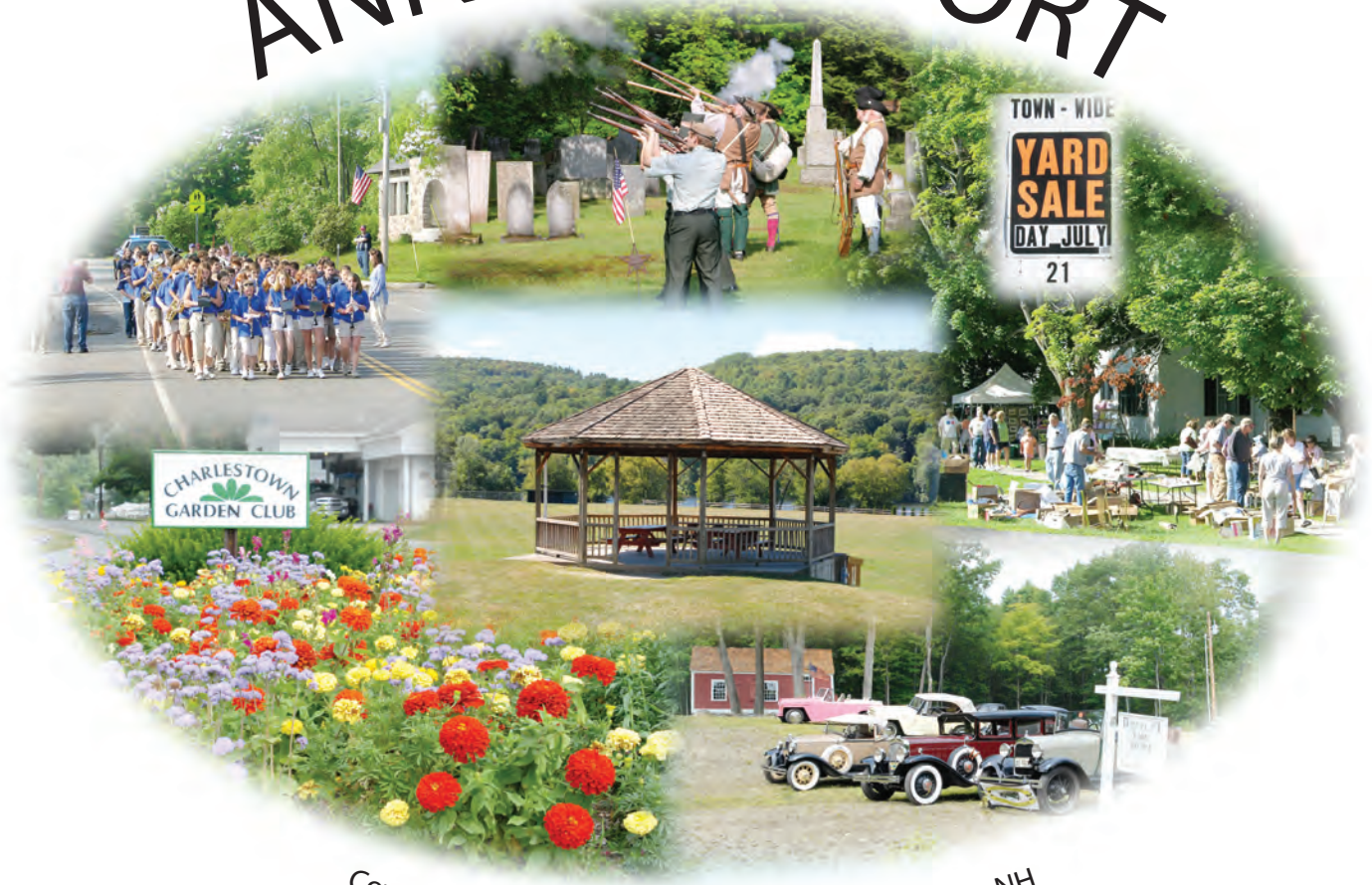


2007 ANNUAL REPORT



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Town of Charlestown New Hampshire

DEDICATION

The 2007 Annual Report is dedicated to the many devoted Town officers, committee members, community groups and individuals who spend many hours of their own time for the betterment of the Town of Charlestown. The Selectboard would like to express their admiration and thanks to these individuals and organizations who spend their own time and, in many cases their own money, to make Charlestown a more beautiful, safer and better place to live. These enthusiastic and committed people spend their time attending training sessions, meetings and making improvements throughout the community to enhance the appearance and atmosphere of Charlestown. These improvements benefit not only Charlestown residents, but also the many visitors who travel here for vacations or to visit family and friends.

The Selectboard does not want the hard work of these individuals and organizations to go unnoticed or unappreciated. Their work can be seen everywhere in Town and at all times of the year. These faithful individuals do not allow the harsh weather conditions of New England to deter the course of their projects or plans to improve Charlestown. If you know any of these individuals please take a moment to thank them for all their hard work and dedication to the improvement of the Town of Charlestown; and if you are one of these individuals please know that your time and effort are sincerely appreciated.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Of the Selectboard
And
Other Town Officers

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.



For the Year Ending
December 31, 2007

"The Town of Charlestown prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or a part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) The Town of Charlestown is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

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REPORT OF THE SELECTBOARD

This year's Town Meeting Warrant includes a general fund operating budget that is only four tenths of one percent higher than last year's budget. However when combined with recommended special warrant articles total spending to be funded with 2008 tax dollars is actually down some \$200,000 or 5½% percent from last year. The Selectboard feels that this is a sound and responsible spending plan that meets the Town's needs while minimizing the impact on taxpayers. We thank the Finance Committee for their advice and counsel in preparing the 2008 budget.

The Board wishes to express its strong support for Warrant Article #2 which will appropriate the sum of \$4,700,000 for the construction and equipping of a new Public Safety Building to house the Police, Fire, and Ambulance Departments. This sum is to be raised by bonding as well as any grant funds that the Town may be able to procure to finance the project. While it will have no impact on this year's tax rate, the repayment of the bond will be incorporated into future years' budgets. Last year's request for \$25,000 for the preliminary design of the new public safety complex was well spent and a very good plan was designed by David Udelsman of Udelsman Associates who worked with a group of citizens and the affected department heads in gathering information on the needs of the town's safety departments. They did their job well and developed a plan that will alleviate the severe space limitations under which our public safety personnel are currently operating, meet current codes and regulations, provide a safe working environment for the Town's public safety employees and allow for future growth of the three departments. The building will also house the Town's Emergency Management Director and provide a single, unified center of operations in the event of a serious emergency.

The Highway Department continues to make major improvements to our roads. The reconstruction of Calavant Hill was completed last summer. That project cost was about \$245,000. Work on Wheeler Rand, Scenic Hill and Borough Roads consisted of culvert and drainage improvements and will be followed up with resurfacing in 2008. Roads in the Beaudry Development and rip-rap slope work on Old Cheshire Turnpike are also slated for work in 2008. Final payment of the FEMA money for the 2005 flooding was received and used for additional roadway improvements. Every year highway Superintendent Keith Weed and the highway workers improve on their ability to fight the snow and keep our roads open and safe. For that we are thankful. There is a small addition being constructed at the highway garage to house equipment and supplies.

The Transfer Station is undergoing a roof expansion over the recycle bins. This will help keep the elements out of the bins. The Town adopted mandatory recycling of glass and electronics in 2007. This will significantly reduce the solid waste tonnage that the Town must pay to dispose of and these savings are reflected in the budget. In 2007 over 60 tons of glass and electronics were removed from the waste stream and recycled. This year we were asked to consider a pay-as-you-throw program under which residents would pay for trash disposal by the individual bag. The Board feels that there is no need for such a program at this time and prefers to continue on the path of mandatory recycling of certain products each year. You can help us by obeying the recycling rules now and help us to keep our tonnage down. Through permits, trash that was billed such as demo, and selling our recyclables, the Town took in about \$108,000. Although we are doing well on recycling numbers, we can do better. If we keep the waste tonnage down, we won't have to go to pay-as-you-throw. The Water & Sewer Department, headed by Dave Duquette, had a successful year. In 2007 Dave was recognized as New Hampshire Water System Operator of the Year for his efforts in upgrading booster stations and his work in bringing the North Charlestown water system into compliance with the new federal arsenic standards. This problem resulted from the federal government's reduction in allowable arsenic levels in drinking water, which the Town had always complied with previously.

The new arsenic removal system has proven very effective in meeting the new standards and was installed at a total cost of less than \$100,000, a major accomplishment for the Department.

In conclusion, the Selectboard wishes to extend special thanks to the Rotary Club for their continued improvements to the Town Hall and to the Tree Committee for its continuing efforts toward restoring the historic appearance of Main Street through the planting of numerous trees and shrubs.

OFFICIAL OFFICE HOURS/MEETING DATES

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE (Bakery Building)

Weekdays: 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., except holidays

Tel. 826-4400

MEETINGS: first and third Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.

Fax 826-3709

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Monday: 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 1:30 to 6:00 P.M.

Tel. 826-5821

Tuesday through Friday: 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and

1:30 to 4:00 P.M., except holidays – Library/Municipal Bldg

BUILDING DEPARTMENT (Bakery Building)

Monday and Wednesday: 1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. and

4:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Tel. 826-4400

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Library/Municipal Bldg)

Tuesday and Thursday: 8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Tel. 826-5266

Other days on-call:

1-800-894-8400

PLANNING BOARD OFFICE (Bakery Building, downstairs)

Monday through Friday – 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Tel. 826-5368

MEETINGS: first and third Tuesday, 7:00 P.M.

Fax 826-3709

TRANSFER STATION

Tuesday - Saturday: 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Tel. 826-3201

Wednesday: 9:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION (Community Room)

Third Monday of each month: 7:00 P.M.

RECREATION COMMITTEE (Town Hall)

First Tuesday of each month: 7:00 P.M.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Police, Ambulance and Fire – 911

(Police Department – non-emergency – 826-5747)

2008 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Tuesday January 1 – New Years Day

Thursday November 27 – Thanksgiving Day

Monday May 26 – Memorial Day

Friday November 28 – Day after Thanksgiving

Friday July 4 – Independence Day

Thursday December 25 – Christmas Day

Monday September 1 – Labor Day

Friday December 26 – Day after Christmas

TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen	Steven Neill	2008
	Brenda Ferland	2009
	Jon LeClair	2010
Health & Human Services Community Alliance		
Chief of Police	Edward C. Smith	Appointed
Animal Control Officer	Police Dept	Appointed
Treasurer	Joan Kuncik	2009
Town Clerk/ Tax Collector	Debra J. Clark	2008
Health Officer/ Building Inspector	Bud Von Ahnen Jr.	Appointed
Deputy Health Officer/ Building Inspector	Jon LeClair	Appointed
Moderator	Albert St. Pierre	2008
Supervisors of Checklist	Patricia Pickul	2008
	Doris Blodgett	2010
	Joan Kuncik	2012
Administrative Assistant to Selectboard/ Planning & Zoning Administrator		
	David M. Edkins	Appointed
Trustees of Trust Funds	Barbara M. Jones	2008
	Ernest Parsons	2009
	Curt Clough	2010
Cemetery Trustees	Edgar Benjamin	2008
	Jeff Lessels	2009
	Victoria Sargent	2010
Librarian	Sandra Perron	Appointed
Assistant Librarian	Holly Shaw	Appointed
Library Trustees	Diana Bushway – V. Chair	2008
	Robin Forsaith, Trea.	2008
	James Fowler (Appointed)	2008
	Sheila Beck –Sec.	2009
	Diane Orecchio - Resigned	2009
	Jaqueline Kasprzak	2009
	Eric Lutz, Chair	2010
Trustees-Medical Association	Kenneth Place	2008
	John Murray	2009
	Eric Lutz	2010
Fire Chief	Gary Stoddard	2008
Ambulance Director	Jerry Beaudry	Appointed
Emergency Mgt. Dir.	Charles Baraly	Appointed

TOWN COMMITTEES

Conservation Commission	Steve Neill	Ex-Officio
	Ruth Pratt	2008
	Charles St. Pierre	2008
	Dick Holmes - Chair	2009
	Travis Royce	2009
	James Fowler	2010
	Gary Bascom	2010
Alternates:	Laurelee Judd	2008
	Woodrow Prouty	2009
	Ann Tarmey	2010
Finance Committee	Elaine Van Velsor	2008
	Roger Thibodeau (Resigned)	2008
	Joyce Higgins	2008
	Robert Frizzell (Appointed)	2008
	Richard St. Pierre	2009
	David Richardson, Chair	2009
	Dan Champney	2009
	Susan Laware	2010
	Judith Baraly	2010
Recreation Committee	Robert Beaudry	2010
	Richard Paskerta Jr.	2008
	David Mix	2008
	Melissa Currier	2008
	Steve Moody	2008
	Monica Scott, Chair	2009
	Shaun Chase, Asst. Dir.	2009
	Scott Bushway	2010
	Lynne Fisk, Sec.	2010
Recreation Director	William MacDonald	Appointed
Highway Advisory Board	Robert Davis	2008
	Frank McKane	2008
	David A. Richardson	2009
	Barry Metcalf	2009
	Bruce Putnam - Chair	2010
	Thomas Minickiello	2010
Planning Board	Brenda Ferland	Ex-officio
	Kennith Champney	2008
	Robert Frizzell - Chair	2008
	Gail Fellows (Appointed)	2008
	David Sussman (Resigned)	2009
	Sharon Francis Vice Chair	2009
	Doug Ring	2010
	Kenneth Moore	2010
Alternates:	Roger Thibodeau	2008
	Eric Lutz	2009
	Fred Poisson	2008
	Linda Stewart	2010

TOWN COMMITTEES

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Andy Jellie	2008
Kenneth Place - Chair	2009
Terri Fisk – Vice Chair	2009
Barbara Jones, Sec	2010
Kenneth Arkell	2010

Alternates:

Robert Frizzell	2008
Patricia Cormack	2009
Harold Ames	2010

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN
2008 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE who are qualified to vote in Town affairs,

TAKE NOTICE AND BE WARNED that the First and Second Sessions of the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Charlestown, New Hampshire, will be held on **Wednesday, February 6, 2008 commencing at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Hall at 19 Summer Street** and on **Tuesday, March 11, 2008 commencing at 8:00 A.M. in the Community Room at the Silsby Library/Municipal Building.** At the second session, voting, on all warrant articles will be by Official Ballot commencing at 8:00 A.M. and concluding at 7:00 P.M. unless the Town Meeting votes to keep the polls open to a later time.

ARTICLE 1. To elect the necessary Town Officers for their respective terms.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,700,000 for the purpose of constructing, furnishing and equipping a new Public Safety Building to house the Fire, Police and Ambulance Departments at the site of the existing Fire Station at 1 Main Street; said sum to be raised by the issuance of serial bonds or notes under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33:1 et seq. as amended) and to authorize the Selectboard to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take such other actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Charlestown; and furthermore, to authorize the Selectboard to apply for, accept, and expend such state, federal and private grant funds, if any there be, to assist in the funding of this project. **(3/5 ballot vote required)**

Selectboard recommends this appropriation

Finance Committee recommends this appropriation

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$477,500 for the purchase of a new Pierce Combination Pumper Truck for the Fire Department; \$200,000 of said sum to be raised by the issuance of serial bonds or notes under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33:1 et seq. as amended) and to authorize the Selectboard to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take such other actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Charlestown. The remainder of said sum (\$277,500) is to be appropriated from fund balance with no portion of said sum to be raised by taxes; and furthermore, to authorize the Selectboard to apply for, accept, and expend such state, federal and private grant funds, if any there be, to assist in the funding of this purchase and to authorize the Selectboard to sell, trade or other wise dispose of the

town's 1980 American LaFrance pumper with any proceeds from such sale to be used to defray the cost of the new pumper. **(3/5 ballot vote required)**

Selectboard recommends this appropriation

Finance Committee recommends this appropriation

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the various Town Officers and to take proper action thereon.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, the sum of \$3,934,440 which represents \$3,320,203 for the Town operating budget, \$309,505 for the Water Fund operating budget and \$304,732 for the Sewer Fund operating budget.

Should this article be defeated, the default operating budget shall be \$3,711,392 which is the same as last year's budget*, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

*The default budget represents \$3,139,986 for the Town operating budget, \$296,521 for the Water Fund operating budget, and \$274,885 for the Sewer Fund operating budget.

NOTE: This warrant article (operating budgets) does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant article.

The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote, by special warrant article, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be jointly administered by the Selectboard and Recreation Committee to support the continued participation of Charlestown children, adults, families and seniors in the services, programs and facilities at the new Southern Vermont Recreation Center in Springfield, Vermont.

The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

The Finance Committee does not recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote, by special warrant article, to accept and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 as donated by the Katherine Brenton Estate for the purpose of further renovation of the Library and other projects as approved by the Library Trustees, all expenditures to be consistent with the donor's intentions and no portion of this sum to be raised by general taxation.

The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote, by special warrant article, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the support of the Community Alliance of Human Services' Public Transportation Services program.

The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote, by special warrant article, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the support of A Community Resource Network's (ACORN) programs to support those affected by HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C.

The Selectboard does not recommend this appropriation.

The Finance Committee does not recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, by special warrant article, the sum of \$1,000 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2005 annual Town Meeting for the purpose of compiling an updated Town History.

The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Resolution:

“Resolved: We the citizens of Charlestown, 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 Representatives, 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.”

ARTICLE 12. Shall the Town vote to make English the only official language of the Town? **(By Petition)**

ARTICLE 13. Shall we delegate the duties and responsibilities of the cemetery trustees to the board of selectmen? **(By Petition)**

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote, by special warrant article, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 for the support of the Charlestown branch of the Fall Mountain Food Shelf. **(By Petition)**

The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

The Finance Committee does not recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 15. Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2), as adopted by the town of Charlestown on March 12, 1996, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law? **(By Petition; 3/5 ballot vote required)**

The Selectboard recommends this article.

ARTICLE 16. Shall the town adopt the provisions of RSA 32:14-RSA 32:23 establishing a formal budget committee? Said committee shall be composed of nine members to be elected at large. The intent of this article is to formalize the structure and duties of a budget committee as set forth in the state RSAs. **(By Petition)**

The Selectboard does not recommend this article.

ARTICLE 17. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 28th day of January 2008.

Charlestown Selectboard

Steven A. Neill
Brenda Ferland
Jon B. LeClair

TOWN DELIBERATIVE MEETING

February 9, 2008

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Who are qualified to vote in Town affairs,

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The Town Meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 was postponed until Saturday, February 9, 2008 due to inclement weather.

Albert St. Pierre, Moderator, opened the 2008 Town Deliberative Meeting by reading his rules for the meeting. He led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and then introduced the Town Officials at the head tables and the Selectboard's new office manager Jessica Dennis. Albert read the warrant and the meeting got underway at 10 AM.

ARTICLE 1: No discussion as this article is automatically on the ballot.

ARTICLE 2: Presented and seconded as read.

ARTICLE 3: Presented and seconded as read.

ARTICLE 4: Presented and seconded as read.

ARTICLE 5: Presented and seconded as read.

ARTICLE 6: Presented and seconded as read.

ARTICLE 7: Presented and seconded as read.

ARTICLE 8: Presented and seconded as read.

ARTICLE 9: Presented and seconded as read.

ARTICLE 10: Presented and seconded as read.

ARTICLE 11: Presented and seconded as read.

ARTICLE 12: Presented and seconded as read.

ARTICLE 13: Presented and seconded as read.

ARTICLE 14: Presented and seconded as read.

An amendment was made and seconded to add the word "rent " and delete the word "support". The amendment was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 15: Presented and seconded as read.

ARTICLE 16: Presented and seconded as read.

ARTICLE 17: Presented and seconded as read. A question was asked as to what will happen for the Police Department if Article 2 does not pass. One of the building committee members spoke that they were dedicated to making something happen for them in this town.

Moderator, Albert St. Pierre, adjourned the Town Deliberative Meeting at 1:25 PM.

A true copy, Attest:

Debra J. Clark
Charlestown Town Clerk

BUDGET FOR 2008

	BUDGET 2007	ACTUAL 2007	BUDGET 2008
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>			
Executive	116,850	111,177	119,999
Election Reg. & Vital	2,253	1,414	5,026
Financial Administration	237,990	224,254	242,485
Legal Expense	10,000	5,243	7,500
Planning & Zoning	45,875	46,027	49,734
General Government Buildings	147,520	155,038	173,093
Cemeteries	85,000	77,623	85,000
Insurance	43,000	41,309	46,000
Advertising & Reg. Assoc	10,506	10,406	10,789
Total General Government	698,994	672,492	739,626
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>			
Police Department	580,796	540,850	605,177
Ambulance	73,560	68,517	84,457
Fire Department	105,375	101,454	121,566
Building Inspection	14,095	14,572	15,419
Emergency Management	0.00	0.00	750
Total Public Safety	773,826	725,393	827,369
<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>			
Highways & Streets	976,470	924,597	1,046,429
Street Lighting	27,000	27,335	27,000
Trees	3,800	3,431	2,000
Solid Waste Disposal	346,605	280,498	319,057
Total Public Works	1,353,875	1,235,861	1,394,486
<u>HEALTH & WELFARE</u>			
Pest Control	1,300	1,153	1,650
Health Agencies	45,215	45,090	46,612
Administration & Direct Assist	50,650	28,974	49,300
Total Health & Welfare	97,165	75,217	97,562
<u>CULTURE & RECREATION</u>			
Recreation	50,636	44,268	55,911
Library	105,917	94,553	110,452
Heritage Commission	1,500	1,500	4,000
Total Culture & Recreation	158,053	140,321	170,363
<u>CONSERVATION</u>	600	523	600
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	18,000	10,479	15,000
<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</u>	206,100	192,702	75,197
<u>TOWN BUDGET</u>	3,306,613	3,052,987	3,320,203
<u>ARTICLES RECOMMENDED</u>	232,000	225,525	5,216,500
<u>SEWER</u>	274,885	282,728	304,732
<u>WATER</u>	396,521	396,221	309,505
<u>TOTAL -3 FUNDS</u>	4,210,019	3,957,461	9,150,940

BUDGET FOR 2008

	BUDGET 2007	ACTUAL 2007	BUDGET 2008
<u>SOURCES OF REVENUE</u>			
<u>TAXES</u>			
Land Use Change Taxes	5,000	3,057	5,000
Timber Taxes	40,000	6,951	10,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	13,000	10,137	13,000
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	125,000	106,713	115,000
Excavation Tax	4,500	3,354	4,000
<u>LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES</u>			
Business Licenses & Permits	2,300	1,920	2,000
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	775,000	768,454	770,000
Building Permits	19,000	19,834	19,000
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	10,000	11,358	11,000
From Federal Government	26,500	11,785	-
<u>FROM STATE</u>			
Shared Revenues	86,772	86,771	86,771
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	191,233	207,452	200,000
Highway Block Grant	130,406	130,406	134,700
State/Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	2,800	-	-
Other (Including RR Tax)	40,041	3,944	-
<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>			
Income from Departments	200,000	336,297	300,000
Other Charges			
<u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</u>			
Sale of Municipal Property	10,000	1,000	10,000
Interest on Investments	6,000	3,458	4,000
Other - Rent	3,000	2,444	27,500
<u>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</u>			
Sewer	274,885	282,728	304,732
Water	396,521	396,221	309,505
Special Revenue Funds	10,000	-	-
Trust & Fiduciary Funds	17,000	16,798	-
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u>			
Produced from Long Term Bonds & Notes	-	-	4,900,000
Voted from F/B	-	-	277,500
Fund Balance (Surplus)	-	-	-
<u>TOTAL REVENUE & CREDITS</u>	2,388,958	2,411,082	7,503,708
		PRIOR	ENSUING
		YEAR	YEAR
Appropriations Recommended		3,978,019	3,934,440
Special Warrant Articles Recommended		232,000	5,216,500
Total Appropriations Recommended		4,210,019	9,150,940
Estimated Revenues & Credits		2,388,958	7,503,708
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised		1,821,061	1,647,232

2007 SUMMARY INVENTORY (MS-1)

<u>LAND</u> <u>BUILDINGS</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>ASSESSED</u> <u>VALUATION</u>
Value of land only		
A. Current Use	14,426	1,656,522
B. Conservation Restriction Assessment	406	16,056
C. Historic barns	0.20	100
D. Residential Land	3,926	45,328,964
E. Commercial/Industrial	606	5,304,036
F. Total of Taxable Land	19,364	\$52,305,678
G. Tax Exempt & Non-taxable	2,634	5,112,200
Value of Buildings only		
A. Residential		161,034,824
B. Manufactured Housing		27,768,400
C. Commercial/Industrial		33,494,976
D. Historic Barns	5	12,800
E. Total of Taxable Buildings		\$222,311,000
F. Tax Exempt & Non-taxable		17,222,800
Public Utilities - Electric		5,430,295
Valuation before exemptions		280,046,973
Blind Exemption (5)		71,000
Elderly Exemption (33)		882,700
Totally & Permanently Disabled Ex. (13)		130,000
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions		1,083,700
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate for Municipal, County and Local Education		\$278,963,273
Less Public Utilities		\$5,430,295
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate for State Education Tax is Computed		\$273,532,978

2007 TOWN ELECTION

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

Moderator, Albert St. Pierre, declared the polls open at 8:00 AM, for the 2007 elections of the Town and School meetings, after announcing that absentee ballots would be cast starting at 1:00 PM.

Absentee ballots were cast starting at 1:20 and finished at 1:50 PM.

The polls were closed by the Moderator at 7:03 PM.

Debra J. Clark
Charlestown Town Clerk

The results of the balloting for the 2007 Town Elections were as follows:

Absentee Ballots cast	31
Regular Ballots cast	841

ARTICLE 1.

Selectboard for Three Years	Jon B. LeClair	386
Chief of Fire Department for One Year	Gary Stoddard	795
Trustee of the Trust Funds for Three Years	Curt Clough	694
Medical Building Trustee for Three Years	Eric Lutz	718
Library Trustee for Three Years	Eric Lutz	691
Library Trustee for Two Years	Jacqueline Kasprzak	756
Cemetery Trustee for Three Years	Victoria Sargent	756
Cemetery Trustee for One Year	Edgar (Benjie) Benjamin	680
Highway Advisory Board for Three Years	Thomas Minickiello	529
	Bruce Putnam	683

ARTICLE 4. “Shall the Town vote to appropriate, by special warrant article, the sum of \$75,000 for supplemental highway maintenance and repair work; said sum to be appropriated

solely from fund balance with no portion of said sum to be raised by taxes?” Note: This sum represents the remaining balance of funds paid to the Town by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as reimbursement for expenses incurred as a result of the flooding event of October 2005.

The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.

YES	722	NO	133
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ARTICLE 5. “Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate, by special warrant article, the sum of \$71,000 for the replacement of the Fire Department forestry truck?”

The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.

YES	492	NO	354
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ARTICLE 6. “Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate, by special warrant article, the sum of \$40,000 for the construction of an addition to the Transfer Station pole barn for the purpose of expanding and enhancing the Town’s solid waste recycling programs?”

The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.

YES	478	NO	368
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ARTICLE 7. “Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate, by special warrant article, the sum of \$25,000 for preliminary architectural, engineering and related services for the design of a new public safety complex to house the Fire, Police and Ambulance Departments in a single, centralized facility to be located on town owned land in the vicinity of the existing Fire Station?”

The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.

YES	435	NO	408
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ARTICLE 8. “Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate, by special warrant article, the sum of \$1,000 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2005 annual Town Meeting for the purpose of compiling an updated Town History?”

The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.

YES	600	NO	240
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The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.

The Finance Committee does not recommend this appropriation.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
2007 TAX RATE CALCULATION

Gross Appropriations	4,205,019		
Less: Revenues	2,658,049		
Less: Shared Revenues	28,297		
Add: Overlay	40,731		
War Service Credits	93,400		
Net Town Appropriation		1,652,804	
Approved Town Tax Effort		1,652,804	
Municipal Tax Rate			5.93

School Portion

Regional School Apportionment	8,786,047		
Less: Adequate Education Grant	-5,099,661		
Less: State Education Taxes	<u>-550,777</u>		
Approved School (s) Tax Effort		3,135,609	
Local Education Tax Rate			11.24
Equalized Valuation Tax Rate	2.24		
Equalized Valuation (no utilities)		550,777	
245,882,608			
Divided by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)			
273,532,978			
State School Rate			2.01

County Portion

Due to County	614,883		
Less: Shared Revenues	-9,123		
Approved County Tax Effort		605,760	
County Tax Rate			2.17
Combined Tax Rate			21.35
Total Property Taxes Assessed		5,944,950	
Less: War Service Credits		-93,400	
Total Property Tax Commitment		<u>5,851,550</u>	

Proof of Rate

<u>Net Assessed Valuation</u>		<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Assessment</u>
State Education Tax	273,532,978	2.01	550,777
All Other Taxes	278,963,273	19.34	<u>5,394,173</u>
			5,944,950

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2007

Appropriation Title	Approp Amount	Receipts & Reimbs.	Total Amount Available	Expenses	Unexp'n'd Balance	Overdraft
Executive	\$116,850		\$116,850	\$111,177	\$5,673	
Elect/Regis/Vital Recs.	2,253	414	2,667	1,828	839	
Financial Administration	237,990	36	238,026	224,290	13,736	
Legal	10,000		10,000	5,243	4,757	
Planning & Zoning	45,875		45,875	46,027		152
General Gov't Buildings	147,520	5,210	152,730	160,248		7,518
Cemeteries	85,000		85,000	77,623	7,377	
Insurance	43,000		43,000	41,309	1,691	
Regional Associations	10,506		10,506	10,406	100	
Police	580,796	32,116	612,912	572,966	39,946	
Ambulance	73,560		73,560	68,517	5,043	
Fire	105,375	5	105,380	101,459	3,921	
Code Enforcement	14,095		14,095	14,572		477
Highways & Bridges	976,470	139,646	1,116,116	1,064,243	51,873	
Street Lights	27,000		27,000	27,335		335
Tree Maintenance	3,800	1,000	4,800	4,431	369	
Transfer Station	346,605	9,059	355,664	389,557		33,893
Pest Control	1,300		1,300	1,153	147	
Health Agencies	45,215		45,215	45,090	125	
General Assistance	50,650		50,650	28,974	21,676	
Parks & Recreation	50,636	119	50,755	44,387	6,368	
Library	105,917		105,917	94,553	11,364	
Heritage Commission	1,500		1,500	1,500		
Conservation Commission	600		600	523	77	
Debt/Principal/Interest	18,000		18,000	10,479	7,521	
Capital	206,100		206,100	192,702	13,398	
Sub-total	\$3,306,613	\$187,604	\$3,494,217	\$3,340,592	\$196,001	\$42,375
Articles	\$227,000		\$227,000	\$225,525	\$1,475	
TOTAL GENERAL FD	\$3,533,613	\$187,604	\$3,721,217	\$3,566,117	\$197,476	\$42,375
Water Fund	\$396,521		\$396,521	\$309,505	\$87,016	
Wastewater Fund	\$274,885		\$274,885	\$281,098		\$6,213
Consolidated Funds	\$4,205,019	\$187,604	\$4,392,623	\$4,156,720	\$284,492	\$48,588
Net Unexpended	\$235,904					

BALANCE SHEET

GENERAL FUND
as of December 31, 2007

	<u>Beginning of Year</u>	<u>* End of Year</u>
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Cash and equivalents	\$1,720,933	\$1,719,838
Investments	9,860	10,325
Taxes receivable	963,646	816,902
Accounts receivable	132,297	88,056
Intergovernmental	45,000	
Interfund receivable	125,900	85,528
Prepaid items	1,365	-438
Tax deeded property subject to resale	10,611	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,009,612	\$2,720,211
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Accounts payable	38,911	9,596
Intergovernmental-payable	1,734,626	1,380,068
Interfund payable	16,707	12,718
Escrow & perf. dep.		
Deferred revenue	8,450	8,450
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$1,798,694	\$1,410,832
<u>FUND BALANCES</u>		
Reserved for encumbrances	171,930	256,939
Reserved for special purposes	10,611	
General funds	1,028,377	1,052,440
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$1,210,918	\$1,309,379
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	\$3,009,612	\$2,720,211

* THESE LIABILITIES SUBJECT TO AUDIT

STATEMENT OF DEBT

December 31, 2007
Showing Annual Maturities of Outstanding and
Long-Term Notes

WATER/WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENT 2001

USA - Rural Utilities Service

4.50%

Original Amount: \$1,000,000.00

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2008	22,558.29	39,521.71	62,080.00
2009	23,584.84	38,495.16	62,080.00
2010	24,658.09	37,421.91	62,080.00
2011	25,780.18	36,299.82	62,080.00
2012	26,953.35	35,126.65	62,080.00
2013	28,179.90	33,900.10	62,080.00
2014	29,462.26	32,617.74	62,080.00
2015	30,802.98	31,277.02	62,080.00
2016	32,204.70	29,875.30	62,080.00
2017	33,670.22	28,409.78	62,080.00
2018-2030	<u>605,982.02</u>	<u>201,030.68</u>	<u>807,012.70</u>
	883,836.83	543,975.87	1,427,812.70

WATER/WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENT 2002

USA - Rural Utilities Service

4.50%

Original Amount: \$1,000,000.00

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2008	21,708.00	40,712.00	62,420.00
2009	22,685.00	39,735.00	62,420.00
2010	23,706.00	38,714.00	62,420.00
2011	24,773.00	37,647.00	62,420.00
2012	25,888.00	36,532.00	62,420.00
2013	27,053.00	35,367.00	62,420.00
2014	28,270.00	34,150.00	62,420.00
2015	29,542.00	32,878.00	62,420.00
2016	30,872.00	31,548.00	62,420.00
2017	32,261.00	30,159.00	62,420.00
2018-2031	<u>637,942.00</u>	<u>235,629.00</u>	<u>873,571.00</u>
	904,700.00	593,071.00	1,497,771.00

SCHEDULE OF TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY

	Description	Acreage	Map/Lot	Value
L/B	Bakery Building	0.12	118-080	182,500
L/B	Lovers Lane Well - Bull Run	16.56	105-001	79,200
L/B	58 Michael Ave	3.10	106-056	33,100
Land	Birch Drive	0.11	236-002	7,900
L/B	Borough Road	0.12	223-011	19,200
Land	Borough Road	20.90	220-001	30,200
L/B	Forest Hill Cemetery	8.90	118-137	39,200
Land	Pinecrest Cemetery	7.80	114-009	41,500
Land	Hubbard Hill Cemetery	0.46	208-001	2,200
L/B	Hope Hill Cemetery	10.70	207-027	50,600
L/B	North Charlestown Well	0.22	210-012	83,400
Land	Hall's Pond Road	121.00	230-008	52,400
Land	North Hemlock Road Well	5.60	228-006	31,400
Land	North Hemlock Road Reservoir	165.00	229-021	284,600
Land	North Hemlock Road Reservoir	29.00	229-020	78,200
L/B	Wastewater Treatment Facility	20.00	235-019	2,188,700
Land	Unity Stage Road	0.96	210-049	13,800
L/B	East St. Ext. Swimming Pool	13.35	119-020	221,600
Land	East St. Tennis Court	0.44	118-198	32,000
Land	South of Transfer Station	29.20	117-076	73,000
L/B	Fire Station	0.47	117-057	325,700
L/B	Town Hall & Water Department	0.25	118-111	435,400
Land	Briggs Hill Road	0.51	118-148	24,400
L/B	Highway Garage	0.79	118-009	111,300
L/B	Library/Municipal Building	0.72	118-079	551,500
L/B	Medical Center	0.32	118-179	197,300
Land	Off South Hemlock Road	53.00	242-002	105,400
L/B	Transfer Station	5.10	116-041	36,100
Land	Chase Circle	2.48	103-021	29,400
L/B	Patch Park	14.00	112-018	63,300
Land	Egypt Road	0.07	210-057	1,800
Land	Borough Road	1.50	223-003	23,200
L/B	Old Springfield Road Pump Station	0.38	234-003	70,800
Land	South Main Street	0.12	235-006	9,900
Land	Hall's Pond Road	19.00	223-007	58,200
Land	E/S Old Springfield Road	8.00	116-034	41,900
L/B	18 Fling Road	12.90	116-042	89,200
Land	Claremont Road	0.37	213-001	23,500
Land	Off Hall's Pond Road	46.00	230-007	22,400
Land	Off North Hemlock Road	2.00	228-005	23,300
L/B	Ambulance Building - Springfield Road	0.34	113-014	146,800
L/B	Wheeler Rand Road	1.40	213-026	28,400
Land	Unity Stage Road	11.00	214-007	35,900
Land	Claremont Road	3.80	117-056	33,500
Land	Wheeler Rand Road	2.40	210-063	28,500
Land	Connecticut Heights Road	2.50	237-010	16,500
Land	Wheeler Rand Road - current use value	112.00	213-028	14,588
Land	Morse Hill Road	0.91	209-013	24,600
Building	82 Salt Shed Road	0.00	213-019-001	1,000
Building	5 Breakneck Hill Road	<u>0.00</u>	233-051-001	<u>1,000</u>
TOTAL		\$755.87		\$6,119,488

2006 INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Charlestown as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

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 Charlestown as of December 31, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The budgetary comparison information is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is 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.

The Town of Charlestown has not presented a management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Charlestown's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. They have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Plodzik & Sanderson – Professional Association

TOWN CLERK REPORT
January 1, 2007 - December 31, 2007

MOTOR VEHICLES

PERMITS ISSUED	7279	
Registrations		\$750,368.66
Titles		2,700.00
Municipal Agent Fees		<u>15,355.00</u>
		\$768,423.66

DOGS

LICENSES ISSUED	1089	
State Fees		\$2,480.50
Town Fees		4,518.00
Town Fines		<u>2,131.00</u>
		\$9,129.50

MARRIAGES

LICENSES ISSUED	36	
State Fees		\$1,368.00
Town Fees		<u>252.00</u>
		\$1,620.00

FILING FEES

Uniform Commercial Codes		\$1,920.00
Vital Record Copies		1,828.00
Misc Filing		100.00
Overlay		124.00
Misc Fees		<u>42.90</u>
		\$4,014.90

REMITTED TO TREASURER		\$783,218.06
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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Year Ending December 31, 2007

<u>DEBITS</u>	2007 Levy	2006 Levy	2005 Levy
<u>UNCOLLECTED TAXES</u>			
<u>BEGINNING OF YEAR</u>			
Property Taxes		668,351.93	
Land Use Change		100.00	
Yield Taxes		8,754.36	174.64
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd.		42.19	
Utility Charges		64,413.86	95.00
<u>TAXES COMMITTED</u>			
Property Taxes	5,913,491.60	195.00	
Land Use Change	24,660.00		
Yield Taxes	6,950.87		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd.	3,354.40		
Utility Charges	686,446.65	123.55	
<u>OVERPAYMENT</u>			
Property Taxes	26,910.29		
07 Real Estate Adjustment	41.56		
2008 Real Estate Prepays	2,961.06		
07 Sewer Adjustment	55.00		
2008 Utility Prepays	661.66		
Interest - Late Tax	7,670.03	42,977.45	30.49
<u>TOTAL DEBITS</u>	\$6,673,203.12	\$784,958.34	\$300.13
<u>CREDITS</u>	2007 Levy	2006 Levy	2005 Levy
<u>REMITTED TO TREASURER</u>			
Property Taxes	5,405,915.75	411,859.89	
Land Use Change	15,267.42	100.00	
Yield Taxes	4,407.42	8,244.43	174.64
Interest & Costs	7,659.54	20,540.37	30.49
07 Adjustment	41.56		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd.	3,354.40	42.19	
Utility Charges	546,443.55	50,654.83	
Conversion to Lien		263,314.33	
07 Water Adjustment	105.42		
<u>ABATEMENTS MADE</u>			
Property Taxes	50,433.63	30,150.23	
Utility Charges	52,889.68		
Land Use Change	4,790.00		
Interest	10.49	52.07	
<u>UNCOLLECTED TAXES</u>			
<u>END OF YEAR</u>			
Property Taxes	487,013.57		
Land Use Change	4,602.58		
Yield Taxes	2,543.45		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd.			
Utility Charges	87,724.66		95.00
<u>TOTAL CREDITS</u>	\$6,673,203.12	\$784,958.34	\$300.13

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Year Ending December 31, 2006

DEBITS	<u>LEVIES</u>			
	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>1999 - 2002</u>
Unredeemed Liens Balance				
Beginning of Fiscal Year		194,744.37	138,735.18	3,421.89
Liens Executed During				
Fiscal Year	358,272.24			
Interest & Costs Collected				
(After Lien Execution)	12,043.94	19,021.70	48,803.79	348.50
Overpayments				
TOTAL DEBITS	\$370,316.18	\$213,766.07	\$187,538.97	\$3,770.39

REMITTED TO TREASURER:

Redemptions	146,456.57	77,312.42	134,506.79	
Interest & Costs Collected				
(After Lien Execution)	12,014.15	18,379.24	48,733.79	
Abatements of				
Unredeemed Liens	818.68	244.91		
Unredeemed Interest	4.79	47.47		
Liens Deeded to Municipality	3,155.09	3,373.28	2,814.46	1,268.27
Unredeemed Liens Balance				
End of Year	207,841.90	113,813.76	1,413.93	2,153.62
Unredeemed Interest/Costs				
End of Year	25.00	594.99	70.00	348.50
TOTAL CREDITS	\$370,316.18	\$213,766.07	\$187,538.97	\$3,770.39

ABATEMENTS OF TAX COLLECTOR

January 1, 2007 - December 31, 2007

REAL ESTATE

Boston & Maine Railroad Corp	\$160.57
Fairlane Mobile Home Inc.	2,044.00
New England Central Railroad	<u>1,941.95</u>
Total Abatements for 1999-2004 Levy	\$4,146.52
Boston & Maine Railroad Corp.	\$178.07
Fairlane Mobile Home Inc.	322.30
New England Central Railroad	<u>2,182.61</u>
Total Abatements for 2005 Levy	\$2,682.98
Cavanaugh, Richard & Cheryl	\$206.36
Colburn, James & Lufkin, Jewel	741.96
Edwards, Doris (Interest)	28.43
Frazier, Kurt	1,285.06
Kane, Judith & Thomas	1,085.74
Kmiec Jr., John	105.53
Ledoux, Marilyn	1,006.01
Milani, Myra	136.01
Mitchell Trustees, Arthur & Brenda	528.06
Moore, James & Beatrice	75.04
Narje LLC	2.35
Poland III, Leonard	24.97
Trans Canada Hydro Northeast	<u>24,976.78</u>
Total Abatements for 2006 Levy	\$30,202.30
Ankuda, Mary Ellen	\$10.46
Bacon, Doris	864.68
Balcom, Barbara	3.97
Bennett, Carl & Leona	282.97
Carr, James	667.16
Chabot, Donald	1,560.60
Fisk, Cecil	281.28
Gagliardi, MaryAnn	421.62
Gratacos, Frank	5.15
Greene, Joseph & Sherry	10.49
Hart, Donald	1,648.76
Haynes Trust, Philip & Barbara	1,497.34
Kivler, James	2.76
Lonesome Dove Holdings LLC	3,115.94
Machias Realty Trust LLC	4,145.49
Merrill, Randall	1,910.01
Mortenson, Martha	15,247.19

ABATEMENTS OF TAX COLLECTOR

January 1, 2007 - December 31, 2007

New England Power Company	350.58
Public Service Co. of NH	1,692.46
Russell Jr., Ralph & Nancy	2,083.54
Simes, Debra	1,897.11
Smith, Leonard & Beverly	0.45
Trans Canada Hydro Northeast	<u>12,744.11</u>
Total Abatements for 2007 Levy	\$50,444.12
LAND USE CHANGE	
Beaudry, Normand	\$790.00
Haynes Trust, Philip & Barbara	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total Abatements for 2007 Levy	\$4,790.00
WATER	
Bardis, Norris	\$567.95
Bigelow, Donald & Amber	148.85
Canassa, Peter	82.75
Colburn, Kevin	17.53
Georgiadis, Theodoros & Maria	77.20
Goodell, Tyler & van Laer, Jennifer	130.85
Grace, Howard & Lacey	147.50
Machias Realty Trust LLC	609.55
Metcalf, Eric & Jody	121.60
Narje LLC	1,350.00
Rail, Cory & Quickel, Robert	60.55
Stark, Clifford & Nellie	140.10
Whelen Reality LLC	18,610.00
Wilson, Mark	<u>61.05</u>
Total Abatements for 2007 Levy	\$22,125.48
SEWER	
Bardis, Norris	\$798.20
Bigelow, Donald & Amber	154.60
Boynton, Elaine	80.00
Canessa, Peter	89.00
Geordiadis, Theodoros & Maria	81.20
Grace, Howard & Lacy	180.00
Kinney, Lawrence	180.60
Machias Realty Trust LLC	786.80
Metcalf, Eric & Jody	143.60
Narje LLC	1,870.00
Rail, Cory & Quickel, Robert	57.80
Whelen Realty LLC	26,100.00
Wilson, Mark	85.80
Goodell, Tyler & Van Laer, Jennifer	<u>156.60</u>
Total Abatements for 2007 Levy	\$30,764.20

ABATEMENTS - SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

January 1, 2007 - December 31, 2007

REAL ESTATE

Boston & Maine Railroad Corp	<u>338.64</u>
Total Abatements 2005 & 2006	\$338.64
Adams, Thomas	125.23
Attwood, Brandon	66.50
Babbitt, Lynwood & Lillian	47.52
Baker, Brenda & Larmie, Dana	88.01
Benson, Shirley	491.01
Billings, Gloria	102.27
Blanchard, Leon & Agnes	269.87
Bourdon, Mary	411.96
Boynton, Todd & Lori	219.85
Brown, Cherie & Robert	598.10
Bruzgis Jr., Peter & Bruzgis III, Peter	276.37
Cannistraci, Peter & Melissa	101.67
Carter, David & Hazel	145.40
Chandler, Karen & St. John, Randy	138.04
Chase, Timothy & Pauline	75.88
Claremont Savings Bank	390.30
Clark, Rodney & Carol	3,435.96
Come Jr., James	106.64
Come Jr., James & Come, James	54.38
Connecticut River Bank	3,733.40
Cook, Andrew & Lori	26.00
Edina Realty Investment Corp.	1,223.53
Erisman, Ronald	465.32
Hayes, Barbara	746.50
Hearne, Dennis	1,742.80
Higgins, Charles & Joyce	605.94
Hopkins, George & Sandra	28.50
Jackson, Robert & Catherine	415.81
Kelcey, Robert & Jennifer	473.33
Kinney, Lawrence	250.65
Laware, Thomas & Susan	554.65
LeClair, Ronald	372.56
Marsha, John & Marianne	501.84
Morningside Farm Inc.	897.37
Munroe, Wayne	83.24
Nies, Frederick	114.17
Nutt, Edgar & Barbara	403.35
O'Hearne, Michael & Marie	538.70

ABATEMENTS - SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

January 1, 2007 - December 31, 2007

Peak, Connie	352.34
Perra, Steven	493.72
Poisson, Frederick	134.14
Richards, Jeffery & Renee	850.58
Sabin Jr., George & Clara	509.82
Shaw, Justin & Jean	344.90
Slutzky Trustee, Jerome & Linda	56.82
Smtih, Ruth	291.17
Snelling, Steven & Linda	26.26
Snide, Arthur & Gisela	219.42
Spaulding, Donald	565.64
St. Pierre, Victor & Nancy	14.19
Stearns, Joyce	246.41
Swift Estate, Allen	49.44
Vella, John	87.46
Westine, Barry	929.58
Wetherby, Duane & Jean	442.10
Wilson, Melvin & Sylvia	276.31
Worth, Ronald	43.20
Young, Stephen	135.56
Zutter, Anton & Linda	<u>344.78</u>
Total Abatements for 2006	\$26,736.46

REAL ESTATE

Fisk, Cecil	301.56
Gagliardi, Mary Ann	421.62
Seymour, Fred & Karen	21.35
Torrey, Lance	<u>490.58</u>
Total Abatements for 2007	\$1,235.11

WATER

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems	<u>10.00</u>
Total Abatements for 2007	\$10.00

SEWER

Osgood, Todd & Angela and Desmarais Jr, Brian	<u>45.00</u>
Total Abatements for 2006	\$45.00
 Van Laere Sr., Anthony	 <u>96.20</u>
Total Abatements for 2007	\$96.20

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007

State of New Hampshire

Shared Revenue Grant/Room & Meals	\$294,223.02
Forest Land Reimbursement	2,433.69
Vital Records Grant	3,440.00
Crude Oil Refund	25.00
Railroad Tax	<u>3,919.36</u>
	\$304,041.07

Highway Department

State of New Hampshire- Highway Block Grant	\$130,406.02
2005 FEMA Reimbursement	69,251.70
FEMA Reimbursement	153,307.40
Recycling Reimbursement	2,474.20
Phone Rebate	<u>12.86</u>
	\$355,452.18

Transfer Station

Permits	\$36,717.00
Demo & Trash	52,959.70
Recycling	35,180.52
Payment For STD	<u>9,938.98</u>
	\$134,796.20

Police Department

Reimbursement for Special Services & Dispatch Services	\$26,060.45
Reports	1,365.00
Court Fines & Restitutions	2,758.15
Reimbursements	2,720.59
Grant	24,245.50
2006 Grant	<u>45,000.00</u>
	\$102,149.69

Ambulance Department

Payments By Insurance Companies	\$72,959.65
Payments By Individuals	8,228.00
Reimbursement from Insurance Co. for Building Damage	<u>1,770.00</u>
	\$82,957.65

Fire Department

Reports & Inspections	\$745.00
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Mileage Reimbursement	<u>141.43</u>
	\$886.43
Building, Planning and Zoning	
Building Permits	\$19,834.46
Application Fees	4,785.00
Reimbursements-Ads, Certified Letters, Expense	1,326.56
Zoning Board	<u>279.31</u>
	\$26,225.33
Selectmen's Office	
Town History and Copies	\$1,118.60
Health & Human Services	
Payment for Liens	\$2,025.66
Reimbursement for Propane-Sullivan County Nutrition	<u>830.75</u>
	\$2,856.41
Cemetery Department	
Cemetery Lots	\$1,400.00
Recording Fees for Deeds	27.50
Fees for Opening Graves	2,450.00
Perpetual Care & General Maintenance Funds	20,124.17
Miscellaneous	50.69
Restitution for Damages	<u>610.04</u>
	\$24,662.40
Recreation Department	
Swimming Pool-Admission Fees & Lessons	\$7,184.10
Rental of Property	
Town Hall	\$1,620.00
Municipal Building	985.00
Patch Park (Reimbursed Deposits)	<u>225.00</u>
	\$2,830.00
Town Clerk	
Registrations, Title & Registration Fees	\$768,453.66
UCC, Election & Miscellaneous Fees	2,186.90
Vital Records	1,828.00
Marriage License-Fees to Town	252.00
Marriage License-Fees received & remitted to State	1,368.00
Dog License & Fines	6,649.00

Dog License-Fees received & remitted to State	<u>2,480.50</u>
	\$783,218.06

Tax Collector

2008 Property Taxes	\$2,961.06
2007 Property Taxes & Interest	5,375,576.61
2006 Property Taxes & Interest	675,888.08
Redeemed Property Taxes, Interest & Costs	313,737.75
Redeemed Utility Taxes & Interest	12,832.16
Yield Taxes & Interest	13,646.77
Overpayment/Property Taxes, Received & Refunded	26,910.29
Excavation Activity Tax & Interest	3,434.40
Current Use Tax	<u>15,482.43</u>
	\$6,440,469.55

Miscellaneous

Junkyard Permits & Other Licenses	\$380.00
Water & Sewer Department-Reimbursed to General Fund	705,289.31
Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	750,000.00
Bank Interest less Service Charges	1,834.22
In Lieu of Taxes	12,362.66
Timber Bond	300.00
Tree Grant-National Grid	1,000.00
Bond for Posted Roads	42,500.00
Election & Registrations from FMRSD	613.82
Returned Check Collected Fees	223.18
Uncollected Returned Checks	-237.00
Sale of Property	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	<u>30.52</u>
	\$1,515,296.71

Balance as of January 1, 2007	\$1,720,583.14
Receipts	9,784,144.38
Less Disbursements	<u>9,891,350.46</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2007	\$1,613,377.06

Accounts Held by the Treasurer

General Fund Checking Account	Conn. River Bank	\$1,613,377.06
Reclamation Bond Certificate of Deposit	Conn. River Bank	2,048.78
Banknorth Investment Account	Banknorth	<u>10,324.71</u>
Total Funds Available for the General Fund		\$1,625,750.55

Conservation Commission-Money Market Account	Conn. River Bank	\$17,538.40
Conservation Commission-Certificate of Deposit	Conn. River Bank	\$6,648.30
Conservation Commission-Certificate of Deposit	Claremont Sav.	\$31,376.70
Recreation Department-Special Fund Checking Account	Conn. River Bank	\$3,877.83
Town of Charlestown Water Department-Money Market	Conn. River Bank	\$218,908.45
Water Department-Investment Account	Banknorth	<u>8,527.72</u>
Total Funds Available for Water Department		\$227,436.17
Town of Charlestown Sewer Department-Money Market	Conn. River Bank	\$5,062.14
Sewer Department-Investment Account	Banknorth	<u>836.82</u>
Total Funds Available for Sewer Department		\$5,898.96
Water/Sewer Project Checking Account	Conn. River Bank	\$1,226.88
Old Home Day Association Checking Account	Conn. River Bank	\$1,047.68
Old Home Day Association Certificate of Deposit	Claremont Sav.	\$6,543.02
Old Home Day Association Certificate of Deposit	Conn. River Bank	\$3,000.00
Charlestown Heritage Commission	Conn. River Bank	\$1,401.67

2007 DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Selectmen - Clerk/Receptionist Full Time	15,658.40
Selectmen - Secretary	22,807.02
Selectmen - Salaries - Selectboard	8,400.00
Selectmen - Health/Disability Insurance	8,968.84
Selectmen - FICA/Medicare	3,485.96
Selectmen - NH Retirement System	2,948.01
Selectmen - Unemployment/Workers' Comp	113.88
Selectmen - Dental Insurance	106.28
Selectmen - Telephone	1,279.27
Selectmen - Printing, Ads	1,604.88
Selectmen - Dues, Subscriptions, Education	168.12
Selectmen - Office Supplies	2,499.62
Selectmen - Miscellaneous	767.89
Adm Assist - Salary	28,796.62
Adm Assist - Secretary	2,615.45
Adm Assist - Health/Disability Insurance	5,197.53
Adm Assist - FICA/Medicare	2,339.83
Adm Assist - NH Retirement System	2,243.66
Adm Assist - Training & Seminars	90.00
Adm Assist - Unemployment/Workers' Comp	60.30
Adm Assist - Dental Insurance	13.42
Adm Assist - Telephone	506.44
Adm Assist - Dues, Subscriptions	252.40
Adm Assist - Copier	127.80
Adm Assist - Computer, Software	66.00
Adm Assist - Books, Periodicals, Misc	<u>59.87</u>
Total Executive	\$111,177.49

ELECTION, REGISTRATION, & VITAL STATISTICS

Salaries - Ballot Clerks	341.22
Salaries - Supervisors & Moderator	421.56
FICA/Medicare	32.24
Printing & Supplies	<u>619.29</u>
Total Elections & Registration	\$1,414.31

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Salary - Bookkeeper	53,003.20
Salary - Part Time Bookkeeper	3,432.63
Health/Disability Insurance	5,754.39
FICA/Medicare	4,276.39
NH Retirement System	3,986.72
Unemployment/Workers' Comp	256.10
Dental Insurance	119.26
Auditing Services	11,314.50
Fixed Assets Management	1,200.00
Town Report	1,303.50
Education & Training	496.81
Postage	6,663.61
Tax Sale Expenses	75.00
Trust Funds - Treasurer	2,000.00
Trust Funds - FICA/Medicare	153.00
Trust Funds Fees	118.80

2007 DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Trust Funds Miscellaneous	230.52
Assessing Services	14,629.45
TC-TX - Collector	33,992.36
TC-TX - Part Time Salaries	20,827.11
TC-TX - Health/Disability Insurance	11,261.30
TC-TX - FICA/Medicare	4,558.76
TC-TX - NH Retirement Systems	2,862.80
TC-TX - Unemployment/Workers' Comp	161.24
TC-TX - Telephone	870.29
TC-TX - Education	1,389.71
TC-TX - Dues & Subscriptions	105.00
TC-TX - General Expenses	1,199.40
TC-TX - Office Supplies	1,345.69
TC-TX - Mortgagee Search	6,615.00
TC-TX - MV Agent Fees	8,100.00
Treasurer - Salary	4,075.00
Treasurer - FICA/Medicare	311.72
Treasurer -Bank Fees	410.19
Treasurer - Office Supplies	77.83
Data Processing - Software Support	15,071.06
Data Processing - Hardware Upgrades	<u>2,006.00</u>
Total Financial Administration	\$224,254.34

LEGAL EXPENSES

Town Attorney	<u>5,242.74</u>
Total Legal Expenses	\$5,242.74

PLANNING & ZONING

Planning & Zoning Director	28,796.62
Secretary Part Time	2,913.05
Health/Disability Insurance	5,197.53
FICA/Medicare	2,362.85
NH Retirement System	2,243.66
Unemployment/Workers' Comp	60.30
Dental Insurance	13.42
Telephone	681.77
Publication Expenses	1,138.28
Education, Mileage Reimbursement	349.22
Dues, Resource Materials, and Supplies	321.84
Copier Expense	112.50
Computer Expense	91.00
Postage	975.75
ZBA Publication Expenses	489.88
ZBA Education, Mileage Reimbursment	72.27
ZBA General Supplies	118.73
ZBA Postage	<u>88.00</u>
Total Planning & Zoning	\$46,026.67

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Custodian	17,490.05
Disability Insurance	101.36
FICA/Medicare	1,311.13
Unemployment/Workers' Comp	603.82
Municipal Building - Mowing	2,325.40

2007 DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Municipal Building - Electricity	11,840.69
Municipal Building - Heating Oil	6,187.94
Municipal Building - Water/Sewer	953.15
Municipal Building - Maintenance & Repair	5,712.31
Town Hall - Electricity	1,652.47
Town Hall - Heating Oil	6,028.39
Town Hall - Water/Sewer	321.25
Town Hall - Maintenance & Repair	2,872.49
Ambulance - Mowing	550.65
Ambulance - Electricity	3,001.27
Ambulance - Heating	1,433.62
Ambulance - Water/Sewer	281.20
Ambulance - Maintenance & Repair	1,727.51
Fire Station - Electricity	2,599.99
Fire Station - Heating Oil	6,336.20
Fire Station - Water/Sewer	778.10
Fire Station - Maintenance & Repair	25,179.87
Highway - Electricity	2,411.13
Highway - Heating Oil	8,159.42
Highway - Water/Sewer	423.60
Highway - Maintenance & Repair	9,916.81
Transfer Station - Mowing	2,554.94
Transfer Station - Electricity/Heating	3,595.53
Transfer Station - Water/Sewer	254.50
Transfer Station - Maintenance & Repair	150.77
Recreation - Mowing	17,840.08
Recreation - Patch Park - Electricity	406.59
Recreation - Patch Park - Water/Sewer	250.05
Recreation - Facility Maintenance & Repair	23.43
Recreation - Pool Electricity	1,584.30
Recreation - Water/Sewer	3,280.50
Bakery Building - Electricity/Heat	3,164.55
Bakery Building - Water/Sewer	272.30
Bakery Building - Maintenance & Repair	1,310.62
Community Bulletin Board - Electricity	70.39
Cemetery - Electricity	<u>79.54</u>
Total General Government Buildings	\$155,037.91
Encumbered - Steamex Carpet Cleaner - \$250.00	
Encumbered - Blanc & Bailey Con. - \$23,000.00	
Encumbered - Judd Electric - \$795.00	
Encumbered - Depot Home Center - \$1,226.76	

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Sexton	27,342.00
Salaries - Part Time	19,660.35
Salaries - Part Time Clerical	4,436.25
FICA/Medicare	3,935.12
Unemployment/Workers' Comp	1,210.00
Telephone	539.71
Equipment Maintenance	2,980.50
Miscellaneous	1,515.04
Gasoline	3,068.29
Loam, Seed	804.19
Fence Maintenance	550.30

2007 DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Surveying	3,950.00
Vehicle Repair	3,318.48
Uniforms	312.49
Trees	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total Cemeteries	\$77,622.72
Encumbered - G & S Tree Service - \$4,000.00	
Encumbered - DiBernardo Associates - \$3,950.00	
 INSURANCE - Property, Liability	 <u>41,309.45</u>
Total Insurance	\$41,309.45
 ADVERTISING & REGIONAL PLANNING	
NH Municipal Association - Dues	2,671.96
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee	5,533.92
Meeting Waters YMCA	1,200.00
Old Home Day	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Advertising & Regional Planning	\$10,405.88
Total General Government	\$672,491.51
 PUBLIC SAFETY	
POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Salaries - Full Time	274,002.68
Salaries - Part Time	94,687.49
Overtime	8,081.79
Health/Disability Insurance	59,510.11
FICA/Medicare	16,229.62
NH Retirement System	28,249.41
Unemployment/Workers' Comp	6,776.20
Dental Insurance	3,520.55
Telephone/Fax	5,368.81
Regional Prosecutor	4,400.00
Subscriptions/Journals	317.30
Alarm Monitoring	375.00
Ammunition	500.00
Office Supplies	2,000.00
Office Equipment	999.95
Conferences	396.46
Postage	222.90
General Expenses	3,321.65
Training	713.65
Gasoline	13,779.82
Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	4,075.45
Radio Communications	496.34
Uniforms	2,761.00
Contracts	7,592.35
Special Detail	832.29
Special Detail Overtime	1,461.52
Special Detail FICA/Medicare	<u>178.04</u>
Total Police	\$540,850.38
 AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT	
Director	1,000.00
Officers	3,000.00
Salaries - Part Time	24,310.00

2007 DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

FICA/Medicare	2,165.72
Unemployment/Workers' Comp	2,135.32
Telephone/Fax	1,534.60
Billing Service	2,388.50
Medical Supplies	10,753.40
Medications/ALS	2,088.53
Medical Equipment	2,400.32
Service Contract - Zoll	2,973.50
Dues/Subscriptions	590.53
Courses/Training	1,396.47
Mileage Reimbursement	801.71
Office Supplies	1,586.50
Postage	102.48
Miscellaneous	1,759.40
Gasoline	2,284.94
Vehicle Maintenance	3,006.04
Uniforms	<u>2,238.97</u>
Total Ambulance	\$68,516.93

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief	3,000.00
Assistant Chief	1,000.00
Inspector Part Time	300.00
Salaries - Part Time	25,698.09
FICA/Medicare	2,294.83
Unemployment/Workers' Comp	1,325.33
Medical Expenses	750.00
Telephone	3,312.11
Dispatching Services	25,965.00
Equipment Maintenance	15,523.91
Dues & Subscriptions	810.00
Training	1,629.80
Gasoline/Diesel	1,543.10
Vehicle Repair	6,254.46
Radio Communications	966.45
General Expenses	4,429.38
Personal Equipment	3,093.50
SCBA Maintenance	<u>3,557.90</u>
Total Fire Department	\$101,453.86

CODE ENFORCEMENT/BUILDING INSPECTOR

Building Inspector	10,520.00
FICA/Medicare	804.79
Unemployment/Workers' Comp	457.05
Building Inspection Expense	768.21
Mileage Reimbursement	<u>2,022.44</u>
Total Code Enforcement	<u>\$14,572.49</u>
Total Public Safety	\$725,393.66

HIGHWAY ROAD PROJECTS

Curbs, Drains, and Sidewalks	13,678.99
Paving	<u>246,707.11</u>
Total Road Projects	\$260,386.10
Encumbered - The Lane Construction - \$56,671.75	

2007 DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

HIGHWAY OPERATION BUDGET

Public Works Administration	1,964.49
Salaries - Full Time	224,016.40
Salaries - Part Time	390.00
Overtime	18,761.00
Health/Disability Insurance	81,723.66
FICA/Medicare	17,813.65
NH Retirement System	19,101.71
Unemployment/Worker's Comp	10,931.76
Dental Insurance	1,057.87
Mowing	3,243.24
Roadside Mowing	3,620.00
Telephone	1,469.22
Engineering - Mapping	4,449.16
Educational Program	320.00
Signs	1,479.14
Supplies	7,307.81
Office Supplies	310.14
Technology, Internet, & Computers	943.73
Reconstruction General	13,079.14
Gravel Crushing	10,000.00
Crack Sealing	49,999.10
Safety Striping	3,500.00
Calcium Chloride	9,777.54
Gasoline/Diesel	28,305.84
Hazardous Waste Removal	629.65
Street Sweeping	7,224.00
Oil/Grease	1,836.02
Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	46,891.11
Tires, Tubes, Chains, and Batteries	3,768.40
Uniforms	4,280.97
Miscellaneous	1,183.20
Culverts	6,025.60
Sand & Gravel	8,545.87
Equipment	4,597.99
Equipment Rental	13,547.12
Snow & Ice Supplies	46,118.19
Sidewalk - Winter Maintenance	1,998.00
Trees	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total Highway Operating Department	<u>\$664,210.72</u>
Total Highway	<u>\$924,596.82</u>
Encumbered - DiBernardo Associates - \$600.00	
Encumbered - Selectboard - \$9,400.00	

STREET LIGHTS

Street Lights	\$27,334.61
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TREE MAINTENANCE

Total Tree Maintenance	\$3,430.98
Encumbered - Hemingway Farms - \$330.00	

TRANSFER STATION

Public Works Administration	1,964.49
Salaries - Full Time	52,007.90

2007 DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Salaries - Part Time	36,568.85
Overtime	2,586.27
Health/Disability Insurance	21,186.62
FICA/Medicare	7,441.92
NH Retirement Systems	4,348.27
Unemployment/Workers' Comp	3,342.05
Dental Insurance	102.38
Telephone	1,253.45
Equipment	8,857.37
Facility Improvements	15,186.64
Dues, Subscriptions, Education, & Licenses	1,058.65
Supplies & Miscellaneous	2,445.27
Reference Material - Software	103.47
Office Supplies	351.06
Diesel/Gasoline	16,190.85
Vehicle Expense	3,299.31
Scale Maintenance	1,300.00
Uniforms	752.11
Recycling	4,613.44
Demolition	17,466.13
Trash Disposal	70,209.52
Landfill Closure Monitoring	<u>7,861.98</u>
Total Transfer Station	<u>\$280,498.00</u>
Total Public Works	\$1,235,860.41
Encumbered - Osgood \$2,500.00	
Encumbered - Normand Beaudry - \$4,600.00	
Encumbered - Pine Hill Construction - \$6,968.49	

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Services	801.00
Ads, Postage, Printing, Food	<u>351.88</u>
Total Animal Control	\$1,152.88

HEALTH AGENCIES

Home Health Care	24,500.00
Sullivan Nutrition	4,600.00
Sullivan County Hospice	500.00
Community Youth Advocates	2,500.00
Southwestern Community Services	3,000.00
Samaritans	250.00
West Central Behavioral Health	7,350.00
Salary Health Officer	2,100.00
FICA/Medicare	160.68
Unemployment/Workers' Compensation	<u>129.51</u>
Total Health Agencies	\$45,090.19

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Telephone	452.01
Community Alliance	13,650.00
Office Supplies	35.99
Miscellaneous	124.95
Medical - Clients	995.34
Electricity - Clients	743.57
Food - Clients	19.28

2007 DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Rent - Clients	11,109.65
Fuel - Clients	1,379.40
Other Expenses - Clients	<u>463.65</u>
Total General Assistance	<u>\$28,973.84</u>
Total Health & Welfare	<u>\$75,216.91</u>

RECREATION & CULTURE

PARKS & RECREATION

Salary - Director Part Time	6,500.00
Assistant Director	916.63
FICA/Medicare	567.55
Unemployment/Workers' Compensation	249.98
Director Expenses	624.25
Parks Maintenance	1,129.78
Swimming Pool - Lifeguards	22,891.63
Swimming Pool - Overtime	1,253.63
Swimming Pool - FICA/Medicare	1,847.14
Swimming Pool - Unemployment/Workers' Compensation	916.65
Swimming Pool - Telephone	267.81
Swimming Pool - Supplies	6,877.45
Swimming Pool - Team/Guard Training	<u>225.00</u>
Total Parks & Recreation	<u>\$44,267.50</u>
Encumbered - Rick's Electric - \$550.00	

LIBRARY

Librarian	32,788.70
Assistant Librarian	21,813.26
Salaries - Part Time	20,122.46
Life/Disability Insurance	584.72
FICA/Medicare	5,661.35
NH Retirement System	2,553.46
Unemployment/Workers' Compensation	245.10
Telephone	723.80
Supplies	1,442.68
Computer Expenses	1,397.97
Postage	141.00
Dues, Subscriptions	942.57
Miscellaneous	77.54
Education/Workshops	614.04
Travel Reimbursement	526.05
Conservation	170.00
Programs & Displays	72.76
Literacy Program	1,223.07
General Fund Books	2,452.70
Transfer to Library Tech Trust Fund	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Library	<u>\$94,553.23</u>

HERITAGE COMMISSION

	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
Total Recreation & Culture	<u>\$140,320.73</u>

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Total Conservation Commission Expense	<u>\$522.55</u>
Encumbered - Forestry Suppliers - \$201.50	

2007 DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

DEBT

TAN Interest	<u>10,479.26</u>
Total Debt Service	\$10,479.26

SPECIAL ARTICLES

Highway Construction	75,000.00
Fire - Forestry Truck	70,217.00
Southern Vermont Rec Center	15,000.00
Transfer Station - Pole Barn	39,250.00
Town History Update	1,000.00
Safety Complex - Preliminary Design	<u>25,058.08</u>
Total Special Articles	\$225,525.08
Encumbered - Sounthern Vermont Rec Center - \$10,295.00	
Encumbered - Normand Beaudry - \$39,250.00	
Encumbered - The Lane Construction - \$55,000.00	
Encumbered - Valley Transportation - \$34,918.00	

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Transfer Station - Truck	100,106.00
Highway - Wing	11,625.00
Highway - Dump Body	17,881.00
Highway - Front Loader Bucket	3,599.00
Fire - Transport/Utility Truck	37,000.00
Police - Vehicle	19,808.00
Selectboard - Miscellaneous	250.00
TX-TC - Records Preservation	<u>2,433.17</u>
Total Capital Outlay	\$192,702.17
Encumbered - Gaylord Co. - \$2,433.17	

GRAND TOTAL 2007 EXPENDITURES	\$3,278,512.28
GRAND TOTAL 2007 ENCUMBRANCES	\$256,939.67

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

NEW CEMETERY ACCOUNTS - 2007

FH (FOREST HILL) - HH (HOPE HILL)

PC (PINECREST) STC (ST. CATHERINE) - G (GRAVES)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>CEM</u>	<u>SECT - LOT</u>	<u>G</u>
<u>2006</u>					
11-May	Piemontese, Jr., F.	150	HH	10/369C	1
27-Jun	Bacon, D.	150	FH	28/78B	1
<u>2007</u>					
30-Mar	Slutzky, L. (1997)	100	PC	4/233D	1
3-Apr	Frizzell, R/A	900	PC	00/1315E-J	6
24-Apr	Hutchinson, H.	150	PC	4/233B	1
	Hutchinson, K.	150	PC	4/233C	1
	Hutchinson, D.	150	PC	4/233D	1
23-May	Allen, T.	150	PC	4/1279A	1
	Ecklund, J.	150	PC	4/1279B	1
	Bruzgis, C.	150	PC	4/1279C	1
	Bruzgis III, P.	150	PC	4/1279D	1
4-Jun	Dowsett, R.	150	PC	5/258A	1
	Dowsett, N.	150	PC	5/258B	1
26-Jun	Balla, E.	C-150	PC	5/246C	1
10-Jul	Blais, P/P trans. to Kinney, J.		StC	S RE L8-1, 2	
13-Aug	Dickinson, A.	150	PC	11/1250E	1
	Dickinson, S.	150	PC	11/1250F	1
14-Sep	DeTore, D/D	C-150	StC	S RL L5B	1
	Wojenski, L/J	C-150	StC	S RL L5C	1
	Wojenski, Jr., P.	150	StC	S RL L5D	1
17-Sep	Geary, J/L	C-150	StC	S RL L5A	1
18-Sep	Lamothe, R/L	C-150	PC	4/234A	1
10-Oct	Bailey, A/S	C-150	PC	2/1275A	1
	Merrill, G/S	C-150	PC	2/1275B	1
12-Oct	Garoutte, M.	300	StC	S L6-CD	2
20-Nov	Chapman, W.	150	HH	9/313A	1
	Chapman, L.	<u>150</u>	HH	9/313B	<u>1</u>
	TOTALS	4750			32

Barbara M. Jones, Treasurer
Trustees of Trust Funds

N-R - Non Resident
C - Cremation

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
FORM MS -9 REPORT OF THE COMMON AND RETAINED INCOME FUNDS

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created
1896	Silsby Public Library	Library	Stks/Bds	153,121.92	4,450.00
1974	Maude E Prouty	Library	Stks/Bds	32,426.60	
1979	Sayce Fund Library	Library	Stks/Bds	1,607.59	
1974	Maude E Prouty-Worthy Poor	Poor	Stks/Bds	21,621.79	
1772	Swan Fund	Student Loan	Stks/Bds	2,987.10	
1862	Porter Widow Fund	Needy	Stks/Bds	59,439.12	
1920	Charles H Hoyt	Streets	Stks/Bds	47,111.83	
1925	Charles H Hoyt	Mausoleum	Stks/Bds	15,230.95	
1967	Mary A Sherwood	Trees	Stks/Bds	2,696.39	
1881	Perpetual Care 1881-1995	Perpetual Care	Stks/Bds	312,255.16	
1995	General Maintenance	General Maintenance	Stks/Bds	49,739.45	
1882	Horace Metcalf	Fountain	Stks/Bds	374.83	
1961	Care/North Charlestown	Cemetery	Stks/Bds	9,539.34	
1969	Ernest A Bixby	Scholarship	Stks/Bds	90,102.30	
1995	Pride in Charlestown	Scholarship	Stks/Bds	16,147.50	
1979	Dorothy Sayce	Trees	Stks/Bds	3,793.27	
1988	James Hearne	Town Hall	Stks/Bds	2,077.81	
1993	Emma Hunt	Conservation Commission	Stks/Bds	4,632.16	
1979	Dorothy Sayce	Pool	Stks/Bds	1,607.56	
1979	Sayce Fund Student Fund	Student Loan	Stks/Bds	1,607.56	
2000	Patch Park Gift Fund	Park	Stks/Bds	0.00	

Grand Total Common Fund & Retained Income Fund

828,120.24

4,450.00

REPORT OF THE TOWN RESERVES

Principal

	How Invested	Balance 1/1/07	New Funds	Tfr fr Inc
Silbsy Library Technology	Money Market	2,392.14	1,000.00	0.00
Swimming Pool Rehabilitation (previously called Rec Facility)	Money Market	0.00	0.00	0.00
Town History Capital Reserve	Money Market	1,999.39	1,000.00	0.00
	Total	4,391.53	2,000.00	0.00

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2007

Reimburse Broker fees	Gains/ Losses	Balance End Year	Income Balance Beginning of year	%% % %	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Income Balance End of Year	Total Principal & Income End of Year
22.06	16.88	153,160.86	7,127.18	0.1849	7,061.11	(7,127.18)	7,061.11	160,221.97
4.67	3.57	32,434.84	1,509.34	0.0392	1,495.34	(1,509.34)	1,495.34	33,930.19
0.23	0.18	1,608.01	74.82	0.0019	74.13	(74.82)	74.13	1,682.13
3.12	2.39	21,627.29	19,827.23	0.0261	1,762.73	(3,813.64)	17,776.32	39,403.66
0.43	0.33	2,987.86	139.06	0.0036	137.75	(139.06)	137.75	3,125.61
8.57	6.56	59,454.24	10,344.18	0.0718	3,201.65	(2,200.00)	11,345.83	70,800.10
6.79	5.20	47,123.82	42,818.82	0.0569	4,058.09	(5,446.00)	41,430.91	88,554.65
2.20	1.68	15,234.82	18,927.06	0.0184	1,585.73	(33.35)	20,479.44	35,714.24
0.39	0.30	2,697.09	933.59	0.0033	167.68		1,101.27	3,798.36
44.98	34.43	312,334.58	14,534.10	0.3771	14,399.44	(14,534.10)	14,399.44	326,734.11
6.81	4.96	54,201.22	2,240.07	0.0601	2,398.82	(2,240.07)	2,398.82	56,600.04
0.06	0.05	374.94	2,736.70	0.0005	145.37	(1,000.00)	1,882.07	2,257.00
1.37	1.05	9,541.77	6,051.85	0.0115	721.97		6,773.82	16,315.59
12.97	9.93	90,125.20	4,303.25	0.1088	4,266.56	(3,800.00)	4,769.81	94,894.99
2.16	1.66	16,151.33	1,535.16	0.0195	804.13	(500.00)	1,839.29	17,991.59
0.54	0.42	3,794.24	1,408.58	0.0046	240.36		1,648.94	5,443.16
0.30	0.23	2,078.33	746.93	0.0025	130.55		877.48	2,955.82
0.67	0.51	4,633.33	2,803.96	0.0056	344.25		3,148.21	7,781.55
0.22	0.18	1,607.97	1,371.23	0.0019	138.12		1,509.35	3,117.28
0.22	0.18	1,607.97	74.80	0.0019	74.13	(74.80)	74.13	1,682.09
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0000	0.00		0.00	0.00

118.80	90.64	832,779.68	139,507.91	1.00	43,207.82	(42,492.36)	140,224.39	973,004.07
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TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN, NH ON DECEMBER 31, 2007

Income							Combined	
Expended	Gain/ Loss Sales	Balance 12/31/07	Balance 1/1/07	%% % Dec	Earned Income	Transfer to Principal	Balance 12/31/07	Total Prin & Income 12/31/07
0.00	0.00	3,392.14	290.07	0.53	144.14	0.00	434.18	3,826.32
0.00	0.00	0.00	149.74	0.02	6.74	0.00	156.44	156.44
0.00	0.00	2,999.39	93.76	0.45	9.43	0.00	193.19	3,192.58
0.00	0.00	6,391.53	533.57	1.00	250.28	0.00	783.81	7,175.34

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

MS-10 REPORT OF THE COMMON AND RETAINED INCOME FUNDS

		ADDITIONS		PRINCIPAL			
# SHS	HOW INVESTED DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT	BALANCE BEG YEAR 1-Jan-07	PURCHASES	CASH CAPTIAL GAINS	PROCEEDS FROM SALES	GAINS/LOSSES FROM SALES	BALANCE END YEAR 31-Dec-07
	<u>NOTES AND BONDS</u>						
50000	US Treas Notes 6.625% 5/15/07	49,750.00			50,000.00	250.00	0.00
50000	US Treas Notes 4.75% 11/15/2008	50,093.75					50,093.75
50000	Federal Farm Credit Bank 4.75% 12/07/2009	49,956.00					49,956.00
50000	Bellsouth Cap Fd CP 7.75% 2/15/10	49,875.00					49,875.00
50000	Lehman Brothers Hldg CP 7.875% 11/1/09	48,437.50					48,437.50
110000	Nationsbank Corp 6.375% 2/15/08	106,988.20					106,988.20
	<u>MUTUAL FUNDS - FIXED INCOME FUNDS</u>						
9642.867	Vanguard Fixed Income Secs GNMA Port #36	100,192.50					100,192.50
	<u>COMMON STOCKS</u>						
800	AT&T Inc	2,127.86					2,127.86
250	Abbott Laboratories	10,930.00					10,930.00
300	Bank of America Corp	14,982.00					14,982.00
300	BP PLC ADR	20,073.00					20,073.00
350	ChevronTexaco Corp	18,382.00					18,382.00
300	Citigroup Inc.	14,382.00					14,382.00
700	Conagra Inc	19,166.00			18,486.43	(679.57)	0.00
250	CVS Corp	7,279.65					7,279.65
250	Dominion Res Inv Va New	3,697.93					3,697.93
300	Emerson Electric	0.00					13,134.00
600	General Electric Co	28,728.00					28,728.00
20	Idearc Inc (Spinoff from Verizon Comm)	103.77			623.98	520.21	0.00
400	Intel Corp	12,652.00					12,652.00
200	Int'l Business Machines	16,859.20					16,859.20
300	Johnson & Johnson	13,687.50					13,687.50
100	McGraw Hill Cos Inc	1,906.25					1,906.25
300	Merck & Co	14,664.00					14,664.00
400	Microsoft Corp	13,934.00					13,934.00
500	Nokia Corp	10,935.00					10,935.00
750	Pfizer Inc	7,481.69					7,481.69
250	Plum Creek Timber	9,030.00					9,030.00
300	Proctor & Gamble	0.00					19,551.00
500	Puget Energy Inc	10,728.65					10,728.65
800	Teco Energy	0.00					0.00
500	U S Bankcorp Del (Spinoff from US Bankcorp)	12,745.47					12,745.47
300	United Technologies Corp	15,285.00					15,285.00
400	Verizon Communications (Spinoff from Verizon)	2,726.96					2,726.96
450	Wells Fargo & Company	14,617.75					14,617.75
	GS Federal FD #520	0.00					116,715.82
	GS Finl S Gvt #465	0.00					
	<u>GS FINL SQUARE TREASURY INST #506</u>	75,721.61					0.00
	TOTAL PRINCIPAL	828,120.24	0.00	0.00	69,110.41	90.64	832,779.68

RETAINED INCOME

25000	Federal Farm Credit Bank 4.75% 12/07/2009
25000	US Treas Note 4.75% 11/15/08
	GS Finl Square Income #465
	GS Finl Square Treasury Inst #506
	GS Federal Fund #520
	Fees Paid to The New Hampshire Trust Company
	TOTAL

	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

COMBINED COMMON TRUST FUND AND

<u>RETAINED INCOME FUND</u>	828,120.24	0.00	0.00	69,110.41	90.64	832,779.68
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TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2007

INCOME					PRINCIPAL ONLY		
BALANCE BEG YEAR	INCOME RECEIVED DURING YEAR	EXPENDED DURING YR	GAINS LOSSES	BALANCE END OF YEAR	BEG OF YEAR FAIR MKT VALUE	UNREALIZED ANNUAL GAINS/LOSSES	END OF YEAR FAIR MKT VALUE
	1,656.25				50,279.50	(279.50)	0.00
	2,375.00				49,935.50	627.00	50,562.50
	2,375.00				49,672.00	1,422.00	51,094.00
	3,875.00				53,303.50	(94.50)	53,209.00
	3,937.50				53,461.50	(1,349.00)	52,112.50
	7,012.50				111,020.80	(805.20)	110,215.60
	5,134.01				98,453.67	1,542.86	99,996.53
	1,136.00				28,600.00	4,648.00	33,248.00
	317.48				12,177.50	1,860.00	14,037.50
	720.00				16,017.00	(3,639.00)	12,378.00
	761.40				20,130.00	1,821.00	21,951.00
	791.00				25,735.50	6,930.00	32,665.50
	648.00				16,710.00	(7,878.00)	8,832.00
	126.00				18,900.00	(18,900.00)	0.00
	57.19				7,727.50	2,210.00	9,937.50
	730.00				20,960.00	2,765.00	23,725.00
	326.25						16,998.00
	672.00				22,326.00	(84.00)	22,242.00
	0.00				573.00	(573.00)	0.00
	180.00				8,100.00	2,564.00	10,664.00
	300.00				19,430.00	2,190.00	21,620.00
	485.97				19,806.00	204.00	20,010.00
	164.00				13,604.00	(4,842.00)	8,762.00
	456.00				13,080.00	4,353.00	17,433.00
	164.00				11,944.00	2,296.00	14,240.00
	243.88				10,160.00	9,035.00	19,195.00
	435.00				9,712.50	(1,188.75)	8,523.75
	420.00				9,962.50	1,547.50	11,510.00
	315.00						22,026.00
	500.00				12,680.00	1,035.00	13,715.00
	0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00
	800.00				18,095.00	(2,225.00)	15,870.00
	351.00				18,756.00	4,206.00	22,962.00
	657.99				14,896.00	2,580.00	17,476.00
	531.00				16,002.00	(2,416.50)	13,585.50
	73.52						116,715.82
	1,025.23						
	4,259.77				75,721.61	(75,721.61)	0.00
	44,012.94				927,932.58	39,580.12	967,512.70
24,978.00	1,187.50						
25,046.88	1,187.50						
74,112.94	2,142.17						
15,370.09	766.55						
	9.71						
	(6,097.53)						
139,507.91	(804.10)	0.00	0.00		0.00		0.00

139,507.91 43,208.84 0.00 0.00 927,932.58 39,580.12 967,512.70

SILSBY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

The monthly meetings of the Board of Trustees are open to everyone, and we would like for you to join us. Normally the meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm. No meetings are held in July and December. Dates and times are posted at least a week ahead of the meeting in the Library and Municipal Building.

During the year, the Trustees made a complete update of the Policy Manual, and added several addendums: Library Bill of Rights; the Freedom to Read; Internet Access and Computer Use policies; Library Behavior with Unattended children. Copies of the Manual are on file for review by the public and we welcome your comments.

Several guest speakers came to Charlestown; we had poetry readings both in the spring and fall by The River Voices, and a portrayal of Molly Ockett in cooperation with Fort at No. 4. We also decided to have a Local Authors display with materials of authors who grew up or spent time in Charlestown while they were writing. The list of "Local Authors" is surprisingly long and varied. It also is a work in progress!

The Trustees also spent a lot of time talking about interior renovations. High on the list are: improved lighting; window treatments; recaning of chairs and more efficient (double) windows. Several quotes have been obtained, but no decisions were made during the year 2007.

The Library benefited greatly from donations. To make the digital projector (donated by Rotary) more popular, a laptop computer and a set of speakers was acquired this past fall. The showing of Fahrenheit 451 and the Friday afternoon movies are using this equipment successfully. Gifts of children books and craft supplies were very much appreciated. Also several people dropped off almost new books so the Library can supplement its acquisition program. You can now look on-line any time of day or night to find out the latest additions to the shelves.

Without you: our patrons the Silsby Library would just be an empty building. Come often to borrow materials, use the computer, copier or fax machine and look over the many newspapers and magazines. The Trustees would love to see a significant increase (25%) in patrons during 2008. Best of all as a resident of Charlestown it is free and as a visitor our dues are less than surrounding communities. Finally, the Staff and the Trustees would welcome your suggestions for continuous improvements to our facility and our services.

Eric Lutz, Chairperson Board of Trustees
Silsby Free Public Library

SILSBY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Treasurer's Report for 2007

Unrestricted Checking Account

Balance Forward 12/31/06		\$2940.59
	Income	
NH Humanities Council – grant		\$400.00
Donations IMO Laurie Kathryn Hassett		272.00
Bequest from Kate Brenton		25,000.00
Non-resident fee		20.00
Total Income		\$25,692.00
	Expenses	
Holiday celebrations		\$369.06
Program speaker fee		255.00
Craft Supplies		286.60
Total Expenses		\$910.66
Balance on hand 12/31/07		\$27,721.93

Savings Account – copier/fax supplies and maintenance

Balance Forward 12/31/05	\$1623.79
Interest	8.05
Deposits – fax/copier income	528.47
Thermal ink cartridge	-35.43
Service contract	-200.00
Balance on hand 12/31/07	\$1924.88

Acquisitions Account

Balance Forward 12/31/06	\$272.55
	Income
Income from Trust Fund	\$8727.34
Vanguard dividends	212.59
Donations	92.50
Donations IMO Robert Westcott	50.00
Donation IMO Jean Miller	30.00
Donation from Charlestown Grange	200.00
Refunds from vendors	59.00
Book replacements	148.92
Video replacement	20.00
Book purchase reimbursement	11.17
Blish Fund – CD interest	194.02
Kinson Fund – CD interest	147.65
Centennial Fund – CD interest	84.09
Book sale revenues	266.00
Total Income	\$10,243.28

Expenses	
Books	\$7989.40
Videos	1168.09
Periodicals	594.60
Total Expenses	\$9752.09
Balance on hand 12/31/07	\$763.74

CSB Money Market Account 8479089	12/31/07	\$646.85
Wesley & Rosie Hunt Trust -		
Managed by Vanguard Wellesley Income Fund	12/31/05	\$4,633.10
CSB CD, Britta Blish Mem. Fund, Mature 12/22/08	12/23/07	\$3,000.00
CSB CD, Eloise Kinson Mem. Fund, Matures 12/22/08	12/23/07	\$2,282.90
CSB CD, Centennial Fund, Matures 12/22/08	12/23/07	\$1,300.00
CSB CD, Copier/Fax Savings Account, Matures 12/22/08	12/23/07	\$1,000.00

Robin Forsaith, Treasurer

ANNUAL LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Circulation:	Adult books	6,157	New Patrons	272
	Junior Books	5,883	Collection	25,095
	Magazines	322	Books Added	927
	Audio Books	574	Library visits	236/wk
	Video/DVD	2,897	ILL	1,230
TOTAL		15,833		

I would like to extend a hearty thank you to all who helped the Library during this past year. Again we have a wonderful Board of Trustees who volunteer their time and energy to advocate for the Library. Many generous citizens have donated books for our annual yard sale day book sale. We received a very generous donation from The Laurie Hassett Memorial Fund for the purchase of craft supplies for our Story Hour program, and a gift from the Charlestown Grange which was used to purchase children's books. All contributions large and small are greatly appreciated.

Thanks to the many volunteer knitters for our *Warm Up America* campaign, organized by Holly Shaw, we were able to donate 7 afghans to the Sullivan County Nursing Home. The afghans went to Charlestown residents. We have also begun to supply the County Home with large print books, made available to all residents by Betty Reavis. A new supply of books is sent over each month.

We continue to host the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization for Charlestown. This program has grown from 2 BB/BS matches to four. We also host a scrap booking class for the Pathways clients which is taught by Meredith McAllister.

Two new on-going programs have been added this year. An adult crafting class on Thursday afternoons is designed with the clients from Pathways in mind, but is open to anyone. Homeschooling families with grade school aged children might also find this enjoyable. The purchase of a public performance license allows us to offer movies. *Friday Flicks* is our newest program, with movies beginning at 1:00 on Friday afternoons during the winter months. Call the Library for the "Flick of the Week", as our license does not allow us to advertise the movie by name.

A grant from the NH Humanities Council helped to bring three programs to us this year. We were honored to partner with the Fort to bring noted Native American historian Marge Bruchac who portrayed Native American doctor Molly Ockett. We also hosted writer Edie Clark, author of "Monadnock Tales" and Professor Barbara White spoke on three noted women authors from NH. Local poets from River Voices entertained us in April and October.

Our Summer Reading Program "Reading Road Trip: Read Across America" was capped off with a program of Native American stories & songs presented by Michael Caduto.

Thank you all for your patronage and support throughout the year.

Sandra Perron
Librarian

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Charlestown Conservation Commission meets on the third Monday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Community Room below the library. The public is encouraged to attend.

The Conservation Commission continued to do work on the Town's hiking trails and the Nature Trail by the Fire Station which has finally been restored to pre 2005 flood conditions with the construction of a very nice bridge on the lower level by volunteers from SCA and the installation of hand rails and reinforcing rods on the stair section. In addition, all other trails in town were monitored periodically and kept free of debris. We would like to thank Don Highter, who once again kept the Great Meadow trail mowed during the summer months. We would again remind people trails maps are available in the Town Office in the Bakery Building for a \$2.00 fee.

In April and October the Conservation Commission did their semi-annual clean-up along State Route 12 from the Walpole Town Line to Bowen Crossing road. This is part of the NH DOT Adopt-a-Highway program. In conjunction with the Lions Club, the Rotary Club and a big help from the Fall Mountain HS Jr. ROTC the trash is cleaned up from the Town Line to Lovers Lane road.

Another yearly effort is sponsoring Green-up day on the first Saturday in May. This involves cleaning the Town roads. Many thanks to the people who volunteered their time, to the VFW for cooking and the local businesses for their donations of goods for our cookout after the clean-up. As a result of all these efforts we received two elm trees through the Litter-free NH program which were planted along Main Street this fall as part of the Tree Committee's fall planting.

A yearly duty of the Commission is the monitoring of the LCIP (Land Conservation Investment Program) easements; this was a state program where a landowner could put an easement on their property forever barring development on these parcels. The Commission monitors these parcels yearly to check for unauthorized activities or buildings. If you are interested in the possibility of a conservation easement on your property please contact the Commission and we will help you get started in the process.

The Commission was involved in reviewing several wetlands applications that were submitted to the State of NH, Dept. of Environmental Services and made several site visits regarding wetlands issues.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Holmes, Chairman

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Cemetery Trustees meet the last Monday of each month, 5:00 PM, at the Old Town Hall. These meetings are posted in the Library Building (bulletin board near the Town Clerk's office). The second notice is in the showcase (outside) at the Old Town Hall.

Besides the usual mowing, trimming, there was loam and seed spread in sections of Pinecrest and Hope Hill Cemeteries. Foot paths in Hope Hill Cemetery were trimmed out, also the back sides of fences in all five cemeteries. St. Catherine's Cemetery had some dying spruce trees which were cut down, and other trees were trimmed.

Approximately 60 head stones were cleaned and 25 repaired and reset.

Some pot holes in Forest Hill Cemetery were patched with cold patch and the paving into Pinecrest Cemetery has been torn up, so as to be replaced with shur pac in the next year.

Removing large diseased pine trees with "Red Rot" was the biggest concern in 2007. These trees have been dangerous for many years. Several had been struck by lightning, causing the trees to be even more delicate.

Selling lots, keeping up with paper work, doing research for people and the funeral homes, and the burial of 37 completes our year.

Cemetery Trustees,
Victoria Sargent, Chair
Jeffrey Lessels
Edgar Benjamin

BUILDING/FIRE & HEALTH INSPECTOR

As Building/Fire & Health Inspector it has been a pleasure to work with the citizens of Charlestown. In general the citizens comply with the rules and regulations of ICC and cooperate in obtaining permits through the Selectmen's Office. A list of rules and permit fees are available to anyone. The state ICC books are available for review in the Selectmen's Office and the Library for interested parties.

The Town of Charlestown is a member of ICC (International Code Council) The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and National Electrical Code.

This past year there were 155 building permits issued for additions, alterations and renovations to residential and commercial structures. There have been several permits issued for upgrading of electricity and plumbing. We had 12 new construction frame homes, several modular and manufactured homes. I work closely with contractors, electricians and plumbers to bring all structures up to State & IRC/IBC codes. Fees for residential electrical and plumbing have been increased to \$25.00 as of 2006, and commercial electrical and plumbing have been increased to \$50.00 as of January 1, 2007.

I attend code update meetings as they become available as there have been code changes this past year. The 2007 Manufacturing Housing Standard Boards have mandated concrete slabs, tie downs, and licensed installers for all new and used mobile homes. I also attend monthly meetings for Pandemic Regional Influenza Planning.

It is now mandatory to file an application to install oil burning equipment RSA 153:5. Inspections for foster/day care and town buildings are done on a regular basis.

There have been several oil burner permits taken out and as of January 2007 new fees are posted for oil burner, foster/day care and other types of fire inspections. Permit fees in 2007 brought in \$19,834.46 to offset the cost associated with building inspections.

Please note that any new homes, additions, basement finish or interior closed wall construction with rough plumbing or electrical concealed, must be inspected before the wall finish is installed. A final inspection is required before occupancy.

FIRE RAPID ENTRY SYSTEM (Knox Box) has been added as a requirement to new 2-family, multi family and commercial buildings.

The position of Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer is part time only. As such, I am available two days each week in office – Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:00 – 2:00 PM & 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM for inspections, I'm usually available most days by calling the office, with follow up same day or next day leaving a message.

Respectfully submitted
Bud Von Ahnen
Building/Health/Fire Inspector

AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

The ambulance service again saw a steady increase in our calls for service in 2007. I thought I would share a few interesting statistics for the year. In 2007 we responded to 550 patients or medical incidents. This is a 10 % increase from 2006. There were only a couple of instances in the year when Charlestown Ambulance needed to call for backup from a neighboring service to help handle a call in Charlestown. Yet Charlestown Ambulance Service backed up neighboring services 51 times in other towns. This is good for the service as it gives us more exposure and generates revenue for the town. The busiest day of the week this year was Saturdays and the busiest time period was between 9:00 am and noon. Our average transport distance to get a patient to a hospital was 9 miles. The patients transported by the ambulance service required advanced life support 70 % of the time. The average age of our patients in 2007 was 53.

Along with being busy on ambulance calls this year the department was again busy training new members. The ambulance service hosted an EMT training class in Charlestown providing EMT training at our station for many new members. This was a huge convenience over traveling to class. As some of our members have had to travel as far as Manchester and Keene twice a week for school. Additionally members of our service took classes to become advanced life support providers. Our training officer provides general education to all members of the ambulance service monthly, which allows us to maintain the many certifications required to be licensed. As with all fields of medicine treatments and practice change regularly, requiring constant review and updates. Training is a big expense for the service both in cost and man-hours.

In 2008 we look forward to continuing to serve the town. Our goal is to always provide high quality medical care to our patients. We thank everybody for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Beaudry FP-C, NREMT-P
Director of Operations
Charlestown Ambulance Service

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The year 2007 was a busy year for us. Fortunately the number of actual fires we had was down. The largest increase we saw was in mutual aid requests and motor vehicle accidents.

Over the past year, 228 emergency calls were dispatched, 74 motor vehicle accidents, 38 mutual aid requests, 34 miscellaneous calls, 33 automatic fire alarms, 28 smoke investigations, 8 medical/rescue requests, 4 automobile fires, 3 brush fires, 3 structure fires and 3 fuel/chemical spills.

One of our goals for 2008 will be to replace our 1980 American LaFrance Fire Engine that is now 28 years old. The Fire Department will be looking forward to the support from all the residents in town on this article. I would like to invite the residents of town to stop by the Fire Station and see the equipment we have received over the last few years through grants and purchases. Anyone of us would be glad to show you around and answer any questions you may have. We have come a long way over the past several years so please stop by any time. Again thank you for all of your support.

I would like to thank all the members of the Fire Department and their families for all the time and effort that goes into all the hours of training and responding to emergency calls.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gary Stoddard
Fire Chief

POLICE DEPARTMENT

This year we saw a small change-over in staffing with several officers and dispatchers leaving to pursue other interests or spend more time with their families. As you can well imagine, this type of work is very demanding and I applaud those that do it in addition to a full time job.

We continue to dispatch to the Towns of Acworth, Unity and Langdon and saw the calls for service slightly increased over last year. We updated the State Police On-line Telecommunications System (SPOTS) computer and, as a result of the cost of equipment and training, increased the contract service fee to those three Towns. We participated in both a Speed Enforcement detail and a DWI Enforcement detail along the Route 11 and 12 corridors which were financed through a grant from the NH Highway Safety Agency. We have seen a steady rate through the years regarding motor vehicle violations where we are writing tickets to about 10% of those stopped for violations. In most cases, a stern word of guidance carries more weight than a fine. We saw about a 10% increase in both calls for service and arrests. Accidents were down by about 15% which can be attributed to any number of reasons including increased patrol presence.

You'll continue to see a line in the budget for a Regional Prosecutor. We contracted with Claremont PD this year to handle our cases but effective in 2008, they've chosen to use their Prosecutor for additional duties in the city so he will no longer be available to us. It is my goal to team-up with Cornish and Langdon Police Departments and enter into a contract with a local practicing Attorney who will handle the cases for all three Towns. Our little Town is responsible for about 15% of the caseload in Claremont District Court. Last year we handled 165 complaints through the Court.

We're continuing our Kids and Cops Program in the second grades teaching such issues as Stranger Danger, E-911 and Good Touch/Bad Touch. You may have seen a new program in the paper that we've started this year and which was very popular with both the students and teachers. It involved giving the kids a certain amount of money to buy gifts for some of their less fortunate classmates and tied in math and writing skills. It ended with a shopping trip with the Officers where they put these concepts into practice. As always, the Kids and Cops Program concludes in a pizza party at the end of the year for all the kids which is held in the Community Room then a tour of the Police Department and a chance to see the cruisers.

By now you've been bombarded with information regarding the new Public Safety Complex. Seems like a pretty big price tag but we've tried our best to balance the needs of the Departments and the best interest of the community and its taxpayers. Your vote will be a legacy to this Town for the next 20 to 30 years.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward C. Smith
Chief of Police

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

The Charlestown Welfare Department handled over 296 contacts regarding Town Assistance. An overwhelming majority of these contacts did not result in applications for assistance; instead many individuals and families either had questions about services or were referred to other area resources that handle non-emergent cases. Referrals were made to: the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Southwestern Community Services, Serve New England, the Social Security Office, and the Charlestown Food Pantry.

Forty-seven (47) Charlestown families received direct assistance with housing expenses, electric bills, fuel bills, medication, and food during 2007. In addition to the financial support the Town appropriated last year, Community Alliance of Human Service's staff's expertise and training allowed us to make referrals to other area resources saving the taxpayers of Charlestown additional expenses. Although not all residents who contact us present issues appropriate for resolution through the Town Assistance Program, whenever possible we provide residents with alternative solutions to help them meet their needs.

Town Assistance applicants are routinely referred to other appropriate services and resources available within Charlestown and Sullivan County. We have made referrals to services that include: New Hampshire Department of Health & Human Services (Medicaid, TANF, Food Stamps, and APTD), Serve New England (food), Social Security Offices (SSDI and SSI), Southwestern Community Services (fuel assistance, electric assistance, and rental assistance), The Charlestown Food Pantry, local churches, Partners in Health, and the Medication Bridges Program. Additionally, where appropriate, we have encouraged families and individuals to negotiate directly with utility companies and landlords to make payment arrangements on amounts owed. Community Alliance of Human Services has worked extremely hard to promote self-sufficiency in all Town Assistance clients, which is consistent with our Agency's mission. Staff ensures that the humanitarian purpose of the Town Assistance laws is followed, yet makes it clear to all applicants that Town Assistance is not a guaranteed monthly benefit that continues for an indeterminate period.

In 2007, the Community Alliance of Human Services continued its participation in the New Hampshire Local Welfare Administrators Association where staff received updated information on local welfare guidelines, policies, and regulations. Attending these meetings promotes a broader knowledge of resources available to families. I was elected to serve on the Executive Committee of the New Hampshire Local Welfare Administrators Association and began my term in January 2008.

In 2007, staff attended and participated in the Governor's Local Welfare Advisory Group to assess the impact of changes to TANF (Temporary Aid to Needy Families) regulations upon town assistance.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide assistance to Charlestown families and individuals in need in a caring and professional manner, while, at the same time, utilizing *only* 58% of the annual Town Assistance budget.

Respectfully submitted,
Gregory W. Vigue
Town Welfare Administrator

HERITAGE COMMISSION

The Charlestown Heritage Commission focuses on the town's historic buildings and environment. Its goals are to foster appreciation and pride in historic features, to furnish information on period-appropriate renovations, and to emphasize the importance of preserving the town for future generations. Historic structures, once lost, are gone forever, but those same structures, properly maintained or restored, are sources of civic pride, as well as additions to the tax rolls, and enticements to new residents. The commission is a resource for people seeking information on the care of vintage buildings or researching a building's history.

A number of activities were undertaken by the commission this year. On a monthly basis, an article is placed in *Our Town* to promote knowledge, pride, and interest in Charlestown and its historic aspects.

The commission updated its brochure, which is available at the Selectboard Office, the Town Clerk's office, the Town Hall signboard, and local realtors' offices. Over 300 brochures have been distributed.

The Charlestown Heritage Commission is proud that it was able to initiate a coalition of town organizations and individuals to undertake the planting of new trees, and the maintenance of existing trees. Under the direction of Aare Ilves, the new Charlestown Tree Committee planted many trees and shrubs along Main Street. Some of the trees planted were disease-resistant elms, a nostalgic return to the past, when magnificent giant elms lined village streets. It was especially heartening to have many teachers and students enthusiastically taking part in this effort.

The funds for the tree project are furnished by a new line item in the town budget and contributions from town groups and individuals. The Heritage Commission also maintains a separate account for donations specified for trees, and thanks to all those who have contributed or are planning a contribution in the future. For them, and all of us, it will be a point of pride to see Main Street and other areas of town grow and bloom as this project continues.

The Heritage Commission has taken part in the Rotary's Hope Hill Cemetery Fountain project in North Charlestown by donating four white hydrangea trees. Three of these trees will be placed near the refurbished fountain, and one will replace an old hydrangea that was recently removed.

The Heritage Commission worked with the Selectboard to establish guidelines for future *Boston Post* cane holders. Research was done to find past recipients of the cane, and a plaque was placed in the Selectboard Office with the names of known cane holders. There are gaps in this list, and we would appreciate names of any individuals who might have been missed. A display case was also purchased, and in the future, the cane, in the case, will be presented to recipients.

The commission's meetings are posted and are open to the public. Openings exist for new members, and any volunteers interested in serving on the Heritage Commission should contact Dave Edkins.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Higgins, Chair

CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY TREE COMMITTEE

The mission of the Charlestown Community Tree Committee is to evaluate, maintain and replace, where necessary, the Town's publicly owned tree population. The Tree Committee commemorated Arbor Day by planting six arborvitae and six holly bushes near the electrical meters along Main Street. Later in the year we also planted flowering shrubs in other locations. Some trees along Main Street were mulched, and the Committee also worked on the triangle at the south end of Town.

We completed an inventory of all the existing trees on Main Street and, in consultation with licensed arborists, developed plans to properly maintain them. In 2007 the Committee and other volunteers, including Middle School students, planted a total of 19 trees and 30 shrubs. Another 17 trees were pruned, one large tree was cabled (to prevent splitting) and 12 trees were fertilized. The maintenance work was paid from that portion of the Town budget allocated to the Tree Committee.

The new trees and shrubs were all funded by donations: \$2000 from the Charles H. Hoyt Trust, \$1000 from National Grid, \$200 from the Women's Club, \$200 from Rotary and \$250 from a local citizen. Many residents were upset when National Grid removed some trees this summer. Our Committee went on record opposing their decisions, but the trees were removed despite our objections. However, National Grid did make a \$1,000 contribution to the Town to replace the trees on Main Street.

Thanks to a generous donation from the Charles H. Hoyt Trust, we will be planting 26 disease-resistant elm trees along Charlestown streets. The first eight were planted in September. Next year another six elm trees will be planted, and in 2009 we have twelve more elm trees on order. Some of these may be placed along side streets or at Patch Park. These Liberty Elm trees have been obtained from the Elm Research Institute in Keene. They have developed a variety which comes with a lifetime warranty against Dutch Elm disease, which killed many of the earlier trees which adorned Main Street.

Our Committee wishes to thank the entire community for assisting and encouraging us during this ambitious and busy project. We would welcome anyone interested in joining our Committee. We are currently working on an inventory of Perry Avenue, Park Street and Swan Common. We work hard, but have lots of fun and have gotten a great deal of satisfaction from what has been accomplished.

SUMMARY OF OUR WORK ON MAIN STREET IN 2007

	Elms	Other trees	Shrubs	Total
West side	6	2	24	32
East side	0	9	6	15
Schools*	2	0	0	2
TOTAL	8	11	30	49

*One elm each was planted at the Middle School and at the Farwell School in North Charlestown.

Charlestown Community Tree Committee

Aare Ilves, Chair
James Fowler
Jackie Kasprzak
Eric Lutz
Judy Murray

CHARLESTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Monthly meetings are held on the third Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Town Hall on Summer Street. During the winter months the meetings are moved to the Community Room, however, as the Town Hall becomes more accessible we see a time when this will no longer be necessary. Event posters and program schedules are always available in the notice board to the right of the Town Hall doors.

Among the acquisitions during 2007, ledgers belonging to Henry and Hattie Hubbard and Hubbard's Store were donated by Fannie and Effie Lui of New York City who uncovered the 1869 treasures years ago and then contacted us last year through our internet website. Their visit and generosity are among our memorable moments for 2007. The disbanding of Roswell D. Whitcomb (American Legion) Post 53 led to a donation of their memorabilia and flag standards that we hope to display on special occasions in the Town Hall. Many other old photos, books and period clothing continue to come to our Society through the continued vigilance of residents like Dolly Lampher, Barbara Jones, Mickey Bascom and Charles White.

The Archive Room, located in the Town Hall is open to the public each Tuesday morning from 9 am to noon and at other times by arrangement with our Archivist, Marge Reed. We had a visit from the Springfield High School advanced studies in history class who were researching the story of Susanna Johnson and welcome this participation as a way to spread the word of our resources.

The shingle roof on the Schoolhouse was replaced during 2007 thanks to the efforts of member, Bob Morel of Oldways Building Company of Acworth and his band of volunteers including his sons, Barry and Bill, brother Steve Morel and member Charlie Baraly. Other members pitched in to keep the workers well fed and the lawn area cleaned up. We appreciate all this help and are proud of the results. The Schoolhouse is open to the public several times a year and may be reserved for special events by contacting the Society. Our annual picnic found comfort and warmth in the glow of the kerosene lights when a thunderstorm forced a hasty retreat of our local musicians including Frank Morse, Ed Benvie and Harold Bushey. An antique auto club held a rally and picnic on the grounds last year with much better weather.

In addition to monthly programs of general interest, we also presented our second annual Cemetery Walk, *Voices from the Past*, at Forest Hill Cemetery. This tour, guided by members in period costume, has proved popular with the community as we give voice to actual residents of Charlestown from its founding years through the early 20th century. In 2007, we were fortunate to have the participation of Clifford Hoyt as playwright Charles Hoyt, a role he has presented throughout the countryside. Players further represented our rich history in the roles of Mr. Hoyt's wives (Amy Becker and Candi Cutts), Franklin Stowe (Charles Baraly), Martha Gilchrist Cushing (Roberta Streeter), Musician Chauncey Corbin (Dave Schumann), Everett Holden (Riley Hentschel), Elijah Simonds (Bill Hartley) and Miss Sophia Abbie Spooner (Joan DeBrine). Supporting roles of Mr. Elisha Fling (Eric Lutz), Mrs. Jerusha Downer Carpenter (Joyce Higgins) and an early 20th century nurse (Judi Baraly) rounded out the program. For the first time our program also included authentic fife and drum music by local residents Lois and Andy Buchan. The Society is already busy researching characters for the June 2008 program to be held at Hope Hill Cemetery in North Charlestown.

Our programs are always open to the public and advertised well in advance. Funding is received through memberships, monthly raffles, donations from the public and special fundraisers like the Cemetery Walk. The Archive Room and Schoolhouse are handicap-accessible and staffed by our volunteers to whom I am ever grateful.

Judi Baraly, President

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board met a total of 23 times during 2007, which was both busy in terms of regulatory activity and very productive in terms of long range planning. The number of development applications was up slightly from the previous year, despite the well publicized slow-down in the real estate market; although development activity did drop off significantly in the second half of the year. In total, the Board considered 38 different applications including:

- 8 subdivisions creating 38 new lots (32 of which are in a single project);
- 17 site plan applications; 6 for new businesses or facilities and 11 for the expansion, alteration or relocation of existing businesses;
- 6 sign permits;
- 6 boundary adjustments between existing lots;

Perhaps the most significant achievement of the year however, was the completion and adoption of the comprehensive Master Plan update which was begun in 2003. The Board plans to spend considerable time in the coming year considering means by which the many recommendations contained in the Plan can be implemented. It is expected that these could include regulatory changes such as zoning amendments for consideration by the voters, as well as other efforts to preserve and enhance the character of Charlestown. The Board wishes to again express its appreciation for the valuable advice and technical assistance provided by the staff of the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission.

The Board wishes to take this opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of David Sussman who left the Board in 2007 after moving out of Town. For many years, Dave's thoughtful consideration and insightful perception have been a tremendous asset to the Board in its sometimes difficult deliberations. His presence will, no doubt, be sorely missed.

The Planning Board meets at 7:00PM on the first and third Tuesdays of each month in the Community Room of the Silsby Library/Municipal Building. All meetings are open to the public and citizen participation is encouraged. The Planning & Zoning office is located on the lower floor of the Bakery Building and is open daily from 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM. The office phone number is 826-5368.

Charlestown Planning Board

Robert Frizzell, Chair
Sharon Francis, Vice Chair
Gail Fellows
Kenneth Moore
Brenda Ferland, Ex Officio
Kennith Champney
Doug Ring

Linda Stewart, Alternate
Eric Lutz, Alternate
Roger Thibodeau, Alternate
Fred Poisson, Alternate

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The recreation committee has continued to provide a variety of sports and fun raising activities throughout the year. We held our annual Green Up day at Patch Park in April. At that time the board and community members prepared the fields, equipment and facilities for the coming seasons. Patch Park is used throughout the spring, summer and fall for various events including weddings and reunions. We again had a dock on the river which provided access from the water to boaters. This has been possible for the past three years due largely to the efforts of a private community member who obtained the necessary permits and built the dock. I am able to assist him with installing/removing the dock. In the spring we offer baseball and softball for children ages 5 to 13. Babe Ruth runs from June to July for boys ages 13 to 16. Summer soccer starts at the end of June through the middle of July. This program is for both boys and girls ages 5 to 14. We have a number of children from surrounding towns that take advantage of our summer soccer program.

Last July marked the recreation committee's first participation in Charlestown's Yard Sale Day. We ran a concession stand and sold items donated by both board members and the community. We hope to make this an annual event.

The town pool is open from mid-June to mid-August. At the pool we offer both open swimming and 3 sessions of swimming lessons.

With the start of school we began our fall soccer season and is open to all youth ages 5-12. The season ends with a soccer tournament for 11 and 12 year old boys and girls. This event is used as a fund raiser for the recreation committee.

Basketball begins in November and runs until March. Charlestown teams that wish to attend tournaments (up to three) are sponsored by the department. We have traditionally held instructional sessions for 2nd graders and teams for boys and girls up to 12 years old. The Charlestown Middle School did not have B basketball teams this year which left some older students without a place to play. We were able to field a team of 7th and 8th graders in order to fill that need.

This year marked our 25th Winter Carnival. The carnival runs from the last weekend in January through the second weekend in February. Programs and events available during the carnival have changed a bit from year to year. This year we kicked off on January 26th with co-ed volleyball which was open to both school age 5th to 12th grades and adults. We had planned to hold a middle school dance which was open to the district on February 1st, but was cancelled due to the weather. We hope to reschedule it soon. February 2nd was the opening day of our adult broom hockey. We have two divisions and this year had a total of 14 teams competing. These teams are made up of members from all over NH and included people from various other states. There were some from MA, NY, CT and even one player from MN. Throughout the day we offered activities for those not playing in the games. This year we provided sleigh rides, a story teller, two programs from VINS and candy bar bingo. Project Grad used the opportunity, as they did last year, to run the concession stand throughout the day, as a fund raiser. The day ended with the Snowball Dance at the Old Town Hall which was open to adults. Youth broom hockey was held on February 3rd which was open to K-8 with 6 teams participating and there was a concession stand run by the recreation department offered on that day. The carnival wraps up on February 9th with the annual Police vs. Rec. basketball game and refreshments will be provided by the recreation department. We also use this opportunity to introduce our youth basketball teams, with the second graders presenting a demonstration of their new skills.

There are many ideas that I would like to discuss with the board in the coming months. I have been approached by various community members and groups with suggestions about how they would like to see the department expand. The feeling that I get is that while we should continue to provide sports oriented programs, there is also a need for alternate activities. These range from working closely with already established groups to helping organize/sponsor day trips to family oriented events at the Fleet or Verizon Centers. I feel that we need to address these opportunities in order to provide recreation for all of our citizens, not just those who are sports/athletically inclined.

Respectfully submitted,
William MacDonald
Recreation Director

HCS – HOME HEALTHCARE, HOSPICE & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Report to the Town of
CHARLESTOWN
2007

Annual Report

In 2007, Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS) continued to provide home care and community services to the residents of Charlestown. The following information represents HCS's activities in your community over the past twelve months.

Service Report

Services Offered	Services Provided
Nursing.....	1,929 Visits
Physical Therapy.....	541 Visits
Speech Pathology.....	2 Visits
Occupational Therapy.....	99 Visits
Medical Social Work	63 Visits
Home Health Aide	1,661 Visits
Homemaker.....	4,763 Hours
Adult In-Home Care.....	413 Hours
Outreach.....	32 Visits
Health Promotion Clinics	13 Clinics

Total Unduplicated Residents Served: 175

Prenatal and well child care, hospice services, the Age in Motion program and regularly scheduled "Nurse Is In" clinics and Foot Care clinics are also available to residents. Town funding partially supports these services.

Financial Report

The actual cost of all services provided in 2007 with all funding sources is projected to be \$678,159.00.

These services have been supported to the greatest extent possible by Medicare, Medicaid, other insurances, grants and patient fees. Services that were not covered by other funding have been supported by your town.

For 2008, we recommend an appropriation of \$24,500.00 to continue to be available for home care services.

Thank you for your consideration.

BIRTHS 2007

CHILD'S NAME	DOB	PLACE OF BIRTH	FATHER & MOTHER
Rivard, Alaina Isabella	01-03	Keene, NH	Daniel & Jennifer Rivard
Masure, Caitlin Gwen	01-11	Claremont, NH	Craig & Elizabeth Masure
Miller, Connor Shane	01-12	Claremont, NH	Brandon & Sarah Miller
Ortiz, Indy Elizabeth	01-12	Lebanon, NH	Christopher & Kristin Ortiz
Cameron, Riley Autumn	01-22	Keene, NH	Phillip Cameron & Mandi Endicott
Giordano, Gavin Anthony	01-26	Claremont, NH	Anthony Giordano & Muriel Kenyon
Jewel, Emelia Fey	01-28	Keene, NH	Michael Jewell & Rebecca Hulser
Paulette, James Joseph	02-09	Claremont, NH	Joshua & Katherine Paulette
Putnam, Mia Clark	02-17	Keene, NH	Aaron Putnam & Sara Clark
Haag-Marsh, Mackenzie Olivia	02-21	Lebanon, NH	Karen Haag-Marsh
Nash, Ryan Warren	02-22	Keene, NH	Roy Nash & Brenda Pierson
Cheney, Jordyn Kate	02-25	Claremont, NH	Timothy Cheney & Mallory Langford
Richardson, Zachary Allan	02-26	Claremont, NH	Jody Richardson & Sherry McNamara
Lantz, Alyson Marya	03-08	Claremont, NH	Bryan & Robyn Lantz
Lane, Chloe Rene	03-08	Lebanon, NH	Jacob Lane & Jessica Hunsdon
Tuttle, Patience Jean	03-14	Claremont, NH	Harry & Alicia Tuttle
Garrow, Cole Aaron	04-02	Claremont, NH	Matt Garrow & Jennifer Martineau
Farr, Jerry Lee	04-06	Claremont, NH	Jerry & Karen Farr
Meier, Jackson Robert	05-10	Claremont, NH	Robert & Catherine Meier
Schulenberger, Michael Francis	05-10	Claremont, NH	Michael Schulenberger & Renee Richardson
Royce, Armand James	05-14	Claremont, NH	Tory Royce & Trina Dearborn
Allison, Chase Douglas	06-14	Lebanon, NH	Scott & Andrea Allison
Vire, Justin Loyd	06-19	Lebanon, NH	Justin Vire & Desiree Smith
Knowlton, Jazmin-Lynn Marie	06-24	Claremont, NH	Brandi Briggs
Kenyon, Zoe Llewelyn	06-28	Claremont, NH	Shane & Kimberly Kenyon
Rowe, Aliya Nicole	07-22	Keene, NH	Michael Rowe & Deirdre Bolio
Boucher, Aurora Lynn	07-23	Claremont, NH	Marcel & Sandra Boucher
Bigelow, Danny-Lynn Saphirah	08-02	Claremont, NH	Amber Bigelow
Wellington, Pierce Kenneth	08-26	Claremont, NH	Allen Wellington & Heather St Pierre
Weeden, Erin Olivia	08-28	Keene, NH	Thomas Weeden & Julie Preseau
Royce, Ayla Patience	09-01	Claremont, NH	Tanner & April Royce
Metcalf, Tyler Scott	09-25	Claremont, NH	Eric & Jody Metcalf
Howe, Johnathan James	09-26	Claremont, NH	Aaron & Francine Howe
Morel, Ava Morgan	10-06	Lebanon, NH	Barry & Nicole Morel
West, Isabella Maye	10-18	Claremont, NH	Tracy West
Richardson, Zachary Alwyn	10-22	Claremont, NH	Daniel Richardson & Stacey Mcguire
St Pierre, Luke Allen	10-26	Lebanon, NH	Jeremy & Catherine St Pierre
Morel, Emily Ann	10-27	Claremont, NH	Billy Morel & Melissa Boughton
Andrasi, Carmella Shea	11-21	Lebanon, NH	Matthew Andrasi & Nicole Hooper
Blanchard, Autumn Rose	12-01	Lebanon, NH	Christopher & Norma Blanchard
Dewey, Hailey Leigh	12-22	Claremont, NH	Louis Fuller & Keri McKane

DEATHS 2007

DECEASED	DATE	PLACE OF DEATH
Judith Colburn	01-23	Lebanon, NH
Lucille Deeb	01-31	Springfield, VT
Linda Slutzky	02-05	Unity, NH
Justin Beam	02-07	Charlestown, NH
Stephen Gurney	02-07	Charlestown, NH
Ferd Dalke	02-16	Charlestown, NH
Deryl Baker	02-17	Springfield, VT
Mary Townsend	02-18	Charlestown, NH
Mildred Lozier	02-19	Claremont, NH
Bertha Eldred	02-25	Keene, NH
Harry Hutchinson	02-26	Hartford, VT
Josiah Langevin	03-27	Charlestown, NH
Patricia Robinson	03-30	Claremont, NH
Amanda Rodriguez	04-24	Charlestown, NH
Liberato Giampietro	05-04	Charlestown, NH
Melvin Wilson	05-16	Charlestown, NH
Christopher Allen-Bruzgis	05-21	Springfield, VT
Betty Murray	05-22	Charlestown, NH
Edith Brehio	05-27	Unity, NH
Joyce Holden	06-01	Charlestown, NH
Ernest Scott	06-04	Keene, NH
Charles Vrazel	06-08	Charlestown, NH
Dorothy Harrigan	06-19	Lebanon, NH
Lolita Allard	06-23	Charlestown, NH
Elwin Balla	06-26	Springfield, VT
Douglas Kinney	06-28	Charlestown, NH
Catherine Breault	07-01	Keene, NH
Regina Raymond	07-08	Charlestown, NH
Wesley Linquist	07-09	Charlestown, NH
Beverly Boudreau	07-10	Charlestown, NH
Elizabeth Wilson	07-14	Charlestown, NH
Raymond Skrocki	07-26	Charlestown, NH
Robert Westcott	08-04	Newport, NH
Miriam Gates	08-15	New London, NH
Nancy Hayward	08-29	Lebanon, NH
David Detore	08-30	Lebanon, NH
Helen Bailey	09-10	Vernon, VT
Daniel Wilson	09-13	Charlestown, NH
Florence Roberts	09-29	Springfield, VT

DEATHS 2007

DECEASED	DATE	PLACE OF DEATH
Anthony Antonivich	10-07	Newbury, NH
John Garoutte	10-09	Lebanon, NH
William Webster	10-14	Claremont, NH
Emile Thebarga	10-22	Charlestown, NH
Barbara Miller	10-27	Unity, NH
Kirk Graffam	10-27	Charlestown, NH
Harry Lefebvre	10-29	Claremont, NH
Jeannette Cushing	10-30	Youngtown, AZ
Dorothy Meunier	11-03	Charlestown, NH
Erland Purington	11-04	Charlestown, NH
Sheila Sudant	11-10	Charlestown, NH
Lewis Stoodley	11-11	Hartford, VT
Sophia Wojenski	11-16	Claremont, NH
Kenneth Clark	11-30	Claremont, NH

MARRIAGES 2007

GROOM & BRIDE	RESIDENCE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE	DATE
Edgar, Deniz I. Hamilton, Amy L.	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Newport, NH	01-05
Rogers, Timothy M. Miller, Melissa M.	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH	02-10
Coyle, Brian Murray, Shelley A.	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH	02-16
McElreavy, Larry B. DeSantis, Frances E.	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH	02-24
Truell, Travis J. Aumand, Ashley M.	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH	03-24
Savage, Frederick W. Savage, Nancy J.	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH	03-30
Gray, Sherwood Millett, Maureen M.	Eaton, NH Charlestown, NH	Conway, NH	04-18
Baker, Bradley R. Olmstead, Jamie L.	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH	05-06
Barnes, William A. Tenney, Kimberly A.	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH	05-12
Cheaney, Jeffrey D. Tsugata, Komako	Charlestown, NH Japan	Langdon, NH	05-26
Putnam, Samuel A. Larouche, Rene P.	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Keene, NH	06-02
Wesson, Roger A. Nespolo, Maria	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH	06-09
Shand, Jamie S. Sharkey, Christee J.	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Acworth, NH	06-09
Hentshel, Lee C. Doody, Teena M.	Charlestown, NH Barton, VT	Charlestown, NH	06-16

MARRIAGES 2007

GROOM & BRIDE	RESIDENCE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE	DATE
Watson, Robert W. Amoroso, Lynnette A.	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Bradford, NH	06-28
Daniels, Jonathan E. Welch, Shannon M.	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Meriden, NH	06-30
Courtemanche, Robert Belanger, Lisa A.	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH	07-07
Allen, Edward M. Schoch, Kim M.	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Claremont, NH	07-13
Case, Ernest A. Walker, Penelope J.	Charlestown, NH Claremont, NH	Claremont, NH	07-22
Burns, John J. Spencer, Robin P.	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH	07-28
Bugbee, Allen L. Thurston, Cory L.	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH	07-28
Bigelow, Gary W. Mack, Linda L.	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH	08-04
Royce, Tyler S. Boutin, Nicole M.	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Hancock, NH	08-17
Williams, Craig A. Choy, Lee Theng	Charlestown, NH Malaysia	Claremont, NH	08-19
Carter, Joey J. Batchelder, Heather J.	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Claremont, NH	08-25
Davis, Damien M. Falk, Donna M.	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Sunapee, NH	09-01
Franks, Donald B. Eaton, Elizabeth T.	Charlestown, NH Acworth, NH	Acworth, NH	09-01
Luce, Benjamin D. Lewis, Jennifer E.	Charlestown, NH Keene, NH	Keene, NH	09-08

MARRIAGES 2007

GROOM & BRIDE	RESIDENCE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE	DATE
Rowe, Michael J. Bolio, Dierdre R.	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH	09-15
Croteau, Lester C. Butson, Tamara F.	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Claremont, NH	09-22
Fife, Gary O. Winters, Deborah A.	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH	10-03
Ferri, Jonathan Wetherby, Kara J.	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	North Walpole, NH	10-06
Colburn, Jack E. Smith, Anne M	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH	10-13
Rock, Harold K. Woodley, Jessica E.	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Croydon, NH	10-13
Lyles, Todd M. Lussier, Jessica J.	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH	10-27
Martell, Nathan B. Bonneville, Keri A.	Charlestown, NH Claremont, NH	Claremont, NH	10-27
Montroy, Daniel R. Fischer, Chelsea L.	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH	10-31
Silver, Victor J. Limoges, Michelle M.	United Kingdom Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH	11-04

WATER DEPARTMENT

Balance on hand January 1, 2007 – Money Market	\$255,907.91
Banknorth - Savings	<u>8,143.81</u>
	\$264,051.72

Deposits:

Rents - Current	\$298,566.76	
Rents - Prior Years	43,383.57	
Rents Paid in Advance/Overpaid	276.19	
Interest on Delinquent Accounts	3,669.22	
Connections - Current	3,630.00	
Meters - Prior Years	93.20	
Meters - Current	1,002.22	
NE Water Works	95.00	
Staples Rebate	12.50	
Unicel Refund	13.05	
Misc - Hardy	58.20	
Rumrill - Jury Duty	10.00	
Misc - Prentise	30.15	
LGC- Reim. Well House	756.36	
Interest on Investments	<u>6,740.43</u>	
TOTAL	\$358,336.85	\$622,388.57

Disbursements:

Public Works Administration	\$1,964.49
Clerical	7,829.20
Treasurer	1,250.00
Water Commissioners	3,300.00
Water Collector	2,878.22
Admin. Health/Disability Ins	1,506.51
Admin. FICA/Medicare	1,275.21
Admin. Retirement	1,300.18
Admin. Dental	38.03
Software Support	2,033.96
Educational Programs	705.50
Office Supplies, Equip, Comp	989.42
Postage	1,088.73
Water Tests	3,814.00
Salaries Full Time	62,247.45
Overtime	5,244.58
Health/Disability Insurance	17,917.66
FICA/Medicare	4,950.48
NH Retirement	5,072.01

Unemployment/Workers' Comp	2,203.75	
Dental Insurance	712.89	
Telephone	4,683.57	
Electricity	26,268.66	
Heating Oil/Propane	5,520.08	
Building Maintenance	3,187.39	
Property, Vehicle Insurance	3,756.24	
Dues/Fees/Courses	377.50	
Equipment	9,149.17	
Gasoline	3,327.26	
Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	2,628.47	
Uniforms	785.58	
Audit	1,794.00	
Mowing	6,287.75	
General Expenses	3,808.78	
Meter Installation & Repair	4,051.15	
Line Installation & Repair	7,329.14	
Fire Hydrant Replacement	692.02	
Alarm Monitoring	401.29	
Plant Maintenance & Repair	7,237.41	
Chemicals	12,780.03	
Booster Station Maintenance	1,574.79	
Dam Maintenance	877.07	
Debt Principal/Interest	61,005.00	
Capital Projects	98,735.26	
Due to Sewer Dept for 2006	47.00	
Total 2007 Expenses	\$394,579.88	
2007 Expenses Paid in 2008	<u>1,641.58</u>	
	\$396,221.46	
Reimbursed to General Fund	395,377.63	
Due to General Fund	2,069.42	
Money Market - December 31, 2007		\$218,908.45
Investment Banknorth		8,527.72
Rents billed out in 2007 (less abatements)	345,773.53	
Connections, jobs, etc. billed (less abatements)	4,908.62	

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

Balance on hand January 1, 2007 - Money Market	\$22,585.02
Banknorth - Savings	<u>799.14</u>
	\$23,384.16

Deposits:

Rents - Current	\$246,865.48	
Rents - Paid in Advance/Overpaid	385.47	
Rents - Prior Years	21,153.84	
Interest on Delinquent Accounts	2,614.40	
Connections - Current	2,883.92	
Dumping Fees – Current	16,570.80	
Dumping Fees – Prior Years	599.00	
Interest on Investments - less fees	1,381.71	
Rumrill - Jury Duty	10.00	
Due from Water Dept from 2006	47.00	
Other Revenue	<u>12.50</u>	
	\$292,524.12	\$315,908.28

Disbursements:

Public Works Administration	\$1,964.49
Clerical	7,829.20
Treasurer	1,250.00
Sewer Commissioners	3,300.00
Sewer Collector	2,878.22
Salaries Full Time	57,567.45
Overtime	3,341.90
Health/Disability Insurance	19,423.32
FICA/Medicare	5,748.80
NH Retirement	5,833.53
Dental Insurance	750.93
Unemployment/Workers' Comp	750.80
Audit	1,794.00
Mowing	6,287.95
Telephone	3,348.32
Lab Fees	5,939.30
Electricity	32,789.98
Heating Oil	8,196.69
Building Maintenance	6,217.81
Software	2,033.96
Property, Vehicle Insurance	4,410.96
Educational Programs	694.00
Line Installation & Repair	5,068.01
Alarm Monitoring	244.14
Office Supplies	955.33

Postage	1,050.00	
Equipment	9,171.96	
Gasoline	3,327.22	
Lagoon Maintenance	3,496.59	
Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	2,470.49	
Uniforms	761.24	
General Expenses	2,898.92	
Weed Kill	500.00	
Debt	63,495.00	
Tests	1,944.00	
Chemicals	3,013.77	
Abatements	<u>349.58</u>	
Total 2007 Expenses	\$281,097.86	
2007 Expenses paid in 2008	<u>1,630.37</u>	
	\$282,728.23	
Reimbursed General Fund	310,083.55	
Due to General Fund	83,459.30	
Money Market - Dec. 31, 2007		\$5,062.14
Investment Banknorth		\$836.82
Rents billed out in 2007 (less abatements)	287,748.59	
Connections, jobs, billed (less abatements)	19,587.72	

BALANCE SHEET WATER WASTEWATER FUNDS

December 31, 2007

	<u>Beginning of Year</u>	<u>End of Year*</u>	<u>Beginning of Year</u>	<u>End of Year*</u>
	Water	Water	Wastewater	Wastewater
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash & Equivalents	255,908	218,908	22,539	5,062
Investments	8,144	8,528	799	837
Receivables - rents	43,511	69,187	21,815	71,696
Interfund Receivable		1,702	47	1,702
Other Receivables	418	675		
Prepaid Items				
Total Assets	307,981	299,000	45,200	79,297
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<u>Liabilities & Fund Balance</u>				
Accounts Payable	5,619		1,618	
Interfund Payable	47	2,069	109,126	83,459
Deferred Revenue	243	243	107	107
Total Liabilities	5,909	2,312	110,851	83,566
<u>Fund Balance</u>				
Reserved for Encum		4,466		
Unreserved Fund Bal	302,072	292,222	-65,651	-4,269
Total Fund Balances	302,072	296,688	-65,651	-4,269
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	307,981	299,000	45,200	79,297
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* These figures subject to audit

WATER & WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Water and Wastewater had a very productive year. Many projects and maintenance issues have been completed.

- Replaced two old fire hydrants
- Installed two meter pits
- Repaired water leak on Main Street
- Repaired water leak on Riverview Drive
- Repaired water leak on South Main Street
- Repaired water leak on Old Claremont Road
- Repaired water leak on Michael Avenue
- Repaired water leak on Norman Avenue
- Repaired water leak on Old Springfield Road
- Repaired water leak on Sunrise Village MHP meter pit
- Responded to six customer water leaks
- Cleaned west side sewer mains
- Three new water connections
- Five new sewer connections
- Responded to 72 customer requests
- Produced 16,816,042 cubic feet of water or 125,784,000 gallons of water
- Billed for 15,738,932 cubic feet, lost 1,077,110 cubic feet or 8,056,783 gallons or 6% due to leaks, fires, and maintenance
- Reclaimed, treated and put back to nature 69,507,000 gallons of wastewater
- Passed all compliance inspections and reports
- New arsenic treatment system in North Charlestown

The arsenic issue in North Charlestown has taken a lot of time and effort to pilot, plan, and implement. Except for the building this was a project done completely in house, permitting, planning, engineering, construction, and implementation, was completed and started up on November 1 2007 by the Water Department.

Respectfully Submitted
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Superintendent Water and Wastewater

