual	Modified Accrual	Accrual
MEASUREMENT FOCUS	Economic Resources	Current Financial Resources	Economic Resources
TYPE OF INFORMATION ASSETS AND LIABILITIES	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Only assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter, no capital assets included	All assets and liabilities, both short-term and long-term; the Agency funds do not currently have capital assets although they can
TYPE OF INFORMATION REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND EXPENDITURES	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year, expenditures when goods or services have been received and payment is due during the year or soon thereafter	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid

The remainder of this overview section of management's discussion and analysis explains the structure and contents of each of the statements.

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Government-Wide Financial Statements:

The first two basic statements are government-wide financial statements that provide both long-term and short-term information about the Town's overall financial status and report net assets and changes in them. A net asset is the difference between assets and liabilities and is one way to measure the Town's financial health, or financial position.

- Over time, increases or decreases in the Town's net assets are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating, respectively.
- In order to assess the overall health of the Town other non-financial factors should also be considered, such as changes in the Town's general revenues (principally property taxes and general state aid), and federal and state intergovernmental revenues (grant programs); the condition of the Town's buildings and other depreciable property (likelihood of emergency repairs or maintenance); and other items subject to significant financial or budgetary uncertainty.

The government-wide financial statements of the Town are included in the Governmental Activities category. Most of the Town's basic services are included here, such as executive, public safety, highway maintenance, sanitation, culture and recreation and conservation services. General revenues, including property taxes, state aid, and federal and state grant programs, finance most of these activities.

Fund Financial Statements:

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the Town's most significant funds, not the Town as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that the Town uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes. State law, regulation or bond covenants actually require the establishment of some funds, while others are established to comply with the requirements of grantors. The Town has two kinds of funds:

Governmental Funds - Most of the Town's basic services are included in governmental funds, which focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Town's programs. Because information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the government-wide statements, we provide additional information on the subsequent page that explains the relationships (or differences) between them.

Fiduciary Funds - The Town is responsible for other assets that, because of an agency arrangement, can be used only for the intended purposes. These funds are excluded from the Town's government-wide financial statements because the Town cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

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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, 2005 and 2006 by \$778,012 or 11% to \$8,118,095.

	Governmental Activities		
	2005	2006	Change
Assets			
Current and other assets	\$ 3,921,088	\$ 4,051,277	\$ 130,189
Noncurrent assets	<u>7,391,766</u>	<u>7,906,011</u>	<u>514,245</u>
Total assets	11,312,854	11,957,288	644,434
Liabilities			
Current liabilities	2,440,963	2,517,652	76,689
Noncurrent liabilities	<u>1,531,808</u>	<u>1,321,531</u>	<u>(210,277)</u>
Total liabilities	3,972,771	3,839,183	(133,588)
Net Assets			
Investment in capital assets, net of related debt	5,816,766	5,531,001	714,235
Restricted	924,604	1,036,112	111,508
Unrestricted	<u>598,713</u>	<u>550,982</u>	<u>(47,731)</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 7,340,083</u>	<u>\$ 8,118,095</u>	<u>\$ 778,012</u>

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 \$550,982; 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 \$9,577,307 while total expenses were \$8,799,295, resulting in an increase in net assets of \$778,012.

Exhibit B-2 shows that a significant portion of the Town's total revenues came from the following general revenue sources; 86.80% from property taxes, 4.62% from local sources and unrestricted fees and, 1.07% 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 3.50% of total revenues while operating grants and contributions provided 1.83% of total revenues.

Exhibit B-2 SOURCES OF TOWN REVENUES

Governmental Activities						
	2005		2006		Change	
Program Revenues						
Charges for services	\$ 211,059	2.40%	\$ 335,376	3.50%	\$ 124,317	58.90%
Operating grants and contributions	190,919	2.17%	174,986	1.83%	(15,933)	-8.35%
General Revenues						
Property taxes	7,639,981	86.84%	8,313,318	86.80%	673,337	8.81%
Local sources	418,943	4.76%	442,330	4.62%	23,387	5.58%
State of New Hampshire sources	109,529	1.24%	102,040	1.07%	(7,489)	-6.84%
Other sources	227,304	2.58%	209,257	2.18%	(18,047)	-7.94%
	<u>\$ 8,797,735</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 9,577,307</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 779,572</u>	<u>8.86%</u>

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Exhibit B-3 shows that 67.03% 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 4.69% of total expenses, while 10.98% were for general government services and 4.98% were for maintenance of highways and streets.

Exhibit B-3 TOWN EXPENSES

Governmental Activities

Functions / Programs	2005		2006		Change	
General government	\$ 785,055	9.88%	\$ 966,050	10.98%	\$ 180,995	23.06%
Public safety	359,047	4.52%	412,464	4.69%	53,417	14.88%
Highways and streets	432,847	5.45%	438,561	4.98%	5,714	1.32%
Sanitation	245,022	3.08%	340,572	3.67%	95,550	39.00%
Health	25,964	0.33%	27,566	0.31%	1,602	6.17%
Welfare	7,999	0.10%	8,872	0.10%	873	10.91%
Culture and recreation	130,699	1.64%	155,849	1.77%	25,150	19.24%
Conservation	5,850	0.07%	7,560	0.09%	1,710	29.23%
Debt service	73,908	0.93%	68,127	0.77%	(5,781)	-7.82%
Capital outlay	36,312	0.46%	26,773	0.30%	(9,539)	-26.27%
Payments to other governments	5,443,964	68.48%	5,898,137	67.03%	454,173	8.34%
Other financing uses	5,600	0.07%	672	0.01%	(4,928)	-88.00%
Unallocated						
Depreciation	396,879	4.99%	448,092	5.09%	51,213	12.90%
	<u>\$ 7,949,146</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 8,799,295</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 850,149</u>	<u>10.69%</u>

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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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

	2005		2006	
	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services
Functions / Programs				
General government	\$ 785,055	\$ 743,107	\$ 966,050	\$ 808,552
Public safety	359,047	255,114	412,464	323,734
Highways and streets	432,847	334,724	438,561	343,393
Sanitation	245,022	97,905	340,572	177,837
Health	25,964	25,964	27,566	27,566
Welfare	7,999	1,127	8,872	8,872
Culture and recreation	130,699	126,714	155,849	149,618
Conservation	5,850	5,850	7,560	7,560
Debt Service	73,908	73,908	68,127	68,127
Capital outlay	36,312	36,312	26,773	26,773
Payments to other governments	5,443,964	5,443,964	5,898,137	5,898,137
Other financing uses/nonoperating expenses	5,600	5,600	672	672
Unallocated				
Depreciation	396,879	396,879	448,092	448,092
	<u>\$ 7,949,146</u>	<u>\$ 7,547,168</u>	<u>\$ 8,799,295</u>	<u>\$ 8,288,933</u>

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The total cost of all governmental activities this year was \$8,799,295; the total net cost was \$8,288,933. The primary financing for these activities of the Town was as follows:

General Revenues

- The amount that was paid by taxpayers was \$8,294,265 from property taxes, \$59,350 from land use change taxes, \$15,981 from yield taxes, and \$9,340 from other taxes.
- Interest collected on delinquent taxes was \$47,391, while abatements charged against current year taxes were \$126,932.

Charges for Services

- Sewer user billings to individuals amounted to \$162,735.
- Reimbursement for Tri-Town assessor services in the amount of \$149,977.

Operating Grants and Contributions

- Highway block grant monies from the State of NH were received in the amount of \$92,336 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 \$49,216 during the year from a surplus balance of \$765,420 at December 31, 2005 to a \$716,204 fund balance at December 31, 2006. The December 31, 2006 fund balance consisted of \$24,935 in reserves for encumbrances and \$691,269 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 classified as special revenue funds and are reported as a major fund in the basic financial statements. The capital reserve fund balances increased \$51,880 during the year from \$527,005 at December 31, 2005 to \$578,885 at December 31, 2006. 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 increased \$187 during the year from a surplus balance of \$11,494 at December 31, 2005 to a balance of \$11,681 at December 31, 2006.

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 \$1,407 during the year from a surplus balance of \$39,224 at December 31, 2005 to a balance of \$40,631 at December 31, 2006.

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 increased \$1,517 during the year from a surplus balance of \$511 at December 31, 2005 to a balance of \$2,028 at December 31, 2006.

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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 \$27,338 during the year from a surplus balance of \$243,990 at December 31, 2005 to a balance of \$271,328 at December 31, 2006.

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 \$1,057 during the year from a balance of \$1,748 at December 31, 2005 to a balance of \$2,805 at December 31, 2006.

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, 2006 the highway garage fund was closed.

Blodgett Sewer Project Fund

The Blodgett sewer project fund is classified as a capital project fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The Blodgett sewer project fund is used to account for the improvement of the wastewater treatment facility in the Blodgett area. The project is funded by general obligation debt and was in the preliminary stages as of December 31, 2006.

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, 2006 in the amount of \$39,973.

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 \$16,809 during the year from a surplus balance of \$82,259 at December 31, 2005 to a balance of \$99,068 at December 31, 2006. The fund balance is comprised of \$73,828 reserved for endowments and \$25,240 of unreserved fund balance.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

For the year ended December 31, 2006 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

In the normal circumstances under the total budget-to-actual basis the original and final budget amounts would be the same. However, the final budget varied from the original budget for the following item:

- Encumbrances carried forward in the amount of \$124,125.

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 \$701,484. This was primarily attributable to; \$591,295 in fund balance which was retained (not used to reduce taxes), and federal grant funds in the amount of \$81,663.
- Actual total outflows (expenditures or charges to appropriations) were less than the budgeted total appropriation by \$14,720.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At December 31, 2006, the Town had invested \$7,906,001 (\$19,632,655 at cost or estimated cost less accumulated depreciation of \$11,726,654) 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 6.96% 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		
	2005	2006	Change
Land and Improvements	\$ 1,315,719	\$ 1,335,978	1.54%
Infrastructure	10,915,872	11,520,440	5.54%
Buildings	4,032,543	4,052,756	0.50%
Vehicles	1,235,177	1,370,141	10.93%
Machinery and equipment	1,121,628	1,277,763	13.92%
Technology equipment	<u>49,773</u>	<u>75,577</u>	51.84%
Capital assets, at cost	18,670,712	19,632,655	5.15%
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(11,278,946)</u>	<u>(11,726,654)</u>	-3.97%
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 7,391,766</u>	<u>\$ 7,906,001</u>	6.96%
Increase in Capital Assets, Net		<u>\$ 514,235</u>	
Changes			
Land and improvement additions		\$ 12,926	
Construction in progress		12,852	
Infrastructure addition		604,568	
Building additions		20,213	
Vehicle purchases		134,964	
Machinery and equipment additions		157,191	
Technology additions		25,804	
Gain (Loss) on disposals		(6,191)	
Depreciation		<u>(448,092)</u>	
		<u>\$ 514,235</u>	

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

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Town of Newbury
December 31, 2006

Debt

At December 31, 2006, the Town had \$1,321,531 of long-term obligations (\$1,531,831 in total obligations less the current portion of \$210,300) as summarized in Exhibit C-2.

This amount represents a net decrease of 13.73% from the prior year.

Exhibit C-2 LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Long-Term Liabilities	Governmental Activities		
	2005	2006	Change
General obligation bonds	\$ 1,575,000	\$ 1,375,000	-12.70%
Compensated absences	64,108	74,431	16.10%
Unamortized bond premium	92,700	82,400	-11.11%
	1,731,808	1,531,831	-11.55%
Less current portion	(200,000)	(210,300)	-5.15%
	\$ 1,531,808	\$ 1,321,531	-13.73%
Net Change		\$ (210,277)	
Changes			
Principal payment on general obligation debt		\$ (200,000)	
Change in compensated absences		10,323	
Amortization of bond premium		(10,300)	
Change in current portion		(10,300)	
		\$ (210,277)	

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, 2006, 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

Town of Newbury
December 31, 2006

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

Town management and the Selectmen considered many factors when submitting the 2007 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 buildings, and an increase in personnel at the Transfer Station.

In developing the budget for 2007, 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 2006. 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, a changeover of benefits to individual departments, second year costs for Master Plan Update, visioning sessions for town center, carpeting for the library and reverse 911 system through New London Dispatch.

Financial Administration's budget rose sharply to reflect the cost of hiring a second assessor, and related expenditures. 2007 was the second year of implementing an innovative agreement among the towns of Newbury, Sunapee, and New London to share assessors. 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 2007 budget. \$25,000 for Establishing a bridges capital reserve fund, appropriating the funds (\$643,100 of which 80% will come from a Federal Grant) for the sidewalk project, \$250,000 for purchasing the property that adjoins the Bald Sunapee property, \$9500 for a renovation study for three South Newbury buildings, \$75,000 towards the renovation of the center meeting house, \$8885 for granite posts and chain fencing along the frontage of Lakeside Cemetery, \$50,000 for one mile of asphalt surface treatment on Province Road.

CONTACTING THE TOWN'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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

TOWN OF NEWBURY**Statement of Net Assets
December 31, 2006**

	<u>Primary Government Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,299,002
Investments	985,036
Receivables, net	756,839
Deposit	<u>10,400</u>
Current assets	<u>4,051,277</u>
Noncurrent Assets	
Capital assets:	
Land, improvements, and construction in progress	1,121,876
Other capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>6,784,125</u>
Noncurrent assets	<u>7,906,001</u>
Total assets	<u>11,957,278</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	69,915
Accrued expenses	19,252
Due to other governments	2,218,185
Current portion of long-term liabilities	<u>210,300</u>
Current liabilities	<u>2,517,652</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities	
Bonds payable	1,175,000
Compensated absences	74,431
Unamortized bond premium	<u>72,100</u>
Noncurrent liabilities	<u>1,321,531</u>
Total liabilities	<u>3,839,183</u>
NET ASSETS	
Investment in capital assets, net of related debt	6,531,001
Restricted for:	
Special revenue funds	578,885
Nonmajor funds	457,227
Unrestricted	<u>550,982</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 8,118,095</u>

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

TOWN OF NEWBURY

**Statement of Activities
Year Ended December 31, 2006**

Functions / Programs	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating	Primary
			Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental activities:				
General government	\$ 966,050	\$ 157,498	\$ -	\$ (808,552)
Public safety	412,464	7,067	81,663	(323,734)
Highways and streets	438,561	1,845	93,323	(343,393)
Sanitation	340,572	162,735	-	(177,837)
Health	27,566	-	-	(27,566)
Welfare	8,872	-	-	(8,872)
Culture and recreation	155,849	6,231	-	(149,618)
Conservation	7,560	-	-	(7,560)
Debt service	68,127	-	-	(68,127)
Capital outlay	26,773	-	-	(26,773)
Payments to other governments	5,898,137	-	-	(5,898,137)
Other financing uses	672	-	-	(672)
Depreciation (unallocated)	448,092	-	-	(448,092)
Total governmental activities	<u>8,799,295</u>	<u>335,376</u>	<u>174,986</u>	<u>(8,288,933)</u>
General revenues:				
Taxes				\$ 8,313,318
Charges, grants, and contributions not restricted to specific purposes:				
Licenses, permits and fees				442,330
State of NH sources				102,040
Miscellaneous revenues				167,457
Other financing sources				<u>41,800</u>
Total general revenues				<u>9,066,945</u>
Change in net assets				778,012
Net assets - beginning				<u>7,340,083</u>
Net assets - ending				<u>\$ 8,118,095</u>

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

TOWN OF NEWBURY

**Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2006**

	General Fund	Capital Reserves	Nonmajor	Total
			Governmental Funds	Governmental Funds
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,278,473	\$ -	\$ 20,529	\$ 2,299,002
Investments	1,181	578,885	404,970	985,036
Property taxes receivable	508,401	-	-	508,401
Land use taxes receivable	15,600	-	-	15,600
Timber taxes receivable	9,888	-	-	9,888
Tax liens receivable	167,462	-	-	167,462
Accounts receivable	42,214	-	13,209	55,423
Other receivables	65	-	-	65
Due from other funds	17,979	-	39,973	57,952
Total assets	<u>\$ 3,041,263</u>	<u>\$ 578,885</u>	<u>\$ 478,681</u>	<u>\$ 4,098,829</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balances				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 66,440	\$ -	\$ 3,475	\$ 69,915
Accrued expenses	461	-	-	461
Due to other governments	2,218,185	-	-	2,218,185
Due to other funds	39,973	-	17,979	57,952
Total liabilities	<u>2,325,059</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,454</u>	<u>2,346,513</u>
Fund balances:				
Reserved for:				
Encumbrances	24,935	-	-	24,935
Continuing appropriations	-	-	1,689,713	1,689,713
Endowments	-	-	73,828	73,828
Unreserved	691,269	578,885	-	1,270,154
Unreserved, reported in nonmajor:				
Special revenue funds	-	-	328,473	328,473
Capital project funds	-	-	(1,660,027)	(1,660,027)
Permanent trust funds	-	-	25,240	25,240
Total fund balances	<u>716,204</u>	<u>578,885</u>	<u>457,227</u>	<u>1,752,316</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 3,041,263</u>	<u>\$ 578,885</u>	<u>\$ 478,681</u>	<u>\$ 4,098,829</u>

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

TOWN OF NEWBURY

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
Year Ended December 31, 2006**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Capital Reserves</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues				
Taxes	\$ 8,313,318	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,313,318
Licenses, permits and fees	442,330	-	-	442,330
Federal sources	81,663	-	-	81,663
State of NH sources	195,363	-	-	195,363
Charges for services	194,389	-	140,687	335,076
Miscellaneous revenues	5,947	447	51,065	57,459
Investment income	69,198	27,322	13,778	110,298
Total revenues	<u>9,302,208</u>	<u>27,769</u>	<u>205,530</u>	<u>9,535,507</u>
Expenditures				
General government	974,714	-	-	974,714
Public safety	424,982	-	-	424,982
Highways and streets	682,179	-	-	682,179
Sanitation	224,193	-	139,280	363,473
Health	27,566	-	-	27,566
Welfare	8,872	-	-	8,872
Culture and recreation	122,749	-	33,100	155,849
Conservation	850	-	6,710	7,560
Debt service:				
Principal	200,000	-	-	200,000
Interest	79,935	-	-	79,935
Capital outlay	637,790	-	12,158	649,948
Payments to other governments	5,898,137	-	-	5,898,137
Total expenditures	<u>9,281,967</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>191,248</u>	<u>9,473,215</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	20,241	27,769	14,282	62,292
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers in	196,389	220,500	45,346	462,235
Transfers out	(265,846)	(196,389)	-	(462,235)
Net change in fund balances	(49,216)	51,880	59,628	62,292
Fund balances - beginning of year	<u>765,420</u>	<u>527,005</u>	<u>397,599</u>	<u>1,690,024</u>
Fund balances - end of year	<u>\$ 716,204</u>	<u>\$ 578,885</u>	<u>\$ 457,227</u>	<u>\$ 1,752,316</u>

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

TOWN OF NEWBURY

**Notes to Basic Financial Statements
December 31, 2006**

NOTE 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the Town for the year ended December 31, 2006 was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Governmental Activities (at cost)				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land and improvements	\$ 1,058,261	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,058,261
Construction in progress	56,282	12,852	5,519	63,615
	<u>1,114,543</u>	<u>12,852</u>	<u>5,519</u>	<u>1,121,876</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Land improvements	201,176	12,926	-	214,102
Infrastructure	10,915,872	604,568	-	11,520,440
Buildings	4,032,543	20,213	-	4,052,756
Vehicles	1,235,177	134,964	-	1,370,141
Machinery and equipment	1,121,628	157,191	1,056	1,277,763
Technology equipment	49,773	25,804	-	75,577
	<u>17,556,169</u>	<u>955,666</u>	<u>1,056</u>	<u>18,510,779</u>
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Land improvements	12,102	16,219	-	28,321
Infrastructure	9,156,981	133,488	-	9,290,469
Buildings	654,666	104,683	-	759,349
Vehicles	709,847	90,125	-	799,972
Machinery and equipment	716,616	88,489	384	804,721
Technology equipment	28,734	15,088	-	43,822
Accumulated depreciation	<u>11,278,946</u>	<u>448,092</u>	<u>384</u>	<u>11,726,554</u>
Capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>6,277,223</u>	<u>507,574</u>	<u>672</u>	<u>6,784,125</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, Net of accumulated depreciation	<u>\$ 7,391,766</u>	<u>\$ 520,426</u>	<u>\$ 6,191</u>	<u>\$ 7,905,001</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2006 (unallocated) \$ 448,092

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**Notes to Basic Financial Statements
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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, 2006 is as follows:

	<u>General Obligation Bonds</u>	<u>Compensated Absences</u>	<u>Unamortized Bond Premium</u>	<u>Total</u>
Beginning balance	\$ 1,575,000	\$ 64,108	\$ 92,700	\$ 1,731,808
Additions	-	10,323	-	10,323
Reductions	(200,000)	-	(10,300)	(210,300)
Ending balance	<u>1,375,000</u>	<u>74,431</u>	<u>82,400</u>	<u>1,531,831</u>
Current portion	200,000	-	10,300	210,300
Noncurrent portion	<u>1,175,000</u>	<u>74,431</u>	<u>72,100</u>	<u>1,321,531</u>
	<u>\$ 1,375,000</u>	<u>\$ 74,431</u>	<u>\$ 82,400</u>	<u>\$ 1,531,831</u>

Long-term liabilities outstanding at December 31, 2006 consisted of the following:

<u>Issue Year</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Original Amount of Issue</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding 12/31/06</u>
General Obligation Bonds				
Library Renovation Bond	1998	4.58%	2008	\$ 310,000
Highway Garage and Town Office	2004	3.63%	2014	1,647,000
				<u>1,375,000</u>
Other Long-Term Obligations				
Compensated absences				74,431
Unamortized bond premium				82,400
				<u>156,831</u>
				<u>\$ 1,531,831</u>

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

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
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
2011	165,000	32,500	197,500
After	<u>485,000</u>	<u>48,250</u>	<u>533,250</u>
	<u>\$ 1,375,000</u>	<u>\$ 297,775</u>	<u>\$ 1,672,775</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

2007 brought the northeast another spring storm which created severe damage to our roads. The storm of April 2007 began as a nor'easter, dumping several inches of snow. When it changed over to heavy rain, all the snow filled in the ditches and plugged culverts. Virtually every road in town sustained damage. The most severe damage occurred in the Mountainside and Winding Brook Subdivision, leaving residents unable to access or leave their homes by vehicle. After round-the-clock work, the road was reopened within one day. The following day, over 1,200 cubic yards of material was spread and compacted by a local contractor. In September, another local company was contracted to replace several existing culverts with larger ones. It is my hope this will eliminate any future problems in that area. I would like to take this opportunity to thank local contractors Peter Graf, Josh Perkins and Rick Messer for the great jobs they did on this project.

Over the next seven weeks, the remainder of the road repairs were completed by the highway department. The work consisted of hauling, spreading and grading over 3,500 cubic yards of bank-run gravel, 8,546 cubic yards of crushed gravel, 570 tons of 6-inch stone and 160 tons of 3-inch stone. The materials were placed in various ditch lines to try and slow down runoff along with 50 tons of hot mix to repair locations where pavement was damaged.

The first 5,400 feet of Province Road were treated with an asphalt surface treatment as requested in article 20 of last year's town meeting.

The first unpaved section of Rollins Road was repaired. The Highway Department installed road stabilization fabric;

spread, graded, and compacted 2,165 tons of 1½” hard-pack gravel, 1,124 tons of ¾” hard-pack gravel, and applied 1,462 gallons of liquid calcium chloride. This project provided a hard travel surface that will provide a good base for any future upgrades or paving to this section of road. Since the completion of this work on September 11, no other maintenance (including grading) has been needed in this area.

In the fall, we were able to lend a hand to the Fishersfield project by extending the road to the compost area, building stone walls and building gates. These projects, along with the usual duties of snow removal, grading, culvert replacement, sweeping, mowing, etc., kept the department busy.

The department’s new pick-up truck arrived in May. After being outfitted with all the necessary equipment, the final cost with the trade-in of the 2001 pick-up was much less than the funds appropriated at town meeting.

Winter sand will again be available at the old highway shed on Sutton Road for all Town residents.

As always, my thanks to the residents for their support and cooperation. Thanks to the highway department staff for their continued hard work and dedication, the board of selectmen, town office staff, and the police and fire personnel for their assistance.

Cal Prussman, Highway Administrator

Blodgett Wastewater Treatment Facility

2007 proved to be a good year for the Blodgett Wastewater Treatment Facility as we have begun the three-phase upgrade to the facility. In March and April, a contractor (United Construction) was hired to complete Phase 1 of the project. The completion of this Collection Phase has addressed the rehab of the sewer lines to reduce ground-water infiltration. This work has alleviated the infiltration problem which has been a major concern every year. As we expected, however, in tightening up the infiltration coming in, the ground water is not as diluted and the nitrate levels have gone back up. These levels are expected to go back down as the project continues.

Phase II of the upgrade includes looking at the design and replacement of the pump stations. This will allow for easier, more accurate readings and maintenance, and more trouble-free performance.

The engineers from Stantec are currently looking at all the information in regard to the third phase of the project. It will be decided in the near future whether there will be a completely new system or an upgrade on the one that already exists.

Everything within the facility is running smoothly. The Blodgett Wastewater Treatment Facility continues to work with the state on all of these ongoing projects.

Thank you to all of the residents of Blodgett Landing and the town administration for their continued support and assistance.

Tim Mulder, Chief Operator

Health Officer

The year 2007 was another active year for the town of Newbury health officer, both within the community and working with surrounding town health officers on a regional basis.

There was increased activity in public health emergency planning through Newbury's very active participation in the Greater Sullivan County All Health Hazards Region Committee. The committee is made up of most of the communities in Sullivan County, along with the towns of Newbury, New London and Sutton, as well as representatives from area hospitals, schools, businesses and the State of New Hampshire. The group has been meeting on a monthly basis for the last two years to develop a regional response plan to respond to a major health emergency, such as an influenza pandemic. During 2007 the health emergency plan was completed and two table-top exercises were conducted testing various parts of the plan. The committee's work continues into 2008 with outreach to the business community and the public on health emergency planning with a new website and information in local publications.

Newbury hosted the committee's first public health community forum on May 16th at the town office. The meeting was very well attended by Newbury residents as well as people from neighboring communities. Presenters from the State of New Hampshire, the committee and the medical community discussed planning efforts under way by the committee and the state and how communities, individuals and families can prepare for a large-scale health emergency. Copies of the family emergency planning brochure distributed at the forum are available at the town offices and on the health officer's page of the town of Newbury website.

In conjunction with this regional planning effort, the town of Newbury health officer has started to assemble a supply of medical supplies that would be in short supply or not available in the event of a pandemic or other widespread public health emergency. These supplies would be available to the Newbury Fire and Rescue Department, should their supplies be depleted. The health officer has been working in conjunction with the emergency management director, Paul Groulx, in updating the public health section of the Newbury emergency operations plan and obtaining supplies and equipment that might be needed in other types of emergencies, such as natural disasters.

One of the health officer's primary duties is to communicate public health information to the residents of the town of Newbury. Much of this information is issued by the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in the form of e-mail bulletins to the local health officers. These bulletins contain information on outbreaks of diseases, such as cases of EEE or West Nile Virus, recall of contaminated food products, contagious diseases impacting certain areas or health hazards from flooded areas. Some of these bulletins may affect Newbury and other remote parts of the state. Any information on public health concerns impacting the town or even general information that residents should be aware of is immediately passed along in the form of a bulletin on the front page of the town of Newbury website, www.newburynh.org. Other useful public health information is posted on the health officer's webpage and printed copies are posted and made available to the public at the town offices. Again this year, community health information was available on display at the safety services building on Newbury's Old Home Day, July 14th.

Each spring the health officer meets with the selectboard to review potential hazards from mosquito-carried diseases such as West Nile Virus and EEE. Plans and contingencies are put into place in the event that infected insects are identified within our community. Fortunately, the town has never had to implement these plans.

The town of Newbury again this fall hosted a flu immunization clinic conducted by the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association at the town offices. Many Newbury residents took part in the clinic.

In addition to working with the selectboard and emergency management director, there is considerable coordination by the health officer with the town administrator, code enforcement officer, highway administrator, town clerk and police and fire chiefs on public health issues.

During the year, the health officer represented the town at the New Hampshire Municipal Association annual conference, New Hampshire Health Officers Association conference and state public health meetings.

Please watch the town of Newbury website, www.newburynh.org, for important public health bulletins and visit the health officer's webpage for community health information and links to state, federal and international public health information resources.

Wayne R. Whitford, Health Officer

Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association

Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice is grateful for the opportunity to provide home health, hospice and community services for residents of Newbury.

Each year our focus is to provide the kinds of services that people in the community need in order to recover from an illness or injury, cope with chronic illnesses or deal with life events including births and deaths.

We invest in technology and training for staff to ensure the highest level of competence, and hire staff who go about their work with a high degree of caring and compassion. We continually seek feedback from patients, families, other health care providers and the community to help us improve our services.

During the past year, Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice increased our volume of services in all programs by more than 10 percent. In addition, the following accomplishments will help the organization remain a provider of choice in this region:

- Achieved a patient satisfaction rate at the 94th percentile.
- Eliminated all long-term debt except the building mortgage.
- Improved nursing productivity by .5 visit per day.
- Implemented an electronic newsletter for Friends of the VNA.

- Hired a Hospice Facilities Coordinator to improve communication, satisfaction and consistency in our work with nursing homes and assisted-living facilities.
- Exceeded our annual fundraising goal by 16%.
- Launched the “Good to Go” emergency planning initiative with staff, volunteers and trustees to encourage personal readiness in the event of an emergency of any kind. Without personal readiness, we will not be able to assist in the community.
- Initiated discussions with New London Hospital to contract for increased Hospice Medical Director time to improve staff support, communication with primary physicians and patient care.
- Implemented specific care plans for certain chronic illnesses with associated patient education to improve communication and consistency with patients and help achieve positive patient goals

These actions and many more were undertaken so that Lake Sunapee Region.VNA and Hospice will be in the best position to provide the kind of care you expect and deserve.

More than 348 residents of Newbury received care and services through one or more programs of Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice. More than 152 residents participated in our community clinics including influenza, pneumonia, foot care and blood pressure. Forty adults and 86 children attended support groups during the year, including caregiver, bereavement and parent-child support. In addition, 67 residents received 671 home care visits and 171 hospice

visits. Families of hospice patients will receive bereavement support over the next year and beyond. Finally, over 857 hours of personal support services were provided for those needing long-term care at home.

The more than 120 staff and 100 active volunteers at LSRVNA are proud to provide care and services to promote a healthy community. Thank you to each and every one of you for the many ways in which you support Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice.

Andrea Steel, President and CEO



*Town Clerk Linda Plunkett gets
into the holiday spirit.
Photo courtesy Donna Long*

New London Hospital

We are pleased to share these notable achievements of our recent fiscal year, which ended on September 30, 2007. With over 450 employees and an operating budget of \$43.5 million, New London Hospital is one of the area's largest employers and economic cornerstones.

- The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) recognized our patient care quality in the areas of community-acquired pneumonia and surgical care. New London Hospital was the only hospital in New Hampshire visited on a recent tour of a team from IHI and one of the few critical-access hospitals nationally to be included.
- New London Hospital has been named to the Harvard Pilgrim Honor Roll for 2007 in recognition of our standing in the top 25% of hospitals nationally for the results of our quality measures as reported by the Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services. We are one of only 35 hospitals in the northeast to receive this honor.
- The volume of our clinical services grew over 8% in FY 2007, with increases in patient visits to lab and radiology and patients per provider. The number of inpatient and same-day surgery cases performed in our operating rooms increased, as well as visits to the emergency room. The Clough Extended Care Center also cared for an increased number of residents this year.
- We continue to ensure that we have quality providers to meet the primary-care needs of our patients and we strive to provide the specialty services appropriate for our hospital:

- Our primary-care providers were joined by four new colleagues—Denise Weber, M.D., Internal Medicine in New London; Carrie Webber, M.D., Family Medicine at the Newport Health Center; Maud Abess, PA-C, in New London and the New London Family Care Center at Grantham; and Laura Kaitz, PA-C, at the Newport Health Center.
- Jack Kirk, M.D., Internal Medicine, returned to practice primary care full-time in New London.
- Daniel McGinley-Smith, M.D., Dermatology, joined New London Hospital Practices and sees patients in New London.
- Alyssa Pearl, PA-C, joined New London Surgical Services.
- Joseph Phillips, M.D., Neurosurgeon with Upper Valley Neurology Neurosurgery, sees patients and performs procedures in New London.
- Women’s Health Services began offering pre- and postnatal care in our community through a collaboration with Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center.
- The Clough Center initiated a hospitalist program, providing increased physician access for residents and their families.
- We celebrated our second year as a member of the Dartmouth Hitchcock Alliance.
- Our 24/7 ambulance service continues to serve the community with generous support from the Town and on November 30, 2007 we celebrated the arrival of a new state-of-the-art ambulance to meet the emergency needs of our residents.

- We held our 5th annual Emergency Services Conference at Mount Sunapee Resort, attracting over 400 participants. Our Emergency Medical Services staff provided over 500 hours of classes for the community ranging from CPR to specialized paramedic training. In addition, our Emergency Department is a partner with the Town on all emergency preparedness trainings and drills.
- The Hospital and Clough Center implemented a new Healthcare Information System in November 2006 and will soon deploy a new electronic medical records system throughout our physician practices, funded by a \$2.9 million loan/grant from the USDA Rural Utilities Services Program.
- New London Hospital embarked upon a \$21 million expansion and renovation project in July after successfully obtaining a Certificate of Need from the state. The *Building Towards the Future* project has been granted all required permits from the Town of New London. The Hospital held a groundbreaking ceremony on August 30 attended by Governor John Lynch and Dr. Susan Lynch, as well as over 200 community members.
- We announced a capital campaign goal of \$7.2 million in support of the *Building Towards the Future* project.
- Community support for New London Hospital exceeded our projections with a very successful Annual Fund, our second Grand Gala, record attendance and proceeds from our fourth annual golf tournament and our 83rd Hospital Days.
- The New London Hospital Art Program continues to showcase the works of local artists over the year with quarterly exhibits, bringing the art of healing to our walls for patients, visitors and staff. We are very

grateful that the artists donate a percentage of all their sales to New London Hospital.

- Volunteer service to the hospital totaled more than 14,000 hours, with a value of over \$253,000. The Friends of New London Hospital also contributed countless hours supporting a variety of community-based programs.

2008 will bring many changes to the Hospital campus as we move towards completion of the building project in Spring 2009. The Hospital will continue to offer uninterrupted primary and secondary healthcare services while also planning and building for the future needs of the community. We will continue very thoughtful deliberation of the opportunity to create a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) on Hospital land. We are researching a variety of options and speaking with several experts in the field. We plan to make important decisions about a CCRC project in late 2008.

New London Hospital expresses its deep appreciation to the community for its support and interest in the Hospital's future.

Bruce P. King, President & CEO



Pam Chambers and Helga Thomas enjoy the festivities at Old Home Day.

Photo courtesy Connie Pavlicek

**Community Action Program
Kearsarge Valley Area Center
Services Provided to Newbury Residents in 2007**

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 \$18.19 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 congregated meal sites/senior centers for nutritious hot meals, social/recreational activities and special events. Value: \$6.68 per meal.

Meals-On-Wheels provides the delivery of nutritionally balanced hot meals to homebound elderly or adult residents five days per week. Value: \$6.71 per meal.

Transportation provides regularly scheduled demand response to and from towns in Belknap and Merrimack counties to medical and professional facilities, shopping centers, and congregated meal sites. Value \$7.92 per ridership.

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 2006-07 program was \$643.00.

Electric Assistance program is a statewide program funded by all electric rate payers which provides a specific tier of discount from 5% to 70% on electric bills for eligible households.

Women, Infants and Children (W.I.C.) provides specific food to supplement the daily diet of pregnant or nursing women and children under five. Participants receive medical/nutritional screening, counseling and education. Value includes value of vouchers and clinical services at \$47.46 per unit.

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



*Rainbow over Mount Sunapee
Photo courtesy Donna Long*

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

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

Service Description	Units of Service	Households/ Persons	Value
Commodity Supplemental Food Program	Packages - 144	Persons - 12	\$2,619.36
Congregate Meals	Meals - 506	Persons - 46	\$3,380.08
Meals-On-Wheels	Meals - 1444	Persons - 9	\$9,689.24
Transportation	Rides - 8	Persons - 5	\$63.36
Emergency Food Pantries	Meals - 130	Persons - 13	\$650.00
Fuel Assistance	Applications - 34	Persons - 86	\$23,025.00
Electric Assistance	Households - 28	Households -28	\$10,355.52
W.I.C.	Vouchers - 144	Persons - 12	\$6,834.24
Family Planning	Stats. Not Available		
Neighbor Helping Neighbor	Grants - 2		\$400.00
Total			\$57,016.80

*Laura Hall, Area Director
Kearsarge Valley Area Center*

Family Services

In 2007, the town of Newbury assisted eleven families. I received many calls throughout the year from people wanting to help residents in Newbury with a need. Some had clothes, furniture, and other ways to be of help. As I have said many times, Newbury is a caring community.

The holiday season is especially busy for Family Services. Our thanks are extended to the hard-working, caring people of the South Newbury Union Church. They distributed 20 Thanksgiving baskets, 21 Christmas baskets, and hosted a breakfast with Santa with the proceeds benefiting the Giving Tree.

This was the second year for the Giving Tree in town offices, and it was indeed a successful one. There were 46 snowflakes on the tree and 46 wrapped presents miraculously appeared under the tree to be distributed to the kids. A special thanks to all who took a snowflake and made the wish of a child come true.

Thanks to a generous family from Newbury, I was also able to send a gift certificate to each needy child in enough time for their parents to purchase an additional gift, making sure that each child in Newbury would have gifts under their tree.

Through Mt. Sunapee Resort's "Care & Share" program, a good amount of groceries has been donated. With the cost of gas, oil and food rising, these groceries will be a big help to families to get them through the winter.

I have been overwhelmed with phone calls from individuals, families and organizations volunteering and donating time, money, food, services, holiday baskets and presents for local

families. If at any time you have questions or concerns, or know of a family in Newbury in need, please contact me at 763-4940.

Gail Bostic, Family Services Director



*The Family Services Giving Tree
Photo courtesy Donna Long*

Kearsarge Area Council on Aging

Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc., (COA) is a service organization for seniors which serves the nine towns of Andover, Danbury, Grantham, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sutton, Sunapee and Wilmot. In 2007 COA celebrated its 15th anniversary. We continue to grow and services below show the increase in our participation levels and transportation provided to area seniors:

- 628 members in 1996
2,452 members in 2006
- 4,900 people participated in programs in 1996
10,000 people participated in programs in 2006
- 4,000 volunteer hours contributed in 1996
11,600 volunteer hours contributed in 2006
- 16,000 miles of transportation were given in 1996
60,000 miles of transportation were given in 2006

Our mobility lending program of walkers, canes, wheelchairs and other equipment is used almost daily. Programs of education, exercise, culture and sociability are available through the Chapin Senior Center every day. All these services continue to be free of charge to our members and we hope to keep it that way. It is through the generosity of the towns serviced, the business sponsors and individual contributions that we are able to do this.

Our annual budget of \$100,000 is possible only because of the excellent volunteer support that COA receives from hundreds of people in all towns. COA has a paid staff of one executive

director and one part-time administrative assistant. Volunteers do the rest, sharing their talents and time with COA.

COA is most grateful for all donations. Without them, we would not have the vibrant organization that we have. We look forward to seeing you at the center.

Kay Butler, Chairman



*Travis Dezotell grooms the cross country ski trails with the new Kubota.
Photo courtesy Maureen Dezotell*

Conservation Commission

The Newbury Conservation Commission continued in its role as advisor and advocate for the environment. During the year the commission reviewed twelve intent-to-cut notices and made visits to most sites to advise on potential environmental problems. The commission also reviewed DES Wetlands applications for fifteen projects in Wetlands Bureau jurisdiction. The 15 applications break down into several different categories as follows:

Docks & boathouses	7
Home repair	2
Road repair	4
Retaining wall	1
Pond dredging	1

Members of the conservation commission made site visits to all of the waterfront locations.

The commission's biggest project this year was to assist in the protection of 845 acres of prime wildlife habitat on the eastern side of Mt. Sunapee. The commission was approached by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests with a proposal to purchase a conservation easement from North Woodlands who wanted to purchase the property for its forest resources. Specifically the forest society asked the commission to contribute \$200,000 from the conservation fund in concert with its contributing the remainder. After thorough study and consultation with the board of selectmen, the commission agreed. A public hearing was held to solicit comment from the public, after which the commission voted to appropriate the money. This effort assures that the land will remain wild forever, and that no houses will be built on that land.

Work continues on the creation of a conservation plan to guide the town in choosing which resources to protect. The Newbury Natural Resources Inventory is the foundation of any such plan. To that end, the inventory was reviewed, research was conducted, and an addendum containing the new information was written. Then the conservation plan was written and several drafts were reviewed by the commission. The final draft is nearly finished. Publication is expected in early 2008.

The proposal to create a town forest in the northern part of Fishersfield Park with the commission as manager was passed at town meeting. After some negotiation with the board of selectmen and the recreation committee a boundary was decided upon. Future efforts will include writing a memorandum of understanding and funding a forest management plan.

The commission assisted in the protection of 157 acres of prime wildlife habitat on the lower eastern slope of Mt. Sunapee owned by Joy and Tom Nowell. They donated a conservation easement to the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests and the commission reimbursed the Nowells' costs which were in excess of \$7,500. There are many ways to protect one's land. The commission stands ready to help in any way that it can.

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

William Weiler, Chair

Eric Unger

Katheryn Holmes, Vice Chair

William Annable, Alternate

Frank Perrotta, Clerk

Deane Geddes, Alternate

Suzanne Levine

Sunapee Area Watershed Coalition (SAWC)

In January 2005, Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA), supported by the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC), was selected by NH DES to receive grants to participate in the NH DES Watershed Pilot Program. Sunapee Area Watershed Coalition (SAWC) is made up of Sunapee watershed (Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton) town representatives, residents, lake associations, non-profits, and other interested parties and is currently working with Granite State Rural Water Association to write a Watershed Management Plan for the Lake Sunapee watershed. Coalition members have identified the major threats to the local water bodies, and are currently working on recommendations. A watershed plan draft will be available for review early in 2008.

Three reports have been completed this year:

- an updated study of the watershed on maximum buildings and population,
- a comparison of regulations of the six watershed towns and assessment by UVLSRPC,
- a water quality computer model which uses inputs such as storm data and predicts total phosphorus.

In 2007, a mid-year report was issued and distributed at town offices; reports were presented to several watershed towns' selectmen. In 2008, SAWC is planning to select a demonstration project relative to the pilot grant.

This year a SAWC subcommittee (Watershed Advisory Committee) has been working on the watershed plan. This subcommittee toured important sites in the watershed, from storm water-handling examples to the state's salt barn, from a

managed forest to a problematic grandfathered subdivision, and water supply infrastructure.

Five areas of focus resulted:

- 1) Erosion Control: Requirements for slopes greater than 15% should be considered and soil type criteria should be included. Sediment should always be retained in the development area.
- 2) Storm Water: Requirements for handling run-off as a result of development can be better covered. Criteria should be adopted to control flow by use of level-spreaders or vegetated buffers before run-off enters ditches or streams. Regulations should include long-term maintenance of storm water controls and should be included in town property records.
- 3) Waste Disposal: State regulations apply to septic system design and site selection. Criteria should be introduced for inspection and maintenance. Town records should include location, design and maintenance history.
- 4) Buffer Zones: In view of the critical role played in preserving water quality, definition and criteria for structure maintenance should be required and in town property records. Width, clearing limitations, soil type and slope must be considered.
- 5) Water Supply: High-quality water supply is a basic need. While surface-water quality is monitored and public supplies are covered by state regulations, no comprehensive data on location, type, depth, and flow are available on private wells. Such information could be developed and a program of testing be instituted so that long-term trends can be followed and threats identified.

The SAWC Watershed Plan draft will be submitted to the town boards for review in early 2008. It is intended that recommendations should be incorporated into master plans and be a guide for planning and zoning boards.

June Fichter, Co-chair



*Enjoying a hot summer day at the Harbor.
Photo courtesy Connie Pavlicek*

Fishersfield Park

2007 saw the completion of much of the first phase of the park development at Newbury's Fishersfield Park. With Selectman Richard Wright spearheading the project, construction, grading, fill and seeding were completed on the first athletic field, which will be able to hold one NCAA standard-sized soccer field or be turned into two youth fields. Preparation was done for the surfacing of the tennis and basketball court areas, as well as for the volleyball court.

The recreational trail system continued to improve throughout the year under the watchful eye of Chuck Crickman. Thanks, Chuck, for all your efforts. The trail system is signed, mapped and marked with aluminum trail markers. Maps are available in the box at the front signpost at the park, and also at the library and the town office.

Field equipment has been purchased for all the phase 1 field areas and will be ready to be outfitted in spring 2008. Grass on the athletic field, however, will probably not be ready for play most of next summer. Also, a fencing company was hired to do all the chain-link fencing needed for the different field and court locations.

Construction of a service building complete with storage areas, handicapped-accessible bathrooms and a snack shack area was begun in 2007 and as of year end was nearing completion. Three parking areas were created, one for handicapped accessibility very near to the service building. An access road was completed from the entrance of the park through the lower park area and into the phase-two field area (baseball field, proposed community garden, greenhouse, and parking area).

Fishersfield Park, officially opening in 2008, will boast a collegiate-sized soccer field, volleyball court, paved tennis court, paved basketball court, bocce and horseshoes area and 100 woodland acres with hiking trails, some of which wind around the historic stone walls, paddocks, and laneways of a 19th century New Hampshire sheep farm. Most trails loop away from and back to the picturesque picnic area surrounding the pond. This park combines the true spirit of conservation, recreation, leisure and athletics. We believe Fishersfield Park will fill the vacuum for this type of recreational opportunities that has existed in Newbury's past.

*Travis Dezotell
Recreation Coordinator*



*The new Fishersfield Park sign
Photo courtesy Donna Long*

The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust

For over 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 fourteen 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 92 projects and protected a total of 5,388 acres. All of our conservation lands 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 two and a half years 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 now being protected, we continue to have a growing

backlog. In order to continue our work, we intend to hire a second land protection specialist in the spring of 2008. This is a year earlier than we had initially planned. Aside from working on conservation projects, our new employee will also use approximately a quarter of his/her time overseeing the ASLPT stewardship program.

As a consequence of our growth, we have found it necessary to relocate in order to fulfill the need for larger office space. We are planning to move to a new office rental located at 71 Pleasant Street in New London in the spring of this year, owned by builder Gavin Campbell. By moving, we will gain at least two additional work stations, larger meeting space and adequate storage for our ever-increasing files and permanent records.

In 2006, we launched the ASLPT Annual Preservation Fund which proved to be a huge success. The fund is intended to build our financial resources devoted to land conservation in perpetuity.

In October our outreach committee held its first-ever Land Summit that was well supported by our area towns and attended by 75 participants. The summit brought officials from our 12-town region together with the purpose of affording the opportunity to learn from each other and from experts in the fields of land conservation and planning.

I am very pleased to announce that the ASLPT is one of 80 land trusts selected by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission to apply for the 2008 accreditation. We are the only NH land trust applying in the inaugural year of accreditation. Our board feels that it is important that we apply for accreditation because land trusts are increasingly called upon to demonstrate their accountability to the public.

Accreditation will provide the public with the assurance that a land trust displaying the accreditation seal meets established standards for organizational quality and permanent land conservation.

Projects completed in 2007 include the following:

- 470-acre Wood Without Gile property adjacent to the Gile Forest in Springfield managed by Ann and Marc Davis
- 16.4 acres in Newbury located on Route 103A, owned by Dan Wolf, which is important to the Lake Sunapee Watershed
- 9.6 acres in Newbury off Route 103A, owned by Suzanne Levine, which is located on Cunningham Brook
- 268-acre Hersey Family Farm located on Route 11 in East Andover
- 9.71 acres owned by the Town of Sutton (formerly the Enroth/Lefferts properties) located adjacent to Kezar Lake, Keyser St. and Route 114

For further information, please take a look at our website, www.ausbonsargent.org.

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. All of you play a key role in the success of ASLPT.

Deborah L. Stanley, Executive Director

Board of Trustees:

Laura Alexander

Larry Armstrong, Treasurer

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Bill Clough

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Maggie Ford

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Nancy Teach, Chairman

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Beth McGuinn

SueEllen Andrews

Laurie DiClerico

Wendy Johnson



*Newbury residents listen to Pat Sherman
at one of the Visioning Sessions.*

Photo courtesy Donna Long

**Town of Newbury
Annual Town Meeting
Tuesday, March 13, 2007**

Moderator Marashio called the March 13, 2007 Town Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The ballot boxes were examined and confirmed to be empty. Voting on Article 1 and Article 2 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 14, 2007

Moderator Marashio called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at which time she explained the rules of order and voting procedures. She stated that she will rule against all requests for reconsideration on any of the articles on the warrant. However, the voters may vote to over-rule the moderator and thereby reconsider the article.

Voters checked in with the ballot clerks and picked up their voting cards.

Moderator Marashio read the voting results from the March 13, 2007 election.

Office of Selectman:	Richard J. Wright – 358
Trustee of Trust Funds:	Clayton Johnson – 440
Library Trustee:	Elizabeth Tentarelli – 439
Planning Board:	Thomas Vannatta – 418
Planning Board:	Deane B. Geddes – 403

Cemetery Trustee:	Paul D. Riley - 410	
Supervisor of Checklist:	Sue Russell – 424	
Supervisor of Checklist:	Clayton Johnson – 435	
Zoning Board of Adjustment:	Katheryn C. Holmes – 417	
Zoning Amendment No. 1:	Yes – 284	No – 133
Zoning Amendment No. 2:	Yes – 340	No – 79
Zoning Amendment No. 3:	Yes – 355	No – 66
Kearsarge Regional School Moderator:	Robert Bowers – 388	
School Ballot Question 1:	A – 274	B – 146
School Ballot Question 2:	Yes – 242	No – 235
School Ballot Question 3:	Yes – 357	No – 117
School Ballot Question 4:	Yes – 367	No – 104
School Ballot Question 5:	Yes – 387	No – 88
School Ballot Question 6:	Yes – 137	No – 327

Selectman Powell thanked the Beautification Committee for their efforts in preparing and organizing the Ham and Bean Supper prior to the meeting. Members of the meeting showed their support and agreement with a round of applause.

Selectman Powell congratulated Selectman Wright for keeping his seat as Selectman. He also thanked Jay Gamble and staff for their hospitality and allowing the Town to use the Spruce Lodge for the Annual Town Meeting.

Selectman Wright presented the Walker Family with a proclamation in memory of Kevin Walker.

Selectman Powell presented the Newbury Beautification Committee with a proclamation in recognition of all their hard work and success in beautifying Newbury.

Selectman Budd presented Linda Powell with a resolution to honor her efforts and contributions in making the Town run smoothly with the help of the Newbury Update.

Dennis Pavlicek, Town Administrator, presented Shelly Candidus with a resolution to acknowledge her contributions to the Town.

Moderator Marashio acknowledged the Ballot Clerks, Inspectors of Election and Supervisors of the Checklist for all of their efforts to make our elections run smoothly.

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

1. Executive	\$116,540
2. Elections	4,380
3. Financial Administration	417,655
4. Legal Expenses	28,000
5. Personnel Administration	2,000
6. Planning	52,012
7. Zoning	13,208
8. General Government Bldg.	47,546
9. Cemeteries	25,430
10. Insurance	46,000
11. Other General Government	23,900
12. Police Department	406,594
13. Fire Department	104,840
14. Forest Fire	1,038
15. Code Enforcement	26,794
16. Emergency Management	4,805
17. Highway Maintenance	559,314
18. Highway Reconstruction	210,000
19. Street Lighting	13,500
20. Transfer Station	272,736
21. Health Agencies	30,743
22. Welfare	16,494
23. Information Booth	6,436

24. Parks & Recreation	57,967
25. Library	74,885
26. Conservation Commission	600
27. Historical Society	250
28. Tax Anticipation Notes	100
29. Sewer Department	146,550
30. Bond/Note Principal	200,000
Bond/Note Interest	68,600
31. Safety Communications Services	38,101
32. Capital Outlay	0
TOTAL	\$3,067,018

Motion to adopt Article 3 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Selectman Powell explained that there are some changes made to the way some of the appropriations were budgeted on some of the expenses. The employee expenses and benefits that the Town pays on each employee are now budgeted to their relative departments. The bottom line is that there is a 5.2% increase over last year in the operational budget. That may change based on what is approved on the remaining warrant articles. Additionally, expenses have increased as a result of the increase in costs for electricity and petroleum products such as fuel, heating oil and road materials.

Josh Perkins asked why there was a \$20,000 increase in line item #11 Other General Government.

Selectman Powell explained that there are two items that were not in that line item last year. One is \$10,000 that was added with no specific earmark called Selectmen's Projects. During the course of the year, issues arise that the Board of Selectmen

had not anticipated. This money will be used to address the types of urgent situations that may need funds to resolve. The other \$10,000 is to do some work to look at the Town Center from the Fire House to Bald Sunapee to see what use that land can be to the Town and how much land there is to work with. The Board of Selectmen has been part of discussions about having to do something in the near future about the police and fire station. Also, in order to get enough useful land, there is an upcoming warrant article to purchase the building next to the Bald Sunapee Garden Center. This money will help get our Town Center planning off the ground.

Josh Perkins asked how it is possible to lease or make payments on a vehicle and not buy it. Line item #12 is burying a new police vehicle in the budget. The Selectmen are taking the decisions away from the Town's people.

Police Chief Robert Lee stated that he proposed to go through the budget because he felt it was the most effective way to acquire another police vehicle. He commented that Capital Reserve Accounts are not a functional way of budgeting. This car will be purchased through the Municipal Financing Program. It allows the Town to finance a new vehicle for three years with a back-door insurance benefit. If a vehicle is totaled or damaged, the insurance will pay 100% of repair or replacement if it is financed. If it is not financed, the insurance company will only pay the worth of the car. He stated that the decision is not being taken away from the Town's people because the Town's people can always vote down the budget.

Andrew Davis asked what is going on with the ambulance coverage for Newbury, and why not give some money to the Newbury Fire Department to save for our own ambulance.

Selectman Powell explained that the Bradford ambulance squad is still a functioning organization serving South Newbury. There have been some staffing turnovers, and new responders are currently in training. He assured Mr. Davis and the Town's people that there is still emergency medical care for the residents of Newbury. New London is available as a back up.

Jim Valiquet thanked the 500 people who turned out to vote on March 13. He commented that a new Town vehicle should be a warrant article at least for the first payment so that everything is up front and the Town's people know how their money is being spent. He commented that taxpayers should not have to pay to obtain copies of the line-item budget in order to find out the details of spending. The budget should be provided at no cost under the Right-To-Know law.

Selectman Powell commented that the budget is available to view at the Selectmen's Office at no charge. There is a charge if copies are made to be taken out of the building.

Jim Valiquet questioned why the Town is spending money so exuberantly when there are some people in Town having to subdivide and sell off their land in order to afford the property taxes.

Jim Valiquet made a motion to defeat the proposed budget and go back to last year's operating budget.

Clay Rucker asked why Line Item #23 Information Booth is over \$6000 and how many people visit the booth each year.

Dennis Pavlicek, Town Administrator, commented that off the top of his head, he does not know how many people visit the information booth each year, perhaps 100/day. The

information booth provides trail maps, restaurant information, activities, etc. There is also lots of information on local business including those in New London, Sunapee, and Newport. Most of the costs are associated with personnel staff and \$30/month for electricity and telephone.

Linda Powell stated that lots of the answers to these questions are published in the Newbury Update.

Laura Sevene commented that there is a gross lack of information circulated to all sections of Town. Many people do not attend the public meetings because they are not aware they are happening.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 3: Majority in favor. Article 3 was adopted as read.

Article 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

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

Selectman Wright explained that this Article has decreased from last year since this Capital Reserve Fund is not funding a police cruiser.

Diane Richter commented that she is concerned with safety coverage for her family at their home in Southview off Old

Province Road. She asked that the Board of Selectmen look with a full heart at providing a venue for adequate safety coverage in all areas of Town.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 4: Majority in favor. Article 4 was adopted as read.

Article 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

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

Henry Thomas, Fire Chief, explained that the item for Fire Department Personal Protection was addressed last year. It is a continued plan. It is an expendable fund by the Board of Selectmen in case the need arises to purchase safety gear in a hurry due to damaged equipment or a good purchase opportunity.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 5: All in favor. Article 5 was adopted as read.

Article 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.)

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

Selectman Powell explained that there are several bridges in Town, two of which need extensive work on Mountain Road. One bridge was damaged in a vehicle accident; the other is in need of work due to age and normal wear and tear. There are two more bridges in Town that are going to need repair or replacement in the relatively near future. One is on Village Road that has been redlined by the State of NH, DOT. The State inspects the bridges annually and rates each bridge on a point system based upon the condition of the bridge. If the bridge does not meet the minimum amount of safety points, it gets redlined. The second bridge in need of work is on Sutton Road just down from the old Highway Garage where Ring Brook and Andrew Brook merge. There is a hay field at that junction which has now become a wetland because of the flooding due to the inadequacy of the bridge to handle the increased volume of water. Both bridges fall under a state grant program that will cover 80% of the cost. There is \$73,000 in the Revaluation Capital Reserve that can be transferred to this fund since the assessor is now paid for full-time shared with Sunapee and New London.

Moderator Marashio stated that this warrant article needs 110 votes to pass.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 6: Yes – 156 No – 10. Article 6 was adopted as read.

Article 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.)

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

Selectman Wright explained that this article would put the necessary funds into motion to provide a safe passage for pedestrians to walk during the summer months from the Caboose/Information Booth to the Bald Sunapee Garden Center. The sidewalk is proposed to be flush to the ground and existing pavement and made of a concrete pressed brick imprint similar to that which is at the information booth. It will create a clear delineation for pedestrians to passing traffic. There are drainage problems that D.O.T. is preparing to address by installing a catch basin system by the brook in the Harbor, and it would be ideal to work in conjunction with each other's construction schedules so that one does not compromise the other's efforts. Most of the matching funds can be done by our Highway Department. Construction will be in a couple of years.

Katheryn Holmes asked if the sidewalk would be maintained in the winter.

Selectman Wright stated that he does not anticipate doing anything in the winter since there is not much pedestrian traffic in the winter.

Wayne Seaholm commented that the plan looks good but there is a big gap in the sidewalk across the parking area at the town dock. He suggested that the sidewalk continue across the parking area along Route 103.

Paul Riley asked why we are raising \$643,000 if the project is only going to cost 20%, \$128,620.

Selectman Wright explained that the Town has to raise the full amount of money first, then the grantors give back their share which will be two to three years down the road. This process of raising and refunding is required by the State.

Susan Crickman expressed concern for pedestrians at the intersection of Route 103 and Route 103A.

Selectman Wright stated that there would be a marked crosswalk made out of the same material that the sidewalk will be made of. There will be no stoplights.

Holly von Svoboda commented that the message this sidewalk brings is safety.

Bill Weiler commented that he has two concerns. First it is a nice concept, but there is no definite plan that we are being asked to vote on; and second, how is this going to affect the Meeting House. Will the stone steps have to be taken away with a cut into the slope in front of the Meeting House?

Selectman Wright stated that the Board of Selectmen will work with the Meeting House members on how to design the sidewalk in front of the Meeting House.

Patricia Sherman stated that when this is going to be designed, there will be a Request For Proposals for a Landscape Architect to work out designs. There will be a few sessions this summer on visioning where people will be able to speak their piece.

Beverly Wolf stated that the Library Trustees are very supportive of this sidewalk, which will facilitate the foot traffic coming from the beach to the library for activities.

Selectmen Wright stated that these grants don't come easy or often.

Josh Perkins asked what assurance we have that this project is not going to be back in another two years for more money like some of the other projects.

Selectman Wright commented that there are no addendums to this project. This is a definite plan and should not require any revisions that would need additional funds. The plan is all encompassing in what we are intending to do. The only way more money could be needed is if the bids come in higher than anticipated. Then we would have to adjust the project.

Jim Lord asked why we have to raise the whole amount.

Dennis Pavlicek explained that this procedure is required when receiving grant money. We have to raise the total amount then we will be reimbursed by the Department of Transportation for \$514,000. That will not come all at the

moment, but gradually as we submit the paid bills for reimbursement. Any money that is not used for this project will be returned to the general fund.

Question was moved. Majority in favor.

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

Article 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

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

Selectman Budd explained that in Park 10 there were three parcels of land given to the Town by a property owner and one that was obtained through a tax deed. The Old Highway Garage has limitations of use. The sale of these properties would net what is being proposed in Article 9.

Mr. Wolf commented that there is an Article to purchase the property next to the Bald Sunapee Garden Center, which is now also a town-owned property. Additionally, there has been an architect contracted to design a plan for the Town Center to blend all of the properties into a visually appealing center. This old highway garage site could be used for a town use, or it could also be used as a park.

Mr. Wolf made a motion to delete section e) Old Highway Garage from Article 8. Motion was seconded. Discussion followed.

Calvin Prussman, Highway Administrator, commented that he agrees with Mr. Wolf and is against selling the Old Highway Garage. The Old Highway Garage is currently being used to store the antique fire truck and miscellaneous highway equipment. It could also be used to store a rescue vehicle. It is a bad thing to sell because we would never get it back.

Henry Thomas, Fire Chief, commented that this was brought up at the budget meeting, and the group of people that were at the meeting were under the impression that the disposal of the Old Highway Garage was going to be a separate warrant article. Currently there are two boats and one fire truck in there. The Newbury Master Plan also has a section that identifies concerns for safety services in South Newbury. If we get rid of this property now, we may have to re-purchase it later.

VOTE to amend Article 8 to delete section e) from Article 8: Majority in favor.

Question was moved. All in favor.

**VOTE ON ARTICLE 8 AS AMENDED: All in favor.
Article 8 was adopted as amended.**

Article 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).

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

Mr. Powell presented a map of the property at 919 Route 103. He explained that the Board of Selectmen has already spoken with the property owner, Arthur Camacho. Mr. Camacho is willing to sell the Town the property for \$250,000, which is around the assessment. There has been preliminary research done which identifies the fire department and police department as having inadequate space. One of the departments will have to move soon. Mr. Powell introduced Patricia Sherman, recently retired Architect and Planner.

Ms. Sherman presented a plan, which showed all current Town-owned property in the center of Town. She stated that the Town cannot build any more on some of the lots it owns because they are already built out or they are wetlands. The Camacho property has a deeded right of way across the Bald Sunapee Garden Center property, which to some degree limits what can be done at the BSGC property. The acquisition of the Camacho property will increase the buildable area of the BSGC by 14% and eliminate the right-of-way complication. This summer there will be a series of vision sessions for public input.

Walter Greenwood asked what impact the passage of Article 8 and Article 9 will have on the tax rate. He commented that he likes the ideas, but it is getting difficult to be able to afford to live in this town because of the taxes and the spending.

Selectman Powell explained that when the meeting began this evening, if everything was approved, the tax rate would go down 0.20/1,000. Now that we have taken out the anticipated income from the sale of the Old Highway Garage, the Town portion of the tax rate will probably go up 0.10/1,000.

Wayne Seaholm pointed out that there are two families currently living at the Camacho property with children in the school district. He asked if the families will be able to stay there so that the children will be able to finish the school year.

Selectman Powell stated that the Board of Selectmen has already thought about that. The Selectmen will not evict the tenants, and they will be given a reasonable amount of time to make other arrangements.

Laura Sevene reiterated that if the taxes continue to go up, people will not be able to live in Newbury.

Dan Wolf stated that he hopes that the Selectmen will consult with professionals regarding how to handle a property with tenants since last year we were told there was a clear deed to the BSGC and then we find a deeded right of way through the front of it.

Clay Rucker commented that if we think we are going to get better use out of selling the Old Highway Garage, then we should sell it and use the money to offset this purchase.

Stephanie Spaulding emphasized that although she is very concerned over the rising property taxes, she is more concerned for the families currently living at the Camacho property.

Barbara Freeman, Planning Board Chair, commented that the Planning Board is going to be a part of the development of the Town center. One of the things that have to be considered when planning the town center is the topography in relation to emergency services. The emergency services should be located centrally in order to allow personnel to respond in a timely manner. Additionally, if the Town does vote to purchase this property, it is important to recognize the responsibility to the tenants.

Ivor Freeman commented that it seems as though the purchase seems to be o.k., but the price is high. He stated that he would like to amend Article 9 to use \$68,000 of the undesignated funds toward this purchase.

Ivor Freeman made a motion to amend Article 9 to add that this money will be payable from the undesignated fund balance at December 31, 2006. Motion was seconded. Discussion followed.

Henry Thomas commented that the \$250,000 that is in the unexpended balance will be used to offset the tax rate in September of 2007; therefore, we are not getting ahead by passing this motion to amend.

Selectman Powell commented that the undesignated fund balance is to cover emergencies. The Department of Revenue Administration recommends 5% to 10% of the operating budget set aside for emergencies. When the balance gets to 11%, they recommend that we take it out to offset taxes. This

purchase is going to cost the Town \$250,000 no matter where it comes from.

VOTE on AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 9: Majority not in favor. Motion failed. Discussion followed.

Selectman Powell commented that this is a unique opportunity. At many Town meetings, we have heard comments regarding the lack of available land for town needs, primarily the fire department and the police department.

Betsy Soper commented that she cannot believe that the Town would consider letting this property go by. She stated that Newbury needs a community center and a village center.

Al Bachelder commented that it seems to him that the Town has made a terrible mistake that we would not sell the Town Garage. He asked Moderator Marashio if it is possible to reconsider the sale of the old highway garage.

Moderator Marashio said that she will not allow reconsideration of any warrant article including the sale of the Old Highway Garage. However, if the town's people present want to overrule her decision, they may do so by majority vote.

VOTE TO OVERRULE THE MODERATOR: Majority voted not to overrule the Moderator, and thereby not to reconsider the sale of the Old Highway Garage.

Question was moved. Majority in favor of moving the question.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 9: Majority in favor. Article 9 was adopted as read.

Article 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.

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

Police Chief Lee commented that one of the largest issues in town is traffic. This message board will be able to display information and communications. It is solar powered and will serve as a passive method of traffic enforcement. It can also display public service announcements.

Laura Sevene commented that there are speed limit signs already posted, and this would be more money wasted on the summer people. No sign will make a difference.

Question was moved. Majority in favor of moving the question.

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

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$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.)

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

Calvin Prussman, Highway Administrator, explained that this purchase will replace the 2001 Chevrolet Pick-up, which has 115,000 miles. The new truck will come with all of the equipment except a radio. There is a separate line item in the budget for the radio. He explained that he will use the 2001 as a trade-in and will try to get the best money for it as possible.

Wayne Seaholm asked if the ratio of workers and equipment is in line with the number of miles of road; or, do we have to think about hiring more men and purchasing more equipment.

Mr. Prussman said that the ratio is in line and it is not necessary to hire more workers or purchase more trucks at this time.

Question was moved. Majority in favor of moving the question.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 11: All in favor. Article 11 was adopted as read.

Article 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.

Henry Thomas, Fire Chief, made a motion to table Article 12 until March 2008. Motion was seconded. Discussion followed.

Mr. Thomas explained that the Fire Department held a meeting and felt that the Town needs more information from the Board of Selectmen to find out how they will be implementing this article. This issue will be discussed throughout the year.

Selectman Powell indicated that the Board of Selectmen supports tabling this article until next year's town meeting.

VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE ARTICLE 12: All in favor. Article 12 was tabled.

Article 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 032, 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.

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

Selectman Wright explained that the Board of Selectmen feels that the Fishersfield backland needs stewardship and care. The Town is moving on building the park this summer. The Conservation Commission will oversee the forestland in the back, the trails, and their care. This stewardship will enhance the value of that land and enlist the aid of other groups. The best use for that backland is for wildlife and timber foresting.

Wayne Seaholm volunteered to walk the microphone around at next year's Town Meeting.

Mr. Seaholm commented that approximately nine years ago the Town voted to purchase the Fishersfield property for recreation development, and still nothing has been done. The Town should not drop the project.

Selectman Wright explained that there have been trails built in the back. The backland is windy and steep. The land that is being considered for the Town Forest is in the back, and it is very steep and not developable. The area in the front is where the recreation fields will go. The Selectmen have been trying to develop this plan for the lowest price possible, and it has cost us time. The Selectmen fully expect that the majority of this project will happen this summer. We would not be giving the land away, only giving stewardship to the Conservation Commission to take care of it.

Mr. Seaholm stated that there are lots of talented people around that will work for free that can make things happen.

Question was moved. Majority in favor of moving the question.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 13: Majority in favor. Article 13 was adopted as read.

Article 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.

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

Selectman Budd explained that this legislation is an unfunded mandate, and the Board of Selectmen would like to know on public record how the town's people would like them to respond. If "Real ID" passes, there will be a national database of every citizen's personal information.

Clay Rucker made a motion to table this article until we know more about it before we express an opinion. Motion was seconded. Discussion followed.

Mr. Rucker commented that he thinks most of us do not know what is involved and we should do some research.

Selectman Powell commented that this is a current issue in the legislature and the federal government will be acting on it before one year's time is up.

Carl Christiansen commented that one thing we should think about is identity theft because all of your information will be laid out.

VOTE TO TABLE ARTICLE 14: Majority against. Motion to table Article 14 failed. Discussion on Article 14 as read followed.

Selectman Wright commented that thousands of people are victims of identity theft, and this legislation will enable that even more.

Karla Walker commented that from previous work experience she knows how the federal government works and suggests that the voters support this article.

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

Article 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.

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

Steve Russell, Environmental Chairman of the Chalk Pond Area, explained this initiative and suggested joining the other 170 towns over New Hampshire to advocate for a National Energy Policy that will also protect the economy.

Question was moved. Majority in favor of moving the question.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 15: Majority in favor. Article 15 was adopted as read.

Article 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.)

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

Dennis Pavlicek, Town Administrator, explained that this article has to be voted on each year. It enables the money from the cemetery lots sold in the previous year to be placed in the Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 16: All in favor. Article 16 was adopted as read.

Article 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.

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

Bill Weiler explained that the three town-owned buildings in South Newbury that this article refers to are the Town Hall, Sherman Hall, and the Grange Hall. This money would be used to hire an architect to analyze the condition of the buildings, including the heat, plumbing and electricity. After the study is complete, the list will be given to the Board of Selectmen so that they can consider appropriations for next year.

Carl Christiansen commented that he thinks the Grange Hall should be demolished, but the other two buildings may be worth saving.

Question was moved. Majority in favor of moving the question.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 17: Majority in favor. Article 17 was adopted as read.

Article 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.

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

Mary Bachelder, Cemetery Trustee Chair, explained that this money will be used to replace 420 ft. of chain link fencing that is in disrepair. The old fence will be replaced with granite posts and chain.

Question was moved. Majority in favor of moving the question.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 18: Majority in favor. Article 18 was adopted as read.

Article 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.)

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

Dan Wolf explained that in the spring of 2005 a group of people who were concerned with the condition of the Center Meeting House got together and created a Board of Trustees. At its meeting, the Board came to a conclusion that this issue needs to be opened up to the Town. The group is organized as a 501 c-3, a non-profit organization with over 100 members. An architect who specializes in historic preservation was hired to assess the building. The Center Meeting House Committee began fund raising and has raised over \$180,000. The CMHC borrowed enough money from Lake Sunapee Bank to hire North Branch Construction to raise the Center Meeting House and rebuild the foundation. The passage of this article will allow the CMHC to be eligible to apply for more State and Federal grants. The Center Meeting House is the first of only two buildings in Newbury on the National Register of Historic Buildings. It is part of the geographic Town Center. The impact on the tax bill of a \$100,000 house will be \$10.00. This is a one-time request. There will be no requests for money next year.

Brian Bostic commented that he does not think taxpayers should be asked to find a privately owned building.

Mr. Wolf explained that the grants to be applied for are more obtainable if there is community participation in the project.

Mr. Bostic suggested that the CMHC sell the Center Meeting House to the Town for \$1.00 and then the town will take care of it.

Mr. Wolf explained that if the CMHC dissolves, then the building will revert to the Town anyway.

Margaret Weiler stated that the CMHC is not a private organization. Anyone can join. The support of the Town is the only way the CMHC can get substantial contributors.

Linda Powell commented that she thinks that the Town Government should provide for the needs of the Town. The Center Meeting House will never be a functional Town use. The building is uncomfortable for use, and there is not a lot of floor space. The sense of community spirit will come from fund raising efforts, which should be given a chance first.

Carl Christiansen commented that the people present at the meeting represent a small portion of the Town, and this issue should not be considered at this meeting.

Mary Marzelli commented that we should maintain a vision for the Town. The Center Meeting House is an important part of the Town Center. It has major structural issues that need to be funded.

Beverly Wolf pointed out that the Library is owned by the Library Trustees but is also supported financially by the Town. The Center Meeting House has been used in the past for functions, and there are plans to hold concerts there in the future.

Pat Dugdale commented that preservation is a good thing, but expressed concern for the precedent being set.

Gordon Stanley stated that if everyone joins the CMHC and pays the \$10 membership fee, then the \$75,000 will be covered.

Linda Plunkett, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, commented that many of the people she encounters that are new to the Town

and also those that have made Newbury their home have expressed the same appreciation for the rural atmosphere of Newbury. This building is in the center of Town and in her opinion, promotes the rural atmosphere that everyone appreciates more so than the sidewalk and lighted message board that have already been approved at this meeting.

Barbara Freeman stated that the Center Meeting House is the subject of several illustrations characterizing Newbury. It is in the best interest of the Town to do whatever is necessary to maintain and restore this building.

Question was moved. Majority in favor of moving the question.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 19: Majority in favor. Article 19 was adopted as read.

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

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

Selectman Wright explained that the base material on Old Province Road will not support the weight of the construction vehicles passing over it. The material suggested in this article is a triple chip seal, which is a type of asphalt. In the summer heat it will melt itself back together. This material is just an experiment and we aren't sure if it will work, but something needs to be done. Hot asphalt will not work, so we want to try this on the worst part of the road to see if it will work before we surface the whole thing.

Chuck Kennedy stated that he built his house 17 years ago and was told then that the road would be paved in 4 years. So, the sooner the better.

Cal Prussman commented that Lou Caron, Road Engineer, advised that based on the test pits, this road is inadequate for a hot overlay. The pavement would crack and deteriorate. Therefore, he recommends chip seal as an alternative. This money will cover the equipment and materials. The material is more forgiving and will heave and move around with the changing weather.

Question was moved. Majority in favor of moving the question.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 20: Majority in favor. Article 20 was adopted as read.

Article 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.)

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

Jay Tucker, President of the Bradford/Newbury/Sutton Youth Sports, explained that the BNSYS is a growing organization. He stated that 85% of the organization's money comes from its own fund raising and player fees. There are maintenance issues that need to be addressed at the fields in Bradford, which are going to be mostly funded by donations and fund raising.

Question was called. Majority in favor of calling the question.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 21: All in favor. Article 21 was adopted as read.

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

Gail Bostic, Family Services Director, announced that there was a young family who recently suffered a loss due to a fire in their home. They are in need of housing. Anyone who knows of a way to assist, please contact Gail.

Dennis Pavlicek announced that volunteers are being sought for the organization of the 2007 Newbury Old Home Day on July 14, 2007. There will also be a Farmer's Market from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. every Friday at the Bald Sunapee Garden Center property from June 29 – October 5. Vendors may pick up applications at the Town Office.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Linda Plunkett, Town Clerk

**Newbury Board of Selectmen
Summer Town Informational Meeting
Minutes of July 28, 2007**

Selectmen: Richard Wright

Town Personnel: Dennis Pavlicek, Town Admin; Donna Long, Admin. Assistant, Police Chief Bob Lee, Fire Chief Henry Thomas

Public: Barbara Kamph, Cynthia Trudeau, Martha Greenwood, Charles Schiess, John Pratt, and others.

The meeting convened at 8:00 a.m.

Selectman Wright welcomed everyone to the annual Summer Meeting. He reminded everyone that immediately following the meeting there will be a Visioning Session in which residents can give their input on ideas for the future of Newbury. He invited everyone to stay for that meeting.

Barbara Kamph complimented the town on Old Home Day. She said everything was wonderful but asked if anything could be done to improve the parking on that day. Wright admitted that parking is an issue. Chief Lee responded by saying that parking will be permitted at the parking lot across the street from the Harbor. The owner has asked employees of these stores to park in the rear of the building to leave more parking for customers. Pavlicek mentioned that this could be brought up during the Visioning Session.

Cynthia Trudeau asked if maybe parking near the transfer station might be an option next year. Wright said the Selectmen are considering dedicating Fishersfield next year and that some of the activities might be located at this location. This would alleviate some of the parking issues in the Town Office area.

Martha Greenwood said that more food needs to be available for next year's Old Home Day as food was running low at the end of the dinner.

Charlie Schiess mentioned that there is an ongoing problem with the development on the hill up from Blodgett Landing. He said the construction trucks are destroying roads and that the drainage was inadequate. Wright said the Select Board has been addressing the problems on a one by one basis. Pavlicek said that letters have been sent to some of these neighborhoods requesting them to meet with the Select Board at the end of August. The Board will continue to meet with other neighborhoods throughout the year.

Charles Schiess asked who will pay for these improvements. Wright said the property owners who created these problems would be responsible for fixing them.

Barbara Kamph asked if the town is responsible for cleaning out ditches. She said Bell Cove Road needs to be cleaned. Wright said it will be checked.

Barbara Gibson asked for an update on the sewer system on Blodgett Landing. Pavlicek stated most repairs are done. They will be back next year to make sure everything is in good working order. Pavlicek said the entire system should be done by next year.

Cynthia Trudeau asked what is going on with the cemetery. Wright said a fence will be going up. He said he would also look into the fact that the trash can is missing at the cemetery.

Fire Chief Hank Thomas reported that he was notified from Homeland Security that they received a grant for some new equipment. The department will be getting the following items: Jaws of Life, cutters, thermal-imaging camera, radios and an ice

rescue truck with training. He also reported that the fire house in Blodgett Landing has a new roof.

Barbara Kamph asked about cell phone reception. Pavlicek said that three new cell towers are tentatively scheduled to be going up soon: 2 in Sunapee and one in Newport.

John Pratt said that the rock walls are deteriorating near the water at Blodgett Landing.

A resident wanted to know why the summer informational meeting wasn't advertised around town. Wright reported that it was advertised in three publications as well as posters at the town office, library, post office, etc. Wright also said that the best way to get the word around is to tell everyone word of mouth to be sure everyone knows of these meetings. Pavlicek said to also check out the website for updated information.

A question was asked if the sale of properties in a neighborhood could increase the assessment of other houses in the area. Wright stated that the fair market value of a home is based on recent sales in the town. When asked if appraisals have just been updated, Pavlicek reported the appraisals were done last fall. The only changes to appraisals should be due to building permits. Pavlicek was asked what happens if a taxpayer does not pay his taxes. He stated that if not paid by the due date, an interest charge of 12% is incurred and after the second notice of taxes it increases to 18% interest. After two years of not paying taxes, the town takes over the property and auctions it off.

A resident stated that in her home town of Waltham, MA, it is allowed to donate time to the town to be used toward payment of taxes. Pavlicek reported that this would be a NH legislative decision. He said that the Select board does have a 'Good Cause'

rule that would allow them to abate someone's taxes. Pavlicek suggested that they call their local legislators regarding this issue.

Pavlicek was asked if the town has changed their accounting system. He responded 'no' but we have new standards by GASB 34 (Governmental Accounting Standards Board) that looks at every piece of equipment and property valued over \$5,000.

Schiess stated his concern over the rise of taxes in Newbury. He said there are many people in town that have had camps on the lake for generations that simply cannot afford to keep them anymore. Wright said taxes did go down last year and that the taxes are based on the value of the property.

Charles Schiess asked how selectmen get voted in. Wright explained that every year a seat on the Select Board is up for election. Each position is held for three years. He explained that you can only vote if you are a full-time resident of Newbury. You can only vote for the town that you claim as your primary residence.

Cynthia Trudeau stated that she thought the Select Board was doing a wonderful job.

A resident asked the town's position in issuing building permits. Wright said there is a significant planning process that one must go through to subdivide in Newbury. Wright mentioned that there has been a decrease in building permits. He said that there must be a reason to limit building permits in town.

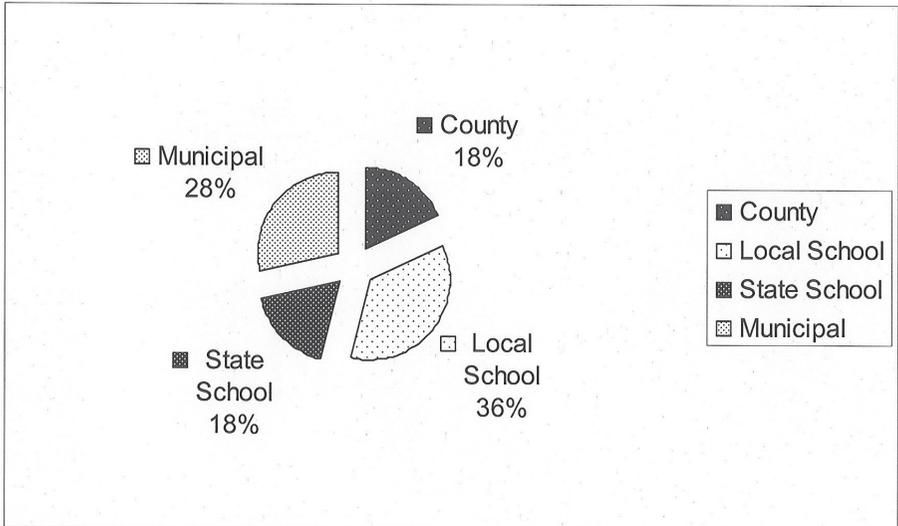
The Newbury Summer Informational Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m. to start the Visioning Session.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Long, Administrative Assistant

Your Tax Dollars 2007

County	\$2.38	18%
Local School	\$4.63	36%
State School	\$2.30	18%
Municipal	\$3.71	28%

Total	\$13.02	100%
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Births
Registered in the Town of Newbury, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2007

<u>Date</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Birth Place</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
01/13/07	Jack Everett Cicoria	Concord, NH	Matthew Cicoria	Lisa Cicoria
03/22/07	Caroline Emma Eliane Lambert	Lebanon, NH	Stephen Lambert	Roseanne Lambert
05/31/07	Camden Michael Altuz	Concord, NH	Michael Altuz	Lindsay Altuz
06/06/07	Gemma Rose Dyke	Lebanon, NH	Adam Dyke	Donna Dyke
06/15/07	Emerson Elizabeth Beaudry	Claremont, NH	Corey Beaudry	Ashley Beaudry
07/31/07	Austin Tyler Bryk	Lebanon, NH	Thomas Bryk	Pamela Bryk
08/16/07	Isan Lewis Griggs	Lebanon, NH	Raymond Griggs	Renee Ware
08/17/07	Ethan Robert Conway	Concord, NH	Stephen Conway	Abby Conway
10/12/07	Liam Martin Theriault	Lebanon, NH	T. Scott Theriault	Holly Theriault
11/06/07	Isabelle Rose Dragon	Concord, NH	Joseph Dragon	Stormy Oliver
12/13/07	David James Irwin	Concord, NH	David Irwin	Margaret Irwin
12/21/07	Joseph William Cluff	Concord, NH	William Cluff	Lacy Cluff
12/29/07	Charlotte Marie Oakes	Newbury, NH	Desmond Oakes	Patricia Oakes

Marriages
Registered in the Town of Newbury, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2007

<u>Date</u>	<u>Groom's Name</u>	<u>Groom's Residence</u>	<u>Bride's Name</u>	<u>Bride's Residence</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>
01/02/07	Lawrence Buote	Newbury, NH	Martha O'Clair	Croydon, NH	Newbury, NH
01/05/07	Peter Titus	Newbury, NH	Rochelle Titus	Newbury, NH	Newbury, NH
06/09/07	Tyler H. Beck	Newbury, NH	Anne E. Lockhart	Newbury, NH	Springfield, NH
06/23/07	John P. Allen	Newbury, NH	Allyson W. Humphrey	Newbury, NH	Warner, NH
07/07/07	Todd W. Harrison	Newbury, NH	Karen F. Maher	Newbury, NH	Bradford, NH
07/07/07	Luke N. Syvertsen	Newbury, NH	Leah B. Hurst	Newbury, NH	Newbury, NH
08/25/07	William B. Hall	Berkeley, CA	Erika Larsson	Berkeley, CA	North Conway, NH
10/06/07	Robert M. Morse	Newbury, NH	Sharon Gaines	Newbury, NH	Newbury, NH
12/06/07	Desmond L. Oakes	Newbury, NH	Patricia M. Lyle	Newbury, NH	Newbury, NH
12/29/07	James R. Harte	Newbury, NH	Michelle M. Chamberland	Newbury, NH	Hillsborough, NH

Deaths

Registered in the Town of Newbury, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2007

<u>Date</u>	<u>Decedent's Name</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
01/08/07	Dennis McCarthy	Newbury, NH	Thomas McCarthy	Gertrude Wright
01/15/07	Victor Valaitis	Exeter, NH	Simonas Valaitis	Ona Sutkus
01/18/07	Donald Gross	Newbury, NH	Harry Gross	Ethelreda Swan
01/29/07	Harry Behr	New London, NH	Max Behr	Julie Schilling
02/01/07	Stirling MacDonald	Newbury, NH	Ray MacDonald	Ruth Lamper
03/04/07	Susan Lonsdale	Newbury, NH	Edward Murphy	Abigail Twomey
03/23/07	Joseph Lizotte	New London, NH	Victor Lizotte	Azeline Michaud
03/26/07	Louis Marzelli, Sr.	Ormond Beach, FL	Eugene Marzelli	Laura Galli
06/14/07	John M. Donovan	Savannah, GA	John C. Donovan	Helen Murray
07/18/07	John Blom, Jr.	Newbury, NH		Mildred Feryance
07/21/07	Paul Marashio	New London, NH	Peter Marashio	Catherine Danizio
08/10/07	Mary Birse	Lebanon, NH	William Diamond	Robertine Girard
10/01/07	Craig Miller	Newbury, NH	William Miller	Georean Baker
10/15/07	Delbert Harris, Jr.	Concord, NH	Delbert Harris, Sr.	Elsie Sibley
11/13/07	Clayton Johnson, Jr.	Concord, NH		Alice Green
12/16/07	Karen Dion	Newbury, NH	Clarence Hall	Helen Blom
12/17/07	Reginald DeRoche	Newbury, NH	Fred DeRoche	Pearle Jordan
12/24/07	Ethel Cascella	Newbury, NH	Joseph Hompesch	Christina Wittel

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 Office763-4940
Fax763-5298

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

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

See posted meeting schedules for dates.

www.newburynh.org

E-mail: townadmin@newburynh.org

Town Clerk & Tax Collector's Office763-5326

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 Smith938-5925

Town Highway Department938-5494

Library763-5803

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 Station763-2289

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.



Newbury Town Offices
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