

Town of New Durham New Hampshire



Town Department Report Year Ending December 31, 2007



Zechariah Boodey House, 269 Ridge Road, New Durham

BOODEY HOUSE COMMITTEE

The “Zechariah Boodey House Committee” was established for the purpose of dismantling, moving and rebuilding the “Boodey House” from its’ current location at 269 Ridge Road, New Durham, NH to another location within the Town of New Durham. The committee shall raise funds by a number of means including, but not limited to:

- solicitation of funds and grants from private foundations;
- appropriations from the Town of New Durham;
- donations from private individuals and charitable organizations;
- any other legal means to fund this project.

The Zechariah Boodey House Committee, originally started out as the Boodey House Committee, has been busy this past year. The first part of the year was spent largely researching how to educate New Durham citizens on the historic significance of the Zechariah Boodey House, how to raise needed funds, the future location of the building and developing plans for the dismantling, storage and reconstruction of the Boodey House.

A new location was needed when the original plans fell through. A place was found on the Shirley Town Forest property. In July the committee met at the proposed site for the relocation of the Boodey House on the corner of Stockbridge Corner Road and Ridge Road. Access is between the New Durham cemetery and Ridge Road. An area was marked out for the location for the building. Several alternate locations were selected. On July 13, 2007, the selectmen granted permission to reconstruct the Zechariah Boodey house on the corner of Stockbridge Corner Road.

Jim Garvin, State Architectural Historian, has been helpful in our quest to get the Zechariah Boodey house eligible for the State Register of Historic Places. His office has made several suggestions and recommendations, which we found encouraging.

An educational brochure was designed to help explain the great need to save this building as a part of New Durham’s history as well as the birthplace of the Free Will Baptist Church! The pictures give graphic examples of the buildings’ dire condition! This brochure was distributed during the Craft Fair in December.

On October 24, 2007, Aaron Sturgis of Preservation Timberframing, Inc. submitted his costs, \$8,000, for the dismantling of the Zechariah Boodey House. Some volunteers have come forward with equipment/ manpower donations. Sturgis’ proposal includes dismantling, documenting and photographing of the building for his crew.

The annual New Durham Christmas Fair provided an opportunity to set up a display of the Zechariah Boodey house, sell some connected items, a chance to pass out our new brochures, and munch on good old fashion Joe Frogger cookies while answering the myriad questions posed by visitors.

The Boodey House committee meets every 4th Thursday at the Town Hall. For additional information please contact Cathy Orlowicz at 859-4643.

Respectfully Submitted

Catherine Orlowicz, Chair

Mark Foynes

Ann Brady, Secretary

Cheryl Cullimore, Vice Chair

Carleton Woods

Crissa Evans

Diane Thayer

Katie Woods

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR and CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

To The Board of Selectmen and The Citizens of New Durham

“Treat others, as you would like to be treated”

I, David T. Lindberg, would like to first thank residents as well as non-residents for the ongoing support they have given my family and me during our ongoing treatment with cancer. Thanks to the entire Town personal and Departments also for their support. A special thanks to all that were involved in the fund raising held on the 22nd of September, 2007 at the New Durham Fire Department. We were overwhelmed by how many of you came out and the moral support that was shown. Thank you again.

The goal of this Department is to make applying for permits as easy as possible but the applicant also needs to be ready with all the information to begin the permit process. We also try and do inspections in a timely fashion when proper notification is given, usually within 24 hours.

The Year of 2007 was still a busy year even though 15 fewer permits were issued. There were 144 permits issued with 190 job visits compared to 264 for 2006. Inspections completed this year are:

Foundations – 42; Frame – 46; Electrical – 56; Plumbing – 48; Insulation – 25; Temporary Certificate Occupancy – 5; Certificate of Occupancy – 31; Pools – 2; Oil Burner – 25; Site Evaluation – 42; Complaints – 34.

Permits are required for any alteration, addition, new building, repair, replacement, and foundation only with an estimated value of \$1000.00 or more. Estimated value includes materials and labor, contracted or done by owner. A permit is needed for the wrecking of buildings as per guidelines set forth by NHDES.

Report of Rich Grondin Assistant Building Inspector/CEO



I would like to thank everyone for their patience throughout 2007. As you all know David has had a battle with health issues. I realize how much David does for this Town; he's a hard act to follow. Thank you, Rich Grondin, Asst. BI/CEO.

*Left to Right: Richard Grondin,
David Lindberg, and Daniel Nebesky*

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR and CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Report of Rich Grondin Assistant Building Inspector/CEO

Permits	Item	Estimated Value
22	Additions	\$ 573,800.00
10	Alterations	368,856.00
2	Foundations only	30,710.00
21	Electrical	84,225.00
2	New Buildings Barns	50,000.00
20	New Buildings Dwellings	2,948,345.00
10	New Buildings Garages	262,074.00
10	New Building Sheds	20,650.00
16	Plumbing	122,345.00
2	Remodel	28,291.00
5	Renewal	000,000.00
8	Repair	144,130.00
10	Replacement	142,678.00
1	Sign	000,000.00
5	Demolition	000,000.00
144	Totals	\$4,776,104.00

REMINDER: Office hours are Thursday Evenings from 7 to 9 PM and Saturdays Hours Morning 9 to 12 Noon. The Office telephone number is 859-0516 during office hours only. All other times call Inspector assigned to you for inspections.

Rich 859-0143: Dan 859-0036.

Code issues Dave 859-4081. E-mail address for department is; ndbldisp@metrocast.net

Minimum State of New Hampshire Building Codes

Building Specification Codes

International Building Code 2006

International Residential Code 2006

International Energy Code 2006

International Mechanical Code 2006

International Plumbing Code 2006

International Fire Protection Code 2006

The National Electrical Code 2006 will be going to 2008 April 2008

Sincerely submitted,

David T. Lindberg, BI & CEO



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Advisory CIP Committee was approved by Town Meeting in March, 2007. In accordance with Article 25, (included below), it is comprised of 2 at-large members, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, a Planning Board representative, a Budget Committee representative and a Board of Selectmen representative. Members of the Committee for 2007 were as follows:

Paddy McHale, Member at Large and Chairman
David Curry, Budget Committee representative and Vice Chairman
Chris LaPierre, Member at Large
David Bickford, Board of Selectmen representative
Bob Craycraft, Planning Board representative

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to approve the formation of an Advisory Capital Improvements Plan Committee to be composed of one (1) Planning Board member, one (1) Budget Committee member, (1) Selectman, and two (2) at-large members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The charge of such a committee will be to assist the Planning Board with capital planning per RSA 674: 5 through 7, and to review annually the adopted Capital Improvement Plan and make such annual recommendations as they deem necessary, following departmental reviews, to the Planning Board to maintain effective municipal fiscal planning and community vitality of assets.

Although this committee was advisory in nature, every effort was made to assemble a recommended CIP Plan that met state statutory requirements in order to allow the town to implement an Impact Fee ordinance in the future. This very important step in the process was key to meeting those requirements.

The overall objective of the Advisory CIP Committee was to estimate as closely as possible the capital improvement needs of the town over a period of 10 years. To achieve this goal several steps were needed:

- An aggressive bi-monthly meeting schedule
- Departmental interviews; each department head provided expenditure predictions for the ten year period in question.
- Site tours of various infrastructure to gain first hand information of the needs for each department.
- Historical data was gathered and used as one tool to establish trends in expenditures. The resultant recommendations were formalized and reviewed by the Committee and presented to the Planning Board for consideration. The recommended CIP Plan was comprised as follows:
 - Introduction, which includes a definition of the CIP and its use, as well as specific goals and how to achieve them. It also defines the process used to develop the CIP. An explanation of the use of past financial trends is included as well.
 - Historical Summary of Revenues, including supporting spreadsheets and major influences that could affect revenue from state sources. Tables reviewing tax rates and bonding capacity are included.
 - Revenue and expenditure projections spreadsheets delineating financial policies and assumptions.
 - Projected bottom line, based on available data is detailed. Major expenditures in the future were identified. A summary of all these circumstances and their effect on the tax rate is included as well.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Several major issues were identified, including improved facilities for the Fire Department and Highway Department, as well as identifying used and worn equipment requiring replacement. Most notable in that category is the pressing need to replace a very old fire truck. Additionally, the situation concerning March's Pond dam was identified as a very significant item that will need to be addressed. Infrastructure and school district related items were also identified, but note was made that in both cases the exact impact of these items was unknown at the time of submission because they depend on outside influences.

In a number of cases, the committee reached the consensus that Capital Reserve Funds (CRFs) were either insufficiently funded, or in a few cases, did not exist at all. Recommendations in these cases included increased funding for some existing CRFs and the recommended addition of a few CRFs.

In summary, such factors as noted here as well as several others will combine to raise the property tax to some extent, based on which items are approved. It is an unfortunate reality that there is lost ground to be made up if we are to address the needs of the town adequately. Over the next few years there is a somewhat higher increase than the latter portion of the 10 year period covered. The committee feels strongly that a short term sacrifice will result in long term stability and much more accurate planning over time. This will certainly allow for much more manageable tax rates over time. The Advisory CIP Committee went to significant lengths to remind all concerned that this plan is a living document. Our best efforts went into making this as strong a document as possible. But as time goes by, there is a likelihood that any part of this plan will need revision.

Interested parties are strongly encouraged to read the CIP Plan as approved on the town website www.ndurhamnh.us, or in hard copy form at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Paddy McHale, Advisory CIP Cttee
Chairman 2007

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

New Hampshire State Statute RSA 36A clearly mandates the purpose and powers of our state's Conservation Commissions: "Protect and encourage the proper use of local resources: Protect watershed areas; conduct research on the use of local land and water areas; seek to coordinate local conservation groups; establish an index of open space and wetlands areas with information as to their proper and best use (Natural Resources Inventory)."

The Conservation Commission would like to voice their appreciation for the approval at last year's town meeting for additional funds for conserving lands in New Durham.

Several property owners have approached the Conservation Commission during the past year, interested in protecting their lands from development. Thanks to a most generous individual an additional 110 acres has been permanently protected from future development, this has been accomplished at no expense to the Town. We continue to work with other individuals who share a common interest in land conservation.

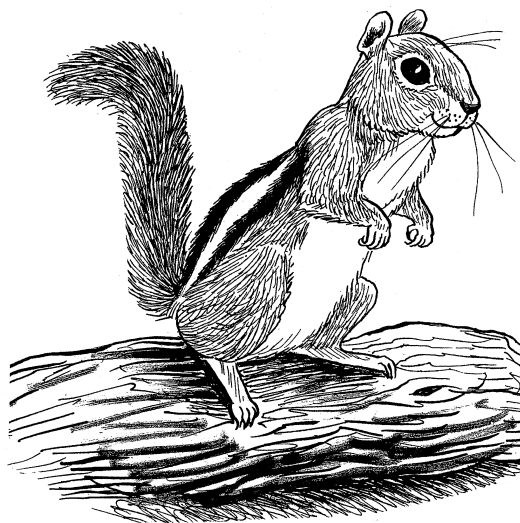
We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Merrymeeting Lake Association for their support of conservation efforts within the community.

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests & Moose Mountains Regional Greenways continues to be valuable partners in the town's conservation efforts.

The time has come, the hour is now! The proposal to subdivide and develop over 2000 acres of pristine mountains, wetlands, & forested land on the southern side of Merrymeeting Lake and Birch Ridge is before the Town. We as individuals can reflect on significant events, which altered our lives, marriage, children, accident, or a societal tidal wave. I believe this to be one of those times for the Town of New Durham. A time for a coming together of our community, a time to step across the divide and join in a common effort, which will determine the future character and landscape of the Town of New Durham.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Gagne, Chairman
Bill Malay, Member
David Bickford, Selectmen's Representative
Charles Berube, Member
Robert Craycraft, Alternate



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Again it is my great honor and pleasure to present the annual report of the New Durham Fire Department. Every year that I am blessed to continue to serve gives me a new and different perspective on the world. I have been involved in the fire service for most of my adult life and I can honestly say that one thing that has not changed over all those long years of “perspective” is the respect and love that I have for my brother and sister firefighters and medical personnel who choose to serve others. This past year of perspective has only served to re-enforce those feelings and I hope you join me in expressing gratitude to the volunteers on the New Durham Fire Department who regularly give up, nights, weekends, holidays, sleep, days off, birthday parties, family time, breakfast, lunch and dinner to answer a call for help.

I know there are lots of you who like to read our run statistics, so here they are for 2007:

➤	Fire Calls	112
➤	Medical Calls	143
➤	Motor Vehicle Accidents	33
➤	Service Calls	8

I must remind you that behind each one of those numbers are real people that called for assistance and the real people who answered that call. Nearly three hundred times last year members of the department dropped whatever they were doing to fight fires in the woods and homes of New Durham; to give medical aid to a heart attack or car crash victim; to pump out a flooded basement; and to do whatever else we asked of them. This was not done for a regular paycheck. This was not done for medical and dental benefits. This was not done to earn a retirement. This was done because they are good people who care about others and want to give to their community.

During 2007, my staff and I spent long and productive hours working with various Town officials and Boards to come into line with the long-term vision of the Capital Improvement Plan. This includes some proposals that you will see reflected in the Town Warrant. I urge you to ask questions and to support the Fire Department, and the Town, in providing the safe and effective equipment needed for us to meet our mission in a fashion that will have the least impact on the tax rate. The emergency services industry is forcing changes in the way we do business and this, combined with the growth the town is experiencing, will make the coming years increasingly challenging. What the public expects and demands from a liability point of view of the Fire Service becomes more complicated and expensive with every passing year and it is becoming increasingly difficult for even the most dedicated group of volunteers to provide essential services in a manner deemed safe and appropriate by industry standards.

In addition to responding to calls for emergency assistance and service requests, your volunteers continue to dedicate a tremendous amount of time to training. This includes both in-house training, training at and with other departments, and the hundreds of hours that nine of my team spent taking the Firefighter I Class. We were pleased to offer this class in New Durham for the first time in many years. We have also sought out opportunities to provide CPR and AED (automatic external defibrillator) training throughout the community. I am very pleased to announce that Explorer Post 16 was established at the New Durham Fire Department this year and now provides an opportunity for our young people to get a taste of what the fire service is all about in a safe and educational atmosphere of camaraderie. At the time this is written, the

town is poised to unveil a new website and the Fire Department will have pages for you to visit where you can read about your volunteers, past and upcoming events and see pictures of our activities. Several of our members have worked hard to obtain advanced certifications in a variety of disciplines and the NDFD pages will proudly showcase what we have been doing and what we are planning.

I love this town and I love the members of the department and I could easily go on and on, but I will close this year's report by urging you to get involved in your town and volunteer in some capacity. The Fire Department is constantly looking for ways to become more involved in the community and we can use the assistance of other dedicated residents with a variety of projects that do not necessarily require becoming a firefighter or EMT. Please contact either me, or one of my officers, to see if the Fire Department is the right place for you to serve. If you have an interest or talent that might lead in another direction, please contact the staff at the Town Hall for additional information and become a part of the proud heritage of public service in New Durham.

Respectfully submitted,

Brinley R. Nelson
Fire Chief



Fire Fighter Clayton Randall shows a different way to getting to fires!

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The library looks back on 2007 with something akin to pride. In many ways, this was our best year ever. With foot traffic, circulation and computer usage all higher than they've ever been before, and with more new and diverse programming than we've seen in previous years—2007 has been astoundingly successful. I'm grateful to the citizens of the town for giving us such a great year.

Of course, along with the growth we've seen in circulation, we've also grown in staff. This year, the library picked up a new part-time employee, Library Aide Linda Keefe. We've also gained a fantastic new Assistant Librarian, Cathy Allyn, whose pre-K story times have been remarkable. With this new and expanded staff, we aim to better meet the needs of the town.

This year the library hosted its first ever Edible Book Fair, in which citizens of New Durham baked, broiled, and congealed up food homages to their favorite books. Our librarians dressed as a soda jerk and waitress, and transformed the children's room into a "Dewey's Diner." The event was a great success, and we look forward to seeing even more entries this year.



Library Flowers

Photo courtesy of Bonnie Dodge

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The library had an extremely successful Summer Reading Program in 2007, managed by Shay Bennett and New Durham Elementary School teacher Marion Martens. Children participated in a virtual “reading road trip” across the United States, reading stories about different parts of the country, and creating scrapbook travelogues of their journey.

This year, the library partnered closely with the EXPLORE Adult Learning Program, offering a host of programming classes to New Durham residents—covering everything from making herbal teas to using Microsoft Excel. Membership in New Durham classes continue to grow, and we look forward to continuing with this program in the future.

The library has also partnered more closely with the New Durham Elementary School. In addition to running the Summer Reading Program in conjunction with the school, we’ve played host to a large number of field trips of elementary age children, stressing the services and features available through the library, (while also having a lot of fun).

With all the positive changes at the library, it’s worth noting that some of the library’s biggest undertakings are still about to bear fruit. In 2007, we’ve been fundraising through grant applications, the Friends of the Library, and Fox Tale Books donations to build a teen section in our library. In early 2008, the library should have a wide selection of books (and even manga) for teens to explore.

Finally, the library is changing its circulation system, which will make its catalog available online to patrons. Thus, you’ll able to renew, browse, and even place holds on books from your own home. Here at the library, we’re extremely excited about this change, and feel it will be a strong asset to the community of New Durham.

Thanks to everyone for contributing to the library’s success in 2007.

Respectfully submitted,
Max Crowe, Library Director

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT

The Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization that promotes interest in the library, as well as supporting and assisting the library with programs and services. Approximately 12 volunteers established the organization in the fall of 2002. As of the end of 2007, our active members are 32 strong and we distribute a bi-annual newsletter. As you can see, we have grown quite a lot over the past five fledgling years.

The second Saturday in July, we hold a book, bake and plant sale. Please know that the community generously donates all of the items for this sale. This is our most successful fundraiser and a great way for people to begin their summer reading. With the proceeds from this sale, we have been able to help purchase many wonderful things for the library. This year, we have added a picnic table out front, as well as new DVD's for the adult section of the library just to name a couple.

In December, we held our Holiday Open House party with refreshments, entertainment and Santa who had an ornament for every child who attended. Volunteers wrote the child's name on the ornament. To everyone's delight, Steve Blunt, singer, songwriter and storyteller, was at hand to keep everyone dancing and singing. Another one of our highlights of the afternoon was a raffle. Adults and children were excited to see if they had won, one of the many wonderful donated raffles.

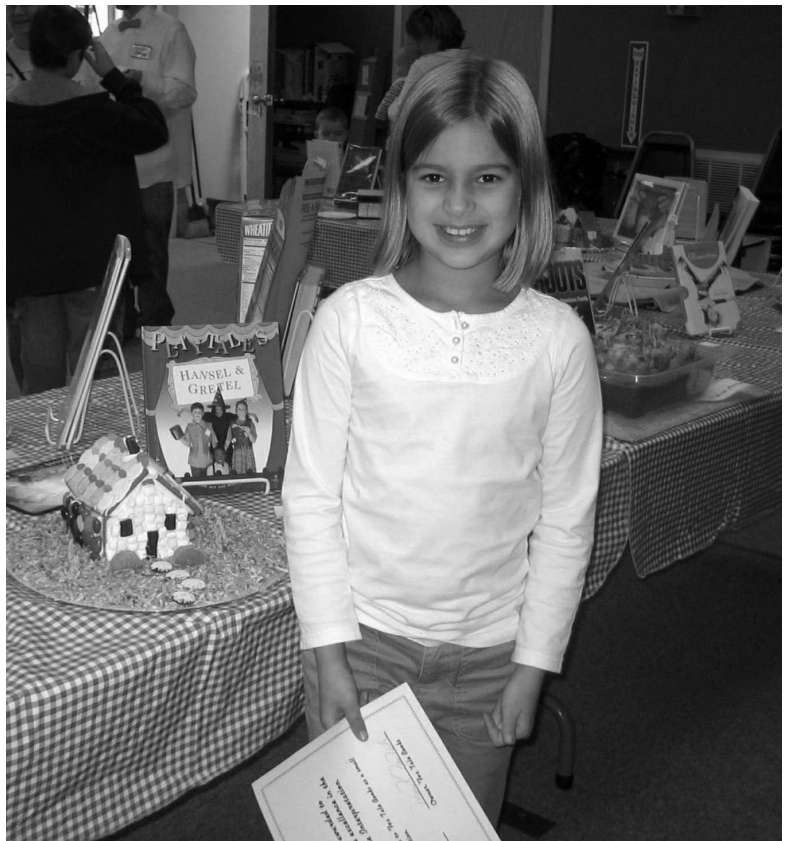
We would like to thank the community for coming out to support the Friends, and the library! And for all of your hard work at baking! We couldn't do any of this without you!

The Friends of the Library are always looking for new members, either active or non-active. Our meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month, at 7:00pm in the library, the months of April through December.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Hempel, President
Pat Luckern, Vice President
Marjorie Mohr, Secretary
Irene Couture, Treasurer

*Casey Rhoades with her winning
entry in the library's first Edible*



LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT

Receipts and Expenses January 1 - December 31, 2007

Account Balance (1/1/2007)	\$4,022.99
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Receipts:

Abram Bertram Trust	\$1,000.00
Book Sales	\$ 274.65
Conscience Jar	\$ 340.47
Copier \$ 162.90	
Donations	\$ 119.50
Fax Fees	\$ 162.60
Foxtale Books-Defin-a-thon	\$ 406.00
Grants \$ 325.00	
Interest Inc.	\$ 52.90

Total:	\$2,844.02
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Expenditures:

2007 Employee Bonus	\$ 350.00
Bank Charges-Bad Check	\$ 12.55
Charity \$ 100.00	
Correction—balance	\$ 0.01
Gifts Given	
Farewell	\$ 125.99
Children's Room	\$ 24.98
Funeral-flowers	\$ 50.00
Director-holiday	\$ 75.00
Subtotal Gifts	\$ 275.97
Meeting	\$ 150.00
Rachel's Garden	\$ 47.71
Summer Reading Prog.	\$ 125.00
Voted Items	
Router	\$ 79.99
Ladder	\$ 90.00
Television	\$ 149.99
WiFi Equip.	\$ 22.99
Subtotal Voted Items	\$ 342.97

Total Expenditures:	\$1,404.21
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Account Balance 12/31/2007	\$5,462.80
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Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas E. Swett, NDPL Trustees, Treasurer

MEETING HOUSE COMMITTEE

Our first year has been a very busy one for the Meetinghouse Restoration Committee. With so much to be done, we decided to focus our efforts on improving the site, continuing to build community involvement, and undertaking the process of developing a long-term restoration plan.

Efforts to keep the grass mowed, clean up the site and clear longstanding brush and undergrowth from the grounds and trails began in early spring and continued throughout the summer. Much was accomplished, particularly in the side yard surrounding the town pound and in the town's original cemetery, where years of growth had obscured most of the ancient headstones. We are indebted to Skip Fadden (our newest Committee member) and Bob Craycraft for their energetic assistance on this project.

As many of you will have noticed in driving past, we have added a new sign, which designates the site as a recipient of restoration funding assistance from the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP). Thanks also to Bonnie Dodge for her generosity in volunteering to install and maintain a flower garden around the base of the sign.

In keeping with its goal of having history-based events on the Meetinghouse grounds, the Committee organized its largest fund-raiser to date on July 29, 2007. This was done in tandem with being selected by LCHIP as one of only 50 sites statewide to participate in LCHIP Day to promote New Hampshire's special places.

With support from several businesses in the area and the Parks and Recreation Committee, LCHIP Day offered a wide array of events and entertainment, including a craft fair, food and drinks, a puppeteer, a performance-tour of the Meetinghouse, and a Timeline Walk along the nature trail on the Park grounds.

The Timeline Walk proved to be an outstanding hit. A variety of New Durham folk, portrayed by Town officials and the Merrymeeting Merrymakers, cropped up chronologically in ten eras, from the French and Indian War to World War I. Visitors participated actively at each stop and therefore experienced such things as joining the militia, attending a one-room school house, building a stonewall, and being tended to by nineteenth century doctor.

In the Meetinghouse presentation, a woman morphed into her New Durham ancestors to give the audience insight into the building's past, as well as what restoration work needs to be done. The Committee designed the event to be a true celebration of who we were and who we are. More than \$400 was raised.

Continuing its tradition of ghostly, historic entertainment, the Committee again offered a Historical Humorous Haunted House at the Meetinghouse on Halloween. Titled The Voices of the Meetinghouse, the storyline carried visitors back 300 years to a time when only Indians and animals shared the grounds up until the Meetinghouse was built and New Durham and New Durham Gore (Alton) split. The intent was to impart how similar we are today to the early people of the town, and that the Meetinghouse has become much more than just a building – it is also a symbol of what is owed those settlers.

Throughout the course of the year we met with a variety of restoration experts in preparation for developing a "Historic Structure Report" or "HSR". This research document is the crucial first step in

MEETING HOUSE COMMITTEE

completing the restoration work at the Meetinghouse, since it functions as both a historical record of the building's history up to this point, and a detailed action plan for historically appropriate restoration work from this point. It also allows for future restoration grant potential.

To that end, we are very fortunate to have secured the services of two very well known and universally respected restoration experts – Steve Bedard, who will focus on the structural issues, and Liz Hengen who will oversee the research portions of the report. We have also obtained a matching grant from LCHIP to underwrite the expense of developing this restoration plan.

Throughout the fall, we met with our consultants several times and spent many hours examining the building and the details of how it was constructed and used in the past. Once the winter snows are gone, this work will continue full speed in anticipation of concluding the study by early summer. With that report in hand we will be able to continue our efforts to secure grant funding for the restoration of the Meetinghouse as a focal point of community life.

Respectfully submitted,

George Gale
Chairman, Meetinghouse Restoration Committee

Committee Members: Cathy Allyn, Bob Craycraft, Skip Fadden, & Ernie Vachon

PARKS AND RECREATION

I would like to begin by extending a sincere thank you to the New Durham Parks and Recreation Commission for all the time and hard work they have contributed during the 2007-year.

Our 2007 Commissioners include Sheri Joy, Chairman, Marcia Berry, Bonnie Dodge, Paula Gehl, Lucinda Erwin, Nancy Bayer, and Dwight Jones. Many do not realize the amount of hours and sacrifices these individuals give voluntarily to the Recreation Department during their term as a Recreation Commissioner. 2007 brought with it many late evening meetings and time-consuming projects. This Commission is made up of seven fantastic, dedicated individuals, to whom I have the pleasure of work with! Once again, a sincere “Thank You” for your dedication and commitment to the New Durham Recreation Department!

As well as the Parks and Recreation Commission, there were many other volunteers who made 2007 such a successful year! Coaches dedicated hours of personal time to the children of this community. You taught these young people the game, but more importantly, you gave them the opportunity to experience the pure joy and satisfaction of being part of a team! Parents, your commitment to support these coaches and all the children in the community cannot go without recognition. You give life to the Recreation Department with fresh ideas and helping hands. Thank you for your support!

Besides the desire, creativity, time, and energy it takes to make a great program, we all know it also takes financial support. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and say a special thank you to our 2007 financial sponsors. These sponsors include:

Johnson’s Steak & Seafood
Randall Telecommunication Services
Merrymeeting Lake Association
Cardinal & Glidden Oil Company
New Durham General Store LLC
EOS Research
Diprizio GMC Trucks
Ye Ole Colonial Gun Shop
Write-way Independent Editorial Services
American Lightning Protection Inc

Northern Exposure Real Estate
Tony Eldridge Electric Contractor
Piche’s Printing
Woman’s Sports Foundation
Hubbington Furniture
Fox Tale Books
Liberty Insurance
Doug Roberts Auto
Celeste Chasse’s Daycare
Tom Tremblay & Sons Logging

Because of the generosity of these organizations, the Recreation Department was able to purchase, among many other things, two new, much needed, soccer goals for the 2007 soccer season. A new volleyball system was also purchased and is scheduled to be assembled at Smith Fields in the spring of 2008.

With the support of the New Durham community, our annual recreation programs continued to be a huge success in 2007. Several special events were also added to the calendar year! New to us in 2007, the Recreation Department hosted an adult summer concert, which took place at the New Durham Smith Fields and featured music by Chris Bonoli. On two separate occasions, a teen dance also took place at Smith Fields. Thank you to Philip and Lucinda Erwin for their excellent DJ services! In August, we held our first Seacoast Motorcycle Ride! We are looking forward to cruising again in 2008! In the fall, the Recreation Department offered an introductory Line Dancing class, which took place at the New Durham

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School every Tuesday night for three months. For the young ladies in town, the “Go Girl Go” program was introduced. Sponsored by the Women’s Sports Foundation, this program gave its participants the opportunity to form friendships while experiencing several activities, such as dance, karate, miniature golf, and bowling, free of charge. In October, Halloween was a smashing success! Children of New Durham filled the halls of the school collecting treats behind every door and participating in our first pumpkin-decorating contest! In December, a contest was held to determine who had the best-decorated house for the holidays! Congratulations to our winners, the James-Aldus family of Ridge Road Top!

The New Durham Recreation Department is very proud of our ongoing programs and annual special events. In 2007, many of New Durham’s children attended our annual Easter Egg Hunt, where over 500 Easter eggs were hidden across Smith Field! New Durham also welcomed back the Diamond Star Baseball Clinic and several of our young athletes participated. Swimming lessons at the New Durham Town Beach received rave reviews in 2007! Over 10 people, and several boats, participated in our annual ‘swim across the lake’ at the close of the upper level swimming lessons. New Durham also hosted the 2007 Rookies Softball Jamboree and the annual New Durham Soccer Invitational. Congratulations to the New Durham Red Flames for taking home first place at the 2007 invitational! December also gave way to our annual Craft Fair, which is a great fundraiser for the department. Thank you to Sheri Joy for making this event the huge success. During the winter months, woman’s basketball continues to dominate the courts at the Elementary School on Wednesday nights and the men have, recently, decided to take on Thursday nights! All adult players always welcome!

The New Durham athletic programs, which include basketball, baseball, softball, t-ball, and soccer, continue to promote healthy, safe, friendly and fair play within the children of our community. Each program is designed to encourage ‘having fun’ over ‘winning’. In 2007, more than 160 children participated in these athletic programs. We are proud of all our New Durham kids and we would like to invite everyone to come out and cheer them on!

Another on-going program proudly run by the Parks and Recreation Department is the Creative Kids Club Before and After School/Summer Program. This program is a New Hampshire State licensed daycare program, which provides needed childcare services at reasonable rates to over 75 families in the New Durham community! In 2007, children participated in holiday-theme activities and crafts throughout the seasons. During the Creative Kids Club summer program, children were given the opportunity to enjoy trips to York’s Wild Kingdom Zoo & Amusement Park, Canobie Lake Park, The Flume, and some of New Hampshire’s State Parks for picnics and swimming. The program’s director is Mrs. Laura McCarthy. She and her team, including Lisa Murray, Jessica Arsuaga, Grace Gelinas, Kim Nottage, Christin Gelinas, Becka Champoux, Megan Nottage, Elizabeth Orlowicz, as well as several other subs and volunteers, are at the heart of this program. I would like to thank all of them for the love and support they give to the children in the program on a daily basis.

The Recreation Department would like to take this opportunity to recognize its “Volunteer of the Year” recipient. Each year the Commission has the opportunity to vote one or more persons to receive this recognition and have their name(s) placed on a plaque that is hung in the Town Hall. This year we would like to congratulate Mr. Robert Joy as the 2007 Volunteer of the Year Award recipient. He has volunteered

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throughout the year in the Smith Field concession stand, as well as, generously offering his time and skills to repairs whenever and wherever needed. Mr. Joy puts his heart into everything he does and we are proud to have him as a Recreation Department volunteer. Thank you Mr. Robert Joy!

Your Parks and Recreation Department has more in store for you in 2008! Plans are being made to continue adding programs and special events to the calendar. To give you a sneak peak, a few of these include adding adult swimming lessons to the 2008 summer swim lesson program and adding adult volleyball! With the installation of our new volleyball system at Smith Fields, be on the look out for the start of some adult intramural volleyball! Also, coming soon in 2008 is our new Virtual Town Hall Website! The Recreation Department is excited to finally be able to give you up-to-the-minute information on all programs, schedules, and events at the touch of a button! Please check it out on line at www.ndurham.nh.us when the site goes live in February 2008!

Recreation Department Commission meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month at 6pm in the ND School and we are always open for feedback and new ideas. If you have any questions, please feel free to attend a meeting, call the Recreation Department - 859-5666, or email us at ndrec@worldpath.net.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Parks and Recreation Director!

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Bailey
New Durham Parks & Recreation Director



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Recreation Department is always looking for new ideas and new volunteers. The success of each program is based on the commitment and energy our volunteers bring to the programs we provide. Volunteering can be as simple as helping to staff the concession stand at the fields for one Saturday afternoon, or as big as volunteering to coach a team for the whole baseball season! All our volunteers are greatly appreciated and we depend on them to enable us to provide the community with quality programs.

If you would like to volunteer your time and help the Recreation Department in the coming season or at an upcoming event, please contact our Recreation Director, Jessica Bailey, for more information.

The Recreation Department is also dependent upon the community for financial assistance. Fundraising, sponsorships and donations help to provide low-cost or no-cost programs to our community. For example, companies in the local area provide sponsorship for each seasonal sports team. These funds help to offset the cost of uniforms, coach training, umpires/referees fees, trophies, tournament registrations, and other related expenses.

If you would like to help with the financial needs of the Recreation Department by donations or by sponsoring a team for the coming season, please contact the Recreation Director, Jessica Bailey, for more information. All donations are tax deductible.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



PLANNING BOARD

The New Durham Planning Board's Mission is to:

1. Generate a shared community vision of the future of the town;
2. encourage, through education, ordinance, regulation and other means, land uses that help create that vision;
3. foster a well informed and active electorate; and
4. encourage other public and private groups to help create that future.

Activities for 2007:

The "Advisory Capital Improvement Plan Committee", established at the 2007 town meeting began reviewing the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) in early summer. The committee visited the facilities of the town becoming familiar with the needs of the department and the community for the next ten years. In late fall, the committee presented their amended version of the CIP 2008-2017. The adopted CIP is being used for the 2008 budget cycle. I wish we could tell you their work is over, however the CIP shall be reviewed annually.

The Planning Board sincerely thanks the "Advisory Capital Improvement Plan Committee" for their time and commitment to updating this very important document.

While the "Advisory Capital Improvement Plan Committee" worked on the CIP update, the Planning Board began work on the development of several ordinances, which are to be presented to the voters at the ballot box this March.

Due to the number of ordinances under consideration, and the amount of work required, the board chose to meet every Tuesday to complete its' work. This effort began in July. At the time of this report, the final public hearings are scheduled.

The professional services of Bruce Mayberry were secured for the development of an impact fee ordinance. The ordinance shall govern the assessment of impact fees for public capital facilities to accommodate the demands of new development on these facilities. Examples of categories for which fees may be collected are (but not limited to) schools, public safety or municipal structures. Should this pass; the next step is to develop the methodology, the calculations for the fees to be collected when new construction begins.

Strafford Regional Planning Services senior planner, Julie LaBranche, assisted the board with the developing two ordinances, Steep Slope Ordinance and a Conservation Focus Area Overlay District Ordinance.

The purpose of the Steep Slope Ordinances is to regulate the uses of steeply sloped lands in order to limit soil loss, erosion, excessive storm water runoff and the degradation of surface water and to maintain the natural topography and drainage patterns of the land.

The Conservation Focus Area Overlay District Ordinance purpose is to maintain, conserve diverse wildlife habitat, wetlands, water quality, forest and recreational opportunities. It will guide the location, density and design of development in the designated focus areas. Both of these ordinances will be new to the zoning and land use ordinance, should they be adopted.

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The Shorefront Conservation Area Ordinance has proposed amendments to deal with the use of recreational vehicles as dwelling units. It is hoped the clarification of language and definitions will aid with the enforcement for when a recreational vehicle meets the terms of a dwelling unit.

The Board of Selectmen, for your consideration, has presented an amendment to the zoning and land use ordinance for “Junky Yards” to the planners. The purpose is to provide an avenue for remedy for junky yards that do not meet the legal definition of a junkyard, but still have an adverse effect on the surrounding properties.

Copies of the purposed ordinances are available in the Land Use Office.

We would like to express our appreciations for the public’s participation with the development of the CIP and these ordinances. The contributions each of you made are so important to the development of the zoning and land use ordinances and the future of our town.

Goals for 2008 are as follows:

Continue to update the Master Plan. The chapter for Town Appearance and Character has been selected for review. Development of a chapter for Parks and Recreation will be considered. Explore the development of an ordinance dealing with affordable/inclusionary housing; update and review of the subdivision and site plan regulations; develop the methodology phase of the impact fees schedule and zoning districts for commercial/business zoning.

In closing a thought: “Growth is inevitable and we can shape desirable growth.”

Respectfully submitted;

Catherine Orlowicz, Chairman
Robert Craycraft, Vice Chair
Don Voltz
Peter Rhoades, Selectmen’s Rep.
Paul Raslavicus

Alternates:
Christopher Lapierre
George Gale
Paddy McHale
Ron Gehl

NEW DURHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

2007 proved to be our busiest year ever in the department. We had a total of 5,347 calls for service, a 40% increase over 2006! These statistics show how our town is growing and is changing this department from reactive to proactive. We are sending officers to classes in evidence and DNA collection, as we are processing crimes scenes more than ever.

Detective Reggie Meattley attended a two-week school for Prosecution, so he can handle our Juvenile Cases in the Court system. We hired Officer Jason Lamontagne in January, who had 10 years of law enforcement experience. In May of 2007, Sgt. James Hathcock resigned, and Officer Lamontagne was promoted to Sergeant in July. In August we hired Chris Chesley, and he successfully completed the 144th Police Academy in November. Officer Chesley is learning the Town and will soon be on his own shift. I have decided to retire from being a K9 Officer after 14 years of service. My time is getting limited between being Chief of Police, and having a very active 5-year-old son!

Our coverage hours have been extended, leaving the officers on the road and available to our citizens with a shorter response time. Many of our calls have been from the Kings Highway area, and we are providing more police presence in that area.

Our vehicle rotation allows us to purchase another cruiser for 2008. I am requesting a 4-wheel drive, as there are several areas in town that a 2-wheel drive cruiser is not suitable for patrolling in bad weather. Roads such as Owl's Head, Pine Point, Ridge Rd, Copple Crown Rd and Copple Crown District are often impossible to respond to during snowstorms.

I believe 2008 will be another busy year for our department, and as always, we will strive to keep up with demands, and make New Durham a safe place to live.

In closing, please put your house numbers at the end of your driveway to speed up police response to your home.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shawn C. Bernier
Chief of Police



*Standing L-R PT Ofc. Andy Hall, Detective Reggie Meattley, PT Ofc. Toby Perry, PT Ofc. Brett Murray, Ofc. Chris Chesley, Ofc. Karl Koch (resigned)
Seated: Sgt. Jason Lamontagne, Chief Shawn Bernier, Exec. Asst. Katie Woods*

NEW DURHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

MISSION STATEMENT

AS law enforcement officers, the New Durham Police Department's fundamental duty is to serve mankind, to safeguard lives and property, to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality and justice.

WE will keep our private lives unsullied as an example to all, and will behave in a manner which does not bring discredit to any of us or our agency. We will maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule, develop self-restraint, in both our personal and official lives, we will be exemplary in obeying the laws and the regulations of our department. Whatever we see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided in us in our official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of our duty.

WE will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, political beliefs, aspirations, animosities or friendships to influence our decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, we will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

WE recognize the badge of our office as a symbol of public faith, and we accept it as a public trust to be held as long as we are true to the ethics of the police service. We will never engage in acts of corruption or bribery nor will we condone such acts by other police officers. We will cooperate with all legally authorized agencies and their representatives in the pursuit of justice.

WE will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating ourselves to our chosen profession.....

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Shawn C. Bernier
Chief of Police

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

“2007 Another Year of Flooding and Snow”

Snowfall this year ended with above normal amounts, causing increases in the winter maintenance costs.

In April came the floods, which were above the previous year , causing extensive damage to our roads. With assistance from other town departments, employees, officials, and local contractors, we were able to temporarily repair town roads to a passable condition in a relatively short period of time.

FEMA funding provided to the town in 2007 amounted to \$195,000 ~ yes there were a lot of maintenance issues! I take this opportunity to thank Vickie Blackden, Financial Assistant, for keeping the FEMA financial forms in good order.

The summer months kept the department busy ~ repairing roads, and improving drainage systems, besides the normal maintenance. Approximately 32 hours a week was used on ground maintenance for the ball field, cemeteries, fire department, library, police department, town hall grounds, and related improvements. I take this opportunity to welcome Leon Smith to the department ~ Leon was hired, following town meeting vote, as our “Grounds Maintenance/light equipment Operator” to provide the department with an extra hand. As you have seen during the summer of 2007, the extra hand had been put to good use in terms of turf management.

I would also like to thank my highway crew and staff for the long hours and dedication to the community, and to all the department heads, and personnel for their assistance along the way.

Road Surface Management System 2007

Road	# of Miles	Repair Effected	Costs
Ella Mill	.35	Shim and Overlay	\$ 19,850
Kings Highway	1.00	Chip Seal	\$ 19,768
Merrymeeting Lake	1.20	Thick Shim	\$ 66,070
Ridge	1.00	Shim and Overlay	\$ 55,914
Smitty's Way	Entrance	Pave	\$ 795
Stockbridge Corner	.14	Overlay	\$ 5,039
Total	3.69		\$167,436

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Road Surface Management System 2008

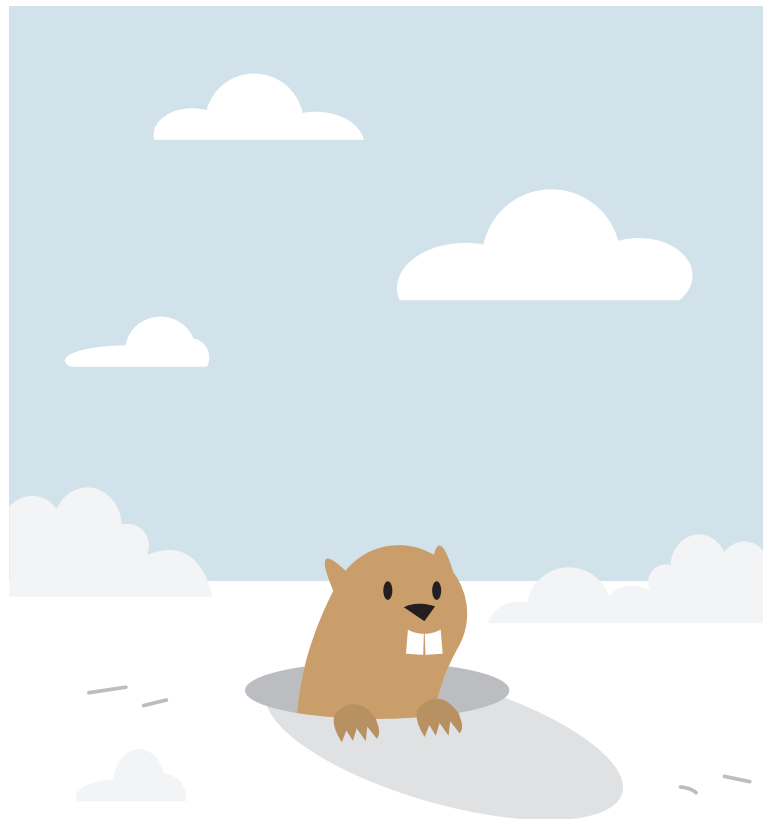
Road	# of Miles	Intended Repair	Estimated Costs
Chamberlin Way *	.80	Shim and Overlay	\$ 48,400
Hilltop	.17	Shim and Overlay	\$ 10,285
Powder Mill	.25	Overlay	\$ 9,200
South Shore	1.00	Thick Shim	\$ 54,853
Ridge	1.00	Shim and Overlay	\$ 67,596
Total	3.22		\$190,334

*Note: Bond of \$51,747 to defray Chamberlin Way costs.

In conclusion, I would like to draw your attention to the Town's new website due to be launched in March www.newdurhamnh.us for more information about permits and regulations or please call 603-859-8000.

Respectfully submitted
Mark Fuller, Road Agent

The "Highway Department" respectfully reminds residents that 10 gallons of sand per winter storm is available to them at the entrance to the Highway Department and Solid Waste facility. Please note that the sand is not for commercial use by private plowing and sanding contractors.



SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Building Facility:

The Transfer Station received a grant from the State of New Hampshire for \$2500 to be used towards the purchase of a waste oil furnace. The furnace has been installed and we are now able to heat the large recycling building using waste oil brought in for recycling.

A New Program:

New Durham has a new Electronics Recycling Program. We are now accepting the following items for recycling: computer monitors, televisions, CPUs, keyboards, computer mice and microwave ovens.

New Requirements:

As of January 1, 2009, House Bill 416 bans the disposal of ALL products containing intentionally added mercury in solid waste. This includes but is not limited to:

- Thermometers
- Thermostats
- Electrical Switches and Relays
- Light bulbs (Fluorescent & CFSs)
- Mercury button cell batteries)

Mercury containing products CANNOT be disposed of in landfills, transfer stations and/or incinerators, regardless of the amount of mercury it contains. Homeowners and businesses alike are affected by the ban. Legal disposal options include:

- Collection and Recycling at Transfer Stations
- Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Events
- True Value lamp recycling program
- Thermostat Recycling Corporation Program

The Town of New Durham will begin accepting spent lamps on January 1, 2008. There will be no charge for these items.

Statistics:

Please see the enclosed spreadsheet – we sent out 1131.94 tons of solid waste (trash) and 311.83 tons of bulk waste (demolition debris).

Recycled 2007 – through recycling we were able to reduce solid waste and earn \$31,325.50 for the town.

Recycling:

Please remember; recycling is mandatory. Also, it is truly one of the ways that you as a citizen can actively participate in saving tax dollars. Recycling diverts solid waste from the landfill thus saving haulage and landfill tonnage rates, and provides revenue to the town. It also protects our environment – Keep New Durham Beautiful!

SOLID WASTE STATISTICS

Recycling Year End Revenues

Recycled Material	Revenue \$\$\$\$\$
Newspaper	\$ 4,436.00
Baled Corrugated Cardboard	\$ 5,270.00
Metal	\$ 6,755.00
Tin	\$ 737.50
Aluminum	\$ 1,960.00
Glass	0
Tires	\$ 504.00
White goods	\$ 805.00
E-waste	\$ 890.00
Demolition	\$ 9,858.00
Propane	\$ 110.00
 TOTAL:	 \$ 31,325.50

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Bloskey, Manager

TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

The Mission of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office is to enable the public to fully participate in the governmental process, by providing accurate information and services in a professional manner.



Carole Ingham
Town Clerk
& Tax Collector



Stephanie MacKenzie
Deputy Town Clerk/
Tax Collector

In 2007, the Town Clerk's Town Revenue increased \$2,500 from the previous year, which is an improvement after two years of decreased revenues. Most of the increase was from motor vehicle registrations.

In February we began to mail out motor vehicle renewal letters. The feedback from our residents has been very positive. Many townspeople are sending us their registration renewals through the mail and everyone seems to like getting the letters in order to budget for the month and also have their checks ready when they come into the office. Our long-awaited connection to the State of New Hampshire for vehicle registration is getting closer. The phone line will soon be installed and we are awaiting equipment delivery. We will attend training classes in March and April and the "go-live" date is set for May 27th. Once we are up and running, residents will be able to carry out many more types of motor vehicle transactions in our office. We will now be able to process vehicle registrations with a GVW up to 26,000 and we will now be able to issue vanity plates.

I would like to mention again this year that our office has the ability to process your boat registrations. This benefits us, as this allows the Town to keep a portion of the fee. If you process your boat registration at the State level, they retain the entire amount.

During this year I applied for and was granted \$10,000 from the Vital Record Improvement Fund by the Office of the New Hampshire Secretary of State. The funds were used to pay for a report by a consultant on our Town's Vital Statistic archival materials, a large fireproof cabinet, archival supplies and equipment, and covered the costs of microfilming all of the Town's previously not microfilmed birth, death and marriage records.

For the first time, we used the AccuVote optical scan voting machine at the Presidential Primary on January 8th. The process is straightforward and easy to understand. I tested the AccuVote programming and it was completely accurate. After an election the machine prints a summary of the election results. We still "hand count" any write-in votes. June 3, 2008 is the



AccuVote Optical Scanner

TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

last day for voters who have already declared Republican or Democrat to change their party affiliation (if they choose to do so) until after the State Primary on September 9, 2008.

Legislative changes that occurred during this year:

- Gold Star Mother Plates ~ This type of plate can be issued to the mother of a person killed while on duty in the armed forces. This plate will only be issued by the Director's/Commissioner's office in Concord. The fee schedule will be the same as for regular passenger plates and initial plates.
- Nonresident Vehicle Registration ~ Amended to allow a non-resident to register a motor vehicle in New Hampshire, if it is primarily garaged in New Hampshire, which means at least 350 days of the registration year. The goal is to enable non-residents who keep a car in New Hampshire to travel out-of-state for brief periods of time and still qualify for non-resident registrations.
- Early Vehicle Registration ~ Amended to allow a person to renew a vehicle registration during the four months prior to its expiration month without verifying the owner's absence from the state during that four month period.
- Appointment of Town Treasurer ~ The Board of Selectmen can make the appointment of the treasurer, rather than electing a treasurer. When a town votes to appoint a treasurer, the already elected treasurer remains in office until the next annual town election.
- Right-to-Know Minutes ~ The Right-to Know-Law has been amended to read that minutes be made available for public examination "not more than 5 business days after the meeting" rather than 144 hours. A business day is defined to mean between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding State and National holidays.

The State's Department of Revenue Administration has established New Durham's tax rate for 2007 was \$18.24 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation and \$23.77 per thousand dollars for Copple Crown Village District. During 2007, 93% of the 2007 tax bills were collected and 40% of delinquent liens were collected. In continuing effort to comply with assessing standards enforced by the State of New Hampshire, the Assessing Department keeps values close to the fair market value. The average equalization ratio is about 95%. On July 30, 2007, sixty-one liens were placed on properties with delinquent taxes from 2006. The total lien amount of \$136,784.86 represents a tax base amount of \$123,226.47, plus \$13,558.39 in interest and costs that had accrued up to the date.

Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Stephanie MacKenzie and I are always striving to improve the services we provide to you. We appreciate the support and cooperation of the Board of Selectmen, other town officials and personnel, and the residents of this community. I am particularly grateful to my deputy, Stephanie Mackenzie, for her hard work and dedication. Thanks to all of you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole Ingham
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

TOWN HISTORIAN

We respectfully submit the following report:

We would like to begin with an expression of sincere gratitude to the New Durham Historical Society for their assistance regarding an unmarked civil war veteran's grave. Their support made a long time goal a reality.

The Society, in cooperation with the Charles Canney Camp #5 Son of the Union Veterans, earmarked funding to cover the installation cost of a standard government marker for this soldier's grave. The funds were raised during an annual Civil War Encampment held on New Durham Ridge.

Mr. Orrin Coburn served with Co K 18th NH Infantry during 1865. An application for the marker was submitted and the marker was installed this past fall. A special thank you is extended to the Graham Family for granting passage to the old graveyard.

Mr. Harris C. Corson made a special donation to the archives collection. It is a "Biographical Review of Strafford and Belknap Counties", dated 1897. This review was a gift to Mr. Corson from his mother Mrs. Gladys E. Corson. Mr. Corson's grandfather was Mr. James A. Miller, of the Miller Road. He served as selectmen for nineteen years, chairman for nine of those years. His contributions were many to his community, filling many principal offices.

Within the review are many biographical sketches of prominent New Durham citizens. The sketches list family genealogy, history of their professions, contribution to society and occasionally some piece of history about the community itself.

Thank you, Mr. Corson, for your very generous donation to the historical collection of New Durham.

We would like to encourage any one who may be sorting their "collections" to consider donating them to the Town Historical Collection. If you are uncertain as to what to do with items or other historical questions please feel free to contact Catherine Orlowicz at 859-4643 for assistance.

Assistance with research is by appointment during normal business hours of the Town. Please call Catherine to schedule an appointment.

Respectfully Submitted;
Town Historian
Catherine Orlowicz
Town Historian Associate
Cheryl Cullimore

WELFARE & HUMAN SERVICES

Under RSA 165 “Whenever a person in any town is poor and unable to support himself, he shall be maintained by the overseers of public welfare of such town, whether or not he has residence there.”

We provide assistance to individuals, families and households who lack adequate resources to meet their basic needs. We are facilitators in that we direct those in need to relief agencies, i.e., federal, state, non-profit, etc. therefore reducing the burden on our Department budget and the New Durham taxpayers. We strive to promote self-reliance, independence and self-sufficiency with a goal that those we serve will become productive, and independent citizens.

Expenditures 2007:

This year we have spent approximately:~

- \$1000 on fuel assistance
- \$200 on utilities
- \$7000 on rent
- \$50 on medical
- \$100 on miscellaneous

We also view our office as a human services center, and can help in finding outside sources of assistance at most levels such as legal aid, food pantry, credit counselors etc. We also direct applicants to the NH Department of Health and Human Services for assistance with food stamps and basic state welfare support, if applicable. Our office is covered by statute under a confidentiality clause, and therefore all information provided by the town’s application process remains private.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Zuzgo
Welfare Assistant

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

To the Citizens of New Durham:

On behalf of the New Durham Zoning Board of Adjustment I hereby submit my 5th annual report.

The New Durham Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) operates in accordance with RSA 672-677. It has the authority to act in four separate and distinct categories. They are:

- Approving Special Exemptions,
- Granting Variances
- Granting requests for Equitable Waivers of Dimensional Requirements
- Hearing appeals from any order, requirement, decision or determination made by an administrative official.

Membership on the ZBA remained stable this year. In April 2007, Helen Wellman decided to resign from the Board after 10 years as a regular member; however the Board was able to persuade her to remain as an alternate. This allowed the Board of Selectmen to appoint Wendy Anderson, who had only just joined the Board as an alternate, to be regular Board member. The other Board members are Larry Prelli, Vice Chair, a member of the Board since 2002, Bill McGrew, a Board member since 2002 and Mike Hoffman who joined the Board in 2004.

After a very busy 2006 involving over a hundred hours of hearings and site walks, 2007 was a very quite year for the ZBA. We met a total of 7 times during the year to hear requests for special exemptions, variances or equitable relief. The ZBA heard the following requests during 2007:

Requests for Special Exceptions:

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| • Driveway crossing wetlands | 1 request | 1 approved |
| • Commercial business in an area zoned residential | 1 request | 1 approved |

Requests for Variances:

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| • Allowing a sign larger then authorized in the New Durham Ordinances | 1 request | 1 approved |
| • Allowing construction of a building in the Shore Front Protection Area | 2 requests
1 postponed waiting for state approval | 1 approved |

Request for Equitable Relief	1 request	1 approved
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Request for rehearing of a ZBA decision	1 request	1 denied
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The ZBA is responsible to evaluate each request considering the New Durham Town Ordinances and state statute. If you are requesting a variance to increase the size of a building in the Shore Front Protection Area you must first receive permission from the State Department of Environmental Services.

I would like to express my appreciation to Vice Chair Larry Prelli who had to assume the Chairmanship of the ZBA on two occasions with little warning. Larry, along with all the Board members, is hardworking and dedicated to the ZBA.

The Board is still in need of 4 alternate members. The time commitment is approximately 20 hours per year. Educational opportunities are available free of charge through the state. If you are interested in volunteering to serve your community please contact the ZBA at ndurham@worldpath.net and speak with Mr. Allen, Land Use Clerk. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 7:00PM to 10:00PM IF there are requests to be heard. Please check the Town's Web site <http://newdurhamnh.virtuالتownhall.net>, or Town Hall for the ZBA meeting schedule and agendas.

Respectfully submitted

Theresa Jarvis, Chairman

