

ANNUAL REPORT

**TOWN OF EPSOM
NEW HAMPSHIRE**



**For the Year Ending
December 31, 2002**

Photo by Sarah Cote

Sarah Cote age 15, is the daughter of Jay and Lisa Cote. She is currently home schooled, and enjoys the art of photography. Sarah loves to take pictures of family and friends and enjoys watching her photo's come to life in the darkroom.

One of Sarah's project entailed finding a photo to fit a contest category called uniquely NH. Sarah chose this photo of her hometown because she thought the patriotism her town was expressing fit the town's long history. Upon entering this photo with others she won a first place blue ribbon.

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EPSOM CITIZEN OF THE YEAR FOR 2002

No one knows how much the Epsom Fire and Rescue Department does until they are in a time of need. They are quick to respond and take control of serious situations that may be life threatening. These people often put their own safety at risk to ensure the safety of others. Many of the people are volunteers that are called out regardless of the hour or weather to help their fellow townspeople in a time of crisis.

The Epsom Fire and Rescue Department should be recognized for their dedication to the safety of the citizens of Epsom and their outstanding ability to respond to emergency situations in order to protect life and property.

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

Gary R. Matteson – Moderator	Term Expires
Barbara Harkness – Assistant Moderator	2003
	2003

Selectmen

John F. Hickey	2003
Robert W. Berry, Chairperson	2004
Peter P. Bosiak	2005

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Dawn E. Blackwell	2003
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Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Lisa A. Cote	2003
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Treasurer

Paula S. Smith	2003
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Representative to the General Court

Tony F. Soltani	Charles Yeaton
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Road Agent

Steven Kimball, resigned	2003
Douglas Hemingway, appointed & resigned	2003
Henry Farrin, Jr., appointed Road Supervisor	2003

Supervisors of the Checklist

Shirley Demers	2004
Marcia Crouse	2006
Barbara A. Smith	2008

Ballot Clerks

Sonia H. Noyes
Ruth Bacheider

Jeanne Foster

Ruth Sawyer
Harvey Harkness

Library Trustees

Joyce Heck
Roberta Mongeon
Harvey F. Harkness

2003
2004
2005

Librarian

Nancy Y. Claris

Assistant Librarian

Jeanette E. Winslow

Zoning Compliance Officer

Alfred G. Bickford
Arthur Lund, Assistant

2003
2003

Health Officer

Cec Curran

2004

Deputy Health Officer

Alfred G. Bickford

2004

Overseer of Public Welfare

Patricia L. Hickey

2003

Police Department

Henry L. Farrin, Jr., Chief

Full Time Patrolman

Eric Bourn, Sergeant, resigned
Corporal Wayne B. Preve, Supervisor
Officer Brian Michael
Officer Keith Yeaton
Officer Charles Goodale

Part Time Officers
Detective Robert Hill

Animal Control

Lisa A. Cote

Cemetery Trustees

William E. Clark	2003
Gary Kitson	2004
Steve Kimball	2005

Trustees of the Trust Funds

Beverly M. LaFleur	2003
Roland LaFleur	2004
William E. Clark	2005

Conservation Commission

Glenn Horner	2003
Allson Parodi-Bieling	2003
Elsie Fife	2003
Charles Hersey	2003
Eric Orff	2003
Elliot Sampson	2003
John f. Hickey	2005
Alfred G. Bickford	2005

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Frank Catanese	2003
Keith Cota, Chairman	2004
Glenn Horner	2004
David Goulet, Alternate	2004
Mark Riedel, Planning Board Representative	2004

Planning Board

Constance Catanese	2003
Charles Cosseboom	2003
Mark Riedel	2004
Alfred E. Bickford	2004
Robert Sampson, Alternate	2004
Harvey Harkness, Alternate	2004
Elizabeth Bosiak, Chairperson	2005
Laurence W. Caraway, Jr.	2005
John F. Hickey, Selectmen's Delegate	

Budget Committee

Alan Quimby	2003
Christopher Porter	2003
Marguerite S. Tucker	2003
Frank Catanese (replaced Sharon Soltani – 2004)	2003
Harvey Harkness	2004
Steve Warner	2004
Mary Frambach, Chairperson	2005
David W. Goulet	2005
Edward H. Nutter	2005
Robert W. Berry, Selectmen's Delegate	
Donald Harty, School Board Delegate	
Gary Kitson, Water Precinct Delegate	

Park Commission

Sarah Health, Manager
Gary Perry, Chairperson
Kim Keeler
Steve Merrill
Maurice Patterson
Ivan Rutherford
Cerina Yeaton

Cable Committee

David Minnis, Chairperson
Frank Catanese
Eric Keeler
Deborah Sargent

Old Home Day Committee

Eleanor Amba
Tracey Beauchesne
Scott Hahn
Steve Merrill
Paul Morency
Robert Reeves

Kevin Reeves
Patricia Reeves
Spencer Reeves
Cindy Reeves
Gloria Reeves
Pam Smith

Road Advisory Committee

Gary Kitson, Chairman
Henry Farrin, Jr., Road Supervisor
Robert Kroll
William E. Clark
Ricky Belanger

Peter P. Bosiak, Vice Chairman
Nancy Wheeler, Secretary
Deborah Sargent
Leonard Gilman

Old Town Hall Committee

Harvey Harkness, Chairperson
Glenna Nutter
Richard Fowler
Beulah Yeaton

Nancy Claris
Kenneth Stiles, Jr.
Joan Fowler
Robert Yeaton

**EPSOM FIRE DEPARTMENT
1714 DOVER ROAD
EPSOM, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03234**

Officers

Chief, R. Stewart Yeaton

Deputy Chief, David Palermo

Lieutenant, Ron Delgado

Lieutenant, Larry Barton

Rescue Captain, Matthew Moulton

Forest Fire Warden, R. Stewart Yeaton

Full Time Employees

Captain, Floyd Graham

Firefighter, Peter Lennon

Firefighter, Deborah Black

Firefighter, Matthew Cole

EPSOM DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2, 2002

The annual deliberative session was called to order at 11:10 AM on Saturday, February 2, 2002.

Article 1: Shall the Town of Epsom vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement for fiscal year 2002, in the amount of two hundred eighty eight thousand, one hundred and thirty five dollars (\$288,135.00) payable over a term of sixty (60) months at a rate of sixty six thousand five hundred seven dollars (\$66,507.00) per year to purchase a new fire truck and necessary incidental equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty six thousand five hundred seven dollars (\$66,507.00) for the first year's payment with sixty one thousand four hundred seven dollars (\$61,407.00) to be raised by taxation and a sum not to exceed five thousand one hundred dollars (\$5,100.00) to come from the Lillian Morrison Fire Department Trust? **(3/5 BALLOT VOTE REQUIRED) THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 3. Not recommended by the Selectmen. Not recommended by the Budget Committee.** Estimated tax increase would be \$.38 per thousand.

The Moderator read Article 1. Stewart Yeaton stated that they are working with the Master Plan to replace a truck every five years. The new truck would replace a truck that was removed from service four years ago due to safety concerns. After discussion, the Moderator stated that Article 1 shall appear on the ballot as presented.

Article 2: Should Article 1, above, fire truck lease/purchase, be defeated, shall the Town of Epsom vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty two thousand dollars (\$32,000.00) to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund established in 1998 for Fire Department Apparatus Fund? **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 3. Recommended by the Selectmen. Recommended by the Budget Committee.** Estimated tax increase would be \$.20 per thousand.

The Moderator read Article 2. Stewart Yeaton stated that this article is in case Article 1 does not pass. There being no further discussion, the Moderator stated that Article 2 shall appear on the ballot as presented.

Article 3: Shall the town appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant article, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with this warrant or as amended by vote of the first session for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$1,713,357.00? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$1,668,460.00, which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of Town of Epsom 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. **Recommended by the Selectmen. Recommended by the Budget Committee.** Approval of the proposed Town Budget will result in a projected tax rate of \$3.25 per thousand. Default budget will result in a projected tax rate of \$2.98 per thousand.

The Moderator read Article 3. Frank Catanese stated that the warrant should state what the tax increase or decrease will be if the budget passes. An administrative correction was made to read as follows: Approval of the proposed Town Budget will result in a projected tax decrease of .86 per thousand. Default budget will result in a projected tax decrease of \$1.13 per thousand. Jay Hickey moved to add \$2,000.00 to the Forestry Service line #01-4130-1-390 to comply with new timber cut rules and regulations. Peter Bosiak seconded the motion. This would amend the bottom line of the budget to \$1,715,357.00. Frank Catanese stated that this would change the tax impact to a decrease of 85 cents per thousand. The Moderator took a voice vote. The amendment passed.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator stated that Article 3 shall appear on the ballot as amended to read as follows:

Article 3: Shall the town appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant article, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with this warrant or as amended by vote of the first session for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$1,715,357.00? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$1,668,460.00, which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of Town of Epsom 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. **Recommended by the Selectmen. Recommended by the Budget Committee.** Approval of the proposed Town Budget will result in a projected tax decrease of .85 per thousand. Default budget will result in a projected tax decrease of \$1.13 per thousand.

Article 4: Shall the Town of Epsom vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000.00) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of reconstruction and improvements to town roads? **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 3.** **Recommended by the Selectmen. Recommended by the Budget Committee.** Estimated tax increase would be \$.73 per thousand.

The Moderator read Article 4. Jay Hickey stated that this was similar to past articles to set money aside for major road projects. After discussion, the Moderator stated that Article 4 shall appear on the ballot as presented.

Article 5: Shall the Town of Epsom vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of bridge replacement and repair and to raise

and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be put toward this fund, and appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund? **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 3. Recommended by the Selectmen. Recommended by the Budget Committee.** Estimated tax increase would be \$.06 per thousand.

The Moderator read Article 5. Rob Berry reported that this money is to be put towards future work on all the bridges in town. The State has a bridge fund where they will pay 80%, but we have to have money in the bank in order to qualify. After discussion, the Moderator stated that Article 5 shall appear on the ballot as presented.

Article 6: Shall the Town of Epsom vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund established in 1998 for the revaluation of the town? **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 3. Recommended by the Selectmen. Recommended by the Budget Committee.** Estimated tax increase would be \$.31 per thousand.

The Moderator read Article 6. Jay Hickey stated that according to the State the revaluation has to be done by 2005. There being no further discussion, the Moderator stated that Article 6 shall appear on the ballot as presented.

Article 7: Shall the Epsom Board of Selectmen be empowered to purchase and sell real estate on behalf of the Town of Epsom after public hearings and consultation with the Epsom Planning Board and the Conservation Commission subject to restrictions and regulations imposed under RSA 41:14-a? If approved, this authority shall continue until rescinded or revoked by a future act of town voters. **Recommended by the Selectmen.**

The Moderator read Article 7. Tony Soltani stated the Legislature has granted the towns authority to ask the voters to allow Selectmen to buy land if they have the money and after they hold public hearings and after the Planning Board and Conservation Commission hold hearings. The language for the article is taken from the state statute. After discussion, the Moderator stated that Article 7 shall appear on the ballot as presented.

Article 8: Shall the Town of Epsom establish a Capital Reserve Fund, known as the Land Conservation Fund, consistent with the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing conservation easements and to protect lands from potential development and to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for said fund? **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 3. Recommended by the Selectmen. Recommended by the Budget Committee.** Estimated tax increase would be \$.06 per thousand.

The Moderator read Article 8. Jay Hickey stated that this money would be used in the future to purchase easements to help reduce taxes. He reported that an additional \$5,000.00 has been put into the budget for a specific project. Gary Matteson moved to amend Article 8 to add "or agricultural". Stewart Yeaton seconded the amendment. After discussion on the amendment, Frank Catanese motioned to call the question. Keith Cota seconded it. The moderator took a voice vote. The amendment passed.

Article 8 will now read as follows: Shall the Town of Epsom establish a Capital Reserve Fund, known as the Land Conservation Fund, consistent with the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing conservation or agricultural easements and to protect lands from potential development and to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00 for said fund?

Allison Parodi moved to amend Article 8 to read: Shall the Town of Epsom establish a Capital Reserve Fund, known as the Land Conservation Fund, consistent with the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing conservation or agricultural easements and conservation lands and to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00 for said fund? Frank Catanese seconded the amendment. The Moderator called for a voice vote. The vote was too close. The Moderator then called for a hand vote. The amendment was defeated with a count of 27 yes to 40 no.

Gary Matteson moved to amend Article 8 to read as follows: Shall the Town of Epsom establish a Capital Reserve Fund, known as the Land Conservation Fund, consistent with the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing conservation or agricultural easements and land and to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00 for said fund? Stewart Yeaton seconded the amendment. The Moderator called for a voice vote on the amendment. The amendment passed. There being no further discussion, Article 8 shall appear on the ballot as amended to read as follows:

Article 8: Shall the Town of Epsom establish a Capital Reserve Fund, known as the Land Conservation Fund, consistent with the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing conservation or agricultural easements and land and to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00 for said fund? **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 3. Recommended by the Selectmen. Recommended by the Budget Committee.** Estimated tax increase would be \$.06 per thousand.

Article 9: Should articles 7 and or 8, above, pass by a majority vote, shall the Epsom Board of Selectmen be designated as agents of the Land Conservation Fund established under Article 8 above? **Recommended by the Selectmen.**

The Moderator read Article 9. Tony Soltani stated if Article 8 passed the money would be locked up unless Article 9 is passed. There being no further discussion, the Moderator stated that Article 9 shall appear on the ballot as presented.

Article 10: Shall the Town of Epsom vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) to be expended on the purchase of land on which to construct town offices and a library facility and any incidental expenses thereto for the Town of Epsom? **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 3. Recommended by the Selectmen. Recommended by the Budget Committee.** Estimated tax increase would be \$.31 per thousand.

The Moderator read Article 10. Gary Matteson moved to amend Article 10 to add "adjacent to the town hall". Jay Hickey seconded the amendment. The Moderator called for a voice vote. The amendment passed. There being no further discussion, Article 10 shall appear on the ballot as amended to read as follows:

Article 10: Shall the Town of Epsom vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) to be expended on the purchase of land adjacent to the town hall on which to construct town offices and a library facility and any incidental expenses thereto for the Town of Epsom? **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 3. Recommended by the Selectmen. Recommended by the Budget Committee.** Estimated tax increase would be \$.31 per thousand.

Article 11: Shall the Town of Epsom raise and appropriate the sum of sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000.00) to be used together with an additional eight thousand eighty-six dollars (\$8,086.00) from the Police Department budget's part-time officers line item, if approved as part of question number three, in order to pay for nine months salary and benefits for one (1) additional full-time officer and to reduce the part-time officers from four (4) to two (2)? **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 3. Recommended by the Selectmen. Recommended by the Budget Committee.** Estimated tax increase would be \$.10 per thousand.

The Moderator read Article 11. Chief Farrin stated that they have asked for a full-time officer for the past four years. He reported that the New Hampshire standard is that there should be 1.6 full-time officers per 1,000 citizens. This means Epsom should have six full-time officers and we currently have only four. After discussion, the Moderator stated that Article 11 shall appear on the ballot as presented.

Article 12: Shall the Town of Epsom raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) to be added to the previously established Library Building Capital Reserve Fund? **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 3. Recommended by the Selectmen. Recommended by the Budget Committee.**

Estimated tax increase would be \$.37 per thousand.

The Moderator read Article 12. Harvey Harkness stated that there currently is \$152,000.00 in this fund. After discussion, the Moderator stated that Article 12 shall appear on the ballot as presented.

Article 13: Shall the Town of Epsom vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand three hundred thirty-two dollars (\$20,332.00) to be used to hire an additional full time firefighter/paramedic? This amount represents one half (1/2) year's salary and benefits together with the expenses necessary to outfit the new firefighter/paramedic with uniform and equipment. **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 3. Recommended by the Selectmen. Recommended by the Budget Committee.**

Estimated tax increase would be \$.13 per thousand.

The Moderator read Article 13. Stewart Yeaton reported that they are down to five or six volunteers to cover the nights and the call rate has increased. Frank Catanese stated that the revenue produced by the ambulance is greater than the cost of an additional person. There being no further discussion, the Moderator stated that Article 13 shall appear on the ballot as presented.

Article 14: Shall the Town of Epsom vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the previously established Library Book Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of expanding the library collection? **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 3. Not Recommended by the Selectmen. Recommended by the Budget Committee.** Estimated tax increase would be \$.06 per thousand.

The Moderator read Article 14. Harvey Harkness stated there is currently \$21,000.00 in the fund. There being no further discussion, the Moderator stated that Article 14 shall appear on the ballot as presented.

Article 15: Shall the Town of Epsom vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of vehicular equipment fund in order to acquire motorized vehicles and equipment for the highway department and to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) to be put toward said fund, and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund? **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 3. Recommended by the Selectmen. Recommended by the Budget Committee.** Estimated tax increase would be \$.09 per thousand.

The Moderator read Article 15. Jay Hickey stated this money would go towards new equipment. There being no further discussion, the Moderator stated that Article 15 shall appear on the ballot as presented.

Article 16: Shall the Town of Epsom adopt the provision of RSA 31:95-c to appropriate one-half (1/2) of all revenues earned through the sale of timber on town conservation land, up to \$15,000.00 per year, for the purpose of acquiring conservation lands and easements? If approved this article shall remain in effect until rescinded by the town. **Recommended by the Selectmen.**

The Moderator read Article 16. Tony Soltani moved to amend Article 16 in order to make it legal and to include agricultural lands and easements. Frank Catanese seconded the amendment. The Moderator asked for a voice vote. The amendment passed. After discussion, the Moderator stated that Article 16 shall appear on the ballot as amended to read as follows:

Article 16: Shall the Town of Epsom adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-C to appropriate one-half (1/2) of all revenues generated from the sale of timber on town-owned lands up to the sum of \$15,000.00 per annum for the purpose of purchasing easement, conservation lands and agricultural lands and easements? Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Epsom Conservation Reserve Fund separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue. **Recommended by the Selectmen.**

Article 17: Shall the Town of Epsom appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) obtained from a settlement paid to the Town, involving the King's Grant Manufactured Housing Park, to be added to the principle of the Lillian Morrison Town Trust fund to be administered under the terms and conditions of the said trust? **Recommended by the Selectmen.**

The Moderator read Article 17. Jay Hickey stated that this was an ongoing warrant article involving a four-year payment agreement with the owner of King's Grant. The money is to go into the Morrison Account to help offset taxes. There being no further discussion, the Moderator stated that Article 17 shall appear on the ballot as presented.

Article 18: Shall the Town of Epsom vote to discontinue the practice of electing a road agent and authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint the road agent? **Recommended by the Selectmen.**

The Moderator read Article 18. Peter Bosiak stated that the Selectmen have limited control for what work the road agent completes. If the article passes the Selectmen will have more control over the road agent. He stated that now someone can be elected that has no experience. Nancy Wheeler moved to amend Article 18 to change the word

“appoint” to “hire”. Frank Catanese seconded the motion. Tony Soltani reported that the wording is as prescribed by law. If the word is changed we may give ammunition to challenge, however, he feels we would easily win. The Moderator asked for a voice vote. The amendment passed. There being no further discussion, Article 18 shall appear as amended on the ballot to read as follows:

Article 18: Shall the Town of Epsom vote to discontinue the practice of electing a road agent and authorize the Board of Selectmen to hire the road agent? **Recommended by the Selectmen.**

Article 19: Shall the Town of Epsom vote to discontinue the portion of Black Hall Road Extension, so called, between Black Hall Road and Route 4, easterly, abutting the property of the Epsom Bible Church (formerly Epsom Baptist Church)? **Recommended by the Selectmen.**

The Moderator read Article 19. Jay Hickey stated that this is the small portion that was used as a short cut to get to Route 4. The State closed the road a few years ago. He stated that if the road is turned over to the property owner the town will not have to maintain it. After discussion, the Moderator stated that Article 19 shall appear on the ballot as presented.

Article 20: Should Article 19 above pass, shall the Town of Epsom authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of said discontinued portion by transferring the same to the abutters on such terms and conditions as deemed appropriate by the board? **Recommended by the Selectmen.**

The Moderator read Article 20. There being no discussion, Article 20 shall appear on the ballot as presented.

Article 21: Do you favor the increase of the number of members on the Epsom Board of Selectmen from three (3) to five (5) members? This article will be advisory and its outcome non-binding.

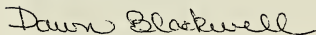
The Moderator read Article 21. Mary Frambach reported on the Study Committee that was formed after last year’s meeting. The Committee recommended increasing the Board of Selectmen to five members. Bill Clark moved to amend Article 21 by striking out all of the present language and inserting “Are you in favor of increasing the Board of Selectmen to 5 members?” Rob Berry seconded the amendment. It was reported that the current article is non-binding, advisory only and that the amendment would be binding backed up by the petition. Frank Catanese moved to call the question. Tony Soltani stated in the interest of full disclosure, there is an outside possibility that even if the article passes it might not happen because of procedural imperfections. He stated the Selectmen have done everything they can to correct these imperfections but there may be a challenge. Keith Cota seconded the motion to call the question. The Moderator accepted Frank’s motion and asked for a voice vote on calling the question. The motion passed and the question was called. The Moderator asked for a voice count on the

amendment. The amendment passed. There being no further discussion, the Moderator stated that Article 21 shall appear on the ballot as amended to read:

Article 21: Are you in favor of increasing the Board of Selectmen to 5 members?

A motion to adjourn was made by Frank Catanese. Steve Warner seconded the motion. At 4:15 PM the deliberative session was adjourned to the second session on Tuesday, March 12, 2002 at 8:00 AM at the Legion Hall to cast ballots.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dawn Blackwell".

Dawn Blackwell
Town Clerk

EPSOM ELECTION RESULTS
MARCH 12, 2002

SELECTMEN – 3 YEARS:	PETER P. BOSIAK	620
ROAD AGENT – 1 YEAR:	STEVE KIMBALL	612
TREASURER – 1 YEAR:	PAULA S. SMITH	618
OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE- 1 YR:	PATRICIA L. HICKEY	582
TRUSTEE FOR TRUST FUNDS – 3 YEARS:	WILLIAM E. CLARK	608
PLANNING BOARD – 3 YEARS:	ELIZABETH BOSIAK	558
VOTE FOR TWO	LAURENCE W. CARAWAY	489
LIBRARY TRUSTEE – 3 YEARS:	HARVEY F. HARKNESS	631
CEMETERY TRUSTEE – 3 YEARS:	STEVE KIMBALL	594
BUDGET COMMITTEE – 3 YEARS:	MARY FRAMBACH	573
VOTE FOR THREE	DAVID W. GOULET	526
	EDWARD H. NUTTER	536
SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST – 6 YEARS:	BARBARA A. SMITH	618

ZONING BALLOT QUESTIONS

Article 1: Are you in favor of an extensive amendment to the Epsom Zoning Ordinances which would create a new “residential/light commercial” zone and would generally alter Article II of the ordinances regarding zones and districts? (Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES 372 NO 322

Article 2: Are you in favor of a technical amendment to the Epsom Zoning Ordinance which would restrict the use and placement of certain recreational vehicles in certain flood zones, in compliance with the Federal Flood Insurance Program? (Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES 468 NO 229

Article 3: Are you in favor of an amendment to the Epsom Zoning Ordinances which would expressly permit the retail sale of landscaping and gardening supplies within the Residential/commercial and Residential/light commercial zones? (Recommended by the

Planning Board)

YES 496

NO 204

Article 4: Are you in favor of an amendment to the Epsom Zoning Ordinances which would alter the standard for granting variances to conform to a recent supreme court decision? (Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES 446

NO 208

WARRANT ARTICLES AS MODIFIED ON FEBUARY 2, 2002

Article 1: Shall the Town of Epsom authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement for fiscal year 2002, in the amount of two hundred eighty eight thousand, one hundred and thirty five dollars (\$288,135.00) payable over a term of sixty (60) months at a rate of sixty six thousand five hundred seven dollars (\$66,507.00) per year to purchase a new fire truck and necessary incidental equipment and raise and appropriate the sum of sixty six thousand five hundred seven dollars (\$66,507.00) for the first year's payment with sixty one thousand four hundred seven dollars (\$61,407.00) to be raised by taxation and a sum not to exceed five thousand one hundred dollars (\$5,100.00) to come from the Lillian Morrison Fire Department Trust? (3/5 BALLOT VOTE REQUIRED) **THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 3.** (Not recommended by the Selectmen) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee)

Estimated tax increase would be \$.38 per thousand.

YES 121

NO 575

Article 2: Should Article 1, above, fire truck lease/purchase, be defeated, shall the Town of Epsom raise and appropriate the sum of thirty two thousand dollars (\$32,000.00) to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund established in 1998 for Fire Department Apparatus Fund? **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 3.** (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Estimated tax increase would be \$.20 per thousand.

YES 375

NO 318

Article 3: Shall the town appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant article, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with this warrant or as amended by vote of the first session for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$1,715,357.00? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$1,668,460.00, which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of Town of Epsom 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. (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Approval of the proposed Town Budget will result in a projected tax decrease of .85 per thousand. Default budget will result in a projected tax decrease of \$1.13 per thousand.

YES 389 NO 301

Article 4: Shall the Town of Epsom raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000.00) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of reconstruction and improvements to town roads? **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 3.** (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Estimated tax increase would be \$.73 per thousand.

YES 424 NO 268

Article 5: Shall the Town of Epsom establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of bridge replacement and repair and raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (10,000.00) to be put toward this fund, and appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund? **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 3.** (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Estimated tax increase would be \$.06 per thousand.

YES 432 NO 263

Article 6: Shall the Town of Epsom raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund established in 1998 for the revaluation of the town? **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 3.** (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Estimated tax increase would be \$.31 per thousand.

YES 256 NO 434

Article 7: Shall the Epsom Board of Selectmen be empowered to purchase and sell real estate on behalf of the Town of Epsom after public hearings and consultation with the Epsom Planning Board and the Conservation Commission subject to restrictions and

regulations imposed under RSA 41:14-a? If approved, this authority shall continue until rescinded or revoked by a future act of town voters. (Recommended by the Selectmen)

YES 337

NO 352

Article 8: Shall the Town of Epsom establish a Capital Reserve Fund, known as the Land Conservation Fund, consistent with the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing conservation or agricultural easements and land and raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for said fund? **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 3.** (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Estimated tax increase would be \$.06 per thousand.

YES 418

NO 283

Article 9: Should articles 7 and or 8, above, pass by a majority vote, shall the Epsom Board of Selectmen be designated as agents of the Land Conservation Fund established under Article 8 above? (Recommended by the Selectmen)

YES 351

NO 334

Article 10: Shall the Town of Epsom raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) to be expended on the purchase of land adjacent to the Town Hall on which to construct town offices and a library facility and any incidental expenses thereto for the Town of Epsom? **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 3.** (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Estimated tax increase would be \$.31 per thousand.

YES 392

NO 308

Article 11: Shall the Town of Epsom raise and appropriate the sum of sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000.00) to be used together with an additional eight thousand eighty-six dollars (\$8,086.00) from the Police Department budget's part-time officers line item, if approved as part of question number three, in order to pay for nine months salary and benefits for one (1) additional full-time officer and to reduce the part-time officers from four (4) to two (2)? **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 3.** (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Estimated tax increase would be \$.10 per thousand.

YES 391

NO 316

Article 12: Shall the Town of Epsom raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) to be added to the previously established Library Building Capital Reserve Fund? **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 3.** (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Estimated tax increase would be \$.37 per thousand.

YES 318

NO 386

Article 13: Shall the Town of Epsom raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand three hundred thirty-two dollars (\$20,332.00) to be used to hire an additional full time firefighter/paramedic? This amount represents one half (1/2) year's salary and benefits together with the expenses necessary to outfit the new firefighter/paramedic with uniform and equipment. **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 3.** (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Estimated tax increase would be \$.13 per thousand.

YES 377

NO 329

Article 14: Shall the Town of Epsom raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the previously established Library Book Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of expanding the library collection? **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 3.**

(Not Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Estimated tax increase would be \$.06 per thousand.

YES 278

NO 426

Article 15: Shall the Town of Epsom establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of vehicular equipment fund in order to acquire motorized vehicles and equipment for the highway department and to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) to be put toward said fund, and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund? **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 3.** (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Estimated tax increase would be \$.09 per thousand.

YES 349

NO 350

Article 16: Shall the Town of Epsom adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-C to appropriate one-half (1/2) of all revenues generated from the sale of timber on town-owned lands up to the sum of \$15,000.00 per annum for the purpose of purchasing easement, conservation lands and agricultural lands and easements? Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Epsom Conservation Reserve Fund separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue. (Recommended by the Selectmen)

YES 461 NO 239

Article 17: Shall the Town of Epsom appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) obtained from a settlement paid to the Town, involving the King's Grant Manufactured Housing Park, to be added to the principle of the Lillian Morrison Town Trust fund to be administered under the terms and conditions of the said trust? (Recommended by the Selectmen)

YES 568 NO 131

Article 18: Shall the Town of Epsom discontinue the practice of electing a road agent and authorize the Board of Selectmen to hire the road agent? (Recommended by the Selectmen)

YES 258 NO 436

Article 19: Shall the Town of Epsom discontinue the portion of Black Hall Road Extension, so called, between Black Hall Road and Route 4, easterly, abutting the property of the Epsom Bible Church (formerly Epsom Baptist Church)? (Recommended by the Selectmen)

YES 552 NO 147

Article 20: Should Article 19 above pass, shall the Town of Epsom authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of said discontinued portion by transferring the same to the abutters on such terms and conditions as deemed appropriate by the board? (Recommended by the Selectmen)

YES 541 NO 155

Article 21: Are you in favor of increasing the Board of Selectmen to five (5) members?

BY PETITION

YES 520 NO 188

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
EPSOM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 11, 2003

Dawn Blackwell
Town Clerk

SELECTMAN

For 1 Year Vote for ONE
MICHAEL DEMPSEY

(Write-in)

SELECTMAN

For 3 Years Vote for TWO
JOHN F. HICKEY
MICHAEL HOISINGTON
JONI-LYNN KITSON
WALTER W. BILLY WHITE

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

For 3 Years Vote for ONE
DAWN BLACKWELL

(Write-in)

MODERATOR

For 2 Years Vote for ONE
GARY R. MATTESON

(Write-in)

ROAD AGENT

For 2 Years Vote for ONE
GORDON R. ELLIS
DANIEL TISBERT

(Write-in)

TREASURER

For 1 Year Vote for ONE
PAULA S. SMITH

(Write-in)

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE

For 1 Year Vote for ONE
PATRICIA L. HICKEY

(Write-in)

TRUSTEE FOR TRUST FUNDS

For 3 Years Vote for ONE
BEVERLY M. LAFLEUR

(Write-in)

PLANNING BOARD

For 3 Years Vote for TWO
CHRISTOPHER J. PORTER
ALAN QUIMBY

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

For 3 Years Vote for ONE
JOYCE HECK

(Write-in)

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

For 3 Years Vote for ONE
WILLIAM E. CLARK

(Write-in)

BUDGET COMMITTEE

For 1 Year Vote for ONE

(Write-in)

BUDGET COMMITTEE

For 3 Years Vote for THREE

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

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EPSOM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 11, 2003

Dawn Blackwell
Town Clerk

2003 EPSOM ZONING BALLOT QUESTIONS

Article 1: Are you in favor of adopting an amendment to the Epsom Zoning Ordinances, which would create a comprehensive method of regulating growth of new year-round residential units, based on several factors and indicators? (Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES NO

Article 2: Are you in favor of adopting an amendment to the Town's sexually orientated business ordinance clarifying that a Special Exception would be Required for such businesses? (Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES NO

Article 3: Are you in favor of adopting an amendment to the Epsom Zoning Ordinances that would allow all remaining ordinances to remain valid in the event that any section or provision is stricken as invalid or unenforceable? (Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES NO

Article 4: Are you in favor of adopting an amendment to the Epsom Zoning Ordinances, which would further regulate the use of temporary signs, by size, number and period during which they may be displayed? (Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES NO

TOWN OF EPSOM WARRANT ARTICLES AS MODIFIED ON
FEBRUARY 8, 2003

Article 1: Shall the Town 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 vote of the first session, for the purpose set forth therein, totaling \$1,900,874.00? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$1,823,252.00, which is the same as last year, 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." (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Approval of the proposed Town Budget will result in a projected tax decrease of \$.46 per thousand. Default budget will result in a projected tax decrease of \$.92 per thousand.

YES NO

Article 2: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-two thousand dollars (\$32,000.00) to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund established in 1998 for the Fire Department Apparatus Fund? **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE**

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MARCH 11, 2003

Dawn Beckwith
Town Clerk

OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 1. (Recommended by the Selectmen)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Estimated tax increase would be \$.19 per thousand.

YES NO

Article 3: Shall the Board of Selectmen be empowered to purchase and sell real estate on behalf of the Town after public hearings and consultation with the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission subject to restrictions and regulations imposed under RSA 41:14-a? If approved, this authority shall continue until rescinded or revoked by a future act of town voters. **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED.** (Recommended by the Selectmen)

YES NO

Article 4: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund previously established and known as the Land Conservation Fund consistent with the Provisions of RSA 35:1, for the purpose of purchasing conservation or agricultural easements and land, and appoint Selectmen as agents to expend said fund? **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 1.** (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Estimated tax increase would be \$.06 per thousand.

YES NO

Article 5: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000.00) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of reconstruction and improvements to town roads? **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 1.** (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee)

Estimated tax increase would be \$.71 per thousand.

YES NO

Article 6: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of bridge replacement and repair? **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 1.** (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Estimated tax increase would be \$.06 per thousand.

YES NO

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EPSOM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 11, 2003

Diane Brockwell
Town Clerk

Article 7: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) to be added to the previously established Library Building Capital Reserve Fund? **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 1.** (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Estimated tax increase would be \$.36 per thousand.

YES NO

Article 8: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the previously established Library Book Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of expanding the library collection? **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 1.** (Not Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Estimated tax increase would be \$.06 per thousand.

YES NO

Article 9: Shall the Town establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1, for the purpose of acquiring motorized vehicles and equipment for the highway department and raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) to be put toward said fund and expended by Town vote? **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 1.** (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Estimated tax increase would be \$.09 per thousand.

YES NO

Article 10: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund established in 1998 for the revaluation of the town? These funds will cover the constitutional requirements for revaluation. **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 1.** (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Estimated tax increase would be \$.30 per thousand.

YES NO

Article 11: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) in order to purchase ten (10) new self-contained breathing apparatus (air packs) for the Fire Department? These packs will replace the current 20-year old packs with code compliant packs. **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS**

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Dean Blackwell
Town Clerk

**APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN
ARTICLE 1.** (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Estimated tax increase would be \$.18 per thousand.

YES NO

Article 12: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand five hundred dollars (\$30,500.00) for the purpose of purchasing a 2003 4 wheel drive vehicle for the Police Department? This will replace the 1986 Jeep 4 wheel drive. **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 1.** (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Estimated tax increase would be \$.18 per thousand.

YES NO

Article 13: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) for the purpose of updating the Town's Master Plan and Capital Improvement Program? **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 1.** (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Estimated tax increase would be \$.02 per thousand.

YES NO

Article 14: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for the purpose of completing renovations to the Old Town Hall? **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 1.** (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Estimated tax increase would be \$.06 per thousand.

YES NO

Article 15: Shall the Town adopt RSA 100-A Chapter 134, providing Group 1 NH Retirement Benefits for Full time employees, and shall the town raise and appropriate the sum of eleven thousand five hundred dollars (\$11,500.00) to said fund the first year? The town currently provides NH Retirement to the Fire and Police Full time employees. **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 1.** (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Estimated tax increase would be \$.06 per thousand.

YES NO

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Dawn Blackwell
Town Clerk

Article 16: Shall the Town establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1, for the purpose of erecting a material and or vehicle storage facility for the highway department, and raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) to be put toward said fund and appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend said fund? **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 1.** (Recommended by the Selectmen)
(Not recommended by the Budget Committee)

Estimated tax increase would be \$.30 per thousand.

YES NO

Article 17: Shall the Town of Epsom appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) obtained from a settlement paid to the Town, involving the King's Grant Manufactured Housing Park, to be added to the principle of the Lillian Morrison Town Trust Fund and to be administered under the terms and conditions of said trust? (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

YES NO

Article 18: "To see if the Town of Epsom will rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (Known as S.B. 2), as adopted by the Town of Epsom on March 17, 1997, so that the official ballot shall 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 law." **BY PETITION**
(3/5 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

YES NO

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ACCT. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuring Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuring Fiscal Year (NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEES APPROPRIATIONS Ensuring Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	BUDGET COMMITTEES APPROPRIATIONS Ensuring Fiscal Year NOT RECOMMENDED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
4130-4139	Executive		105979	99157	131658		131658	
4140-4149	Election Reg & Vital Statistics		38635	36831	34526		34526	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		94934	117647	125362		125362	
4152	Revaluation of Property							
4153	Legal Expense		25001	7801	20001		20001	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		11000	8605	10900		10900	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		38076	35432	67153		67153	
4194	General Government Buildings		21920	19706	22708		22708	
4195	Cemeteries		10000	9949	10000		10000	
4196	Insurance							
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.							
4199	Other General Government							
PUBLIC SAFETY								
4210-4214	Police		290055	292513	326485		326485	
4215-4219	Ambulance							
4220-4229	Fire		307880	308525	301063		301063	
4230-4249	Building Inspection							
4290-4298	Emergency Management		230	230	1200		1200	
4299	Other (Including Communications)							
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER								
4301-4309	Airport Operations							
HIGHWAYS & STREETS								
4311	Administration		102613	80793	125103		125103	
4312	Highways & Streets		342720	426892	337700		337700	
4313	Bridges		5000		4500		4500	

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ACCT#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32-3 V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations	Actual	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS	
			Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Expenditures Prior Year	Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	Ensuing Fiscal Year (NOT RECOMMENDED)	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
HIGHWAYS & STREETS cont.								
4316	Street Lighting		500	407	500		500	
4319	Other		2000	79	2000		2000	
SANITATION								
4321	Administration							
4323	Solid Waste Collection							
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		165764	165764	166841		166841	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up							
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other		2000		6000		6000	
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT								
4331	Administration							
4332	Water Services		3000	3000	3000		3000	
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other							
ELECTRIC								
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4359	Other Electric Costs							
HEALTH/WELFARE								
4411	Administration		2545	3029	3840		3840	
4414	Pest Control		3653	1542	3653		3653	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		8740	8740	8740		8740	
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assis.		11704	11194	11996		11996	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		56905	55438	51405		51405	

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Budget - Town/City of EPSOM									
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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year NOT RECOMMENDED	
CULTURE & RECREATION									
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		27380	26714	27380		27380		XXXXXXXXXX
4550-4559	Library		71861	71861	86535		86535		XXXXXXXXXX
4583	Patriotic Purposes		905	905	975		975		XXXXXXXXXX
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		1900	1900	1900		1900		XXXXXXXXXX
CONSERVATION									
4611-4612	Admin & Purch. of Nat. Resources		6690	6690	7750		7750		XXXXXXXXXX
4619	Other Conservation								XXXXXXXXXX
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMNT & HOUSING								XXXXXXXXXX
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT								XXXXXXXXXX
DEBT SERVICE									
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes								XXXXXXXXXX
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes								XXXXXXXXXX
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes								XXXXXXXXXX
4790-4799	Other Debt Service								XXXXXXXXXX
CAPITAL OUTLAY									
4901	Land		50000	50000					XXXXXXXXXX
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment								XXXXXXXXXX
4903	Buildings								XXXXXXXXXX
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.								XXXXXXXXXX
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT									
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		10000	10000	10000		10000		XXXXXXXXXX
4913	To Capital Projects Fund								XXXXXXXXXX
4914	To Enterprise Fund								XXXXXXXXXX
	Sewer-								XXXXXXXXXX
	Water-								XXXXXXXXXX

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (NOT RECOMMENDED)	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT cont.								
	Electric-		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
	Airport-							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		172000	172000	172000		172000	
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917							
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds							
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds		5000	5000				
4919	To Agency Funds							
SUBTOTAL 1			1996590	2038344	2082874		2082874	

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount	Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount
4915	2	32,000			
4915	4	10,000			
4915	5	120,000			
4915	6	10,000			

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3.VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriations to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trusts funds; or 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
ACCT #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)
	Cap Res / Library Bldg 7				60000		60000	
	Cap Res / Library Bks 8				10000		10000	
	Cap Res/Vehicular Equip 9				15000		15000	
	Cap Res/Revaluation 10				50000		50000	
	Cap Res/Master Plan 13				4000		4000	
	Cap Res/Hwy Facility 16				50000			50000
	SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	179000	XXXXXXXXXX	139000	XXXXXXXXXX

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". An example of an individual warrant article might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements, leases or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
ACCT #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)
	Kings Grant/Morrison	17	5000	5000	5000		5000	
	Group I NH Retirement	15			11500		11500	
	10 Airpacks F/D	11			30000		30000	
	4 Wheel Drive Veh P/H	12			30500		30500	
	Town Hall Renovation	14			10000		10000	
	SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	87000	XXXXXXXXXX	87000	XXXXXXXXXX

1	2	3	4	5	6
ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		20000	29690	20000
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		10500	19062	15000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		16500	16500	16500
3189	Other Taxes			169	200
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		42000	21840	25000
	Inventory Penalties		7000	10156	7500
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)			216	
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits			750	
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		620000	677766	650000
3230	Building Permits		12000	13390	12000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		6800	6657	6800
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT			5266	
FROM STATE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		35000	35390	35000
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		104700	119260	110000
3353	Highway Block Grant		93500	94765	93500
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement			3761	
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)				
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		120000	151812	140000
3409	Other Charges		12000	15009	12000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property			30603	
3502	Interest on Investments		75000	40532	50000
3503-3509	Other		50000	34872	40000
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				

1	2	3	4	5	6
ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues	Actual Revenues	Estimated Revenues
			Prior Year	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN cont.			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds			133944	
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds			13791	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amounts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")				
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes			337000	
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			1225000	1812201	1233500

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	PRIOR YEAR	SELECTMEN'S	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S
	ADOPTED BUDGET	RECOMMENDED BUDGET	RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)	1715357	2082874	2082874
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	383332	179000	139000
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	20000	87000	87000
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	2108689	2348874	2308874
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	1225300	1233500	1233500
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	881389	1115374	1075374

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: 230887

(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

BUDGET COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE
(For Calculating 10% Maximum Increase)
(RSA 32:18, 19, & 32:21)

VERSION #1: Use if you have no Collective Bargaining Cost Items or RSA 32:21 Water Costs

LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNIT: EPSOM, NH FISCAL YEAR END 2003

	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT
1. Total RECOMMENDED by Budget Comm. (See Posted Budget MS7, 27, or 37)	2,308,874
LESS EXCLUSIONS:	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	
4. Capital Outlays Funded From Long-Term Bonds & Notes per RSA 33:8 & 33:7-b.	
5. Mandatory Assessments	
6. Total exclusions (Sum of rows 2 - 5)	< >
7. Amount recommended less recommended exclusion amounts (line 1 less line 6)	2,308,874
8. Line 7 times 10%	230,887
9. Maximum Allowable Appropriations (lines 1 + 8)	2,539,761

Line 8 is the maximum allowable increase to budget committee's recommended budget. Please enter this amount on the bottom of the posted budget form, MS7, 27, or 37.

Please attach a copy of this completed supplemental schedule to the back of the budget form.



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April 3, 2002

Board of Selectmen
Town of Epsom
Epsom, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Town of Epsom, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 2001, we considered the Town's internal control structure to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

However, during our audit we became aware of several matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. The memorandum that accompanies this letter summarizes our comments and suggestions regarding those matters and also reviews the status of the prior year's findings and recommendations. This letter does not affect our report dated April 3, 2002 on the financial statements of the Town of Epsom, New Hampshire.

We will review the status of these comments during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed many of these comments and suggestions with various Town personnel, and we will be pleased to discuss them in further detail at your convenience, to perform any additional study of these matters, or to assist you in implementing the recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

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STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR'S FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LIBRARY:

Finding/Recommendation - Library Trustees appear to have misplaced a few passbooks. Also, accurate data on the activity was not maintained.

Accurate records of all funds on hand and their balances should be maintained.

Status - This was not a problem in the current year.

GENERAL FUND:

Planning Board Escrows:

Finding/Recommendation - We noted during our audit, that reimbursements were not made timely to the General Fund for expenditures paid on behalf of the escrow accounts. This is a result of the accounts not being reconciled, and reimbursements being mis-classified in the Engineering Deposits revenue account. It was recommended to record reimbursements in a new revenue account, reimbursements from Escrows. Also, for the new Bookkeeper to reconcile this account with the Treasurer on a monthly basis to ensure timely reimbursements.

Status - This had been addressed in the current year.

CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Finding - We noted that the Library Trustees had not reported on the activity of the funds in their custody as required by the RSA's.

Recommendation - RSA 202-A:12 requires that the Trustees "shall make a written report to the town or city at the conclusion of each fiscal year." We would recommend that the Trustees do a report by account for the year that details the beginning balance as previously reported, revenues, expenditures and the ending balance.



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December 10, 2002

Board of Selectmen
Town of Epsom
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We have tentatively scheduled the audit field work for the 2002 audit for the week of March 24th. We expect at this time, if all the information that we have requested is available for our audit work, that you would have draft reports for your review and comment within three weeks of the completion of our audit field work, with final reports being issued shortly after that date.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Concord office.

Very truly yours,

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2002 Selectmen's Report

Land:

Current Use Values	\$	902,588.00
Residential		46,978,900.00
Commercial/Industrial		12,020,150.00
Total Taxable Land	\$	59,901,638.00

Buildings:

Residential	\$	86,161,550.00
Mobile Homes		9,077,450.00
Commercial/Industrial		14,839,150.00
Total Taxable Buildings	\$	110,078,150.00
Total Public Utilities		1,643,134.00
Total Value Before Exemptions	\$	171,622,922.00
Less Elderly Exemptions		669,100.00
Less Blind Exemptions		30,000.00
Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate for Municipality County and Local Education Tax is computed	\$	170,923,822.00
Less Public Utilities		1,643,134.00
Net Valuation without Utilities on which Tax Rate for State Educational Tax is computed	\$	169,280,688.00
Total Property Taxes Assessed	\$	4,764,767.00
Less Estimated War Service Tax Credits		35,200.00
Total Property Tax Committed	\$	4,729,567.00

BREAKDOWN OF TAX RATE

Town	\$	2.78
Local School		15.38
State School Rate		6.60
County		3.18
Total	\$	27.94

**Property Tax Rate per \$1,000 of Valuation
Equalization Ratio 69%**

Selectmen's Report 2002

This year has been another year of continued growth in Epsom.

The Selectmen wish to thank all who volunteered their time and energy on behalf of the town, and the many people who donated food, money and gifts; selflessly giving to those less fortunate than themselves. Thanks Pat.

We recognize Epsom Fire/Rescue, especially the volunteers, and thank you for your time, energy and dedication on behalf of our town.

We thank Deb Black who volunteered to serve as the town's Director of Emergency Management. Deb got right to work and revised the town's Emergency Management Plan into a usable document. She also coordinated the effort to write a town Hazardous Materials Plan. We are one of a handful of towns in the state to have such a plan, and are now fully eligible for federal emergency funds should we need them.

The Police Department continued to efficiently handle an increasing number of traffic stops and arrests. They are also solving an ever-greater number and more complex criminal cases. Thank you.

The road agent chose to resign in June. A replacement road agent was hired in October but elected not to complete his probationary period. Henry Farrin offered to serve part time until elections. Thanks.

Our thanks to the citizen volunteers of the Roads Advisory Committee for their time and effort on behalf of Epsom's roads.

The Old Town Hall Renovation Committee was hard at work on the Old Town Hall. Over the year they supervised the replacement of a sill along the back of the building; installation of a handicapped accessible bathroom and building access ramp; wiring the building; installation of inside and outside lighting and coordinated volunteers to paint the inside of the hall. We recognize the Lions Club for their support of the painting inside. Granite steps were also installed at the main entrance after the foundation along the front was repaired. Thank you all for your time and efforts.

The selectmen continue to work closely with the Conservation Commission to identify tracts of land, which could be placed into conservation easements. This concept assists landowners to preserve the rural character of their property. Protecting and preserving our open space, through conservation easements, is the single most effective way to keep taxes down.

Lastly, we wish to recognize Gloria, Barbara, Dawn and Lisa, the ladies of the town offices and our Town Clerk/Tax Collector. You work quietly behind the scenes, but the town quite literally would not function without you. Thank you for your dedication and hard work.

Respectfully submitted,

Epsom Board of Selectmen

Robert W. Berry
John F. Hickey
Peter P. Bosiak

NOTES

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT
2002

DESCRIPTION	APPROPR. 2002	REVENUE 2002	ACTUAL 2002	ENCUMB. TO 2003	BALANCE
EXECUTIVE	105,979.00	2,513.58	99,157.37		6,821.63
ELECTION/TOWN CLERK	38,635.00		34,525.81	2,305.00	1,804.19
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	76,434.00		87,549.79		(11,115.79)
AUDITING	6,500.00		6,207.29		292.71
ASSESSING/MAPPING	17,500.00		23,813.31		(6,313.31)
LEGAL EXPENSE	25,000.00		7,801.50		17,198.50
PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION	11,000.00		8,605.48		2,394.52
PLANNING	22,761.00	24,742.09	20,778.95		1,982.05
ZONING BRD. OF ADJUSTMENT	4,115.00		3,041.31		1,073.69
ZONING COMPLIANCE	11,200.00	14,140.00	11,612.22		(412.22)
GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS	21,920.00		19,706.37		2,213.63
CEMETERIES	10,000.00		7,548.70	2,400.00	51.30
POLICE DEPARTMENT	290,055.00	12,806.64	292,512.79		(2,457.79)
FIRE/AMB. DEPARTMENT	307,880.00	118,333.01	308,524.76		(644.76)
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	230.00		230.00		-
HIGHWAY	434,833.00	<u>133,943.79</u>	502,710.21	5,461.38	60,605.20
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	165,764.00		165,764.11		(0.11)
WEST NILE VIRUS	5,000.00				5,000.00
WATER SERVICES	3,000.00		3,000.00		-
HEALTH ADMINISTRATION	2,545.00		3,028.54		(483.54)
PEST CONTROL	3,653.00		1,542.15		2,110.85
VNA & COMMUNITY ACTION	8,740.00		8,740.00		-
WELFARE ADMIN	11,704.00		11,193.52		510.48
WELFARE PAYMENTS	56,905.00		55,438.37		1,466.63
PARK & REC	27,380.00		22,789.01	3,925.00	665.99
LIBRARY	71,861.00		71,861.00		-
PATRIOTIC SERVICES	905.00		905.00		-
BAND	1,900.00		1,900.00		-
CONSERVATION COMM	6,690.00		6,690.00		-
BANK SERVICES	1,100.00		77.25		1,022.75
TOTALS	1,753,191.00	306,479.11	1,787,254.81	14,091.38	83,786.60
CAPITAL OUTLAY	6,000.00				60,000.00
CAPITAL RESERVE	172,000.00		172,000.00		
NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FND	5,000.00		5,000.00		
COUNTY TAXES			547,946.00		
SCHOOL APPROPRIATION			3,382,619.00		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			5,954,819.81	14,091.38	5,968,911.19

HIGHWAY REVENUE FIGURE
ABOVE IS CAPITAL RESERVE

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

U-04-52, U-04-02	
Town Hall, Land and Building	130,400.00
Furniture and Equipment	51,300.00
U-05-05	
Library, Land and Building	110,200.00
Furniture and Equipment	24,850.00
U-05-53	
Police Station, Land and Building	532,050.00
Furniture and Equipment	80,550.00
U-04-41, U-04-43-02	
Fire Station, Land and Building	570,200.00
Furniture and Equipment	451,200.00
U-15-06, U-15-08	
Parks, Commons and Playground	
Land and Buildings	198,350.00
U-01-01, U-04-34, U-13-54	
Water Precinct Facility	
Land and Building	114,250.00
Equipment	184,778.00
U-13-58	
School, Land and Building	4,714,700.00
Furniture and Equipment	298,632.00
U-06-03	
Highway Department, Land	22,800.00
Equipment	15,000.00
R-02-03	
Land, New Rye Road, .34 Acres	14,600.00
R-04-01	
Land, Tarleton Road, 148 Acres	64,400.00
R-04-02	
Land, Tarleton Road, 170 Acres	68,200.00

R-12-05		
Land, near Deer Meadow, 2.3 Acres		21,300.00
R-04-04		
Land, Fort Mountain (Forest, Conservation Deed)		64,200.00
R-14-14		
Land, Range Road, 10 Acres		14,500.00
R-07-04		
Land, Off Suncook Valley Highway		3,200.00
R-09-51		
Land, Part of Echo Valley Farm Subdivision, 12 Acres		16,000.00
R-03-18 B		
Land, Kettle Rock Road, 12.9 Acres		12,800.00
R-03-41-01		
Land, Mount Delight Road, 15.26 Acres		11,150.00
R-10-08 A		
Land, Lillian Bronstein Conservation Area		3,400.00
R-14-19-01		
Land, Off Locke Hill Road, 50 Acres		19,000.00
U-01-062		
Land, Northwood Lake Site #41, .070 Acres		4,900.00
U-09-11-01		
Land, Off Goboro Road, .50 Acres		250.00
R-02-37A		
Land, Off Wing Road, 23.94 Acres		14,350.00
	\$	7,831,510.00

Property Deeded to Town 05-30-2002

U-01-21-01		
Land, Route 4 & 202	\$	500.00
U-16-07-063		
Mobile Home		12,800.00
U-07-02		
Land, W/S Goboro Road, .58 Acres		11,100.00
	\$	24,400.00

**2002
DEPARTMENT
REVENUE**

TAX COLLECTOR

CURRENT TAXES	\$4,366,563.24
PREVIOUS TAXES	\$317,069.00
TAX LIENS	\$83,645.08
TAX LIEN CHARGES	\$4,515.01
CURRENT USE TAXES	\$29,690.00
YIELD TAX	\$19,061.68
LIEU OF TAXES	\$16,500.00
MISC.	\$480.25
INTEREST	\$31,911.24
INVENTORY PENALTY	\$10,155.96
TOTAL	\$4,879,591.46

TOWN CLERK

MOTOR VEHICLE	\$658,056.80
TITLE FEES	\$2,624.00
UCC FEES	\$3,028.00
MUNICIPAL FEES	\$13,393.00
MAILING FEES	\$664.50
DOG LICENSE	\$4,127.00
DOG LICENSE FINES	\$261.50
MARRIAGE LICENSE	\$126.00
BIRTH/DEATH FEES	\$318.00
CANDIDATE FEES	\$17.00
CURRENT USE REG.	\$32.68
CIVIL FORFEITURES	\$1,775.00
TOTAL	\$684,423.48

ZONING COMPLIANCE

BUILDING PERMITS	\$12,930.00
SIGN PERMITS	\$345.00
BUSINESS PERMITS	\$405.00
OCCUP. PERMITS	\$460.00
TOTAL	\$14,140.00

ZONING & PLANNING TOTAL \$24,742.09

POLICE DEPT.

TOWN FINES	\$1,722.00
WITNESS FEES	\$1,849.64
PISTOL PERMITS	\$730.00
POLICE DETAIL	\$5,000.00
COURT FINES	\$850.00
POLICE REPORTS	\$2,655.00
TOTAL	\$12,806.64

FIRE DEPARTMENT

AMBULANCE	\$106,149.61
PARAMEDIC	\$11,340.45
FOREST FIRE	\$842.95
TOTAL	\$118,333.01

MISCELLANEOUS

ROOMS & MEALS TX	\$119,260.05
TOWN OFFICE	\$2,513.58
WEBSTER PARK	\$2,804.42
WELFARE REIMB.	\$10,411.56
SALE TOWN PROP.	\$3,600.00
TAX DEEDED PROP	\$4,955.81
BOAT TAX	\$22,692.08
SALE CEMETERY LTS	\$1,150.00
INTEREST GEN FUND	\$41,206.97
1/2 TIMBER SALES	\$22,073.88
FRANCHISE SERVICE	\$15,008.55
TOTAL	\$245,676.90

GRANTS

COPS	\$5,265.87
SHARED REV BLOCK	\$35,389.60
HIGHWAY BLOCK	\$94,765.34
FEMA HIGHWAY	\$2,919.80
TOTAL	\$138,340.61

2002 TOTAL REVENUE \$6,118,054.19

2002
TOTAL PAYMENTS

Executive Office	99,157.37
Election & Registration	36,830.81
Financial Administration	117,570.39
Legal Expense	7,801.50
Worker's Comp & Sec. 125	8,605.48
Planning Board	20,778.95
Zoning Board of Adjustment	3,041.31
Zoning Compliance Officer	11,612.22
General Government Buildings	19,706.37
Cemeteries	9,948.70
Police Department	292,512.79
Fire/Amb. Department	308,524.76
Emergency Management	230.00
Highway Department	508,171.59
Solid Waste Disposal	165,764.11
Water	3,000.00
Health Administration	3,028.54
Pest Control	1,542.15
Visiting Nurse Association	5,000.00
Community Action Program	3,740.00
Welfare Administration	11,193.52
Welfare Vendors	55,438.37
Park & Recreation	26,714.01
Library	71,861.00
Patriotic Services	905.00
Band	1,900.00
Conservation	6,690.00
Bank Services	77.25
Capital Outlay	60,000.00
Capital Reserve Funds	172,000.00
Nonexpendable Trust Funds	5,000.00
County Taxes	547,946.00
School Appropriation	3,382,619.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS	5,968,911.19

EPSOM CHARTER

As signed May 18, 1727

George, By the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Irland, King, Defender of the Faith.

“To all people to whom these presents shall come: Greeting: Know ye, we of our especial knowledge and meer motion, from the due encouragement of settling a new plantation, by and with the advice and consent of our council, have given and granted, and by these presents, far as subjects as were inhabitants and free holders in the year one thousand seven hundred and twenty-three, in our town of New Castle and in the Parish of Greenland, both within our Province of New Hampshire, in New England, to be divided among them in proportion to their respective rates, which laid out at the head of Nottingham and Northward of land formerly granted to the children of Saml. Allen, desc'd the same to be six miles in Breadth and four miles in dept, or in such other form as the land un-granted in that place will admit, so as it contains the same quantity of land, and the same to be a town corporate by the name Epsom to the persons aforesaid forever. To have and to hold the said tract of land to said grantees and their heirs and assigns forever upon the following conditions:

1st. That they build twenty dwelling houses and settle a family in each within the term of four years, and break up three acres of ground for each settlement, and plant or sow the same within four years.

2nd. That a house be built for the Publick worship of God within the term of six years.

3rd. That one hundred acres of land be reserved for a parsonage, one hundred acres for the first minister of the Gospel and one hundred acres for the Benefit of a School. Provided, Nevertheless, that the Peace with the Indians continue during the aforesaid term of your years.

But if it should happen that a war with the Indians should commence before the afores'd term of four years be expired, there shall be allowed to the afores'd Proprietors the term of four years after the expiration of the War to perform the afores'd conditions.

Rendering and paying therfor to us, Our heirs and successors, or such other officer or officers as shall be appointed to Receive the same, the annual quit rent of acknowledgment of one pound of good merchantable Hemp in s'd town, on the first day December yearly, forever, if demanded.

Reserving also unto us, our heirs and successors, all mast trees growing on said Land, according to an act of Parliament made and provided in that case.

And for the better order, Rule and Government of the said Town, we, by these Presents, Grant for us, our heirs and successors, unto the afores'd Proprietors, and those that shall inhabit the said Town, that yearly and every year, upon the first Wednesday in May, they may meet at any place within the Province of New Hampshire afores'd until the settlement of the afores'd town is perfected and afterward in the said town, to elect and chuse by the Major part of them constables, selectmen, and all other Town offices, according to the Laws and usage of our afores'd Province have and enjoy, and we appoint our Loving Subjects, Theodore Atkinson, Joshua Foss and Capt. Samuel Weeks to be the selectmen to manage the affairs of the said town for the Present year and until others are chosen in their room by the afores'd Proprietors.

In Testimony where of we have caused the seal of our said Province to be herewith annexed.

Witness, John Wentworth, Esq., our Lt. Governor and Commander in Chief in and over our said Province, at our town of Portsmouth, the eighteenth day of May, in the Thirteenth year of our Reign, anno Domini 1727.

/s/ J. Wentworth

NOTES

**2002
EMPLOYEE WAGES**

SELECTMEN		FIRE DEPARTMENT	
ROBERT W. BERRY	\$1,850.00	BARBARA BARTON	\$500.00
PETER P. BOSIAK	\$1,850.00	LARRY BARTON	\$800.00
JOHN F. HICKEY	\$1,850.00	DEBORAH BLACK	\$31,428.38
TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR		JULIE BOURN	\$180.00
DAWN BLACKWELL	\$30,044.04	ALLEN BROWN	\$500.00
LISA COTE, DEPUTY	\$6,690.00	BRYAN BRUCE	\$2,025.00
EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION		JONATHAN BURTT	\$840.00
GLORIA REEVES	\$24,752.00	DEREK CARIGNAN	\$535.64
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION		STEVE COLBURN	\$1,070.00
BARBARA PELLEGRINI	\$25,628.15	MATTHEW COLE	\$13,825.37
RECORDING SECRETARY		JOEL DAIL	\$500.00
ELIZABETH BOSIAK	\$3,900.00	RON DELGARDO	\$800.00
TREASURER		THOMAS FERGUSON	\$4,177.50
PAULA SMITH	\$2,100.00	JOEL FRENCH	\$500.00
TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS		WILLIAM FRENCH	\$500.00
BEVERLY LAFLEUR	\$225.00	FLOYD GRAHAM	\$40,538.13
PLANNING ZONING SECRETARY		HIRAM JEFFERS	\$1,032.00
MICHELE BACHELDER	\$2,347.00	ANASTASIA LENNON	\$2,665.00
ELECTION		PETER LENNON	\$28,804.80
MARCIA CROUSE	\$250.00	STACEY MANNING-HARWOOD	\$792.50
SHIRLEY DEMERS	\$250.00	ROBERT MARTEL	\$500.00
BARBARA SMITH	\$250.00	EVAN MCINTOSH	\$190.08
RUTH BACHELDER	\$150.00	ALLANA MITCHELL	\$125.00
JEANNE FOSTER	\$50.00	ADAM MORRIS	\$848.58
HARVEY HARKNESS	\$100.00	MATTHEW MOULTON	\$1,600.00
SONIA NOYES	\$150.00	BRIAN NICHOLSON	\$360.00
RUTH SAWYER	\$150.00	DAVID PALERMO	\$1,605.46
WELFARE OFFICER		ALAN QUIMBY	\$500.00
PATRICIA HICKEY	\$10,228.14	ROBERT REED, JR.	\$250.00
HOUSEKEEPING		ROBERT SAWYER, JR.	\$500.00
CINDY HOULE	\$1,215.00	SCOTT SEVERANCE	\$112.50
LIBRARY		DANIEL SILVA	\$520.00
BARBARA BRISTOL	\$6,702.25	PATRICK SWANSON	\$500.00
NANCY CLARIS	\$21,262.50	WARREN VIRGIN	\$500.00
DALE GREGORY	\$2,133.00	R. STEWART YEATON	\$5,032.19
BARBARA HARKNESS	\$1,196.38	HIGHWAY	
BRENDA LEVESQUE	\$2,928.93	HENRY FARRIN, JR.	\$350.00
JEANETTE WINSLOW	\$3,606.75	DOUGLAS HEMINGWAY	\$6,490.40
POLICE DEPARTMENT		DONALD HIGGINS	\$26,547.27
ERIC BOURN	\$30,769.85	STEVEN KIMBALL	\$22,012.13
HENRY FARRIN, JR.	\$39,999.96	MATTHEW POTTER	\$6,212.50
CHARLES GOODALE	\$1,478.58	KENNETH STILES	\$228.00
ROBERT HILL	\$6,158.50	HEALTH OFFICER	
BRIAN MICHAEL	\$29,554.19	CECIL CURRAN	\$437.50
WAYNE PREVE	\$32,623.24	CHRISTINA WELCH	\$875.00
QAIL QUIMBY	\$20,750.00		
KEITH YEATON	\$27,546.88	TOTAL WAGES 2002	\$549,051.27

**EPSOM HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
OPERATION COSTS**

ADMINISTRATION

Henry Farrin, Jr.	350.00
Douglas Hemingway	6,490.40
Donald Higgins	26,547.27
Steven, Kimball	22,012.13
Matthew Potter	6,212.50
Social Security	3,950.14
Medicare	923.82
Health Insurance	1,747.26

Total 67,883.52

CONTRACTED LABOR

Advanced Excavating and Paving	421.75
B & S Septic	4,779.60
Bowles, Don	250.00
Clark, William	1,603.94
Cutter Enterprises	3,015.59
Cutter, Randy	12,443.01
Dow, Frances	1,170.01
Hammer & Hand Gen. Contractors	2,175.00
Ponderosa Enterprises	1,967.92
Potter Landscaping	291.67
Tisbert, Daniel	576.00

Total 28,694.49

RENTALS & LEASES (SUBS)

Advanced Excavating & Paving	1,633.25
B & S Septic	2,662.70
Clark, William	3,248.56
Cutter Enterprises	6,059.41
Cutter Randy	20,706.99
Dow, Frances	2,339.99
Hammer & Hand Gen. Contractors	2,850.00
Kimball, Steve	5,871.00
Ponderosa Enterprises	3,972.08
Potter Landscaping	583.33

Total 49,927.31

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

B-Line Fence	5,775.00
Catch Basin Cleaners	3,214.40
Cutter, Randy	27,990.00
E.J. Prescott	207.00
F. B. Hale, Inc.	600.00
Fiorentino	150.00
Future Supply Corp.	1,174.10
Hodgdon & Sons	52,840.00
Kouroubacalis, James	5,000.00
Pike Industries	1,829.12

Total 98,779.62

**EPSOM HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
OPERATION COSTS**

RECONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAYS

Bartlett, Herbert	2,240.00
Capital City Paving	12,900.00
Cutter, Randy	23,626.00
Concord Sand & Gravel	602.15
Hodgdon & Son	3,840.00
Hoyle, Tanner, & Associates	10,459.80
Maine Ditching & Blasting	2,050.00
Pike Industries	135,224.12
Striping Unlimited	1,078.00
Total	192,020.07

RENTALS & LEASES

B & S Septic	900.00
E. W. Sleeper	60.48
Chappell Tractor	474.80
Total	1,435.28

SAND & SALT

F. L. Merrill	9,469.84
Morton Salt	20,530.16
Total	30,000.00

FUEL

Davis Fuels	3,001.39
Evans Expressmart	309.43
Total	3,310.82

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

Cady Communications	155.00
Carparts of Epsom	205.11
Grappone	1,381.77
HER & W	13,886.33
Heritage True Value	201.65
Howard P. Fairfield, Inc.	734.43
Jordon Equipment	223.68
Russell Auto, Inc.	1,836.57
Southworth-Milton, Inc.	629.10
Sullivan Tire	333.14
Wead's Auto Repair	292.45
Total	19,879.23

**EPSOM HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
OPERATION COSTS**

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Heritage True Value	390.11
Jordon Equipment	4,777.23
State of NH 96 Ford 250	3,800.00
Total	8,967.34

GENERAL OPERATIONS

Telephone

AT & T	15.45
Connections	15.45
Kimball, Steve	509.49
US Cellular	60.00
Verizon	545.92
Total	1,146.31

Advertising

Concord Monitor	181.84
Neighborhood News	64.00
Suncook Valley Sun	44.00
Union Leader	36.48
Total	326.32

Electricity

Unitil	585.90
Total	585.90

Miscellaneous

Boundtree Medical	49.33
Clark's Grain Store	263.85
Heritage True Value	520.04
Merriam Graves, Corp.	172.35
NH DSP	18.00
National Fluid Safety	138.50
Northwood Power Equipment	36.62
Sam's Club	262.60
Wheeler, Nancy (Reimb)	161.50
Total	1,622.79

HIGHWAY BUILDING/MAINTENANCE

Eastern Propane	513.80
Kimball, Steve (Reimb)	95.77
Rouseau Electrical Service	2,575.00
Total	3,184.57

STREET LIGHTING

NH Electric Cooperative	202.25
Unitil	204.55
Total	406.80

TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	508,170.37
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EPSOM, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03234

July 31, 2001
Update 2: July 15, 2002

CHARTER

Epsom Roads Advisory Committee

1. The Epsom Roads Advisory Committee (RAC) is formed the thirty-first day of July 2001. Members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen (BOS) to provide routine administrative organization, planning and advisory oversight of all aspects of town road operations.
2. The RAC will regularly meet and report to the BOS as required to implement this charter, but no less often than once per month. The RAC will provide a draft copy of the minutes of each meeting to the Town Office no later than (NLT) 72 hours following the meeting, and the corrected final copy NLT 72 hours following the next meeting.
3. The RAC is established to cooperatively promote better roads maintenance by assisting with the administrative, *contracting and* planning burden of the Epsom Roads Department (ERD).
 - A. The RAC will develop, recommend, and administer specific accountability, planning, *contracting* and reporting mechanisms for regular monitoring of ERD duties to better ensure proper and efficient management of roads activities, and accountability of resources. These mechanisms will include, but not be limited to: annual, seasonal, monthly, weekly, and daily roads work schedules; hours worked and specific work performed; routine maintenance schedules; emergency equipment maintenance; equipment purchases; a work bidding/contracting process; a review and approval process for commenting on materials, services and equipment purchases before a purchase order (PO) is submitted to the selectmen for approval; a PO review and approval process, and annual budget recommendation. *The RAC will develop basic work design, completion, repair and maintenance standards for all applicable road work using the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation standards as a guide.*
 - B. The RAC will forecast, plan, schedule, and monitor roads maintenance throughout the Town. The RAC will monitor in-progress and completed work to ensure all design and contract specifications are met, and that costs are kept within the contract and the annual budget.

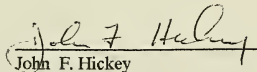
C. The RAC will ensure detailed and constant updating of files on every town road. (See Appendix 4 - Road File Format to Annex C).

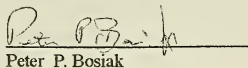
D. The RAC will review and specifically comment to the Selectmen on all proposed expenditures of funds. (See Appendix 5 - (The Purchase/Expenditure Approval Process) to Annex C).

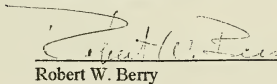
E. Neither the RAC, nor individual members will directly supervise the ERD in the performance of daily roads activities, nor attempt to direct the specific manner in which work is performed. The RAC however, will review and comment *to the selectmen* on all proposed work, on-going work, and completed work to ensure it is performed according to established town standard operating procedures or other methods authorized by the BOS. (See Annex B - Road Agent Job Description).

4. The RAC will be comprised of permanent positions and rotating citizen positions. Specialty consultant positions may be established as required. Permanent members of the RAC are appointed to a three year term. Rotating members are appointed for a two year term. Permanent members may also serve as citizen representatives if there is not sufficient community interest, and as specialty consultants if they have the required expertise. The objective is maximum citizen involvement representing geographically diverse portions of Epsom. (See Annex A - RAC Membership).

Selectmen:

 dated 7-15-02
John F. Hickey

 dated 7-15-02
Peter P. Bosiak

 dated 15-July-02
Robert W. Berry

Encl:

Annex A - RAC Membership
Annex B - Road Agent Job Description
Annex C - Reporting Mechanisms
Annex D - Welcome Letter for New RAC Members

Leadership:

The chair, secretary and any committee positions will be voted annually by a majority of the RAC *at the second meeting of the new calendar year*. All votes must have a majority of the RAC membership in attendance. *

Permanent positions (appointed):

Road Agent
Selectman's Representative (Vice-Chair and vote tie breaker)
Budget Committee Representative
Police Department Representative
Recording Secretary
Maintenance Representative**
Engineering Representative**

Rotating *citizen* positions (appointed):

Two to six citizens representing different areas of Epsom.

Speciality positions (as required - non-voting):

Planning Board
Historical Society
Conservation Commission
Parks & Recreation Commission
Water District
Other

* The RAC can only function effectively with maximum participation by its members. Therefore, any member who misses three consecutive meetings of the RAC without a reason and coordination for the absence, will be removed from the RAC at the discretion of the selectmen.

** As available

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT FOR 2002

Please remember that you must have your old registration in order to transfer your registration to a new vehicle. We are now required to send these to the DMV. You also must have your old registration or renewal letter in order to do a renewal. A certified copy can be provided for an additional \$12.50 if your name is on the registration.

We are now online with the Department of Motor Vehicles and are able to perform more functions as municipal agents. We can now complete registrations up to and including 26,000 lbs, complete late renewals, issue vanity and moose plates, replace lost registrations, plates and decals. We still are unable to complete apportioned vehicles and semi trailers.

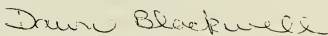
Last year we started doing renewals by mail. Letters are sent each month with directions on how to renew by mail. An extra dollar is charged for each renewal completed by mail. The response has been great.

The State has also made many changes this year. Seven digit vanity plates have been available since June of 2002. Upon request titles can be issued for antique vehicles. Title fees have increased to \$25.00. Early renewals are no longer allowed unless the owner states in writing that they will be out of the state for the entire renewal month.

For the year 2002 we have registered 6653 vehicles. We have licensed 1048 dogs.

Don't forget to check out our informational station on Channel 24.

Respectfully submitted,



Dawn Blackwell
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
For the Year Ending December 31, 2003

DEBITS

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$658,056.80
Motor Vehicle Title Fees	2,624.00
Motor Vehicle Mailing Fees	664.50
Municipal Agent Fees	13,393.00
Dog License Fees	4,127.00
Dog Fines	261.50
Dog Civil Forfeitures	1,775.00
UCC Filing Fees	3,028.00
Miscellaneous	185.77
Marriage License Fees	126.00
Vital Records Certified Copies Fees	318.00
State Dog License Fees	\$2,349.50
State Marriage License Fees	684.00
State Vital Records Certified Copies Fees	466.00
 TOTAL RECEIPTS	 \$688,059.07

CREDITS

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR 2002

Hours for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector are Mondays – 8:00 to 1:00 and 4:30 to 6:30; Tuesdays– 10:00 to 3:00; Thursdays and Fridays – 8:00 to 3:00 and the second and last Saturday of each month from 8:00 to noon. The office is closed to the public on Wednesdays.

The office will be closed for holidays on the following days in the year 2003: January 1, January 20, February 17, May 26, July 4, August 30, (the office will be open August 23) September 1, November 11, November 27, November 28 and December 25. The office will also be closed on Election Day: March 11, 2003.

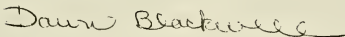
Our new tax rate is \$27.94. This is an increase of \$2.79. The local school rate increased by \$2.19, the county rate increased by 38 cents, the state school rate increased by 19 cents and the town rate increased by 3 cents.

The State is requiring Epsom to have a town revaluation completed by the year 2005. The cost for revaluation will be approximately \$150,000.00. Currently, we have approximately \$11,000.00 in the Epsom Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. Warrant articles to raise and appropriate money to be placed in this Capital Reserve Fund have been consistently voted down. This money has to come from somewhere. This year please vote yes to the article asking to raise and appropriate \$50,000.00 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for the revaluation of the town.

Property tax warrants this year totaled \$4,744,473.65 and 91% of these taxes have been paid. Warrants for current use change tax totaled \$39,290.00. Warrants for the earth excavation tax totaled \$306.48. The total timber tax or yield tax warrants were \$18,288.20.

\$88,634.85 was liened in 2002. Four properties were deeded to the town this year. The previous owner has redeemed one of the properties.

Respectfully submitted,



Dawn Blackwell
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of Epsom Year Ending 2002

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES- BEG. OF YEAR*		Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
Property Taxes	#3110	XXXXXX	316,991.52		
Resident Taxes	#3180	XXXXXX			
Land Use Change	#3120	XXXXXX			
Yield Taxes	#3185	XXXXXX	1,341.90		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	XXXXXX			
Utility Charges	#3189	XXXXXX			
Inventory Penalties		XXXXXX	1,580.51		

TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR

Property Taxes	#3110	4,733,345.21	
Resident Taxes	#3180		
Land Use Change	#3120	29,690.00	
Yield Taxes	#3185	18,288.20	
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	306.48	
Utility Charges	#3189		
Inventory Penalties		11,128.44	

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OVERPAYMENT:

Property Taxes	#3110	13,165.88	77.48		
Resident Taxes	#3180				
Land Use Change	#3120				
Yield Taxes	#3185				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187				
Costs Before Lien			2,315.00		
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	3,567.46	13,757.34		
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190				
TOTAL DEBITS		\$4,809,491.67	\$ 336,063.75	\$	\$

*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of Epsom Year Ending 2002

CREDITS				
REMITTED TO TREASURER	Levy for this Year	2001	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)	
Property Taxes	4,366,563.24	238,488.27		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change	29,690.00			
Yield Taxes	17,719.78			
Interest (include lien conversion)	3,567.46	13,757.34		
Penalties - Inventory	8,575.45	918.34		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	216.48			
Utility Charges				
Conversion to Lien (principal only)		80,584.80		
Costs to Lien		2,315.00		
DISCOUNTS ALLOWED				

ABATEMENTS MADE				
Property Taxes	2,625.54			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd				
Utility Charges				
Inventory Penalties	46.67			
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED				

UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR #1080

Property Taxes	377,322.31			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes	568.42			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	90.00			
Utility Charges				
Inventory Penalties	2,506.32			
TOTAL CREDITS	\$4,809,491.67	\$336,063.75	\$	\$

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of Epsom Year Ending 2002

DEBITS

	Last Year's Levy 2001	PRIOR LEVIES 1999 (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
		2000	1998	1997
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Year		54,818.35	27,174.13	3,177.45
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	88,634.85			
Interest & Costs Collected (AFTER LIEN EXECUTION)	3,364.59	4,919.73	7,926.63	920.49
TOTAL DEBITS	\$91,999.44	\$59,738.08	\$35,100.76	\$ 4,097.94

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER:		Last Year's Levy 2001	PRIOR LEVIES 1999 (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
			2000	1998	1997
Redemptions		35,136.92	24,853.84	22,872.88	781.44
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	#3190	2,433.59	5,340.74	8,091.63	920.49
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes		170.19			
Liens Deeded to Municipality		1,213.35	985.70	910.67	
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	#1110	53,045.39	28,557.80	3,225.58	2,396.01
TOTAL CREDITS		\$91,999.44	\$ 59,738.08	\$35,100.76	\$ 4,097.94

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a) ? yesTAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE Don Blackwell DATE 1/11/03

Report of Town Treasurer

Building Permits	\$ 12,930.00
Occupancy Permit	460.00
Sign Permits	345.00
Business Permits	330.00
Planningboard & Zoning	24,393.84
ZBA	348.25
Junk Yard Permits	75.00
Pistol Permits	730.00
Current Use Reg.	<u>32.68</u>
	\$ 39,644.77

Dawn Blackwell, Town Clerk

2002 Auto Permits	\$ 658,056.80
2002 Dog Tax State	2,349.50
2002 Dog Tax	4,327.00
2002 Dog Fines	261.50
Ucc Filings	3,028.00
Municipal Fees	13,393.00
Title Fees	2,624.00
Mailing Fees	664.50
Marriage Fees State	692.00
Marriage Fees Town	126.00
Vital Records State	458.00
Vital Records Town	318.00
Candidate Fees	17.00
Misc. Tax	168.77
Civil Fort.	<u>1,775.00</u>
	\$ 688,259.07

Dawn Blackwell, Tax Collector

Prior Year Redeemed Tax	\$ 48,508.16
Current Yr. Redeemed Tax	35,136.92
Redeemed Interest & Costs	14,554.36
Mort. Notice & Tax Lein Charges	<u>4,515.01</u>
	\$ 102,714.45
 Prior Year Property Tax	 \$ 317,068.90
Prior Year Interest	17,120.17
Prior Year Yield Tax	1,341.90
Other Interest	<u>236.81</u>
	\$ 335,767.78

2002 Property Tax	\$ 4,366,563.24
2002 Current Use	29,690.00
2002 Yield Tax	17,719.78
Inventory Penalties	10,155.96
Excavation Tax	<u>216.48</u>
	\$ 4,424,345.46

State of NH

Shared Rev. Block Grant	\$ 35,389.60
Highway Block Grant	94,765.34
State Witness Fees	1,849.64
Rooms & Meals Tax	119,260.05
Disaster SN Removal	.00
Forest Fire Reim.	842.95
St. Grant Reim.	2,919.80
State Fines	<u>595.00</u>
	\$ 255,622.38

Miscellaneous Receipts

Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 16,500.00
Town Office Revenue	2,513.58
Ambulance Revenues	106,149.61
Police Detail	5,000.00
Franchise Income	15,008.55
NSF Charge	100.00
Tax Deeded Property	4,955.81
Sale of Town Property	47,747.75
Cemetery Lot Sales	1,150.00
Interest on Checking	41,206.97
Court Fines	850.00
Police Reports	2,655.00
Cops Fast	5,265.87
Trustee Transfer	133,943.79
Webster Park Rev.	2,804.42
Reim. Health Ins.	12,520.83
Escrow Accounts	17,109.93
Reim. Welfare	10,411.56

Fire Dept. Revenue	11,340.45
Police Dept. Revenue	95.00
Boat Tax	22,692.08
Cemetery Trustees	1,673.25
Morrison Account Police	2,700.00
Morrison Account Fire	3,102.08
Morrison Account Town	7,989.00
Misc. Police Fines	1,127.00
Retirement Wash	96.54
Ins. For Damaged Items Reim.	<u>4,683.84</u>
	\$ 481,392.91
 TOTAL AVAILABLE RECEIPTS	 \$ 6,327,746.82
Balance brought forward Jan. 2002	2,929,190.98
Less Selectmens Orders	- <u>6,109,448.77</u>
<u>CASH ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2003</u>	<u>\$ 3,147,489.03</u>

Respectfully submitted

Paula S. Smith
Town Treasurer

Conservation Fund

Balance on Hand January 1, 2002	\$ 13,636.95
Interest	117.84
Deposits	6,287.04
Withdrawal	<u>-- 27.00</u>
Balance in Fund	\$ 20,014.83

Ambulance Replacement Fund

Deposits 02	10,000.00
Balance in Fund	10,000.00

Escrow Account N. Pembroke Road

Balance on Hand January 1, 2002	\$ 1,438.29
Interest	<u>13.49</u>
Balance in Fund	\$ 1,451.78

Escrow Account AM Builders

Balance on Hand January 1, 2002	\$ 10,213.60
Interest	<u>95.73</u>
Balance in Fund	\$ 10,309.33

Escrow Account Frank Merrill

Balance on Hand January 1, 2002	\$ 1,938.69
Interest	7.46
Deposits	2,000.00
Withdrawal 2002	<u>- 3,006.28</u>
Balance in Fund	\$ 939.87

Water Expansion for Fire Protection

Balance on Hand January 1, 2002	\$ 3,199.81
Interest	29.99
Balance in Fund	\$ 3,229.80

Escrow Account King's Grant

Balance on Hand January 1, 2002	\$ 11,704.79
Interest	<u>109.71</u>
Balance in Fund	\$ 11,814.50

Escrow Account ATC Realty

Balance on Hand January 1, 2002	\$ 637.58
Interest	<u>5.98</u>
Balance in Fund	\$ 643.56

Escrow Account Monty Subdivision

Balance on Hand January 1, 2002	\$ 10,331.49
Interest	<u>84.37</u>
Withdrawal 2002	<u>- 10415.86</u>
Balance in Fund	\$.00

Escrow Account Longley Sub (Goings) Engineering

Deposit 02	\$ 300.00
Interest	<u>2.04</u>
Balance in Fund	\$ 302.04

Escrow Account Conservation Reserve Fund

Deposit 02	\$ 20,858.66
Interest	<u>21.55</u>
Balance in Fund	\$ 22,122.43

Escrow Account C & D Realty

Deposit 02	\$ 6,700.00
Interest	13.25
Withdrawals	-- <u>6,700.00</u>
Balance in Fund	\$ 13.25

Escrow Account Mike Foot

Deposit 02	\$ 340.00
Interest	1.63
Withdrawal	-- <u>341.63</u>
Balance in Fund	\$.00

Escrow Account Wendo/Circle Storage

Deposit 02	\$ 1,340.00
Interest	2.44
Withdrawal	-- <u>1,342.44</u>
Balance in Fund	\$.00

NOTES

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE CITY/TOWN OF Epsom, NH

Please duplicate these pages if you need additional lines.

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND <small>Start with common trust funds</small>	Purpose of Trust	HOW INVESTED Bank, deposits, stocks, bond, etc. %	***PRINCIPAL***		
				Balance Beg. Of Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or Losses on Securities
1 1903	Cemeteries	Perpetual	1Yr.CD12/2/01-			
2 2002		Care	12/2/02	38,923.14	1,150.00	
2 1916	Library	Library	"	4,400.00		
3 1984	Lillian Morrison Est.	Town of Epsom	NH Invest. Public Pool	100,000.00	10,000.00	
4 1990	Lillian Morrison Est.	Fire Dept.	"	50,000.00		
5 1990	Lillian Morrison Est.	Police Dept.	"	50,000.00		
6	Total Trust Funds			243,323.14	11,150.00	
7	Capital Reserve					
8 1995	Library Bldg. Fund	Library	NH Invest. Public Pool	152,852.42		2,289.41
9 1997	Epsom Road Const.	Road Const.	"	66,934.51	240,000.00	2,162.45
10 1997	Library Book Fund	Library Books	"	21,851.60		327.30
11 1998	Epsom Reval Fund	Revaluation	"	11,546.29		172.85
12 1998	Epsom Fire Apparatus Fund	Fire Apparatus	"	2,061.29	32,000.00	31.77
13 2000	Epsom School Const. Renov.	Epsom School	"	157,019.64		2,351.83
14 2002	Bridge Capital Reserve	Bridge	"		10,000.00	.26
15 2002	Conservation Capital Res.	Conservation	"		10,000.00	.26
16	Total Capital Reserve			412,265.75	292,000.00	7,336.13
17 1996	Epsom School Dist.	Technology	Sav. Book Bank of NH	664.28		6.22
18 2000	Exp. General Cemeteries	NH Invest. Cemeteries	Public Pool	3,298.41		49.56
19 1990	Village Dist. Fund	Tank Maint.	1YR.CD12/4/01-12/4/02	45,974.12	2,000.00	917.96
20 1990	Village Dist. Fund	Water System	1 Yr.CD12/4/01-12/4/02	43,227.22		863.72
21	Total of All Funds			748,752.92	305,150.00	9,173.59

FOR YEAR ENDING December 31, 2002

PRINCIPAL		***INCOME***					GRAND TOTAL Principal & Income End of Year
Withdrawals	Balance End Of Year	Balance Beg. Of Year	Income During Year		Expended During Year	Balance End Of Year	
			%	Amount			
	40,073.14	4,525.70		829.60	960.70	4,394.60	44,467.74
	4,400.00			89.70	89.70		4,400.00
	110,000.00	26,882.95		1,960.38	880.00	27,963.33	137,963.33
	50,000.00	2,318.52		783.56		3,102.08	53,102.08
	50,000.00	3,498.85		801.12		4,299.97	54,299.97
	254,473.14	37,226.02		4,464.36	1,930.40	39,759.98	294,233.12
	155,141.83						155,141.83
133,943.79	175,153.17						175,153.17
	22,178.90						22,178.90
	11,719.14						11,719.14
	34,093.06						34,093.06
	159,371.47						159,371.47
	10,000.26						10,000.26
	10,000.26						10,000.26
133,943.79	577,658.09						577,658.09
	670.50						670.50
	3,347.97						3,347.97
	48,892.08						48,892.08
	44,090.94						44,090.94
133,943.79	929,132.72	37,226.02		4,464.36	1,930.40	39,759.98	968,892.70

2003 Zoning Ballet Questions

-Growth Management

Are you in favor of adopting an amendment to the Epsom Zoning Ordinances, which would create a comprehensive method of regulating growth of new year round residential units based on several factors and indicators?

Recommended by the Planning Board

-Sexually Orientated Business

Are you in favor of adopting an amendment to the Town's sexually orientated business ordinance clarifying that a Special Exception would be Required for such businesses?

Recommended by the Planning Board

-Severability

Are you in favor of adopting an amendment to the Epsom Zoning Ordinances that would allow all remaining ordinances to remain valid in the event that any section or provision is stricken as invalid or unenforceable?

Recommended by the Planning Board

-Temporary Signs

Are you in favor of adopting an amendment to the Epsom Zoning Ordinances, which would further regulate the use of temporary signs, by size, number and period during which they may be displayed?

Recommended by the Planning Board

Epsom Public Library

Annual Report 2002

Citizen use of library services increased again this year indicating an upward trend of readership and literacy for our town. The increase is attributed to the growth of the town's population, excellent information services, customer friendly atmosphere, a terrific collection, and the need for readily accessible information.

The library's three public access computers are utilized by students and adults for study, research, word processing and access to unique data bases. Through the statewide library system, of which Epsom is a member, citizens have easy access to the collections of every public library and college/university library in New Hampshire. In addition, data bases typically not available to home computer users are increasingly being used by town residents for information needs. Many individuals search for employment opportunities on the New Hampshire Department of Labor's data base accessible at the library.

The library's web site () is a popular service featuring new books and materials, news, children's programs, Book Discussion Group, historical collections and artifacts, upcoming events, business hours, links to Epsom history/genealogy and government. The site's web master is T.J. Rand who sees that information is always current. You may reach Mr. Rand at (webmaster@epsomlibrary.com).

Children's programming is now provided on a regular basis by Dale Gregory, our new Children's Librarian. Dale works ten hours per week for the Epsom Library and a similar amount of time at Loudon Public Library. Programs for children have included regular story time, arts/crafts, summer programming and special events. Story time at the Epsom Central School is also available as part of cooperative services for younger students. The Epsom Public School's initiative for improving the reading skills of students (Accelerated Reading Program) is fully supported by the Epsom Library. Reading materials have been purchased which enable students to continue to improve their reading skills after school, weekends and during school vacation. Library staff works closely with school officials to provide opportunities for children to improve their reading and critical thinking skills so essential for success in the information age. Mrs. Gregory encourages children, parents and teachers to contact her at 736-9920 or at (www.epl@metrocast.net), with suggestions or ideas for improving services for our youngest residents.

Books on tape are very popular for the commute to work and long trips. Many people productively use travel time for listening to new books. Feedback from citizens who have used books on tape is encouraging and positive. Similarly, our collection of videos is attractive to families and individuals for home entertainment at no cost.

Current fiction is a strong aspect of the library's offerings. Nancy Y. Claris, Library Director, constantly reviews and purchases the top adult fiction available on the market. She receives many compliments for her ability to keep the Epsom Library stocked with

the best fiction of the day. Individual requests for material not available at the moment are happily received and procured with minimal delay. Nancy also reviews and selects non-fiction materials which are current and of the highest quality.

The library building built when Epsom's population was 900+ residents does not have the space necessary to meet the needs of a community of 4,000+ residents growing larger each year. The Library Capital Improvement Account is publicly funded by local tax dollars each year and represents the Town's long range plan to build a library to meet the expanding and critically important information needs and literacy skills of the children, students and adults of Epsom in the 21st century. The practical strategy of placing a stated amount of funds each year in the Library Capitol Improvement Account will enable us to construct an adequate facility in the future. Currently the value of the account is \$155,141.83 and we encourage all voters to vote in the affirmative to add \$60,000 to the fund this year. Similar to a home mortgage the larger the down payment the smaller the monthly payment thereafter.

The Library Trustees sought and received a \$3,000 grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation to conduct a feasibility study to determine how much money could be raised privately for the new facility. The Committee is developing the details of a public/private partnership for the construction of the new Epsom Library utilizing a combination of a tax assessment plan and donations/gifts from private individuals. With the small annual tax assessment for the Library Capital Improvement Account combined with donations/gifts from private parties, current and future generations of Epsom citizens will be assured the opportunity of acquiring the competitive edge in the information age..

Finally, we would be remiss if the outstanding work of our volunteers was not mentioned. Day after day, out of their commitment to the Town of Epsom, these folks donate their time and energy to make our library operate efficiently and effectively. Many thanks are expressed to our volunteers for the gift of their time and abilities.

The services, staff and volunteers of the library are a source of pride for the people of Epsom. With a continuous record of 100 years as a local cultural resource, we look forward to our second century and a future of expanding knowledge and increased personal literacy for all of our citizens.

Harvey F. Harkness
Secretary
Library Trustees

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2002 EXPENDITURES VS. BUDGET

CATEGORY	BUDGETED	SPENT
Resources		
Books	\$12,000.00	\$13,502.62
Reference Books	\$1,200.00	\$1,192.06
Periodicals	\$1,200.00	\$1,107.44
Audio Books	\$1,200.00	\$1,334.84
Video	\$1,000.00	\$911.52
Technology	\$1,500.00	\$2,991.20
Total Resources	\$18,100.00	\$21,039.68
Maintenance		
Building Maintenance/Repairs	\$2,500.00	\$1,952.45
Utilities (phone, electric, water)	\$2,200.00	\$1,460.27
Fuel	\$850.00	\$840.57
Storage Rental Unit	\$1,200.00	\$1,140.00
Total Maintenance	\$6,750.00	\$5,393.29
Salaries		
Director	\$21,060.00	\$37,829.81
Librarian	\$4,536.00	\$0.00
Page	\$4,060.00	\$0.00
Clerk	\$6,460.00	\$0.00
Children's Services Librarian	\$3,420.00	\$0.00
Total Salaries	\$39,536.00	\$37,829.81
Social Security/Medicare	\$3,025.00	\$2,894.16
Other		
Programs	\$1,500.00	\$1,382.22
Supplies/Postage	\$2,000.00	\$2,384.49
Insurance	\$150.00	\$0.00
Professional	\$550.00	\$533.00
Miscellaneous	\$250.00	\$332.30
Total Other	\$4,450.00	\$4,632.01
TOTALS	\$71,861.00	\$71,788.95

NOTES

EPSOM PUBLIC LIBRARY

NON-LAPSING ACCOUNT

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$1,023.89
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INCOME

Donations	210.00
Fines	882.26
Non-residence Cards	20.00
Book Sales	65.30
Copy Machine	83.30
Magnets	13.75
Trust Fund	223.64
Transfer from Building Fund	900.00
Grants	3,350.00
Material Replacement	82.45
Rebate	5.00
Reimbursements	106.33

TOTAL	\$5,942.03
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EXPENDITURES

Architect fees	\$1,000.00
Books	1,489.20
Grant Expense	601.33
Programs	350.00
Copier Cartridge	129.98

TOTAL	\$3,570.98
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CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS

(Administered by Trustees of Epsom Trust Funds)

Epsom Public Library Building Account

Beginning Balance	\$152,852.42
Interest Earned	2,289.41
Ending Balance	155,141.83

Epsom Public Library Collection Account

Beginning Balance	\$ 21,851.60
Interest Earned	327.30
	22,178.90

TRUST FUNDS

(Administered by Trustees of Epsom Trust Funds)

Susan E. P. Forbes Trust	\$ 2,000.00
Mary E. Evans Trust	500.00
Charles S. Hall Trust	200.00
Warren Tripp Trust	200.00
May F. Brown Trust	500.00
Gilbert H. Knowles Trust	1,000.00
Earned Income	223.64

PRIVATE GIFTS AND DONATIONS

(Administered by Library Trustees)

Epsom Public Library Building Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 35,900.34
Contributions	100.00
Interest Earned	536.17
Withdrawals	900.00
Ending Balance	\$ 35,636.51

Memorial Fund

Jonathan Crafts Memorial CD (opened 8-1-98)	\$ 1,954.73
Memorial CD (opened 5-1-98)	5,589.53

EPSOM PUBLIC LIBRARY

COLLECTION

Books	
Adult	9,685
Juvenile	6,609
Reference	556
Total Books	16,850
Audio Recordings	264
Audio Books	
Cassette	467
CD	6
Video	403
Periodical Subscriptions	40
Public Use Computers	3

CIRCULATION

Adult	6,125
Juvenile	4,192
Periodicals	1,752
Audio	1,223
Video	2,155
Tickets	24
Computer Use	164
Total	15,635

INTERLIBRARY LOAN

Loaned	355
Borrowed	200

MEMORIAL BOOKS

Mortal Prey by John Sandford given in memory of *Anne Jensen* by the Epsom Woman's Club, Tasha Tudor's Garden by Tovah Martin, The Soul of Vermont by Richard Brown and A Time to Blossom Tovah Martin given in memory of *Marjorie Gauthier* by Brenda Joziatis.

Jeanette Winslow	Librarian	Barbara Bristol	Clerk
Brenda Levesque	Page	Barbara Harkness	Clerk
Dale Gregory	Children's Services	Nancy Claris	Director

EPSOM POLICE DEPARTMENT
2002 ANNUAL REPORT

POLICE CHIEF

Henry L. Farrin Jr.

SECRETARY

Gail Quimby

SUPERVISOR

Corporal Wayne B. Preve

ANIMAL CONTROL

Lisa Cote

FULL TIME PATROLMEN

Officer Brian Michael

Officer Keith Yeaton

Officer Charles Goodale

PART TIME OFFICER

Detective Robert Hill

It is with pleasure and honor I present to the Citizens of Epsom, the Police Department's 2002 Annual Report.

The year of 2002 brought about some changes within the police department. We added one additional full-time patrolman to the force, which has allowed us to increase our hours of coverage and allow for more detailed investigations.

With the implementation of a Part-time Detective position, we were able to better serve and investigate criminal matters, which led to the arrest and conviction on several felony matters. This position also enabled the patrol force to spend more time on actual patrol rather than investigating.

Once again we were busy, showing increases in criminal cases, arrests, and motor vehicle stops, these items are outlined on the following pages.

The department would like to thank the community, and the Board of Selectmen for another positive year for the Town of Epsom and our citizens.

Respectfully,

Henry L. Farrin Jr.
Chief of Police



Accident Statistics By Time of Day

	<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUE</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THR</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
1 AM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 AM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 AM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 AM	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
5 AM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 AM	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	3
7 AM	1	4	2	2	0	1	0	10
8 AM	1	1	2	2	3	1	1	11
9 AM	2	0	2	1	1	1	0	7
10 AM	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	5
11 AM	2	0	0	1	2	0	1	6
12 PM	1	3	1	1	4	0	1	11
1 PM	3	2	0	0	1	1	2	9
2 PM	2	0	2	3	1	2	0	10
3 PM	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	5
4 PM	1	2	1	4	0	3	0	11
5 PM	0	1	6	3	0	2	2	14
6 PM	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	4
7 PM	3	0	0	1	2	2	0	8
8 PM	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	4
9 PM	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	5
10 PM	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
11 PM	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
12 AM	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTALS	22	20	19	25	16	19	8	129

Accident Particulars

	<u>Occurrence(s)</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Average posted speed at the accident scene		40 MPH
Occurred at On-ramps	0	0.0
Occurred at Off-ramps	0	0.0
Occurred at an intersection	33	25.6
Occurred at a rotary	22	17.1
Occurred on a one lane road/highway	2	1.6
Occurred on a two lane road/highway	80	62.0
Occurred on a three lane road/highway	14	10.9
Occurred on a four lane road/highway	1	0.8
Occurred on other number of lanes	32	24.8
Involved OUI violation(s)	1	0.8
Photos were taken	35	27.1
Measurements were taken	4	3.1
Investigation took place	70	54.3

Citation Analysis by Day Time

From: 01/01/2002 Thru: 12/31/2002

<u>Time</u>	<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUE</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THR</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
12 AM	37	2	3	11	13	29	31	126
1	22	4	5	12	11	13	16	83
2	20	1	0	8	9	11	10	59
3	4	0	0	5	10	4	8	31
4	5	0	0	8	7	10	3	33
5	1	0	2	13	20	25	9	70
6	6	0	20	10	13	18	9	76
7	21	13	34	20	20	16	6	130
8	23	17	28	14	14	19	24	139
9	25	15	37	7	10	17	34	145
10	34	20	7	11	5	11	22	110
11	26	12	6	9	6	10	22	91
12 PM	33	7	14	14	12	7	21	108
1	33	24	13	15	15	13	25	138
2	37	9	15	13	10	12	37	133
3	31	10	6	20	7	19	22	115
4	26	19	21	34	45	78	25	248
5	29	22	29	37	43	70	20	250
6	27	24	27	22	32	51	41	224
7	37	21	27	22	34	63	28	232
8	27	30	30	27	23	28	37	202
9	35	25	53	38	27	47	39	264
10	25	21	27	36	28	43	37	217
11	19	12	16	23	31	60	64	225
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>583</u>	<u>308</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>429</u>	<u>445</u>	<u>674</u>	<u>590</u>	<u>3449</u>

01/10/2003

Arrests By Time of Day

	<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUE</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THR</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
1 AM	3		1	1	1	2	1	9
2 AM	4		2	3			2	11
3 AM	5			1		8	4	18
4 AM					2			2
5 AM	1			2	1		1	5
6 AM		1		1			4	6
7 AM			1	1		1		3
8 AM	1		1		1	1	2	6
9 AM	2			1	2	1		6
10 AM	1	2			1	1	3	8
11 AM	2	1	1		2			6
12 PM				1	3	1		5
1 PM	1		1		2		1	5
2 PM	1		3	2	3	2		11
3 PM	6		1				3	10
4 PM	2	1	1		1	3	1	9
5 PM		1	1	2	4		7	15
6 PM		2		4	1	4	3	14
7 PM		2	1	4	4	7	2	20
8 PM	1	2	2	2	2	3	2	14
9 PM	3	1	3	2	3	3	7	22
10 PM	3	7	1	5	4	5	8	33
11 PM		3	1		5	8	3	20
12 AM	4				7	3	9	23
TOTALS	<u>40</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>281</u>

01/10/2003

Incidents By Time of Day

	<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUE</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THR</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
1 AM	13		1	9	8	11	8	50
2 AM	12		2	9	6	5	10	44
3 AM	10			10	4	3	9	36
4 AM	6		1	6	7	2	6	28
5 AM	3			6	4	3	3	19
6 AM	2	2	6	11	3	3	7	34
7 AM	6	9	11	11	10	12	10	69
8 AM	17	14	8	13	12	7	17	88
9 AM	15	14	19	11	20	20	30	129
10 AM	19	21	20	16	17	20	23	136
11 AM	30	20	19	23	26	16	19	153
12 PM	15	18	14	14	14	20	15	110
1 PM	16	18	15	24	19	11	32	135
2 PM	12	12	16	16	15	14	20	105
3 PM	17	39	25	37	32	27	33	210
4 PM	24	30	25	21	27	25	24	176
5 PM	27	30	30	37	37	22	22	205
6 PM	17	32	29	29	25	23	20	175
7 PM	22	25	25	16	25	30	26	169
8 PM	29	21	22	19	13	31	17	152
9 PM	21	21	14	22	20	21	35	154
10 PM	14	27	17	15	15	16	18	122
11 PM	8	16	11	14	15	27	22	113
12 AM	14	4	4	13	6	13	11	65
TOTALS	369	373	334	402	380	382	437	2677

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

Pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 466:16 entitled "Returns", the following is a summary from the warrant for unlicensed dogs in the Town of Epsom:

200 dogs were listed on the warrant.

71 Civil Forfeitures were physically issued.

Of the 71 Civil Forfeitures issued:

103 dogs were licensed.

33 dogs were moved or deceased

12 dogs were non-residents, duplicates or no status.

14 Civil Forfeitures have expired and are currently in the custody of the Epsom Police Department, possible awaiting a summons to Court.

Total Civil Forfeiture income \$1,425.00

Total Monthly late fee income\$ 163.00

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Cote
Animal Control

**Epsom Fire Department
1714 Dover Road
Epsom, New Hampshire 03234**

2002 Fire and Rescue Departments Reports 2002

Both the Epsom Fire Department and Rescue Squad experienced several changes during this past year. Due to a decrease in the availability of our volunteers within the department, we found it necessary to hire a fourth, full-time firefighter. This position was filled by Matthew Cole, who also brought with him the qualifications of a paramedic. Now having established four full-time fire and rescue employees, this allows our department to provide the Town of Epsom with 96 hours of full-time coverage.

This spring we were given the opportunity to purchase a Mercedes-Benz Unimog, which is an all-wheel drive, off-road forestry truck. We were only able to make this acquisition with funds from the Fire Department Association and accrued interest from the Lillian Morrison Account. This vehicle will continue to help us gain access to brush fires etc. that are non-accessible via regular fire department apparatus. It has replaced our old Forestry Truck which was nearly 50 years old.

Through the Concord Hospital Community Outreach Program, we were able to exchange our 4-lead EKG machine for a new 12-lead EKG machine. This new 12-lead machine now affords us the capability to fax EKG readings directly to Concord Hospital via the telephone in both the ambulance and on the scene of the emergency. Therefore, our paramedics on the scene now have the ability to administer specific drugs, etc. via the direction of the Emergency Room doctor. This time-saving piece of equipment is a significant advancement to the Town of Epsom.

We are continually working on bettering our 911 Emergency Address System. This is where, you, our residents can do your part in making certain that your specific house numbers are clearly visible from the street via both directions so our emergency response services can locate your residence as quickly as possible at your time of need.

Captain Matthew Moulton achieved the status of paramedic this year through extensive training and dedication by committing his own personal time and energies. I would like to take this opportunity to both recognize and thank Matt for his dedication and achievement which has greatly benefited our community.

After 25 years of service and commitment to both the Fire Department and Rescue Squad, we had to bid farewell to one of our more dedicated and highly emergency-educated personnel, Alana Mitchell. She is now residing in Florida and as we all expected, she continues to work professionally in the Emergency Medical field. Therefore, it was a

bittersweet goodbye but we know that another community is benefiting from her expertise which truly makes us all very proud.

One of the most recent building projects completed was the re-roofing of the Fire Station. We knew this was a necessary undertaking in order to protect the building. Therefore, we are pleased that this project was accomplished within this budget year.

As Fire Chief, I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all those who were involved with the memorial services conducted at the Epsom Elementary School and at the American Legion Post on September 11th, 2002. Obviously, none of us will ever forget September 11, 2001, so it was with extreme humbleness that we, as firefighters and rescue members, were again recognized as "heroes" when, in fact, we are just following our passion that allows us to assist those in their time of emergency.

Therefore, when the Epsom Fire and Rescue were recognized as "Citizens of the Year" at Old Home Day this year, the pride and respect which I carried with me to accept this plaque on behalf of all of the members would be impossible to put into words. I'm extremely proud of our Department and all those who have taken the time to support all of our efforts as we continue to better the services to our Town of Epsom.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. Stewart Yeaton
Chief, Epsom Fire Department

Epsom Fire & Rescue

Alarm Time Analysis

Alarm Date Between {01/01/2002} And {12/31/2002}

Alarm Hour	Count	Percent
00:00	18	2.1%
01:00	13	1.5%
02:00	21	2.5%
03:00	18	2.1%
04:00	16	1.9%
05:00	11	1.3%
06:00	28	3.3%
07:00	36	4.3%
08:00	42	5.0%
09:00	40	4.8%
10:00	45	5.4%
11:00	56	6.7%
12:00	38	4.6%
13:00	53	6.4%
14:00	45	5.4%
15:00	53	6.4%
16:00	45	5.4%
17:00	50	6.0%
18:00	48	5.8%
19:00	34	4.1%
20:00	28	3.3%
21:00	36	4.3%
22:00	30	3.6%
23:00	21	2.5%

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Epsom Fire & Rescue

Incident Type Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between {01/01/2002} And {12/31/2002}

Incident Type		Count	Percent
1 Fire			
100	Fire, Other	2	0.24 %
111	Building fire	11	1.33 %
112	Fires in structures other than in a building	2	0.24 %
113	Cooking fire, confined to container	3	0.36 %
114	Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	5	0.60 %
121	Fire in mobile home used as fixed residence	1	0.12 %
131	Passenger vehicle fire	4	0.48 %
142	Brush, or brush and grass mixture fire	7	0.84 %
143	Grass fire	1	0.12 %
150	Outside rubbish fire, Other	1	0.12 %
		37	4.48 %
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents			
321	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	428	51.87 %
322	Vehicle accident with injuries	34	4.12 %
323	Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	2	0.24 %
352	Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1	0.12 %
381	Rescue or EMS standby	1	0.12 %
		466	56.48 %
4 Hazardous Conditions (No fire)			
412	Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	5	0.60 %
413	Oil or other combustible liquid spill	2	0.24 %
421	Chemical hazard (no spill or leak)	1	0.12 %
424	Carbon monoxide incident	5	0.60 %
440	Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	2	0.24 %
441	Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn	2	0.24 %
442	Overheated motor	1	0.12 %
443	Light ballast breakdown	1	0.12 %
444	Power line down	36	4.36 %
445	Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1	0.12 %
460	Accident, potential accident, Other	14	1.69 %
461	Building or structure weakened or collapsed	1	0.12 %
463	Vehicle accident, general cleanup	59	7.15 %
		130	15.75 %
5 Service Call			
500	Service Call, Other	1	0.12 %

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Epsom Fire & Rescue

Incident Type Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between {01/01/2002} And {12/31/2002}

Incident Type	Count	Percent
511 Lock-out	1	0.12 %
520 Water problem, Other	2	0.24 %
521 Water evacuation	4	0.48 %
522 Water or steam leak	3	0.36 %
531 Smoke or odor removal	4	0.48 %
542 Animal rescue	2	0.24 %
551 Assist police or other governmental agency	1	0.12 %
553 Public service	9	1.09 %
554 Assist invalid	7	0.84 %
561 Unauthorized burning	25	3.03 %
571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup	8	0.96 %
	67	8.12 %

6 Good Intent Call

611 Dispatched & canceled en route	7	0.84 %
621 Wrong location	6	0.72 %
631 Authorized controlled burning	11	1.33 %
632 Prescribed fire	2	0.24 %
650 Steam, Other gas mistaken for smoke, Other	1	0.12 %
651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	4	0.48 %
652 Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	1	0.12 %
671 Hazmat release investigation w/ no hazmat	1	0.12 %
	33	4.00 %

7 False Alarm & False Call

700 False alarm or false call, Other	1	0.12 %
715 Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	1	0.12 %
731 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1	0.12 %
733 Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	4	0.48 %
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	5	0.60 %
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	10	1.21 %
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	3	0.36 %
744 Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	2	0.24 %
745 Alarm system sounded, no fire - unintentional	63	7.63 %
	90	10.90 %

8 Severe Weather & Natural Disaster

814 Lightning strike (no fire)	2	0.24 %
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Total Incident Count: 825

**EPSOM FIRE AND RESCUE
AMBULANCE
BILLING REPORT**

January 11, 2003

Billing period of 01/01/02 to 12/31/02

TOTAL BILLED FOR 2002	\$145,412.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED	\$103,400.94
AMOUNT ADJUSTED	\$ 40,507.49
AMOUNT OUTSTANDING	\$ 32,898.07

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate and coordinate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ALL outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for all outside burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding areas) is completely covered with snow. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail, plus suppression cost.

A new law effective January 1, 2003 prohibits residential trash burning (RSA 125-N). Contact New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services at (800) 498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information

Help us to protect you and our forest resources. Most New Hampshire wildfires are human caused. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around the house and make sure that the house number is correct and visible. Contact your fire department or the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands at www.nhdf.org or 271-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES

2002 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires Reported thru November 10, 2002)

TOTALS BY COUNTY

	<u># of Fires</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Belknap	52	13.5
Carroll	80	10.5
Cheshire	39	17
Coos	3	2.5
Grafton	53	21
Hillsborough	108	54.5
Merrimack	94	13.5
Rockingham	60	25.5
Strafford	31	23
Sullivan	20	6

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson/Suspicious	43
Campfire	31
Children	32
Smoking	32
Rekindle of Permit	3
Illegal	7
Lightning	36
Misc *	356

(*Misc: powerlines, fireworks, railroad, ashes, debris, structures, equipment.)

	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
2002	540	187
2001	942	428
2000	516	149



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2002 ANNUAL REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following report is prepared for the Capital Area Fire Compact's Board of Directors as a general summary of activities for the calendar year 2002.

The Compact provides service to its eighteen member communities encompassing 644 square miles of area with a resident population of 104,327. Mutual aid response is given to and received from several other communities and mutual aid districts. Delivery of emergency service varies daily by community, based on tourism, special events, weather, and commercial activity.

Fire and Emergency Medical dispatch service is provided by the City of Concord Fire Department's Communications Center under the direction of dispatch supervisor Lieutenant Ernest Petrin. The number of dispatched incidents in 2002 was 14,579, a slight increase from 2001. A detailed report by community is attached.

The Chief Coordinator responded to ninety-seven mutual aid incidents, and handles the administrative functions of the Compact. He participates on several state and regional committees, including Hazardous Materials, NH Federation of Mutual Aids, NH Association of Fire Chiefs, Forest Fire Wardens Associations, and others. He continues to be an active member of several committees under the NH Office of Emergency Management addressing Emergency Operations and Communications Planning in light of on-going terrorist threats.

The Compact operated with a 2002 budget appropriation of \$ 537,707. All Compact operations, including dispatch service, are provided through this budget. Funding by the member communities is based on a combination of property values and population.

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The following members served the Compact in 2002 in the following positions:

President:	Chief H. Dana Abbott, Bow
Vice President:	Chief Paul Welcome, Webster
Secretary:	Past Chief Peter Russell, Hopkinton
Treasurer:	Firefighter John R. Burton, Bow
Chief Coordinator:	Chief Richard E. Wright, Loudon
Executive Committee:	Chief H. Dana Abbott, Pres., Bow Chief Paul Welcome, V. Pres., Webster Chief Richard Brown, Warner Chief Leonard Deane, Pittsfield Chief Harold Paulsen, Pembroke Chief Edwin Bowne, Salisbury
Dispatch Committee Chair:	Chief Harold Paulsen, Pembroke
Training Committee Chair:	Asst. Chief Richard Pistey, Bow
Central NH HazMat Team Chief:	Captain David Hackett, Concord Fire Dept.

The Dispatch Committee under the direction of Chief Paulsen continues to assist with CAD issues, and works with dispatch to provide current dispatch data. The Compact provided funding for updated dispatcher training at Concord by our CAD contractor.

Assistant Chief Dick Pistey and the Compact Training Committee assisted all departments in hosting mutual aid training exercises. Drills were held throughout the Compact practicing fire suppression and safety, emergency medical and mass casualty, and specialized areas concerning hazardous materials. All drills utilize the Incident Command System, personnel accountability, and safety procedures. We appreciate the effort, time, and expertise that the Training Committee contributes to the Compact.



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The Central New Hampshire HazMat Team, comprised of Capital Area and Lakes Region members continues to train bi-weekly and responds to 53 communities in our combined coverage area. The team operates with three response units and will welcome personnel interested in joining, training, and operating with the team. We extend our thanks and appreciation to all team members for their willingness to respond to these emergencies. We continue to apply for and use grant funding to perform data collection of hazardous materials inventories reported by facilities in our operating area.

We encourage all departments to send representatives and actively participate in all Compact meetings. Your input is needed on all issues and your members need to be informed of Compact activities and planning.

Thanks to all departments for your great cooperation.

Please contact any Compact officer or the Chief Coordinator if we may be of assistance.

Dick Wright, Chief Coordinator
CAPITAL AREA FIRE COMPACT

cc: Fire Chiefs
Boards of Selectmen

01/15/2003



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January 16, 2003

The following incident totals have been compiled for the year 2002, for the Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact communities:

Town	Square Miles	2002 Est. Population	2001 Incidents	2002 Incidents	% Change
Allentown	20.4	4,934	677	633	- 6%
Boscawen	24.4	3,662	212	194	- 8%
Bow	31.6	7,277	683	795	+ 16%
Bradford	35.6	1,484	238	251	+ 5%
Canterbury	44.8	2,036	219	245	+ 12%
Chichester	21.8	2,335	324	373	+ 15%
Concord	65.5	41,116	6369	6318	- 1%
Dunbarton	31.9	2,315	219	212	- 3%
Epsom	33.9	4,184	859	825	- 4%
HazMat Team	N/A		41	9	- 78%
Henniker	44.3	4,554	649	662	+ 2%
Hopkinton	44.4	5,484	944	934	- 1%
Loudon	46.4	4,617	528	613	+ 16%
Northwood	29.7	3,708	492	501	+ 2%
Pembroke	22.7	6,989	363	359	- 1%
Penacook Rescue	N/A		424	532	+ 25%
Pittsfield	24.2	4,035	631	580	- 8%
Salisbury	39.6	1,165	90	115	+ 28%
Warner	55.1	2,802	294	307	+ 4%
Webster	28.2	1,630	129	121	- 6%
Totals	644.5	104,327	14,385	14,579	+ 1%

Population Estimates based on 2001 OSP NH Population Estimates.

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WEBSTER

PLANNING BOARD 2002 REPORT

The Planning Board has had a productive and busy year. The pressure of growth from southern New Hampshire has impacted Merrimack County and in particular communities in the Capital Region. This past year Epsom has had a number of decisions to make regarding large housing developments, home businesses, individual home construction, and other request for development.

The Board has begun to make revisions in the zoning and subdivision regulations as set in the Master Plan. The Plan has provided the basis for long range planning for the future of our town. The direction set by the Plan is based on extensive community involvement, public meetings and the work of many communities. Approval of the Master Plan now makes the Town eligible for a variety of federal and state funding sources.

The Board sought and received a grant from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation and the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission to conduct a study of conditions on Route 4 from the Chichester town line to the traffic circle. The Information from the study has informed us of traffic, safety and other issues to be dealt with presently and in the future.

Planning Board members worked on the development of the Hazardous Mitigation Report under the able leadership of Deborah Black, Town Emergency Management Director. The report provides the basis for plans necessary in case of an emergency affecting the town or portions thereof.

Throughout the year members have given generously of their time to maintain and improve the quality of life in Epsom. Without the contributions of these volunteers, we would not be able to complete the required work of the Board.

I would like to thank Connie Catanese and Charles Cosseboom who are not running for reelection this year. Connie chaired the Planning Board for a number of years; served as Chair of the Master Plan Committee. Both Connie and Chuck have been instrumental in ensuring Epsom remains a great place to live. Their knowledge and skills will be missed.

Not to be forgotten are the remaining Board members who have given their time and abilities to make Epsom a better community.

Respectfully submitted

Elizabeth A. Bosiak, Chairman

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 2002 REPORT

The Board of Adjustment was established through the adoption of the zoning ordinances and given the powers to 1) hear and decide appeals due to administrative decisions, 2) issue "special use permit" for junk yard use, 3) grant "special exceptions" to the terms of the zoning ordinances and 4) grant waivers to the zoning ordinances by "variance". The appeals for an administrative decision are commonly the result of non-issuance of a building permit due to interpretation of the zoning ordinances by the administrative officer or land use board such as the Zoning Compliance Officer, Planning Board and/or the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Adjustment consists of five appointed members, three alternate appointed members and a secretary. All Board members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen and serve in a three-year voluntary position. The Board meets only when specific application/appeal is submitted and operates under bylaws as established by the Board.

During this past year, the Board of Adjustment processed seven (7) applications for various appeals to the zoning ordinances and held eight (8) Public Hearings concerning these appeals. The zoning appeals consisted of the review of a joint agreement with the Board of Selectmen and the Epsom Bible Church for the discontinuance of the former Black Hall Road Extension, four (4) special exceptions, and three (3) variances. Summaries of these appeals are as follows:

<u>CASE NO. (MONTH)</u>	<u>APPLICANT (OWNER)</u>	<u>TAX MAP (LOT NO.)</u>	<u>APPEAL TYPE</u>	<u>APPEAL DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>APPEAL DECISION</u>
2002-01 (February)	Epsom Bible Church	U-04 (31)	Variance Agreement	Discontinuance of Black Hall Road with land use guarantees as permitted by Ordinance in affect as of 12/31/01. Valid only through 3/31/07.	Approved
2002-02 (April)	Robert & Antoinette Esposito	U-01 (13A)	Special Exception	Operation of Bed & Breakfast (NH Rte 107)	Approved
2002-03 (June)	David Larabee	U-05 (28)	Special Exception	Expansion of com. business on parcel with less than two acres (Epsom Traffic Circle)	Denied
Rehearing 2002-03 (September)	David Larabee	U-05 (28)	Special Exception	Reconsideration of expansion of com.. business use on parcel with less than two acres (Epsom Traffic Circle)	Approved

EPSOM BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
2002

<u>CASE NO.</u> <u>(MONTH)</u>	<u>APPLICANT</u> <u>(OWNER)</u>	<u>TAX MAP</u> <u>(LOT No.)</u>	<u>APPEAL</u> <u>TYPE</u>	<u>APPEAL</u> <u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>APPEAL</u> <u>DECISION</u>
2002-04 (May)	Charles Murphy	R-14 (6-03)	Variance	Two-family residential use on parcel with less than two acres (North Road)	Approved (for family use only)
2002-05 (June)	Ensco Media (Harold Maloney) [M&M Ford]	U-05 (47-1)	Special Exception	Advertisement sign with 50 sq. ft. per side and 25 ft. high (NH Rte 28, North)	Approved
2002-06 (August)	George Murray	R-02 (71)	Variance	Two-family residential use on parcel with less than two acres (New Rye Road)	Denied
2002-07 (December)	Paul Provencher (John Kelly)	U-17 (29)	Variance	Commercial Sales and Service of motorized vehicles in residential zone (NH Rte 28, South)	Approved

Of the cases decided during 2002, the Board received one request for rehearing on the Board's prior decision. The request for rehearing was made for Case 2002-03 (Larabee). The Board granted the request for rehearing and ultimately approved the appeal with conditions that an engineering access study be completed during Site Plan Review with Epsom Planning Board. The Board had concerns as to the alterations of driveway access within the traffic circle.

In the previous year (2001), the Board upheld the administrative decisions for the denial of the building and driveway permits to Mr. John Woodworth (Case 2001-04) by the Zoning Compliance Officer and Road Agent. After exhausting his appeals through the Board, Mr. Woodworth brought legal action in 2002 against the Board's decision to the Merrimack Superior Court. The Superior Court consolidated this appeal with the unresolved variance denial for Case 2000-12. The Superior Court remanded the case back to the Board of Adjustment due to a technical error in the meeting notification to property owner for one of the many public hearing. Mr. Woodworth withdrew his application prior to the Board rescheduling the new hearing.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation to the Board of Adjustment members and Board secretary for their dedication and commitment throughout this past year. As shown by the Board's decisions made throughout this past year, their volunteered service continues to provide an essential "safety value" for the citizens of Epsom to appeal zoning and land use issues. While the Board's decisions can be emotionally difficult and trying at times, a solid understanding of the regulations remains an important ingredient for making these decisions in combination with good common sense. As a resident of this community, I truly appreciate their thankless efforts and hours of dedication.

Respectfully submitted by,
Keith A. Cota, Chairman

WELFARE

RSA 165:1 says, in part, that whenever a person in any town is poor and unable to support himself, he shall be relieved and maintained by the overseer of public welfare of such town.

Any person can submit a written application for assistance, but not all applications are approved and not all applicants are given assistance.

In 2002, 52 written applications for assistance were submitted; 8 applicants were not eligible to receive town assistance. The applications remaining were approved and the Town of Epsom rendered assistance for basic needs. Of the applicants who received assistance, there were:

- 18 two parent households
- 11 single parent households
- 57 children
- 15 households without children
- 16 people disabled
- 5 senior citizens

One single parent is in school part time and working full time.

Affordable housing continues to be scarce. Many people who rent are being confronted with increasing rents, but are receiving minimal wage increases, making it difficult for them to keep up with the needs of their families.

The number of medical bills is increasing as people are in jobs that do not offer medical insurance or they are not able to afford their contribution to the medical insurance.

Many thanks to the people in Epsom who contributed food and gifts for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Your generosity has touched many lives in a favorable way. You can know that your sacrifices have made a significant difference in the lives of those children and families you sponsored.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia L. Hickey
Welfare Administrator

EPSOM ZONING COMPLIANCE OFFICER REPORT

2002

The Selectmen appointed Arthur Lund as my assistant in early September. He will assist in code enforcement and fill in for me when I'm out of town. He should be on a full work schedule in January of 2003.

Two mobile homes were replaced in parks with new ones and two mobile homes with Single Family Structures on private lots.

There are many changes being made with fees and fines. So if you have any doubts or questions please call before you do anything. We try very hard to answer all calls within 24 hours.

The following is a breakdown of Zoning Permits for the year 2002:

Single Family Residence	38
Residential Additions	22
Mobile Homes	11
Commercial Improvements	1
Sheds	24
Decks & Porches	32
Garages	21
Barns	5
Occupancy Permits	37
Seasonal Business	2
Renewals	6
Swimming Pools	21
Commercial Business	1
Commercial Buildings (Rebuilt from Fire)	1
Sign Permits	15
Signal Towers-2 Antenna Permits 1-Building add.	3
In Home Business	1
Major Single Family Home Renovations	1
Temporary Sign Permits	15
Bed & Breakfast	1
Modular Class Room for School	1

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred G. Bickford
Zoning Compliance Officer

EPSOM ZONING COMPLIANCE FEES

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 13, 2003

BUILDING PERMITS

Single Family House/Mobile Home on a Private	\$725.00
Duplex	\$725.00 Plus \$25.00/Unit
Apartment Building	\$725.00 Plus \$25.00/Unit
Commercial Building	\$750.00 Plus \$25.00/Unit
Mobile Home in a Mobile Home Park	\$200.00
Additions/Dormers – Residential/Commercial	\$50.00 Up to 50% of Current Square Footage \$75.00 From 51% and Up of Current Square Footage
Decks – Shed – Pools	\$40.00
Barns	\$60.00
Garages	\$40.00

BUSINESS PERMITS

In Commercial Units	\$40.00/Unit
Single Building (Garage/Residence, Etc.)	\$100.00
Seasonal Business	\$25.00
Renewal Fee for Building Permit for one (1) Additional Year (Only One Renewal Allowed)	\$20.00

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY \$25.00

SIGNS

Permanent	\$50.00
Temporary (Thirty (30) Days Only)	\$25.00
Renewal for Temporary Sign (An Additional Thirty (30) Days Only) One (1) Renewal in an Calendar Year	\$25.00
Temporary-Agriculture (Vegetables, Trees, Etc.)	\$15.00
Municipal (Fire, Police, Municipal School)	No Fee

Epsom Health Officer Report

December, 2002

The Health Officer addressed the following items for the Town of Epsom.

Date	Contact Person	Address phone #	Nature of Concern	Resolution
ec 12/02	Sara McGregor	778-3906	Requesting Permit Prep List Dragon Mosquito Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No answer, left detailed message with phone numbers, home and office
ec.14/02	Sara McGregor ;	778-3906	Requesting Permit Prep List Dragon Mosquito Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No answer, left detailed message with phone numbers, home and office Reviewed GIS maps of Epsom housing and catch basin locations Identified wetland areas Studied areas of highest population density (young or old) residents (schools and homes for the elderly)
ec18/02	Chief Farrin	e-mail	Info on Dragon Mosquito	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sent info on where to locate Sara McGregor, was returned and resent Waiting to hear from Chief Farrin
ec23/02	Chief Farrin	e-mail	Dragon ~ Follow-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stratham PD: Dragon Mosquito still in business
ec 26/02	Louise Hannon (HO Liaison)	Phone call	Advisory on Norwalk virus in homes for elderly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some homes currently have 10% of residents infected
ec 30/02	Sara McGregor	Dragon Mosquito		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> called Sara's home phone and left detailed instructions obtained proposal from BOS meeting Jan 6/03

Cec Curran
Health Officer
Town of Epsom

Deputy Health Officer

June 21,2003 – September 9,2003

Processed the following for West Nile Virus:

4 – Dead Crows

1 – Small Bird

All tested no sign of West Nile Virus

1- To many animals in Mobile Home

1- Old swimming pool-Stagnant water –Mosquito Control

4- Sewage System failures

1- Inspected Foster Family Care Unit.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred G. Bickford

EPSOM ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE - ROAD AGENT REPORT 2002

In 2002 the Epsom Highway Department continued its multi-year plan to ditch all town roads. 14 miles of roadway were ditched and included Briarwood Drive, Carriage Hill Road, Center Hill Road, Chestnut Pond Road, Colonial Drive, Lantern Lane, Mt. Delight Road, New Orchard Road, New Rye Road, the lower portion of North Road, River Road, and Swamp Road. Material was added to the 1.3 mile long gravel section of New Orchard Road, and to River Road. Culverts were replaced on Chestnut Pond Road, Center Hill Road, New Orchard Road, North Road and in the Thompson Subdivision. The end of New Orchard Road at Route 4 was re-paved and the banks at the intersection were sloped back to provide better visibility. The pavement on Windymere Drive was ground and then re-paved. The roads in the Thompson Subdivision - Carriage Hill Road, Colonial Drive, Briarwood Drive and Lantern Lane, were also ground and re-paved.

During the summer the elected Road Agent resigned to pursue other opportunities. An Interim Road Agent was hired to serve until the March 2003 election. However, that person chose not to complete his probationary period and resigned in December.

The plans for road work in 2003 are in progress and include continuation of the ditching program and the addition of material to more miles of gravel road.

Respectfully submitted,

The Epsom Roads Advisory Committee

Town of Epsom Swimming Lessons 2002

Congratulations to the 117 youth who participated in Epsom's American Red Cross Swimming Lessons. The good weather and warm water allowed many students to improve their swimming and safety skills with each lesson.

We would also like to thank the dedicated instructors, Sonia Noyes (an instructor for 35 years in the program), Sandy Keller, Holly Noyes, Harriet Werner and Alison Parodi. Matt Allen, Kassy Keller, Jimmy Hering, and Abram Keller are aides and they are a great help assisting with the program.

Many students passed the levels they were enrolled in. Joel Yeaton and Tim Riel passed the top level (Level VII) showing stroke proficiency, safety skills and endurance. Congratulations!

We encourage parents to enroll their children in a Learn to Swim Program. Join us next summer, the last 2 full weeks of July at Northwood Beach.

WEBSTER PARK OVERVIEW FOR 2002

We started out 2002 with the Friends of Webster Park replacing the playground area with improvements and equipment for a safer environment for the children. Thanks to Advance Paving for their equipment, materials, manpower, a lot of volunteers and the organizing of the Friends of Webster Park. The job was a huge success with more improvements to follow in future years. Also we would like to thank Concord Electric for donating their time and equipment to move the pole from the middle of the playground to the outside edge. The Girl Scouts of Epsom completed a nature trail, with a nature walk for all to enjoy down by the river. We were able to have a streetlight installed at the swimming area for better lighting in the swimming parking lot. The port-a-potty building, near the Pavilion area has the two separate potty units installed for use including one handicap facility. Also installed were four barbecue grills around the park for cookouts, which were used this season.

We had many reservations for the season, which included ball games, weddings and receptions, family reunions, birthday parties among the few to mention.

We are in the process of upgrading the electrical & water in the park including the concession stand, bandstand, gazebo, pavilion and port-a-potty areas with new buried feed lines. We would like to thank Fred Charlton (Master Electrician for overseeing in his spare time) the electrical system and Bobcat of New England for the use of a Bobcat for two days to bury the trunk lines. Building improvements will be the concession stand. It will be worked on after the reservation season is over and we can shut the power and water systems down to do the upgrades necessary. We will be completing the tasks in early spring 2003 before the park reopens for a new year. We will also be working on repairing/replacing electrical light poles throughout the park area increasing the lighting availability.

We would like to thank Ivan Rutherford for his undying devotion to the grounds keeping donations of equipment and labor for so many years.

Epsom Conservation Commission Report 2002

In 2002 the Epsom Conservation Commission managed the second timber sale on the Epsom Town Forest. 50% of the revenue went into the general fund for the town and 50% went to the conservation fund. We intend to use the conservation fund to protect critical and valuable conservation land in Epsom.

The timber sale is part of a 10-year management plan for the Forest, which incorporates best forestry practices while adding diversity to this beautiful tract of land, for the benefit of wildlife, plants, and those who understand the balance of nature when using the forest for recreation.

There is now a mailbox at the parking lot, where you can pick up a map showing trails, features and points of interest of the Forest (these maps are also available at the Town Office). In 2002, work groups helped clean up trails and boundaries of the town forest and other conservation lands. We invite you to join us on one of our workdays in 2003. Please consider joining the Epsom Conservation Commission as a member or volunteer.

The Conservation Commission is currently working with our recycling center (BCEP) and other towns, to offer a hazardous waste drop off day this year. Some materials (like waste oil and paint) can be dropped off there as part of the usual separation process, but materials such as herbicides, pesticides, chemicals, and asbestos must be handled by licensed personnel. Please watch for this event, so that you can get rid of those chemicals you haven't been able to dispose of (they're just cluttering up the basement or garage, and they are an accident waiting to happen).

Many Epsom residents take it upon themselves to help pick up roadside trash. We thank those of you who devote your energy to this effort each year and we encourage others to help out. The Conservation Commission asks people to adopt a section of road they care about, and get out there this spring (if the snowbanks are gone!) to clean up in the spirit of Earth Day 2003. The town budget does not allow for routine roadside clean-up, so it is up to us. Your reward is a better-looking neighborhood.



The Epsom Conservation Commission asks you to think of ways you can contribute to your community and the environment. In a survey of 500 Epsom residents, 88% said that the small town rural character made Epsom a desirable place to live. How do you define "rural character?" The committee working on the Conservation Chapter of the Master Plan recognizes rural character as the diversity of the land and the wide variety of opportunities it offers us. Open lands, working farms, home gardens, hearty forests, abundant waterways and wetlands—hills and mountains with panoramic ridgelines and vistas—a wide range of plants, trees, and abundant wildlife—country roads and recreational trails, scenic areas, large parcels of open space, and more—these some of the features that make up the rural character of our town.

The land and water allow us many opportunities for recreation and pleasure: fishing, wildlife viewing, walking, hiking, biking, snowmobiling, birding, tracking, canoeing, swimming, boating, skating, snowshoeing and cross country skiing. We all love the community we live in and its natural beauty. The conservation commission would like to thank all who help make it so, and a special thanks to those who volunteer their time for town and community activities.

So please get involved in our community. Do what you can to conserve the rural atmosphere and character that folks say makes Epsom a desirable place to live. Help us preserve and maintain these features. Please contact Alison Parodi at 736-9744 eves for more information.

Town Hall Restoration

We dedicate the success and initiative of the restoration project to the memory of Robert "Bob" Yeaton for his leadership in preserving Epsom's historic Town Hall for future generations.

Restoration Committee Members

Robert Yeaton, Emeritus

Beulah Yeaton

Glenna Yeaton Nutter

Nancy Yeaton Claris

Philip Yeaton

Joan Fowler

Richard Fowler

Harvey Harkness

Ex officio

Edward Nutter

Carleton Rand

Good progress continues to be made in the restoration of the Epsom Town Hall. During the period November 2001-December 2002 with the help of volunteers, donations and local contractors the following work has been completed. We expect to have the building available for public use by the Fall of 2003. A town wide open house will be scheduled for this Spring or early Summer.

Work Completed

Grading for proper drainage at rear of building

Rear sill replaced

Granite foundation stones reset and building leveled

New granite front steps

Installation of handicapped accessible bathroom

Construction of handicap ramp

Grading for ramp

Interior fire emergency lights installed

New interior lighting with period fixtures

Exterior lighting installed

Interior plaster patched, skimmed and sanded

Interior ceiling, walls and woodwork painted

Removal and storage of all town records

Litter and trash recycled at BPEC Station

Selectmen's office cleaned and vacuumed

Bicentennial Town Quilt cleaned

Selectmen's old roll top desk restored

Special thanks to the following organizations and people who have donated hundreds of hours to the restoration project. Thanks are also expressed to our local contractors for their attention to detail and quality of work.

Organizations

Epsom Chichester Lions Club
Richard Gibson, Team Leader
Dennis Skora
Judy Gibson
Henry Stoneham
Donna Filion
Philip Verrill
Edward Nutter

Contractors

Herbert Bartlett Construction
“Steve” and “Mickey” Yeaton Construction
Leonard Burritt Plumbing Contractor
“Mike” Brewster Sill Contractor
Gerry Rousseau and Son Electrical Contractors
Elinor Yeaton Flying Bird Co.
Jim Thorpe’s Paint and Decorating Center

Donations

Bruce Barton
Bruce Coutu
Raymond Brothers

Volunteers

William “Billy” Clark
“Bucky” “Stiles
Joyce Heck
Frank Catanese
David Bird
Nancy Wheeler
Ivan Rutherford

The Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association (CRVNA) continues to offer comprehensive health services to the residents of Epsom. The following is a description of these services:

Home Care services respond to the health care needs of those patients with acute or chronic illnesses that require skilled professional and para-professional care so they may return to or remain in their homes. Emphasis is on promoting independence and maximum functioning of the patient within the least restrictive setting. Patients who receive services range from children who have a complex medical condition to frail elders who require supportive assistance to stay in their own homes.

Hospice services provide professional and para-professional services to the terminally ill patient with a limited life expectancy. The goal is to enhance the quality of the patient's remaining life by helping he/she remain at home in comfort and dignity. Emphasis is on pain and symptom management and skilled intervention to meet the patient's special physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

CRVNA's Hospice House provides residential care to terminally ill patients who have no primary caregiver or need a supported residential setting. Often times patients are transferred into the Hospice House when a caregiver is exhausted and unable to care for them at home any longer. To date, this house has provided a home to approximately 500 terminally ill residents.

Community Health services include health education, health maintenance and preventive health services. The program includes preventive care, adult and senior health, child health, Baby's First Homecoming, immunizations for all ages, supportive services to school districts parent education and support, health education and nutritional counseling.

Community Health includes health promotion services which focus on the low and marginal income families and individuals to prevent illness by professional assessment and screening for health risks and needs, by early intervention to prevent, eliminate, or minimize the impact of illness and/or disability, and by anticipatory guidance and health teaching. Emphasis is on promoting healthy children, families and individuals through early intervention and health teaching. Services rendered in the clinic setting are: child health, adult screening, and immunizations. Home visits are made in crisis situations or when needed health care cannot be given in the clinic. Senior health services are provided at congregate housing sites.

Over the past two years Senior Health Clinics have expanded to reach out to seniors who may require a monthly check by a nurse of their blood sugar, blood pressure, and/or diabetes management. The expansion of these services was in response to the decrease in Medicare services to seniors.

Professional and para-professional hourly home services are provided on a private fee-for-service basis. Health education and instruction are part of each home visit or clinic visit.

Anyone in Epsom may request service; patient, doctor, health facility, pastor, friend or neighbor. The nurse who completes an assessment will coordinate with the patient's physician a plan of care to meet the patient's specific needs. If the patient does not have a physician the nurse will assist the patient to identify one and schedule a visit. The agency has developed a program with the NH-Dartmouth Family Practice Residency Program to coordinate a house call visit by a resident to a frail elder's home who is unable to leave his/her home.

A call to Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association (1-800-924-8620) is all that is necessary to start services or make inquiries. The CRVNA office is open Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 5:00pm. A nurse is on call twenty-four hours a day. The On-Call Nurse can be reached by calling 1-800-924-8620.

Federal regulations specify a charge is applicable to all visits. Fees are scaled for the individual without health insurance and/or who is unable to pay the full charge. However, to fee scale, federal regulations require a financial statement be completed by the patient or responsible person. The community health services are provided to residents often times free of charge. Town monies subsidize those visits that are scaled or that no fee is collectible.

This agency is certified as a Medicare/Medicaid Provider, licensed by the State of New Hampshire, accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) with commendation and is a member agency of the United Way of Merrimack County.

Total visits made during October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002:

	<u>No. of Clients</u>	<u>Visits</u>
Home Care/Hospice	107	4,901
Community Health Services		
- Flu Shots	114	114
- Immunizations	6	6
- Dental	5	5
- Senior Health	46	185
- Health Clinic	6	6
- Baby's Homecoming	28	28
Community Health Total	205	344
Total Clients and Visits	312	5,245

- 24 Senior Health Clinics
- 2 Flu Clinics
- 1 Community Education Program
- 2 Adult Bereavement Support Groups
- 2 Hospice Volunteer Training Groups
- 1 Grief Support Group

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM
BELKNAP-MERRIMACK COUNTIES, INC.

2003 SUNCOOK AREA CENTER
PROJECTED OPERATING BUDGET

PERSONNEL:

Area Center Director	\$ 26,930
Outreach Worker	21,350
Part-Time Substitute Office Clerk	1,500
Payroll Taxes/Fringe Benefits	<u>16,034</u>

\$ 65,814

OTHER COSTS:

Program Travel 10,500 miles x .32	3,360
Rent/Heating Costs	10,800
Electricity	1,300
Telephone	2,475
Postage	450
Office/Copier/Computer/Supplies	900
Advertising	200
Staff Development/Training	100
Publications	125
Liability/Contents/Bond Insurance	<u>350</u>

20,060

TOTAL BUDGET:

\$ 85,874

Federal Share: 42% - \$ 36,835

All Town Share: 58% - 49,039

Total: 100% - \$ 85,874

SUMMARY OF SERVICES 2002
PROVIDED TO
EPSOM RESIDENTS
BY THE SUNCOOK AREA CENTER
COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM
BELKNAP-MERRIMACK COUNTIES, INC.

SERVICE DESCRIPTION	UNITS OF SERVICE	HOUSEHOLDS/PERSONS	VALUE
COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM is a nutrition program that offers participants free nutritious foods to supplement their daily diet. The program serves children under six years of age, women during pregnancy and up to 12 months after the birth of their baby. Value \$25.00 per unit. *(An individual may not be enrolled in both the WIC Program and CSFP but a family may have members on both programs.)			
	PACKAGES-443	PERSONS-37	\$ 11,075.00
CONGREGATE MEALS- All elders are welcome to our congregate meal sites/ Senior Centers for nutritious hot meals, social/recreational activities and special events. Value \$6.98 per meal.			
	MEALS-946	PERSONS-68	\$ 6,603.08
EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRIES provide up to five days of food for people facing temporary food crisis. Value \$3.00 per meal.			
	MEALS-19,500	PERSONS-836	\$ 58,500.00
FUEL ASSISTANCE is available to income eligible households to help with energy costs during the prime heating season. Priority is given to the elderly and disabled. The average benefit for the 2001-02 program was \$607.00.			
	APPLICATIONS-74	PERSONS-173	\$ 45,581.38
MEALS-ON-WHEELS provides the delivery of nutritionally balanced hot meals to homebound elderly or adult residents five days per week. Value \$6.99 per meal			
	MEALS-6115	PERSONS-42	\$ 42,743.85
NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR provides emergency energy assistance up to \$300 for those not eligible for fuel assistance.			
	GRANTS-2	PERSONS-N/A	\$ 400.00
SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM provides friendly visiting and respite services for homebound elderly. Income eligible seniors (60+) serve as companions. Value to companions includes mileage, weekly stipend (\$6.57 per hour). Value to visitees is comparable to similar private sector services(\$6.57 per hour).			
	HOURS-400	VISITEES-2	\$ 2,628.00
WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN provides specific food to supplement daily diet of pregnant or nursing women as well as children under five. Participants receive medical/nutritional screening, counseling and education. Value includes value of vouchers and clinical services at \$45.00 per unit.			
	VOUCHERS-585	PERSONS-49	\$ 26,325.00
TRANSPORTATION provides regularly scheduled demand response to and from towns in Belknap and Merrimack Counties to medical and professional facilities, shopping centers, and congregate meal sites. Value \$10.84 per ridership.			
	RIDES-317	PEOPLE-N/A	\$ 3,436.28

SERVICE DESCRIPTION	UNITS OF SERVICE	HOUSEHOLDS/PERSONS	VALUE
USDA COMMODITY SURPLUS foods are now distributed directly to local food pantries and kitchens on a quarterly basis. These pantries and soup kitchens service all in need, not just town residents.	CASES--267		\$4,580.63
HEAD START is a child development program serving children before they enter public school. Classroom and in-home learning services are provided for both children and their families. Value \$7138 per child.	CHILDREN--1		\$7,138.00
GRAND TOTAL			\$209,011.22

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

B.C.E.P. Solid Waste District

towns of

Barnstead - Chichester - Epsom - Pittsfield

115 Laconia Road - P.O. Box 426 - Pittsfield, NH 03263-0426

Tel: (603) 435-6237 - Fax: (603) 435-7258

December 20, 2002

Town of Epsom
Board of Selectmen
P.O. Box 10
Epsom, NH 03234

Dear Board Members:

Below is your FY 2003 apportionment and payment schedule for the B.C.E.P. Solid Waste District. As soon as 2002 actuals have been finalized we will forward the budget to you for publication in your Town Report.

Please note that the first installment is due on or before January 10, 2003.

Apportionment

Town	*Population	Percentage	Amount
Barnstead	3996	27.4639	159,344.27
Chichester	2335	16.0481	93,110.33
Epsom	4184	28.7560	166,840.95
Pittsfield	<u>4035</u>	<u>27.7320</u>	<u>160,899.44</u>
Totals	14,550	100.0000	580,194.99

*Populations are 2001 Estimates by the NH Office of State Planning based on the 2000 U.S. census.

Payment Schedule

Date Due	Barnstead	Chichester	Epsom	Pittsfield
01/10/2002	55,284.52	32,304.64	57,885.49	55,524.08
04/01/2002	34,686.58	20,268.56	36,318.48	35,025.11
07/01/2002	34,686.58	20,268.56	36,318.48	35,025.11
10/01/2002	<u>34,686.59</u>	<u>20,268.57</u>	<u>36,318.50</u>	<u>35,025.14</u>
Totals	159,344.27	93,110.33	166,840.85	160,899.44

Sincerely,



Earl H. Weir
District Administrator

Solid Waste Management and Recycling

BCEP Solid Waste District

www.bcepsolidwaste.com

A Message from the District Committee

The Committee has avoided increasing taxes for the upcoming year, 2003. Having said this, an explanation is required, as payments by the towns have changed slightly. The District agreement between the four towns requires that taxes be apportioned between the towns based on population. During 2000, the Federal Government conducted a census. Population figures used for the 2003 apportionment are 2001 estimates by the NH Office of State Planning, based on the 2000 U.S. census.

Town	1990 Census	2000 Census	2001 OSP Estimate	2003 Rate	2003 Apportionment	Increase (Decrease)
Barnstead	3,100	3,886	3996	27.46399%	159,344.27	(854.52)
Chichester	1,942	2,236	2335	16.0481%	93,110.33	932.13
Epsom	3,591	4,021	4184	28.7560%	166,840.95	1,076.84
Pittsfield	3,701	3,931	4035	27.7320%	160,899.44	(1,154.45)
Totals	12,334	14,074	14,550	100.0000%	580,194.99	-0-

2002 recycling revenues stabilized during the year. While revenue was below some years, it was an improvement from 2001. By closely monitoring revenues and expenditures, the District Committee has been able to operate the facility without the need to increase tax revenue for several years.

Several changes are anticipated during 2003. The compost and burn piles will be moved to a new area behind the building and off the old dumping site. A canopy will most likely be installed over the canisters at the rear of the building to allow the District to comply with the National Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan as required by the EPA. Please bear with us as we embark on another round of construction.

Comments from the public are always welcome. The District Committee meets the last Thursday of each month at the District facility at 7:00 PM. The Public is invited.

Tonnage Comparisons	1999	2000	2001	2002
Garbage	2,468.5	2,315.1	2,134.6	2,043.7
Demolition	696.7	853.7	743.2	654.8
Tires	73.4	73.8	55.3	85.2
Total Waste	3,238.6	3,242.6	2,933.1	2,783.7
Cardboard	196.2	271.2	205.9	181.6
Newspaper	165.3	138.9	153.4	135.6
Mixed Paper	210.6	705.6	392.0	251.2
Aluminum Cans	17.8	14.8	20.0	38.2
Tin Cans	60.1	46.7	55.0	81.8
Plastic	45.9	52.0	76.8	63.0
Auto Batteries	32.9	9.1	8.5	14.2
Scrap Metal	0.0	491.1	600.9	579.3
All Other Materials	71.1	66.9	75.2	107.5
Total Recycled	799.9	1,786.3	1,567.7	1,452.3
Tax Benefit of Recycling	1999	2000	2001	2002
Recycling Revenue	42,432.23	97,510.15	54,181.34	76,692.71
Avoided Tipping Fees	48,839.04	56,418.29	63,589.50	58,322.73
Total Tax Savings	\$91,271.27	\$153,928.44	\$117,770.84	\$135,015.44

B.C.E.P. Solid Waste District 2003 Budget

Revenue	2002 Adopted Budget	2002 Revenue	2003 Admin. Budget	2003 Budget Com	2003 Adopted Budget
General					
Demolition Fees	40,000.00	59,087.65	42,000.00	42,000.00	42,000.00
Disposal Fees	7,500.00	8,472.20	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
Interest on Accounts	1,000.00	1,133.28	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Paint & Antifreeze	1,000.00	1,255.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Refunds & Dividends	1,000.00	3,424.34	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Reimbursements		8,174.69			
Sale of Equipment/Other		250.00			
Service Revenue		84.12			
Tires		7,859.50	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Unseparated Waste	2,000.00	4,269.60	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total General	52,500.00	94,010.38	61,500.00	61,500.00	61,500.00
Recycling					
Aluminum	4,000.00	9,933.54	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Aluminum Cans	20,000.00	19,588.64	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Cardboard	6,000.00	13,230.09	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
CFC's	500.00	276.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Copper/Brass	500.00	1,799.27	750.00	750.00	750.00
Mixed Paper	6,500.00	8,958.27	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Newspaper	5,000.00	6,412.85	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Plastic	1,500.00	1,454.72	278.00	278.00	278.00
Radiators	200.00	131.70	200.00	200.00	200.00
Resale of Items (ebay)		401.73			
Scrap Metal	9,000.00	12,279.86	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
Shop Wire		897.12	500.00	500.00	500.00
Tin Cans	500.00	1,108.38	500.00	500.00	500.00
Wet Cell Batteries/Lead	300.00	220.54	300.00	300.00	300.00
Total Recycling	54,000.00	76,692.71	50,278.00	50,278.00	50,278.00
Tax Revenue					
Barnstead Tax	160,198.79	160,198.79	160,198.79	160,198.79	160,198.79
Chichester Tax	92,178.20	92,178.20	92,178.20	92,178.20	92,178.20
Epsom Tax	165,764.11	165,764.11	165,764.11	165,764.11	165,764.11
Pittsfield Tax	162,053.89	162,053.89	162,053.89	162,053.89	162,053.89
Total Tax Revenue	580,194.99	580,194.99	580,194.99	580,194.99	580,194.99
Total Revenue	686,694.99	750,898.08	691,972.99	691,972.99	691,972.99

B.C.E.P. Solid Waste District 2003 Budget

Expenditures	2002 Adopted Budget	2002 Expenditures	2003 Admin. Budget	2003 Budget Com	2003 Adopted Budget
Administrative					
Administrator's Salary	45,593.60	51,476.44	45,593.60	46,945.60	46,945.60
Accounting Fees	3,300.00	3,404.69	3,300.00	3,300.00	3,300.00
Advertising	900.00	1,510.49	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Dues	275.00	339.00	275.00	275.00	275.00
Legal Fees	50.00	322.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Office Furniture	500.00		500.00	500.00	500.00
Office Supplies	1,200.00	2,560.25	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Permits & Licenses	600.00	309.50	200.00	200.00	200.00
Postage	375.00	438.03	375.00	375.00	375.00
Telephone	3,000.00	2,748.83	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Treasurer	32,000.00	35,871.04	33,000.00	33,000.00	33,000.00
Unclassified Payments		8,218.68			
Water, Coffee, etc	1,500.00	1,932.83	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total Administrative	89,293.60	109,131.78	90,493.60	91,845.60	91,845.60
Capital					
Canister Purchase	4,500.00	11,150.00	10,000.00	8,648.00	8,648.00
Computers	3,000.00	3,946.91			
Forklift	25,000.00	24,870.50			
Glass Crusher	3,000.00	3,234.19			
Hot Top	8,000.00	16,013.25	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Loader	21,464.50	21,464.50	21,464.50	21,464.50	21,464.50
Roll Off Truck	25,480.39	25,480.39	25,480.39	25,480.39	25,480.39
Scales	3,000.00	400.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Swapshop	10,000.00		10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
New Burn Area			12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
Transfers to Reserve	20,000.00	97,541.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Total Capital	123,444.89	204,100.74	117,944.89	116,592.89	116,592.89
Hauling					
Demo Tipping Fees	32,000.00	38,970.82	32,000.00	32,000.00	32,000.00
MSW Tipping Fees	150,000.00	141,488.10	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00
Paint/HazMat Removal	1,500.00	6,381.60	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Septage Removal	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
Tire Removal	5,000.00	9,030.35	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Total Hauling	188,900.00	196,270.87	189,900.00	189,900.00	189,900.00
Landfill					
Contracted Services		8,735.00			
Engineering Costs					
Groundwater Monitoring					
Land Purchase		9,282.34			
Materials					
Total Landfill		18,017.34			

B.C.E.P. Solid Waste District 2003 Budget

Maintenance	2002 Adopted Budget	2002 Expenditures	2003 Admin. Budget	2003 Budget Com	2003 Adopted Budget
Air Compressor	100.00		100.00	100.00	100.00
Building	3,000.00	1,994.60	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Cleaning Supplies	1,400.00	637.49	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
Compactors	1,000.00	620.14	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Conveyer	300.00		300.00	300.00	300.00
Forklift		23.17	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Fuel Tanks	100.00	10.04	100.00	100.00	100.00
Glass Breaker	1,500.00	224.07	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Horizontal Bailer	1,000.00	1.79	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Loader	1,000.00	151.40	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Machinery & Equipment	1,000.00	159.90	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Oil Collection System	100.00		100.00	100.00	100.00
Pickup	300.00	90.37	300.00	300.00	300.00
Power Screen	500.00	38.51	500.00	500.00	500.00
Pressure Washer	100.00	124.26	100.00	100.00	100.00
Roll Off Truck	6,000.00	2,158.38	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Scales	600.00	528.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Site Work	1,000.00	2,675.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Skid Steer	1,000.00	3,532.71	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Spare Parts & Supplies	2,500.00	4,557.87	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Tools	1,000.00	211.56	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Maintenance	23,500.00	17,739.26	27,400.00	27,400.00	27,400.00
Operations					
Electric	10,000.00	10,248.24	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Employee Training	500.00	250.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Fuel	9,000.00	8,510.52	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
Incentive Plans	6,000.00	13,336.38	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Liability Insurance	5,000.00	4,018.59	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Machine Rental	1,400.00	1,440.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
Materials Testing	500.00		500.00	500.00	500.00
Operations Wages	140,322.00	159,767.26	145,000.00	145,000.00	145,000.00
Health Ins/Other Payroll	55,869.77	43,452.50	55,869.77	55,869.77	55,869.77
Pittsfield Service Fee	6,300.00	12,382.27	6,300.00	6,300.00	6,300.00
Propane	1,800.00	1,724.20	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Purchase of Recyclables		2,844.02			
Retirement, District Share	8,100.00	9,617.55	8,100.00	8,100.00	8,100.00
Safety Equipment	4,000.00	5,667.34	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Signs	200.00	79.45	200.00	200.00	200.00
Unemployment	4,064.73	3,917.78	4,064.73	4,064.73	4,064.73
Workmans Compensation	8,500.00	5,342.00	8,500.00	8,500.00	8,500.00
Total Operations	261,556.50	282,598.10	266,234.50	266,234.50	266,234.50
Total Expenditures	686,694.99	827,858.09	691,972.99	691,972.99	691,972.99

Epsom Historical Association Year End Review 2002

The Epsom Historical Association held 40 family memberships by the end of 2002, and continued its regular Newsletter and member meetings. Among the topics presented were the following:

March - THE SEIZURE of HIS MAJESTY'S FORT WILLIAM AND MARY (of which Epsom's Andrew McClary was a participant), presented by Thomas Kehr of the New Hampshire Society Sons of the American Revolution.

May - EPSOM MEMORIES of WORLD WAR II, a round table hosted by Joan Fowler with members of the Association.

August Old Home Day - A highlight of the year was the presentation given on Old Home Day in conjunction with Epsom's 275th Anniversary. During this celebration a large display of artifacts and antiques was shown at the Legion Hall courtesy of Phil and Charlie Yeaton. Also at the Hall was a computer slide show of old Epsom Photos, and a computer available for genealogy research. Three lectures were given in the old Short Falls School (part of the Legion facility) on the History of East Street, and each was followed by a bus tour of Center Hill Road, with transportation courtesy of Phil Dail. The last stop of the tour was a visit to the old town hall to view its restoration, and additional Epsom Historical artifacts were on display. Each member of the tour received a copy of "EAST STREET, Road to Settling Epsom, NH" prepared by the Association.

November - CHICHESTER HISTORY, a slide show of Chichester buildings and structures by Walter Sanborn, Chichester, NH, historian.

The Epsom Historical Association also continued its list of publications with the fifth in a series of books by Phil Yeaton, EPSOM SCHOOLS. The EHA also continues a strong presence on the Internet, and continues to use modern technology to scan many old photographs loaned to us by Epsom residents. We cannot thank those residents enough for allowing these historical items to be preserved in this manner and made available for future researchers. The Association also continues to accept items of historical interest to its archives that remain available at the Epsom Public Library.

Finally, thanks to Carleton Rand for the last five years of leadership at the helm of the Epsom Historical Association.

UNH Cooperative Extension

The University of New Hampshire, Cooperative Extension is your local link to practical, research-based education to people of all ages, helping them make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families, and communities, sustain natural resources, forests, wildlife and agriculture, and improve the economy.

Merrimack County residents benefit from a wide range of Extension offerings, which include 4-H and youth development programs, monitoring water quality in lakes and rivers, reducing the use of pesticides, parenting programs, land use management, food safety, forest stewardship, family finances, meeting the needs of low income families, strengthening our communities and developing a strong volunteer base while providing a wide range of information to citizens. Extension also offers the public an outreach hotline with a toll-free Family, Home & Garden Info Line, staffed Monday through Friday, 9am to 2pm (1-877-398-4769) and it handled a total of 1,198 requests from Merrimack County residents.

Extension staff provide education to forest landowners, food producers and plant growers that help keep their enterprises profitable, thus preserving open space and protecting natural resources. Many studies show that open space helps keep property taxes low, as it places few demands on taxpayers for services. Extension also provides assistance to town planners and boards on zoning issues related to marketing from roadside stands, garden centers, pick-your-own operations, and best management practices for the production of agricultural crops and livestock.

A major statewide Extension initiative, Strengthening New Hampshire Communities, has impacted Merrimack County. Extension staff have worked with the communities in a variety of ways. Several Merrimack County towns have participated in Extension's exciting *Community Profile* process. This past Fall a Community Profile was completed in Hooksett. A Community Profile is a tool to help community members create a vision about what they want their community to be like, and then forms action groups to reach those goals. In addition Cooperative Extension provides publication notebooks for all town libraries. The Extension currently provides weekly radio spots on WKXL which offer information to the communities throughout the County. Extension information can also be obtained from the Web at ceinfo.unh.edu. Follow-up support is available from UNH Cooperative Extension staff.

Other community efforts include after school programs, teen assessment projects, wellness teams, town office visits, the Master Gardener program, working with town officials to make sure local ordinances are "agriculture-friendly" and assisting schools with maintenance of athletic fields and landscaped areas.

The staff in Merrimack County includes nine Extension educators, two state specialists and three support staff. Educators reach approximately one of every four families in the county.

DEATHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF EPSOM
Year Ending December 31, 2002

Name of Deceased:	Date:	Father's Name:	Mother's Name:
Ashland, Helen M.	10/15/02	Herbert Morse	Caroline Bennett
Auclair, Melvin F.	12/26/02	William Auclair	Agnes Dare
Bartlett, Macbeth G.	11/21/02	Elbridge Bartlett	Mable Towle
Borden, Rosemarie	06/27/02	Josef Manderscheid	Paula Thoma
Brown, John R.	01/07/02	Robert Brown	Maude Burnham
Carlson, Derek A.	10/14/02	Dean Carlson	Nancy Carlson
Cash, Dorothy M.	11/12/02	Willis Guyette	Leslie Fogg
Cullen, Henrietta J.	05/22/02	John Jones	Janet Lanaster
Cunningham, Thelma M.	09/25/02	George Horne	Allie Merserve
Curran, Mary E.	07/27/02	Bernard Curran	Catherine Morris
Drolet, Yvette M.	08/01/02	Odilon Cloutier	Amanda Proulx
Furber, Madeleine H.	03/31/02	Frank Stubbs	Elizabeth Finn
Gagnon, Rose L.	11/12/02	Frank Kimball	Genevieve Belmer
Garrett, William J.	10/15/02	William Garrett	Elizabeth Jillette
Gravas, John C.	03/16/02	Christos Gravas	Parskevi Mitsopoulos
Hanbury, Marjorie E.	04/07/02	Frederic Pilch	Dorothy Reese
Harris, Alma M.	02/04/02	Harvey Forsyth	Florence Knott
Hazlett, Sean M.	05/24/02	Michael Hazlett	Joan Theriault
Jenisch, Marion P.	09/13/02	Edward Park	Alice Dickey
Kelly, Matthew S.	10/14/02	Edward Kelly	Jean McIntosh
Lavin, Dorothy F.	02/04/02	Patrick Madden	Mildred Bower
Leavitt, Eunice M.	01/03/02	Julius Leavitt	Flora Munsey
Lemay, Henry A.	06/05/02	Napoleon Lemay	Belzemer Comtois
Lesueur, Dora	04/16/02	William Wanless	Agnes Fletcher
Linder, Thomas J.	06/14/02	Joseph Linder	Agnes Leitch
Michael, Shirlee A.	12/15/02	Ralph Darrah	Sarrah, Flint
Munn, Avery U.	02/02/02	Avery Munn	Esther Wells
Muzzey, Robert W.	12/05/02	Fred Muzzey	Ada Hardy
Nelson, Esther R.	07/28/02	George Yeaton	Ada Brown
Nielsen, Evelyn	09/13/02	John Supry	Georgianna Rivers
Opp, William O.	01/11/02	William Opp	Ella Karl
Poch, Theodore H.	11/05/02	Antonio Poch	Arounda Torrey
Pullman, Robert A.	01/13/02	Isidore Pullman	Ruth Wells
Raymond, Norman E.	11/10/02	Ronald Raymond	Lucienne Champagne
Reid, Maxwell A.	09/05/02	Charles Reid	Lillian Adams
Rennie, Ruth J.	08/14/02	Robert King	Maude Lefebure
Reynolds, Jane	09/14/02	Joseph Trovato	Pauline Karwocki
Robitaille, Maralyn J.	05/05/02	Thomas Goldie	Mary McDonald
Roy, Regina E.	01/04/02	Richard Hill	Simonne Gosselin
Russell, Wallace H.	11/30/02	Archie Russell	Nina Gusher
Ryder, Richard E.	02/07/02	Ernest Ryder	Florence Gilman
Smith, Alice B.	09/25/02	Norman Nicholson	Alice Berry
Tirrell, Clarence P.	04/08/02	Clarence Tirrell	Sadie King
Todd, Mary M.	07/08/02	James Mallon	Elizabeth Byrne
Tufo, Marguerite L.	11/18/02	William O'Brien	Isabel Zingale
Whitcomb, Mamie	10/07/02	George Mettevia	Mary Chagnon
Wiggin, George R.	05/19/02	Frank Wiggin	Mabel Pike
Wilcox, H.R.	02/28/02	Philip Wilcox	Mabel Parks
Woodward, Bertha R.	12/15/02	Albert Hueber	Elmire Laplante
Wotruba, Simone	09/25/02	Joseph Dupont	Rose-Alba Provenche
Wyckoff, Evelyn A.	05/05/02	Anthony Stewart	Lydia Vurlod
Yeaton, Robert S.	04/07/02	Russell Yeaton	Anna Peterson

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF EPSOM
For the Year Ending December 31, 2002

DATE:	PLACE:	GROOM & BRIDE:	RESIDENCE:
02/16/02	Bow	Bradley W. Giuda Wendy G. Corliss	Epsom Barnstead
04/13/02	Loudon	John K. Sheey Melissa J. Emerson	Epsom Epsom
05/04/02	Exeter	Thomas F. Reid Shannon E. Gorrell	Epsom Epsom
05/08/02	Dover	Kenneth H. White Sofie Poluan	Epsom Dover
05/11/02	Epsom	Glen D. Booth Jessica M. White	Epsom Epsom
05/11/02	Pittsfield	Frank E. Graham Tina M. Couturier	Epsom Barnstead
05/24/02	Bow	Shannon L. Odell Kimberly J. Fisher	Epsom Epsom
05/24/02	Concord	Daniel P. Hassman Karyn R. Lewis	Great Falls, MT Epsom
06/01/02	Epsom	Stephen A. Boucher Tammy L. Annis	Epsom Epsom
06/22/02	Epsom	Matthew D. Fudala Tania M. Dubois	Epsom Manchester
06/23/02	Manchester	Alan E. Largy Jeanne M. Ferguson	Epsom Epsom
07/07/02	Pembroke	James E. Gumtow Jean S. Silva	Epsom Epsom
07/19/02	Epsom	Micheal R. Goyette Shelley C. Beck	Auburn Epsom
07/21/02	Barnstead	Kevin D. Gadwah Sarah J. MacGown	Epsom Northwood
08/02/02	Epsom	Garvin A. Martin Cheryl L. Williams	Epsom Epsom
08/03/02	Manchester	H. Scott Sewade Stepanie A. Hanchett	Epsom Epsom

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF EPSOM
For the Year Ending December 31, 2002

DATE:	PLACE:	GROOM & BRIDE:	RESIDENCE:
08/10/02	Manchester	Scott R. Shearing Christine A. Williams	Epsom Epsom
08/24/02	North Hampton	Edward A. Roy Kimberly A. Murdoch	Epsom Epsom
08/31/02	Epsom	Richard E. Senecal Denise Carmichael	Epsom Epsom
09/07/02	Epsom	Donald G. Desmarais Beverly A. Pepin	Epsom Epsom
09/08/02	Deerfield	Daniel J. Hurley Jennifer I. Bradley	Epsom Epsom
09/21/02	Epsom	Steven P. Howard Judith R. Mandigo	Epsom Epsom
10/05/02	Epsom	William S. Wallace Melissa H. Bennett	Epsom Epsom
11/06/02	Pembroke	Ian I. McNair Teresa M. Vitale	Epsom Newbury
12/31/02	Pembroke	Wayne E. Kimball Suzanne Lesieur	Epsom Epsom

BIRTHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF EPSOM, NH
For the Year Ending December 31, 2002

NAME OF CHILD:	DATE:	PLACE:	FATHER & MOTHER:
Apgar, Madeline Louise	10/06/02	Concord	Matthew Apgar Monica Apgar
Army, Harrison Bruce	09/20/02	Concord	Bruce Army Jennifer Army
Blades, Cody Robert	03/22/02	Concord	Daniel Blades Kristen Blades
Busick, Dylan Matthew	09/03/02	Concord	Michael Busick Dora Busick
Carignan, Alexis Lynn	10/15/02	Concord	Michael Carignan Elizabeth Carignan
Carter, Nathan Thomas	07/05/02	Concord	Jason Carter Tracy Carter
Clegg, Colby John Thomas	09/10/02	Manchester	John Clegg Lisa Clegg
Cotelleso, Silas Michael Vittoric	12/31/02	Concord	Jamie Cotelleso Sarah Cotelleso
Fries, Nathan Abraham	04/26/02	Concord	Andrew Fries Lisa Fries
Gates, Joshua Nickolas	02/09/02	Concord	Donald Gates Melanie Gates
Giuda, Anna Marie	07/20/02	Laconia	Bradley Giuda Wendy Giuda
Goyette, Hayden Michael	11/12/02	Concord	Michael Goyette Shelley Goyette
Griggs, Timothy Joseph	02/19/02	Franklin	Robert Griggs Deborah Griggs
Hahn, Jason Michael	03/21/02	Fairmont, WV	Jason Hahn Krissy Hahn
Hewes, Nolan Christopher	08/16/02	Concord	John Hewes Christie Hewes
Hood, Nathaniel James	07/30/02	Concord	Sean Hood Catherine Hood
Hulit, Bryan Scott	09/13/02	Concord	Kevin Hulit Victoria Hulit
Kiander, Alex Edward	09/05/02	Manchester	Steven Kiander Jennifer Kiander
Ladd, Austin Brian	04/03/02	Concord	Eugene Ladd Robyn Ladd
Lamontagne, Maria Florence	07/18/02	Manchester	Mark Lamontagne Kathleen Lamontagne
Lavigne, Brennan Joseph	06/06/02	Concord	Denis Lavigne Lianne Lavigne
Leblanc, Taylor June	12/01/02	Manchester	Jason Leblanc Christine Leblanc

BIRTHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF EPSOM, NH
For the Year Ending December 31, 2002

NAME OF CHILD:	DATE:	PLACE:	FATHER & MOTHER:
Macnally, Melanie Anne	04/20/02	Concord	Michael Macnally Heidi Macnally
Michael, Calvin James	08/02/02	Lebanon	Kenneth Michael Janna Michael
Parker, Grace Emma	12/31/02	Concord	Shawn Parker Christian Parker
Pearson, Garrick Abram	01/16/02	Concord	Paul Pearson Cynthia Pearson
Riel, Taylor Nicole	09/04/02	Concord	Troy Riel Janice Riel
Ross, Robert Bruce	02/01/02	Concord	Robert Ross Christine Ross
Sacco, Elizabeth Lisette	05/22/02	Concord	Stephen Sacco Lisa Fauteux
Smith, Ann Elise	02/20/02	Concord	Carl Smith Carol Smith
Williams, Samantha Jean	04/14/02	Concord	Michael Williams Judy Williams

**EPSOM VILLAGE DISTRICT
EPSOM, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03234**

OFFICERS

David Bird, Commissioner	Term Expires 2003
Gary Kitson, Commissioner	Term Expires 2004
William E. Clark, Commissioner	Term Expires 2005
Joni Kitson, Treasurer	
Joni Kitson, Clerk	Term Expires 2003
Alan Quimby, Moderator	Term Expires 2003

EPSOM VILLAGE DISTRICT

TREASURER'S REPORT

JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2002

OPENING BALANCE: January 01, 2002	\$51,999.03
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REVENUE

Hydrant Rental	3,050.00	
Interest Checking Account	131.78	
Miscellaneous Income	5,016.49	
Reimbursed Expenses	555.00	
Revenue Sharing	1,675.93	
Water Usage	86,768.98	
		\$97,198.18

TOTAL REVENUE	\$149,197.21
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EXPENDITURES

Billing and Finance	5,040.00	
Electric	8,865.25	
Heat	830.51	
Insurance	895.75	
Lab Testing	2,466.00	
Long Term Debt Interest	1,400.00	
Long Term Debt Principal	3,500.00	
Materials	10,163.76	
Office Expenses	720.85	
Officer Salaries	1,725.00	
Operator Contract	38,280.00	
Professional Fees	0.00	
Reimbursable Expenses	2,310.00	
Repairs/Maintenance	8,823.17	
Tank Maintenance Fund	2,000.00	
Telephone	1,056.00	
Water System Update Fund	23,838.00	

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$111,914.29
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ENDING BALANCE: December 31, 2002	\$37,282.92
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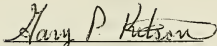
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
EPSOM VILLAGE DISTRICT WARRANT

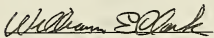
To the Inhabitants of the Epsom Village District in the County of Merrimack in said State,
qualified to vote in Town affairs:

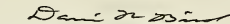
You are hereby notified to meet at the **Water District Building** in said **Epsom** on
Thursday, the **Thirteenth** (13th) day of **March**, next at **6:00pm** of the clock to act upon the
following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Commissioner for a term of three (3) years.
4. To hear reports of Agents, Committees, or Officers chosen, and to pass any vote
relating thereto.
5. To see what action the District will take upon the Budget (**\$107,900.00**) as submitted by
the Budget Committee.
6. To transact any other business which may be brought before this meeting.

Given under our hand and seal, this 7th day of January, in the year of our Lord, two
thousand and three.


Gary P. Kitson, Commissioner


William E. Clark, Commissioner


David R. Bird, Commissioner

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32-3 V)		Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by ORA		Actual Expenditures Prior Year		COMMISSIONER'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuring Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED) (NOT RECOMMENDED)		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuring Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED NOT RECOMMENDED	
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX	
4130-4139	Executive		47414.00		45045.00		52030.00		52030.00	
4150-4151	Financial Administration									
4153	Legal Expense		470.00		-0-		200.00		200.00	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration									
4194	General Government Buildings		50000.00		32769.54		33620.00		33620.00	
4196	Insurance		1300.00		895.75		1200.00		1200.00	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.									
4199	Other General Government									
PUBLIC SAFETY										
4210-4214	Police									
4215-4219	Ambulance									
4220-4229	Fire									
4290-4298	Emergency Management									
4299	Other (Including Communications)									
HIGHWAYS & STREETS										
4311	Administration									
4312	Highways & Streets									
4313	Bridges									
4316	Street Lighting									
4319	Other									
SANITATION										
4321	Administration									
4323	Solid Waste Collection									
4324	Solid Waste Disposal									
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up									
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other									

Budget - Town/City of Epson Village District FY 2003

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Acct #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32.3.V)	Warr. Art #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	COMMISSIONER'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	COMMISSIONER'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year NOT RECOMMENDED
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT								
4331	Administration		2000.00	2466.00	2000.00	2000.00	2000.00	XXXXXXX
4332	Water Services							XXXXXXX
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other							XXXXXXX
HEALTH/WELFARE								
4411	Administration							XXXXXXX
4414	Pest Control							XXXXXXX
CULTURE & RECREATION								
4520-4528	Parks & Recreation							XXXXXXX
4589	Other Culture & Recreation							XXXXXXX
DEBT SERVICE								
4711	Princ.-Long Term Bonds & Notes		3600.00	3500.00	3500.00	3500.00	3500.00	XXXXXXX
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		1500.00	1400.00	1350.00	1350.00	1350.00	XXXXXXX
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes							XXXXXXX
4790-4799	Other Debt Service							XXXXXXX
CAPITAL OUTLAY								
4901	Land and Improvements		4000.00	2388.00	12000.00	12000.00	12000.00	XXXXXXX
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment							XXXXXXX
4903	Buildings							XXXXXXX
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.							XXXXXXX
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT								
4912	To Special Revenue Fund							XXXXXXX
4913	To Capital Projects Fund							XXXXXXX

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4914	To Proprietary Fund							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		2000.00	2000.00	2000.00		2000.00	
4916	To Trust and Agency Funds							
	SUBTOTAL 1		112284.00	111914.29	107900.00		107900.00	

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount	Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Enslung Year

TAXES	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3190 Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes			
3311-3319 FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT			

FROM STATE	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351 Shared Revenues	1117.00	1675.93	1117.00
3354 Water Pollution Grant			
3359 Other (Including Railroad Tax)			
3379 FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS			

CHARGES FOR SERVICES	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401 Income from Departments	3000.00	3050.00	3000.00
3402 Water Supply System Charges	84923.00	86768.98	90633.00
3403 Sewer User Charges			
3404 Garbage - Refuse Charges			
3409 Other Charges	3500.00	5703.27	3150.00

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501 Sale of Village District Property			
3502 Interest on Investments			
3503-3509 Other			

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912 From Special Revenue Funds			
3913 From Capital Projects Funds			
3914 From Proprietary Funds			
3915 From Capital Reserve Funds			
3916 From Trust & Agency Funds			

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934 Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes			
Amts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")			
Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes	19744.00	15085.82	10000.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS	112284.00	112284.00	107900.00

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	PRIOR YEAR	COMMISSIONERS	BUDGET COMMITTEE
SUBTOTAL 1 Recommended (from page 4)	112284.00	107900.00	107900.00
SUBTOTAL 2 Special warrant articles Recommended (from page 5)			
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" warrant articles Recommended (from page 5)			
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended			
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)			
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised			

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: _____
 (See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

OFFICERS OF EPSOM SCHOOL DISTRICT
For the Year Ending June 2002

Moderator
GARY MATTESON

District Clerk
LISA MACNAUGHTON

School Board	
DONALD HARTY	Term Expires 2003
ANDREW TURNBULL	Term Expires 2003
TIM RIEL	Term Expires 2004
VIRGINIA DREW	Term Expires 2005
RACHEL EAMES	Term Expires 2005

Superintendent of Schools
THOMAS HALEY

Asst. Superintendent of Schools
DAVID DZIURA

Business Administrator
PETER AUBREY

Principal
JANE FARGO

Treasurer
LINDA MARTEL

Auditor
BRENT W. WASHBURN, C.P.A.

Truant Officer
EPSOM POLICE DEPARTMENT

School Nurse
JOAN POZNER

**ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2002**

The annual meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, February 2, 2002.

The Moderator opened the proceedings with the Pledge of Allegiance, the national anthem was performed by Epsom Central School students and a member of the Epsom community, followed by a moment of silence in memory of the events of September 11, 2001.

Moderator asked that guests of the meeting who are non-residents of the town to be allowed to speak when called upon. Motion was made, seconded, and passed in the affirmative.

Moderator, Ashton Welch, introduced Keith Cota, Epsom School Board Chair. Keith Cota introduced members of the Epsom School Board: Virginia Drew, Andrew Turnbull, Don Harty, Tim Riel, Lisa MacNaughton as Epsom School District Clerk, Principal Jane Fargo, Superintendent Tom Haley, and Vice Principal Tom Laliberte. Moderator introduced Mary Frambach, to introduce members of the Budget Committee.

Moderator acknowledged and introduced Charles "Charlie" Yeaton State Representative and State Representative Anthony "Toni" Soltani in attendance.

Moderator gave overview of rules for the meeting and the time frame. Noted that the meeting is scheduled to end at 10:30 with the town meeting deliberative session to follow.

Moderator instructed that all articles resented could be discussed and amended but that no vote would be taken. Voting is scheduled and called the second session to take place at the American Legion on Tuesday, March 12, 2002 where voting on all articles takes place.

Following this session the School Board would meet briefly, if necessary.

Review of process took place noting that if an article calls for funding it can be increased by 10% only, and, if amended to be reduced, can be reduced to \$0 funding, however, all articles as such would remain on the ballot as stated noting \$0 funding.

Purpose of the deliberative session is to become more informed and to amend, in writing any articles as needed, following discussion. Amendments must be in legal language and articles will be placed on the ballot as amended.

If the operating budget as proposed does not pass, the Department of Revenue Administration will default to the previous year's operating budget, with adjustments made in accordance with law as obligated by law.

Articles to be read by the Moderator, deferred to Chair of the School Board or his designee for discussion purposes, and if no amendments are made, to be declared by the Moderator to be placed on the ballot as presented by the Board.

Moderator read introduction to articles:

Article 1: TO HEAR THE REPORTS OF AGENTS, AUDITORS, COMMITTEES, OR OFFICERS CHOSEN, AND TO MAKE ANY RECOMMENDATION THERETO AND TURNED THE MEETING OVER TO PRINCIPAL, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, AND SCHOOL BOARD FOR OVERVIEW.

Moderator directed Budget Committee to track additions or deductions to Article 2.

Article 2: TO SEE IF THE DISTRICT 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 VOTE OF THE FIRST SESSION, FOR THE PURPOSES SET FORTH THEREIN, TOTALING \$5,761,268. SHOULD THIS ARTICLE BE DEFEATED, THE OPERATING BUDGET SHALL BE \$5,658,428 WHICH IS THE SAME AS LAST YEAR, WITH CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS REQUIRED BY PREVIOUS ACTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, OR BY LAW, OR THE GOVERNING BODY MAY HOLD ONE SPECIAL MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH RSA 40:13, X AND XXVI TO TAKE UP THE ISSUE OF A REVISED OPERATING BUDGET ONLY. [APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET WILL RESULT IN A PROJECTED \$3.70 PER \$1,000 INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE. REJECTION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL RESULT IN A PROJECTED \$3.08 PER \$1,000 INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE UNDER THE DEFAULT BUDGET.] SCHOOL BOARD RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.

Moderator called on Chair Cota to present budget. Chair Cota requested Don Harty present budget process to citizens and respond to questions. Harty reviewed budget procedure.

Questions were asked by citizens in attendance.

Moderator called for further discussion or questions and, as noted, there being no further discussion or amendments to Article 2., Article 2 shall appear on the ballot as presented.

Article 3: TO SEE IF THE DISTRICT WITH VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE WITHDRAWAL AND USE OF UP TO \$15,000 FRO THE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION CAPITAL RESERVE FUND, PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED, FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING ARCHITECTURAL, ENGINEERING AND ENROLLMENT STUDIES NECESSARY FOR THE PLANING OF THE FUTURE EXPANSION AND RENOVATION AT EPSOM CENTRAL SCHOOL. **THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE.** [WITHDRAWAL OF CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS HAS NO IMPACT ON THE TAX RATE.] (SCHOOL BOARD RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.) (BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.)

Board Member noted this was discussed during the budget portion of the meeting and basically it is to give the school board permission to spend \$15,000 to have an enrollment projection done for the next ten years and to pay for architectural services to have the building design recommendation in time for the budget process next year. Budget committee member noted

for the public interest that the special warrant article is always a separate item, including on the town budget side, in addition to the budget proposed, usually resulting in additional tax increase. Moderator further clarified that this particular article did not have a tax increase. Moderator further clarified that this particular article did not have a tax impact as the funding was coming out of the capital reserves fund. Moderator called for further discussion or questions and, as noted, there being no further discussion or amendments to Article 3. Article 3 shall appear on the ballot as presented.

Article 4: TO SEE IF THE DISTRICT WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$46,500 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A "STICK-BUILT" MODULAR BUILDING. **THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE.** [FUNDS TO LEASE A PRE-MANUFACTURED PORTABLE CLASSROOM FOR ONE (1) YEAR ARE CONTAINED IN THE REQUESTED BUDGET (ARTICLE 1). APPROVAL OF ARTICLE 4 WOULD ALLOW FOR THE OPTION OF PURCHASING A MODULAR BUILDING SIMILAR TO THE CURRENT KINDERGARTEN WHICH COULD BE USED FOR SEVERAL YEARS WITHOUT LONG-TERM LEASE EXPENSES. APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED ARTICLE WILL RESULT IN A PROJECTED \$.28 PER \$1,000 INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE.] SCHOOL BOARD RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.

School Board noted that the cost of leasing the building \$32,000 is included in the purchase price of the building of \$75,000 and this would give the Board the option of buying the building as opposed to just leasing the building.

Questions were asked by citizens in attendance.

Moderator called for further discussion or questions and, as noted, there being no further discussion or amendments to Article 4, Article 4 shall appear on the ballot as resented.

Article 5: TO CHOOSE AGENTS AND COMMITTEES IN RELATION TO ANY SUBJECTS EMBRACED IN THIS WARRANT.

There was no discussion regarding Article 5 and no agents or committees were called for.

Article 6: TO TRANSACT OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE SAID MEETING.

There was no other business that may legally come before said meeting. There was no other business called before the assembly.

The Epsom School District meeting was adjourned to the second session of the district meeting, voting by ballot. Voting by ballot (called the second session) will take place at the American Legion on Tuesday, March 12 2002 where voting on all articles takes place.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa MacNaughton, Clerk
Epsom School District

The following is the result of the March 12, 2002 vote of the School District of Epsom, New Hampshire:

SCHOOL BOARD FOR THREE YEARS (Vote for not more than 2)

Virginia Drew	396 votes
Rachel Eames	376 votes
Mary Ellen LaRiviere	343 votes

ARTICLES:

Article 1: SHALL THE DISTRICT 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 VOTE OF THE FIRST SESSION, FOR THE PURPOSES SET FORTH THEREIN, TOTALING \$5,761,268? SHOULD THIS ARTICLE BE DEFEATED, THE OPERATING BUDGET SHALL BE \$5,658,428 WHICH IS THE SAME AS LAST YEAR, WITH CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS REQUIRED BY PREVIOUS ACTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, 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.

[APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET WILL RESULT IN A PROJECTED \$3.70 PER \$1,000 INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE. REJECTION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL RESULT IN A PROJECTED \$3.08 PER \$1,000 INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE.] (THE SCHOOL BOARD AND BUDGET COMMITTEE BOTH RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THIS ARTICLE.)

YES ----- 345

NO ----- 355

Article 2: TO SEE IF THE DISTRICT WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$46,500 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A "STICK-BUILT" MODULAR BUILDING. THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE. [FUNDS TO LEASE A PRE-MANUFACTURED PORTABLE CLASSROOM FOR ONE YEAR ARE CONTAINED IN THE REQUESTED BUDGET (ARTICLE 1). APPROVAL OF ARTICLE 3 WOULD ALLOW FOR THE OPTION OF PURCHASING A MODULAR BUILDING SIMILAR TO THE CURRENT KINDERGARTEN WHICH COULD BE USED FOR SEVERAL YEARS WITHOUT LONG-TERM LEASE EXPENSES. APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED ARTICLE WILL RESULT IN A PROJECTED \$.28 PER \$1,000 INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE.] (THE SCHOOL BOARD RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THIS ARTICLE.)

YES ----- 373

NO ----- 328

EPSOM SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF EPSOM,
QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS:

You are hereby notified to meet at the American Legion in said District on the 11th day of March, 2003 at 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing three years.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing three years.
3. To choose two members of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing three years.
5. Other School District business previously considered at the District's Deliberative Session.

The polls are to open at 8:00 A.M. and will close not earlier than 7:00 P.M.

Given under our hands at said Epsom this 8th day of January, 2003.

Donald Harty, Chair
Virginia Drew
Rachel Eames
Timothy Riel
Andrew Turnbull
EPSOM SCHOOL BOARD

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF EPSOM, QUALIFIED
TO VOTE IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Epsom Central School in said District on the 6th day of February, 2003 at 6:00 o'clock in the evening to deliberate upon the following subjects:

1. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and to make any recommendation relating thereto.

2. To see if the District 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 vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$5,948,420. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$5,819,151 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district, 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.

[Approval of the proposed School District budget will result in a projected \$2.42 per \$1,000 increase in the tax rate. Rejection of the proposed budget will result in a projected \$1.66 per \$1,000 increase in the tax rate under the Default Budget.]

*School Board Recommends Approval
Budget Committee Recommends Approval*

3. To see if the District will vote to approve the cost items as set forth in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Epsom School Board and the Epsom Teachers Association for the 2003/04, 2004/05 and 2005/06 fiscal years which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits:

Year 2003/04	\$111,399
Year 2004/05	\$110,106
Year 2005/06	\$116,518

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$111,399 for the 2003/04 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits agreed to by the Epsom School Board and the Epsom Teachers Association.

[Approval of the collective bargaining agreement will result in a \$.65 per \$1,000 increase in the tax rate.]

*School Board Recommends Approval
Budget Committee Recommends Approval*

4. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate \$31,491 for the lease of a bus (including driver and related expenses) to transport Epsom School District students to and from Pembroke Academy for the school year. **This is a special warrant article.**

[Approval of the high school bus will result in a \$.18 per \$1,000 increase in the tax rate.]

*School Board Recommends Approval
Budget Committee Recommends Approval*

5. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 for the purpose of developing a parcel of donated land adjacent to the present Epsom Central School site for athletic purposes. **This is a special warrant article.**

[Approval of the field development will result in a \$.15 per \$1,000 increase in the tax rate.]

*School Board Recommends Approval
Budget Committee Recommends Approval*

6. To see if the District will vote to approve the following resolution to be shared appropriately with state and federal officials:

Be it resolved that the voters of the Epsom School District vigorously oppose any and all unfunded and/or under-funded federal education mandates including, but not limited to, those contained in the recently enacted "No Child Left Behind Law" as well as those historically unfunded within the special education (I.D.E.A.) law.

7. To see if the School District will rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as S.B. 2), as adopted by the Epsom School District on March 11, 1997, so that the official ballot shall 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. (3/5 majority vote required.)

8. To choose Agents and Committees in relation to any subjects embraced in the Warrant.

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

Given under our hands and seal this 6th day of February, 2003.

Donald Harty, Chair
Virginia Drew
Rachel Eames
Timothy Riel
Andrew Turnbull
EPSOM SCHOOL BOARD

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
EPSOM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 11, 2003


School District Clerk

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

For 3 Years Vote for TWO

JOSEPH DOWNEY

DONALD HARTY

ANDREW TURNBULL

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

TREASURER

For 3 Years Vote for ONE

(Write-in)

SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

For 3 Years Vote for ONE

(Write-in)

MODERATOR

For 1 Year Vote for ONE

(Write-in)

**EPSOM SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT ARTICLES AS MODIFIED ON
FEBUARY 8, 2003**

Article 1: Will the District 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 vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$5,948,420? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$5,819,151 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district, 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.

[Approval of the proposed School District budget will result in a projected \$2.42 per \$1,000 increase in the tax rate. Rejection of the proposed budget will result in a projected \$1.66 per \$1,000 increase in the tax rate under the Default Budget.]

School Board Recommends Approval
Budget Committee Recommends Approval

YES

NO

Article 2: Will the District approve the cost items as set forth in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Epsom School Board and the Epsom Teachers Association for the 2003/04, 2004/05 and 2005/06 fiscal years which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits:

Year 2003/04	\$111,399
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School District Clerk

and further raise and appropriate the sum of \$111,399 for the 2003/04 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits agreed to by the Epsom School Board and the Epsom Teachers Association?

[Approval of the collective bargaining agreement will result in a \$.65 per \$1,000 increase in the tax rate.]

School Board Recommends Approval
Budget Committee Recommends Approval

YES NO

Article 3: Will the District raise and appropriate \$31,491 for the lease of a bus (including driver and related expenses) to transport Epsom School District students to and from Pembroke Academy for the school year? **This is a special warrant article.**

[Approval of the high school bus will result in a \$.18 per \$1,000 increase in the tax rate.]

School Board Recommends Approval
Budget Committee Recommends Approval

YES NO

Article 4: Will the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of developing a parcel of donated land adjacent to the present Epsom Central School site for athletic and educational purposes? **This is a special warrant article.**

[Approval of the field development will result in a \$.15 per \$1,000 increase in the tax rate.]

School Board Recommends Approval
Budget Committee Recommends Approval

YES NO

Article 5: Will the District approve the following resolution to be shared appropriately with state and federal officials:

Be it resolved that the voters of the Epsom School District vigorously oppose any and all unfunded and/or under-funded state and federal education mandates including, but not limited to, those contained in the recently enacted "No Child Left Behind Law" as well as those historically unfunded within the special education (I.D.E.A.) law.

YES NO

Article 6: Will the School District rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as S.B. 2), as adopted by the Epsom School District on March 11, 1997, so that the official ballot shall 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? (3/5 majority vote required.)

YES NO

**EPSOM SCHOOL DISTRICT
2003-04 PROPOSED BUDGET**

ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	2001/02 ACTUAL	2002/03 VOTED BUD.	2003/04 PROP. BUD.	BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED NOT RECOMMENDED
1000 INSTRUCTION					
1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS					
110 Teachers' Salaries		1,082,192.50	1,152,949.00	1,132,056.00	1,132,056.00
112 Substitute Salaries		37,710.39	32,440.00	35,440.00	35,440.00
114 Aides' Salaries		50,540.80	47,268.00	38,605.00	38,605.00
115 ESL Services		0.00	10,300.00	12,600.00	12,600.00
116 Summer Program		0.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
321 Computer Training		1,995.00	1,900.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
430 Maintenance Agreements		2,333.20	6,400.00	5,400.00	5,400.00
431 Instr. Equipment Repairs		81.70	530.00	1.00	1.00
432 Server/Network Upgrade		462.35	1.00	1.00	1.00
550 Rebinding of Books		800.00	200.00	450.00	450.00
561 Tuition-Other-Districts		1,325,766.04	1,459,480.00	1,447,150.00	1,447,150.00
610 Teaching Supplies		40,012.24	37,172.00	41,192.00	41,192.00
611 Computer Parts		1,580.29	2,300.00	2,593.00	2,593.00
641 Textbooks		21,459.41	10,675.00	12,334.00	12,334.00
642 Audio Visual		2,623.65	2,787.00	1,906.00	1,906.00
649 Student Publications		0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
650 Audio Visual-Computer		880.47	200.00	450.00	450.00
733 New Instructional Equipment		3,503.06	1,285.00	1,630.00	1,630.00
734 Technology Equipment		234.64	1.00	401.00	401.00
737 Repl. Instructional Equipment		14,125.42	5,184.00	1,204.00	1,204.00
738 Replace Computers		9,585.60	17,370.00	28,966.00	28,966.00
739 New Equipment-Physical Ed.		141.50	1.00	386.00	386.00
SUBTOTAL 1100		2,596,028.26	2,788,944.00	2,766,766.00	2,766,766.00

ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	2001/02 ACTUAL	2002/03 VOTED BUD.	2003/04 PROP. BUD.	BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED NOT RECOMMENDED
1200 SPECIAL PROGRAMS					
110 Salaries		97,593.19	118,957.00	90,183.00	90,183.00
114 Aides' Salaries		132,113.06	132,811.00	169,144.00	169,144.00
115 Special Education Tutor		8,115.08	7,100.00	18,500.00	18,500.00
116 Special Education Coordinator		39,382.00	40,563.00	43,683.00	43,683.00
321 Tutoring Services		0.00	1,000.00	500.00	500.00
322 Special Education Training		0.00	500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
323 Contracted Services		0.00	42,417.00	25,500.00	25,500.00
330 EH Consultant		29,636.08	500.00	500.00	500.00
519 Field Trips		0.00	200.00	1.00	1.00
568 Summer Spec. Placements		0.00	4,000.00	10,500.00	10,500.00
569 Special Education Tuition		307,049.43	385,199.00	400,756.00	400,756.00
610 Special Education Supplies		1,837.19	1,916.00	1,712.00	1,712.00
641 Special Education Books		424.70	300.00	135.00	135.00
642 Special Education Audio Visual		270.54	300.00	108.00	108.00
734 New Equipment		8,264.58	367.00	474.00	474.00
SUBTOTAL 1200		624,685.85	736,130.00	763,606.00	763,606.00
1410 CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS					
110 Curricular Salaries		9,515.00	9,770.00	12,820.00	12,820.00
340 Curricular Officials		1,795.00	2,976.00	3,640.00	3,640.00
610 Curricular Supplies		3,745.23	3,500.00	4,090.00	4,090.00
SUBTOTAL 1410		15,055.23	16,246.00	20,550.00	20,550.00
2000 SUPPORT SERVICES					
2120 GUIDANCE					
110 Guidance Salary		39,943.00	43,344.00	43,344.00	43,344.00
610 Guidance Supplies		110.88	100.00	200.00	200.00
642 A/V Guidance		386.53	1.00	1.00	1.00
330 Special Education Diagnostic		66,900.54	93,484.00	103,072.00	103,072.00
610 Testing Supplies		2,862.26	2,588.00	2,493.00	2,493.00
SUBTOTAL 2123		110,203.21	139,517.00	149,110.00	149,110.00

ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	2001/02 ACTUAL	2002/03 VOTED BUD.	2003/04 PROP. BUD.	BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED NOT RECOMMENDED
2130 HEALTH					
110 Nurse's Salary		38,754.00	39,983.00	40,283.00	40,283.00
430 Equip. Calibration		165.00	215.00	330.00	330.00
610 Medical Supplies		1,064.45	1,235.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
641 Health Instruction		0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
739 Health Equipment		77.50	61.00	1.00	1.00
430 Software Support		0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
580 Travel		0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
610 Office Supplies		158.33	85.00	103.00	103.00
810 Memberships/Dues		70.00	80.00	90.00	90.00
SUBTOTAL 2130		40,289.28	41,661.00	42,010.00	42,010.00
2190 OTHER PUPIL SERVICES					
321 Other Instructional Services		35.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
810 Membership/Dues		518.00	148.00	535.00	535.00
890 Assembly		332.00	2,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
SUBTOTAL 2190		885.00	2,188.00	3,575.00	3,575.00
2210 IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION					
322 Curriculum Development		644.50	1.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
322 Inservice Training		210.24	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
329 Course Reimbursement		7,073.20	9,537.00	9,537.00	9,537.00
641 Professional Books/Subscriptions		308.78	200.00	472.00	472.00
SUBTOTAL 2210		8,236.72	10,738.00	12,009.00	12,009.00
2222 LIBRARY					
110 Librarian's Salary		28,230.00	30,272.00	27,490.00	27,490.00
610 Library/General Supplies		249.99	152.00	495.00	495.00
641 Library Books		1,461.50	1,603.00	1,950.00	1,950.00
642 Library/General Reference		426.73	238.00	490.00	490.00
650 Computer Software		0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
733 Furniture & Fixtures		253.34	22.00	1,594.00	1,594.00
610 Video Cassettes		156.33	159.00	552.00	552.00

ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	2001/02 ACTUAL	2002/03 VOTED BUD.	2003/04 PROP. BUD.	BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED, NOT RECOMMENDED	
642	Library Film Rental	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
738	Replace Technology Equip.	0.00	1.00	760.00	760.00	
	SUBTOTAL 2222	30,777.89	32,449.00	33,333.00	33,333.00	
2290 OTHER INSTRUCTION SERVICES						
580	Travel and Conference	8,831.87	9,163.00	9,163.00	9,163.00	
	SUBTOTAL 2290	8,831.87	9,163.00	9,163.00	9,163.00	
2310 SCHOOL BOARD						
110	Board Salaries	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
115	Secretary to the Board	770.00	720.00	720.00	720.00	
300	Contr-Fixed Assets	445.00	445.00	0.00	0.00	
540	Advertising	14,581.00	3,500.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	
610	Board Expense	1,750.62	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	
810	Dues NHBSA	2,943.54	2,944.00	2,978.00	2,978.00	
2312-116	Clerk	350.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	
2313-110	Treasurer's Salary	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	
610	Treasurer's Expense	390.40	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
2314-121	Moderator	32.50	75.00	75.00	75.00	
340	Legal Notices	204.37	200.00	200.00	200.00	
610	SB 2 Voting Expenses	522.92	600.00	600.00	600.00	
2317-300	Auditors	2,142.00	2,249.00	2,249.00	2,249.00	
2318-380	Attorneys	(288.24)	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
	SUBTOTAL 2310	24,344.11	15,609.00	15,698.00	15,698.00	
2321 SAU MANAGEMENT SERVICES						
312	S.A.U. #53	125,381.00	137,886.00	144,835.00	144,835.00	
	SUBTOTAL 2320	125,381.00	137,886.00	144,835.00	144,835.00	
2400 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION SERVICES						
110	Principal's Salary	60,000.00	62,100.00	62,100.00	62,100.00	
111	Assistant Principal's Salary	45,095.45	43,470.00	43,470.00	43,470.00	
112	Team Leaders	5,500.00	4,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	

ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	2001/02 ACTUAL	2002/03 VOTED BUD.	2003/04 PROP. BUD.	BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED NOT RECOMMENDED
550	Report Cards	603.75	983.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
580	Principal's Travel	0.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
810	Professional Dues	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
115	Secretaries' Salaries	48,254.07	63,565.00	63,975.00	63,975.00
116	Extra Typing Services	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
111	Tech. Coord. Salary	30,000.00	31,200.00	31,200.00	31,200.00
300	Criminal Records	630.00	590.00	590.00	590.00
320	Workshops & Conferences	4,584.10	6,750.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
430	Maintenance Contracts	599.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
580	Adm. Travel	1,125.86	1,025.00	1,125.00	1,125.00
610	Office Supplies	4,953.89	6,000.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
641	Professional Books/Subscriptions	178.74	1.00	300.00	300.00
650	Office Software	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
890	Commencement	852.26	1,000.00	1,070.00	1,070.00
SUBTOTAL 2400		202,777.12	222,336.00	222,982.00	222,982.00
2600	OPERATION/MAINTENANCE				
110	Custodian Salaries	69,164.76	72,203.00	94,109.00	94,109.00
411	Water	5,944.75	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
441	Modular Rental	0.00	0.00	18,660.00	18,660.00
531	Utility Telephone	5,880.81	5,200.00	5,900.00	5,900.00
600	Supplies	13,358.16	13,000.00	16,900.00	16,900.00
622	Utility Electricity	25,633.54	26,200.00	26,000.00	26,000.00
623	Propane	0.00	980.00	980.00	980.00
624	Utility Oil	12,155.44	17,560.00	12,200.00	12,200.00
430	Other Repairs to Building	8,899.61	13,800.00	11,442.00	11,442.00
431	Repairs-Electricity/Plumbing	4,866.38	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
520	SMP Insurance	13,536.00	14,099.00	14,804.00	14,804.00
424	Fields/Grounds Improvement	1,708.00	2,000.00	3,400.00	3,400.00
430	Equipment Repair	416.57	600.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
432	Contracted Services	12,015.84	10,367.00	12,672.00	12,672.00
442	Equipment Rental	0.00	1.00	250.00	250.00
731	New Equipment	498.10	1.00	3,674.00	3,674.00

ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	2001/02 ACTUAL	2002/03 VOTED BUD.	2003/04 PROP. BUD.	BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED NOT RECOMMENDED
735	Equipment Replacement	0.00	3,000.00	5,399.00	5,399.00
	SUBTOTAL 2540	174,077.96	188,511.00	236,890.00	236,890.00
2720	PUPIL TRANSPORTATION				
519	Contracted Services	174,510.00	162,700.00	193,761.00	193,761.00
518	Summer Transportation	0.00	1,313.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
519	Special Education Transportation	59,309.57	83,500.00	133,250.00	133,250.00
443	Athletic Trips	2,024.72	2,870.00	2,970.00	2,970.00
443	Field Trips	2,135.78	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
	SUBTOTAL 2550	237,980.07	253,933.00	338,081.00	338,081.00
2900	OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES				
211	Health Insurance	307,821.25	360,388.00	456,776.00	456,776.00
212	Dental Insurance	22,097.58	22,310.00	25,633.00	25,633.00
213	Life Insurance/Annuity	6,309.26	6,108.00	6,100.00	6,100.00
230	FICA	140,721.87	147,436.00	149,431.00	149,431.00
232	Teachers' Retirement	38,473.18	41,558.00	41,990.00	41,990.00
239	Separation-Early Retirement	18,485.00	19,996.00	21,422.00	21,422.00
250	Unemployment Compensation	2,946.05	2,080.00	2,240.00	2,240.00
260	Workers Compensation	4,194.34	8,269.00	8,505.00	8,505.00
290	Non-Bargaining Unit Increase	0.00	0.00	29,929.00	29,929.00
291	Administrators Increase	0.00	0.00	13,682.00	13,682.00
	SUBTOTAL 2900	541,048.53	608,345.00	755,708.00	755,708.00
4200	FACILITIES AQU/CONSTR.				
424	Site Improvements-Grounds	8,500.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
450	Site Improvements-Building	15,623.41	5,080.00	8,940.00	8,940.00
	SUBTOTAL 4200	24,123.41	5,081.00	8,941.00	8,941.00
4300	ARCHITECTURAL/ENG. SERVICES				
	ARCHITECT & ENG. STUDIES	0.00	15,000.00	0.00	0.00
	SUBTOTAL 4300	0.00	15,000.00	0.00	0.00

ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	2001/02 ACTUAL	2002/03 VOTED BUD.	2003/04 PROP. BUD.	BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED NOT RECOMMENDED
4500	BUILDING ACQUISITION				
	PRE-MANUFACTURED MODULAR	0.00	66,731.00	0.00	0.00
	SUBTOTAL 4500	0.00	66,731.00	0.00	0.00
5100	DEBT SERVICE				
	910 Principal	200,000.00	195,000.00	190,000.00	190,000.00
	830 Interest	24,360.00	14,635.00	4,868.00	4,868.00
	SUBTOTAL 5100	224,360.00	209,635.00	194,868.00	194,868.00
5200	FUND TRANSFERS				
	5221 To Food Service Fund	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
	5251 Transfer to Capital Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	5252 To Other Trust Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	SUBTOTAL 5200	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
	FUND II ANTICIPATED GRANTS	130,849.03	110,200.00	130,800.00	130,800.00
	FUND IV FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	89,582.85	109,624.00	99,404.00	99,404.00
	WARRANT - COLLECTIVE BARGAIN AGREEMENT	0.00	0.00	111,399.00	111,399.00
	WARRANT - HIGH SCHOOL BUS	0.00	0.00	31,491.00	31,491.00
	WARRANT - ATHLETIC FIELD DEVELOPMENT	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	5,209,517.39	5,719,928.00	6,116,310.00	6,116,310.00

EPSOM SCHOOL DISTRICT ESTIMATED REVENUES

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REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
For the Fiscal Year July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002

Cash on Hand July 1, 2001	\$ 125,757.61
Received from Selectmen	\$ 3,223,619.00
Revenue from State Sources	1,814,052.31
Received from Other Sources	<u>138,661.17</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>5,176,332.48</u>
 Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	 5,302,090.09
Less for School Board Orders Paid	<u>5,271,988.91</u>
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 2002	\$ 30,101.18

LINDA MARTEL
District Treasurer

STATISTICAL REPORT

Half day in Session	360
Total Enrollment	508
Percent of Attendance	95.5
Average Daily Attendance	456.7

DISTRICTS' SHARE OF SAU

<u>District</u>	<u>2001 Equalized Valuation</u>	<u>Valuation Percentage</u>	<u>2001/02 Pupils</u>	<u>Pupil Percent</u>	<u>Combined Percent</u>	<u>2003/04 District Share</u>
Allenstown	\$ 171,656,000	14.4	598	16.1	15.2	\$141,959
Chichester	151,249,000	12.6	276	7.4	10.0	94,007
Deerfield	278,409,000	23.3	557	15.0	19.2	176,831
Epsom	237,880,000	19.9	457	12.3	16.1	148,923
Pembroke	<u>356,034,000</u>	<u>29.8</u>	<u>1829</u>	<u>49.2</u>	<u>39.5</u>	<u>395,420</u>
	\$1,195,228,000	100.0	3717	100.0	100.0	\$957,140

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #53 BUDGET

2003/04

Estimated Revenues

Account	Number	Description	
	770	Unreserved Fund Balance, June 30, 2003.....	25,389.00
	1000	LOCAL REVENUE EXCLUSIVE OF DISTRICT SHARE	
		Tuition/Transportation	1,117,096.00
		TOTAL REVENUES.....	<u>\$ 1,142,485.00</u>

Estimated Expenditures

Function	Object	Purpose of Expenditure	
1000		INSTRUCTION	
	1200 ALL	Special Programs.....	\$ 49,000.00
2100		SUPPORT SERVICES	
	2190 ALL	Other Pupil Services.....	935,371.00
2200		INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF SERVICES	
	2210 ALL	Improvement of Instruction.....	1,000.00
2300-2335		GENERAL ADMINISTRATION SERVICES	
	2310 ALL	School Administrative Unit Board.....	9,765.00
	2320 ALL	Office of the Superintendent.....	253,313.00
	2330 ALL	Special Area Administrative Services.....	130,841.00
	2335 ALL	Other General Administration Services.....	63,001.00
2340-2600		BUSINESS SERVICES	
	2340 ALL	Fiscal.....	112,838.00
	2600 ALL	Operation & Maintenance of Plant.....	27,424.00
2350		MANAGERIAL SERVICES.....	232,350.00
2900		OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES.....	259,333.00
		TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	<u>\$ 2,074,236.00</u>
		LESS ESTIMATED REVENUES.....	<u>1,142,485.00</u>
		AMOUNT TO BE SHARED BY DISTRICTS.....	<u>\$ 931,751.00</u>

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS			
2001/02			
Date	From Whom	Description	Amount
2001 7/12	NH Retirement	Refund	40.86
	State of NH	Medicaid	4,825.31
7/17	State of NH	Medicaid	2,983.78
	State of NH	Building Aid	5,552.23
7/25	Town Treasurer	Appropriation	265,000.00
	Interest		159.08
	Check #906710 cashed as 735		0.80
8/1	State Grant		311,938.00
8/6	Epsom Better Buddies	Rent	232.75
	McElaney	Insurance Reimbursement	334.96
	State of NH	Breakfast/milk	1,378.00
	State of NH	Medicaid	1,348.65
	SAU #53	Reimbursement	939.36
8/8	Town Treasurer	Appropriation	70,000.00
8/23	Town Treasurer	Appropriation	50,000.00
	Interest		153.66
	Interest		947.78
9/4	State Grant		311,938.00
9/7	Town Treasurer	Appropriation	208,000.00
9/17	Epsom Better Buddies	Rent	173.00
	McElaney	Insurance Reimbursement	334.96
	Devlin	Insurance Reimbursement	669.92
	NH Retirement	Reimbursement	57.18
	State of NH	Adequacy Grant	1,634.71
	State of NH	Medicaid	106.25
	State of NH	Medicaid	14.51
	State of NH	Medicaid	1,969.59
9/27	McElaney	Insurance Reimbursement	334.96
	Epsom Better Buddies	Rent	201.50
	Copp	Insurance Reimbursement	402.12
	NH Retirement	Insurance Reimbursement	57.18
	Interest		237.57
	Epsom Lunch Sales		6,757.68
	Interest		1,486.38
10/15	Devlin	Insurance Reimbursement	669.92
	Epsom Better Buddies	Rent	216.75
	NH Retirement	Insurance Reimbursement	57.18
	State of NH	Medicaid	557.66
	State of NH	Building Aid	30,000.00
10/29	McElaney	Insurance Reimbursement	334.96
	McElaney	Insurance Reimbursement	334.96
10/30	Town Treasurer	Appropriation	526,000.00

Date	From Whom	Description	Amount
	Epsom Lunch Sales		4,719.78
	Interest		339.12
	Interest		348.29
11/2	Town Treasurer	Appropriation	20,000.00
11/7	Town Treasurer	Appropriation	95,000.00
11/9	State of NH	Milk/Food	101.00
	NH Retirement	Insurance Reimbursement	57.18
11/13	State of NH	Medicaid	183.39
11/15	State of NH	Grant/Trust/Food	3,192.32
	Epsom Better Buddies	Rent	283.25
11/29	Devlin	Insurance Reimbursement	669.92
	Benefit Strategies	Refund	174.42
	Epsom Lunch Sales		8,875.96
	Interest		200.57
12/3	Town Treasurer	Appropriation	75,000.00
12/14	Town Treasurer	Appropriation	75,000.00
12/21	Town Treasurer	Appropriation	229,000.00
	Epsom Lunch Sales		5,460.68
	Interest		86.89
	Check never cashed		1,529.34
2002 1/2	State of NH	Grant	467,908.00
1/4	McElaney	Insurance Reimbursement	334.96
	Epsom Better Buddies	Rent	236.25
	State of NH		86,691.81
	NH Retirement	Insurance Reimbursement	57.18
	NH Retirement	Insurance Reimbursement	57.18
	Global Computer	Refund	83.90
1/14	Town Treasurer	Appropriation	75,000.00
1/24	Epsom Better Buddies	Rent	200.75
	McElaney	Insurance Reimbursement	334.96
	Devlin	Insurance Reimbursement	669.92
	Epsom Lunch Sales		5,183.68
	Interest		476.91
	Check never cashed		1,501.78
2/20	Epsom Lunch Sales		6,444.36
	Interest		270.36
3/6	Plante	Insurance Reimbursement	225.12
	Epsom Better Buddies	Rent	243.50
	State of NH	Medicaid	747.13
3/6	State of NH	Class Size	39,400.00
	McElaney	Insurance Reimbursement	334.96
	Pembroke School District	Reimbursement	259.08
	State of NH	Breakfast	1,758.00
	NH Retirement	Insurance Reimbursement	57.18

Date	From Whom	Description	Amount
	NH Retirement	Insurance Reimbursement	57.18
	SAU #53	Refund	54,308.05
3/18	Devlin	Insurance Reimbursement	669.92
	Pembroke School District	Insurance Reimbursement	180.00
	Epsom Lunch Sales		5,892.40
	Interest		193.65
3/22	Town Treasurer	Appropriation	480,000.00
	Check never cashed		2,017.46
4/1	State of NH	Grant	467,908.00
4/4	Town Treasurer	Appropriation	195,000.00
4/15	State of NH	Building Aid	30,000.00
	State of NH	Breakfast	1,698.00
	Epsom Better Buddies	Rent	237.50
4/23	State of NH	Breakfast	2,233.00
	Epsom Better Buddies	Rent	189.00
	McElaney	Insurance Reimbursement	334.96
	McElaney	Insurance Reimbursement	334.96
	Epsom Lunch Sales		6,208.25
	Interest		103.97
	Interest		554.28
5/15	State of NH	Medicaid	2,629.97
	State of NH	Breakfast/Grant	32,909.00
	Epsom Better Buddies	Rent	239.75
5/29	Devlin	Insurance Reimbursement	334.96
	Epsom Bible Church	Insurance Reimbursement	127.26
	Epsom Lunch Sales		6,241.71
	Interest		118.75
	Interest		222.26
6/7	Cash	Dinner Account	100.00
	Beumac		100.00
	Meehan	Insurance Reimbursement	341.53
	Meehan	Insurance Reimbursement	31.00
	State of NH	Breakfast	1,847.00
	SAU #53	Reimbursement	167.48
6/14	Town Treasurer	Appropriation	860,619.00
6/25	Rieger	Workshop Reimbursement	159.00
	McElaney	Insurance Reimbursement	669.92
	Devlin	Insurance Reimbursement	334.96
	Meehan	Insurance Reimbursement	24.43
	Epsom Better Buddies	Rent	252.50
6/27	State of NH		599.00
	Epsom Lunch Sales		2,865.81
	Interest		195.37
		TOTAL	\$ 5,176,332.48

EPSOM SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUMMARY REPORT
SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENDITURES/REVENUES

In accordance with RSA 32:11-a, the following summary represents actual special education expenditures and offsetting revenues for the previous two fiscal years.

	<u>FY 2000/01</u>	<u>FY 2001/02</u>
Actual Expenditures	\$ 751,953	\$ 924,396
Actual Revenues		
♦ Catastrophic Aid	\$ 12,032	\$ 81,735
♦ Medicaid	31,940	9,770
♦ Federal Grant	43,651	54,308
Total Offsetting Revenues	\$ 87,623	\$ 145,813

- Notes:
- Actual expenditures represent a total of all designated special education budget categories. Services provided through regular education categories cannot be accurately segregated.
 - State Foundation Aid/Adequate Education Aid paid in both fiscal years above contained various weighted stipends for those students identified as having special needs. These cannot be accurately identified as a separate revenue category.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

President Bush's "No Child Left Behind" Act has recently received considerable attention in both the print and electronic media. This legislation, officially called the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), was passed by both houses of Congress and signed into law by President Bush in January, 2002. It has been described as the most sweeping federal education mandate since the special education law was adopted in the 1970's. In fact, many observers feel that this law will dwarf the impact that special education has had on local school districts across the nation.

The "No Child Left Behind" Act contains several major regulatory sections, among them:

- Accountability – Each State must set academic standards regarding what students should know and be able to do. Achievement will be measured for most students almost every academic year. The results of these annual assessments will be used to measure "Adequate Yearly Progress," the minimum level of improvement that states, school districts, and schools must achieve each year. Not only must schools show steady improvement, but subgroups including specific minorities, students with limited English skills and special education students must separately show constant improvement as well. Lack of Adequate Yearly Progress by any subgroup will mean that the entire school has failed for the year. There are very serious implications associated with failure to maintain and improve upon Adequate Yearly Progress. Schools which do not meet yearly goals will be required by law to allow public school choice and to provide supplemental educational services, both at district expense, and could eventually be mandated to replace all current staff and administrators, adopt a government-specified curriculum, extend the school year and finally submit to a complete state take-over.
- Highly Qualified Educators – Under No Child Left Behind, public schools will be limited to employing only teachers categorized as "highly qualified" within three years. This could curtail hiring candidates who move here from other states and must wait for the certification process to be completed or those who wish to begin teaching after careers in the private sector or the military. We now commonly employ teachers in these categories under alternative certification plans. It will also limit teaching outside one's specific area of certification. For example, a certified science instructor who also teaches one math class would no longer be approved.

Some teacher aides will also need to be "highly qualified" to be employed. While specific standards are yet to be determined by the federal government, successful completion of an associate's degree or a nationally recognized academic skills test are probable criteria for attaining highly qualified status.

- Miscellaneous Requirements – Included in the No Child Left Behind Act are a number of unrelated provisions, among them clauses ensuring access to student information for military recruiters, guaranteeing use of school facilities for Boy Scout activities, defining student religious rights, protecting teachers from discipline-related negligence claims, and allowing student transfers from schools the state labels "persistently dangerous."

Public educators are generally very supportive of the major goals reflected in the No Child Left Behind Act. Who can fault requirements for a highly qualified faculty and rigorous, valid accountability practices? What concerns many, however, are the significant unfunded and under-funded mandates which this legislation seems to contain. For example, who will assume the extra expense of a staff where all teachers and some teaching assistants are "highly qualified" as defined by the law? What costs will be entailed in bringing current employees into compliance? Who will pay for the development and implementation of additional improvement plans for regular and special education students as well as those with limited English proficiency? Will tuition and transportation costs associated with public school choice or an extended school year schedule be covered by federal funds? These prospective expenses could represent over one hundred million extra dollars per year statewide. It is vitally important that federal resources are available and sufficient to support this law's significant mandates. It is equally important that our state's strong tradition of local control for educational decision-making is maintained. We can only hope that the No Child Left Behind Act will be implemented without the huge unfunded mandates and onerous inflexible regulations that have defined the federal special education program. It is clear, however, that the No Child Left Behind Act poses many unanswered questions and will affect us all; taxpayers and educators, parents and children, for years to come.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas Haley
Superintendent of Schools

EPSOM SCHOOL DISTRICT Principal's Annual Report

The last twelve months have been an extremely busy time at Epsom Central School. The main focus has been on academic improvement. With the release of the New Hampshire state testing scores in October, the staff has been reviewing ways to improve instruction and assessment. Numerous staff development days and faculty meetings were used to address the issue. Gains continue to happen on the third grade tests in reading and math, which reflect the curriculum of grades kindergarten through third. On the sixth grade tests, which reflect the fourth-sixth grade curriculum, we remain relatively stable and are looking at ways to raise our students into more proficient and advanced levels.

The building is also making literacy a school-wide focus this year. With the awarding of a state grant we have been able to implement "Accelerated Reader" into our kindergarten through eighth grade. This grant has allowed us to update our library's collection in the fiction area and expand our classroom libraries. We have also been fortunate enough to be able to bring in a national trainer to allow our teaching staff to be professional trained. The program will be a resource for teachers to use to help students in their independent reading development. It is gauged to have students practicing reading in their independent reading zones to ensure maximum success and growth. This is a technology based program allowing instant feedback to students and teachers.

One of the concerns that we have had to deal with is space. With increasing special education demands, as well as running 3 sessions of kindergarten, space has been at a premium. This year added two additional rooms in the form of a modular. The addition of temporary walls within the building and the modular space has allowed us to maintain all current programs. A building committee recently received a feasibility study of the Epsom Central School, prepared by Kurt Lauer of Lauer Architects. This report details a general observation of the existing conditions, code review of existing conditions, engineering reports, capacity studies, as well as options for the district. This report is available for review at the school.

Thank you to the many parents, community members, teachers, PTO, EYAA and businesses who have supported us through the year. Donations of time, books, paper, office supplies, and money (to name just a few) have been critical.

As we look toward the future our goals revolve around raising expectations for student's performance level, exploring ways to better address the needs of our accelerated students, supporting the efforts of the building committee, establishing a mentoring program for new teachers, increasing technology integration and support efforts to assist "at-risk" students at Pembroke Academy and Epsom. The complete list of Epsom School Board Goals is available for review at the school.

Thank you to the parents who entrust their students to us daily, so that we may aid in their children's growth and development as citizens of Epsom. We strive to provide the best that we have to offer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jane E. Fargo
ECS Principal

EPSOM CENTRAL SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT

There have been over 2100 student visits to the Health Office during the school year for various issues including first aid, illness, health counseling and social issues. Screenings continue in the areas of vision and hearing. These screenings result in appropriate treatment and earlier recognition of hearing deficits as they relate to learning. Other screening programs consist of scoliosis, blood pressure, pediculosis and nutritional assessments. The nurse is involved with weekly meetings as a member of the Student Assistance Team, with the focus on the educational needs of our students. The nurse is also a member of the Crisis Intervention Team. The computerization of health records is ongoing.

Financial assistance from the School Nurse Student Health Association continues to be available for students with emergency medical and dental needs whose families would otherwise find these expenses a hardship. These are private funds secured through the cooperation of the Bank of New Hampshire, Suncook Branch, and supported through several local businesses and organizations throughout the school districts including Epsom, Pembroke, Allenstown and Hooksett. Their continued support of this program is greatly appreciated. The efforts of the Epsom-Chichester Lions Club are also greatly appreciated as they, too are an integral part of our resource system for those families in need of support. Lenscrafters of Concord, NH, as well as Wal-Mart Optometry have assisted families in need of vision care. We thank them for their continued support.

All of our students are properly immunized according to New Hampshire Board of Immunization regulations. All of our students are in compliance with state regulations. A special thank you is extended to the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association for assisting with immunization clinics and to the Pittsfield Medical Professional Association for their on-going consultation support.

A very special thank you is extended to the Epsom Rescue Squad, Fire Department and Police Department for always being there for the children of Epsom and for all they do to teach the children about safety in school and at home. Comprehensive health education continues for all students with the focus on encouraging students to take responsibility for themselves and others. We continue to offer units of Human Growth and Development for grades 5-8.

American Red Cross CPR certification opportunities were offered to the staff. A flu shot clinic was also offered to the staff of Epsom Central School Staff and community members. We thank Cigna Healthcare for their part in supporting health educational programs for our school and staff members.

Classroom and small group instruction in social skills, including conflict resolution and anti-bullying, is available to all grade levels. The Epsom C.A.R.E.S. initiative continues and is supported by the school-wide character and citizenship program. Ms. Fargo has introduced Project Wisdom, which starts each day with words of wisdom from famous people presented to the whole school over the intercom along with a daily character challenge. Children exhibiting exemplary positive character traits are acknowledged by the Kids With Character Bulletin Board outside the guidance office. Primary students were entertained and informed by Captain SMYLE, a talking robot, from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation. All sixth grade students were once again provided information from the Merrimack County Juvenile Diversion Program on the legal implications of

certain behaviors such as drug abuse, theft, and harassment and the importance of not giving in to negative peer pressure. Our eighth grade students participated in Step Up Day at Pembroke Academy which gave the eighth graders from Epsom, Chicheser, Allentown and Pembroke an opportunity to begin the transition process in to the high school experience. At Pembroke Academy our students have access to a Resource Officer. Epsom Central School has filed an application for Safe and Drug Free Schools (Title IV) monies to address such issues as violence prevention and harassment.

All of our programs have been successful as a result of the caring and cooperation of the faculty, support staff, volunteers and community based organizations. We appreciate the continued support of the Epsom School Board and Superintendent Thomas Haley, our principal Jane Fargo, our assistant principal Thomas Laliberte, as well as the many parents and volunteers who have assisted us this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Pozner, R.N.
School Nurse

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #53

**SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY
2001/02**

Allenstown	\$13,578
Chichester	8,298
Deerfield	16,092
Epsom	13,327
Pembroke	<u>32,520</u>
	\$83,815

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S
SALARY 2001/02**

Allenstown	\$11,340
Chichester	6,930
Deerfield	13,440
Epsom	11,130
Pembroke	<u>27,160</u>
	\$70,000

**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S
SALARY 2001/02**

Allenstown	\$ 8,910
Chichester	5,445
Deerfield	10,560
Epsom	8,745
Pembroke	<u>21,340</u>
	\$55,000

EPSOM TEACHER ROSTER
2002/03

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>TEACHER'S NAME</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>	<u>YEARS EXP.</u>
Grade 8	Allen Janet	39,483.00	BA	22
Grade 1	Barton, Deborah	39,483.00	BA	19
Grade 7	Bauer, Lisa	40,380.00	BA+15	16
Grade 1	Brazen, Sheree	25,866.00	BA	2
Grade 2	Bruns, Kelly	30,347.00	BA+30	5
Kindergarten	Bryant, Lori	42,844.00	MA	14
Grade 7	Conway, Kathleen	30,845.00	BA+15	6
Art	Dalle Molle, Rita	44,139.00	MA+15	14
Grade 3	Damelio, Cynthia	41,276.00	BA+30	20
Grade 3	DeLorie, Jacqueline	40,878.00	MA+15	12
Grade 3	Donovan, Robin	32,065.00	BA+15	8
Grade 8	Dougherty, Richard	39,732.00	BA+30	13
Grade 5	Elliott, Linda	41,276.00	BA+30	17
Grade 7	Gagnon, Shawn	25,866.00	BA	2
Grade 6	Haulk, Stephanie	30,173.00	BA	6
Enrichment	Lee, Scott	30,347.00	BA+30	5
Grade 2	Lesieur, Lynn	40,380.00	BA+15	16
Grade 5	Martin, Paul	44,139.00	MA+15	14
Physical Education	Nase, Brian	38,214.00	BA+30	11
Grade 4	Patterson, Steven	39,334.00	MA+15	10
Kindergarten	Pease, Erin	24,890.00	BA	1
Grade 1	Rieger, Marie	35,351.00	MA	8
Grade 4	Rowe, Francine	40,380.00	BA+15	26
Grade 8	Saulnier, Rebecca	42,844.00	MA	29
Grade 5	Severance, Jamie	41,226.00	MA	11
Music	Shaw, Jennifer	39,483.00	BA	15
Language Arts	Smith, Shirley	42,844.00	MA	22
Grade 4	Snell, Judith	40,380.00	BA+15	21
Grade 2	Valley, Linda	35,177.00	BA	10
Grade 6	Verity, Carol	31,517.00	MA	5
Grade 6	Welch, Louise	41,276.00	BA+30	18
Special Education	Beauchesne, Amy	26,438.00	BA+15	2
Special Education	May, Darcy	27,932.00	BA	4
Special Education	Meehan, Elizabeth	37,840.00	MA+15	9
Speech/Language	Perkins, Caroline	L.O.A.	BA+15	4
Special Education	Santosuosso, Janet	29,028.00	BA	5
Speech/Language	Sharich, Kelly	33,227.00	MA	3
Coordinator	Preve, Tami	40,563.00		8
Guidance Couns.	Puffer, Carolyn	42,844.00	MA	13
Nurse	Pozner, Joan	39,483.00	BA	15

Media Gen. (80%)	Yerburgh, Clare	30,272.00	MA+15	9
Technology	Gagnon, Paul	31,200.00		2
Principal	Fargo, Jane	62,100.00	MA/CAS	2
Asst. Principal	Laliberte, Thomas	43,470.00	MA	2

CUSTODIAN ROSTER

2002/03

Custodian	Nadeau, Arthur	22,922.00
Custodian	Jones, Eric	20,634.00
Custodian	Rouillard, Jr., Ralph	25,210.00

EPSOM SCHOOL DISTRICT
GRADUATION CLASS OF 2002

Krista Pearl Abbott
Amanda Leigh Allen
Sasha Lynn Bouchanh
Benjamin Arthur Bradley
Kaylan Elizabeth Bushey
Caitlin Ashley Caron
Daniel Albert Chouinard
Lindsay Michele Crowley
Brandon Paul Dionne
Charles Norman Drew
Ian Spencer Dube
Kerk Biron Dudley
Jessica Frances Farrin
Megan Fournier
Sarah L. Graham
Laura Ruth Harty
Heather Lynne Jones
Karah M. M. Kenyon
Ross Conrad Lavoie
Benjamin Robert Levasseur
Ashley Leigh-Anne Marr
Allison Marie McNeff

Aysha Anna Merrill
Timothy David Mills
Kaitlyn Sara Moran
Carlos Abraham Muniz, Jr.
Kayla Munn
Adah Elizabeth Murray
Dana Marie Noel
Kerry Marie Numan
Brittani Leigh Palmer
Shaina Peck
Eric Pickard
Joshua Robert Preve
Aaron Paul Raymond
Shane Roger Roberge
Chad Phillip Rondeau
Desarae Gabrielle Roy
Tiffany Nicole Rudolph
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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL
REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED
IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

December 18, 2002

The School Board
Epsom School District
Epsom, New Hampshire 03234

I have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Epsom School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2002, and have issued my report thereon dated December 18, 2002. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Epsom School District's financial statements are free of material misstatements, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, non-compliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of non-compliance.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I obtained understanding of the Epsom School District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessary disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be a reportable condition or material weaknesses. A reportable condition involve matters coming to my attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in my judgment could adversely affect Epsom School District's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the general purpose financial statements. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one of more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. I noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that I consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information of the Audit Committee, management, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities. However this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

I extend my thanks to the officials and employees of the Epsom School District for their assistance during the course of my audit.

Brent W. Washburn, CPA

Appendix on Internal Controls

This is an Appendix to the December 18, 2002 Epsom School District report on internal controls and compliance based on an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards. The following are items that came to my attention during the audit regarding the design and operations of internal controls and compliance with laws, regulations, and other provisions of contracts and grants:

1. Inventory of Fixed Assets

Criteria: Inventory of fixed assets represents a significant control tool in monitoring the School District assets and is essential to prepare reliable financial statements.

Condition: The School District does not have a schedule of assets controlled by the School District. Schedules of assets purchased by federal grants has been maintained. The School District would need to implement the new reporting model for years beginning after June 15, 2003 as required by the Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards: Statement 34 – Basic Financial Statements and management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments. This new model requires fixed assets to be included although it would not require retroactive infrastructure reporting.

Cause: The normal practice of governmental units in New Hampshire has been to expense the fixed asset as purchase, and not to maintain any detail schedule of assets in use.

Recommendation: The District cause an inventory of these assets as soon as practical. The existence of fixed asset records will not only aid district officials in their control of these assets, but should be an invaluable tool in long range planning. General accepted accounting principles require fixed asset reporting as part of the general purpose financial statements and the audit opinion is being qualified due to the omission of this schedule.

Management Response: The schedule of fixed assets is in process of being completed. It is anticipated that Epsom will have implemented and be in full compliance with GASB-34 by the end of June, 2003.

2. School Lunch Deficit

Criteria: The school lunch program is a self supporting fund.

Condition: Over the past few years, the expenditures in the school lunch program have been greater than the revenue. This has resulted in a deficit (negative) undesignated fund balance at June 30, 2002 of \$41,698. The deficit has been carried by the generally fund cash flows, but is getting to a sized that it may be difficult for the general funds cash flows to cover the deficit.

Cause: The program director has changed, deposits (at times) were not timely deposited, and food cost may not have been adequately monitored.

Recommendation: The School Board consider budgeting a general fund transfer of funds to cover the past deficit. For future program years, the programs revenue needs to be increased or program expenditures need to be lowered, or a combination of both. If balancing the school lunch program within it revenues is not deemed the method of choose, an annual appropriation in the general fund should be made to support the school lunch program.

Management Response: The program director is changing for the second time in less than a year. A great deal of positive progress had been achieved prior to the untimely departure of the current program director. We will be working closely with the new program director to continue the corrective reorganization measures which are already in place. A general fund transfer of funds to cover the past deficit will be considered, once we establish how effective the new program is running and to what degree the program will need to be supplemented to achieve a balanced program.

