

TOWN OF HOLDERNESS

New Hampshire



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IN RECOGNITION and APPRECIATION



Ellen King

Holderness Town Clerk/Tax Collector

2009 represents the 20th year of service to the Town of Holderness for Ellen King. Beginning as deputy town clerk in 1989, Ellen assumed the additional role of tax collector in 1990 and soon after that went from deputy town clerk to town clerk. For many years now, Ellen has successfully been elected or appointed to the positions of tax collector and town clerk. As the longest tenured employee of the Town of Holderness, Ellen has mentored several town office staff over the years; teaching them the values of a dedicated and service orientated public employee. On behalf of the Boards of Selectmen both past and present, the town office staff, all employees and the citizens of Holderness, we extend to Ellen our sincere appreciation for her friendliness, her leadership, her commitment to service and for her efforts that makes visiting the Holderness Town Office a truly pleasurable experience. We look forward to many more years of Ellen's warm, smiling greetings and her "above and beyond" helpfulness that the citizens of Holderness have enjoyed over the past 20 years!

WE REMEMBER...

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done,
I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
of happy times and laughing
times and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who
grieve, to dry before the sun
of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

Author Unknown

WITH FOND MEMORIES WE REMEMBER THE CITIZENS WE HAVE LOST THIS YEAR

David Hubley

Annabelle Smith

Harry Heath

Robert Boyd

Richard Calley

Irma Fisk

Larry Stokes

Barbara Russeau

Donald Markle

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TOWN OFFICERS

ASSESSORS' AGENT

Corcoran Consulting Association
Wil Corcoran

BOOKKEEPER

Wendy Huff

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Lawrence Beeson, Chr. 3/2010
Martha Macomber (School Board)
Robert Rothschild 3/2011
Alden Van Sickle 3/2011
Peter Webster (S.L)

COMPLIANCE OFFICER /HEALTH OFFICER

David Lorch, Appointed

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Janet Cocchiaro 3/2012
Shelagh Connolly 3/2012
Barbara Currier, (S.L.)
Jacquelyn Jewell 3/2011
Anne Packard 3/2011
Larry Spencer, Chrm 3/2012
Betsy Whitmore (Alt) 3/2010

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Kevin Coburn – Hgwy Agent
Mike Dunklee
Dennis Hughes
Lewis Thompson

EMERGENCY MAN. SERVICES

Earl Hansen-Director
Harry Maybeck -Deputy

FIRE CHIEF

Eleanor Mardin Appointed

FIRE WARDEN

* Richard Mardin

FIRE WARDS

**Earl Hansen 2010
**Harold Maybeck 2011
**Randal Eastman 2012

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD

**Bonni Acton 3/2012
**Joseph Casey 3/2011
**Martha Macomber, Chr 3/2012
**Wendy Mersch 3/2010
**Jonathan Stewart 3/2010

HOLDERNESS SCHOOL CLERK

**Sara Weinberg 3/2010

HOLDERNESS SCHOOL TREASURER

** Kathleen Whittemore 3/2011

HOLDERNESS SCHOOL MODERATOR

**Laura Rollison 3/2011

HONOR ROLL COMMITTEE

Barbara Currier, S.L.
Harry Decker, Chrm.
Edward Ford
Patricia Ford
Russell Morin
Sandy Ray
Lyle Thompson, Jr.

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

Robert Snelling
Todd Elgin

LIBRARIAN

Victoria Lang

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

**Michelle Jenkinson 3/2012
**Amanda Loud, Chrm. 3/2010
**Carol Snelling 3/2011
**Thomas "Ted" Vansant 3/2012
**Kathleen Wieliezko 3/2010

MODERATOR

**Ross V. Deachman 3/2011

MUNICIPAL SECRETARY

Amy Sharpe

TOWN OFFICERS - Continued

OVERSEER OF WELFARE

Krystal Alpers
Louis Pare-Deputy
Kathleen Wieliczko-Deputy

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Malcolm "Tink" Taylor
Peg Winton, Chair

PLANNER

David Lorch

PLANNING BOARD

Randolph Currier, Alt 3/2010
Todd Elgin 3/2010
Peter Francesco 3/2012
Earl Hansen, Chrm 3/2011
David Horton (Resigned)
Ronald Huntoon 3/2010
John Laverack, Jr., S.L. (Alt)
Carl Lehner 3/2010
Suzanne Peoples, S.L.
Robert Snelling, Vice Chrm 3/2012

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief-Jeremiah Patridge
Lieutenant-Barry D. Tanner
Sergeant- Erik F. DiFilippe
Patrol Officer- Michael Barney
Patrol Officer- David Bourne
Patrol Officer-Seth I. Learned

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Wendy Werner, Director

RECREATION BOARD

John Laverack Jr., S.L.
Janis Messier 3/2011
Fawn Ouellette 3/2012
Thomas Stepp, Chrm. 3/2012
Robert Stark 3/2012
George Sutcliffe 3/2011
Shelly Swanson 3/2012

SELECTMEN

**Barbara Currier, Vice Chr 3/2010
**Christopher Devine 3/2011
**John W. Laverack, Jr. 3/2012

** Suzanne Peoples 3/2011
**Peter Webster, Chair 3/2010

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

** Frances K. Hanson 3/2014
**Frances Taylor 3/2012
**Margaret Winton 3/2010

TOWN ATTORNEY

Mitchell Municipal Group

TAX COLLECTOR

Ellen King
*Sara Hixon, Deputy

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Walter P. Johnson

TOWN AUDITORS

Vachon & Clukay

TOWN CLERK

**Ellen King 3/2011
* Sara Hixon, Deputy
* Amy Sharpe, Assistant

TOWN TREASURER

**Todd Elgin 3/2010

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUND

**Bonnie Hunt 3/2012
**Maurice Lafreniere 3/2011
**Brinton Woodward 3/2010

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Ivan Bass, Vice Chrm. 3/2012
Wendell Broom 3/2011
Gyda Dicosola 3/2010
Robert Rothschild, Alt. 3/2011
Erik Simensen, Alt. 3/2012
Susan Webster, Chrm. 3/2011
Timothy Lyons 3/2011

* "...until another person shall be chosen and qualified..."

** ...Elected Officials
S.L. Selectmen Liason

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPORT



Selectmen L-R: John Laverack Jr., Christopher Devine, Peter Webster-Chrm., Barbara Currier- Vice Chrm., and Suzanne Peoples.

The general state of the economy is leaving lasting effects on our town budget. The State's effort to balance its budget has resulted in costs formerly paid from State revenues, now being pushed down to the towns. This trickledown effect is passing the burden of these costs to the property tax payer. The additional cost this year is about \$46,000 between the Town and the School.

We should thank our Department Heads and all our employees for their efforts in keeping the Town's operating costs down. As a result we were actually able to reduce our tax rate slightly this year.

We have been working on a plan to improve our Transfer Station for the long term. Our initial focus and research was on the way we handle our trash and the direction the waste industry is headed. The major change we found was that recyclables are now being handled in what's called single stream. This is where all recyclables are collected in one container, transported to a separation facility where the various components are then separated, baled and shipped to the end user. Laconia changed to single stream, effective 1/1/10, and in the first two weeks had a 40% increase in recyclables collected. The redesigned facility will be built around this philosophy. We will use the same site but reorganize the layout to make it more efficient to operate and a smoother drop off for users.

We welcome Kevin Coburn as our new Highway Agent. You will see a renewed focus on our gravel roads, which have taken a back seat to our paved roads over the past few years.

We should take pride in the way our Town runs, not only through the efforts of our employees but the time put in by our Committee and Board volunteers. Please don't get complacent...we all need to be involved to keep it this way.

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT



L-R: Ellen King, Wendy Werner, Wendy Huff, Sara Hixon, Walter Johnson, Amy Sharpe and David Lorch.

It is my privilege and pleasure to present to you my report as Town Administrator for the year 2009.

There were three significant initiatives that were pending completion at the end of 2008. First was the transition of the town's fiscal year from a calendar year to a July 1 – June 30 fiscal year. I am pleased to report that, with the cooperation of all department heads and employees and despite many economic challenges, on June 30, 2009 we successfully closed our 18 month transition budget and now operate on a July 1 – June 30 fiscal year. Our second initiative was the development of a transfer station/recycling center master plan. This plan will provide us the guidelines to create a more economic and environmentally friendly facility which will serve our community for many years to come. This initiative was also successfully completed this past January and the details of this plan will be presented at the 2010 Town Meeting along with a request for funding to implement this plan. Lastly, the Holderness Energy Committee has partnered with NH Electric Co-op to provide an energy audit of all municipal buildings and grant funding for energy saving improvements to the public safety building and highway garage with plans to address issues with the town hall in 2009. Because of the more immediate energy improvement needs of the library building, the town hall improvements were delayed until early 2010 and hopefully by the time this report is published, energy improvements to our town hall will be underway and perhaps completed.

As your administrator I continue to keep a watchful eye on the economy of our region, state and country. I'm very concerned about how the current recession is affecting our operational costs and the value of property in our community. For the past several years we have enjoyed the benefits of a relatively low property tax rate as a result of property values increasing significantly on a yearly basis especially along the lakefront. For the first time in several years we are seeing property selling for less than assessed value in some areas of town. This means the total value of our town may actually decline in 2010 which may result in a higher tax rate but not necessarily a higher tax bill for all. With this in mind, our department heads have worked very hard to maintain expenditure requests for this proposed budget at or less than FY 09/10 while continuing the high quality of service to our community.

In June we said good-bye to long time road agent Peter Furmanick. I enjoyed working with Peter for the past four years and wish him the best in his future endeavors. I am very pleased to announce that Kevin Coburn has accepted the position of public works supervisor. Kevin has extensive experience in construction and management.

As I look forward to 2010, my priorities include completing the construction of the redesigned transfer station and recycling center if approved at town meeting, continuing the energy conservation improvements to our municipal facilities and improving the archiving and preservation of town records.

I feel our managers and staff continue to make excellent progress in improving our service to you in the most efficient manner possible in these difficult economic times. I would especially like to thank the members of the Board of Selectmen, the town office staff, the department heads and all of our employees for their support, cooperation and the excellent work they provide for the citizens of Holderness.

I look forward to working with you in 2010 and encourage you to stop in the Town office, or contact me by phone or e-mail with any comments, suggestions and/or concerns you may have about your local government.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter P. Johnson

TOWN BEACH REPORT



The beach was open this year from June 13th through Labor Day. We sold 204 passes this year. The Holderness Recreation Board oversees the operation of the town beach and we hire beach attendants to monitor the beach on a daily basis. The responsibilities of the attendants include: checking beach passes, raking and cleaning the beach, mowing the lawn and parking areas, and enforcing the rules and regulations of the beach. Our attendants are not lifeguards, but they are offered a course in first aid and CPR to start the season thanks to Camp Deerwood. The attendants are on site from 10am – 5 pm 7 days a week with the exception of times during inclement weather.

Our facilities at the beach include our wonderful sandy beach, a storage shed with a changing area, a porta potty, land line phone for emergency use, swing set, picnic tables and a floating raft. Entering the 2009 season, we had removed all but one trash receptacle and had less issues with people leaving their trash with us at the beach. The last receptacle was removed this fall and we are looking forward to a complete “carry-in/carry-out” season in 2010.

Beach passes are required for your visit to the beach and can be purchased at the Town Clerk’s office in Town Hall for \$15 per family.

Our deeded rights stipulate that there is no boat access allowed at the beach. No boats are to come into or be launched from the beach. There were several reports of this rule being abused last summer and we would appreciate your respect and support of this rule for the upcoming season. Also, out of respect for our neighbors at the beach, we would like to remind you that their docks and beaches are private property and should not be used to access the town’s property.

2009 had a wet start in the months of June and July and we are looking forward to a drier and sunnier start for the 2010 season. We would like to thank Lewie Thompson, as acting director of the Public Works Department, for getting the beach ready for the 2009 season. We would also like to welcome Kevin Colburn as the new director for the Public Works Department and thank him and his crew for help with trimming branches along Dirt Rd. Their trimming cleaned up the beach entrance and made pulling out onto Rte. 113 safer. We would also like to thank the Police Department for their continued presence at the beach, which helps keep vandalism to a minimum.

We would like to again thank our own member George “Biff” Sutcliffe for his continued efforts to help open and close the beach by putting out and taking in the swim lines, swing seats and tuning up the lawnmower.

In closing we would like to thank you the residents and taxpayers, as well as the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and all the other town departments for their continued support of the beach. It is a wonderful resource to have here in town and to share with family and friends.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Werner (Recreation Director)
Tom Stepp (Chairman)
George (Biff) Sutcliffe (Secretary)
John Laverack (Selectman Liaison)
Shelly Swanson
Fawn Ouellette
Janis Messier
Bob Stark

COMMUNITY PLANNING, ZONING & HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Planning and Zoning Staff Report

Staff provides technical support to the Planning Board, Zoning Board and other committees. The Planner provided staff reports to accompany every application submitted to these two boards. He also provided assistance in the drafting of the proposed zoning amendments, which will be presented at town election. A copy of the amendments can be found on the town website, the Town Hall or at the Post Office.

As Zoning Enforcement Officer, staff continuously monitored land development activity in the community. In addition to issuing building permits, he applied the various zoning criteria to residential, commercial and industrial properties. The following chart is a short summary of the building activity over the past two years:

	2008	2009
Wells	3	2
Cottages	2	1
Houses	3	2
Additions	6	3
Sheds	3	4
Signs	2	1
Garages	5	7
Septic Systems	7	9
Demolition	8	2
Commercial	1	1
Barns	1	0
Decks	2	4
Wood Boilers	2	1
Wind Turbines	1	0
Other	49	16
Totals	95	53

Health Compliance Officer

For the past year this position entailed monitoring the continuous flow of correspondence and information bulletins from many state related health agencies. The primary concern was the distribution of public information on H1N1. Staff also participated in the meetings devoted to organizing a regional response to natural disasters, pandemics and other wide spread health concerns. Other responsibilities carried out this past year were the usual inspections of daycare centers and foster homes. Staff duties also included the inspection and reporting on one rental unit which had some health and safety concerns.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Lorch, Planning, Zoning & Health Compliance Officer

HOLDERNESS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

It is the mission of the Holderness Conservation Commission to care for the conservation properties owned by the Town of Holderness, to be strong advocates for good conservation practices in the Town, to protect the Town's wetlands from being degraded, to be the local agent for wetland permits and other matters controlled by the NH Department of Environmental Services (NH-DES), and to educate the residents of the town and region about suitable conservation practices.

Members of the Conservation Commission monitor all Town properties and easements on a regular basis, particularly those properties and easements purchased with state funds from LCIP (Land Conservation Investment Program) or the more recent LCHIP (Land Conservation and Heritage Investment Program). Those duties involve monitoring one easement, the Crawford easement, and two properties, the Pilote Forest (105 acres) and the Pemi Riverside Park (5 acres). The Conservation Commission also monitors the Town Forest (25 acres), the Chabot and Swainey Brook Easements, and the new town property on White Oak Pond (8 acres). In addition, the Conservation Commission reviews all intents to cut filed with the town to determine if the cut areas are near wetlands.

Commissioners continue to advance their own understanding of environmental matters through attendance at workshops and meetings. Shelagh Connelly, Anne Packard and Betsy Whitmore attended the annual meeting of the NH Association of Conservation

Commissions and shared information about the sessions they attended. In 2009 the Conservation Commission worked to update the annual monitoring and reporting process for the LCHIP properties. The Commission also has worked on organizing current materials in the files and maintaining older files consistent with archival practices.

In August, Commission Chair Larry Spencer, Marty Riehs and five student workers from Plymouth State University constructed a series of small bridges across some wet portions of the trail that cross the Pilote Forest property. There are still more bridges that need to be constructed in the future and it is planned to have some trail maintenance projects as part of the 250th town birthday celebration in 2011. Many thanks to the Pilote family who allowed the work crew access to the upper portions of the trail across their property. The Commission will also be working with a member of the Pilote family to design and construct

signage at the Pilote Forest trailhead on Beede Road. Small maps were put up on the sign boards located adjacent to the parking areas on the town properties. With the Squam Lakes Conservation Society, the Conservation Commission co-sponsored the Wildlife Event at the Holderness Central School in November.

The Commission would like to reaffirm its policy concerning motorized vehicles on town held conservation properties: It is the general policy of the Holderness Conservation Commission to prohibit the use of motorized transport on town held conservation properties year round. Special exceptions to this policy are automatically granted for emergencies where police or fire personnel need access through or to the properties or for Commission sanctioned trail maintenance or forestry activities.

Shelagh Connelly and Betsy Whitmore were made full Commission members this year and we welcome Chris Buckley as a new alternate member.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Cocchiaro
Shelagh Connelly
Barbara Currier S.L.
Jacquelyn Jewell
Anne Packard
Larry Spencer, Chrm
Betsy Whitmore

HOLDERNESS ENERGY COMMITTEE

Established in 2007 to recommend to the Board of Selectmen steps town government can take to save energy and reduce emissions, the Holderness Energy Committee (HEC) has met several times to discuss a number of energy related topics and to implement efforts to reduce energy usage by town government.

The following are some of the efforts and accomplishments of the committee:

- Developed and maintained a cost and consumption tracking system by recording cost and delivery amounts of all fuel types for all town departments and researched historical information of the same for 2006 through 2009.
- Partnered with NH Electric Co-op to assist the committee in evaluating energy consumption by town facilities.
- Utilized NH Electric Co-op staff professionals to conduct an energy audit of all town buildings.
- Worked with all town department heads to evaluate town operations in order to identify and implement energy saving measures wherever possible.
- With the results of the energy audits for each town facility, developed a plan to make energy improvement to each facility based on highest savings vs. cost and available budget funds.
- Identified and requested NH Electric Co-op grant funds for improvement projects.
- Received grant funding approval from NH Electric Co-op in the amount of \$5,000 in 2008 and \$5,000 in 2009.
- Contracted for the installation of energy saving light switches throughout the police and fire department facility.
- Contracted for the re-lighting of the highway department garage bay area with high efficiency florescent light fixtures significantly reducing energy usage and greatly improving the lighting in the area.
- Contracted for improving the insulation in the second floor and roof area of the public safety building.
- Assisted the librarian and trustees with the heating system replacement, electrical improvements and some additional insulation at the library.

Looking to 2010, the HEC will continue to monitor the usage and costs of all fuel types used by our local government and further investigate ways to reduce energy consumption for the benefit of prudently managing town budgets and improving our environment. Our priorities for 2010 will be to complete the energy improvements to the town hall, working with the Holderness Central School administrator on energy saving efforts and pursuing additional grant funding through the State Office of Energy and Planning, NH Electric Cooperative and any other available sources.

Respectfully Submitted,
Holderness Energy Committee

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Larry Spencer, Walter Johnson, Eleanor Mardin, Bill Johnstone, Wil Abbott, David Lorch, Dave Horton, Victoria Lang, Amy Sharpe and Chris Devine, S.L.

New members are always welcome. If you would like to join the HEC please contact the town office.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

This past year has turned out to be a very slow year for calls. I'm not sure if the economy has had an effect on this or people are just being more careful in their every day adventures. Our new rescue cab and chassis has arrived and the body is being changed over. By the time town meeting arrives the rescue will be back in service and you will probably have seen it on the road.

The department has received word from Physio- Control that they will no longer be servicing our Life Pac 12 defibrillator. HFD has an auto defibrillator, but it does not read heart rhythm. The cost of a new Life Pac 15 is \$20,000. Out of all the EMS equipment that we own, the defibrillator is the one that is used on every call. At this time we are going to keep using what we have until it no longer works, or until we have saved enough funds to buy a new defibrillator. We plan on using funds from the capital reserve and funds that have been donated to replace this unit.

Our Fire Explorer program now has 7 high school students. They are very excited about being part of the fire department and helping the community. Most of them have attended training at the New Hampshire Fire Academy for fire and EMS certification. We are glad to have them start at a young age. By the time they reach their eighteenth birthday they will be eligible to become full members and will have most of their certifications done.

In December we received an email from one of our vendors that they would be selling their demo Bullard T320 Thermal Imaging Cameras including a 90 day warrantee, transmitter handle, and a Mobilelink remote receiver. The normal cost of these items is \$16,127. We bought these items for \$7,500 with funds from the Fire Department Benevolent fund. We would like to thank Rockywold-Deephaven Camps, Willie Holland, NH SCOT, Richard and Carolyn Calley, Tim Fisher, Nancy and Appleton King, the Zahka family, the Sniffen family, and our firefighters who dedicate their time covering events to bring money into this fund. We would also like to thank all who have donated to this fund over the years to help us buy this life saving device.

As always, if there is anything we as members of the Holderness Fire Department can do for you please do not hesitate to ask.

Respectfully submitted,

Fire Chief Eleanor Mardin



HOLDERNESS FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS 2009

Chief Eleanor Mardin

HFD Members-

Deputy Chief Earl Hanson
 Deputy Chief Richard Currier
 Captain Randy Eastman
 Captain Stan Graton
 Captain Scott Fields
 Captain Tracey Burhoe
 Forest Warden Richard Mardin

Firefighters-

Daniel Baker
 Doug Barber
 David Bourne
 Tyler Currier
 Dave Dupuis
 Phil Gammons
 Dave Horton
 Mark Ledger
 Harry Maybeck

Firefighter/EMT's-

Jamison Brandin
 James Chapin
 Amelia Currier
 William Currier
 Sara Furmanick
 Gary Mack
 Dwayne Mann

EMT's

Bobbi Dross
 Ellen Green

Paramedic

Brad Morse

Explorers

Jon Abear Cody DeGrace Kyle DeGrace Garrett Graton
 Tyler Reidy Trevor Solomon Bert Wieliczko

HOLDERNESS FIRE- RESCUE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR 2009



Medical	111
Mutual Aid	18
Rescue	9
Motor Vehicle Accidents	23
Vehicle Fires	2
Structure Fires	3
Chimney Fires	1
Alarm Activations	23
Service Calls	5
Forestry	4
Smoke Investigations	4
Power Lines	6
Fuel Spills	5
Haz-Mat	1
False Calls	3
Other	5
TOTAL CALLS	223

FOREST FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT 2009



*Some members from the HFD were called to help
Alaska fight their forest fires.*

There were no forest fire incidents to report this year. However, we did receive a half-half grant from the State Forestry Department, with which we purchased a new portable fire pump. The total cost of the pump was \$3,460 of which the town paid \$1,730 and the state of NH DRED paid the remaining \$1,730.

There were 337 fire permits issued by the Town Hall, Fire Station and Fire Warden. This number was slightly up from last year, due to the fact that all the rain we had this summer allowed more permits to be issued.

Fire Permits can be obtained at the Town Hall, Monday thru Friday from 8:30AM to 4:30PM or by calling 968-3537, at the Fire Station by calling 968-4491 or by contacting the Fire Warden at 536-3391.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Mardin
Forest Fire Warden

HOLDERNESS HONOR ROLL COMMITTEE



Veterans Honor Roll Monument

2009 has been the year of completion. In July the Mt. Livermore Grange completed researching the names of Holderness soldiers to be included on the new honor roll and submitted them to Rock of Ages, the memorial fabricator. In mid-October the finished granite monument was delivered and set in place on the grounds of the town library. A group of about 200 people attended the formal dedication held on Veterans' Day, November 11, 2009.

Over 10 years ago members of the Grange committed to the goal of thoroughly researching the records of Holderness servicemen and women for inclusion at some point on a befitting honor roll monument. The Veterans' Memorial Committee was formulated to work with the Grange members over the final 4 1/2 years to bring the project to completion. These efforts and the generous support of Holderness residents and friends has resulted in a lasting and appropriate tribute to those residents of Holderness who served our nation's armed forces during times of conflict.

The members of the Veterans' Memorial Committee are pleased to have served the town in bringing this worthy project to a successful conclusion.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Ray
Committee Secretary

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Library Hours: Monday 9-6, Tuesday 8-12, Wednesday 9-8pm,
Friday 9-5, & Saturday 8-12

E-Mail: holdernesslibrary@roadrunner.com

Web Page: holdernesslibrary.org

Address: 866 US Rt. 3 PO Box L
Holderness, NH 03245

Telephone: 603-968-7066

With your continued support I hit the ground running in 2009! With the grant monies that I applied for and received, I was able to contract some electrical work, a new roof, and a new heating system for the Library. The staff and I continue to weed and update the collection to create a Library that is both a vibrant and valued part of your community. I continue to develop programming with other entities of the community and have had success with our union with the Historical Society. Our Tuesday evening summer programs will continue this summer and the Sunday afternoon Winter family programs have been well attended. I am currently collaborating with the Recreation Department and the Science Center to bring a self guided **Storywalk** to the community in the months of July and August. I will also be extending the Wednesday summer story time into a year round activity.

The Holderness Library is here to serve adults, children, and young adults with books, audio books, movies, computer access, and wireless 24 hours a day, inter-library loans, magazines, newspapers, art exhibits and programming. This year we increased our hours from 36 to 40 and we are open on Wednesdays until 8:00 pm.

Many thanks to all the Patrons, Trustees, Library Friends and volunteers who have taken the time to help the Library this past year: we could not have done it without you!

Total Circulation 2009	9,073
Total Circulation 2008	7,729
Number of Patrons 2009	1,536

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria A. Lang
Director Holderness Library

****P.S. Planning will begin this year for our 100th anniversary in 2011!**

LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT



This past year has been a very exciting one for the Holderness Library. As part of a plan laid out by the Library Director and Trustees in 2008, some significant changes began to take place in the library. The first big move involved moving the children's section to the basement. With a new circulation desk, some creative use of floor space and even a secret kid-size nook, the basement has been transformed into a children's oasis. Upstairs the renovations continued with refinishing the wood floors and rearranging the shelving to create more seating space and a more open entry area. The staff has taken advantage of the new floor arrangements to offer more programming.

In an effort to "Go Green", the Library Director and Trustees took on several challenges. With more than half the costs coming from grant monies, private donations, and funds raised by The Friends of the Library, we were able to repair the roof, upgrade the lighting in the computer room and install a new more energy efficient furnace.

The Library Director and Trustees will continue to listen to patrons and make improvements one project at a time in the most cost and time effective manner for our town.

Trustees wish to thank our Library Director and her staff for their leadership and hard work as we continue moving forward. Thank you to all the residents of Holderness for the ongoing support of these efforts and finally, a special thanks to the extraordinary work The Friends of the Library do on the library's behalf.

Holderness Library Trustees

Amanda Loud Michelle Jenkinson

Carol Snelling Ted Vansant

Kathy Wieliczko

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 10 & 11, 2009

At the annual Town Meeting of the Town of Holderness held on March 10 and 11, 2009 the following business was transacted.

At 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at the Holderness Town Hall, Moderator Ross Deachman convened the meeting and began reading the warrant. After Articles 1 and 2 the Moderator declared the polls opened. At 7:00 p.m., Moderator Deachman declared the polls closed and the ballots were counted. Results were announced and the Moderator declared the winners.

At 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at Holderness Central School the Meeting resumed following the Holderness Central School District Meeting. Moderator Ross Deachman announced the results of Article 1 and declared the winners. The Moderator declared that Article 2 (the Zoning Amendments) had all passed. The Moderator Deachman announced the Holderness Central School and Pemi-Baker School District results. Moderator Deachman asked for a moment of silence for those residents that had passed away during the year 2008 as well as for Claudia Goodwin our good friend and former Town Clerk.

Article 1: To choose all Town Officers by official ballot:

Selectmen for 3 years: (Vote for one)

John W. Laverack, Jr. 178

Write in:

Bruce Levoy 1

Gary Cripps 1

Willy Holland 2

Todd Elgin 1

Richard Currier 1

Margie Maybeck 1

Moderator for 2 years: (Vote for one)

Ross Deachman 184

Write in:

Tink Taylor 1

Town Treasurer for 1 year: (Vote for one)

Todd Elgin	180
Write in:	
Steve Huss	1

Trustee of Trust Fund for 3 Years: (Vote for one)

Bonnie M. Hunt	182
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Library Trustees for 3 Years: (Vote for two)

Michelle Jenkinson	141
Robert B. Rothschild	91
Thomas "Ted" Vansant	118

Fire Ward for 3 Years: (Vote for one)

Randall Eastman	182
Write in:	
David Dupuis	1
Richard Currier	1
Robert Rothschild	1

Article 2: 2009 Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes

1. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Delete Article IV,L, 1-5 and renumber 6-9 – Shoreline Structures, as the town has no authority regarding structures over the public water?"

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

Yes	160	No	29
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2. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Delete Article VII, C 1. Lots - to allow a discretionary merger of two or more lots under the same ownership?"

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

Yes	159	No	36
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3. “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:
Add Article IV, V Outdoor Wood-Fired Hydronic Heaters – to regulate the use and installation of Outdoor Wood-Fired Hydronic Heaters as permitted by RSA 125-R including criteria relative to the smoke stack height and lot line setback?”

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

Yes 152

No 43

4. “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:
Add Article IV, W – Small Wind Energy Systems - to accommodate small wind energy systems in appropriate locations, while protecting the public’s health, safety, and welfare as required by RSA 674:63 including maximum tower height, lot boundary setback, and other parameters?”

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

Yes 160

No 36

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Election Results

School Board Member for 3 Years: (Vote for two)

Martha Macomber	162
Bonni Action	174
Write in:	
James Paul	1
Sharon Borggaard	2
Barbara Currier	1
Randy Eastman	1
Scott King	1
Tink Taylor	1
Ty Gagne	1

HOLDERNESS ELECTION RESULTS
PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Election Results

Moderator for 1 Year:

Quentin Blaine 182

School Board Member for 3 Years: Ashland

Catherine E. Hahn 164

School Board Member for 3 Years: Campton

Lisa Ash 164

Write in:

Jon Rankin 1

School Board Member for 3 Years: Holderness

Andrew C. Hancock 180

School Board Member for 3 Years: (Vote for One) Plymouth

Barbara A. Noyes 107

Omer C. Ahern, Jr. 59

School Board Member for 3 Years: Thornton

Carolyn M. Varin 157

Article 2: Are you in favor of changing the term of the Moderator from one year to two years, beginning with the term of the moderator to be elected at next year's regular school district meeting? (Submitted by petition)

Yes 120 No 30

HOLDERNESS ELECTION RESULTS
PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT-WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 1: To see if the School District will vote to authorize the School Board to negotiate and execute such tuition contracts as the board may determine advisable for students inside or outside the Pemi-Baker Regional School District. The

School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Yes 174

No 23

Article 2: To see if the School District will vote to establish a contingency fund in accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated 198:4-b, such contingency fund to meet the cost of unanticipated expenses that may arise during the year and further to see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for such contingency fund. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Yes 136

No 60

Article 3: To see if the District will vote to authorize the School Board to form a committee to study the feasibility of seeking alternative energy options for the heating of school buildings and other uses. Such a committee would consist of Board Members, district residents and others, and further to see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to engage consultants and other related costs. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Yes 134

No 62

Article 4: To see if the School District will vote to authorize and empower the School Board to borrow up to one hundred four thousand dollars (\$104,000) representing a portion of the State of New Hampshire's share of special education costs for the 2009-2010 school year, pursuant to RSA 198:20-d upon such terms and conditions as the School Board determines in the best interest of the District: said sum together with the costs of borrowing to be repaid by the State of New Hampshire pursuant to RSA 198:20-d; or to take any action in relation thereto. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Yes 142

No 53

Article 5: To see if the Pemi-Baker Regional School 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 (deliberative session) for the purpose set forth therein, totaling twelve million seven hundred eight thousand five hundred seventy-three dollars (\$12,708,573). The Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

Yes 160 No 36

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be twelve million eight hundred twelve thousand nine hundred eighty-seven dollars (\$12,812,987), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Pemi-Baker Regional 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. This sum excludes the sums in Warrant Articles 2 and 3.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of all Town Officers and Committees

Moved by Malcolm “Tink” Taylor and seconded by Alden Van Sickle.

Alden Van Sickle moved to amend the 2008 Town Meeting Minutes as follows: page 26, Article 3 change “three two pontoon style” to “three tube pontoon style” and page 40, schedule of Town & School property change Town Hall building value from “ \$ 4,550 to \$ 44,550 “and Transfer Station total value from “\$ 26,800 to \$ 106,700”. A voice vote was taken on Article 3 and the article **PASSED, as amended.**

Article 4: To see if the town will vote to establish a public safety special detail revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h and to restrict all revenues received for providing public safety services by municipal employees in connection with special events, highway construction and other construction projects. Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a revolving fund known as the Holderness Revolving Detail Fund, separate from the undesignated fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund and shall pay out the same upon the order of the Selectmen. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general accumulated fund balance and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said Detail Fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue. (Majority Vote Required)

Moved by Alden Van Sickle and seconded by Peg Winton.

Selectman Peter Webster explained that this Article is to establish a revolving account to expend and receive monies for public safety special details provided by the Police Department. Mr. Webster stated that a line item of \$ 8,500.00 in the police operating budget is designated as “seed money” to establish a fund balance for Article 4, and the balance in the account would be used for the following year to pay for the expenses of the details, such as officer’s pay. Mr. Webster added that any surplus in the account could be used in the future for the Police Department to assist with paying for capital purchases like a cruiser replacement. Mr. Webster responded to a question from Mr. Ronald Huntoon, the balance of the money can only be spent with authorization at a future town meeting. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee recommended sum of Two Million Sixty-five Thousand Dollars (\$2,065,000.) for general municipal operations. Said sum does not include special or individual articles elsewhere within this warrant.

Moved by Ed Ford and seconded by Peg Winton. No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$315,000) to be placed into the following Capital Reserve Funds:

Fire/Rescue Vehicles	\$35,000.
Road Reconstruction	150,000.
White Oak Pond Dam	1,000.
Transfer Station Equipment	5,000.
Municipal Buildings	5,000.
Revaluation	32,000
Library	15,000.
Fire Equipment	2,000.
Public Works Vehicles	40,000.
Police Cruiser	20,000
Employee Health Insurance Trust	5,000
Conservation	<u>5,000</u>
	\$315,000

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Moved by Fran Taylor and seconded by Nancy Ruhm.

Willis Holland moved to amend this Article by reducing the total amount from \$315,000 to \$288,000 with the amount of the reduction, \$27,000, to be taken from each one of the twelve Capital Reserve Funds listed in an amount proportioned to the total. Motion was seconded by Peg Winton. Mr. Holland noted the amount of \$27,000 is equal to the operating budget approximate increase over the estimated 2008 12 month operating budget and proposed this amendment to offset the budget increase netting a zero impact to the taxpayers during these tough economic times. Mr. Webster noted the net appropriation, gross expenditures less CRF withdrawals, is actually lower than last year. A voice vote on the amendment to Article made by Mr. Holland was defeated. A voice vote was taken on the original Article as written and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Thirty-six Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$336,700) for the following capital projects and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to withdraw the sums indicated from the following designated Capital Reserve Funds for these purposes:

Road Reconstruction	\$150,000
Municipal Building Improvements	\$ 7,500
Fire Department Rescue Vehicle	\$ 55,500
Revaluation	\$ 33,000
Fire Equipment	\$ 5,500
Public Works Backhoe	\$ 73,200
Library Improvements	<u>\$ 12,000</u>
Total:	\$336,700

This is a special warrant article.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Moved by Ed Ford and seconded by Mr. Tuveson.

In response to a question, Road Agent Peter Furmanick stated that Merrillwood Drive, Locust Drive, Burleigh Farm Road, and Hardhack Road will be repaired dependent on the cost of asphalt. It was clarified that \$ 33,000 for Revaluation was for a portion of the town and that a revaluation must be completed every 5 years. Mr. Furmanick stated that the current 1997 backhoe has over 6,000 hours. He further stated that refurbishing the current backhoe would not guarantee its use for another 10 years and it should be kept for use at the transfer station. Willis Holland moved to amend the article by reducing the amount for the purchase of a highway department backhoe by \$50,000 resulting in a reduction of the total to \$286,000 and use the remaining \$23,200 to refurbish the old backhoe for the highway department, seconded by Deborah Holland. A voice vote on the amendment to the article was defeated. A voice vote was taken on the original Article as written and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand (\$11,000) for the purchase of

new computer equipment. This is a special warrant article.
(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Moved by Peg Winton and seconded by Peter Webster.

A question as to what can be purchased for \$11,000 was answered by Peter Webster as follows: this amount will replace and update computers in the town office including the server that was damaged last year by a lighting strike. A voice vote was taken on the Article as written and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 9: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) for the support of entertainment and promotion of summer concerts to be held on the town common. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Moved by Fran Taylor and seconded by Mr. Huntoon. No Discussion.

A voice vote was taken on the Article as written and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to name the Selectmen agents to expend funds from the previously established Village Sidewalks Summer Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund without further authorization from town meeting. (Majority vote required)

Moved by Sally Fellows and seconded by Mr. Huntoon.

A question to the amount that was currently in this fund was answered by the moderator: \$2,367 as reported on page 44 of the annual report. Sally Fellows stated she supported this article to name the Selectmen agents to expend. A voice vote was taken on the Article as written and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to name the Selectmen agents to expend funds from the previously established Municipal

Buildings Improvements Capital Reserve Fund without further authorization from town meeting. (Majority vote required)

Moved by Malcolm "Tink" Taylor seconded by Fran Taylor.

A question regarding the amount in this fund was answered by the moderator; \$25,190 as reported on page 44 of the annual report. A motion by Kathleen Wieliczko and seconded to amend the Article to restrict expenditures from the fund by the Selectmen to \$3,000 per year was **Defeated** by a voice vote. Alden Van Sickle moved to amend the Article to limit this Capital Reserve fund for maintenance. William Webb stated when capital reserve funds are established the intent are for the funds to be used only for that purpose. Mr. Webb moved to amend the amendment by changing the wording to "providing these funds are used for improvements or maintenance of town buildings", but it was not seconded. Edward Ford motioned to limit debate on the amendment, and a voice vote was taken and motion **carried**. A voice vote on the amendment "*to limit expenditures for maintenance*", and a voice vote was taken and was inconclusive. The Moderator called for a division of the house. The division of the house resulted that the amendment was **Defeated**. A voice vote on the main motion was taken and the article **PASSED**.

Article 12: To see if the town will vote to retain ownership of a 8.5 acre parcel of property located adjacent to White Oak Pond known as lot 245-067-000 acquired by tax deed June 26, 2006 for use by the town and to designate the Holderness Conservation Commission to oversee and manage said property. (Majority Vote Required)

Moved by Larry Spencer and seconded by Harry Maybeck.

Larry Spencer, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, explained that the Conservation Commission was asked to be stewards of this land and the Commission members voted in favor. Mr. Spencer described this property as part of our prime wetlands and far right of this property is the Chabot easement. Mr. Spencer added that this property has not land access but is accessible by White Oak Pond. Mr. Spencer explained that

this action would protect the property similar to other town conservation properties such as the Pilote, Town Forest and Riverfront Park properties. Town Administrator Walter Johnson was recognized and stated that the property was assessed at \$ 188,500 prior to being taken by the tax lien process, but currently is a town owned non-taxable property. In response to a question regarding further property restriction the moderator answered that it could be withdrawn from conservation status or be sold with the authorization of a future town meeting. A voice was taken and the Article **PASSED.**

Article 13: To see if the town will vote to change the annual town meeting for the selection of town officers and the transaction of all other town business from the second Tuesday in March to the second Tuesday in May beginning in 2010. (Majority Vote Required)

Moved by Fran Taylor and seconded by Malcolm “Tink” Taylor.

Bruce Whitmore stated that he appreciated having the Holderness Central School District Meeting and Town Meeting on the same night, but the School District Meeting is unable to change to a May date, and he was not in favor of the article. Willis Holland spoke against this article as he stated it is tradition to have Town Meeting in March. Sharon Beaty asked what the purpose the Selectmen have to change to a May meeting. Selectman, Peter Webster stated that this article would benefit the Department Heads to project their budgets 2 months closer and would make the budget process more accurate. Shelagh Connelly spoke against this article. Library Trustee, Amanda Loud stated this article would help the Library prepare their budget. A voice vote was taken and was inconclusive. The Moderator called for a division of the house. The result of the division of the house the Article **FAILED.**

Article 14: To see if the town will vote to authorize the reporting of recommendation vote tallies of the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee in the town warrant.

Moved by Edward Ford and seconded by Ronald Huntoon.

Moderator explained that on future town warrants it would report the

actual vote tallies of both the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee and would show if they are unanimous or not. Gary Cripps asked who requested this article and why? Moderator answered the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Peter Webster stated the article authorizes the reporting but it is not required. Richard Cocchiaro moved to amend the article, to substitute the word “require ” where the word is “authorized” and seconded by Edward Ford. A voice vote was taken and the amendment **PASSED**.

The article now reads, *“To see if the town will vote to require the reporting of recommendation vote tallies of the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee in the town warrant”*.

A voice vote was taken on Article 14 and the article **PASSED, as amended**.

Article 15: To see if the town will vote to authorize the appointment rather than the election of the town treasurer.

Moved by Edward Ford and seconded by Peg Winton.

Selectman Sidney Lovett stated the work of the treasurer requires skills, earnestness, openness and transparency. Mr. Lovett stated that the Board feels it is important to fill the position with a qualified person for the protection of good quality standards for this office rather than going through the electoral process. Terry Dautcher asked if we need to clarify who makes the appointment? A motion to amend the article to read, “by the Selectmen” seconded by Alden Van Sickle. A voice vote was taken and the amendment PASSED.

The article now reads, *“To see if the Town will vote to authorize the appointment by Selectmen rather than the election of the town treasurer”*.

Sallie Fellows was not in favor of this article as the Selectmen authorize payments on pay vouchers and the Treasurer signs the checks, and with appointment it could be a relative and the importance for checks and balances. Harry Maybeck spoke in favor of this article. Samuel Brickley motioned to amend the article to substitute the word “require” with the word “authorize” and seconded by Terry Dautcher. Sharon Beaty asked

when this appointment would begin? Moderator questioned if it would be at the conclusion of the current term of the treasurer? A voice vote was taken and the amendment PASSED. The word “require” now replaces the word “authorize”. A motion to further amend the article begins with “the conclusion of the town meeting in 2010 when the current Treasurers duties will terminate”. Alden Van Sickle asked when does the newly elected treasurer term expire? The Moderator answered in March 2010. A motion by Sharon Beaty to amend the article to read “said term to begin with the conclusion of the current treasurer’s term” seconded Richard Cocchiaro. A voice vote was taken and the amendment **PASSED**.

The amended article now reads, *“To see if the Town will vote to require the appointment by Selectmen rather than the election of the town treasurer said term to begin with the conclusion of the current treasurer’s term”*. A voice was taken and the Article **PASSED as amended**.

Article 16: Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A: 4-a, 1(b) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds for contributions to qualified organizations for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property.

Moved by Larry Spencer and seconded by Fran Taylor.

Larry Spencer stated that Articles 16 & 17 are the result of state legislation. Article 16 authorizes towns to spend money on projects without holding an interest in the property. He further stated that because both articles are state law, they cannot be amended. He noted that last year the Selectboard authorized a \$1,000 contribution for legal costs of Squam Lakes Conservation Society for an easement they acquired on Pierce Beij property located on East Holderness Road.

A voice vote was taken and the article **PASSED**.

Article 17: Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, 1(a) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds to purchase interests in land outside the

boundaries of our municipality, subject to the approval of the local governing body?

Moved by Larry Spencer and seconded by Malcolm "Tink" Taylor.

Larry Spencer explained that it is highly unlikely that this would be used but it allows the Conservation Commission to be able to purchase interest in land outside of town boundaries if it is a benefit to the town. Ronald Huntoon spoke against this article as it is open-ended and doesn't specify location of property. A voice vote was taken and the article **PASSED**.

Article 18: To see if the town will vote to adopt the following sex offender ordinance?

THE TOWN OF HOLDERNESS, NH Sex Offender Ordinance

Purpose:

Acknowledging that sex offenders who prey on children are at a higher risk of re-offending, the Town of Holderness has a compelling interest and responsibility to protect the health, safety and welfare of its children by restricting access to areas where there are high concentrations of children.

A. Definitions:

1. Registered Sex Offender: Any person required to register under RSA 651-B.
2. Offenders Against Children: Any Registered Sex Offenders who have been convicted of the crime against a person under the age of 18, as defined in RSA 651-B:1 and qualify to appear on the state maintained "Registered Offenders Against Children List".
3. School/Daycare: Any public or private educational facility that provides services for children in grades K-12 or any day care facility.
4. Protected Area: Any school, day care, playground area, athletic field or court, public beach, or any other recreational location or facility where minors regularly congregate completely or partially.

5. Radius: The distance shall be measured from the outer boundary lines of the properties in question within the boundaries of the Town of Holderness.
6. Premises: Shall mean the building structure and/or curtilage surrounding the
7. Sex Offender Registration Form: Shall mean the form provided to law enforcement for specific purpose of registering Sex Offenders, currently designated DSSP311 or any other form as required by the Department of Safety to comply with RSA 651-B.

B. Restrictions:

1. An Offender Against Children shall not reside within a 2,500 foot radius of the property line of a protected area.
2. An Offender Against Children as defined above is prohibited from entering a protected area, unless specifically authorized by the appropriate facility / location management or the Chief of Police or his designee.

C. Exceptions:

1. An Offender Against Children residing within 2,500 feet of a Protected Area will be exempt from section B: 1, if residency was established prior to the date of passage of this ordinance, or if a new Protected Area is proposed or built at a location that would otherwise be restricted under this ordinance after the date of residency.

D. Protected Areas:

Protected Areas under this ordinance include:

1. The Holderness Central School, 19 School Road.
2. The Holderness Private School, 33 Chapel Lane.
3. Livermore Beach, 36 Dirt Road.
4. Livermore Falls Beach, Livermore Road.
5. PSU Athletic Club, (Field House and Athletic Fields), 25 Field House Road.
6. Any licensed day care center that has been licensed by the State of New Hampshire.
7. Holderness Library, 866 U.S. Route 3.

E. Penalties:

1. Any person violating the provisions of B: 1 shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$500.00 for the first offense and shall relocate within 30 days. Any subsequent violations of this chapter by the same person shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$1000.00 and must vacate the premises within 24 hours.
2. Any person who fails to relocate within the 30 days will also be subjected to a \$50.00 per day fine for failing to comply with this ordinance. That fine will start 30 days after the subject has been notified by the Board of Selectmen to relocate, such notice may be given in the same manner as service of process in any district court action.
3. Any person violating the provisions B: 2 or B: 3 shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$500.00 for the first offense. Any subsequent violations of this chapter by the same person shall be subject to a fine of not more that \$1000.00.

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or repealed by appropriate authority. This Ordinance supersedes all prior ordinances on similar subject matter.

Moved by Robert Tuveson and seconded by Edward Ford

Library Trustee Amanda Loud moved to amend the article printed on page 55 to strike Holderness Library under protected areas number 7, and seconded by Kathleen Wieliczko. Willis Holland asked the Police Chief to speak on this amendment. Police Chief Jeremiah Patridge stated that he was disappointed with the position of the Library Trustees. He stated that the intent of this ordinance is to protect children and for them to be safe in the Library as a protected area. Library Trustee Kathleen Wieliczko stated that they want to protect children but if a person was asked to leave, because of the laws of the library it would not be enforceable and the town could be liable. Shelagh Connelly asked for clarification for the Holderness Private School and would it include their many acres of woodlands with the trails, and the 2,500' beyond that as this is a huge footprint and where would the exclusionary zones be for housing. Chief Patridge stated in this ordinances there are exceptions

and he is willing to work with Holderness Private School in regards to safe zones, and if the property on Route 175 is at risk or just focus on the parcel of land around the school buildings. Gordon Loud asked if the Library Director could speak. Moderator recognized Victoria Lang, Library Director, a non-resident, with the approval by the body. Mrs. Lang stated that with the "Freedom of Information Act" and the "Patriot Act" the library is obliged to let any person to have access to the library and is concerned the town is open to lawsuit if they deny access. Daniel Rossner moved to amend the amendment to have the Holderness Library be a protected area only as regards to Section B1 but not Section B 2 and seconded by Fran Taylor. Sharon Beaty read from Page 54 Section B2 at the end, "unless specifically authorized by the appropriate facility/location management or the Chief Police or his designee", which gets around the entire problem as it allows the Library Director to authorize a person access to information. Amanda Loud and Daniel Rossner withdrew their amendments. Sharon Beaty moved to amend Section A, Number 6 and strike "the" and substitute "it", and it was seconded. A voice vote was taken and the amendment **PASSED**. Sallie Fellows moved to amend Section E, number 3 and strike the reference to B3 and strike the letter "s" from the word provisions seconded by Alden Van Sickle. A voice vote was taken and the amendment **PASSED**. Robert Snelling asked if the ordinance should limit or to be expanded for new or projected facilities to be built by PSU. Shelagh Connelly said this should be covered under Section A5. Sharon Beaty motioned to limit debate and it was seconded. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried. A voice vote was taken on the main motion and the Article **PASSED as amended**.

Article 19: To transact any other business that can legally come before the meeting.

Selectman Peter Webster recognized the dedication of the 2008 Town Report to Sidney Lovett. Mr. Webster described Sid's political years in the state as he ran for State Senate and his years in office as State Representative and then his term as a Selectman. He thanked him for choosing to be a Selectman of Holderness as his lasted elected position. As a token of appreciation and in consideration for Sid's love of books, a new wing back chair has been placed in the Town Library's reading room in his honor. Sidney Lovett thanked the members of the Board of Selectmen and recognized their dedication and hard work. He thanked

the Budget Committee, Planning Board, and Zoning Board for their time and wisdom. He recognized and thanked the town employees. He recognized Walter Johnson, Town Administrator and stated how fortunate the town is to have him and that he is one of the great Town Administrators in the state. He stated that with Mr. Johnson's guidance and assistance, he makes the job easier for the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Lovett thanked all who participate in town meeting.

The Moderator reminded everyone of the planning for the 250th year celebration for the Town of Holderness in 2011 and the first organizational meeting to be held on April 6, 09 at 6:30 PM at the Town Hall. Georgene Fabian stated that Holderness Library will be celebrating their "100" years.

Malcolm "Tink" Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded. Moderator Deachman declared the meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen King
Holderness
Town Clerk

PLANNING BOARD



L-R: Ronald Huntoon, Earl Hansen (Chrm.), Todd Elgin, Suzanne Peoples, and Robert Snelling (V-Chrm.)

The Planning Board has reviewed 1 boundary line adjustment, 3 subdivision plans creating 5 new lots, and 7 site plans. Board members devoted considerable volunteer hours developing two ordinances which will be presented for Town vote. The first ordinance, known as Dark Skies is designed to direct the outdoor lighting downward toward the ground and preventing a glow in the sky often seen over populated areas. A groundwater protection ordinance has been designed which provides measures to maintain a pure water supply for human consumption. In furthering our training, Board members attended both Planning and Zoning Conferences this year.

Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM. In the winter months the meetings are at the Life Safety Building / Fire Station. In warmer weather the meetings are in the Town Hall. Meeting notices will be posted in the Town Hall and at the Post Office. The schedule may also be found on the Town web site. Please check for date, time and location as they may change. All are welcome to attend. Anyone interested in serving on the Planning Board is asked to contact the Town Clerk for an application.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl Hanson, Chairman
Robert Snelling, Vice Chairman
Suzanne Peoples, Selectmen Liaison
John Laverack Jr., Alt. Selectmen Liaison

Peter Francesco
Todd Elgin
Ron Huntoon
Carl Lehner
Randy Currier, Alt.

HOLDERNESS POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

2009 was another busy year for the Holderness Police Department. We made 29 more arrests than the previous year. This increase in arrests was made by and large from officers targeting problematic areas that needed more police attention. I believe that ultimately this action paid off in the reduction of thefts and burglaries. In 2008 we had 8 burglaries and in 2009 we had 2, one of which was solved by the investigating officer.

In June, the Holderness Police Department and the New Hampshire State Police conducted a joint Sobriety Checkpoint on Route 3, just south of the Golden Pond Country Store. During the four hour checkpoint, law enforcement officers stopped 170 vehicles. All drivers who were not impaired continued through the checkpoint after producing their driver's license and motor vehicle registration to officers. A total of six subjects were arrested during the Sobriety Checkpoint: four for Driving While Intoxicated, one subject was arrested for Transportation of Alcohol by a Minor, and one subject for Transportation of a Controlled Drug and Open Container.

Based on the high number of impaired drivers arrested during this operation and our commitment to public safety, The Holderness Police Department and the New Hampshire State Police plan on conducting future joint Sobriety Checkpoints.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that we subscribe to a 24 hour dispatch service offered through the Plymouth Police Department. You can contact a Holderness Police Officer 24 hours a day 365 days a year by calling 603-536-1626 and requesting to speak with the duty officer. As always in the case of an emergency dial 911.

Please join me in thanking all members of the Police Department for their level of commitment and professionalism to the Town. We all strive to provide the citizens and visitors of the Town of Holderness with the highest quality of service as we explore new and more updated ways to keep our community a safe place to live.

In closing, I would also like to thank the members of the Select Board, Budget Committee, Fire Department, Highway Department, and the Town Hall for all their assistance and support throughout the years. I would also like to thank the Mount Prospect Lodge #69 for their annual donation to the D.A.R.E. Program.

Respectfully submitted,
Jake Patridge
Chief of Police

2009 POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

911 HANG-UP	24	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	34
ABANDONING A VEHICLE	0	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT (Fatality)	0
ALARM (Business & Residential & Fire)	114	MOTOR VEHICLE CITATIONS	41
ALCOHOL OFFENSES	47	MOTOR VEHICLE COMPLAINT	68
ANIMAL INVOLVED INCIDENTS	139	MOTOR VEHICLE WARNINGS	955
ARRESTS (Total)	89	MOTOR VEHICLE / DWI	16
ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENTS	245	NOISE COMPLAINT	30
ATTEMPT TO COMMIT BURGLARY	0	OFFICER FOLLOW-UP	257
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	0	OPEN/UNSECURE DOOR	8
BENCH WARRANT	9	PAPER SERVICE / RELAY	59
BURGLARY	2	PARKING COMPLAINT / INFO	30
CITIZEN REQUEST ASSISTANCE / MVLO	140	PARKING TICKETS	82
CIVIL MATTER	9	PISTOL PERMITS	32
CIVIL STANDBY	9	POSSESSION OF CONTR. DRUGS	5
CONDUCT AFTER AN ACCIDENT	3	PROTECTIVE CUSTODY	2
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	10	RECKLESS/NEGLIGENT OPERATION	1
CRIMINAL RECORDS	74	REGISTRATION OF SEX OFFENDER	19
CRIMINAL THREATENING	5	RESISTING ARREST OR DETENTION	2
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	2	RUNAWAY JUVENILE	0
DAMAGED PROPERTY	1	SEXUAL ASSAULT	1
DIRECTED PATROL (including radar)	458	SIMPLE ASSAULT	6
DISORDERLY ACTIONS / CONDUCT	9	SITE CHECKS	944
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	16	SPECIAL EVENTS PERMITS	15
FINGERPRINTS - JOB APPLICATIONS	9	SUBPOENA SERVICE	3
FOOTPATROL	68	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	95
FRAUD / Forgery	4	THEFT (All Thefts)	36
HARASSMENT	5	UNRULY JUVENILE	0
ISSUING BAD CHECKS	3	UNTIMELY OR UNATTENDED DEATH	2
LITTERING	0	VACANT HOUSE CHECK	235
LOST / FOUND PROPERTY	20	WELFARE CHECK	4
MISSING / WANTED PERSONS	5		

HOLDERNESS POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

*L-R Back Row: Patrolman- Seth Learned,
Mike Barney, David Bourne*

*L-R Front Row: Lieutenant- Barry Tanner,
Chief- Jeremiah Patridge,
Sergeant- Erik DiFilippe*



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



*L-R: Kevin Coburn, Dennis Hughes, Lewie Thompson,
and Mike Dunklee*

Another traditional year has come and gone and with it, its traits of the seasons. Although the summer got off to a wet start, the Highway Department was able to get much accomplished in the way of ditching, cleaning and the replacement of culverts. Roads were graded, growth was cut back, drainage issues were attended to, and areas of travel were prepped for the winter season. Colder weather brought its usual conditions. Snow and ice, kept the crew busy keeping the roads clear and safe for travel. Fallen trees created their usual havoc but nothing out of the ordinary. As planned, with the support from the town we have many projects scheduled for the year ahead; paving, grading, shimming and much more ditching just to name a few. We would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Howard Parker for the donation of the wood splitter. With a little tinkering it runs like a top.

I guess you could say some things never change and there are those that do. Stepping into the vacant Road Agent position this July has been a smooth and well received transition. I am much appreciative for the existing crew already in place. Lewie Thompson, Dennis Hughes, and Mike Dunklee each contribute a wealth of knowledge and experience to keep the department running in an efficient and well organized manner. I don't believe I could have handpicked a more dedicated crew. I would also like to thank the Board of Selectman, Town Administrator and all the other Departments for their support and vote of confidence in the transition. I look forward to the year ahead and many more to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Coburn
Holderness Road Agent

RECREATION REPORT

On behalf of the Holderness Recreation Board it is my great pleasure to give you the 2009 year-in-review for the Holderness Recreation Department. This department functions with one part-time director supported by a myriad of volunteers, seasonal part-time staff, instructors and outside contractors. Our mission is to offer a wide variety of high quality recreation opportunities for our residents, while being efficient and fiscally responsible. On a part-time budget the Rec. Department offers extensive programming for people of all ages throughout each of the four seasons. Last year we served over 670 people in recreational programs alone, and another 400+ through the rejuvenated Summer Concert Series.

The programs that were offered last year included winter Skating and Hockey, Adult Dodgeball, Pilate's Mat Class, Family Dodgeball, Knitting, Art from Art, Family Basketball, movie screening, swimming at PSU, bowling, Floor Hockey, Archery, Early Bird Exercise, Volleyball, Pilate's for Golf, Nordic Walking, Safe on My Own (Red Cross), Little Tykes Soccer, Mom and Me Herb Planters, Family Camping on Moon Island (SLA), Swimming Lessons, RAD Class, Garden Art, Bugs, Bubbles, Blades and Birds, Quickstart Tennis, Halloween Memories, Big Kids Old Games, Power Tone and Cardio Kickboxing, After School Legos and All Things Remote. Special events included Skating with Frosty and Friends, a visit from Wildlife Encounters, a concert with Steve Blunt (cosponsored with the Library) and a Wildlife Keeping Track Event (cosponsored with SLA, Pemi Fish and Game, Holderness Conservation Commission, Lakes Region Conservation trust, MVSb, River Edge Marina, Squam Lakes Conservation Society, SLNSC and 1stLine Medical Inc.)

We would like to thank William Van Bennekum, Principal of Holderness Central School, and the staff at HCS for their continued support of our programs and the use of their facilities. The Wildlife Event mentioned above was held in the school gym and had over 70 participants.

Some of our biggest news this year is that we added three weeks to the SummerEscape (day camp) program. It went from 6-weeks to 9-weeks of activities for participants. We teamed up with Goals Galore Soccer, Sciensational Workshops and the Squam Lake Association to offer enhanced programming during the three extra weeks. We were hoping for a minimum of 10 participants in each of the extra weeks and surpassed our goal with an average of 21.

Also, this year and for the first time in my 14 years in the field of recreation I was able to attend a National Recreation and Park Congress. It was a testament to the quality of this department that I was able to share department practices on an even playing field with departments from all over the country, many of which were much greater in size. There were over 8,000 delegates at the conference and it was certainly gratifying and inspiring that this field is one of great importance to the quality of life in each of the countries, cities and

towns that were represented. New Hampshire alone had 12 professionals and 8 students from UNH at the conference. I would say that our State was well represented at the national level.

Another big endeavor for the department this year was to help coordinate and oversee the return of the Concert Series at Curry Place. We hosted four bands including the Jack Pine Hold Outs, Lakes Region Big Band, Postage Due and Lisa Young and Company. We also had two children's shows including Mr. Phil's Magic Show and Sammie Haynes. We would like to thank Larry Mowbray and Walter Johnson for their efforts in helping put this series together. The weather cooperated and we had over 100 people at each show.

Holderness Recreation continues to maintain membership in the New Hampshire Recreation and Park Association, National Recreation and Park Association and the United States Tennis Association. We applied for and received a grant from the USTA to help implement the Quickstart Tennis and summer tennis programs this past year.

We would like to thank the residents and taxpayers, as well as, the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Police Department, Public Works Department, Fire Department, Holderness Library and Town Hall Staff for their on-going valuable support of the recreation offerings here in Holderness. We would also like to thank Camp Deerwood for allowing our SummerEscape staff and beach attendants to attend their First Aid and CPR course prior to the start of the summer. Another thank you is in order for the Holderness School for letting us continue to use their rink for our skating and hockey programs.

Holderness Recreation also maintains a scholarship account that is used to help families participate in our programs. If you would like to make a donation to this fund, we appreciate contributions of any size. Contributions can be sent to the recreation department with attention to the Scholarship Fund.

If you would like to take an active role in recreation here in Holderness, you can contact the office at 968-3700, email holdrec@roadrunner.com or visit www.holderness-nh.gov. You will find current offerings and registration information on the website as well.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Werner (Recreation Director)
Tom Stepp (Chairman)
George "Biff" Sutcliffe (Secretary)
Woody Laverack (Selectman Liaison)
Shelly Swanson
Fawn Ouellette
Janis Messier
Bob Stark

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT - MS 61

January 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

DEBIT	2009	2008	2007
Uncollected Taxes-December 31, 2007			
Property Taxes:			\$ 252,951.75
Betterment Assessment:			\$ 258.14
Sewer Taxes:			\$ 1,055.74
Taxes committed to Collector:			
Prepayment on Fall Property Tax:	\$ 14,660.74		
Property Taxes:	\$ 4,455,850.00	\$ 8,828,705.00	
Yield Taxes:	\$ 3,793.07	\$ 7,409.51	
Land Use Change Tax:	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 13,760.00	
Sewer Taxes	\$ 1,379.29	\$ 4,268.43	
Added Taxes:			
Property Taxes:		\$ 7,748.00	
Sewer Taxes:			\$ 781.68
Overpayments:			
Property Taxes:	\$ 4,672.00	\$ 13,259.07	\$ 4.40
Interest on Delinquent Taxes:			
Property Tax		\$ 21,107.42	\$ 14,117.33
Yield Tax:			
Betterment Assessment:			\$ 0.11
	\$ 4,487,855.10	\$ 8,896,257.43	\$ 269,169.15
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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT - MS 61
January 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009 (Continued)

CREDIT	2009	2008	2007
Prepayment 2009 Fall Property:	\$ 14,660.74		
Property Taxes:	\$ 3,574,364.88	\$ 8,749,656.79	\$ 151,373.86
Sewer:	\$ 615.94	\$ 3,314.39	\$ 1,068.72
Yield Taxes:	\$ 2,554.47	\$ 7,391.52	
Betterment Assessment			\$ 1.39
Land Use Change Tax:	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 10,000.00	
 2007			
Prepayment on 2008 Property Taxes:		\$ 209.24	
Interest/Penalties:			
Property Taxes:		\$ 21,107.42	\$ 14,117.33
Betterment:			\$ 0.11
Overpayments:	\$ 4,672.00	\$ 13,259.07	\$ 4.40
Converted to Tax Lien:		\$ 4,364.00	\$ 4,430.00
		\$ 75,171.57	\$ 98,103.48
 Abatements:			
Property Taxes:		\$ 8,005.44	\$ 69.86
Land Use Change Tax:		\$ 3,760.00	
Yield Tax:		\$ 17.99	
 Uncollected Taxes-June 30, 2009			
Property Taxes:	\$ 881,485.12		
Sewer Tax:	\$ 763.35		
Yield Tax:	\$ 1,238.60		
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	\$ 4,487,855.10	\$ 8,896,257.43	\$ 269,169.15

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT - MS 61
January 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009 (Continued)**

DEBIT

	2008	2007	2006	2005
Unredeemed Taxes: December 31, 2007			\$ 64,959.45	\$ 51,359.04
Tax Lien of:	\$ 82,224.77	\$ 107,120.31		
Interest collected after Lien:	<u>\$ 57.51</u>	<u>\$ 7,556.77</u>	\$ 21,963.99	\$ 18,118.00
	<u>\$ 82,282.28</u>	<u>\$ 114,677.08</u>	<u>\$ 86,923.44</u>	<u>\$ 69,477.04</u>
				=====

CREDIT

Remittances to Treasurer:	\$ 3,024.04	\$ 60,311.32	\$ 64,123.01	\$ 50,849.20
Interest after Lien:	\$ 57.51	\$ 7,556.77	\$ 21,963.99	\$ 18,118.00
Abatements:	\$ 294.93	\$ 279.15	\$ 271.60	
Deeded to Town:				

**Unredeemed Taxes:
June 30, 2009**

	<u>\$ 78,905.80</u>	<u>\$ 46,529.84</u>	<u>\$ 564.84</u>	<u>\$ 509.84</u>
	\$ 82,282.28	\$ 114,677.08	\$ 86,923.44	\$ 69,477.04
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Respectfully Submitted,
Ellen King, Tax Collector

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION

2009 TAX RATE CALCULATION

TOWN/ CITY: HOLDERNESS

Gross Appropriations	2,730,200
Less: Revenues	1,213,632
Less: Shared Revenues	0
Add: Overlay	70,722
War Service Credits	62,000

Net Town Appropriation	1,649,290
Special Adjustment	0

Approved Town/ City Tax Effort	1,649,290	TOWN RATE
		2.43

SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp.-Revenue)	3,788,013
Regional School Apportionment	2,420,752
Less: Adequate Education Grant	0

State Education Taxes	(1,750,296)
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	4,458,469

**LOCAL
SCHOOL
RATE
6.55**

STATE EDUCATION TAXES

Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x	\$2.14	
737,608,070		1,750,296
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		
671,312,292		
Excess State education Taxes to be Remitted to State		
Pay to State	0	

**STATE
SCHOOL
RATE
2.58**

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	953,109
Less: Shared Revenues	0

Approved county Tax Effort	953,109	COUNTY RATE
		1.40

Total Property Taxes Assessed	8,811,164
Less: War Service credits	(62,000)
Add: Village District commitment(s)	0
Total Property Tax Commitment	8,749,164

PROOF OF RATE

Net Assessed Valuation		Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	677,181,800	2.58	1,750,296
All Other Taxes	680,542,900	10.38	7,060,868
TOTAL TAX RATE		12.96	8,811,164

**TOWN CLERK DEPOSIT:
JANUARY 1, 2008- JUNE 30, 2009**

Motor Vehicle Registration:	\$ 575,478.25
Municipal Agent Fee:	\$ 13,813.90
Title Application Fee:	\$ 1,132.00
Dog License Fee:	\$ 5,140.50
Beach Permits:	\$ 5,058.00
Filing Fees:	\$ 9.00
Vital Record Fees:	\$ 2,135.00
Wetlands Application Fee:	\$ 93.50
UCC Fees:	\$ 1,500.00
Transfer Station Fees:	\$ 55,685.00
Miscellaneous:	\$ 56.00
Overpayments-refunds:	\$ 69.15
Total:	\$ 660,170.30

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen King
Town Clerk

SCHEDULE OF TOWN EQUIPMENT

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1931 Ford	
1952 Willys Jeep	
1954 Willys Jeep	
1997 Ford Expedition	
2009 Ford Rescue	12R1
1990 Mack Fire Truck	12E3
1993 Ford Forest Fire Truck	12F3
1997 Mack Fire Truck	12E4
2006 Kenworth Fire Truck	12E5
2006 Premier Pontoon Boat	12B1
13' Boston Whaler Boat	12B2

MOBILE EQUIPMENT

1951 Model Dunbarton Cascade Trailer
2002 Yacht Club Snowmobile Trailer
2003 Skandik Ski-Doo
2007 Yacht Club Pontoon Trailer

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

2009 International – 6 Wheel Dump Truck (sander in body & plow)
2004 Peterbilt – 6 Wheel Dump Truck (sander in body)
2004 Ford F-350 – 1 Ton Pickup Truck (slide in sander & plow)
2006 Ford F-550 - 1 Ton Dump Truck (slide in sander & plow)
2009 Caterpillar Backhoe
1994 Galion Grader

EQUIPMENT

1988 York Rake
988 Road Broom

POLICE DEPARTMENT

2004 Ford Crown Victoria -	Unit #4
2005 Ford Crown Victoria -	Detail Car
2007 Ford Crown Victoria -	Unit #2
2003 Ford Expedition	- Unit #3
2006 Ford Crown Victoria -	Unit #1

TRANSFER STATION

1997 Caterpillar Backhoe

SCHEDULE OF TOWN & SCHOOL PROPERTY

TAX MAP/ LOT	DESCRIPTION LOCATION	LAND VALUE	BUILDING VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
229-025	Holderness Central School	254,130	3,979,000	4,233,130
228-079	HCS Vacant Lot	133,360		133,360
225-016	Pemi River Park Lot	36,300		36,300
231-003	Route 113	42,200		42,200
239-001	Town Hall	44,550	303,500	348,050
222-015	Public Works Garage	191,450	245,400	436,850
101-019	Library	365,320	198,200	563,520
223-011	Pilote Conservation Lot	514,350		514,350
245-065	Transfer Station	105,000	1,700	106,700
224-001	Smith Road Lot	78,380		78,380
No Map #	White Oak Pond Dam	32,100		32,100
101-008	Fire/Police Station	171,720	794,600	966,320
239-042	Corner Lot - Routes 3 & 175	47,300		47,300
252-016-1	East Holderness Road	113,720		113,720
101-012-1	Rt 113	57,820	9,800	67,620
245-067	White Oak Pond	188,500		188,500
102-006	Village Common & Gazebo	610,400	4,000	614,400

TOWN MAINTAINED CEMETERIES

NAME	MAP/LOT	DESCRIPTION/LOCATION
East Holderness	259-9	Corner Rt. 3 & E. Holderness Rd
Eastman	251	E. Holderness Rd west of Vontel
Cox	255-3	East Holderness Road
Merrill	255-11	Hawkins Pond Road
Piper	246-21	Coxboro Road
Squam Bridge	101-10	Corner Rt. 3 & Rt. 113
True	206	Rt. 113 and Pinehurst Rd
Shaw	228	Hardhack Road
Ladd	205	RT 113
Sanborn	222-22	Old Highway South
Prescott	231	Old Highway South
Carr	220-7	Old Highway South

TRANSFER STATION REPORT

Transfer Station Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday - 8 AM to 4 PM

Sunday - 1 PM to 4 PM

Tuesday & Thursday - Closed

We had a couple additions to the transfer station this year; the first was the old backhoe from the Highway Department. The backhoe makes it possible for us to crush the containers at any time, maximizing the containers leaving the facility, which saves us trucking fees. You may have noticed it also helps us keep the pot holes to a minimum. This winter it will also help with snow removal. The second addition to the transfer station is that we now have an official "SWOP SHOP" (*written in Old English*). The building is a converted horse trailer that is working very well.



The new "Swop Shop"
Standing in front L-R: Scott Davis and Sue Buttrick

The following is a list of volunteers that donated their time and/or materials to make this building functional.

- Stairs - **Jason Sharpe, Eric Sharpe, Sharpe Construction LLC**
- Leveling the trailer - **Wes Peoples**
- Shelves/Window - **Bruce Whitmore, Peter Francesco & Lawrence Beeson**
- Painting - **Betsy Whitmore & Susan Beeson**
- Paint - Donated by **Rockywold Deephaven Camps Inc.**

Thank you, we appreciate all your hard work and donations.

We also had to buy a new compactor this year. How is everybody's arm doing? I want to thank everyone for bearing with me during the time it took to get the new unit installed. I know the portable (back up) compactor is rather high. The new compactor is giving us a consistent 11 ton of solid waste per container.

As for the operation of the transfer station this year, you have surprised me again. With all the recycling you are doing we have saved another 68 tons of waste from the compactor. That is equivalent to the weight of 34 cars not going into the compactor. This helps with wear and tear, trucking fees and most of all, the environment. Keep up the good work: every glass bottle and other recyclables count.

We are also saving on construction debris. As of July 1st we stopped all contractors from using the facility. If you (the home owner) bring it in, we will accept it for a fee. The number of containers being filled has decreased from 2-3 a week to maybe 1 or 2 a week. This new policy has cut our cost in half if not more.

Another thing we are doing at the transfer station is when you bring in an item that has an electrical cord hanging from it; we cut the cords off and save them. Last year we could have sold them for 10 cents a pound, but decided to hold on to them till this year when the price hit \$1.10 a pound. We had 28 barrels filled which gave us revenue of \$2,860, just for cutting wire. Every little bit helps!

Most of the prices on recyclable have come back into the positive. The prices are not as high as they used to be, but its better then paying to get rid of them. We pay for everything that goes into the compactor, so if you can put it in a different container marked for that material, then we can save even more next year. You surprised me how well you all recycled this year; I hope we can do even more next year.

Sue Buttrick and I would like to thank you for a great recycling year. I want to thank Sue for helping out with all the things that need to be done to operate the facility. I also want to thank Kevin Coburn and the road crew for helping maintain the backhoe.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Davis

TRANSFER STATION – RECYCLING

All items that require a disposal fee must be paid for at the time of disposal. We have containers for the following items. Some items require a disposal fee. See our fee schedule available at the Transfer Station and on-line www.holderness-nh.gov.

<i>Metal Container:</i>	For metal products - scrap metal - NO ITEMS WITH GLASS - NO GAS CANS NO TANKS - NO BARRELS - NO PAINT CANS
<i>Aluminum Container</i>	For waste aluminum – copper - brass - NO ITEMS WITH GLASS
<i>Cardboard Container:</i>	For cardboard and cardboard products - NO PLASTIC BAGS OR STYROFOAM
<i>Paper Container:</i>	For all types of paper products – books, magazines, junk-mail, newspaper, light cardboard, office paper, anything paper product that tears - NO PLASTIC BAGS. Protect your privacy-DO NOT throw away anything with your personal information on it.
<i>Aluminum Cans:</i>	For aluminum cans only (soda/beer) - NO BAGS OR BOXES
<i>Co-mingle Container:</i>	For plastic containers (with a triangle on them) and glass bottles, tin cans, jars. - NO PAINT CANS - NO GAS CANS
<i>Construction Debris:</i>	For disposal of all non-hazardous construction waste. NO CARDBOARD
<i>Compactor:</i>	For disposal of all non recyclable household waste. Do not put any hazardous chemicals, plastic bottles, glass bottles, glass containers, tin cans, paper, books, aluminum cans, metal, scrap aluminum, paper or cardboard into this container.
<i>Propane tanks:</i>	See attendant for storage area.

We cannot accept tanks, barrels, containers, or any other type of storage that contains any unacceptable fluid. We will accept any used motor oil, transmission fluid, fuel oils, and small amounts of gasoline, provided they are not contaminated and are in closed containers. Please remember that we cannot accept paint, stains, thinners, or other chemicals during the year. We cannot accept Fluorescent bulbs. These items will only be accepted at Household Hazardous Waste Day, which is usually held at in July. Watch for the exact date as it becomes available. Please keep all of your chemicals until then, and bring them to the designated collection site(s). If you need immediate disposal, between May and October, please contact the Transfer Station or Highway Department for alternative options. These options may require a fee, but they are available.

2009 TREASURER'S REPORT (JANUARY 1, 2008 - JUNE 30, 2009)

Operating Account				
Beginning Balance 01/01/08				\$ 1,433.39
Auditor Adjustments				\$ 4.64
Receipts				\$ (5.00)
Taxes	\$ 12,700,193.43			
All Other	\$ 1,708,392.76			
Total Receipts		\$ 14,408,586.19		
Expenditures				\$ 1,433.03
School Payments	\$ (9,058,059.00)			
County Payment	\$ (1,112,164.00)			
Town Employee Wages	\$ 1,234,231.04			
Town Capital & Operating Expenses	\$ (2,317,433.59)			
Total Expenditures		\$ (13,721,887.63)		
Ending Balance 06/30/09				\$ 106.70
Bank Proof				
Northway Bank: 06/30/09 Checking & Investment	\$ 3,828,718.58			
Deposits in transit	\$ 561,477.59			
Checks in transit	\$ (59,860.24)			
Ending Balance	\$ 4,330,335.93			\$ 347,756.24
				\$ (347,753.51)
				\$ 109.43
Trustee of Trust Funds				
Beginning Balance 01/01/08				\$ 106.70
Receipts				\$ 347,756.24
Expenditures				\$ (347,753.51)
Ending Balance 06/30/09				\$ 109.43
Bank Proof				
Meredith Village Savings Bank 06/30/09				\$ 1,433.03
Deposits in transit				
Checks in transit				
Ending Balance				\$ 1,433.03

This summary of receipts and expenditures is prepared using cash basis accounting.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Elgin, Town Treasurer

REPORT OF TRUST AND CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS TOWN OF HOLDERNESS

YEAR ENDING: JUNE 30, 2009 - (January 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009)

Fund	Beginning Balance	Contributions	Withdrawals	Interest Earned	Ending Balance
TOWN OF HOLDERNESS					
CEMETERY FUNDS	\$13,602.39			360.26	\$13,962.65
POLICE CRUISER	\$11,844.67	20,000.00	(27,285.63)	303.23	\$4,862.27
FIRE TRUCK	\$74,595.40	35,000.00		2,049.64	\$111,645.04
WHITE OAK POND FUND	\$7,815.49	1,000.00	(400.00)	208.41	\$8,623.90
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	\$45,055.14	5,000.00		1,204.22	\$51,259.36
ROAD CONSTRUCTION	\$44,627.79	150,000.00	(149,894.71)	1,222.04	\$45,955.12
TRANSFER STATION	\$14,071.67	10,000.00		393.80	\$24,465.47
SEWER CONSTRUCTION	\$7,672.94			203.28	\$7,876.22
GRANT APPLICATIONS	\$11,272.58			298.68	\$11,571.26
FOREST FIRE EXPENDABLE TRUST	\$15,543.09			411.84	\$15,954.93
EMERGENCY MGT EXPENSES	\$16,553.09			438.54	\$16,991.63
LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$25,159.13		(8,148.35)	644.49	\$17,655.27
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS FUND	\$19,346.25	12,100.00	(7,100.00)	524.82	\$24,871.07
TOWN REVALUATION FUND	\$8,610.96	25,000.00	(30,000.00)	222.75	\$3,833.71
FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND	\$5,437.23	2,000.00		148.25	\$7,585.49
VILLAGE SIDEWALKS FUND	\$2,310.50		(218.75)	61.21	\$2,152.96
HOLDERNESS HONOR ROLL FUND	\$31,850.32		(12,924.92)	818.96	\$19,744.36
PUBLIC WORKS CAP RESERVE	\$142,567.88	35,000.00	(115,861.60)	3,628.01	\$65,334.29
MASTER PLAN	\$6,926.43			183.52	\$7,109.95
RECREATION PATH MAINTENANCE	\$22,615.38			599.17	\$23,214.55
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INS. ACCT	\$-	5,000.00		10.37	\$5,010.37
TOTALS	\$527,478.33	\$300,100.00	\$(351,833.96)	\$13,935.49	\$489,679.87

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND	\$80,040.06	(30,000.00)	2,088.50	\$52,128.56
TECHNOLOGY	\$43,050.46		1,148.82	\$54,199.28
LAND PURCHASE FUND	\$118,822.51	10,000.00	3,147.91	\$121,970.42
BUILDING RENOVATIONS	\$2,514.57	60,000.00	123.53	\$62,638.10
TOTALS	\$244,427.60	\$(30,000.00)	\$6,508.76	\$290,936.36

PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DIST

SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$1,642.78		43.17	\$1,685.95
BUILDING FUND	\$1,565.59		41.35	\$1,606.94
TOTALS	\$3,208.37		\$84.52	\$3,292.89

PEMI-BAKER SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

SPANISH CLUB	\$1,705.44	(200.00)	45.27	\$1,550.71
FRONCEK SCHOLARSHIP	\$2,648.80	(175.00)	69.84	\$2,543.64
ZOULIAS SCHOLARSHIP	\$35,537.68	(2,400.00)	919.40	\$34,057.08
LAWSON SCHOLARSHIP	\$9,579.60	(1,000.00)	247.32	\$8,826.92
PERSON SCHOLARSHIP	\$25,965.41	(1,600.00)	672.39	\$25,037.80
PAQUETTE SCHOLARSHIP	\$3,106.11	(190.00)	80.66	\$2,996.77
ASH SCHOLARSHIP	\$3,517.69	(200.00)	91.49	\$3,409.18
DAWSON SCHOLARSHIP	\$665.99		515.17.86	\$683.85
MINICKIELLO SCHOLARSHIP	\$1,123.60		29.95	\$1,153.55
YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP	\$10,084.16	(1,200.00)	256.73	\$9,140.89
BLAKE SCHOLARSHIP	\$9,819.01	(950.00)	254.63	\$9,123.64
VOLPE SCHOLARSHIP	\$8,080.75	8,023.00	222.52	\$626.27
EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP	\$14,724.30	(1,750.00)	363.96	\$13,338.26

AVERY SCHOLARSHIP PU	\$2,324.63		61.68	\$2,386.31
W. CARLETON ADAMS PR	\$39,071.92	(2,000.00)	1,014.16	\$38,086.08
BURKE SCHOLARSHIP	\$6,663.83	(400.00)	171.70	\$6,435.53
TOTALS	\$174,618.92	\$8,023.00	\$4,519.56	\$159,396.48
TOTAL TOWN FUNDS				\$489,679.87
TOTAL HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL FUNDS				\$290,936.36
TOTAL PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL FUNDS				\$3,292.89
TOTAL PEMI-BAKER SCHOLARSHIPS				\$159,396.48
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS				\$943,305.60

Respectfully Submitted,

Trustees of the Trust Funds
 Bonnie Hunt, Chair
 Maurice Lafreniere
 Peter Woodward

WELFARE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

With the current economic situation many citizens have found it hard to meet the basic needs. Throughout the year, I have met and worked with many respectful individuals in our community and have helped them through this hard time. Clients come to this office with many different situations and I have worked closely with each client to ensure they receive the help needed. Many individuals are referred to outside agencies and I am very grateful for all the support and assistance they have provided my clients.

Eligibility for assistance is determined by having each individual complete an extensive application in order to provide an overview of the specific situation the client is in. Assistance is provided for an individual's basic necessities in accordance with State law and Town Guidelines. The applicants who are found eligible are assisted with expenses such as food, heat, electricity, rent, prescription drugs and other basic living and working needs.

Heat, electric and rental assistance were the greatest expenses this past year. The cost of living continues to increase which impacts citizens on a fixed income or a minimal budget. With the unemployment rate increasing due to the economy, many individuals are seeking assistance from the town as a last resort. Even with the help from other agencies, community members are continually struggling to make ends meet.

I again would like to thank the outside agencies for all the support and assistance they have provided to the community members in need. I have also enjoyed working closely with the members of the community to ensure they become successful individuals and receive the assistance needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Krystal Alpers
Welfare Director

BIRTHS - 2009

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	PLACE OF BIRTH	FATHERS NAME	MOTHER'S NAME
January 21	Maevyn Skye Labelle	Plymouth, NH	Daniel Labelle	Randi Labelle
March 9	Nicolas John Cirone	Concord, NH	Frank Cirone	Susan Cirone
April 21	Benjamin Michael Lewis	Plymouth, NH	Tyler Lewis	Renee Lewis
May 17	Colby Jacob Savage	Lebanon, NH	Benjamin Savage	Carla Savage
June 10	Harvey Baron Piper	Plymouth, NH	Christopher Sargent	Hillary Piper
July 21	Ryane Marie Dembiec	Plymouth, NH	Daryl Dembiec	Marcy Dembiec
August 1	Graham Albert A. Sevigney	Lebanon, NH	Nicholas Sevigney	Marylena Sevigney
October 1	Thomas Colton Murphy	Concord, NH	Timothy Murphy	Marybeth Murphy
October 30	Kellen Bliss Mitchell	Concord, NH	Stephen Mitchell	Joanne Pearce
December 27	Caetano Alberto Magalhaes	Lebanon, NH	Eduardo Magalhaes	Kristin Magalhaes

DEATHS - 2009

DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	PLACE OF DEATH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
January 30, 2009	David Hubley	Laconia, NH	Earle Hubley	Mary Cress
January 31, 2009	Irma Fisk	Plymouth, NH	Boyd Underwood	Bernice Meng
February 12, 2009	Annabelle Smith	Lebanon, NH	Charles Currier	Dorothy Goodwin
March 29, 2009	Larry Stokes	Lebanon, NH	Laurus Stokes	Ruth Herndon
June 17, 2009	Harry Heath	Holderness, NH	George Heath	Anna Lafoe
September 23, 2009	Barbara Russeau	Meredith, NH	John Moore	Mary Barding
November 11, 2009	Robert Boyd	Holderness, NH	Robert Boyd	Delia Langlais
December 5, 2009	Donald Markle	Lebanon, NH	Clarence Markle	Lena Shaw
December 11, 2009	Richard Calley	Holderness, NH	Harris Calley	Nellie Bailey

MARRIAGES - 2009

DATE	NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE	RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE
January 2	Dennis M Stokes Robin L Farland	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
June 15	Howard J Frisbey Valeria L Giordano	North Woodstock, NH Holderness, NH
July 24	James L Buckland Maureen A Blais	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
August 15	Jason S Conway Leesa A Rusiecki	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
August 22	Ryan L Vodvarka Judith A Laroche	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
September 6	Robert W Hanson Sarah C Parke	Holderness, NH Manchester, NH
September 13	Barry E Gaw Elizabeth S Beeson	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
October 17	Shawn M Purcell Billie J Purcell	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
December 12	Robert F Ayers Shirley A Peterson	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board witnessed a busy first 6 months where 9 applications for variances were reviewed and 1 application for a special exception was submitted. The second half of the year saw very little application activity. The Board worked extensively on revising their Bylaws which set forth the procedures for running their meetings. Board members took advantage of training opportunities such as the annual Law Lecture Series. The Board was apprised by Town Counsel of changes in the zoning laws and brought up to date on the many new rulings and changes by the Legislative Body.

The Board welcomes Erik Simensen as a new alternate member. Wendell Broom was appointed by the Selectmen to full member. Officers were elected at the annual meeting and Susan Webster was chosen as Chairman and Ivan Bass as Vice Chairman. Anyone interested in serving on the Zoning Board is asked to contact the Town Clerk for an application.

The Zoning Board usually meets on the second Tuesday of the month at the Town Hall. During the winter months the meetings are held at the Safety Building (fire station). Meeting notices are posted in the Town Hall and at the Post Office. The schedule may also be found on the Town web site.

We would also like to extend a thank you to Jack Barbara for his many years serving the Town as Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Webster, Chairman
Ivan Bass, Vice Chairman
Gyda DiCosola
Tim Lyons
Wendell Broom
Robert Rothchild, Alt
Erik Simensen, Alt

OFFICERS OF THE HOLDERNESS SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board	Term Expires
Wendy Mersch	2010
Jonathan Stewart	2010
Joseph Casey	2011
Martha Macomber	2012
Bonni Acton	2012

CLERK

Sara Weinberg

TREASURER

Kathleen Whittemore

MODERATOR

Laura Rollison

AUDITOR

Grzelak and Associates

SUPERINTENDENT

Mark J. Halloran

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Ethel F. Gaides

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Kathleen A. Boyle

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Holderness qualified to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said District on the ninth day of March, 2010 at 10:00 in the morning to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
2. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
3. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing three years.

Polls will not close before 7:00 p.m.

Given under our hands at said Holderness the 22nd day of February, 2010.

Joseph Casey
Wendy Mersch
Martha C. Macomber
Bonni Acton
Jonathan Stewart

A true copy of warrant attest:

Joseph Casey
Wendy Mersch
Martha C. Macomber
Bonni Acton
Jonathan Stewart

2010 SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Holderness in the County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote upon District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Holderness Central School in said District on Wednesday the (10th) tenth day of March, 2010, at 6:30 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1: To see what action the School District will take relative to the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers.

Article 2: To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Holderness School Board and the Holderness Education Association which calls for the following increases in salary and benefits:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2010-2011	\$48,045.00
2011-2012	\$62,496.00
2012-2013	\$52,126.00

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-eight thousand forty-five dollars (\$48,045.00) for the 2010-2011 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 3: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the previously established capital reserve fund for the purpose of technology upgrades. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget

Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 4: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to be placed in the previously established capital reserve fund for building renovations. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 5: To see if the School District will vote to discontinue the Land Purchase Capital Reserve fund. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the school district's general fund. This amount is approximately one hundred twenty-one thousand nine hundred seventy dollars (\$121,970). The School Board recommends this article and the Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

Article 6: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$260,000) for building renovations (roof) and authorize the withdrawal of one hundred thirty-eight thousand dollars (\$138,000) from the building renovations capital reserve fund created for that purpose. The balance of one hundred twenty-two thousand dollars (\$122,000) is to come from unreserved fund balance. If article 5 fails the one hundred twenty-two thousand dollars (\$122,000) will be raised through general taxation. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Article 7: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four million one hundred seventeen thousand eight hundred forty-five dollars (\$4,117,845) for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials, employees and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District, this sum does not include the sums found in Articles 2, 3, 4, and 6. The

School Board recommends this appropriation and the
Budget Committee recommends this appropriation.
(Majority vote required)

Article 8: To transact any further business which may legally come
before the meeting.

Given under our hands this 23rd day of February in the year of our
Lord two thousand and ten.

Bonni Acton
Joseph Casey
Martha C. Macomber
Jonathan Stewart
Wendy Mersch
Holderness School Board

A true copy of warrant attest:

Bonni Acton
Joseph Casey
Martha C. Macomber
Jonathan Stewart
Wendy Mersch
Holderness School Board

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Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3V)	OP Bud WARR. ART.#	Expenditures for Year 7/1/08 to 6/30/09	Appropriations Current Year As Approved by DRA	School Board's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	School Board's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year NOT RECOMMENDED	Budget Committee's Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	Budget Committee's Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year NOT RECOMMENDED

OTHER OUTLAYS (6000-5999)								
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5110	Debt Service - Principal		237,108	237,108	237,108		237,108	
5120	Debt Service - Interest		87,926	76,601	69,355		69,355	

FUND TRANSFERS								
XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX								
5220-5221	To Food Service		213,372	185,912	185,912		185,912	
5222-5229	To Other Special Revenue		41,399	45,400	45,400		45,400	
5230-5239	To Capital Projects							
5251	To Capital Reserves (page 4)		40,000	115,000				
5252	To Expendable Trust (page 4)							
5253	To Non-Expendable Trusts							
5254	To Agency Funds							
5300-5399	Intergovernmental Agency Alloc.							
	SUPPLEMENTAL							
	DEFICIT							
	Operating Budget Total		4,074,220	4,251,799	4,425,890		4,425,890	

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year	Estimated Revenues ENSUING FISCAL YEAR
REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
1300-1349	Tuition		14,300	21,600	21,600
1400-1449	Transportation Fees				
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments		125	150	150
1600-1699	Food Service Sales				
1700-1799	Student Activities				
1800-1899	Community Services Activities				
1900-1999	Other Local Sources		9,400	31,100	31,100
REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	School Building Aid		75,159	75,159	75,159
3220	Kindergarten Aid				
3230	Catastrophic Aid		-		
3240-3249	Vocational Aid				
3250	Adult Education				
3260	Child Nutrition				
3270	Driver Education				
3290-3299	Other State Sources				
REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4100-4539	Federal Program Grants				
4540	Vocational Education				
4550	Adult Education				
4560	Child Nutrition		93,000	125,911	125,911
4570	Disabilities Programs				
4580	Medicaid Distribution		10,500	10,500	10,500
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (except 4810)		45,400	45,400	45,400
4810	Federal Forest Reserve				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5110-5139	Sale of Bonds or Notes		-	-	-
5221	Transfer from Food Service-Spec.Rev.Fund				
5222	Transfer from Other Special Revenue Funds				
5230	Transfer from Capital Project Funds				
5251	Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds		-	36,495	259,970

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year	Estimated Revenues ENSUING FISCAL YEAR
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES CONT.		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds				
5253	Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust Funds				
5300-5699	Other Financing Sources				
5140	This Section for Calculation of RAN's (Reimbursement Anticipation Notes) Per RSA 198:20-D for Catastrophic Aid Borrowing RAN, Revenue This FY _____ less RAN, Revenue Last FY _____ =NET RAN				
	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)				
	Voted From Fund Balance			78,000	
	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		55,000	39,471	-
	Total Estimated Revenue & Credits		302,884	463,786	569,790

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	Current Year Adopted Budget	School Board's Recommended Budget	Budget Committee's Recommended Budget
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from page 3)	4,049,250	4,425,890	4,425,890
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 4)	Included in Above	50,000	50,000
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 4)	Included in Above	Included in Above	Included in Above
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	4,049,250	4,475,890	4,475,890
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	463,786	569,790	569,790
Less: Amount of Statewide Enhanced Education Tax/Grant	0	0	0
Estimated Amount of Local Taxes to be Raised For Education	3,585,464	3,906,100	3,906,100

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: \$392,453
 (See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The 2009-2010 school year has been a challenging moment in time for our families and communities. The economy has affected all of our lives, each of our schools has attempted to respond to the individual needs of our students and their families. We would like to thank all of our citizens for their kindness, generosity and support.

Teachers and administrators in SAU #48 are continuing to focus on curriculum, assessment, and data-driven decisions to analyze and improve student achievement. In addition, we are bringing teachers and administrators from all of our schools together to solve problems, clarify curriculum, and discuss best practices. Teachers have taken leadership roles in these discussions during a K-12 SAU In-service day in August and an SAU In-service Day in January of this year. During these in-service days, we have addressed issues that affect daily instruction and our students' total educational experience, preschool through grade 12. These dialogues have included curriculum development by grade level and content areas, social issues, technology, and collaboration among all of our schools. Our teachers have used professional development opportunities to have a clear understanding of all critical aspects of educational philosophy and practice evolve using 21st Century skills.

Additionally, teachers have been actively presenting at national and state conferences. A team of Plymouth Regional High School mathematics educators presented their action research mathematics project at the National Staff Development Conference in Boston during July 2009. At the Christa McAuliffe Technology Conference in Nashua during December 2009, Wentworth educators showcased digital portfolios as an integral part of their student led conferences. The library personnel have been meeting monthly to collaborate on K-12 library media curriculum; all K-12 school libraries are now online.

This year, we will continue to move as much information as possible on to our school web sites. We are attempting to not only become as "paperless" as possible, but to allow our parents and citizens access to all of the information they need to become fully involve in their students' education and their community's schools. The three of us wish to thank all of our board members, staff, volunteers and residents for their support and commitment to public education.

Mark Halloran
Ethel Gaides
Kathleen Boyle

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL HEALTH OFFICE

The spring of 2009 brought daffodils, longer daylight hours, warmer weather, ticks and information about the H1N1 Influenza.

As the 2009-2010 school year opened, we collected data regarding student absences related to Influenza-Like Illness (ILI). This information was reported to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services in an effort to track and further define this illness in the school-aged population in New Hampshire. Here at HCS we noted an increase in absenteeism from mid October, continuing through November and into early December as parents reported symptoms of ILI, including fever and cough or sore throat. Parents complied with the guidelines to keep sick children home, allowing for a rest and recovery period, reducing the spread of illness in the school community and reducing the exposure for the sick child to become sick with other illnesses while recovering from the ILI symptoms. Faculty developed a plan for tracking class work absent students missed and included a schedule for students and faculty to work together to help these students complete work missed during the absence.

In December, school based clinics provided vaccine for the H1N1 Influenza here at school. Students received one dose or two half doses of the vaccine, based on age. This vaccine was administered as a traditional shot or as a nasal mist, depending on the age or medical history provided by the parent. Faculty and staff were also able to receive this vaccine here at HCS during the clinic. We are anticipating the opportunity for our younger students to receive the second half dose in January. Sixty-two students received H1N1 vaccine during the first clinic. Thirty-one students will be eligible for the second half dose of vaccine and twenty-four adults received the H1N1 vaccine.

At HCS we have the good fortune to have Barbara Laverack, dental hygienist associated with Spear Hospital, providing dental screenings for each student. She is also able to implement some additional services here on campus and/or connect families with local dental care providers.

Dental Screenings	207
Cleanings/Fluoride Treatments	11
Sealants	4
Fluoride Varnish Program	111
Referrals for untreated decay	27

Each year brings new immunization update requirements. This year was especially busy as dosing schedules for tetanus and chicken pox vaccine are new. This heavily impacted the first, fifth and sixth grade students. Immunization status data is reported to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services annually and randomly audits school records.

Our fifth annual Red Cross Blood Drive was held in early June with strong community support and folks who just happened to drive past the campus. Mark you calendars for the June 2010 blood drive scheduled for June 4th.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruthann KlineSmith, R.N.
School Nurse

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S ANNUAL REPORT DECEMBER 31, 2009

Holderness Central School continues to be a school that takes great pride in the tradition of providing a quality education to the children of Holderness. This past year was highlighted by the hiring of a part-time health teacher and a part-time middle school math teacher filling vacancies left behind by two departing teachers. Beginning in September we launched a new format for the Industrial Arts program which utilizes local resources to provide hands-on skills and lessons. In addition to these changes, Holderness Central School met the federal guidelines for No Child Left Behind by attaining AYP status (*adequate yearly progress*) as determined by the results of the NECAP tests. I am proud to report that students continue to demonstrate academic growth in the content areas assessed by the NECAP (*New England Common Assessment Program*) in grades three through eight. Holderness Central School faculty and staff remain committed to academic achievement and meeting students' social, emotional, and physical needs.

The middle school began the school year embracing the novel entitled *"Three Cups of Tea"* written by *Greg Mortensen* which is a story designed to teach students the value of education. Through this novel student's in grades six through eight took part in an integrated unit of study which combined all four core subjects, in addition Art and Music. Through their Language Arts class students read and discussed the challenges of building schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan. This collaborative unit concluded with a "Pennies for Peace" drive and community dinner to bring awareness about education in Pakistan and Afghanistan. The "modest meal" was student directed and several local restaurants graciously contributed to the event. The *"Pennies for Peace"* event was a tremendous success and raised over \$1,300.00 for school construction. The unit which was led by our Language Arts teacher Angie Miller gave students a chance to be a part of a global community and brought to surface the value of education in their lives.

Our lower grades continue to focus on literacy development where we have seen significant gains in language development and reading. Our goal to ensure that all students by the end of grade five are reading on or above grade level continues to drive our instructional practices. To ensure this goal, we continue the process of screening all grade one students for the reading recovery program and all grade two students to determine phonemic awareness levels. Mrs. Sally Lockwood who serves as both the Reading Recovery Teacher and Reading Support Specialist works with first and second grade students individually who have been identified. Literacy support continues to be provided for students in grades three through five by Ms. Evie Spodnik, a certified Reading Specialist. She offers a plethora of educational reading strategies meeting individual needs as student's progress through the lower grades. The Middle School teachers continue to support literacy through a collaborative frame work offered to students during

the enrichment class. Collaboratively we are effective in providing the framework for a successful literacy initiative as we prepare students for life beyond the walls of H.C.S.

In addition to our academic programs we have seen a tremendous amount of success within the Unified Arts curriculum. Artsonia, an on-line website that displays student art work has recognized Holderness Central School for their overwhelming contributions. Art teacher, Mrs. Melody Funk, has been recognized as a leader in the state for her effort and the amount of student art work displayed on Artsonia. We remain very proud of this acknowledgment. The Music program continues to experience success with improvements in our concert presentation and the steady rise of students who participate in band and chorus in grades five through eight. Our computer lab has gone through a recent update with the addition of twenty-five new units and wireless internet access throughout the building. In addition to these improvements, five classrooms have been wired and provided the necessary equipment to implement *Smart Board technology* this school year. Beginning this September we initiated a new format to keep our Industrial Arts class in place. Utilizing two area contractors, we have established a community-based instructional program that teaches students in grades five through eight the skills of carpentry and related fields. This partnership has been an extraordinary experience for both the instructors and students as we link real life to school learning.

Communication continues to be a priority at Holderness Central School. It is my personal goal as well as a school goal to seek many avenues to ensure good communication channels are in place for our parents and members of the community. We have seen success in many of the current avenues we use to communicate with parents and the community. They include our monthly newsletter *The Hawk Herald*, the school website and weekly contact from classroom teachers. In addition to these formats our SAU has instituted the *Penn Alert System* which is primarily used to notify parents about school closings and delays. This system was also designed to be used at the school level and can be utilized for announcements such as concert dates, report cards and other related school topics.

In closing, I would like to express my appreciation to the parents of this community for giving me the opportunity to work with your children. The faculty, staff, school board and parents are committed to providing their children with a sound and quality education in a safe and secure learning environment. Together, with your support, we can ensure each child is provided with the necessary skills to become a productive, intelligent and compassionate person in life.

Respectfully Submitted,

William J. Van Bennekum, Principal

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2009

The annual Holderness School District meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Moderator Laura Rollison. Mrs. Rollison then asked Ross Deachman to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Rollison then reviewed the ground rules for the District Meeting.

Article 1: To see what action the School District will take relative to reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers. Moved by Mr. Deachman, seconded by Margaret "Peg" Winton. Passed unanimously.

Article 2: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-eight thousand dollars (\$78,000) to be added to the Building Renovations capital reserve fund previously established to be funded by seventy-eight thousand dollars (\$78,000) from unreserved fund balance, said sum represents an insurance settlement already received. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Moved by Mr. Deachman, seconded by Margaret "Peg" Winton. Willis Holland asked if this money has already been appropriated or would it be raised by taxes. School Board member Martha Macomber explained that the money was received from the insurance policy for the roof collapse of the old building on Rte. 175. Questions were asked about the wording of the article. Under unanimous consent KathyBoyle was aloud to speak. She said that every warrant article was reviewed by D.R.A. and that this is the correct wording. Mr. Holland asked if this article is passed is it still necessary to pass Article 5. Board member Macomber said that the School Board asks for \$30,000 to be placed in capitol reserve every year and the Board would like to keep funding even. Gordon Loud moved the question, seconded by Ed Beeson. Article passed.

Article 3: To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Holderness School Board and the Holderness Education Support Staff which calls for the following increases in salary and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
2009-2010	\$11,558.00
2010-2011	\$ 9,159.00

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of eleven thousand five hundred fifty-eight dollars (\$11,558.00) for the 2009-2010 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Moved by Mr. Deachman, seconded by Peter Webster. Mr. Holland asked if this reflects an increase in benefits. Board member Macomber explained that this is an increase in salary only. Article passed.

Article 4:

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the previously established capitol reserve fund for the purpose of technology upgrades. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Moved by Mr. Deachman, seconded by Fran Taylor. Mr. Loud asked about the current technology in the school. Board member Macomber said the school has two computer labs and computers in every classroom. The computers in the library will be replaced this year. Article passed.

Article 5:

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the previously established capitol reserve fund for building renovations. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Moved by Mr. Deachman, seconded by Mr. Beeson. Mr. Holland stated that we already put \$78,000 into the capitol reserve fund this year and that we should try to save the taxpayers money. The result of the standing vote was 41 yes, 35 no. Article passed.

Article 6:

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-six thousand four hundred ninety-five dollars (\$36,495) for the purchase of technology equipment and authorize the withdrawal of thirty-six thousand four hundred ninety-five dollars (\$36,495) from the capitol reserve fund

created for that purpose. (Majority vote required.)

Moved by Mr. Deachman, seconded by Peter Webster. Under unanimous consent Principal Van Bennekum was aloud to speak. Principal Van Bennekum explained that this money will be used to update the main computer lab including the purchase of new computers, networking and wireless Internet access throughout the school. Article passed.

Article 7:

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four million two hundred fifty-one thousand seven hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$4,251,799) for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials, employees and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District, this sum also includes the sums found in Articles 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Moved by Fran Taylor, seconded by Skip Van Sickle. Mr. Holland asked if the School Board has considered reducing the number of staff based on the declining enrollment. Board member Macomber said a decrease in staff would require shifting teachers and would not result in a large savings. Mr. Van Sickle asked was many students attend Holderness Schools. Board member Macomber said 216. Mr. Deachman explained that less than 100 Holderness students attend Plymouth Regional High School. Article passed.

Article 8:

To transact any further business which may legally come before this meeting. Georgine Fabian announced that town of Holderness will be 250 years old in 2011 and the first meeting to plan a celebration will be held at the town hall on April 6, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Board member Macomber thanked all those in attendance and offered congratulations to new Moderator Laura Rollison.

With no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was accepted to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara M. Weinberg
School District Clerk, Holderness

HOLDERNESS SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Education Actual Expenditures Report
per RSA 32:11-a

	Fiscal Year 2007/2008	Fiscal Year 2008/2009
Expenditures	\$668,077	\$674,071
Revenues	\$38,958	\$30,739
Net Expenditures	<u>\$629,119</u>	<u>\$643,332</u>
\$ increase/decrease		\$14,213
% increase/decrease		2.26%

CADY ANNUAL REPORT **(Communities for Alcohol and Drug-free Youth)**

On behalf of our coalition, I would like to express our deep appreciation to members of the Holderness Selectboard and the citizens of Holderness for your 2009 appropriation. While most people were concerned about job security and their mortgages in 2009, those of us in the substance abuse prevention field were concerned about how the troubled economy would impact the health and well being of our communities. After all, research shows that extreme stress can have a major impact on mental health and substance use disorders. That's why at CADY, in 2009 we stepped up our efforts to prevent drug abuse, expand programs, and build even stronger partnerships throughout our Pemi-Baker communities, with the over-arching goal of protecting what we value most: our children.

Every day hundreds of local youth make a choice—a choice to use, or not use, harmful substances. The reality is—there are no walls long enough, or high enough, to keep illegal drugs out of our country and communities. Holderness citizens clearly understand that substance abuse is a serious health and safety risk for our children and communities and that there is one cost effective solution to this big problem—Prevention!

CADY's mission is to help our youth make healthy and safe choices by working with communities and schools to prevent and reduce youth alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use and to promote healthy environments and promising futures. We serve the town of Holderness and the Holderness School District in various capacities with a focus on comprehensive, outcome-based prevention including environmental prevention strategies and evidence-based programs (numbers following each program indicate numbers served from town of Holderness). Free community education programs and activities provided by CADY include: administration of bi-annual youth assessment (Teen Assessment Project Survey—102 in 2009) at Plymouth Regional High School and community assessments; convening stakeholders in regional prevention councils; developing comprehensive media campaigns, including the weekly *CADY Corner* column in the Record Enterprise; hosting parenting workshops focused on strengthening family bonds; providing chem.-free school- and community-based activity programs for youth that promote resiliency including the Launch Youth Entrepreneurship Program with paid summer employment (8); sponsorship of the *Thriving in the Middle School* Annual Youth Leadership Conference (48); and accepting referrals to CADY Restorative Justice (1), this community-based juvenile justice program served 19 youth and families in 2009 and remains the sole court diversion program for the Plymouth District Court.

Major coalition accomplishments in 2009 include: receiving the Plymouth State University Campus Compact Partner Award recognizing CADY for our extensive community collaborations; publishing of the Southern Grafton County Databook (to access, please go to www.cadyinc.org); participation in the Carsey Institute study: *“Navigating the Teen Years: Promise and Peril for Northern New Hampshire Youth”* recognizing Newfound and Plymouth Regional High Schools for significant risk reduction and data outcomes; expansion of our media campaign by retooling and updating the CADY website with multi-dimensional functions; sponsorship of three full-page *Halt the Harm* newspaper advertorials in the Record Enterprise, launching of our Prescription Drug campaign *“NOT What the Doctor Ordered”* in collaboration with local police departments and Mid-State Health Center; submission of prevention articles to school newsletters; three fundraisers sponsored by Plymouth Congregational Church and SKUUF, our LAUNCH Youth Entrepreneurs won 1st place in the Common Man *“Festival of Trees”* and received a grand prize valued at \$2000 from the Common Man Inn; implementation of our first Annual Appeal Drive; recognition of our volunteers for giving 5005 hours of service; new programs/initiatives include the development of *“Think About It: You and the Law”* presentation for students on the real-world consequences of breaking the law; three Webcast Lunch-n-Learn series were introduced to Pemi-Baker and Newfound regions. Finally, a major statewide policy initiative was spearheaded by CADY. Our signature program, *Project Monitor*, anonymous tip line was adopted as a statewide environmental prevention strategy by the NH Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services, the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement and 2-1-1 New Hampshire. By calling 2-1-1 and sharing information about possible underage alcohol gatherings, *Project Monitor Under 21* will prevent a potentially harmful situation from happening before it occurs. Please help us spread the word about this new tool because *“a call to 2-1-1 may prevent a call to 9-1-1.”* This new project is covered 24/7 by trained dispatchers and will eliminate fragmentation caused by multiple telephone numbers across the state, improve data collection, and better serve our communities. Overall, I am pleased to report that CADY has touched hundreds of youth and thousands of lives via direct service programs and outreach in 2009.

Thank you Holderness for investing in the future of our youth!
Sincerely,

Deb Naro
Executive Director



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*Executive Councilor
District One*

Report to the People of District One By: Executive Councilor Ray Burton

2009 was indeed the year of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)/Stimulus Funds in New Hampshire!

As of November 4, 2009, \$579,305,870.00 had been allocated in New Hampshire in nine areas: business/community; education; employment; energy; health; housing; safety; technology and transportation. Of that \$181,463,876.00 went to Council District One towns and cities and the counties of Belknap, Carroll, Coos, Grafton and Sullivan.

The ARRA money has enabled local, state and county government to work on projects that have been in process and planning for years. For a complete listing of these projects go to: www.ed.state.nh.us/education/recovery/index.htm or write to my office.

Governor Lynch has now submitted the New Hampshire Transportation Plan to the New Hampshire House and Senate. Highways/bridges, rail, aviation and public projects are among the proposed recommendations. Contact your local State Senator and Legislator for details about what projects you believe to be key ones for your region.

As Councilor, I do not see new revenues being raised in New Hampshire State Government. With the decline in existing revenues leading to cut backs in services, only time will determine what the law making branch has in mind for new dollars. Keep in close touch with your local State Senator and Legislator to make sure costs are NOT passed on to county and local government.

The Governor and Council are required by law to fill dozens of boards and commissions with volunteers. If you are interested in serving, please send a letter of interest and your resume to Governor John Lynch, Attention: Jennifer Kuzma, Appointment Liaison, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301 For the current list of what possible appointments might be coming up go to: <http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm>.

There is a constant flow of informational items available at my office: tourist maps, consumer handbooks and the New Hampshire Constitution. Each Monday I send, via e-mail, the schedule of my weekly meetings and other information. Send me your e-mail to be added to the list at rburton@nh.gov or find the schedule on my State House web page at: <http://www.nh.gov/council/district1/schedules>.

Contact my office anytime I can be of help.



Towns in Council District #1

CARROLL COUNTY:

Albany, Bartlett, Chatham, Conway, Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Hart's Loc., Jackson, Madison, Moultonborough, Ossipee, Sandwich, Tamworth, Tuftonboro, Wakefield, Wolfeboro,

GRAFTON COUNTY:

Alexandria, Ashland, Bath, Benton, Bethlehem, Bridgewater, Bristol, Campton, Canaan, Dorchester, Easton, Ellsworth, Enfield, Franconia, Grafton, Groton, Hanover, Haverhill, Hebron, Holderness, Landaff, Lebanon, Lincoln, Lisbon, Livermore, Littleton, Lyman, Lyme, Monroe, Orange, Orford, Piermont, Plymouth, Rummey, Sugar Hill, Thornton, Warren, Waterville Valley, Wentworth, Woodstock

COOS COUNTY:

Berlin, Carroll, Clarksville, Colebrook, Columbia, Dalton, Dixville, Dummer, Errol,



January 13, 2010

To the Residents of Holderness:

Thank You for Supporting Genesis Behavioral Health!

The appropriation that we received from the Town of Holderness' 2009 budget has helped us to cover the costs of providing emergency mental health care to residents of your town.

During Fiscal Year 2009 (ending June 30, 2009), a total of **44 Holderness residents** came to Genesis Behavioral Health seeking help for their mental health problems. Their ages break down as follows:

Age Range	Number of Clients
Ages 1 – 17	15
Ages 18 – 59	26
Age 60 and over	3
<i>Total</i>	44

The mission of Genesis Behavioral Health is to provide direct services that enhance the emotional and mental health of our communities. Our staff is accountable for placing individuals on the path to recovery from mental illness and aiding them in their daily lives throughout the process.

We specialize in individual and group counseling and psychiatric services. We work with our most persistently ill patients on basic life skills such as public interaction and stable employment. We help parents and children to foster strong family relationships. Working with local police and fire departments, we provide emergency services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to residents of any age who are going through a mental health crisis. We provide emotional support to the community in the wake of a tragic event.

Funding from the Town of Holderness has helped to support our work with children, families and adults. The services provided by Genesis Behavioral Health help improve the quality of life for so many, and yet are rarely covered by insurance plans or state programs. On behalf of all of the individuals we serve, we thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret M. Pritchard".

Margaret M. Pritchard
Executive Director

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our communities' older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln; operates adult in-home care from offices in Lebanon and Haverhill; and sponsors the Grafton County ServiceLink Resource Center and RSVP and the Volunteer Center. Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, community dining programs, transportation, counseling, elder care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2009, 78 older residents of Holderness were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center; twelve were assisted by ServiceLink:

- Older adults from Holderness enjoyed 925 balanced meals in the company of friends in the Plymouth center's dining room.
- They received 2,152 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Holderness residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 320 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 98 visits with a trained outreach worker and 25 contacts with ServiceLink.
- Holderness's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 661 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Holderness residents in 2009 was \$33,348.87.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars that would

otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older supportive services such as those offered by the Council became even more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Holderness's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of ageing in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Roberta Berner,
Executive Director

HOLDERNESS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Holderness Historical Society thanks the town and our members for financial support. This year we provided several popular programs with 160 people attending. More than 75 people toured the museum. We have maintained and upgraded our museum, been involved with community activities, and preserved more of our town's history.

Programs

Hiking the Appalachian Trail - Patrick Keefer

Angling in the Smile of the Great Spirit - Hal Lyon *

Robert Frost's New Hampshire - David Watters *

Digging Into Native History in New Hampshire - Robert Goodby*

** Supported by New Hampshire Humanities Council*

Museum Building

Dealt with the many problems of historic buildings.

Had our security system reevaluated.

Historical Projects

Produced biannual Newsletter with articles of local history including *Vinga Court Gone But Not Forgotten* and *Where Have All the Cabins and Cottages Gone?*

Provided help with genealogy research on Holderness residents and buildings.

Sold books and old maps of Squam Lake and Holderness.

Began work on an on-line listing of all Holderness cemeteries, with pictures and names which we hope to have up and running within the next year.

Purchased a computer and printer which enables us to publish our Newsletter.

Began working with Judy Warren to produce a documentary entitled "Our Squam, A Look Back..."

Community

Hosted the White Oak Pond Watershed Association's annual meeting.

Mrs. Allain's third grade class visited the Museum in June.

The Museum was open to visitors each Saturday in June and July.

Our large meeting room and kitchen are available free of charge to

Holderness community groups.

Future

We will continue to be a seasonal organization with public programs and meetings May through October.

School tours will continue to be available in June and September.

We have continued our partnership with the Holderness Public Library to provide additional programs of historical significance next year.

The Holderness Historical Society needs more volunteers and active members to help preserve the history of our town.

HOLDERNESS 250TH CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

After an appeal at the 2009 Town meeting and notices advertizing the planning for a 250th Celebration of Holderness, townspeople attended the first two meetings in April and June. Georgene Fabian, self appointed convener, was pleased to see the interest of our residents.

Volunteers will be heading a boat parade and an aqua show. Other suggestions for the celebration are: a music event, a street dance, an event to express memories, a children's day (events at HCS and in the town forest) and any other activities which anybody may wish to lead.

Nick DeRuvo volunteered to be treasurer and the Holderness Historical Society arranged for the committee to be under their tax free umbrella for donation purposes. It is fitting that the Historic Society, a non-profit organization whose mission is to collect and preserve relics and documents for the benefit of the Town, are involved in the 250th celebration. Some HCS students painted canisters which were placed in Holderness businesses during the summer for starter funds. To date the receipts from the canister and private donations (minus the cost of opening a checking account) gives us a total balance of \$147. Other interested residents have also volunteered to do some fund raising and publicity for this event.

The Town of Holderness was founded October 24, 1761. The celebration of our "semi-quincentennial" is planned for August 2011. There are people of our community who fondly remember the bicentennial in 1961.

We hope others will lend a hand. This is a big undertaking, and a fun one! We have many places for townspeople to help. If you wish to help out in any way please call Amy Sharpe at the Town Hall 968-2145 or Georgene Fabian at 986-3695.

INTER-LAKES DAYCARE CENTER

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and families of Inter-Lakes Day Care Center, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Town of Holderness. We greatly appreciate the continued support for our families and the growing local community.

During the year, Inter-Lakes Day Care Center & Nursery School became certified as a Licensed Plus center, a designation that recognizes high quality child care programs. Inter-Lakes Day Care Center and Nursery School is a non-profit, fully licensed, non-denominational, tax-exempt community child care and education agency, incorporated in 1971. Inter-Lakes Day Care Center promotes child development and family support for working parents through comprehensive infant, toddler, preschool, and school age developmentally appropriate curriculum, engaging children in activities that provide learning and brain development opportunities while nurturing knowledge. With an evolving, emergent curriculum, children come to view school as a place of exploration and discovery. The curriculum is shaped by each child's cognitive, social, and physical development. We seek to help each child develop an appreciation for his or her uniqueness as well as a sense of respect for others and oneself.

Inter-Lakes Day Care Center is open on a year-round basis at two sites, from 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM, making it possible for parents to maintain employment. The Center offers a full range of services including morning preschool programs, full and part-time child care, summer and vacation enrichment camp, and USDA approved healthy meals and snacks. Guided by a professionally certified and credentialed staff, the children receive an educational program along with health care services, special needs services and transportation for kindergarten. Through the State of New Hampshire and the Child Care Development Block Grant tuition based on family size and income is available for parents who are employed, in training, pursuing a degree or certificate, on job search or temporarily disabled. Our center also sponsors the Inter-Lakes Family Daycare Nutrition Program, facilitating federal reimbursement from USDA for licensed home daycare providers who serve approved meals and snacks while providing care for children of working parents.

FOR TOWN ANNUAL REPORTS
LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION
2009

The Lakes Region continues to grow and evolve. As our economy and world change, so does the work we are engaged in. The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is an organization established according to state law to provide area communities and the region with the capacity to respond to and shape the pressures of change in a purposeful way. With a service area covering over 1,200 square miles in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton and Merrimack Counties, the LRPC provides a wide range of planning services to member municipalities. The Commission offers direct and support services including technical assistance, geographic information systems, transportation planning, land use, environmental planning, hazard planning and economic development. Local, state, and federal resources primarily fund the LRPC. We also maintain a regular dialogue with state agencies as a resource for the entire Lakes Region. Our overall goal is to provide support, knowledge, and leadership to the governments, businesses, and citizens of the Lakes Region.

Some of the issue areas LRPC provides on behalf of the town of Holderness and the region in the past fiscal year are noted below:

- LOCAL
- LAND USE
- TRANSPORTATION
- PUBLIC FACILITIES GOAL
- HOUSING
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- NATURAL RESOURCES
- UTILITY AND PUBIC SERVICE GOAL
- NATURAL HAZARDS
- REGIONAL CONCERNS

For current regional planning activities and events, please visit the LRPC's website at www.lakesrpc.org.

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE REPORT



The Dupuis-Cross American Legion Post #15 of Ashland donated four dozen flags that were placed on local Veteran's graves in eight of the cemeteries in Holderness.

This was the fourth year of our changed parade route. It is working very well. The route starts at the Science Center parking lot and proceeds down NH Route 113 to the cemetery where a group of school children placed flowers on some of the graves and gathered to sing "God Bless America" before a service with the American Legion Auxiliary. The parade proceeded to the channel for a service at the bridge and ended at the Post Office.

The Holderness Central School Band and Baker River Band provided music. The HCS students do such a great job and we appreciate having them add to the ceremony.

We were able to pass out small flags to the children on the side lines, and the Holderness Library had a bake sale, lemonade and cookies this year.

Thanks to the Holderness Police and Fire Departments for all their help, and thanks to all who participated and all who came to watch and remember this very important day.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret R. Winton
Edward R. Ford, Co-Chairmen

PEMI-BAKER HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE/AQUATIC & WELLNESS CENTER 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

Mission Statement: At Pemi-Baker Home Health & Hospice our Mission is to provide quality home care, wellness programs, aqua therapy and hospice services.

Pemi-Baker Home Health & Hospice/Wellness & Aquatic Center has been providing health care services for forty-two years, working collaboratively to meet the healthcare needs of the community. The organization offers a full continuum of high quality healthcare and wellness within its financial resources to optimize health for all, through Wellness, Outpatient Rehab, Homecare, and Hospice programs.

Services that we provide to the people and families in the town of Holderness are a safety net and this is a time they are needed the most. They include:

Hospice- A philosophy of care that accepts death as the final stage of life with the goal of enabling patients to manage symptoms so that their last days may be spent with dignity and quality, surrounded by their loved ones. It is the care of the whole person and focuses on the quality rather than the length of life.

Homecare- There is no place like home and most people want to stay at home as they age or recover from an illness, injury, or surgery. People want choice and control over their everyday decisions and healthcare decisions are no exception. Includes: Geriatric, Newborn Nursing Assessment, Obstetric/Pediatric Nursing, Homemaker Services, and Intravenous Infusion.

Community Outreach Programs- Clinics for immunization, blood pressure monitoring, foot care and health education programs, home safety assessments, and wellness program.

Outpatient Therapy-

- **Physical Therapy** (therapeutic exercise, aquatic therapy, manual therapy techniques, therapeutic activities, gait training, massage, neuromuscular re-education, ultrasound, iontophoresis, electrical stimulation & wheelchair management)
- **Wellness Programs-** Investment in wellness is an investment in health and wellbeing. Promotion of wellness optimized health, productivity and a sense of wellbeing.

INITIATIVES in 2009 include:

- ❖ Bereavement Program to provide support for families who have lost a loved one

- ❖ Hospice Volunteer Training over a six week period with ten participants.
 - Hospice Volunteers provided many hours of service to patients and their families
- ❖ Hosted flu clinics in October for community residents.
- ❖ Held the Annual Hospice Memorial service on September 13, 2009 at the Church of The Holy Spirit in Plymouth.
- ❖ Free Clinics at the Plymouth Regional Senior Center for community members
 - Foot Clinics to groom toenails and recommendations to physicians if necessary.
 - BP Clinics
- ❖ Wellness Promotion
 - Women's Wellness Day on May 9, 2009
 - Collaborated with PSU, Mid-State health, Spear Memorial Hospital, and Sound Advice to offer a Wellness Fair for the Community October 24, 2009.

We appreciate and thank you for your ongoing loyal support of our services and our staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Engelbert, RN, BSN, MBA
Executive Director

PEMIGEWASSET RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PRLAC's 2009 water quality monitoring program was completed in September. No serious problems were detected over the five plus months of the program. We now have seven years of solid data on multiple locations from Thornton to Bristol, providing good perspective on the overall health of the river. This information base should provide an early warning should some key elements of overall water quality start to deteriorate. The revisions to the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act RSA 483B, introduced 7-1-08, represents a major assist to our ongoing effort to protect Pemi water quality. The greatest threat to the quality of the water in the river is surface water runoff. The more impervious the surface (buildings, roads, lawns, parking areas), the greater the threat of polluted runoff. The thrust of the law, filtering runoff pollution through vegetated buffers, protects not only the river, but aquifers and water supply lands all along the corridor. PRLAC is asked to assess the impact and comment on shoreland development applications to the state.

In addition to our water quality testing activity, PRLAC sponsored public meetings on the following state initiatives:

- Drinking Water Resources Management (Primer), which identified several challenges looking ahead, to both the quantity and quality of our drinking water resources.
- Aquatic Resources Mitigation (ARM) program which has accumulated \$145,000 to date for use in the Pemi River watershed. The money must be used for prime wetlands restoration or protection of important water supply lands and will become available in April, 2010.

These meetings were presented by subject experts. Attendees included municipal officials, political representatives, and interested members of corridor communities.

Emphasis in 2010 will be on a)encouraging corridor communities to submit proposals to use the available ARM funds, b)educating communities on proposed new state stream crossing rules, c)updating PRLAC Management Plan, d)determining what help is available to control milfoil.

We have representatives from most of the towns from Thornton to Bristol. We meet the last Tuesday of most months on the campus of PSU. Call Max Stamp, 744-8223 for details if you are interested in attending.

Max Stamp, PRLAC Chair
12/21/09

PEMI YOUTH CENTER

Program Description: The Pemi Youth Center is a non-profit organization serving as an after school destination for youth ages 11-17 in the Plymouth area. We are dedicated to providing a safe, welcoming and educational environment where youth may gather outside of school and gain a sense of community, belonging and self-esteem at no cost to youth and their families. We believe that the youth of today need to be reconnected to their community and to realize that they are valued members of that community. We believe that our youth can contribute to their community through development of their diverse skills, talents, and capabilities. Our mission is to provide a safe and welcoming place where youth may gather outside of school and gain a sense of community, belonging and self-esteem. The Pemi Youth Center provides for the holistic needs of our youth through the development of quality programming, which includes academic assistance, mentoring, art and recreational activities, support groups, alcohol/drug prevention, nutritional guidance, youth advisory council, service learning opportunities, and infant/child playgroup. Not only are we an extension of the school day, but we seek to support teens as they journey into adulthood, by offering them the necessary guidance and information to be successful in their lives. In doing so we are able to prevent the continuation of generational abuse and neglect.

We collaborate with many area institutions, organizations and agencies, including; Plymouth State University, CADY Inc., Lakes Region Community Services, Friends of the Arts, Mount Prospect Academy, and Whole Village Agencies.

Town funding will be used to support our after school program. These funds go directly towards the expenses of reaching out to community youth during the after-school hours, and ensuring that there is a safe environment for teens during those hours.

Community Impact: Studies have shown that the hours immediately after school are the riskiest for teens. Children and teens are more likely to become victims of violent crimes, or commit violent acts during the hours from 3-6pm, rather than any time of the day. Many teens get involved with dangerous behavior, including the use of drugs or alcohol, or engaging in sexual behavior during after school hours. The reason for this trend is due to the lack of supervisions in the home, while parents are not yet through their workday. It has been proven that after school programs that provide positive environments during the hours of 3-6pm, greatly impact the success of teens as they enter into the adult world. After school programs give teens the opportunity to reinforce learning done in school, while opening their minds up to new opportunities through quality programming. After school programs have been shown to make a very significant impact on the communities that they serve, by providing a safe environment and decreasing the chances for teens to make poor decisions. The Pemi Youth Center seeks to provide a positive environment for youth to go to after school, or during school vacations, where they feel accepted and valued in the community.

For Registration Information:

All youth participants are required to complete a registration form. All services offered at NO cost. For more information contact Jessica Dutille at (603) 536-7264.

SQUAM LAKES CONSERVATION SOCIETY

The Squam Lakes Conservation Society (SLCS) is a land trust dedicated to the protection of Squam's natural resources. We achieve the permanent protection of land by seeking, holding, and monitoring conservation easements and through land ownership. Our activities are accomplished in cooperation with local state, and federal government (including the Holderness Conservation Commission), businesses, conservation organizations, residents, landowners and members.

The SLCS is one of the oldest land trusts in New Hampshire. Founded in 1960, the first parcel protected was a gift of land by Frank Webster to create the Holderness Town Beach for the specific benefit of Holderness residents. The Town of Holderness currently has 18% of its land in permanent protection. A few highlights and accomplishments:

- SLCS ended the year protecting 90 properties and 6,306 acres of land, contributing significantly to the 22% of land protected in this watershed, the highest percent compared to any other large-lake watershed in New England.
- SLCS protects and monitors 24 parcels in Holderness, including the Town Beach and the Beij Preserve, a 375-acre conservation area donated by Pierce and Kay Beij. Squam's largest protected parcel, situated largely in Holderness, is the Burleigh LLP conservation area of 2,452 acres (protected jointly by SLCS and the Lakes Region Conservation Trust).
- In 2009, SLCS protected six additional properties and 361 acres in the Squam watershed, including Hoag Island (over two miles of shoreline); the Taylor-Buchet Forest (the last unprotected parcel on the Sandwich Notch Road); Speers Campstead Area (800' of Squam shoreline); and the 22-acre Fisher-Grady Sugarbush, donated by Nancy W. Grady to protect the sugarbush for the largest maple-sugaring operation in the area. SLCS and the LRCT completed a capital campaign to purchase 250 acres in Center Harbor known as the Dane Forest.
- SLCS participated in the creation of a Lakes Region Conservation Plan which was presented before 200 people at the SLCS Annual Meeting in August, and will be made available to the residents of Holderness in 2010.
- SLCS coordinated a wildlife event at the Holderness Central School in partnership with nine other organizations.

As "Squam's Land Trust," we are stewards of one of New Hampshire's most pristine and breathtaking natural resources. We rely totally on volunteers to monitor each protected property, and will gladly provide training. Please contact us with any questions about volunteering or conserving your land. Our website is www.squamlakes.com, or call Alicia Abbott or Roger Larochelle at 968-7900.

SQUAM LAKES NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER

Squam Lakes Natural Science Center is a non-profit environmental education organization founded in 1966 with a mission *to advance understanding of ecology by exploring New Hampshire's natural world*. Using the outdoors as a classroom and live native New Hampshire animals as teaching ambassadors, our programs and exhibits teach the ecological concepts of adaptations, populations, interrelationships, and habitats.

Facilities improvements made in 2009 include replacement of the west wing of the Red Barn with a space for meetings, classes, and workshops, as well as the addition of two new bathrooms for visitors. Energy efficient lighting and motion detectors were installed on the Gephart Exhibit Trail. The wetlands boardwalk was rebuilt. The security system at the Bear Exhibit was updated to a direct paging system. The staff 'Green Team' successfully composted animal bedding and waste, resulting in significantly fewer trips to the dump.

The Annual Meeting and Summer Gala Dinner were held on August 8, with Steve Curwood, of *Living on Earth*, as the Keynote Speaker. Holderness Day, an open house for Holderness residents to enjoy free trail admission was held the same day. Many other special events were held in 2009, from New Hampshire Day in May through Halloween Hoot N Howl in October. To promote awareness and boost attendance, a series of special days were held, such as Black Bear Day, Get Outside Day, and Grandparents Day. The finale was a five-day Mountain Lion Week featuring a "Big Cats" presentation and demonstration at the Mountain Lion Exhibit of a new enrichment program. A collaboration with the Loon Preservation Committee offered special weekly cruises focusing on the Common Loon.

A 'Sea to Lake, Summit to Sky' distance learning collaborative project with the Seacoast Science Center, Mount Washington Observatory, and the McAuliffe-Shepard Discover Center received a planning grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. Fifteen teens participated in a new First Guides program based on our successful adult docent program, funded by the Bea and Woolsey Conover Fund of the Lakes Region/New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. A new dedicated T1 line was installed, which will aid the CritterCam, distance learning initiatives, and telephones.

In August, we hosted a five-day 15th annual ANCA Summit with over 100 participants from across the nation.

For more information programs, membership, donations, or volunteering, please contact us at 603-968-7194 or visit our website at www.nhnature.org.

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

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

Spring fire season was unusually short this past year, with wet weather beginning the third week in April and lasting virtually all summer long. Consequently both the number of fires and the number of acres burned were below the last five year average. Due to state budget constraints, the staffing of our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers was limited to class III or higher fire danger days. Despite the reduction in the number of days staffed, our fire lookout towers are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting capability was supplemented this year by contracted aircraft and Civil Air Patrol when fire danger was especially high. Surprisingly the largest single fire this year occurred in late November during an unusual dry spell, in the northern Coos County town of Clarksville. This fire burned 17.1 acres and is presumed to have been caused by a careless hunter. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2009 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendation are available at www.firwise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2009 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 3, 2009)

(figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	13	16
Carroll	7	30
Cheshire	3	45
Coos	42	18
Grafton	11	52
Hillsborough	12	54
Merrimack	1	67
Rockingham	62	46
Strafford	2	20
Sullivan	20	31

Causes of Fires Reported	Total Fires	Total Acres
Arson 4	2009 334	173
Debris 184	2008 455	175
Campfire 18	2007 437	212
Children 12	2006 500	473
Smoking 15	2005 546	174
Railroad 5		
Equipment 5		
Lightning 0		
Misc.*91 (Misc.:power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)		

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University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension has been grateful for the support of Grafton County citizens, communities, County Commissioners and the County Delegation in continuing our mission to provide New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information, to enhance their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy.

Staff members Deborah Maes, Family and Consumer Resources, Arianne Fosdick, Volunteer Management Program Assistant, Robin Peters, Nutrition Connections, Kathleen Jablonski, 4-H Youth Development, Donna Lee, Teresa Locke, and Kristina Vaughan, Administrative Assistants, were joined in November, 2008 by new staff member David Falkenham, Forestry Resources Educator,



and in March 2009 by Heather Bryant, Agricultural Resources Educator. The new Educators have actively stepped into their roles to provide educational programming for the citizens of Grafton County and New Hampshire.

Over the past year, the Agricultural Resources program focused on commercial growers and outreach to the growing number of home gardeners in the County, including a large quantity of site visits in response to the outbreak of Late Blight. Meetings were held on organic vegetable production and tree fruit integrated pest management. The office was a host site for growers to participate in a series of webinars on strawberry production. A six part gardening workshop series was hosted at the County Complex and a local greenhouse. Upon the request of a Haverhill Cooperative Middle School teacher, the Volunteer Management Program Assistant, the County Forester and the Agricultural Resources Educator collaborated on a "Wild Edibles" program which they presented to four different classes.

Highlights of the work done in the Forestry Resources program included: conducting thirty-five site visits with private landowners discussing the health and wise stewardship of over eight thousand acres of private land. These visits simultaneously support New Hampshire's private landowner base, the forest products industry, and NH licensed consulting foresters.

Six natural resource education programs were organized in collaboration with other agencies attracting over two hundred attendees. Topics ranged from

selling timber and wildlife management to Current Use education.

The Extension Forestry program has continued to provide educational programs and woodlot management advice to private landowners, forestry professionals, municipal officials and the County Farm Advisory Committee.

4-H Youth Development programs continue to support the ninety-six volunteer leaders and over two hundred fifty youth in Grafton County. Eighteen county-wide 4-H events were held with support from volunteer committees and judges. Grafton County was fortunate to have two National 4-H award winners: Alexandra Patch, of Lebanon, represented New Hampshire at the National Dairy Conference and Hannah Walker, of North Haverhill, represented our state at National 4-H Congress.

A \$30,000 JC Penney Afterschool grant enhanced the UNHCE and A+ program collaboration and increased programming and volunteer recruitment activities. Because of this grant, one hundred twenty additional youth in Campton, Rumney and Plymouth were able to receive afterschool programming. Outreach to this and two other county-based after school programs helped to reach over three hundred fifty additional youth with 4-H curricula.

Additional funding from United States Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency for risk management programs was obtained for 2008-2009. Speakers from the NH Alternative Energy Association and NH Electric Cooperative addressed photovoltaic, wind and geo energy production, tips for saving energy on farms, as well as grants available for producers to develop alternative energy production on farms.

Nutrition Connections programming continues to serve the population receiving food stamps and those meeting low income guidelines. Nutrition education programs have been held in conjunction with the Grafton County Academy program, Friendship House, and many agencies throughout the County. Robin Peters has been instrumental in bringing NH Food Bank programs into Grafton County.

The Extension staff are advised and guided by the members of the Grafton County UNHCE Advisory Council. This group is comprised of the following members: Mary Ames (Bath), Commissioner Raymond Burton (Bath), Pauline Corzilius (Pike), Commissioner Michael Cryans (Hanover), Annemarie Godston (North Haverhill), Frank Hagan (Bethlehem), David Keith (North Haverhill), Luther Kinney (Sugar Hill), Martha McLeod (Franconia), Joan Osgood (Piermont), Rebecca Page (Haverhill), Commissioner Martha Richards (Holderness), Emilie Shipman (Enfield), Cheryl Taber (Littleton), and Representative Kathleen Taylor (Franconia).

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