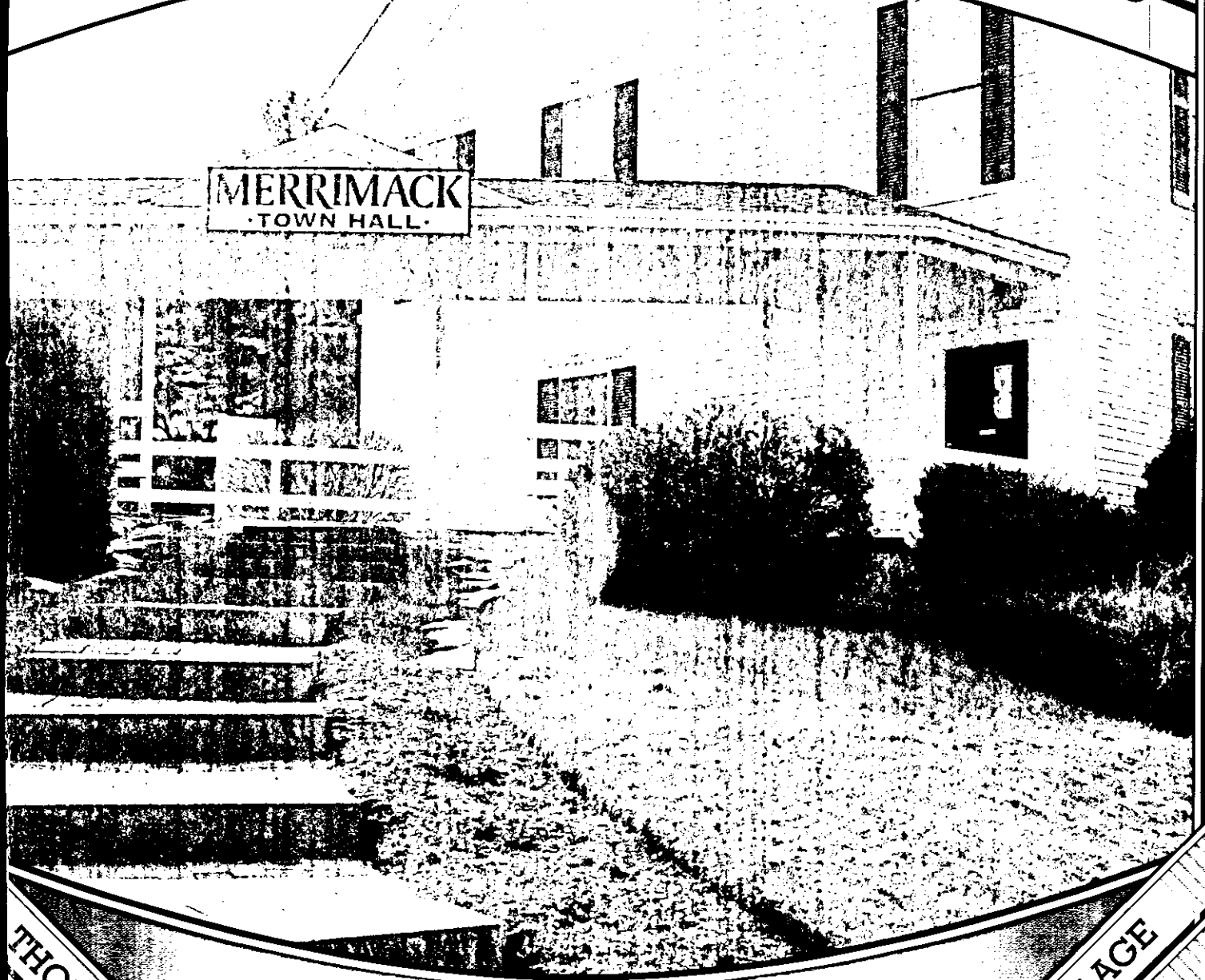


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Dates to Remember

April 1, 2006	All real property assessed to owner of records this date.
April 15, 2006	Last day to file for the elderly, disabled, and blind exemptions and veteran tax credits. Timber Tax Report of Cut due. Last day to file current use applications per RSA 79-A. Last day for filing applications for tax-exempt properties and for special assessment of residences in industrial or commercial zone per RSA 75:11.
May 1, 2006	Dog licenses expire.
June 30, 2006	Fiscal year ends.
July 1, 2006	Fiscal year begins.
December 1, 2006	Last day to pay final installment of 2006 property taxes without interest penalty.
March 1, 2007	Last day for filing applications for elderly, blind or handicapped exemptions. Last day for veterans to file permanent application for tax exemption (green card). This applies only to those who have not previously applied to Merrimack per RSA 72:33.

Town Holidays for 2006

Town Hall Will be Closed on These Important Days

January 2, 2006	New Year's Day Observed	September 4, 2006	Labor Day
February 20, 2006	President's Day	November 10, 2006	Veteran's Day
May 29, 2006	Memorial Day	November 23 & 24, 2006	Thanksgiving Day Holiday
July 4, 2006	Independence Day	December 25, 2006	Christmas Day

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Linda Wilson



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INTRODUCTION

We, the Board of Selectmen, are pleased to present you with the 2005 Annual Report for the Town of Merrimack. This Annual Report was compiled through the efforts of your local public officials to serve as a permanent record for the year 2005.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the local officials, community volunteers, and Town employees who have contributed countless hours to servicing the Town of Merrimack. Thanks to their collective efforts, we are able to provide this complete and comprehensive resource for the Merrimack community. It is their hard work and dedication that is captured within the pages of this Annual Report and which we hope will become a testament to all the Town has collectively accomplished throughout the year.

We welcome your comments and questions regarding any and all of the information contained within these pages. Please call, write, or simply stop by Town Hall and speak with a member of our staff.

The Merrimack Board of Selectmen

Chairman Richard Hinch, Vice Chairman Carolyn Whitlock, Selectman Thomas Koenig,
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Town Manager's 2005 Annual Report

Submitted by Town Manager Timothy J. Tieperman

Having completed my first year as Merrimack's town manager, I would like to take a moment to reflect upon 2005 and share with fellow residents and businesses some highlights of what has been a very busy year.

When I began my position in early January, I inherited some immediate challenges in the form of unresolved labor disputes, active litigation, and heated policy issues which commanded my attention for the first few months on the job. I'm happy to report these issues are closer to resolution, which has allowed me to focus on the development of some working goals in an effort to move the Town of Merrimack forward.

Already, Merrimack has the core ingredients necessary to become a prominent New England community. *Money Magazine* affirmed this status by designating Merrimack as the "#1 Best Place to Live" in the State of New Hampshire and #49 throughout the United States. This prestigious designation will play a prominent role in the Town's evolving economic development strategy of attracting new business to Town. Economic development is one of the four major initiatives that I proposed in the 2006-2007 municipal budgets. While the 2005 budget had no specific appropriation for economic development, I have made a point of visiting some of Merrimack's existing businesses in an effort to at least establish a communication nexus between Town government and the business community. I would like to formally thank Merrimack Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Linda Bonetti, for partnering with me in establishing this business initiative program.

Another major management initiative involves the continuing quest to enhance technology throughout all major departments. We continue to move forward in the development of a Geographic Information System (GIS) and have just completed a strategic plan for a multidimensional and interactive web page, a process that we hope to begin implementing over the next couple of years. In addition, we are currently in the process of extending fiber optics to link with other Town facilities as part of a continuous upgrade to our telephony network. All of these technological initiatives are designed to achieve one supreme objective: to improve employee productivity and public service.

Other ongoing initiatives include working more proactively with the Town's regulatory agencies to ensure that all major development projects adhere to Town construction standards and zoning regulations to avoid unnecessary expense to taxpayers in future years.

And finally, I continue to assess the organizational needs of the municipal government and will be making gradual incremental changes to the government structure in an overall effort to improve operational efficiencies.

There were many highlights from the Town Manager's office in 2005, but I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to fully recognize and express thanks to Harold Watson for his very generous gift of twelve acres of land to the Town. This donation is located at the heart of what has been designated as Merrimack's Town Center district.

On a personal note, Merrimack continues to grow and is flirting with a population of nearly 30,000 residents. We are poised for new growth in the future and I look forward to partnering with Town staff in assisting our elected officials with making the ever more important policy decisions that will guide Merrimack's future development.

General Government Staff

Town Manager's Office

Town Manager Timothy J. Tieperman
Assistant Town Manager Michael Milligan
Executive Secretary Brenda Cloutier
Human Resources Coordinator Sharon Beland
Secretary Maureen Atwood

Finance Department

Finance Administrator Robert Levan
Deputy Finance Administrator Paul Micali
Accounting Supervisor Brenda Dulong
Account Clerk III Sandy Degnan
Account Clerk II Xenia Carroll

Media Division

Media Services Coordinator Nicholas Lavallee

Technology Division

Technology Coordinator Charles Miller

Welfare Division

Welfare Administrator Patricia Murphy

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Democrat

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Shannon Barnes

Geri Botsch

Mildred Brightman

Ann Burrows

Bonnie Dunham

Marilyn Greenspan

Anne McCann

Mary Moriarty

Sandy Russell

Geri Smith

Karen Spencer

Republican

Chairman Christopher Ortega

Coordinator Yvonne Hinckley

Joyce Dembow

Steve Dembow

Peter Duke

Norma French

Eileen Harris

Robin Hornstein

Fern Jones

Connie Krieder

Carol Matsis

Jackie Neylander

Jack Plante

Josephine Plante

Dick Roulx

John Segedy

IN APPRECIATION

2005 Employee Service Recognitions

30 Years of Service

Paul Stavenger – Police

Anne Whitney – Assessing

25 Years of Service

Ronald Bergeron – Public Works - Equipment Maintenance Division

James Davala – Public Works - Wastewater Division

20 Years of Service

Brian Boulay – Police

Richard Desmond – Police

Donald Doucette – Public Works - Wastewater Division

Mark Doyle – Police

Daniel Edmonds – Police

Brian Friolet – Public Works - Equipment Maintenance Division

Ronald Levierge – Police

John Maille – Police

Paul Trepaney – Police

Lee Vogel – Public Works - Wastewater Division

Judith York – Police

15 Years of Service

David Evans – Public Works - Wastewater Division

Lawrence Gay – Public Works - Highway Division

Richard Pierson – Fire

10 Years of Service

Thomas Dalton – Fire

John Dudash – Police

Matthew Tarleton – Police

IN APPRECIATION

2005 Employee Service Recognitions (Cont.)

5 Years of Service

Xenia Carroll – Finance
John Demyanovich – Fire
Robert Kelleher – Police
Jason Kimball – Public Works - Highway Division
Brian Levesque – Police
Eric Marquis – Police
Donald Scott McPhie – Community Development
Thomas Prentice – Police
Michael Rotast – Assessing
Jacob Stevens – Public Works - Highway Division
Lon Woods – Public Works - Solid Waste Division

2005 Town of Merrimack Retirees

Fire

Thomas Kennedy – Master Firefighter
Laurance Rothhaus – Captain

General Government

Betty Spence – Assistant Town Manager

Police

James Hughes – Detective First
Christopher Morency – Master Patrolman
Carol Yule – Office Manager

Public Works – Highway Division

Suzanne Gerow – Secretary

Public Works – Wastewater Division

James Davala – Operator I
Larry Spencer – Assistant Public Works Director

In Appreciation
For Outstanding Service

2005 Police Officer of the Year
Theodore Dillon



2005 Police Officer of the Year
Brian Levesque



2005 EMT of the Year
Tim Dutton



2005 Firefighter of the Year
David Parenti



Merrimack Town Meeting Deliberative Session

Submitted by Town Clerk/Tax Collector Diane Pollock Trippett

March 10, 2005

The deliberative session of the Annual Town Meeting was convened at 7:00 PM in the All-Purpose Room of the Masticola Upper Elementary School on Baboosic Lake Road in Merrimack, New Hampshire, with Town Moderator Lynn Christensen presiding. Moderator Christensen led the Pledge of Allegiance and John Lyons led the invocation.

Moderator Christensen outlined the rules of the meeting and the procedures to be followed.

Moderator Christensen announced that a protest petition regarding Article 2 had been received. If the petition is deemed valid, to pass, the Article will require a 2/3 favorable vote at the second session being held on April 12, 2005.

Dick Hinch, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, introduced attorneys Steve Clark and Ed Boutin; Town Manager Tim Tieperman; Vice Chairman Carolyn Whitlock, Board members Chuck Mower, Tom Koenig, and David McCray; Finance Director Robert Levan, Assistant Finance Director Paul Micali, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Diane Pollock Trippett, and Executive Secretary Tammy Sutton. Selectman Hinch also recognized Media Coordinator Nicholas Lavallee and the TV crew on hand for the meeting.

Town Manager Tim Tieperman introduced Community Development Director Walter Warren, Public Works Director Ed Chase, Assistant Public Works Director Dave Lent, Assistant Director of Wastewater Larry Spencer, Police Chief Bill Mulligan, Fire Chief Bill Pepler, Assistant Chief Dave Parenti, Assessing Representative Mike Rotast, and Parks and Recreation Director Mike Housman.

Budget Committee Chairman Stan Heinrich introduced Vice Chairman Norm Phillips and members Rick Barnes, Carol Lang, Stan Bonislowski, Davis Powell, Nancy Gagnon, Finlay Rothhaus, John Grady, Michael Thompson, Joe Vliet, Robert Kelly, Carol Lang, Selectmen Representative Carolyn Whitlock, Merrimack Village District Representative Walter Talbot, and School Board Representative Rose Robertson-Smith.

Article 10

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$915,000 for improvements to the South Merrimack Fire Station on Naticook Road, including the design, construction, and equipping of an addition thereto, and for expenses related to the issuance of municipal bonds; to finance said sum by the issuance of bonds or serial notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and in an amount not to exceed \$825,000, by the withdrawal of \$90,000 from the South Merrimack Fire Station Capital Reserve Fund, and by any federal, state, or private grants that may be made available in conjunction with said purpose; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept said grants of federal, state, or private aid; to

authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest, the maturity, and other terms pertaining thereto; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative to said purpose and financing; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,563 for the purpose of 2005-06 interest on said bonds or serial notes? (60% ballot vote required) *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)(Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0-0)*

Selectman Hinch moved Article 10 as printed. Selectman Whitlock seconded the motion.

Selectman Hinch stated the station needs improvements made to it and both the Board of Selectman and the Budget Committee unanimously endorsed it. Assistant Chief Dave Parenti gave a presentation detailing the proposed plan and the need for improvements. Dennis King, 10 Derry Street, stated he visited the building and saw firsthand that improvements are needed. John Buckley, 3 Gerard Drive, asked if there were plans to house an ambulance at this facility. Assistant Chief Parenti stated there were no plans at the present time; however, there would be room to accommodate one should the need arise in the future. Bernie Rousseau, 35 Thornton Road, stated the station is active and the conditions for personnel need improvement. Michael Pelletier, 3 Woodbine Lane, questioned the cost proposal figures. Assistant Chief Parenti noted that the proposal contained high level construction standards and included contingency costs.

Article 11

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by Special Warrant Articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the Warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$25,510,166? Should this Article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$24,523,186, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)(Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

Budget Committee Chairman Stan Heinrich moved Article 11 as printed. Vice Chairman Norm Phillips seconded the motion.

Chairman Heinrich stated the Budget Committee unanimously recommended the budget. Changes the Committee made to the budget were highlighted. It was noted that the largest portion of the budget, 63%, is attributed to personnel costs.

Article 12

Shall the Town vote to approve the wage increases (3% retroactively for 2004-05, 3% for 2005-06, 3% for 2006-07, and 3% for 2007-08) and benefit adjustments that are recommended by the Factfinder's report, which was rejected by the Board of Selectmen and which pertains to the expired collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Merrimack and Local 2904 of the Professional Firefighters of Merrimack, and that will amount to approximately \$224,590 in

2005-06, \$248,478 in 2006-07, and \$332,354 in 2007-08, said amounts representing the estimated additional costs over those that might otherwise be reflected in the Town's annual operating budgets to maintain current staffing levels; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$224,590 to finance the related cost for 2005-06? Basically, the collective bargaining agreement, which expired on June 30, 2004, covers Firefighters and Paramedics of the Fire Department. *(Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-4-1)*

Fire Union Representative Jason Marsella, 21 Hilton Drive, moved Article 12 as follows:

Shall the Town vote: to approve the wage increases (3% retroactively for 2004-05, 3% for 2005-06, 3% for 2006-07, and 3% for 2007-08) and benefit adjustments that are recommended by the Factfinder's report, which pertains to the expired collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Merrimack and Local 2904 of the Professional Firefighters of Merrimack, and that will amount to approximately \$224,590 in 2005-06, \$248,478 in 2006-07, and \$332,354 in 2007-08, said amounts representing the estimated additional costs over those that might otherwise be reflected in the Town's annual operating budgets to maintain current staffing levels; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$224,590 to finance the related cost for 2005-06? Basically, the collective bargaining agreement, which expired on June 30, 2004, covers Firefighters and Paramedics of the Fire Department.

Shawn Farrell, 122 Joppa Road, seconded the motion.

Jason Marsella, 21 Hilton Drive, stated that negotiations between the Town and the Union reached impasse in June 2004, and the parties agreed to review by a Factfinder. The Union accepted the ruling of the Factfinder's report. Selectman Hinch stated legal council proposed the original wording of the Article. The Board of Selectmen reviewed the Factfinder's report and rejected it as the proposed contract was "too rich" as compared to the other bargaining units, noting that it resulted in this Union being the only one without new employees contributing to health insurance. Shawn Farrell, 122 Joppa Road, stated that once negotiations reach the level, Factfinding the recommendations should be acted upon. Evelyn Amidon, 8 Spaulding Drive, stated she is in favor of the Article and supporting the firefighters. She also cited personal experience in interacting with the department. Budget Committee Chairman Heinrich stated the Budget Committee voted to not recommend this Article, and noted it is the only proposed contract with no health insurance cost sharing.

Carol Lang, 4 Greenwood Road, moved to amend the Article to revert to the original language printed on the warrant. Dennis King, 10 Derry Street, seconded the motion.

Carol Lang, 4 Greenwood Road, stated the Selectmen reviewed the Factfinder's report and rejected it. Legal council felt it important the language be included in the Article and omitting it leaves out pertinent information relative to the facts of what happened. Selectman Koenig stated the Firefighters chose to end negotiations and go to Factfinding and the Selectmen's position regarding the Factfinder's report is clearly stated in the original wording.

Moderator Christensen called for a vote on the amendment. The motion passed.

Joe Vliet, 17 Hartwood Drive, stated he supported the Article noting that if it fails, it would result in no raises for the second year, which would not be in the Town's best interest. Carol Lang, 4 Greenwood Road, spoke against the Article stating the Union chose not to make the concession regarding cost sharing of health insurance, it is the only contract without this provision, and the provision does not affect current employees, only new hires after July 1, 2005. Stan Bonislowski, 33 Valleyview Drive, spoke against the Article stating the proposed contract would put the Union above par of the other Union contracts. John Grady, 7 Woodward Road, stated that he felt the contract was fair and reasonable. Selectman McCray spoke against the Article stating health insurance cost sharing is needed to control costs.

Article 13

Shall the Town vote to approve the wage increases (2% retroactively for 2004-05 and 3% for 2005-06) and benefit adjustments that have been included in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Merrimack and Local 320 of the International Brotherhood of Police Officers; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$219,757 to finance the related cost? Basically, this collective bargaining agreement covers Patrolmen, Detectives, and Sergeants of the Police Department. *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)(Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

Selectman Koenig moved Article 13 as printed. Selectman Mower seconded the motion.

Selectman Hinch stated the Article is for a two-year contract and he highlighted items in the contract.

Norman Phillips, 18 Edward Lane, moved to amend the Article to add the verbiage "this contract requires that personnel hired after June 30, 2005, will contribute 10% of their health premium". Shannon Barnes, 55 Lawrence Road, seconded the motion.

Norman Phillips, 18 Edward Lane, stated the amendment clarified that the contract contained the health insurance provision. Selectmen Hinch and Mower both spoke in support of the amendment as it clarified the item in the contract. Selectman McCray spoke against the amendment stating it went against protocol to note contract items in a warrant article and would send a message against the article pertaining to the Fire Department. Selectman Whitlock stated the amendment clarified an item in the contract. Stan Heinrich, 8 Edgewood Ave, stated the amendment clarified the issue to the voter. Ted Parmenter, 48 Valleyview Drive, stated the amendment did not clarify the issue because it did not specify the percentage currently being paid.

Moderator Christensen called for a vote on the amendment. The amendment failed.

Article 14

As petitioned by 25 or more registered voters, shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 to be added to the Library Construction Capital Reserve Fund? *(Recommended by the Library Board of Trustees 5-0-0)(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2-0)(Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-6-0)*

Library Trustee John Buckley moved Article 14 as printed. Library Trustee, Pat Heinrich, seconded the motion.

Trustee Buckley stated the Article requested approval to add to the existing Library Capital Reserve fund and will allow for continued savings toward a new library. Selectman Koenig stated he opposed the funding of this particular capital reserve fund as it is for a possible future expenditure that is uncertain. If it is voted to build a library, the cost should be bonded. Carol Lang, 4 Greenwood Road, stated a new library and continued savings for a down payment for it, is needed. Mary Moriarty, 62 Coventry Court, stated a new library is needed due to space needs and increased use. Saving for building it is the way to get it done. Dennis King, 10 Derry Street, stated he agreed with Selectman Koenig and he noted the debt service impact on a bond to build the library would be similar to the cost of this Article. Stan Heinrich spoke in support of the Article, noting there are many other similar capital reserve funds, and the funds are a good way to save and stabilize the tax rate for future expenditures. Steven Pugh, 22 Greatstone Drive, spoke in support of the Article noting that in the past, the Town has overwhelmingly supported the use of capital reserve funds for future expenditures.

Article 15

Shall the Town vote to approve the wage increases that have been included in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Merrimack and Local 2986 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (3% retroactively for 2004-05 and 3% for 2005-06); and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$179,759 to finance the related cost? This collective bargaining agreement covers non-supervisory employees of the Highway, Solid Waste Disposal, Wastewater Treatment, Parks Maintenance, and Equipment Maintenance Divisions of the Public Works Department. *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0)(Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

Selectman Whitlock moved Article 15 as printed. Selectman McCray seconded the motion.

Selectman Hinch stated this Article is a wage re-opener only and the Board of Selectmen recommended it. Upon expiration of the contract, negotiations will begin on a new contract.

Article 16

Shall the Town vote to approve the wage increases (2% retroactively for 2004-05 and 3% for 2005-06) and benefit adjustments that have been included in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Merrimack and Local 3657 of AFSCME Council 93; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$154,169 to finance the related cost? This collective bargaining

agreement covers supervisory employees of the Fire and Police Departments. *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)(Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

Selectman Mower moved Article 16 as printed. Selectman Hinch seconded the motion.

Selectman Hinch stated the Board of Selectmen supports the Article unanimously and he highlighted changes to the contract.

Article 17

Shall the Town vote to approve the wage increases (2% retroactively for 2004-05 and 3% for 2005-06) and benefit adjustments that have been included in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Merrimack and Teamsters Local 633; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$59,558 to finance the related cost? This collective bargaining agreement covers supervisory and clerical employees of the Highway, Solid Waste Disposal, Wastewater Treatment, Parks Maintenance, and Equipment Maintenance Divisions of the Public Works Department. *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

Selectman Hinch moved Article 17 as printed. Selectman Whitlock seconded the motion.

Selectman Hinch spoke to the Article and highlighted the changes in the contract.

Article 18

As petitioned by 25 or more registered voters, shall the Town raise and appropriate an amount up to \$50,000 or 100% of the unencumbered surplus funds remaining on hand in the Library Operating Budget at the end of the Fiscal Year 2004-2005, whichever amount is less, and transfer that amount to the Library Construction Capital Reserve Fund? *(Recommended by the Library Board of Trustees 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-1-0)*

Library Trustee Robert Kelley moved Article 18 as printed. Library Trustee Pat Heinrich seconded the motion.

Trustee Kelley explained that the Article is similar to those presented in the past. The intent is to capture any unspent monies in the budget at year-end and place them in a savings account for the new library.

Stan Heinrich, 8 Edgewood Ave, moved to restrict reconsideration on Articles 10 – 18. Dennis King, 10 Derry Street, seconded the motion.

Moderator Christensen called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Article 19

Shall the Town vote to establish, in accordance with RSA 35, a Solid Waste Disposal Capital Reserve Fund for capital expenditures relating to solid waste disposal, including but not limited to the acquisition, construction, replacement, and improvement of land, buildings, equipment,

and infrastructure; to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in said fund; and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend? This is a Special Warrant Article per RSA 32:3, VI. *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0-1)*

Selectman McCray moved Article 19 as printed. Selectman Koenig seconded the motion.

Public Works Director Ed Chase stated the establishment of this Capital Reserve Fund is similar to the Landfill Capital Reserve Fund, and will ensure the continued practice of saving for future expenditures related to Solid Waste disposal.

Article 20

Shall the Town vote to discontinue as of June 30, 2005, the Landfill Capital Reserve Fund, which was established by Article 8 of the 1983 Town Meeting for capital equipment and improvements for the sanitary landfill; and to transfer to the General Fund all monies remaining in the discontinued fund (expected to be approximately \$300,000)? *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

Selectman Whitlock moved Article 20 as printed. Selectman Mower seconded the motion.

Selectman Whitlock stated more monies were saved in the fund than were needed to close the Landfill. Passage of this Article will allow the remaining monies to be deposited into the General Fund. Public Works Director Ed Chase stated the Landfill closure project is completed and this Article seeks to return the remaining monies in the fund.

Article 21

As petitioned by 25 or more registered voters, shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Merrimack, to state as follows: "The taxpayer and spouse must have a joint income of less than \$60,000"?

Ronald Gunn, 15 Forest Drive, moved Article 21 as printed. Dennis King, 10 Derry Street, seconded the motion.

Ronald Gunn, 15 Forest Drive, stated he brought this Article forward to alleviate the rising property tax burden on senior citizens with limited and fixed incomes. Dennis King, 10 Derry Street, stated he had supported similar articles in the past; however, he was opposed to this one as there are many working families with a similar income level who are struggling. Rick Barnes, 55 Lawrence Road, spoke against the Article stating it shifts the tax burden onto working families, many who are at this income level. Nancy Gagnon, 130 Bedford Road, stated the taxes that the elderly pay are greater than their mortgage payments ever were. The elderly have supported the Town and deserve to have the limits raised. Tim Tenhave, 25 Souhegan Drive stated he supported the Article. Carolann Morrison, 42 Maidstone Drive, spoke against the Article stating families in the same income bracket are struggling. Selectman Hinch spoke in support of the Article noting that the tax bill impact per \$100,000 assessed valuation is \$2.00 or

less. Selectman McCray stated he supported the Article, the limit was not very high, and resulted in a minor exemption off of the tax bill for the elderly. Malcom Forbes, 55 Davis Road, stated the increase in exemptions would help those on fixed incomes who do not receive pay increases.

Article 22

As petitioned by 25 or more registered voters, shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Merrimack, to state as follows: "The single taxpayer must have an income of less than \$45,000"?

Ronald Gunn, 15 Forest Drive, moved Article 22 as printed. Selectman Hinch seconded the motion.

Article 23

As petitioned by 25 or more registered voters, shall the Town vote to define and declare the entire property known as Horse Hill Nature Preserve as a "compact part" or area in accordance with RSA 644:13, II (b) (which includes any park, playground or other outdoor public gathering place designated by the legislative body of the town or city) and to direct the Selectmen to enact an ordinance that prohibits the discharge and use of firearms on Horse Hill Nature Preserve and have said ordinance put into effect no later than July 1, 2005?

John McCann, 6 Gerard Drive, moved Article 21 as printed. Tim Tenhave, 25 Souhegan Drive, seconded the motion.

John McCann, 6 Gerard Drive, stated the intent is to give the voters an opportunity to determine whether or not hunting should be allowed on Horse Hill Nature Preserve.

Tim Tenhave, 25 Souhegan Drive, moved to amend Article 21 as follows: Shall the Town vote to ban target shooting with firearms on the property known as the Horse Hill Nature Preserve; further, to conduct a wildlife inventory and user survey to determine the impact of firearms on the Horse Hill Nature Preserve; and further, to research compromises that would address the concerns of all users of the Horse Hill Nature Preserve? The audience seconded the motion.

Tim Tenhave, 25 Souhegan Drive, read email from one of the petitioners and stated the amendment clarified the petitioners intent with respect to target shooting without subjecting the property to any unforeseen or undesirable aspects associated with a compact area designation. It also allowed for the conduction of research regarding the impact of firearms on the property, and a wildlife and user survey to determine a consensus for the use of the property. Dennis King, 10 Derry Street, stated he supported the amendment and agreed the problem appeared to be target shooting, not hunting, on the property. Denise O'Dwyer, 105 Naticook Road, stated the amendment addressed the petitioners concerns regarding target shooting and allowed the Horse Hill Nature Preserve Committee to continue work on a plan for the property. Debra Huffman, 60 Amherst Road, stated the amendment addressed the petitioners concerns and allowed the Town to continue planning for the use of the land. Robert Jones, 5 Gerard Drive, spoke against the

amendment stating he felt it was dangerous to have any shooting, target or hunting, there. Tom Mahon, 31 Naticook Road, spoke in support of the amendment, as it did not ban hunting, which is needed for wildlife control and overpopulation issues. Attorney Boutin stated if the proposed amendment passed, it would be unenforceable as state law enacted two years ago preempted local regulation of firearms, with the exception of compact areas. Recommendation was made to vote only on whether or not to designate the area as a compact area. Evelyn Aimson, 8 Spaulding Drive, stated she supported the original Article. Nancy Vail, 12 Vista Way, asked for the definition of compact area. Michael Pelletier, 3 Woodbine Lane and Finlay Rothhaus, 14 Kittredge Lane, asked for clarification regarding the ability to regulate target shooting. Attorney Boutin gave the definition of a compact area and stated he believed that the only way to regulate the discharge of firearms on the property is to designate the area as a compact area. If the amendment passed, it would be unenforceable. Finlay Rothhaus, 14 Kittredge Lane, stated he supports restricting target shooting, but not banning hunting due to wildlife management issues. He questioned the inability to control firearms use by ordinance. Debra Huffman, 60 Amherst Road, questioned Attorney Boutin's opinion regarding the regulation of firearms for the property. Evan Fulmer, 26 Shelburne Road, asked if the amendment failed, and the original Article passed, could part of the parcel be declared a compact area. Attorney Boutin responded that the original Article defined the entire area as a compact area. The Town could, at a later date, vote to change the meets and bounds of the area defined as a compact area. Chris Christensen, 25 Greatstone Drive, expressed concern over Attorney Boutin's opinion that target shooting could not be regulated by the amendment, as the Horse Hill Nature Preserve Committee members had previously been told that ordinances could be enacted to control uses of the property.

Moderator Christensen called for a vote on the amendment. The amendment passed.

Tim Tenhave, 25 Souhegan Drive, moved to restrict reconsideration on Article 23. The audience seconded the motion.

Moderator Christensen called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed.

Article 24

Shall the Town vote to amend the following section of the existing *Sewer Use Ordinance* as follows?

Delete the following language from Section 158-18 B (3)

As recommended by the Pretreatment Implementation Review Task Force (PIRT), the Town shall adopt the concept of 40 CFR 401.17 for indirect discharges which states:

Where an industrial user continuously measures the pH of wastewater pursuant to a requirement, the industrial user shall maintain the pH of such wastewater within the range set forth in the applicable effluent limitations guidelines, except excursions from the range are permitted subject to the following limitations:

1. *The total time during which the pH values are outside the required range of pH values shall not exceed 7 hours and 26 minutes in any calendar month; and*
2. *No individual excursion from the range of pH values shall exceed 60 minutes. Some categorical standards have an upper pH limit. Waivers from the requirements of these categorical standards are not allowed unless expressly permitted by the standards themselves. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)*

Selectman Koenig moved Article 24 as printed. Selectman McCray seconded the motion.

Selectman Koenig stated this Article is a housekeeping article. Wastewater Supervisor Larry Spencer stated the Article is for a language change mandated by the EPA.

Article 25

Shall a Charter Commission be established for the purpose of establishing a new Municipal Charter?

Selectman Mower moved Article 25 as printed. Selectman Hinch seconded the motion.

Selectman Hinch stated the Article would establish a Charter Commission and noted that a similar article presented last year overwhelmingly passed. Details were presented on the Charter Commission process. Pat Heinrich, 8 Edgewood Ave, questioned the commissions charge. Dennis King, 10 Derry Street, asked if the wording could be amended to clarify the intent. Attorney Boutin noted that the wording of the article was incorrect and should be amended to reflect wording in the RSAs.

Selectman Hinch moved to amend the wording to read: *Shall a Charter Commission be established for the purpose of revising a Municipal Charter or establishing a new Municipal Charter?* Pat Heinrich, 8 Edgewood Ave, seconded the motion.

Moderation Christensen called for a vote on the amendment. The amendment passed.

Stan Heinrich motioned to adjourn. The audience seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 PM.

Annual Town Meeting Results

Submitted by Town Clerk/Tax Collector Diane Pollock Trippett
April 12, 2005

The second session of the Merrimack Town Meeting was held on April 12, 2005. The following offices and questions were on the ballot:

Selectman (3 Years) vote for not more than one (1)

David W. McCray	4,638 votes
Bernard J. Rousseau	2,751 votes

David W. McCray was elected to the position of Selectman and was so declared.

Budget Committee (3 Years) vote for not more than four (4)

Stanley R. Heinrich	4,566 votes
Fran L'Heureux	4,993 votes
Finlay C. Rothhaus	4,921 votes
K. Joseph "Joe" Vliet	4,138 votes

Stanley R. Heinrich, Fran L'Heureux, Finlay C. Rothhaus, K. Joseph "Joe" Vliet were elected as Budget Committee members and were so declared.

Budget Committee (1 Year) vote for not more than one (1)

John J. Grady	5,564 votes
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John J. Grady was elected as a Budget Committee member and was so declared.

Ethics Committee (3 Years) vote for not more than two (2)

Fran L'Heureux	3,631 votes
"Tony" Pellegrino	3,806 votes
Michael Pelletier	3,620 votes

Fran L'Heureux and "Tony" Pellegrino were elected as Ethics Committee members and were so declared.

Library Trustee (3 Years) vote for not more than two (2)

John F. Buckley	4,869 votes
Patricia Heinrich	4,905 votes

John F. Buckley and Patricia Heinrich were elected to the position of Library Trustee and were so declared.

Trustee of Trust Funds (3 Years) Vote for not more than one (1)

John "Jack" Balcom

John "Jack" Balcom was elected as a Trustee of the Trust Funds and was so declared.

Article 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 2.02.4.C, I-2 Industrial District, Permitted Uses, to allow by conditional use permit a retail shopping center use consisting of stores selling clothing, appliances, housewares, electronics, furniture and similar shops, including restaurants, where the total floor area for the entire development shall not exceed 650,000 square feet, no single building shall exceed 120,000 square feet, and no single shop shall exceed 40,000 square feet, provided a conditional use permit for the shopping center is approved by the Merrimack Planning Board according to certain minimum conditions described in the ordinance, and to authorize the Planning Board to adopt site-specific regulations governing such commercial uses?

4,628 Yes

3,771 No

The question PASSED and was so declared.

Article 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Amend Section 2.02.4.B, I-1 Industrial District, Permitted Uses by deleting Item 4 so that "Big Box" single user retails stores greater than 75,000 square feet shall be prohibited in the I-1 Industrial Zone?

4,515 Yes

3,343 No

The question PASSED and was so declared.

Article 4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Amend Section 2.02.1.B.2, Special Exceptions, Accessory Dwelling Unit, to provide that accessory dwelling units shall be limited to one bedroom, shall not exceed 1,000 square feet in size, and shall be occupied by persons who are related by blood, marriage or adoption to the owner-occupant of the principal dwelling?

4,388 Yes

3,331 No

The question PASSED and was so declared.

Article 5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Amend Section 1.03, Section 35, *Definitions*, to revise the definition of Manufactured Housing to conform to State Law?

6,303 Yes

1,255 No

The question PASSED and was so declared.

Article 6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Amend Section 3.08, Cluster Residential Development, subparagraphs 6 and 20(e), to require a five-foot building setback from any property line, and require storm-water facilities be designed for a 25-year storm frequency?

6,024 Yes

1,440 No

The question PASSED and was so declared.

Article 7. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Amend Section 1.03.57, *Definitions*, Section 2.01.5 and Section 2.02.7, Wetlands Conservation District, to revise the definition of wetlands to comply with recent changes in state enabling legislation and to clarify the Town's intent in regulating wetlands?

5,982 Yes

1,459 No

The question PASSED and was so declared.

Article 8. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Building Code, as follows:

Amend Section 11.04, by inserting a new Section 11.04.2 providing that one-story, detached accessory structures are exempt from having to get a building permit if the floor area does not exceed 160 square feet?

5,025 Yes

2,487 No

The question PASSED and was so declared.

Article 9. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Amend Sections 10.01 and 10.02, Penalties and Violations, to permit other local officials to enforce the ordinance and adopt the enhanced civil penalty provisions of recently amended RSA 676:17?

3,543 Yes

3,118 No

The question PASSED and was so declared.

Article 10. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$915,000 for improvements to the South Merrimack Fire Station on Naticook Road, including the design, construction, and equipping of an addition thereto, and for expenses related to the issuance of municipal bonds; to finance said sum by the issuance of bonds or serial notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and in an amount not to exceed \$825,000, by the withdrawal of \$90,000 from the South Merrimack Fire Station Capital Reserve Fund, and by any federal, state, or private grants that may be made available in conjunction with said purpose; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept said grants of federal, state, or private aid; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest, the maturity, and other terms pertaining thereto; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative to said purpose and financing; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,563 for the purpose of 2005-06 interest on said bonds or serial notes? **(60% ballot vote required)** *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0-0)*

4,311 Yes

3,378 No

The question FAILED and was so declared.

Article 11. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by Special Warrant Articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the Warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$25,510,166? Should this Article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$24,523,186, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

3,712 Yes

3,602 No

The question PASSED and was so declared.

Article 12. Shall the Town vote: to approve the wage increases (3% retroactively for 2004-05, 3% for 2005-06, 3% for 2006-07, and 3% for 2007-08) and benefit adjustments that are recommended by the Factfinder's report, which was rejected by the Board of Selectmen and which pertains to the expired collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Merrimack and Local 2904 of the Professional Firefighters of Merrimack, and that will amount to approximately \$224,590 in 2005-06, \$248,478 in 2006-07, and \$332,354 in 2007-08, said amounts representing the estimated additional costs over those that might otherwise be reflected in the Town's annual operating budgets to maintain current staffing levels; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$224,590 to finance the related cost for 2005-06? Basically, the collective bargaining agreement, which expired on June 30, 2004, covers Firefighters and Paramedics of the Fire Department. *(Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-4-1)*

3,105 Yes

4,577 No

The question FAILED and was so declared.

Article 13. Shall the Town vote to approve the wage increases (2% retroactively for 2004-05 and 3% for 2005-06) and benefit adjustments that have been included in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Merrimack and Local 320 of the International Brotherhood of Police Officers; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$219,757 to finance the related cost? Basically, this collective bargaining agreement covers Patrolmen, Detectives, and Sergeants of the Police Department. *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

4,704 Yes

3,023 No

The question PASSED and was so declared.

Article 14. As petitioned by 25 or more registered voters, shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 to be added to the Library Construction Capital Reserve Fund? *(Recommended by the Library Board of Trustees 5-0-0)(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-6-0)*

2,819 Yes

4,860 No

The question FAILED and was so declared.

Article 15. Shall the Town vote to approve the wage increases that have been included in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Merrimack and Local 2986 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (3% retroactively for 2004-05 and 3% for 2005-06); and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$179,759 to finance the related cost? This collective bargaining agreement covers non-supervisory employees of the Highway, Solid Waste Disposal, Wastewater Treatment, Parks Maintenance, and Equipment Maintenance Divisions of the Public Works Department. *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

3,693 Yes

3,839 No

The question FAILED and was so declared.

Article 16. Shall the Town vote to approve the wage increases (2% retroactively for 2004-05 and 3% for 2005-06) and benefit adjustments that have been included in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Merrimack and Local 3657 of AFSCME Council 93; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$154,169 to finance the related cost? This collective bargaining agreement covers supervisory employees of the Fire and Police Departments. *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

3,898 Yes

3,684 No

The question PASSED and was so declared.

Article 17. Shall the Town vote to approve the wage increases (2% retroactively for 2004-05 and 3% for 2005-06) and benefit adjustments that have been included in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Merrimack and Teamsters Local 633; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$59,558 to finance the related cost? This collective bargaining agreement covers supervisory and clerical employees of the Highway, Solid Waste Disposal, Wastewater Treatment, Parks Maintenance, and Equipment Maintenance Divisions of the Public Works Department. *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)(Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

3,646 Yes

3,897 No

The question FAILED and was so declared.

Article 18. As petitioned by 25 or more registered voters, shall the Town raise and appropriate an amount up to \$50,000 or 100% of the unencumbered surplus funds remaining on hand in the Library Operating Budget at the end of the Fiscal Year 2004-2005, whichever amount is less, and transfer that amount to the Library Construction Capital Reserve Fund? *(Recommended by the Library Board of Trustees 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-1-0)*

4,015 Yes

3,495 No

The question PASSED and was so declared.

Article 19. Shall the Town vote to establish, in accordance with RSA 35, a Solid Waste Disposal Capital Reserve Fund for capital expenditures relating to solid waste disposal, including but not limited to the acquisition, construction, replacement, and improvement of land, buildings, equipment, and infrastructure; to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in said fund; and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend? This is a Special Warrant Article per RSA 32:3, VI. *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)(Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0-1)*

4,531 Yes

2,948 No

The question PASSED and was so declared.

Article 20. Shall the Town vote to discontinue as of June 30, 2005, the Landfill Capital Reserve Fund, which was established by Article 8 of the 1983 Town Meeting for capital equipment and improvements for the sanitary landfill; and to transfer to the General Fund all monies remaining in the discontinued fund (expected to be approximately \$300,000)? *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

6,120 Yes

1,342 No

The question PASSED and was so declared.

Article 21. As petitioned by 25 or more registered voters, shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Merrimack, to state as follows: "The taxpayer and spouse must have a joint income of less than \$60,000"? *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2-0)(Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-2-1)*

4,602 Yes

2,794 No

The question PASSED and was so declared.

Article 22. As petitioned by 25 or more registered voters, shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Merrimack, to state as follows: "The single taxpayer must have an income of less than \$45,000"? *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2-0) (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-2-1)*

4,488 Yes

2,762 No

The question PASSED and was so declared.

Article 23. As petitioned by 25 or more registered voters, Shall the Town vote to ban target shooting with firearms on the property known as the Horse Hill Nature Preserve; further, to conduct a wildlife inventory and user survey to determine the impact of firearms on the Horse Hill Nature Preserve; and further, to research compromises that would address the concerns of all users of the Horse Hill Nature Preserve?

4,956 Yes

2,421 No

The question PASSED and was so declared.

Article 24: Shall the Town vote to amend the following section of the existing *Sewer Use Ordinance* as follows?

Delete the following language from Section 158-18 B (3)

As recommended by the Pretreatment Implementation Review Task Force (PIRT), the Town shall adopt the concept of 40 CFR 401.17 for indirect discharges which states:

Where an industrial user continuously measures the pH of wastewater pursuant to a requirement, the industrial user shall maintain the pH of such wastewater within the range set forth in the applicable effluent limitations guidelines, except excursions from the range are permitted subject to the following limitations:

- 1. The total time during which the pH values are outside the required range of pH values shall not exceed 7 hours and 26 minutes in any calendar month; and*
- 2. No individual excursion from the range of pH values shall exceed 60 minutes. Some categorical standards have an upper pH limit. Waivers from the requirements of these categorical standards are not allowed unless expressly permitted by the standards themselves. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)*

5,542 Yes

1,267 No

The question PASSED and was so declared.

Article 25. Shall a Charter Commission be established for the purpose of revising a Municipal Charter or establishing a new Municipal Charter?

3,593 Yes

3,203 No

The question PASSED and was so declared.

TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Financial Statements

June 30, 2005

and

Independent Auditor's Opinion

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager
Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire (the Town) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Merrimack's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Merrimack as of June 30, 2005, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and the Required Supplementary Information on pages 2-9 and 30-32, respectively, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

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



August 22, 2005

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Having responsibility for the financial management of the Town of Merrimack ("Town"), we offer readers of the Town's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005.

Financial Highlights

As of June 30, 2005, the assets of the Town exceeded its liabilities by \$97,562,527 (net assets). Of this amount, \$12,074,412 (unrestricted net assets) may be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

The Town's net assets increased by \$2,827,725.

As of June 30, 2005, the Town's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$24,551,728, an increase of \$700,717 in comparison with the prior year. Of this total amount, \$12,389,108 (50%) is available for spending at the Town's discretion (unreserved fund balance).

As of June 30, 2005, the \$3,403,782 unreserved fund balance of the General Fund represented 17% of total General Fund expenditures.

During the 2004-05 fiscal year, the Town's total debt decreased by \$679,198 (10%). This decrease was due solely to principal payments, as no new debt was issued.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The following discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Town's basic financial statements. The Town's basic financial statements comprise three components: government-wide financial statements; fund financial statements; and notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide financial statements. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Town's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The Statement of Net Assets presents information on all of the Town's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the Town's net assets changed during 2004-05. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g. uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

Fund financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Town can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The Town maintains six individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the General Fund and the Sewer Fund, which are considered to be major funds. Data from the other four governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these non-major governmental funds is provided in the form of combining statements elsewhere in this report.

Fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statement, because the resources of those funds are not available to support the Town's own programs.

Notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Other information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information. The Town adopts an annual appropriated budget for all of its governmental funds. A budgetary comparison statement for the General and Sewer Fund has been provided to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

The combining statements, referred to above in connection with non-major governmental funds, are presented immediately following the required supplementary information on budgets.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

As noted above, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Town, assets exceeded liabilities by \$97,562,527 at June 30, 2005.

By far the largest portion of the Town's net assets (76%) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings and system, other improvements, machinery, equipment, and infrastructure), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The Town uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Town's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

Town of Merrimack Net Assets Governmental Activities

	<u>06/30/05</u>	<u>06/30/04</u>
Current assets	\$ 58,507,035	\$ 54,405,700
Capital assets	<u>80,955,703</u>	<u>81,113,544</u>
Total assets	139,462,738	135,519,244
Long-term liabilities outstanding	7,696,431	8,145,273
Current liabilities	<u>34,203,780</u>	<u>32,639,169</u>
Total liabilities	41,900,211	40,784,442
Net assets:		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	74,541,961	74,020,604
Restricted	10,946,154	12,258,376
Unrestricted	<u>12,074,412</u>	<u>8,455,822</u>
Total net assets	\$ 97,562,527	\$ 94,734,802

An additional portion of the Town's net assets (11%) represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted

net assets (\$12,074,412) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

At June 30, 2005, the Town is able to report positive balances in all three categories of net assets, both for the government as a whole, as well as for its separate governmental activities. The same situation held true for the prior fiscal year.

As indicated by the schedule below, the Town's net assets increased by \$2,827,725 during 2004-05.

Town of Merrimack
Changes in Net Assets

	<u>2004-05</u>	<u>2003-04</u>
Revenues:		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 5,386,465	\$ 5,385,888
Operating grants and contributions	1,149,893	854,251
Capital grants and contributions	243,215	1,250,573
General revenues:		
Property taxes and other taxes	13,743,715	12,457,720
Licenses and permits	4,883,006	4,790,924
Investment income	962,404	646,724
State shared revenues	1,113,468	1,019,322
Miscellaneous	<u>596,554</u>	<u>405,852</u>
Total revenues	28,078,720	26,811,254
Expenses:		
General government	3,771,483	3,774,781
Public safety	8,839,308	8,925,719
Highways and streets	4,584,249	4,543,582
Health and welfare	162,227	153,281
Sanitation	5,118,444	4,766,522
Culture and recreation	2,483,872	2,129,637
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>291,412</u>	<u>314,509</u>
Total expenses	<u>25,250,995</u>	<u>24,608,031</u>
Change in net assets	2,827,725	2,203,223
Net assets – July 1	<u>94,734,802</u>	<u>92,531,579</u>
Net assets – June 30	\$97,562,527	\$ 94,734,802

Financial Analysis of the Town's Funds

As noted above, the Town uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds. The focus of the Town's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of June 30, 2005, the Town's governmental funds reported combined fund balances of \$24,551,728, an increase of \$700,717 in comparison to the prior year. Of this total amount, \$12,389,108 (50%) constitutes unreserved fund balance, which is available for spending at the Town's discretion. The remainder of fund balance is reserved to indicate that it is not available for new spending, because it has already been committed: to endowments (\$1,988,229); to encumbrances (\$1,216,466); to capital reserve fund expenditures (\$8,907,925); and to library construction (\$50,000).

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the Town. As of June 30, 2005, unreserved fund balance of the General Fund was \$3,403,782, while total fund balance amounted to \$4,556,736. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unreserved fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unreserved fund balance represents 17% of total general Fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 22% of that same amount.

Due primarily to a favorable overall budgetary variance of over \$1,000,000, the fund balance of the Town's General Fund increased by \$1,069,669 during 2004-05.

Budgetary Highlights

The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual demonstrates compliance with the adopted budget for 2004-05. The differences between the original budget and the final amended budget reflect the formal acceptance by the Board of Selectmen of unanticipated grants in accordance with RSA 31:95-b and Warrant Article 22 of the 1994 Town Meeting.

Actual revenues and transfers in of the General Fund exceeded budgetary estimates by \$1,032,632, while expenditures and transfers out exceeded appropriated amounts by \$124. This produced a favorable net variance of \$1,032,508. Major variances are identified below.

- Renewal health insurance rates were significantly less than anticipated, resulting in a savings of over \$300,000.
- A savings of over \$300,000 in wages and other benefits was realized due primarily to vacancies and attrition.
- Litigation involving retirement plan matters caused appropriations for legal fees and legal settlements to be exceeded by more than \$600,000.
- Appropriations for solid waste disposal at a remote site exceeded expenditures by over \$400,000 due to an unanticipated reduction in solid waste tonnage from commercial haulers.

- The unbudgeted purchase of vehicles and equipment to provide for the loading and hauling of solid waste by Town employees exceeded appropriations for the loading and hauling of solid waste on a contractual basis by approximately \$200,000. However, significant savings are expected annually in the future as a result of this operational change.
- Actual tax abatements were less than projections by approximately \$273,000.

Actual revenues of the Sewer Fund fell short of budgetary estimates by \$52,123, while appropriations exceeded expenditures by \$122,006. This produced a favorable net variance of \$69,883. The only major variance was a shortfall of approximately \$275,000 in industrial sewer rents that was attributable primarily to reduced loadings from Anheuser-Busch.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital assets. The Town's investment in capital assets as of June 30, 2005 amounted to \$74,541,961 (net of accumulated depreciation and related long-term debt). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and system, improvements, machinery and equipment, roads, bridges, and traffic signals and represents an increase of \$521,357 (1%) compared to the investment in capital assets at June 30, 2004.

Town of Merrimack Investment in Capital Assets

	<u>06/30/05</u>	<u>06/30/04</u>
Land	\$ 16,426,819	\$ 16,454,450
Buildings and improvements	38,328,481	38,305,253
Land improvements	1,567,000	1,171,297
Vehicles and equipment	18,636,307	16,722,055
Infrastructure	64,101,795	64,101,795
Construction in progress	<u>2,037,196</u>	<u>1,816,249</u>
Total investment in capital assets	141,097,598	138,571,099
Related long-term debt	(6,413,742)	(7,092,940)
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(60,141,895)</u>	<u>(57,457,555)</u>
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 74,541,961	\$ 74,020,604

The increase in the Town's investment in capital assets is explained below.

Police Department radio console	\$ 205,319
Multi-purpose municipal tractor for Solid Waste Disposal and Highway Divisions	113,655
Fire Department pumper truck	384,181
Loader, trucks, and trailers for Solid Waste Disposal Division	437,324
Six dump trucks for Highway Division	523,339
Three loaders for Wastewater Treatment Division	293,020
Wastewater Treatment Facility upgrade	131,299
Other capital assets acquisitions - individually less than	

\$100,000	1,130,029
Decrease in related long-term debt	679,198
Depreciation	(2,990,465)
Book value of disposals	(385,542)
Net increase	\$ 521,357

Additional information on the Town's capital assets can be found in Note 6 of the financial statements.

Long-term debt. As of June 30, 2005, the Town had total long-term debt outstanding of \$6,413,742. Although \$2,888,742 of this debt will be paid from sewer rents, the entire amount is backed by the full faith and credit of the Town.

Town of Merrimack Long-Term Debt

	<u>06/30/05</u>	<u>06/30/04</u>
Wasserman Park bonds	\$ 0	\$ 180,896
Land acquisition bonds	3,525,000	3,800,000
Compost facility bonds	<u>2,888,742</u>	<u>3,112,044</u>
Total long-term debt	\$6,413,742	\$7,092,940

During 2004-05, the Town's total debt decreased by \$679,198 (10%). This decrease was due solely to principal payments, as no new debt was issued.

Additional information on the Town's long-term debt can be found in Note 8 of the financial statements.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget and Tax Rate

Economic factors. The general outlook for the Town's economy is positive. Although the unemployment rate for Merrimack has increased slightly from 3.1% to 3.5% during the past year, it still compares very favorably with the state and national averages of 3.6% and 4.6%, respectively. Furthermore, it appears that the steady industrial, commercial, and residential growth that Merrimack has experienced in recent years will continue to increase the tax base and to provide diverse employment opportunities.

Next year's budget and tax rate. The 2005-06 budget has been adopted, and the 2005 property tax rate has been set. Municipal appropriations, net of non-tax revenues, have decreased by \$181,818 (1.4%) compared to 2004-05 net appropriations, and the municipal portion of the tax rate decreased by 2.9%. A significant decrease in solid waste loading and hauling costs and the use of General Fund surplus for tax relief more than offset the impact of wage adjustments and the addition of six full-time employee positions. However, due primarily to an increase of over \$1.3 million (2.7%) in the Merrimack School District's net appropriations and a decrease of over \$1.2 million


(17.1%) in state aid for education, the 2005 property tax rate and the average 2005 property tax bill will increase by approximately 3.2%.

Requests For Information

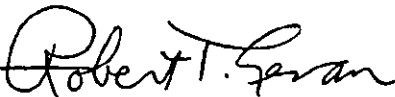
This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town's finances for all those with an interest in the Town's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be directed to the following address.

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Finance Administrator

EXHIBIT A
TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2005

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 26,162
Equity in pooled cash and investments	37,438,010
Investments	12,518,020
Taxes receivable, net	6,089,716
Accounts receivable, net	1,749,914
Due from other governments	551,107
Prepaid expenses	61,277
Inventory	72,829
Total Current Assets	<u>58,507,035</u>
Noncurrent Assets:	
Nondepreciable capital assets	18,464,015
Capital assets, net	62,491,688
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>80,955,703</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 139,462,738</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 1,222,742
Accrued expenses	1,432,344
Retainage payable	113,861
Deferred revenue	29,604,940
Due to other governments	10,000
Deposits	753,949
Current portion of bonds payable	508,642
Current portion of compensated absences payable	523,302
Current portion of estimated liability for landfill postclosure care costs	34,000
Total Current Liabilities	<u>34,203,780</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Bonds payable	5,905,100
Compensated absences	873,331
Estimated liability for landfill postclosure care costs	918,000
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>7,696,431</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>41,900,211</u>
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	74,541,961
Restricted for:	
Special purposes	8,957,925
Endowments	1,988,229
Unrestricted	12,074,412
Total Net Assets	<u>97,562,527</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 139,462,738</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

EXHIBIT B
TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Functions/Programs	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>			<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets</u>
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	
Governmental Activities:					
General government	\$ 3,771,483	\$ 85,560	\$ 42,633		\$ (3,643,290)
Public safety	8,839,308	1,050,821	508,618		(7,279,869)
Highways and streets	4,584,249		594,219		(3,990,030)
Health and welfare	162,227				(162,227)
Sanitation	5,118,444	4,085,636		\$ 72,452	(960,356)
Culture and recreation	2,483,872	164,448	4,423		(2,315,001)
Capital outlay	-			170,763	170,763
Interest and fiscal charges	291,412	-	-	-	(291,412)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 25,250,995</u>	<u>\$ 5,386,465</u>	<u>\$ 1,149,893</u>	<u>\$ 243,215</u>	<u>(18,471,422)</u>
General revenues:					
Property and other taxes					13,743,715
Licenses and permits					4,883,006
Grants and contributions:					
State shared revenues					1,110,070
Railroad tax					3,398
Interest and investment earnings					962,404
Miscellaneous					589,825
Special item - gain on sale of assets					6,729
Total general revenues and special items					<u>21,299,147</u>
Change in net assets					2,827,725
Net assets - beginning					<u>94,734,802</u>
Net assets - ending					<u>\$ 97,562,527</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

EXHIBIT C
TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2005

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Capital Reserve Funds</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,912		\$ 1,747	\$ 22,503	\$ 26,162
Equity in pooled cash and investments	29,933,043	\$ 6,482,646	529,430	492,891	37,438,010
Investments			9,180,588	3,337,432	12,518,020
Taxes receivable, net	5,987,258		118,872		6,106,130
Accounts receivable, net	821,012	794,918		83,722	1,699,652
Due from other governments	551,107				551,107
Due from other funds	887,097	86,102	61,763		1,034,962
Prepaid expenses	61,277				61,277
Inventory	72,829				72,829
Total Assets	<u>\$ 38,315,535</u>	<u>\$ 7,363,666</u>	<u>\$ 9,892,400</u>	<u>\$ 3,936,548</u>	<u>\$ 59,508,149</u>
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	\$ 1,091,763	\$ 122,118		\$ 8,861	\$ 1,222,742
Accrued expenses	1,346,510				1,346,510
Retainage payable	98,309	15,552			113,861
Deferred revenue	29,934,966	35,370		31,021	30,001,357
Due to other governments	10,000				10,000
Due to other funds	-		\$ 984,475	225	984,700
Deposits	753,949				753,949
Accrued compensated absences payable	523,302				523,302
Total Liabilities	<u>33,758,799</u>	<u>173,040</u>	<u>984,475</u>	<u>40,107</u>	<u>34,956,421</u>
FUND BALANCES					
Reserved for endowments				1,988,229	1,988,229
Reserved for encumbrances	1,102,954	97,315		16,197	1,216,466
Reserved for special purposes	50,000		8,907,925		8,957,925
Unreserved, reported in:					
General fund	3,403,782				3,403,782
Special revenue funds		7,093,311		682,732	7,776,043
Permanent funds				1,209,283	1,209,283
Total Fund Balances	<u>4,556,736</u>	<u>7,190,626</u>	<u>8,907,925</u>	<u>3,896,441</u>	<u>24,551,728</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 38,315,535</u>	<u>\$ 7,363,666</u>	<u>\$ 9,892,400</u>	<u>\$ 3,936,548</u>	

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities (other than tax deeded property) are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds 80,939,289

Property taxes are recognized on an accrual basis in the statement of net assets, not the modified accrual basis 396,417

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds. Long-term liabilities at year end consist of:

Bonds payable (6,413,742)
Accrued interest on long-term obligations (85,834)
Compensated absences (873,331)
Estimated liability for landfill postclosure care costs (952,000)
Net assets of governmental activities \$ 97,562,527

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

EXHIBIT D
TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

	General Fund	Sewer Fund	Capital Reserve Funds	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds	
Revenues:						
Taxes	\$ 13,426,095	\$ 525	\$ 331,900	\$ 304,149	\$ 13,757,995	\$ 700,717
Licenses and permits	4,578,332	72,452	61,763		4,883,006	
Inter governmental	2,263,361	3,583,243		39,024	2,397,576	
Charges for services	1,764,198	115,368	116,112	364,197	5,386,465	
Investment income	366,727	3,231	3,219	158,161	962,404	
Miscellaneous	473,789	3,774,819	512,994	865,531	638,400	
Total Revenues	22,872,502	3,774,819	512,994	865,531	28,025,846	
Expenditures:						
Current operations:						
General government	3,525,579		4,785	81,068	3,611,432	(115,995)
Public safety	8,368,746			56,157	8,424,903	
Highways and streets	2,468,513				2,468,513	
Health and welfare	162,227				162,227	
Sanitation	1,341,699	2,670,849			4,012,548	
Culture and recreation	2,148,628	13,743	15,000	139,447	2,303,075	
Capital outlay	1,654,535		3,639,124	50,688	5,358,090	34,360
Debt service:						(48,575)
Principal retirement	455,899	223,299			679,198	
Interest and fiscal charges	160,993	144,150			305,143	
Total Expenditures	20,286,819	3,052,041	3,658,909	327,360	27,325,129	(41,911)
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	2,585,683	722,778	(3,145,915)	538,171	700,717	679,198
Other financing sources (uses):						
Operating transfers in	81,933		1,594,647	3,300	1,679,880	
Operating transfers out	(1,597,947)		(81,933)		(1,679,880)	
Total other financing sources (uses)	(1,516,014)	-	1,512,714	3,300	-	13,731
Excess of revenues and other sources under expenditures and other uses	1,069,669	722,778	(1,633,201)	541,471	700,717	
Fund balances at beginning of year	3,487,067	6,467,848	10,541,126	3,354,970	23,851,011	1,606,200
Fund balances at end of year	\$ 4,556,736	\$ 7,190,626	\$ 8,907,925	\$ 3,896,441	\$ 24,551,728	\$ 2,827,725

Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

EXHIBIT E
TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets
Fiduciary Funds
June 30, 2005

	Pension Trust Fund	Agency Funds
ASSETS		
Investments	\$ 46,430	\$ 2,129,470
Accounts receivable	4,574	
Total assets	<u>\$ 51,004</u>	<u>\$ 2,129,470</u>
LIABILITIES		
Due to other funds	\$ 50,262	
Due to other governments		\$ 2,129,470
Total liabilities	<u>50,262</u>	<u>\$ 2,129,470</u>
NET ASSETS		
Held in trust for pension benefits	742	
Total net assets	<u>\$ 742</u>	

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

EXHIBIT F
TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets
Fiduciary Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

	Pension Trust Fund
ADDITIONS:	
Investment earnings:	
Interest	\$ 27,272
Net investment earnings	27,272
Total Additions	<u>27,272</u>
DEDUCTIONS:	
Benefits	2,557,697
Reduction in contributions estimate	174,296
Administrative expenses	17,886
Total Deductions	<u>2,749,879</u>
Change in Net Assets	(2,722,607)
Net assets - beginning of year	<u>2,723,349</u>
Net assets - end of year	<u>\$ 742</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005**

NOTE 1—SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire conform to accounting policies generally accepted in the United States of America for local governmental units, except as indicated hereinafter. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies.

Financial Reporting Entity

The Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire (the Town) was incorporated in 1746. The Town operates under the Town Meeting/Town Manager form of government and performs local governmental functions authorized by State law.

The financial statements include those of the various departments governed by the Board of Selectmen and other officials with financial responsibility, including the Town Trustees of Trust Funds and the Trustees of the Merrimack Public Library.

Basis of Presentation

The Town's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net assets and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

1. Government-Wide Financial Statements:

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities display information about the Town as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds.

The statement of net assets presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the Town at year end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the Town's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program and interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the Town. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the Town.

2. Fund Financial Statements:

During the year, the Town segregates transactions related to certain Town functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the Town at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. The fiduciary funds are reported by type.

TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Fund Accounting

The Town uses funds to maintain its financial records during the fiscal year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. There are two categories of funds: governmental and fiduciary.

1. Governmental Funds:

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. The following are the Town's major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the operating fund of the Town and is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The Sewer Fund accounts for all revenues and expenses pertaining to the Town's sanitation operations.

The Capital Reserve Funds account for all financial resources of the various trust arrangements, held by the Trustees of Trust Funds in which the principal and income benefit the various departments of the Town.

2. Fiduciary Funds:

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net assets and changes in net assets. The fiduciary fund category is split into two classifications: pension trust funds and agency funds. Trust funds are used to account for assets held by the Town under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are therefore not available to support the Town's own programs. The pension trust fund accounts for the activities of the Defined Benefit Pension Plan, which accumulates resources for pension benefit payments for qualified town employees. The Town's agency fund is custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and does not involve the measurement of results of operations. The Town's agency fund accounts for the School District's capital reserve funds.

Measurement Focus

1. Government-Wide Financial Statements:

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets and liabilities associated with the operation of the Town are included on the Statement of Net Assets.

2. Fund Financial Statements:

All governmental funds are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the

TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

The pension trust funds are reported using the economic resources measurement focus.

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Fiduciary funds also use the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and the modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of deferred revenue, and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures.

1. Revenues -- Exchange and Non-exchange Transactions:

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the Town, available means expected to be received within sixty days of fiscal year end.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the Town receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied (see Note 2). Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the Town must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Town on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at fiscal year end: property taxes and interest on investments.

Licenses and permits, charges for services, and miscellaneous revenues (except interest on investments) are recorded as revenues when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received.

2. Deferred Revenue:

Deferred revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied. Grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met are recorded as

TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

deferred revenue. On governmental fund financial statements, receivables that will not be collected within the available period have also been reported as deferred revenue.

3. Expenses/Expenditures:

On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization are not recognized in governmental funds.

Budgetary Data

The Town's budget represents departmental appropriations as authorized by annual or special Town meetings. The Selectmen may transfer funds between operating categories as they deem necessary. The Town adopts its budget under State regulations, which differ somewhat from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America in that the focus is on the entire governmental unit rather than on the basis of fund types.

State law requires balanced budgets but permits the use of beginning fund balance to reduce the property tax rate. For the year ended June 30, 2005, the Town applied \$20,044 of its unappropriated fund balance to fund appropriations and to reduce property taxes.

Encumbrance Accounting

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders and other commitments for expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve a portion of the applicable appropriation, is employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration in Governmental Funds. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are reported as a component of fund balance since they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities, but rather commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods and services.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Town pools its cash resources for the governmental funds. Cash applicable to a particular fund is reflected as "equity in pooled cash and investments". If a cash deficiency occurs it is recorded as an interfund balance. The deposits and investments of the Library Fund, the Capital Reserve and Permanent Funds and the Pension Trust Fund are held separately from those of other Town funds.

Investments

Investments are stated at their fair value in all funds. The investment in land in the permanent fund is stated at cost. Certificates of deposit with a maturity of greater than ninety days from the date of issuance are included in investments.

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Taxes Receivable

Taxes levied during the current fiscal year and prior and uncollected at June 30, 2005 are recorded as receivables net of reserves for estimated uncollectibles of \$48,429.

Prepaid Expenses

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2005 are recorded as prepaid items.

Inventory

On government-wide financial statements, inventories are presented at the lower of cost or market on a first-in, first-out basis and are expensed when used.

On fund financial statements, inventories of governmental funds are stated at cost. Cost is determined on a first-in, first out basis. Inventory in governmental funds consists of expendable supplies held for consumption. The cost of inventory items is recorded as an expenditure in the governmental fund types when purchased.

Capital Assets

General capital assets result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the government-wide statement of net assets, but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

All capital assets including infrastructure are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The Town maintains a capitalization threshold of \$10,000. The Town's infrastructure consists of roads, bridges, sidewalks, sewer collection and treatment system, and similar items. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not. Interest incurred during the construction of capital assets is also capitalized.

All reported capital assets except for land and construction in progress are depreciated. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Useful lives for infrastructure were estimated based on the Town's historical records of necessary improvements and replacement. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

	<u>Description</u>	<u>Years</u>
Infrastructure		50
Land improvements		7-50
Buildings and improvements		20-45
Vehicles and equipment		6-20

Compensated Absences

Employees earn vacation and sick leave as they provide services. Provision is made in the annual budget for vacation and sick leave. Pursuant to Town personnel policy and collective bargaining agreements,

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employees may accumulate (subject to certain limitations) unused sick pay earned and, upon retirement, resignation or death will be compensated for such amounts at current rates of pay.

For governmental fund financial statements, compensated absences are reported as liabilities and expenditures as payments come due each period upon the occurrence of employee death or retirement. The entire compensated absence liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements.

Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

All payables and accrued liabilities are reported in the government-wide financial statements. In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current resources, are reported as obligations of the funds. However, compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as liabilities in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment during the current fiscal year. General obligation bonds that will be paid from governmental funds are recognized as a liability in the fund financial statements when due.

Net Assets

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances on any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Town or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

The Town's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

Fund Balance Reserves

The Town reserves those portions of fund balance which are legally segregated for a specific future use or which do not represent available expendable resources and, therefore, are not available for appropriation or expenditure. Unreserved fund balance indicates that portion which is available for appropriation in future periods. A fund balance reserve has been established for encumbrances and special purposes.

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds and after non-operating revenues/expenses in the proprietary funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

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NOTE 2--PROPERTY TAXES

Taxes are levied on the assessed valuation of all taxable real property as of the prior April 1 (\$2,564,980,115 as of April 1, 2004) and are due in two installments on July 1, 2004 and December 3, 2004. Taxes paid after the due dates accrue interest at 12% per annum. Property taxes are recognized as revenue when received in cash or if available to finance current period operations (within sixty days of year end).

Under State law, the Tax Collector obtains tax liens on properties which have unpaid taxes in the following calendar year after taxes were due for the amount of unpaid taxes, interest and costs. These priority tax liens accrue interest at 18% per annum. If the property is not redeemed within a two year redemption period, the property is tax dedeed to the Town.

In accordance with State law, the Town collects taxes for the Merrimack School District and Hillsborough County, independent governmental units, which are remitted to them as required by law. The Town also collects State of New Hampshire Education taxes, which are remitted directly to the school district. Taxes appropriated during the year were \$40,758,575 and \$3,053,518 for the Merrimack School District and Hillsborough County, respectively. These taxes are not recognized as revenues in these financial statements. The Town bears responsibility for uncollected taxes.

NOTE 3--RISK MANAGEMENT

The Town is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During the year ended June 30, 2005, the Town was a member of the New Hampshire Municipal Association Property-Liability Insurance Trust, Inc. (NHMA-PLIT) and the New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange (PRIMEX). The Town currently reports all of its risk management activities in its General Fund. The Trust is classified as a "Risk Pool" in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

NHMA-PLIT is a Trust organized to provide certain property and liability insurance coverages to member towns, cities, and other qualified political subdivision of New Hampshire. As a member of the NHMA-PLIT, the Town shares in contributing to the cost of and receiving benefits from a self-insured pooled risk management program. The program includes a Self Insured Retention Fund from which is paid up to \$500,000 for each and every covered property, crime and/or liability loss.

PRIMEX provides statutory worker's compensation coverage to member towns, cities, and other qualified political subdivisions of New Hampshire. The Trust is self-sustaining through annual member premiums and provides coverage for the statutorily required workers' compensation benefits and employer's liability coverage up to \$2,000,000. The program includes a Loss Fund from which is paid up to \$500,000 for each and every covered claim.

The Trust agreements permit the Trusts to make additional assessments to members should there be a deficiency in Trust assets to meet its liabilities. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require members of pools with a sharing of risk to determine whether or not such assessment is probable and, if so, a reasonable estimate of such assessment. At this time, the Trusts foresee no likelihood of an additional assessment for any of the past years.

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Claims expenditures and liabilities are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of that loss can be reasonably estimated. These losses include an estimate of claims that have been incurred but not reported. Based on the best available information there is no liability at June 30, 2005.

NOTE 4—CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and investments as of June 30, 2005 are classified in the accompanying financial statements as follows:

Statement of net assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 26,162
Equity in pooled cash and investments	37,438,010
Investments	12,518,020
Statement of fiduciary net assets:	
Investments	2,175,900
Total cash and investments	<u>\$ 52,158,092</u>

Cash and investments as of June 30, 2005 consist of the following:

Cash on hand	\$ 1,912
Deposits with financial institutions	32,757,358
Investments	19,398,822
Total cash and investments	<u>\$ 52,158,092</u>

The Town has combined the cash resources of its governmental fund types. For accounting and reporting purposes, that portion of the pooled cash balance is reported in the specific fund as equity in pooled cash and investments.

The Town's investment policy for governmental fund types requires that deposits and investments be made in New Hampshire based financial institutions that are participants in one of the federal depository insurance programs. A maximum of \$2,000,000 may be invested without perfected collateral in any one bank. An unsecured deposit or an investment of more than \$100,000 must meet criteria set by the Board of Selectmen regarding the bank's financial condition. The Town participates in the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool, (NHPDIP) an external investment pool. The NHPDIP is not registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission as an investment company. The NHPDIP was created by state law and is administered by a public body of state, local and banking officials. Investments for other funds are at the discretion of the trustees of those funds.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. One of the ways that the Town manages its exposure to interest rate risk is by purchasing a combination of shorter term and longer term investments and by timing cash flows from maturities so that a portion of the portfolio is maturing or coming close to maturity evenly over time.

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Information about the sensitivity of the fair values of the Town's investments to market interest rate fluctuations is provided by the following table that shows the distribution of investments by maturity:

<u>Investment Type</u>		<u>Remaining Maturity (in Years)</u>		
		<u>0-1 Years</u>	<u>1-5 Years</u>	<u>More Than 5 Years</u>
U.S. Treasury Bills	\$ 582,401	\$ 582,401		
U.S. Treasury Notes	7,756,069	3,407,597	\$ 4,348,472	
Corporate bonds	<u>5,722</u>			<u>\$ 5,722</u>
	<u>\$ 8,344,192</u>	<u>\$ 3,989,998</u>	<u>\$ 4,348,472</u>	<u>\$ 5,722</u>

Credit Risk

Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. \$5,722 of corporate bonds held by the Town at June 30, 2005 are rated AAA/Aaa. Additionally, the Town holds \$1,761,815 in mutual funds which are not rated.

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Town's deposits may not be returned to it. The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of another party.

Of the Town's deposits with financial institutions at year end \$5,411,475 was collateralized by securities held by the bank in the bank's name. As of June 30, 2005, District investments in the following investment types were held by the same counterparty that was used to buy the securities.

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Reported Amount</u>
Equity securities	\$ 2,529,739
Corporate bonds	5,722
Mutual funds	<u>1,761,815</u>
	<u>\$ 4,297,276</u>

NOTE 5—DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

Receivables from other governments at June 30, 2005 consists of state shared revenues, EPA funding and other miscellaneous amounts due from federal and state sources. All receivables are considered collectible in full and will be received within one year. A summary of the principal items of intergovernmental receivables is as follows:

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Due from State of New Hampshire	\$ 308,654
Due from U.S. Treasury	132,663
Due from Environmental Protection Agency	98,213
Due from Merrimack Water District	11,577
	<u>\$ 551,107</u>

NOTE 6—CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets in the governmental funds:

	Balance 07/01/04	Additions	Reductions	Balance 06/30/05
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not depreciated:				
Land	\$ 16,454,450		\$ (27,631)	\$ 16,426,819
Construction in process	1,816,249	\$ 488,570	(267,623)	2,037,196
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>18,270,699</u>	<u>488,570</u>	<u>(295,254)</u>	<u>18,464,015</u>
Other capital assets:				
Infrastructure	64,101,795			64,101,795
Land improvements	1,171,297	395,703		1,567,000
Buildings and improvements	38,305,253	23,228		38,328,481
Vehicles and equipment	16,722,055	2,578,288	(664,036)	18,636,307
Total other capital assets at historical cost	<u>120,300,400</u>	<u>2,997,219</u>	<u>(664,036)</u>	<u>122,633,583</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Infrastructure	(28,954,631)	(1,278,070)		(30,232,701)
Land improvements	(803,887)	(54,332)		(858,219)
Buildings and improvements	(17,901,665)	(634,833)		(18,536,498)
Vehicles and equipment	(9,797,372)	(1,023,230)	306,125	(10,514,477)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(57,457,555)</u>	<u>(2,990,465)</u>	<u>306,125</u>	<u>(60,141,895)</u>
Total other capital assets, net	<u>62,842,845</u>	<u>6,754</u>	<u>(357,911)</u>	<u>62,491,688</u>
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$ 81,113,544</u>	<u>\$ 495,324</u>	<u>\$ (653,165)</u>	<u>\$ 80,955,703</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

General government	\$ 60,803
Public safety	345,452
Highways and streets	1,505,673
Sanitation	922,185
Culture and recreation	156,352
Total governmental activities depreciation expense	<u>\$ 2,990,465</u>

NOTE 7—EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

Defined Benefit Pension Plan

As of June 30, 2005, the Town discontinued its non-contributory defined benefit pension plan. The funds were used to purchase annuities or they were distributed to plan participants.

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New Hampshire Retirement System

Plan Description

The Town contributes to the New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the NHRS Board of Trustees. The plan provides service, disability, death and vested retirement allowances to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established and may be amended by the New Hampshire State legislature. The NHRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for NHRS. That report may be obtained by writing to New Hampshire Retirement System, 4 Chenell Drive, Concord, New Hampshire 03301.

Funding Policy

Covered public safety employees are required to contribute 9.3% of their covered salary and the Town is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The Town's contribution rates for the covered payroll of police officers and fire employees were 5.33% and 13.44%, respectively. The Town contributes 65% of the employer cost for police officers and fire employees and the State contributes the remaining 35% of the employer cost. In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GASB #24), on-behalf fringe benefits contributed by the State of New Hampshire of \$306,917 have been reported as a revenue and expenditure of the General Fund in these financial statements.

Per RSA-100:16, plan member contribution rates are established and may be amended by the New Hampshire State legislature and employer contribution rates are determined by the NHRS Board of Trustees based on an actuarial valuation. The Town's contributions to the NHRS for the years ending June 30, 2005, 2004, and 2003 were \$762,982, \$533,812, and \$267,472, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

NOTE 8—LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Changes in Long-Term Obligations

The changes in the Town's long-term obligations for the year ended June 30, 2005 are as follows:

	Balance 07/01/04	Additions	Reductions	Balance 06/30/05	Due Within One Year
Governmental activities:					
Bonds payable	\$ 7,092,940		\$ (679,198)	\$ 6,413,742	\$ 508,642
Compensated absences	1,258,678	\$ 137,955		1,396,633	523,302
	<u>\$ 8,351,618</u>	<u>\$ 137,955</u>	<u>\$ (679,198)</u>	<u>\$ 7,810,375</u>	<u>\$ 1,031,944</u>

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Payments on the general obligation bonds are paid out of the General Fund and the Sewer Fund. Compensated absences will be paid from the General Fund. Payments on the landfill postclosure care costs are paid out of the General Fund.

General Obligation Bonds

Bonds payable at June 30, 2005 are comprised of the following individual issues:

\$4,725,549 Organic Waste Composting Facility Bonds due in annual payments of \$367,449, including interest at 4.632%, through April 1, 2003	\$ 2,888,742
\$4,075,000 Green's Pond Land Bond due in annual installments of \$270,000 - \$275,000 through August 15, 2017; interest at 3.0% - 4.5%	3,525,000
	<u>\$ 6,413,742</u>

Debt service requirements to retire general obligation bonds outstanding at June 30, 2005 are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Totals
2006	\$ 508,642	\$ 269,367	\$ 778,009
2007	519,465	249,607	769,072
2008	530,788	228,659	759,447
2009	537,637	206,597	744,234
2010	550,033	183,401	733,434
2011-2015	2,957,177	547,251	3,504,428
2016-2018	810,000	54,000	864,000
	<u>\$ 6,413,742</u>	<u>\$ 1,738,882</u>	<u>\$ 8,152,624</u>

As included on the Statement of Activities (Exhibit B), interest expense for the year ended June 30, 2005 was \$291,412 on general obligation debt for the Town of Merrimack.

NOTE 9—LANDFILL POSTCLOSURE CARE COSTS

State and federal laws and regulations require that the Town place a final cover on its landfill when closed and perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the landfill site for thirty years after closure. An estimated liability has been recorded based on the future postclosure care costs that will be incurred near or after the date the landfill no longer accepts waste. These postclosure care costs are based on the amount of the landfill used. The estimated liability for postclosure care costs has a balance of \$952,000 as of June 30, 2005, which is based on 98.5% usage of the landfill. The estimated total cost of postclosure care of \$952,000 is based on the amount that would be paid if all equipment, facilities and services required to monitor and maintain the landfill were acquired as of June 30, 2005. However, the actual cost of postclosure care may be higher due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in landfill laws and regulations.

The remaining postclosure care costs are expected to be financed in the General Fund.

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The following is a summary of changes in the estimated liability for closure and postclosure care costs for the year ended June 30, 2005:

	Balance 07/01/04	Additions	Reductions	Balance 06/30/05	Amounts Due Within One Year
Governmental activities	\$ 2,600,000	\$ -	\$(1,648,000)	\$ 952,000	\$ 34,000

NOTE 10—INTERFUND BALANCES AND TRANSFERS

The Town has combined the cash resources of its governmental fund types. For accounting and reporting purposes, that portion of the pooled cash balance is reported in the specific fund as an interfund balance. Interfund balances at June 30, 2005 are as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Interfund Receivable</u>	<u>Interfund Payable</u>
Major Funds:		
General Fund	\$ 887,097	
Sewer Fund	86,102	
Capital Reserve Fund	61,763	\$ 984,475
Nonmajor Funds:		
Governmental Funds		225
Fiduciary Funds:		
Pension Trust Fund	-	50,262
	<u>\$ 1,034,962</u>	<u>\$ 1,034,962</u>

During the year, several interfund transactions occurred between funds. The General Fund received \$81,933 from the Landfill Capital Reserve Fund as the fund was discontinued. The Heritage Commission Fund and the Capital Reserve Funds received funds from the General Fund. Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2005 are as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Operating Transfers In</u>	<u>Operating Transfers Out</u>
Major Funds:		
General Fund	\$ 81,933	\$ 1,597,947
Capital Reserve Funds	1,594,647	81,933
Nonmajor Funds:		
Governmental Funds	3,300	-
	<u>\$ 1,679,880</u>	<u>\$ 1,679,880</u>

NOTE 11—PERMANENT FUNDS

Cemetery care funds are accounted for as permanent funds. The principal amounts of all cemetery care funds are restricted in that only income earned may be expended. Principal and income balances at June 30, 2005 are as follows:

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For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cemetery Funds	\$ 1,958,229	\$ 1,207,582	\$ 3,165,811
Library Funds	30,000	1,701	31,701
	<u>\$ 1,988,229</u>	<u>\$ 1,209,283</u>	<u>\$ 3,197,512</u>

NOTE 12—RESERVED FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES

The balance reserved for special purposes at June 30, 2005 is as follows:

Library Construction Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 50,000
Capital Reserve Funds	<u>8,907,925</u>
	<u>\$ 8,957,925</u>

NOTE 13—COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Other Contingencies

The Town participates in a number of federally assisted grant programs. These programs are subject to financial and compliance audits by the grantors or their representatives. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the granting agencies cannot be determined at this time, although the Town expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

SCHEDULE 1

TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis) - General Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget - Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 13,095,527	\$ 13,095,527	\$ 13,384,184	\$ 288,657
Licenses and permits	4,598,367	4,598,367	4,578,332	(20,035)
Intergovernmental	1,592,450	1,983,233	2,048,557	65,324
Charges for services	1,557,186	1,557,186	1,765,687	208,501
Interest income	200,000	200,000	366,727	166,727
Miscellaneous	173,813	233,788	475,313	241,525
Total Revenues	<u>21,217,343</u>	<u>21,668,101</u>	<u>22,618,800</u>	<u>950,699</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	2,870,335	2,880,736	3,541,804	(661,068)
Public safety	8,412,374	8,429,511	8,059,816	369,695
Highways and streets	2,503,144	2,584,520	2,551,276	33,244
Health and welfare	154,857	157,455	1,402,469	(1,245,014)
Sanitation	2,158,621	2,158,621	162,227	1,996,394
Culture and recreation	2,302,456	2,356,511	2,136,313	220,198
Capital outlay	718,363	1,003,554	1,714,525	(710,971)
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	455,896	455,896	455,896	-
Interest and fiscal charges	160,997	160,997	160,996	1
Total Expenditures	<u>19,737,043</u>	<u>20,187,801</u>	<u>20,185,322</u>	<u>2,479</u>
Excess revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>1,480,300</u>	<u>1,480,300</u>	<u>2,433,478</u>	<u>953,178</u>
Other financing uses:				
Operating transfers in			81,933	81,933
Operating transfers out	(1,595,344)	(1,595,344)	(1,597,947)	(2,603)
Total other financing uses	<u>(1,595,344)</u>	<u>(1,595,344)</u>	<u>(1,516,014)</u>	<u>79,330</u>
Excess revenues over (under) expenditures and other uses	<u>(115,044)</u>	<u>(115,044)</u>	<u>917,464</u>	<u>1,032,508</u>
Fund balances at beginning of year				
- Budgetary Basis	<u>3,027,861</u>	<u>3,027,861</u>	<u>3,027,861</u>	-
Fund balances at end of year				
- Budgetary Basis	<u>\$ 2,912,817</u>	<u>\$ 2,912,817</u>	<u>\$ 3,945,325</u>	<u>\$ 1,032,508</u>

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information

SCHEDULE 2

TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis) - Sewer Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Amounts</u>	<u>Final Budget -</u>
				<u>Favorable</u>
				<u>(Unfavorable)</u>
Revenues:				
Licenses and permits	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 525	\$ (75)
Intergovernmental	72,452	72,452	72,452	-
Charges for services	3,698,175	3,698,175	3,583,243	(114,932)
Interest income	51,000	51,000	115,368	64,368
Miscellaneous	4,715	4,715	3,231	(1,484)
Total Revenues	<u>3,826,942</u>	<u>3,826,942</u>	<u>3,774,819</u>	<u>(52,123)</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Sanitation	2,819,398	2,819,398	2,642,543	176,855
Capital outlay	14,608	14,608	69,457	(54,849)
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	223,299	223,299	223,299	-
Interest and fiscal charges	144,150	144,150	144,150	-
Total Expenditures	<u>3,201,455</u>	<u>3,201,455</u>	<u>3,079,449</u>	<u>122,006</u>
Excess revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>625,487</u>	<u>625,487</u>	<u>695,370</u>	<u>69,883</u>
Fund balances at beginning of year				
- Budgetary Basis	<u>6,397,941</u>	<u>6,397,941</u>	<u>6,397,941</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances at end of year				
- Budgetary Basis	<u>\$ 7,023,428</u>	<u>\$ 7,023,428</u>	<u>\$ 7,093,311</u>	<u>\$ 69,883</u>

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information

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NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
June 30, 2005

NOTE 1—BUDGET TO ACTUAL RECONCILIATION

General Fund

Amounts recorded as budgetary amounts in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis) – General Fund (Schedule 1) and in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis) – Sewer Fund (Schedule 2) are reported on the basis budgeted by the Town. Those amounts differ from those reported in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds (Exhibit D). Property tax budgetary revenues are recognized when levied rather than when susceptible to accrual. General Fund budgetary expenditures were adjusted for encumbrances and on-behalf payments for fringe benefits as follows:

	Revenues and Transfers	Expenditures and Transfers
Exhibit D	\$ 22,954,435	\$ 21,884,766
Difference in property taxes meeting susceptible to accrual criteria	(41,911)	
Encumbrances, June 30, 2004		(897,534)
Encumbrances, June 30, 2005	95,126	1,102,954
On-behalf fringe benefits	(306,917)	(306,917)
Schedule 1	<u>\$ 22,700,733</u>	<u>\$ 21,783,269</u>

The Sewer Fund budgetary expenditures were adjusted for encumbrances as follows:

	Expenditures and Transfers
Exhibit D	\$ 3,052,041
Encumbrances, June 30, 2004	(69,907)
Encumbrances, June 30, 2005	97,315
Schedule 2	<u>\$ 3,079,449</u>

SCHEDULE A
TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combining Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds - All Nonmajor Funds
June 30, 2005

	Special Revenue Funds	Permanent Funds	Combining Totals
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,931	\$ 11,572	\$ 22,503
Equity in pooled cash and investments	492,891		492,891
Investments	151,267	3,186,165	3,337,432
Accounts receivable, net	83,722	-	83,722
Total Assets	<u>\$ 738,811</u>	<u>\$ 3,197,737</u>	<u>\$ 3,936,548</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 8,861		\$ 8,861
Deferred revenue	31,021		31,021
Due to other funds		\$ 225	225
Total Liabilities	<u>39,882</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>40,107</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Reserved for endowments		1,988,229	1,988,229
Reserved for encumbrances	16,197		16,197
Unreserved, reported in:			
Special revenue funds	682,732		682,732
Permanent funds		1,209,283	1,209,283
Total Fund Balances	<u>698,929</u>	<u>3,197,512</u>	<u>3,896,441</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 738,811</u>	<u>\$ 3,197,737</u>	<u>\$ 3,936,548</u>

SCHEDULE A-1
TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combining Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds - All Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
June 30, 2005

	<u>Library Fine Fund</u>	<u>Fire Protection Area Fund</u>	<u>Cable Television Fund</u>	<u>Heritage Commission Fund</u>	<u>Combining Totals</u>
ASSETS					
Cash	\$ 10,931				\$ 10,931
Equity in pooled cash and investments		\$ 43,763	\$ 435,840	\$ 13,288	492,891
Investments	151,267				151,267
Accounts receivable		4,334	79,388		83,722
Total Assets	<u>\$ 162,198</u>	<u>\$ 48,097</u>	<u>\$ 515,228</u>	<u>\$ 13,288</u>	<u>\$ 738,811</u>
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable		\$ 4,680	\$ 4,181		\$ 8,861
Deferred revenue		19,833	10,000	\$ 1,188	31,021
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>24,513</u>	<u>14,181</u>	<u>1,188</u>	<u>39,882</u>
FUND BALANCES					
Reserved for encumbrances			16,197		16,197
Unreserved, reported in:					
Special revenue funds	162,198	23,584	484,850	12,100	682,732
Total Fund Balances	<u>162,198</u>	<u>23,584</u>	<u>501,047</u>	<u>12,100</u>	<u>698,929</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 162,198</u>	<u>\$ 48,097</u>	<u>\$ 515,228</u>	<u>\$ 13,288</u>	<u>\$ 738,811</u>

SCHEDULE B
TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds - All Nonmajor Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

	Special Revenue Funds	Permanent Funds	Combining Totals
Revenues:			
Licenses and permits	\$ 304,149		\$ 304,149
Charges for services	39,024		39,024
Investment income	17,488	\$ 346,709	364,197
Miscellaneous	32,185	125,976	158,161
Total Revenues	<u>392,846</u>	<u>472,685</u>	<u>865,531</u>
Expenditures:			
Current operations:			
General government		81,068	81,068
Public safety	56,157		56,157
Culture and recreation	139,447		139,447
Capital outlay	50,688		50,688
Total Expenditures	<u>246,292</u>	<u>81,068</u>	<u>327,360</u>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>146,554</u>	<u>391,617</u>	<u>538,171</u>
Other financing sources (uses):			
Operating transfers in	3,300		3,300
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>3,300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,300</u>
Excess of revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	149,854	391,617	541,471
Fund balances at beginning of year	<u>549,075</u>	<u>2,805,895</u>	<u>3,354,970</u>
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 698,929</u>	<u>\$ 3,197,512</u>	<u>\$ 3,896,441</u>

SCHEDULE B-1

TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds - All Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

	<u>Library Fine Fund</u>	<u>Fire Protection Area Fund</u>	<u>Cable Television Fund</u>	<u>Heritage Commission Fund</u>	<u>Combining Totals</u>
Revenues:					
Licenses and permits			\$ 304,149		\$ 304,149
Charges for services		\$ 39,024			39,024
Investment income	\$ 9,221	903	7,177	\$ 187	17,488
Miscellaneous	32,185	-		-	32,185
Total Revenues	<u>41,406</u>	<u>39,927</u>	<u>311,326</u>	<u>187</u>	<u>392,846</u>
Expenditures:					
Current operations:					
Public safety		56,157			56,157
Culture and recreation	29,229		110,088	130	139,447
Capital outlay		-	50,688	-	50,688
Total Expenditures	<u>29,229</u>	<u>56,157</u>	<u>160,776</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>246,292</u>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>12,177</u>	<u>(16,230)</u>	<u>150,550</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>146,554</u>
Other financing sources:					
Operating transfers in				3,300	3,300
Total other financing sources	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,300</u>	<u>3,300</u>
Excess of revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures	12,177	(16,230)	150,550	3,357	149,854
Fund balances at beginning of year	<u>150,021</u>	<u>39,814</u>	<u>350,497</u>	<u>8,743</u>	<u>549,075</u>
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 162,198</u>	<u>\$ 23,584</u>	<u>\$ 501,047</u>	<u>\$ 12,100</u>	<u>\$ 698,929</u>

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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL BASED ON AN AUDIT OF BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, and have issued our report thereon dated August 22, 2005. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management of the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

In planning and performing our audit of the basic financial statements of the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire for the year ended June 30, 2005, we obtained an understanding of the internal control structure. With respect to the internal control structure, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the basic financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control structure. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the basic financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

This report is intended for the information of the Board of Selectmen. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

August 22, 2005

Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS	
JUNE 30, 2005	
Landfill Capital Reserve Fund	
Balance - 07/01/04	1,884,535.96
Expenditures:	
Landfill closure	(1,823,264.16)
Trackless tractor	(75,350.00)
State grant reimbursements	61,762.60
Transfer to General Fund	(81,932.82)
Investment income	34,248.42
Balance - 06/30/05	-
Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	
Balance - 07/01/04	490,240.74
Expenditures:	
Pumper truck	(384,180.55)
Transfer from General Fund	200,000.00
Investment income	10,629.32
Balance - 06/30/05	316,689.51
Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund	
Balance - 07/01/04	130,850.19
Transfer from General Fund	15,000.00
Investment income	2,033.67
Balance - 06/30/05	147,883.86
Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	
Balance - 07/01/04	790,551.60
Expenditures:	
Dump trucks - 5	(476,188.26)
Trackless tractor attachments	(12,350.00)
Dump truck - used	(8,850.00)
Loader attachments	(3,210.00)
Brush chipper	(25,239.58)
Transfer from General Fund	175,000.00
Investment income	16,266.61
Balance - 06/30/05	455,980.37
Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	
Balance - 07/01/04	5,827.96
Investment income	65.35
Balance - 06/30/05	5,893.31

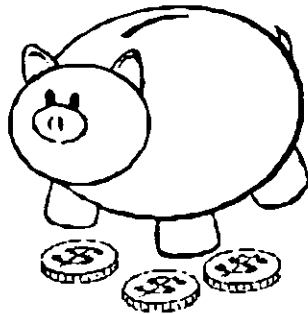
Wastewater Treatment Facility Capital Reserve Fund	
Balance - 07/01/04	50,954.01
Investment income	768.88
Balance - 06/30/05	51,722.89
Land Bank Capital Reserve Fund	
Balance - 07/01/04	428,169.44
Investment income	6,940.69
Balance - 06/30/05	435,110.13
Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund	
Balance - 07/01/04	133,649.76
Expenditures:	
Bedford Road Bridge	(31,007.25)
Manchester Street Bridge	(2,149.79)
Transfer from General Fund	335,000.00
Investment income	2,017.73
Balance - 06/30/05	437,510.45
Sewer Line Extension Capital Reserve Fund	
Balance - 07/01/04	728,873.83
Expenditures:	
Mayflower Road area sewer line	(25,553.67)
Thornton Ferry sewer line	(96,155.00)
Transfer from General Fund	100,000.00
Investment income	11,534.56
Balance - 06/30/05	718,699.72
Sidewalks and Bike Paths Capital Reserve Fund	
Balance - 07/01/04	140,110.31
Expenditures:	
DW Highway sidewalk	(7,204.69)
Transfer from General Fund	30,000.00
Investment income	2,402.30
Balance - 06/30/05	165,307.92
Library Roof Capital Reserve Fund	
Balance - 07/01/04	17,045.69
Transfer from General Fund	2,000.00
Investment income	200.63
Balance - 06/30/05	19,246.32

<u>Library Construction Capital Reserve Fund</u>	
Balance - 07/01/04	2,403,764.22
Transfer from General Fund	95,044.00
Investment income	40,498.19
Balance - 06/30/05	2,539,306.41
<u>Drainage Improvements Capital Reserve Fund</u>	
Balance - 07/01/04	272,125.01
Transfer from General Fund	60,000.00
Investment income	3,386.57
Balance - 06/30/05	335,511.58
<u>Wastewater Treatment System Capital Reserve Fund</u>	
Balance - 07/01/04	985,633.89
Expenditures:	
Pickup truck	(23,993.00)
Digester vs. trickling filter study	(10,221.06)
Preliminary engineering of CIP projects	(30,000.00)
Interceptor manhole repair	(26,635.24)
Reeds Ferry sewer line replacement	(56,987.72)
Treatment plant Phase I upgrade	(131,298.58)
Odor control study	(595.89)
Ford Explorer	(24,643.00)
Wheel loaders - 3	(31,445.00)
Investment income	16,134.55
Balance - 06/30/05	665,948.95
<u>Playground Equipment Capital Reserve Fund</u>	
Balance - 07/01/04	52,401.58
Investment income	878.03
Balance - 06/30/05	53,279.61
<u>Computer Equipment Capital Reserve Fund</u>	
Balance - 07/01/04	110,581.03
Expenditures:	
Police mobile work stations	(46,405.50)
Investment income	1,510.92
Balance - 06/30/05	65,686.45

Communication Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	
Balance - 07/01/04	201,885.18
Expenditures:	
Radio console	(205,318.67)
Transfer from General Fund	10,000.00
Investment income	3,650.04
Balance - 06/30/05	10,216.55
Salt Shed Capital Reserve Fund	
Balance - 07/01/04	225,298.03
Expenditures:	
Salt shed design	(13,267.50)
Transfer from General Fund	30,000.00
Investment income	3,467.74
Balance - 06/30/05	245,498.27
South Fire Station Capital Reserve Fund	
Balance - 07/01/04	144,392.43
Expenditures:	
South Fire Station improvements design	(10,295.64)
Investment income	2,304.15
Balance - 06/30/05	136,400.94
Athletic Fields Capital Reserve Fund	
Balance - 07/01/04	7,228.54
Expenditures:	
Turkey Hill Field	(27,046.00)
Transfer from General Fund	100,000.00
Investment income	582.35
Balance - 06/30/05	80,764.89
Daniel Webster Highway Capital Reserve Fund	
Balance - 07/01/04	308,746.38
Expenditures:	
Columbia Circle intersection	(1,399.17)
Transfer from General Fund	125,000.00
Investment income	5,016.74
Balance - 06/30/05	437,363.95

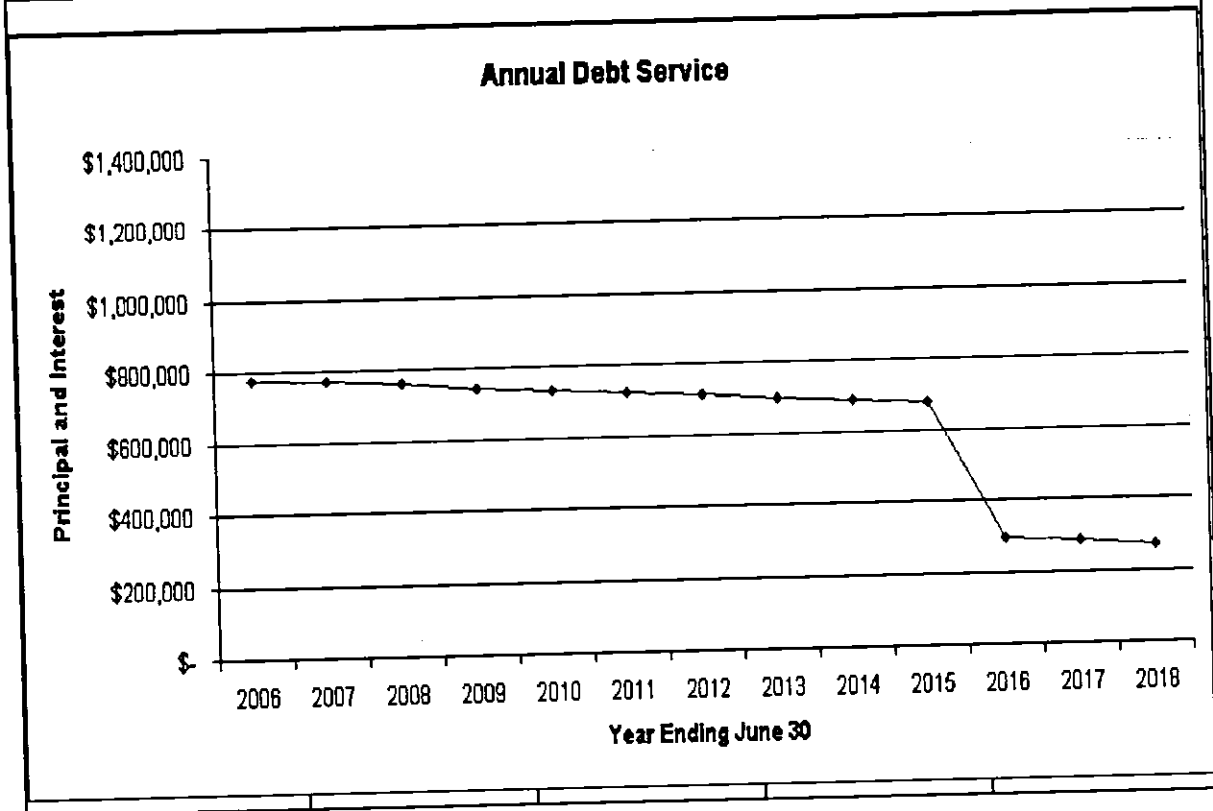
Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund	
Balance - 07/01/04	586,988.14
Expenditures:	
Tinker Road reconstruction	(28,869.00)
Transfer from General Fund	300,000.00
Investment income	12,729.19
Balance - 06/30/05	870,848.33
Northwest Fire Station Capital Reserve Fund	
Balance - 07/01/04	88,413.58
Investment income	1,390.43
Balance - 06/30/05	89,804.01
Traffic Signal Pre-Emption Capital Reserve Fund	
Balance - 07/01/04	244.75
Transfer from General Fund	5,000.00
Investment income	509.65
Balance - 06/30/05	5,754.40
Self Insurance Trust Funds	
Balance - 07/01/04	34,517.85
Expenditures:	
Claims paid	(4,785.23)
Transfer from General Fund	10,000.00
Investment income	931.50
Balance - 06/30/05	40,664.12
Special Conservation Trust Fund	
Balance - 07/01/04	32,391.57
Transfer from General Fund	2,602.52
Net proceeds from timber cut	3,219.55
Expenditures:	
Horse Hill Nature Preserve forest management/ecological assessment plan	(15,000.00)
Investment income	610.93
Balance - 06/30/05	23,824.57
80 Acres Conservation Trust Fund	
Balance - 07/01/04	8,284.07
Investment income	153.78
Balance - 06/30/05	8,437.85

Use Change Tax Conservation Trust Fund	
Balance - 07/01/04	277,419.82
Land use change tax	331,900.55
Investment income	6,719.00
Balance - 06/30/05	616,039.37
Grand Total	
Balance - 07/01/04	10,541,125.56
Expenditures	(3,658,909.15)
Land use change tax	331,900.55
State grant reimbursements	61,762.60
Net proceeds from timber cut	3,219.55
Transfer to General Fund	(81,932.82)
Transfers from General Fund	1,594,646.52
Investment income	187,581.92
Balance - 06/30/05	8,979,394.73



LONG-TERM DEBT PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENT SCHEDULES				
\$4,725,549.33 1996 Organic Waste Composting Facility Bond				
4.632% Interest				
Year Ending	Principal	Interest		
<u>June 30</u>	<u>April 1</u>	<u>April 1</u>	<u>Total</u>	
2006	233,642.52	133,806.54	367,449.06	
2007	244,464.84	122,984.22	367,449.06	
2008	255,788.45	111,660.61	367,449.06	
2009	267,636.57	99,812.49	367,449.06	
2010	280,033.50	87,415.56	367,449.06	
2011	293,004.65	74,444.41	367,449.06	
2012	306,576.63	60,872.43	367,449.06	
2013	320,777.26	46,671.80	367,449.06	
2014	335,635.66	31,813.40	367,449.06	
2015	<u>351,182.17</u>	<u>16,266.76</u>	<u>367,448.93</u>	
	<u>2,888,742.25</u>	<u>785,748.22</u>	<u>3,674,490.47</u>	
\$4,075,000 2002 Greens Pond Land Acquisition Bonds				
4.08% Interest				
Year Ending	Principal	Interest	Interest	
<u>June 30</u>	<u>August 15</u>	<u>August 15</u>	<u>February 15</u>	<u>Total</u>
2006	275,000.00	69,842.50	65,717.50	410,560.00
2007	275,000.00	65,717.50	60,905.00	401,622.50
2008	275,000.00	60,905.00	56,092.50	391,997.50
2009	270,000.00	56,092.50	50,692.50	376,785.00
2010	270,000.00	50,692.50	45,292.50	365,985.00
2011	270,000.00	45,292.50	39,892.50	355,185.00
2012	270,000.00	39,892.50	34,492.50	344,385.00
2013	270,000.00	34,492.50	29,092.50	333,585.00
2014	270,000.00	29,092.50	23,557.50	322,650.00
2015	270,000.00	23,557.50	17,820.00	311,377.50
2016	270,000.00	17,820.00	12,015.00	299,835.00
2017	270,000.00	12,015.00	6,075.00	288,090.00
2018	<u>270,000.00</u>	<u>6,075.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>276,075.00</u>
	<u>3,525,000.00</u>	<u>511,487.50</u>	<u>441,645.00</u>	<u>4,478,132.50</u>

TOTAL DEBT SERVICE				
Year Ending				
<u>June 30</u>		<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2006		508,642.52	269,366.54	778,009.06
2007		519,464.84	249,606.72	769,071.56
2008		530,788.45	228,658.11	759,446.56
2009		537,636.57	206,597.49	744,234.06
2010		550,033.50	183,400.56	733,434.06
2011		563,004.65	159,629.41	722,634.06
2012		576,576.63	135,257.43	711,834.06
2013		590,777.26	110,256.80	701,034.06
2014		605,635.66	84,463.40	690,099.06
2015		621,182.17	57,644.26	678,826.43
2016		270,000.00	29,835.00	299,835.00
2017		270,000.00	18,090.00	288,090.00
2018		<u>270,000.00</u>	<u>6,075.00</u>	<u>276,075.00</u>
		<u>6,413,742.25</u>	<u>1,738,880.72</u>	<u>8,152,622.97</u>

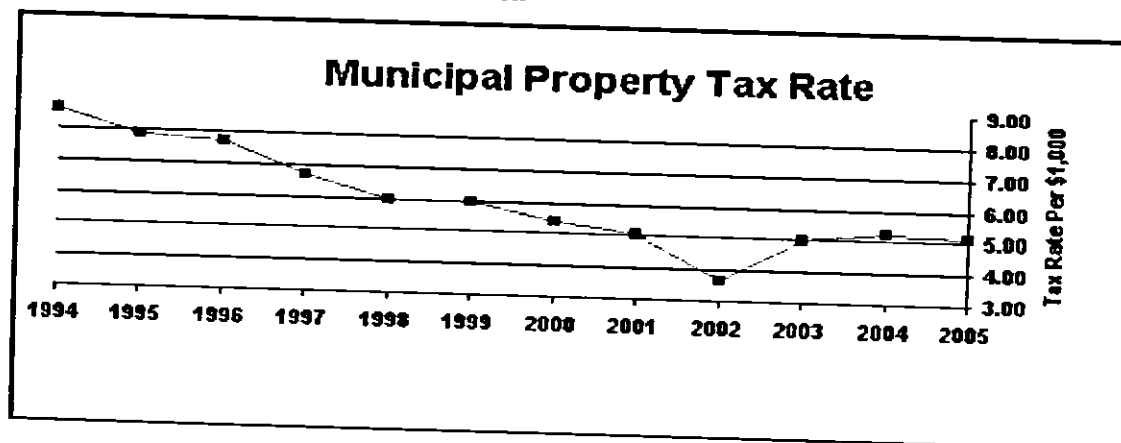


TAX RATE HISTORY							
Year	School	Municipal	County	State	Total	Ratio	Equalized
2005	13.80	5.11	1.23	2.93	23.07	81.2%	18.73
2004	12.80	5.26	1.18	3.12	22.36	88.0%	19.68
2003 B	9.77	5.04	1.21	4.22	20.24	95.1%	19.25
2002 B	8.94	3.70	1.38	4.49	18.51	95.6%	17.70
2001 B	9.00	5.07	1.56	5.67	21.30	88%	18.74
2000 B	8.67	5.40	1.79	5.59	21.45	94%	20.16
1999 A	8.99	5.99	2.12	7.48	24.58	76%	18.68
1998	22.82	6.00	2.14	-	30.96	87%	26.94
1997	22.19	6.68	2.20	-	31.07	92%	28.58
1996	22.09	7.70	2.37	-	32.16	96%	30.87
1995 B	21.44	7.87	2.50	-	31.81	97%	30.86
1994	19.83	8.67	2.39	-	30.89	95%	29.35
1993 C	18.98	7.44	2.39	-	28.81	94%	27.08
1992	12.61	4.22	1.61	-	18.44	134%	24.71
1991	12.71	4.14	1.59	-	18.44	123%	22.68
1990	11.24	4.15	1.54	-	16.93	105%	17.78
1989 B	11.46	4.16	1.37	-	16.99	100%	16.99
1988	27.63	8.61	2.39	-	38.63	42%	16.22
1987	23.77	7.42	2.99	-	34.18	43%	14.70
1986	22.92	6.59	2.14	-	31.65	47%	14.88
1985	22.19	5.61	2.05	-	29.85	58%	17.31
1984	21.83	5.35	1.97	-	29.15	69%	20.11
1983	21.10	6.39	1.99	-	29.48	73%	21.52
1982	19.90	6.70	1.60	-	28.20	77%	21.71
1981	20.90	6.70	1.40	-	29.00	81%	23.49
1980	19.00	6.20	1.30	-	26.50	87%	23.06

A - Reflects new state school tax and education adequacy grants

B - Reflects property revaluation

C - Reflects general 30% valuation reduction



NET ASSESSED VALUATION HISTORY			
<u>Year</u>	<u>Net Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Ratio</u>	<u>Estimated 100% Valuation</u>
2005	2,597,832,640	81.2%	3,199,301,281
2004	2,564,980,115	88.0%	2,914,750,131
2003 B	2,518,345,722	95.1%	2,648,102,757
2002 B	2,277,836,112	95.6%	2,382,673,757
2001 B	1,899,727,513	88%	2,158,781,265
2000 B	1,643,048,010	94%	1,747,923,415
1999	1,231,725,151	76%	1,620,690,988
1998	1,191,204,781	87%	1,369,200,898
1997	1,148,689,607	92%	1,248,575,660
1996	1,094,869,695	96%	1,140,489,266
1995 B	1,071,829,370	97%	1,104,978,732
1994	1,116,283,912	95%	1,175,035,697
1993 A	1,140,969,487	94%	1,213,797,327
1992	1,634,805,805	134%	1,220,004,332
1991	1,631,537,851	123%	1,326,453,537
1990	1,623,054,803	105%	1,545,766,479
1989 B	1,609,532,654	100%	1,609,532,654
1988	628,790,284	42%	1,497,119,724
1987	590,884,826	43%	1,374,150,758
1986	536,460,879	47%	1,141,406,126
1985	476,434,301	58%	821,438,450
1984	433,028,396	69%	627,577,386
1983	403,180,435	73%	552,301,966
1982	388,767,938	77%	504,893,426
1981	363,434,663	81%	448,684,769
1980	359,864,537	87%	413,637,399
A - Reflects general 30% valuation reduction			
B - Reflects property revaluation			

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, ESTIMATED REVENUES, AND PROPERTY TAX ASSESSED FOR 2005	
<u>Appropriations</u>	
Election and voter registration	29,066
Property revaluation	309,266
Community development	831,186
General government building maintenance	329,871
Other general government	1,848,158
Police	4,436,427
Fire and ambulance	4,300,438
Emergency management	8,538
Other public safety	649,419
Public works administration	317,628
Highways and streets	1,879,893
Other highways and streets	420,041
Solid waste disposal	1,335,126
Sewage collection and disposal	3,079,925
Health agencies	81,702
Welfare administration and direct assistance	77,575
Parks and recreation	1,203,188
Library	1,212,773
Patriotic purposes	32,500
Other culture and recreation	219,599
Conservation - administration	15,600
Conservation - Milfoil treatment program	10,000
Economic development	15,000
Principal - long-term bonds and lease obligations	508,643
Interest - long-term bonds and lease obligations	269,366
Interest - tax anticipation notes	1
Land	1
Machinery, vehicles, and equipment	501,361
Buildings	159,501
Improvements other than buildings	275,000
Transfer to capital reserve funds	1,589,000
Transfer to other expendable trust funds	13,300
Total appropriations	25,959,092

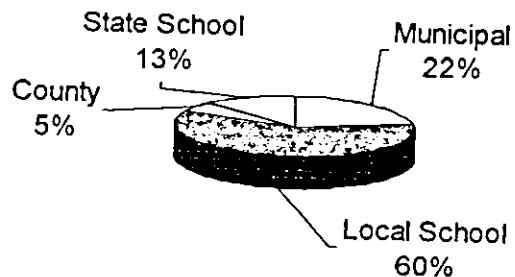
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, ESTIMATED REVENUES, AND PROPERTY TAX ASSESSED FOR 2005	
<u>Estimated Revenues</u>	
Timber yield taxes	10,000
Cable television franchise tax	305,000
Interest and penalties on delinquent taxes	216,025
Motor vehicle permit fees	4,300,000
Building permits	150,000
Other licenses and permits	202,242
State shared revenue	209,919
State meals and rooms tax distribution	957,093
State highway block grant	500,000
State water pollution grants	72,452
Other state aid	305,078
Charges for services	5,021,699
Sale of municipal property	22,500
Interest on deposits and investments	534,500
Payments in lieu of taxes	3,900
Trust funds	2,000
General Fund fund balance	553,433
Other sources	<u>110,755</u>
Total estimated revenues	13,476,596
<u>Property Tax Assessed</u>	
Total appropriations	25,959,092
Total estimated revenues	<u>13,476,596</u>
Net municipal appropriations	12,482,496
Tax overlay	420,599
War service tax credits	<u>406,600</u>
Net municipal assessment	13,309,695
Net local school assessment	35,837,671
Net county assessment	3,183,019
State education assessment	<u>7,528,966</u>
Total municipal, local school, and county assessments	59,859,351

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, ESTIMATED REVENUES,
AND PROPERTY TAX ASSESSED FOR 2005**

		Assessed Valuation	
<u>Tax Rate Computation</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>(\$1,000's)</u>	<u>Tax Rate*</u>
Municipal	13,309,695	2,597,832.640	5.11
Local School	35,837,671	2,597,832.640	13.80
County	3,183,019	2,597,832.640	1.23
State School	<u>7,528,966</u>	2,573,038.240	<u>2.93</u>
Total	59,859,351		23.07

* Tax rate – assessment divided by property valuation

2005 Property Tax Rate



2005 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION			
		Assessed Valuation	
		Taxable	Total
Land:	Acres		
Current use	3,266.74	437,730	
Discretionary Preservation Easement	0.07	100	
Residential	8,184.70	685,807,100	
Commercial/industrial	2,463.37	161,548,100	
Total taxable land	13,914.88	847,793,030	847,793,030
Tax exempt and non taxable	5,175.11		64,724,300
Buildings:			
Residential		1,396,990,795	
Manufactured housing		8,266,600	
Commercial/industrial		350,501,115	
Discretionary Preservation Easement		5,300	
Total of taxable buildings		1,755,763,810	1,755,763,810
Tax exempt and non taxable			131,397,600
Public utilities:			
Water		2,561,900	
Gas		7,050,200	
Electric		15,182,300	
Total public utilities		24,794,400	24,794,400
Total valuation before exemptions		2,628,351,240	2,824,473,140
Exemptions:	Number		
Blind	10	150,000	
Elderly	293	26,957,200	
Disabled - veterans	2	668,100	
Disabled - other	37	2,723,800	
Handicapped	3	19,500	
Total exemptions	345	30,518,600	
Net valuation on which municipal, county, and local school tax rates are computed		2,597,832,640	
Less public utilities		24,794,400	
Net valuation on which state school tax rate is computed		2,573,038,240	

Tax Collector's Report - Merrimack, NH
Summary of Tax Accounts
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005

Uncollected Taxes

Beginning of Fiscal Year:		2005	2004	2003
Property Taxes	#3110		\$ 4,169,353.74	\$ 5,771.90
Residential Sewer	#3189		\$ 39,082.00	\$ 67.00
Hydrant	#3189		\$ 3,356.00	\$ (0.46)
Current Use	#3120		\$ 11,000.00	\$ 8,500.00
Yield Tax	#3185			\$ 2,509.00
Commercial Sewer	#3189		\$ 7,913.09	\$ 11,284.84
In Lieu of Taxes	#3110		\$ 2,563.00	
Excavation Tax	#3187			\$ 50.00

Taxes Committed to Collector

During Fiscal Year:				
Property Taxes	#3110	\$28,910,298.00	\$31,309,288.00	
Residential Sewer	#3189	\$ 431,463.00	\$ 319,378.00	
Hydrant	#3189	\$ 19,833.00	\$ 18,377.00	
Current Use	#3120	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 345,612.00	
Yield Tax	#3185		\$ 46,166.00	\$ 650.00
Commercial Sewer	#3189	\$ 28,393.18	\$ 197,114.28	
In Lieu of Taxes	#3110	\$ 2,832.00	\$ 3,101.00	
Excavation Tax	#3187		\$ 600.00	

Overpayments:

Property Taxes	#3110	\$ 6,265.99	\$ 132,560.78	
Residential Sewer	#3189	\$ 88.00	\$ 6,769.56	
Hydrant	#3189			
Current Use	#3120		\$ 10.85	
Yield Tax	#3185			
Commercial Sewer	#3189		\$ 69.62	\$ 39.45
Excavation Tax	#3187			
Prepayments	#3110	\$ 9,153.00	\$ (5,595.92)	

Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes:

#3190	\$ 11.50	\$ 115,437.49	\$ 1,496.29
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Penalties Collected on Delinquent Taxes:

#3190		\$ 10,020.00	\$ 588.50
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Other Credits - Deed Reverse

\$ 2,500.00

Total Debits

\$29,417,337.67 \$36,732,176.49 \$ 33,456.52

Tax Collector's Report - Merrimack, NH
Summary of Tax Accounts
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005

	2005	2004	2003
Remitted to Treasurer			
During Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	\$23,460,823.66	\$35,023,685.79	\$ 1,316.90
Residential Sewer	\$ 360,860.58	\$ 358,402.09	\$ 67.00
Hydrant	\$ 15,499.00	\$ 21,567.00	\$ (0.46)
Current Use	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 213,251.31	\$ 8,500.00
Yield Tax		\$ 14,434.00	\$ 3,004.00
Commercial Sewer		\$ 193,020.39	\$ 9,499.10
In Lieu of Taxes	\$ 2,832.00	\$ 5,664.00	
Excavation		\$ 600.00	\$ 50.00
Excavation Activity			
Interest	\$ 11.50	\$ 76,271.75	\$ 816.05
Costs/Penalties		\$ 1,880.73	\$ 187.00
Abatements Allowed:			
Property Taxes		\$ 9,482.19	
Residential Sewer	\$ 88.00	\$ 201.50	
Hydrant			
Current Use		\$ 24,500.00	
Yield Tax		\$ 27,152.00	\$ 155.00
Commercial Sewer		\$ 335.09	\$ 0.15
In Lieu of Taxes			
Excavation			
Excavation Activity			
In Lieu of Taxes			
Discrepancy		\$ 0.30	
Tax Liens Executed During Year:		\$ 625,192.26	\$ 7,361.78
Deeds to Town During Year:			\$ 2,500.00
Uncollected Taxes			
End of Fiscal Year	#1080		
Property Taxes	\$ 5,464,893.33	\$ 1,343.04	
Residential Sewer	\$ 70,602.42		
Hydrant	\$ 4,334.00		
Current Use		\$ 118,871.54	
Yield Tax		\$ 4,580.00	
Commercial Sewer	\$ 28,393.18	\$ 11,741.51	
In Lieu of Taxes			
Excavation			
Excavation Activity			
Total Credits	\$29,417,337.67	\$36,732,176.49	\$ 33,456.52

Tax Collector's Report - Merrimack, NH
Summary of Tax Accounts
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005

	2004	2003	Prior
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes Beginning of Fiscal Year		\$ 380,905.72	\$169,288.31
Tax Liens Executed to Town During Fiscal Year	\$ 625,074.62	\$ 7,361.78	
Deed Reversal			\$ 4,532.92
Interest Collected After Lien Execution	\$ 3,625.50	\$ 36,510.85	\$ 37,549.20
Collected Redemption Costs	\$ 357.88	\$ 2,778.05	\$ 2,929.53
Overpayments	\$ 201.99	\$ 7.07	
Total Debits:	\$ 629,259.99	\$ 427,563.47	\$214,299.96
Remittance to Treasurer During Fiscal Year			
Redemptions	\$ 260,836.73	\$ 268,379.36	\$110,155.07
Interest and Costs	\$ 3,983.38	\$ 39,288.90	\$ 40,478.73
Abatelements Allowed:	\$ 73.96	\$ 191.13	\$ 55.99
Deeded to Town During Year (Taxes, Interest, & Costs)			\$ 4,532.92
Unredeemed Taxes End of Fiscal Year #1110	\$ 364,365.92	\$ 119,704.08	\$ 59,006.62
Total Credits:	\$ 629,259.99	\$ 427,563.47	\$214,229.33

Town Clerk's Report

Year Ending - June 30, 2005

Submitted by Town Clerk/Tax Collector Diane Pollock Trippett

Town Agent Fee	\$	71,451.00
Auto Registration Fees	\$	4,268,081.00
Bad Check Fees	\$	1,833.84
Boat Town	\$	20,955.43
Boat Agent Fees	\$	775.50
Certified Copies 1st - state	\$	3,048.00
Certified Copies 1st - town	\$	1,524.00
Certified Copies - Sub. State	\$	4,155.00
Certified Copies - Sub. Town	\$	2,493.00
Civil Forfeiture	\$	9,320.00
State Dog License Fees	\$	9,417.00
Town Dog License Fees	\$	21,608.00
State Marriage License Fees	\$	4,256.00
Town Marriage License Fees	\$	784.00
Miscellaneous	\$	3,484.94
Mail-in Program Fee	\$	25,390.50
Cash Over	\$	189.00
Parking Fines	\$	335.00
Cash Short	\$	(75.05)
Title Application Fees	\$	12,667.00
UCC Filing	\$	8,960.00
UCC Search & Copy	\$	260.00
UCC Terminations & Changes	\$	90.00
 Total Collected	 \$	 <u>4,471,003.16</u>
 Total Remitted to Treasurer	 \$	 <u>4,471,003.16</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Pollock Trippett

Treasurer's Report

POOLED CASH ACCOUNT

Balance - July 1, 2004	34,239,011.76
Receipts:	
General Government	89,879.10
Fire Protection Area	37,098.53
Cable Television	298,730.19
Assessing	7,024.50
Fire and Ambulance	487,193.87
Police	463,415.75
Highway	0.00
Public Works Administration	127.00
Solid Waste Disposal	313,315.86
Wastewater Treatment	3,744,428.23
Parks and Recreation	213,045.45
Community Development	269,718.43
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	64,003,105.47
Welfare	22,975.33
Interest on pooled deposits and investments	498,469.94
Bond proceeds	23,384.00
Federal and state aid	1,771,460.22
Private grants	41,398.88
Trust fund reimbursements	2,670,657.50
Other expense reimbursements	<u>2,103,040.88</u>
Total receipts	<u>77,058,469.13</u>
Total cash available	111,297,480.89
Less Selectmen's orders paid	<u>73,859,471.77</u>
Balance - June 30, 2005	37,438,009.12

The cash in each fund is pooled for investment purposes. Interest earned on pooled deposits and investments is allocated to each fund on the basis of its relative average monthly equity in the pooled account. Fund equities in pooled cash at June 30, 2005, and interest earned by each fund during the year then ended, are as follows.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Equity</u>
General Fund	367,351.08	29,933,042.76
Sewer	115,368.29	6,482,645.45
Cable Television	7,176.74	435,839.49
Fire Protection Area	903.20	43,763.18
Solid Waste Disposal	-	-
DARE	-	-
Greens Pond	-	-
Heritage	186.92	13,287.99
Conservation-80 Acres	153.78	8,437.85
Conservation - Land Use Change Tax	6,719.00	497,167.83
Conservation-Special	<u>610.93</u>	<u>23,824.57</u>
Total	498,469.94	37,438,009.12

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NH ON JUNE 30, 2005

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REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NH ON JUNE 30, 2005

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF FUND INVESTED	TRUST FUND	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	NEW FUNDS CREATED	CASH GAINS OR LOSSES	WITHDRAWALS	BALANCE END YEAR	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	INCOME DURING YEAR PERCENT AMOUNT	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END YEAR	GRAND TOTAL OF PRINCIPAL & INCOME
1900	PERPETUAL CARE	VARIOUS	48.03%	\$131,152.01		\$1,601.56		\$132,753.57	\$188,907.73	\$16,711.42	\$6,048.12	\$199,571.03	\$332,324.60
1917-26-5-PATTERSON, LAWRENCE													
1854/1921	GAGE & CARROLL	VARIOUS	3.12%	\$8,462.64		\$103.34		\$8,565.98	\$2,516.21	\$1,078.31	\$895.21	\$2,698.31	\$11,265.29
1951	GEORGE CARROLL	SCHOOL	34.06%	\$92,471.55		\$1,129.21		\$93,600.76	\$27,782.05	\$11,782.74	\$9,782.05	\$29,265.15	\$122,865.91
1925	SHELD HARRIS	FIRE DEPT.	14.75%	\$40,050.45		\$489.07		\$40,539.52	\$36,458.88	\$5,103.34	\$0.00	\$41,562.12	\$82,131.64
	FUND A TOTALS	VARIOUS	100.00%	\$272,201.55		\$3,323.97		\$275,525.52	\$255,324.90	\$34,683.98	\$16,725.38	\$273,283.50	\$548,809.02
				\$272,201.55				\$275,525.52					
1960	PERPETUAL CARE	VARIOUS	68.07%	\$19,919.09		\$3,332.90		\$23,251.99	\$21,057.90	\$2,238.68	\$2,267.46	\$21,057.90	\$44,318.89
1964	LAWRENCE	SCHOOL	29.01%	\$8,062.15		\$1,230.28		\$9,292.43	\$2,806.34	\$953.99	\$1,049.17	\$2,811.16	\$12,103.59
1960	STOCKLEY	SCHOOL	2.92%	\$810.72		\$142.82		\$953.54	\$378.10	\$93.93	\$83.77	\$390.26	\$1,343.80
	FUND B TOTALS	VARIOUS	100.00%	\$27,791.96		\$4,696.00		\$32,687.96	\$23,436.45	\$3,288.60	\$3,400.40	\$23,324.55	\$56,012.61
				\$27,791.96				\$32,687.96					
1965	HARRY WATKINS	SCHOOL	100.00%	\$331,610.51		\$309.83		\$331,920.34	\$90,445.01	\$26,016.87	\$21,759.48	\$94,702.40	\$426,622.74
				\$331,610.51				\$331,920.34					
	COMMON FUND TOTALS			\$631,604.02	\$0.00	\$8,529.80		\$640,133.82	\$369,206.36	\$63,989.45	\$41,885.26	\$391,310.55	\$1,031,444.37

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NH ON JUNE 30, 2005

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	NOW INVESTED	PRINCIPAL			BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	BALANCE END YEAR	INCOME DURING YEAR	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END YEAR	GRAND TOTAL OF PRINCIPAL & INCOME
				BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	NEW FUNDS CREATED	WIDOWS/DAUGHTERS GAINS OR LOSSES						
FUND D												
1945	HARRY WATKINS	PRIER SPEAKING FUND	1.80%	\$2,778.84		(\$536.03)	\$2,242.81	\$9,440.24	\$185.37	\$0.00	\$9,625.61	\$11,868.42
1945	HARRY WATKINS	PRIER SPEAKING FUND	0.85%	\$1,458.23		(\$281.29)	\$1,176.94	\$5,402.69	\$97.28	\$352.98	\$5,146.99	\$6,323.33
1969	EVERETT PARKER	GENERAL MAINT.	2.23%	\$3,409.05		(\$657.59)	\$2,751.46	\$4,675.32	\$227.41	\$0.00	\$4,902.73	\$7,654.19
		Cemetery							\$0.00			
1971	GRIFFIN FENCE FUND	MAINTENANCE OF FENCE	4.40%	\$6,729.99		(\$1,298.19)	\$5,431.80	\$28,694.36	\$448.95	\$0.00	\$29,143.31	\$34,575.11
									\$0.00			
1976	RIED CEMETERY	PERPETUAL CARE	0.40%	\$613.83		(\$118.41)	\$495.42	\$1,716.91	\$40.95	\$0.00	\$1,757.86	\$2,251.28
1976	GRIFFIN LOT CARE	SCHOOL	40.71%	\$62,250.62		(\$12,607.87)	\$49,642.75	\$158,769.23	\$4,152.64	\$32,974.40	\$125,947.47	\$180,130.22
1960	WATKINS FOREST	SCHOOL & TOWN		\$1,575.00			\$1,575.00	\$5,725.00	\$4,945.40	\$4,580.30	\$56,090.30	\$211,900.18
1965	WATKINS FOREST	SCHOOL	48.48%	\$74,134.36	\$125,975.71	(\$14,300.19)	\$185,809.88	\$1,074.69	\$103.58	\$0.00	\$11,178.28	\$12,331.07
1970	WATKINS FOREST INCOME	VARIOUS	1.02%	\$1,552.87		(\$299.54)	\$1,253.33	\$31,399.42	\$5,571.58	\$0.00	\$56,970.46	\$199,542.97
1945	SHEDD HARRIS FUND	FIRE PREVENTION		\$140,505.48		\$2,687.01	\$143,192.49	\$395,699.86	\$15,772.65	\$37,907.48	\$273,765.03	\$687,336.92
1945	SHEDD HARRIS FUND	FIRE PREVENTION	100.00%	\$295,028.27	\$125,975.71	(\$27,412.09)	\$393,591.89					
		TOTAL FUND D										

REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NH ON JUNE 30, 2005

# SHARES OR UNITS	DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT (NAMES OF BANKS, STOCKS, BONDS, ETC.)	PRINCIPAL					INCOME					GRAND TOTAL OF PRINCIPAL & INCOME
		BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	ADDITIONS PURCHASES	PROCEEDS FROM SALES	GAINS OR LOSSES FROM SALES	BALANCE END YEAR	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	INCOME DURING YEAR	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END YEAR		
	FUND A		\$5,796.24			\$5,796.24						
	PLEST BANK, SAVINGS ACT.#091-012657-2	\$0.00										
	NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC DEPOSIT INVESTMENT POOL (NH-01-137-1)	\$0.00										
	AMERICAN EXPRESS - BROKERAGE	\$2,433.11				\$2,433.11		\$96.69				
	24 AGERS SYSTEMS INC.	\$2,544.39				\$2,544.39		\$159.54				
	840 AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	\$13,034.29		\$6.24		\$13,034.29		\$0.00				
	138 AT&T WIRELESS	\$2,466.03				\$2,466.03		\$1,131.16				
	39 AVAYA INC.	\$0.00		\$503.97		\$503.97		\$0.00				
	782 BP AMOCO P.L.C.	\$14,626.68				\$14,626.68		\$0.00				
	1200 CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$9,525.69				\$9,525.69		\$1,482.62				
	1200 CHEVRON TEXACO	\$13,049.50				\$13,049.50		\$480.00				
	702 COMCAST CORP.	\$1,539.27				\$1,539.27		\$1,980.00				
	379 DOLPHI AUTOMOTIVE	\$2,458.73				\$2,458.73		\$3,823.57				
	1135-54 DOMINION RESOURCES, INC	\$15,923.96				\$15,923.96		\$66.96				
	1200 DUPONT GENEMOURS COMPANY	\$10,410.40				\$10,410.40		\$2,941.44				
	2000 DURE ENERGY COMPANY	\$11,367.37				\$11,367.37		\$1,704.00				
	700 ELECTRONIC DATA SYSTEMS CORP.	\$20,502.80				\$20,502.80		\$2,200.00				
	1448 ENTERPRISE PRODUCTS PARTNERS L.P. (FORMALLY GULFTERRA)	\$0.00				\$0.00		\$140.00				
	1200 GENERAL ELECTRIC CORP.	\$12,372.53				\$12,372.53		\$2,312.84				
	400 GENERAL MOTORS CORP.	\$14,775.69				\$14,775.69		\$1,008.00				
	1600 HERSHEY FOODS CORP.	\$0.00				\$0.00		\$830.00				
	5 NEWS CORP. LTD. ADP	\$0.00				\$0.00		\$1,408.00				
	500 JOHNSON & JOHNSON CORP	\$11,726.88				\$11,726.88		\$22.49				
	3440 KELLOGG COMPANY	\$6,691.81				\$6,691.81		\$592.50				
	900 LOECENT TECHNOLOGIES	\$0.00				\$0.00		\$3,474.40				
	377 MIRANT CORP.	\$432.74				\$432.74		\$0.00				
	46,408 NCR CORPORATION	\$0.00				\$0.00		\$0.00				
	2000 PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS CO.	\$13,705.09				\$13,705.09		\$1,750.00				
	600 PEPCO HOLDINGS, INC. FORMALLY POTOMAC ELECTRIC	\$0.00				\$0.00		\$8,982.45				
	36 RAYTHEON COMPANY	\$1,773.51				\$1,773.51		\$1,750.00				
	946 RELIANT RESOURCES	\$5,000.75				\$5,000.75		\$400.00				
	341 SCOTTISH POWER PLC	\$25,150.58				\$25,150.58		\$29.52				
	1400 SOUTHERN CO.	\$0.00				\$0.00		\$0.00				
	60 TEXAS GUNCO HOLDINGS	\$11,139.23				\$11,139.23		\$524.67				
	2200 VERIZON	\$0.00				\$0.00		\$2,023.00				
	500 WAL MART STORES INC.	\$12,707.28				\$12,707.28		\$30.00				
	562 WEYERHAEUSER COMPANY	\$15,486.22				\$15,486.22		\$3,432.00				
	2400 WYETH CORP.	\$272,201.55				\$272,201.55		\$280.00				
	TOTALS FUND A		\$5,796.24		\$3,323.97	\$275,525.52		\$28,482.45				
	NOTES/COMMENTS: NCR CORP. SPLIT 2 FOR 1.							\$280.00				
	AGERS CLASS A & B COMBINED AND A REVERSE SPLIT 1 FOR 10.							\$955.40				
	CINGULAR BOUGHT AT&T WIRELESS.							\$2,238.00				
	GULFTERRA ENERGY PARTNERS(800 SH) NOW ENTERPRISE PRODUCTS.							\$255,374.90				
								\$34,693.98				
								\$16,725.38				
								\$273,283.50				
								\$540,809.02				

REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NH ON JUNE 30, 2005

# SHARE OR UNITS	DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT (NAMES OF BANKS, STOCKS, BONDS, ETC.)	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR		ADDITIONS PURCHASES		CAPITAL GAINS		PROCEEDS FROM SALES		GAINS OR (LOSSES) FROM SALES		BALANCE END YEAR		BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR		INCOME DURING YEAR		EXPENDED DURING YEAR		BALANCE END YEAR	GRAND TOTAL OF PRINCIPAL & INCOME
FUND B																					
	FLEET BANK, SAVINGS ACT.#091-012656-4		\$256.71									\$256.71					\$9.83				
	NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC DEPOSIT INVESTMENT POOL NH-01-137-2		\$5,119.02									\$5,119.02					\$24.70				
	AMERICAN EXPRESS BROKERAGE		\$0.00	\$4,896.00								\$0.00					\$31.21				
	500 AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY		\$8,409.22									\$8,409.22					\$700.00				
	196 TD BANKNORTH GROUP CORP.		\$0.00			\$4,896.00	\$4,896.00					\$0.00		\$5,488.00			\$279.20			\$9,363.68	
	94 TORONTO DOMINION BANK		\$0.00									\$0.00		\$3,875.68			25.36			\$5,537.95	
	300 ENERGY EAST CORP.		\$0.00									\$0.00		\$5,527.95			\$325.50			\$9,503.65	
	2080 TECO ENERGY INC.		\$14,007.01									\$14,007.01		\$1,580.80			\$158.80			\$9,503.65	
	200 VERIZON CORP.		\$0.00									\$0.00		\$9,503.65			\$312.00			\$9,503.65	
	FUND B TOTAL		\$27,791.96	\$4,896.00	\$4,896.00	\$4,896.00						\$32,687.96		\$23,436.45			\$3,288.60		\$3,400.40	\$23,324.65	\$56,012.61

REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NH ON JUNE 30, 2005

# SHARES OR UNITS	HOW INVESTED DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT (NAMES OF BANKS, STOCKS, BONDS, ETC.)	PRINCIPAL				INCOME				GRAND TOTAL OF PRINCIPAL & INCOME
		BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	ADDITIONS PURCHASES	PROCEEDS FROM SALES	GAINS OR (LOSSES) FROM SALES	BALANCE END YEAR	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	INCOME DURING YEAR	BALANCE END YEAR	
	FUND C									
	FLEET BANK, SAVINGS ACT #091-012655-6	\$0.00				\$0.00		\$325.62		
	NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC DEPOSIT INVESTMENT POOL NH-01-137-3	\$144.21	\$1,365.00			\$1,509.21		\$10.55		
	AMERICAN EXPRESS BROKERAGE ACCOUNT	\$0.00				\$0.00		\$103.57		
2000	AES CORP.	\$32,982.57				\$32,982.57		\$0.00		
1000	ALLIANCE POWER SYSTEM, INC.	\$11,477.28				\$11,477.28		\$0.00		
\$07.6	AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	\$7,748.92				\$7,748.92		\$710.64		
57 A	T & T	\$1,371.85				\$1,371.85		\$54.16		
91	AT&T WIRELESS	\$1,255.17				\$1,255.17		\$0.00		
3000	BELL SOUTH	\$15,838.50				\$15,838.50		\$3,240.00		
92	COMCAST INC.	\$2,291.49				\$2,291.49		\$0.00		
1125	KEYSPAN ENERGY	\$9,461.70				\$9,461.70		\$2,025.02		
460	CH ENERGY GROUP INC.	\$10,295.59				\$10,295.59		\$993.60		
1200	FORTUNE BRANDS	\$9,743.67				\$9,743.67		\$1,584.00		
149	FREESCALE SEMICONDUCTOR B	\$0.00				\$0.00		\$0.00		
1200	GALLAHER GROUP PLC	\$5,678.41				\$5,678.41		\$2,776.44		
6900	GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY	\$9,681.65				\$9,681.65		\$5,040.00		
800	GILLETTE CO.	\$29,344.95				\$29,344.95		\$520.00		
1040	MAYTAG COMPANY	\$14,547.28				\$14,547.28	\$8,427.82	\$627.18	\$9,055.00	
500	MBIA INC.	\$12,909.10				\$12,909.10		\$680.40		
1350	MOTOROLA INC.	\$25,560.50				\$25,560.50		\$500.00		
700	PFIZER INC.	\$42,059.07				\$42,059.07		\$216.00		
600	PERCO HOLDINGS (formerly POTOMAC ELECTRIC POWER)	\$0.00				\$0.00		\$504.00	\$30,450.00	
1120.7	PROCTER & GAMBLE COMPANY	\$13,705.09				\$13,705.09		\$600.00		
900	PROGRESS ENERGY CORP.	\$27,101.88				\$27,101.88		\$1,162.49	\$8,975.18	
1034	SBC COMMUNICATIONS INC.	\$10,661.15				\$10,661.15		\$2,097.00		
10 J. M.	SMUCKER CO.	\$14,782.55				\$14,782.55		\$1,336.04		
401.397	TEXAS UTILITIES COMPANY	\$349.47				\$349.47		\$10.20		
532	QUEST COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL INC.	\$4,458.90				\$4,458.90		\$556.65	\$12,492.86	
400	WISCONSIN ENERGY CORPORATION	\$7,360.78				\$7,360.78		\$0.00		
		\$10,697.28				\$10,697.28		\$344.00		
	FUND C TOTAL	\$331,610.51				\$331,610.51		\$26,017.56	\$21,759.48	\$426,623.43
	NOTES: FREESCALE SEMICONDUCTOR B SPUN-OFF FROM MOTOROLA.									

REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NH ON JUNE 30, 2005

* SHARES OR UNITS	HOW INVESTED DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT (NAMES OF BANKS, STOCKS, BONDS, ETC.)	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			GRAND TOTAL		
		BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	ADDITIONS PURCHASES	PROCEEDS FROM SALES	GAINS OR (LOSSES) FROM SALES	BALANCE END YEAR	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	INCOME DURING YEAR	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END YEAR
	FUND D	\$12,957.98				\$12,957.98		\$1,817.68		
	FLEET BANK, SAVINGS ACT #935-864098-6	\$0.00				\$0.00		\$308.75		\$3,660.81
	NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC DEPOSIT INVESTMENT POOL NH-01-137-4	\$0.00	\$128,871.94			\$128,871.94	\$0.00	\$326.90		\$3,660.81
	AMERICAN EXPRESS BROKERAGE	\$1,944.04		\$1.23		\$1,942.81	\$75.37	\$0.00		\$25,390.02
	14 AGERS SYSTEMS	\$0.00				\$0.00	\$25,390.02	\$114.00		\$25,390.02
	1350 AQUILA INC.	\$5,043.39				\$5,043.39		\$0.00		\$0.00
	120 AT&T CORP.	\$3,879.15				\$3,879.15		\$0.00		\$0.00
	193 AT&T WIRELESS INC.	\$0.00			(\$984.15)	\$0.00		\$1,296.00		\$1,296.00
	43 AVAYA INC.	\$17,809.50				\$17,809.50		\$0.00		\$0.00
	1200 BELLSOUTH CORP.	\$18,625.11				\$18,625.11		\$0.00		\$0.00
	800 COCA COLA CO.	\$8,439.24				\$8,439.24		\$0.00		\$0.00
	194 COMCAST INC.	\$17,156.32				\$17,156.32		\$0.00		\$0.00
	1200 DISNEY WALT CO	\$28,514.95			(\$28,514.95)	\$0.00	\$20,244.00	\$177.50		\$25,669.57
	1400 ENRON CORP.	\$0.00				\$0.00	\$26,794.95	\$185.00		\$26,794.95
	500 PPL GROUP INC.	\$0.00				\$0.00		\$12.00		\$0.00
	500 HOME DEPOT INC.	\$1,509.28				\$1,509.28		\$0.00		\$0.00
	30 INMATION CORP.	\$10,180.62				\$10,180.62		\$0.00		\$0.00
	800 LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES	\$15,092.83				\$15,092.83		\$0.00		\$0.00
	600 MINNESOTA MINING MANUFACTURING CO.	\$869.82				\$869.82		\$0.00		\$0.00
	25 NCR	\$4,661.56				\$4,661.56	\$25,669.57	\$684.00		\$33,644.95
	1200 TECO ENERGY CORP.	\$0.00				\$0.00	\$33,644.95	\$1,524.60		\$33,644.95
	462 CHEVRONTXACO INC.	\$6,244.00				\$6,244.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
	200 WASHINGTON MUTUAL INC.	\$140,505.48				\$142,592.49	\$46,594.95	\$5,571.06		\$52,166.01
	SHEDD HARRIS FUND (MUTUAL FUND PORTION ONLY)	\$1,575.00	\$2,087.01			\$1,575.00		\$0.00		\$1,575.00
	WATKINS TOWN FOREST	\$1,575.00	\$125,975.71			\$1,575.00		\$1,343.16		\$1,343.16
	INCOME-T-BILLS	\$295,008.27	\$125,975.71	\$2,087.01	(\$29,499.10)	\$393,571.89	\$295,899.86	\$15,772.65	\$17,907.48	\$273,765.03
	TOTAL FUND D			\$1,896.23						

NOTES :-

Department Contacts

Assessing**424-5136**

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Administrative Assessor Anne Whitney

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)**424-3690**

Director Steve Bachand

Community Development**424-3531**

Director Walter Warren

Building & Health Official David Mark

Health Officer Cec Curran

Planning & Zoning Admin. Diane Hardy

Finance Department**424-7075**

Finance Administrator Robert Levan

Deputy Administrator Paul Micali

Fire Department**424-3690**

Chief William H. Pepler

Assistant Chief David Parenti

Human Resources**424-2331**

Coordinator Sharon Beland

Library**424-5021**

Director Janet D. Angus

Media Services**423-8561**

Coordinator Nicholas Lavallee

Parks and Recreation**882-1046**

Director Michael Housman

Police Department**424-3774**

Chief William Mulligan

Deputy Chief Paul Stavenger

Public Works Department**424-5137**

Director Ed Chase

Deputy Director David Lent

Public Works – Building and Grounds**423-8559**

Phil F. Meschino

Public Works - Highway**423-8551**

Operations Manager Kyle Fox

Public Works – Transfer Station/Recycling**424-2064**

Foreman Steven Doumas

Public Works - Wastewater Treatment Facility**883-8196**

Assistant Director James Taylor

Technology**424-8557**

Coordinator William C. Miller

Town Clerk/Tax Collector**424-3651**

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Diane Pollock Trippett

Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Linda Hall

Town Manager/Selectmen's Office**424-2331**

Executive Secretary Brenda Cloutier

Welfare**424-7075**

Welfare Administrator Patricia Murphy

Adopt-A-Road/Adopt-A-Spot Programs 2005 Annual Report

Submitted by Highway Office Coordinator Bruce W. Moreau

We are pleased to provide this report of the volunteer Adopt-A-Road and Adopt-A-Spot Programs. Adopt-A-Road allows persons, organizations, or businesses to 'adopt' all or part of Town roads for the purpose of litter pick up. Adopt-A-Spot allows persons, organizations, or businesses to 'adopt' areas of Town-owned property for light maintenance and improvement. Sponsor plates recognizing the volunteers are posted at each of the adopted spots and areas of roadway. Adopt-A-Road sponsors are asked to perform their roadside litter clean-up every spring and fall. Adopt-A-Spot sponsors perform their work on a fairly ongoing basis.

We offer all of our participants a very big THANK YOU!

Our 2005 Volunteers

American Legion Post 98 – Baboosic Lake Road
American Legion Auxiliary – Hillside Terrace and Church Street
Bailey's Towing & Autobody – Back River Road
Boy Scouts of America - Troop 15 – Naticook Road
Boy Scouts of America - Troop 401 – Pearson Road
Carlson/GMAC Real Estate – Turkey Hill Road
Charlie McCaffery - Carlson/GMAC Real Estate – Wire Road
College Mums – Baboosic Lake Road
The Debelis Family – Meetinghouse Road
The F. Thornton Family – Atherton Road
Bob Ferguson – Bedford Road
Heron Cove Homeowners – Manchester Street
Hickory Hollow Farm – County Road
Tony Holevas – Danforth Road
Knights of Columbus - Queen of Peace Council – Baboosic Lake Road
LCM Remodeling – Amherst Road
Merrimack Conservation Commission – Lawrence Road
Merrimack Crimeline – Daniel Webster Highway
Merrimack High School FIRST Robotics – O'Gara Drive and McElwain Street
Merrimack Veterinary Hospital – Seaverns Bridge Road
Merrimack Village District – Greens Pond Road
Warren & Nancy Pease – Peaslee Road
Reagh Greenleaf, Sr. – Camp Sargent Road
Tom Howe Septic Systems – Patten Road
Transupport, Inc. – Wright Avenue
The Whitney Family – Trowbridge Road

The Adopt programs have been very successful, but we do have more 'orphans' that need 'parents.' For further information and applications, interested persons, businesses, or groups may contact Bruce Moreau at (603)423-8551 or our Public Works Administration at (603)424-5137.

Assessing Department 2005 Annual Report

Submitted by Assessor Brett S. Purvis

The Merrimack Assessor's office had another productive year. We have installed a software revision to the Patriot Properties' appraisal program. This new updated version has advanced programs for the ratio/sales study, sketch program, data-entry information, plus many more advanced features on this system. The average home assessment for 2005 was \$251,200.

Michael Rotast and Danielle Irish, our field assessors, have been out to visit more than 2,900 properties for the review of new construction completion dates from the prior year and measuring and listing the last section of Town for the yearly update program. Make sure you stop by the Assessing Department and take a look at your assessment information. We have two self-serve computers located on the counter for the public's use. You may also purchase a copy of your property card for a small fee.

At the Town Meeting held in 2004, the community voted on Warrant Articles 16, 17, and 18 to increase the tax credit amounts with an effective date of **April 1, 2005**. We have reviewed 1,194 applications.

- Veteran during wartime/conflict active service time from \$100 to \$300
- Service connected total disability from \$1,400 to \$2,000
- Surviving spouse of veteran who died while on active duty from \$700 to \$2,000

We reviewed 343 exemption applications including blind, improvements to assist persons with disabilities, elderly, and disabled taxpayers. The community voted at the 2005 Town meeting to increase the elderly income limitation amounts under Warrant Articles 21 and 22 with an effective date of **April 1, 2006**.

- Single income: \$35,000 changed to \$45,000
- Married combined income: \$45,000 changed to \$60,000

We reviewed 183 parcels under the current use program with the latest rule change (grade, location and site quality) in the forest category from the State of New Hampshire Current Use Advisory Board.

The Town of Merrimack is reviewing assessment procedures with the State Department of Revenue using the standards set in place for our certification in 2006. One of the procedures will be updating all assessments to market value. This update will provide the Town with a continual fair assessment/tax base.

Again, we express our thanks to the many taxpayers, appraisers, and real estate agents in the community, who worked with the staff to make 2005 another successful year.

Assessing Staff

Assessor Brett S. Purvis, Administrative Assessor Anne L. Whitney, Field Assessor Michael N. Rotast, Field Assessor Danielle Irish, Assessing Coordinator Tracy Doherty

Building/Code Enforcement Division 2005 Annual Report

Submitted by Building/Health Official David Mark

Building and inspection reports for 2005 indicate a slight reduction in construction projects within the Town. For 2005, we issued a total of 769 building permits, 17% fewer than the previous year, and our lowest total since the year 2000. Perhaps the most significant decrease in permits was in single-family homes. Twenty-eight permits for new homes were issued in 2005, compared with 90 in 2004.

For 2005, the Department collected \$152,701 in permit fees, 90% of the previous year's total. The estimated valuation of permit work performed declined 45%, from just over \$50 million in 2004 to \$27.8 million this year.

For 2005, 68,486 square feet of commercial space was constructed. This is a 47% increase over the previous year, while industrial building declined to under 14,000 square feet.

Permits issued for the year include 70 residential additions, 65 septic systems, 38 swimming pools, 46 signs, and 505 other permits including sheds, furnaces, electrical work, and other miscellaneous items. There were permits to demolish three buildings. In addition to permits issued, the Building Department performed 1,296 inspections, issued 70 Certificates of Occupancy, provided answers to numerous telephone inquiries, assisted residents with questions, investigated zoning and code complaints, and performed various other duties as needed.

Our Department is here to serve you – the public. If you have a code-related question, a complaint or concern, please contact us. If you are not sure if you need a permit, just ask! We are happy to assist you.

Cable TV Department 2005 Annual Report

Submitted by Media Services Coordinator Nicholas Lavallee

Throughout 2005, Merrimack Public Education and Government Television experienced its largest growth since its inception. The growth is due, in part, to the implementation of new procedures, a logical scheduling grid for broadcasts, and a community outreach program aimed towards a wide variety of Merrimack residents and nonprofit groups. The three channels were branded simply as "Merrimack TV," to make them more identifiable to residents. Part of marketing the three channels began with making staff and official volunteers more visible within the community. For the first time ever, Merrimack TV had moved from just being *present* in Town, to establishing itself as a *presence* throughout the community.

Residents and Merrimack High School (MHS) students, who shared the desire to expand the possibilities of Merrimack TV, were brought together with staff to form "Merrimack's Volunteer Video Production Crew." The crew worked with staff to produce visually appealing programs that documented community events, live coverage of deliberative sessions, and, for the first time ever, Merrimack's election night. The live broadcast was responsible for delivering the message that voting hours were extended and entertained the public with interviews before the preliminary results were read. The *Manchester Union Leader* published a picture and article about our efforts to inform Merrimack with Town election coverage.

Collectively, there were over 300 programs that broadcast on the three channels. On the Community Channel there was a 65% increase in the amount of programming hours scheduled to broadcast. The Government Channel increased coverage of nearly every municipal Board and committee meeting and upgraded the live broadcast of Selectmen meetings to three remotely controlled cameras. All meetings featured improved audio and video quality. The Education Channel increased programming including the submitted works of MHS videography students. Town staff produced School District concerts, events, and increased most School Board meetings from a single camera production to three camera coverage.

Merrimack TV launched a website (www.merrimack.tv) and published monthly newsletters to keep residents informed about the channels and studio. These resources provide the public with schedules for all three channels, news about upcoming events and training sessions held at the Town's Public Access TV Studio located in Merrimack High School. Over 300 hours of studio and editing time were utilized by residents and equipment loans exceeded 100 reservations.

In March 2005, the *Nashua Telegraph* featured a front-page article about Merrimack TV. The story, "Reaching Merrimack," focused on Merrimack TV's role with community volunteers and the many possibilities that residents have with the resource.

The Alliance for Community Media's Northeast Region awarded Merrimack TV with two first-place and two second-place awards for excellent Public and Educational Television. These awards, given annually by the Alliance at their "Northeast Hometown Video Festival," honor the best in Community Media programming from New England and New York State. Over 400 entries were submitted to the event from throughout the region. This was the Town's first time winning awards for the Merrimack TV channels. The awards are on display at the Public Access TV Studio.

In December, Merrimack TV and the Police Department held the second annual live TV auction. The three-hour broadcast raised several thousand dollars to benefit Merrimack's DARE program.

If 2005 was any indication, you will see even more on Merrimack TV in 2006. This is all made possible by you – the Merrimack resident, Town cable TV staff, the Cable Advisory Committee, and of course the best volunteers in the industry.

Cable TV Department Staff and Volunteers

Cable TV Department Staff

Department Head / Media Services Coordinator Nicholas Lavallee,
Media Assistant Shannon Barreira, Jr. Media Assistant Tad Stephanak,
Media Assistant Audra Paquette (January – June 2005)

Cable Advisory Committee

Chair Richard Morrissey, Vice Chair Joel Levine, Mike Bradley, Brian McCarthy, Pam Tinker,
Selectmen's Representative Dave McCray

Town of Merrimack Volunteer Video Production Crew

Zack Gleason, Stephanie Greenland, Alex Harrison, John McGee, Chris Perez, Zack Shappani,
Shahanna Snyder, Tad Stephanak Sr., Ken Williams

Resident Volunteer Producers of Submitted Community Channel Programming 2005

Bob Beville, Steve Chaloner, Steve Dembo, Pete Hinkle, Dennis King, Brad Lawrence,
Bob L'Heureux, Dave Loverme, James Martin, Deborah Mathis, Jeremy Mayhew,
Brian McCarthy, Dave McCray, Alex McNally, Ronnie Miner, Ron Moore, Tony Pellegrino,
Lisa Pombrio, Dave Rogers, Bill Spinney, Ken Williams.

Community Development Department 2005 Annual Report

Submitted by Community Development Director Walter Warren

The Mission of the Community Development Department is: 1) to maximize Town revenue by ensuring that development is of a high quality and (taxable) value; 2) to guide the physical changes associated with "growth" considering the enjoyment and prosperity of current and future residents of the community; and, 3) to educate property owners, residents, investors, and visitors, about the Town's history and future aspirations.

After a year "in transition," the Department now has a complete and stable staff in place. I would like to thank the staff for their dedication and commitment in support of the Department's mission. The Town is fortunate to have employees of such caliber.

Merrimack continues to be a desirable location to live, work, play, and invest – as evidenced by the strong performance of building and development activity over the past year. Merrimack's location, accessibility, and quality of life, will continue to attract growing families and businesses, in the foreseeable future.

In the past year, the Planning Board approved the site plan for the Regency Center proposal to redevelop the Texas Instruments (Unitrode) site off of Continental Boulevard and Camp Sargent Road. The project calls for the renovation of 75,000 square feet of the existing office facility, and the demolition of the previous manufacturing facility to make way for 68,468 square feet of retail space. Construction is underway and the major tenant, Shaw's Supermarket, is intending to occupy the facility sometime this spring.

Additionally, several of the Town's major businesses continued to invest in facility improvements related to business expansions. Included are: Anheuser-Busch – significant investment in the construction of a new Bio-Energy Recovery System (BERS); Fidelity Investments – major reconstruction of the main campus' site drives and their planned expansion to nearby site(s); PC Connection – expansion to buildings adjacent to their main headquarters site; and Campers Inn – expansion of their service/body shop facilities.

During 2005, major residential construction activity centered on multi-family projects. Major progress occurred at Parker Village, a 78-unit "over-55" development off Front Street, with the completion and occupancy of the 54 single-family detached units. Work is now proceeding on the remaining 24-unit multi-family building. Additionally, construction began on the residential units in the initial phases of the 256-unit Blanchard Pointe development (off Manchester Street). At year's end, the initial cluster of homes was being occupied and a second cluster was under construction. Construction is expected to continue through 2006 and beyond.

Interest in real estate development and associated investment remained strong through 2005. In particular, there remains a high level of interest in retail use potential – fueled, in part, by Chelsea Development's proposal to establish a 650,000 square foot premium outlet center within the I-2 Zone adjacent to Exit 10. While the status of the proposed zoning amendment and the overall project remains to be settled via the pending litigation, the Department continues to receive inquiries concerning possible retail use (and re-use) proposals.

In other community development activities for the year, the Department began the implementation of the \$500,000 emergency Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project to construct on-site sewers at the Camp Sargent Road Manufactured Housing Park Cooperative, to correct the health issues posed by failing septic systems. With the assistance of Merrimack DPW personnel, and the Community Development Loan Fund, construction should begin in the coming construction season. The Department also collaborated with the Gateway Industrial Development Corporation to secure a \$500,000 CDBG economic development working capital loan for GT Equipment Technologies of Merrimack. The loan will assist the business in meeting the production demands posed by the business' explosive growth.

For additional information and highlights of the activities of the Boards and Commissions and Committees supported by the Community Development Department staff, please consult the reports contained herein for: Code Enforcement Division, Conservation Commission, Health Division, Heritage Commission, Horse Hill Nature Preserve, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Last, but not least, I would like to again recognize the extraordinary efforts of the many residents who serve long hours to make sure that Merrimack 'works.' Thank you to all the Board, Commission, and Committee members that work hard to make Merrimack a better place – thank you for your thoughts and insights, your talents, your paper, your Internet connections, and, most importantly, your attention to the best interests of this Community. Your efforts help to define Merrimack's true "Community Development."

Community Development Department Staff

Community Development Director Walter Warren, Planning and Zoning Administrator
Diane Hardy, Building/Health Official David Mark, Community Resource Planner
Scott McPhie, Building Inspector Joseph Comer, Health Officer Cecil Curran, Planning Assistant
Steve Laurin, Office Manager Evelyn Gillis, Building Secretary Carol Miner, and
Secretary Rebecca Thompson

Merrimack Conservation Commission 2005 Annual Report

Submitted by Chairman Andy Powell

The MERRIMACK CONSERVATION COMMISSION (MCC) was established as a local organization for the protection of the natural and water resources in Merrimack. The MCC reviews and advises the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) on all Wetlands Dredge & Fill Applications and on Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act issues. The MCC reviews and advises the Planning Board on all construction projects located within the Aquifer Protection District and Wellhead Protection Areas. The MCC also reviews development proposals for their potential impact on wildlife habitat, water resources, wetlands and open space resources and works to minimize any negative impacts. Issues of special interest include proper storm water management, hazardous material handling/spill planning, and the control of the use of potentially damaging ice melting compounds, pesticides and fertilizers.

The MCC maintains an ongoing program to identify and acquire or protect open space for the preservation of our natural habitat resources and for the recreational use of Town citizens. Following the Town Master Plan guidelines, the MCC works with developers and private owners to protect identified key parcels. The MCC provides educational information to citizens interested in protecting their family lands in the face of increasing development pressures, on the proper management of open space parcels and wetlands, and other conservation related issues.

The MCC has been granted the management responsibility for several dozen Town-owned open space parcels. The better known parcels include a portion of Wasserman Park, Gilmore Hill Memorial Forest, Grater Woods Town Forest, Wildcat Falls/80-Acres Park, Riverside Park, and Mitchell Woods. Currently, the MCC manages approximately 700 acres of Town-owned open space.

During the past year, the MCC participated in several key activities:

- Following their funding of the Horse Hill Nature Preserve *Forestry Management and Ecological Assessment*, the MCC continued to support the development of a management plan for the 560-acre open space Horse Hill Nature Preserve parcel. The MCC contributed \$10,000 to support the final planning step which was financed through the Special Conservation Fund so as not to impact taxpayers.
- The MCC was instrumental in acquiring the donation of a 70-acre parcel abutting the Grater Woods Town Forest. This donation completed a ten-year effort to protect an important beaver pond and surrounding wetlands that includes an important blue heron rookery. The parcel provides additional access points and a connecting trail network to other sections of the Grater Woods Town Forest.
- Our Commission worked with the School Board and Administration to finalize an open-space preservation easement on the upland portion of the new middle school site. The 35 acres of open space will be used for student education, ongoing study projects such as the

white pine air pollution study, and for an expanded network of recreational trails. In 2006, one of the projects will be to update the management for the Grater Woods Town Forest management plan to include this parcel within the overall plan for the 300 acres of forest.

- The MCC guided and worked with an Eagle Scout candidate in the layout, construction and marking of the new Quarry Trail in Wasserman Park. The walking trail crosses a historical quarry site with evidence of use in early Merrimack years. The trail crosses Naticook Road and connects with the Horse Hill Nature Preserve trail system now under development.
- We provided continuing financial support for the University of New Hampshire Lay Lakes Monitoring Program, Souhegan River Watershed Association water testing and Adopt-a-Salmon program, the Souhegan River Local Advisory Commission (SoRLAC), and the Lower Merrimack River Local Advisory Commission (LMRLAC). A member of the Commission is active in the development of a master plan and the pilot in-flow study for the Souhegan River.
- Commission members volunteered their time on the SoRLAC and LMRLAC, helped collect water samples along the Souhegan River, and participated in several Nashua Regional Planning Commission study groups, the Horse Hill Nature Preserve Ad Hoc Committee, and the Merrimack Village Dam study and removal project. Members also participated in numerous workshops on trail maintenance, current use, forestry laws, erosion control, storm water management regulations, and attended the NH Association of Conservation Commission's annual meeting and educational seminars.
- The MCC continued to distribute seedlings from the NH State Forest Farm. This year, over 200 sugar maple and spruce seedlings were provided at no cost to Merrimack residents. The MCC has installed 23 wood duck boxes over the past year and continues to monitor them during the winter months. New boxes are installed whenever new locations are available.

In addition to our responsibilities as noted above, in 2006, the Conservation Commission will establish a goal to evaluate and rate the wetlands within Town. Upon completion, the intent is to propose to the voters the addition of extra protection for the most functional wetlands under the prime wetland designation. The MCC will also continue to provide educational workshops on conservation-related issues, will offer several weeklong no-cost summer camp scholarships to students, and will update and expand the management plan for the Grater Woods Town Forest to incorporate the latest land expansions.

The MCC is composed of seven volunteer voting members and three alternate members. New members and/or volunteers are always welcome. The public is encouraged to attend the twice-monthly meetings and to comment on or participate in any topics that may be of interest to them.

Merrimack Conservation Commission Members and Support Staff

Chairman Andy Powell, Vice Chairman Robert Croatti, Eber Currier, Karen Mattor,
Walt Wienzek, Alternate Doug Starr and Community Resources Planner Scott McPhie

Merrimack Emergency Management 2005 Annual Report

**Submitted by Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director William H. Pepler, Jr. and
Captain/Deputy Emergency Management Director Richard Todd**

Merrimack Emergency Management is responsible for ensuring the Town is ready and capable of handling a catastrophic incident beyond the normal capabilities of budgeted resources. Emergency Management prepares emergency plans for these events and then tests the response capabilities of the Town through coordinated full-scale emergency drills. Components of the emergency plan include operational plans for each Town department, emergency shelter sites, evacuation procedures, and stock piling of essential equipment. For many years, Merrimack has been a leader throughout the State of New Hampshire in emergency management.

Several emergency management projects have been coordinated simultaneously this year. The rewiring of the emergency generator at the Merrimack Middle School is nearing completion. This will allow the building to be utilized as an emergency shelter.

Planning began for a major emergency management drill in May 2006. The Town coordinates a major drill every few years to test the Local Emergency Plan and to allow emergency responders to sharpen their skills. The last drill was an evacuation and relocation drill at the Thornton's Ferry Elementary School in 2003.

The Local Emergency Plan is being revised to comply with the FEMA required "All Hazards" approach to emergency planning. The Local Emergency Plan is a document that lists the actions the Town should take in the event of a natural or man-made disaster. This could include a blizzard, flood, ice storm, public health emergency, terrorist act, chemical spill, or a failure of a critical utility including water, gas, or telephone service.

In October, several homes were damaged from flooding. Residents were assisted with sand bags and portable pumps. Residents were also assisted in contacting FEMA for assistance to those who suffered losses from the flooding. The Town stocks several thousand sand bags in the event of flooding.

The Local Emergency Plan has a separate annex dealing exclusively with terrorism. The purpose of this annex is to ensure the Town is prepared in the event of a terrorist incident in or around Merrimack. The Town also has a Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan was developed with the assistance of the Nashua Regional Planning Commission and is designed to assist the Town in planning to reduce and mitigate future losses from natural and man-made hazard events.

Avian Flu Preparedness

As a part of the Emergency Management planning function, an Avian Flu Preparedness Committee was formed in November. The purpose of the committee is to develop an emergency response plan for the predicted flu pandemic. Although the Town has a Local Emergency Plan, the uniqueness of the flu pandemic necessitated the need for an additional, specific plan.

The local response to a pandemic will largely reflect the ability of the Town of Merrimack to respond to any emergency or disaster. Because of the potential impact of a pandemic and the need to coordinate a number of partners to effectively respond, planning for such an event needs to occur well in advance.

This emergency plan is designed to prepare the Town to deal successfully with the potential of an Avian flu pandemic. The three separate but related goals of this plan are as follows:

- To protect the citizens of Merrimack
- To limit or prevent the spread of the virus
- To ensure the delivery of essential Town-provided services continues in the event of a pandemic

This plan has been developed in anticipation of an Avian flu pandemic. Actions listed in this plan shall be utilized only when an outbreak is reported by the NH Department of Health and Human Services. This does not mean, however, that employees, teachers, staff, students, and citizens should not practice "common sense" infection control activities with regard to good hand hygiene and cough etiquette at all times.

Several features set pandemic influenza apart from other public health emergencies or community disasters:

- Influenza pandemics are expected but unpredictable and arrive with very little warning.
- Outbreaks can be expected to occur simultaneously throughout much of the United States, preventing shifts in human and material resources that usually occur in response to other disasters. Merrimack must be prepared to rely on its own resources to respond.
- The effects of influenza on individual communities will be relatively prolonged (weeks to months) in comparison to other types of disasters.
- Because of the high degree of infectiousness of pandemic influenza, the number of persons affected will be high.
- Healthcare workers and first responders may be at higher risk of exposure and illness than the general population, further straining the health care system. Effective prevention and therapeutic measures, including vaccine and antiviral agents, will be delayed and in short supply.

- Widespread illness in Merrimack could increase the likelihood of sudden and potentially significant shortages of personnel in other sectors who provide public-safety services.

The plan contains specific sections designed to meet the goals outlined above. Specifically, the plan will include provisions for the quarantine of sick people, drastic measures to prevent the spread of the virus, including closing schools and canceling public meetings, plans to deal with the high absenteeism rates, training and protecting emergency responders, providing critical, timely, and ongoing information to the public via multiple media outlets, and distribution of vaccines (when they become available).

The best advice for everyone during a pandemic outbreak is to follow these instructions at home, work, and/or school:

- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.
- Throw away used tissues where no one else will handle them.
- Wash your hands frequently or use alcohol-based gel hand sanitizers. Do not touch your eyes, mouth or nose.
- Get vaccinated with an annual flu shot.
- If you are sick, stay home so you do not spread the flu to people who are not sick.
- If you have a child who is sick with the flu, they should not attend school or childcare, where they can infect others.
- If you are sick, drink plenty of fluids, but avoid coffee and alcohol. Use medications to relieve flu symptoms and talk to your doctor about antiviral medication.
- And, most importantly, do not panic.
- If you seek additional information, please use the following web site:
www.pandemicflu.gov

Avian Flu Preparedness Committee Members

Chair Bill Pepler, Assistant Town Manager Mike Milligan, State Representative Peter Batula, Department of Public Works Director Ed Chase, Merrimack Police Captain Mark Doyle, Merrimack School District Business Administrator Matt Shevenell, Merrimack Health Officer Cec Curran, Media Services Coordinator Nick Lavalley, St. Joseph Hospital EMS and Trauma Services Manager Fran Dupuis, Merrimack Village District Office Manager Jill Vacchiano

Merrimack Fire Department 2005 Annual Report

Submitted by Fire Chief William H. Pepler, Jr.

The Merrimack Fire Department provides fire, rescue, ambulance, hazardous material, emergency management, fire code enforcement and fire investigation services to the residents of Merrimack. The Department also coordinates the activities of the Local Emergency Planning Committee. The Department was founded on May 12, 1924, and the first full-time personnel were hired in 1971. Since that time, the Department has expanded and advanced to meet the needs of the residents of Merrimack.

The Department is comprised of people doing similar jobs in different capacities. Some personnel are full time, some are part time, and some are on call and volunteers. The largest work group in the Department is full-time with a total of forty-two personnel. This includes the administrative staff, which works Monday through Friday, and four, nine-person shifts, which provide 24-hour emergency response coverage to the community. Five part-time personnel work on a weekly basis, including the fire inspectors and the daytime ambulance attendants. On-call firefighters consist of personnel who serve as firefighters on an on-call basis, and are paid hourly for the time worked. EMS Volunteers receive no compensation and respond to ambulance calls at night and during the weekend.

In 2005, the Department responded to **2,684** emergency calls. The emergency calls included **1,067** fire/hazardous materials calls and **1,617** emergency medical calls. This was an **8.4%** increase above 2004 responses. In addition, firefighters continued to respond to a high number of multiple calls. A multiple call is a second or third emergency call received before the initial call is completed. During the past two years, **20%** of all emergency calls were multiple calls. During 2005, ten civilians and two firefighters were injured by fire. Fire loss for the year totaled **\$910,390**.

Firefighters fought two-alarm fires on Lantern Lane, Pheasant Run, and Canterbury Way. They also fought building fires at Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics in March and May. In February, a local worker was severely burned in a flash fire at a local business on Daniel Webster Highway. In September, firefighters rescued a dog from a burning home on Raymond Drive. In October, firefighters responding to a building fire on Daniel Webster Highway, found two people still sleeping in a back bedroom as the apartment filled with smoke. In November, firefighters averted an explosion when a vehicle ran over the top of an underground propane tank, causing a significant gas leak. Firefighters responded to a building fire on Cota Road, where the homeowner was burned attempting to extinguish the fire. Firefighters handled numerous other fire calls including a fire in the parking garage at Fidelity Investments, which damaged three vehicles, and a fire on Daniel Webster Highway in December, which damaged three vehicles. Firefighters responded to many other fires including appliance fires, chimney fires, electrical fires, vehicle fires, trash fires, and brush fires.

The year 2005 had its share of unique emergency calls. In June, firefighters rescued a man trapped in a tree on Wilson Hill Road. Also in June, rescue crews responded to a drowning at Bowers Pond. Rescue crews assisted police at several violent calls during the year. These calls included the shooting at East Ridge and several domestic assaults. In October, flooding threatened homes on Island Drive. Firefighters assisted with sand bags and portable pumps. In November, firefighters, along with police, searched the area around and in the Souhegan River for a missing person. He was later located safely in another community.

The Department responded to many serious motor vehicle accidents, several of which required the use of the "Jaws of Life" to free the trapped occupants. In August, one person was evacuated via medical helicopter after being seriously injured in a bicycle/car accident. Two people were killed on the F.E. Everett Turnpike this year in motor vehicle accidents. On numerous occasions, all three Town ambulances were used simultaneously within the Town.

In 2005, the Department took delivery of a new ambulance and fire engine. The AEV ambulance was assigned to the Central Fire Station and replaced a 1995 model. The American LaFrance engine was assigned to the South Merrimack Fire Station and replaced a 1977 engine.

During the year, fire inspectors completed **321** fire prevention inspections, including school, business, and industrial. They issued **184** permits including blasting, place of assembly, and oil burner and **2,200** outside burning permits.

Several personnel changes were made in 2005: Captain Larry Rothhaus retired after 26 years, Master Firefighter Tom Kennedy resigned after 18 years of service, Call Firefighter Joe Belanger retired after a total of 30 years of service, including 19 years full time, Lieutenant Shawn Allison was promoted to Captain, Master Firefighter Richard Barrows was promoted to Lieutenant, Call Firefighter John Manuele was hired as the full time Administrative Officer, Daniel Newman and Richard Ducharme were hired as full-time firefighters, Matt Pfeifer and Jamison Mayhew were hired as Call Firefighters, and Michael Dwyer and James Elkins were hired as EMS Volunteers.

Many personnel were recognized during the year. Assistant Chief David Parenti was selected as *Firefighter of the Year*. EMT Tim Dutton was selected as *EMT of the Year*. The Merrimack VFW Post 8641 Post Commander Max Quayle presented the awards at the Department's Awards Dinner held in December. Assistant Chief Parenti also received the *Liberty Mutual Firemark Award*. The Merrimack Ambulance Rescue Squad Auxiliary presented Jackie Chisholm with the *Mary Moriarty Award* and Tim Dutton with the *Fred Moriarty Memorial Award*.

Merrimack Fire Department Personnel

Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director

William H. Pepler, Jr.

Administration

Assistant Chief David Parenti

Deputy Chief Michael Currier

Deputy Chief Frank Fraitzl

Staff Personnel

Administrative Officer John Manuele, Fire Inspector Leo LeBlanc, Fire Inspector Pip Adams,
Office Manager Cathy Nadeau

Captains

William Cashin, Richard Todd, Scott Simpson, Shawn Allison

Lieutenants

Ronald Hansen, Richard Pierson, Brian Borneman, Richard Barrows

Master Firefighters

Mark Akerstrom, Marc Bechard, Gerard Beland, Daniel Belanger, Norman Carr, Jr.,
Bruce Cornelius, Thomas Dalton, Brian Dubreuil, Matthew Duke, Richard Gagne, David Joki,
Jason Marsella, Carl Nelsen, Wayne Perkins, David Trepaney

Master Firefighter/Paramedics

John Demyanovich

Firefighter/Paramedics

Scott Bannister, Shawn Brechtel, Kevin Chambers, John Chisholm, Paul Kelly, Robert Panit,
William Pelrine

Firefighters

Shawn Kimball, Shawn Farrell, Daniel Newman, Richard Ducharme

Call Firefighters

Abe Azzam, James Bailey, Thomas Benoit, Squad Leader Roland Blanchette,
Deputy Chief Martin Carrier, Joseph Comer, Michael Comer, Fran Dupuis, Joshua Glennon,
Michael Kiernan, Manny Marcel, Jamison Mayhew, Matt Pfeifer, Arthur Stockhausen,
Lieutenant Christopher Wyman

Part-time Day Ambulance Attendants

Patrick McDonagh, Michelle Moore, Krystle Pelletier

EMS Volunteers

Tom Arnold, Deputy Chief Steve Bachand, Jennifer Chisholm, Timothy Dutton,
James Elkins, Gary Gauvin, Paul Mondoux, Michelle Moore, John O'Neil, Krystle Pelletier,
Lt. Matt Pfeifer, Robert Veale

Merrimack Fire Rescue

Incident Type Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between {01/01/05} And {12/31/05}

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
100 Fire, Other	3	0.11%	\$40	0.00%
111 Building fire	27	1.01%	\$845,200	92.83%
112 Fires in structure other than in a building	2	0.07%	\$2,000	0.21%
113 Cooking fire, confined to container	7	0.26%	\$0	0.00%
114 Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	8	0.30%	\$5,000	0.54%
116 Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire confined	2	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
117 Commercial Compactor fire, confined to rubbish	1	0.04%	\$6,000	0.65%
130 Mobile property (vehicle) fire, Other	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
131 Passenger vehicle fire	17	0.63%	\$39,000	4.28%
141 Forest, woods or wildland fire	3	0.11%	\$0	0.00%
142 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	7	0.26%	\$0	0.00%
150 Outside rubbish fire, Other	2	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
151 Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	2	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
160 Special outside fire, Other	3	0.11%	\$0	0.00%
162 Outside equipment fire	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
163 Outside gas or vapor combustion explosion	2	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
	89	3.32%	\$897,240	98.55%
2 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat(no fire)				
251 Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	8	0.30%	\$0	0.00%
	8	0.30%	\$0	0.00%
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident				
300A Allergic Reaction/Non-Transport	5	0.19%	\$0	0.00%
300B Behavioral / Non-Transport	26	0.97%	\$0	0.00%
300C Cardiovascular/ Non- Transport	15	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
300D Diabetic/ Non-Transport	24	0.89%	\$0	0.00%
300G Gastrointestinal/ Non-Transport	8	0.30%	\$0	0.00%
300H Heat/Hyperthermia/ Non-Transport	9	0.34%	\$0	0.00%
300M Musculoskeletal/Non-Transport	7	0.26%	\$0	0.00%
300N Neurological/ Non-Transport	21	0.78%	\$0	0.00%
300P Poisoning/Overdose/ Non-Transport	6	0.22%	\$0	0.00%
300Q Other/ Non-Transport	30	1.12%	\$0	0.00%
300R Respiratory/ Non-Transport	18	0.67%	\$0	0.00%
300S Toxic Exposure/ Non-Transport	3	0.11%	\$0	0.00%
300T Trauma/ Non-Transport	74	2.76%	\$0	0.00%
300U Urinary Tract/ Non-Transport	2	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
300V Vascular/ Non-Transport	5	0.19%	\$0	0.00%
300X MVA With Injury/ Non-Transport	28	1.04%	\$0	0.00%

Merrimack Fire Rescue

Incident Type Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between {01/01/05} And {12/31/05}

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident				
300Y MVA Without Injury/ Non-Transport	118	4.40%	\$0	0.00%
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	29	1.08%	\$0	0.00%
3112 Lift assist	39	1.45%	\$0	0.00%
321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
321A Allergic Reaction/ Transport	11	0.41%	\$0	0.00%
321B Behavioral/ Transport	84	3.13%	\$0	0.00%
321C Cardiovascular/ Transport	224	8.35%	\$0	0.00%
321D Diabetic/ Transport	19	0.71%	\$0	0.00%
321G Gastrointestinal/ Transport	79	2.94%	\$0	0.00%
321H Heat/ Hyperthermia/ Transport	17	0.63%	\$0	0.00%
321M Musculoskeletal/ Transport	41	1.53%	\$0	0.00%
321N Neurological/ Transport	169	6.30%	\$0	0.00%
321O OB/GYN/ Transport	6	0.22%	\$0	0.00%
321P Poisoning/ Overdose/ Transport	38	1.42%	\$0	0.00%
321R Respiratory/ Transport	105	3.91%	\$0	0.00%
321S Toxic Exposure/ Transport	4	0.15%	\$0	0.00%
321T Trauma / Transport	183	6.82%	\$0	0.00%
321U Urinary / Transport	15	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
321V Vascular / Transport	40	1.49%	\$0	0.00%
321X MVA With Injury / Transport	82	3.06%	\$0	0.00%
321Y MVA Without Injury / Transport	7	0.26%	\$0	0.00%
321Z MVA Pedestrian/ Transport	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
324 Motor Vehicle Accident with no injuries	9	0.34%	\$0	0.00%
331 Lock-in (if lock out , use 511)	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
340 Search for lost person, other	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
341 Search for person on land	4	0.15%	\$0	0.00%
342 Search for person in water	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
350 Extrication, rescue, Other	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
352 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	2	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
356 High-angle rescue	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
360 Water & ice-related rescue, other	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
361 Swimming/recreational water areas rescue	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
381 Rescue or EMS standby	2	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
	1,617	60.25%	\$0	0.00%

4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)

400 Hazardous condition, Other	9	0.34%	\$0	0.00%
410 Combustible/flammable gas/liquid condition, other	3	0.11%	\$0	0.00%
411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	11	0.41%	\$0	0.00%
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	22	0.82%	\$1,150	0.12%
413 Oil or other combustible liquid spill	10	0.37%	\$0	0.00%

Merrimack Fire Rescue

Incident Type Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between {01/01/05} And {12/31/05}

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)				
422 Chemical spill or leak	2	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
424 Carbon monoxide incident	16	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	9	0.34%	\$0	0.00%
442 Overheated motor	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
443 Breakdown of light ballast	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
444 Power line down	8	0.30%	\$0	0.00%
4441 Cable Wire Down	4	0.15%	\$0	0.00%
4442 Telephone Wire Down	2	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
4443 Tree on Wire	22	0.82%	\$0	0.00%
4444 Transformer Problem	2	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	5	0.19%	\$0	0.00%
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	4	0.15%	\$0	0.00%
	131	4.88%	\$1,150	0.12%
5 Service Call				
500 Service Call, other	39	1.45%	\$0	0.00%
510 Person in distress, Other	10	0.37%	\$0	0.00%
511 Lock-out	35	1.30%	\$0	0.00%
512 Ring or jewelry removal	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
520 Water problem, Other	20	0.75%	\$0	0.00%
521 Water evacuation	9	0.34%	\$0	0.00%
522 Water or steam leak	12	0.45%	\$2,000	0.21%
531 Smoke or odor removal	22	0.82%	\$0	0.00%
542 Animal rescue	3	0.11%	\$0	0.00%
550 Public service assistance, Other	9	0.34%	\$0	0.00%
551 Assist police or other governmental agency	22	0.82%	\$0	0.00%
553 Public service	2	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
554 Assist invalid	2	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
555 Defective elevator, no occupants	3	0.11%	\$0	0.00%
561 Unauthorized burning	17	0.63%	\$0	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup	16	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
5711 Mutual aid to the scene	6	0.22%	\$0	0.00%
	228	8.49%	\$2,000	0.21%
6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	86	3.20%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	50	1.86%	\$0	0.00%
621 Wrong location	2	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
622 No Incident found on arrival at dispatch address	4	0.15%	\$0	0.00%
631 Authorized controlled burning	25	0.93%	\$0	0.00%

Merrimack Fire Rescue

Incident Type Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between {01/01/05} And {12/31/05}

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
6 Good Intent Call				
641 Vicinity alarm (incident in other location)	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
650 Steam, Other gas mistaken for smoke, Other	18	0.67%	\$0	0.00%
651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	29	1.08%	\$0	0.00%
661 EMS call, party transported by non-fire agency	2	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
671 HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	3	0.11%	\$0	0.00%
	220	8.20%	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
710 Malicious, mischievous false call, Other	8	0.30%	\$0	0.00%
721 Bomb scare - no bomb	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
730 System malfunction, Other	67	2.50%	\$0	0.00%
731 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	16	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	2	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
7331 Detector activation due to malfunction	53	1.97%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
736 CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	78	2.91%	\$0	0.00%
741 Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	23	0.86%	\$5,000	0.54%
742 Extinguishing system activation	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	101	3.76%	\$0	0.00%
7441 Detector activation, no medical- unintentional	5	0.19%	\$0	0.00%
746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	11	0.41%	\$0	0.00%
	368	13.71%	\$5,000	0.54%
8 Severe Weather & Natural Disaster				
812 Flood assessment	8	0.30%	\$0	0.00%
813 Wind storm, tornado/hurricane assessment	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
814 Lightning strike (no fire)	11	0.41%	\$5,000	0.54%
815 Severe weather or natural disaster standby	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
	21	0.78%	\$5,000	0.54%
9 Special Incident Type				
900 Special type of incident, Other	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
911 Citizen complaint	1	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
	2	0.07%	\$0	0.00%

Total Incident Count: 2684

Total Est Loss:

\$910,390

Merrimack Health Division 2005 Annual Report

Submitted by Health Officer Cec Curran

The Health Officer is responsible for the licensing and inspection of all food service establishments. Recall notices, provided by Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS), may involve on-site inspections or faxed notices of products being recalled to appropriate food service locations.

Inspections are also conducted on daycare facilities and foster homes, prior to licensing by the State. Public bathing areas are inspected before licensing and additional inspections are conducted as required.

All new or replaced septic systems are inspected to ensure compatibility with the receptive soils, compliance with approved plans, and use of proper methods and materials in construction.

Service requests – and other complaints received from the public – related to improper handling of trash, violations of minimum housing standards, sanitation in public buildings or actions which compromise the public health in any way, are addressed by the Health Officer.

In the interest of public health, the Health Officer has the authority to proactively require that corrective measures be taken, when conditions warrant, in an effort to eliminate the health hazard posed by the violation.

The Center for Disease Control would use this office as a primary contact to conduct an investigation into an outbreak of a contagious disease or food-borne illness.

2005 Statistics

Food Service Licenses	129
Public Bathing Area Licenses	21
Daycare Centers and Private Homes	34
Foster Homes	57
Test Pits for Septic Systems	64
Bed Bottom for Septic Systems	64
Final Inspection for Septic Systems	45
Food Recalls by F.S.I.S. (FDA)	47

The role and activities of the Health Officer will undergo major changes with an increase in the amount of training and education required to keep pace with the newly emerging public health threats.

Merrimack Heritage Commission 2005 Annual Report

Submitted by Chairman Florence M. Brown

The Merrimack Heritage Commission was established on March 14, 2000. Our goal is to preserve and restore the Town's 280 years of history for future generations.

To date, we have issued eighty-four historic plaques to owners of buildings dating from the early 1600s to the 1900s, including three restaurants with historic backgrounds, Thomas More College's administration building, and the Bower/Blanchard House.

We have joined the Merrimack Chamber of Commerce and the New Hampshire Historic Alliance for their support in promoting and preserving our Town's heritage. Through the sale of our "Christmas in Merrimack" greeting cards, we have received over \$2,000 to be used to beautify the historic Chamberlain Bridge.

We have begun our efforts to reclaim the slate shingles from the old Town Hall roof for the purpose of raising funds for our Commission. Together, with the Merrimack School District, we celebrated "Merrimack Education Week" with a special event to recognize our Town's Anniversary on April 2, 2005. In addition, the Commission has filed a formal request that Simons Rock be certified as a New Hampshire Historic Site.

The Commission made contact with John Thornton Little who is a direct descendant of Matthew Thornton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Mr. Little donated two portraits of his honorable ancestor to the Heritage Commission. One, we presented to the Town and is currently hanging in the Courthouse at Town Hall. The other we presented to the Thornton's Ferry Elementary School, which was named in his honor. This is the beginning of recognizing and making the public aware of the great Matthew Thornton and his ties to the Town of Merrimack.

We wish to thank the following Eagle Scouts who added to the preservation of our history by choosing local historical sites to restore:

Eagle Scout Shawn Collette – Meeting House sign at Turkey Hill Road

Eagle Scout Ryan Collette – Graveyard sign at Turkey Hill Road

Eagle Scout Steven Shidlovsky – Bronze Plaque on boulder at Turkey Hill Road Bridge

Eagle Scout Derrek Trippett – Reeds Ferry Fire House

Heritage Commission Members

Chairman Florence Brown, Vice Chairman Ruth Roulx, Constance Kreiger, Peyton Hinkle,
Joseph Geiger, Community Planner Scott McPhie

Horse Hill Nature Preserve 2005 Annual Report

Submitted by Chairman Tim Tenhave

This year, the Horse Hill Nature Preserve (HHNP) Ad-Hoc Committee continued its support of Town staff in preparation for the development of the Definitive Plan for the HHNP. This work included the following:

- The Amherst Road HHNP Parking Lot. The parking lot on Amherst Road for HHNP was realized this year. This was a direct result of the efforts of the Community Development Department under Walter Warren, Department of Public Works under Ed Chase, donated services from Brad Knight, and further donated services from Jennings Excavation and Longa & Son. The Committee, through Newt Coryell, helped with the planning and arranged for some of the donated services.
- The creation and discussion of a preliminary Trails Master Plan. The Plan, though not completed, included sufficient detail to show the direction it was going. The Committee awaited input from Town Staff before continuing work on this Plan.
- Continued the work of Eagle Scouts Dave Cote and Bill Lott to bring about a GPS accurate map of the current trails on Horse Hill and followed the Town's Trails Standards as set out by Ernie Buck to formally mark and open the Quarry Trail as it proceeds through HHNP. Eagle Scout Robert Frost also continued his work on an additional kiosk to be located on the property.
- Assisted in the creation of a donation account for the HHNP.
- Installed 12 small white direction signs on HHNP to help users find their way on the property.
- Continued the removal of large metal automotive debris from the northern area of HHNP.
- Worked on a Committee website update.
- Submitted to Town staff a draft HHNP User Survey in support of the Town Meeting warrant article.
- Provided hunter information at the access points to HHNP to educate all users during the fall hunting season.

The year completed with the kick off of the Definitive Plan process. The Town contracted with the Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) and Tom Kokx of Thomas Kokx and Associates to facilitate the creation of the Definitive Plan for HHNP. The Committee started the process in November and had the organizational meeting under the guidance of the NRPC in December.

Horse Hill Nature Preserve Ad-Hoc Committee Members

Shannon Barnes, John Buckley, Charles Buker, Chris Christensen, Janet Cormier, Newton Coryell, Nelson Disco, Debra Huffman, Chuck Mower, Peter Kahn,
Bill Keating, Connie Kreider, Karen Mattor, Denise O'Dwyer, Andy Powell,
Ruth Roulx, Mike Ruggiero, David Rutzke, Susan Siena, Jim Taylor, Tim Tenhave,
Harold Watson, Helynn Wenz

Library Board of Trustees 2005 Annual Report

Submitted By Pat Heinrich, Chair

The trustees are pleased to report that, more and more, residents have come to realize the Merrimack Public Library is "The Heart of our Community." In addition to cooperating with the town and the schools, the library offers services to many community organizations, non-profit agencies and residential groups.

The library is open seven days and 68 hours every week, except during the summer months. Last year over 250,000 items were circulated and public access computer use doubled to over 15,500 uses. The meeting room was in use twice, and sometimes three or more times, for every day the library was open.

Demand for library services of all kinds continues to grow, but library space is now completely maxed out. Patrons can no longer easily locate items. Patron time on the computers is limited. Patron seating and quiet study space is all but gone.

Every year since 1996, voters have approved funds to be put into the Library Construction Capital Reserve Fund. During these ten years, the various Library Building Committees have researched, discussed and evaluated many ideas regarding the best solution to the library's space needs. These ideas included buying or renting commercial space which would then be renovated, combining the town library with a new school, building a branch library, and finally building a new library on several sites other than the one we have selected. All these ideas were given due consideration and it has been determined that the best and most cost effective solution is to build a new library next to the post office.

The Planning Board has given an "Urgent" designation to the construction of a new library.

In closing, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, thank you for your continued support. Until a new library is passed, the staff and trustees remain committed to meeting the educational, informational and recreational needs of the residents of Merrimack, within the strictures of the current building. With your help, a new library will be a reality in the near future.

Merrimack Library Board of Trustees

John Buckley, Ann Burrows, Patricia Heinrich, Robert Kelley, and Carol Lang

Merrimack Public Library Trustees Accounts
Fiscal Year 2004-2005

Special		Fines	
Balance as of July 1, 2004	\$6,201.55	Balance as of July 1, 2004	\$5,793.37
Receipts		Receipts	
Book Sale	\$4,209.50	Copy Machine	\$1,135.48
Food for Fines	648.62	Fines	15,087.20
Gifts	1,785.00	Interest	7.76
Grants	696.08	Miscellaneous	99.93
Interest	5.73	Non-Resident	100.00
Library Festival	5,220.79		\$16,430.37
Miscellaneous	731.00	Disbursements	
Transfers	0.00	Equipment	(\$18.00)
Trust Fund	1,944.38	Maintenance, Building	(940.00)
Watson Interest Deposit	521.43	Materials	(7,061.86)
	\$15,762.53	Miscellaneous	(123.40)
Disbursements		Supplies	(505.08)
Book Sale (Friends)	(\$1,132.50)	Transfer to DCU CD	(5,000.00)
Equipment (Gifts)	(360.00)	Transfer to Fidelity Mutual Fund	(5,000.00)
Food for Fines	(648.62)		(\$18,648.34)
Hospitality	(1,503.61)	Balance as of June 30, 2005	\$3,575.40
Library Festival	(2,990.91)	Fidelity Special	
Library Festival-MPL Dev. Fund	(2,207.69)	Balance as of 7/01/2004	\$14,841.99
Materials (Gifts)	(1,136.01)	Withdrawal to start Fidelity Special (New)	(14,841.99)
Memberships	(795.62)	Balance as of 6/30/2005	\$0.00
Merrimack PL Dev. Fund	0.00	Fidelity Special (New)	
Miscellaneous	(1,225.71)	Balance as of 7/01/2004	\$0.00
Programs	(2,086.78)	Initial Deposit	14,844.91
Supplies (Gifts)	0.00	Withdrawal to start Fidelity (Building)	(10,000.00)
Training	0.00	Investment (losses)/gains	97.91
Transfer to Fidelity Watson	0.00	Balance as of 6/30/2005	\$4,942.82
Watson Book Purchases	(521.43)		
	(\$14,608.88)		
Balance as of June 30, 2005	\$7,355.20		

Fidelity (Building)	
Balance as of 7/01/2004	\$0.00
Initial Deposit	10,000.00
Withdrawal to start DCU (Building)	(9,000.00)
Investment (losses)/gains	21.46
Balance as of 6/30/2005	\$1,021.46

Fidelity Watson (\$30,000)	
Balance of 7/01/2004	\$32,256.82
Withdrawal to start Fidelity Watson Fund (New)	(32,260.23)
Investment (losses)/gains	3.41
Balance as of 6/30/2005	\$0.00

Fidelity Watson (\$30,000) New	
Balance of 7/01/2004	\$0.00
Initial Deposit	31,506.63
Withdrawal to start DCU (Watson)	(28,000.00)
Withdrawal for Book purchases	(521.43)
Investment (losses)/gains	97.79
Balance as of 6/30/2005	\$3,082.99

Fidelity Fines	
Balance as of 7/01/2004	\$117,212.67
Deposited to Account	5,000.09
Withdrawal to start DCU-Fines	(30,000.00)
Transaction cost	(75.00)
Investment (losses)/gains	8,296.37
Balance as of 6/30/2005	\$100,434.13

DCU Share Account	
Balance as of 7/01/2004	\$0.00
Deposit	5.00
Investment (losses)/gains	0.00
Balance as of 6/30/2005	\$5.00

DCU 11M Promo Jumbo (Fines)	
Balance of 7/01/2004	\$0.00
Initial Deposit 9/10/04	30,000.00
Investment (losses)/gains	662.02
Balance as of 6/30/2005	\$30,662.02

DCU 11M Promo Jumbo (Watson)	
Balance as of 7/01/2004	\$0.00
Initial Deposit 9/10/2004	28,000.00
Investment (losses)/gains	617.89
Balance as of 6/30/2005	\$28,617.89

DCU 11M Promo Jumbo (Building)	
Balance as of 7/01/2004	\$0.00
Initial Deposit 9/10/2004	9,000.00
Investment (losses)/gains	198.60
Balance as of 6/30/2005	\$9,198.60

DCU 7M Promo Jumbo (Fines)	
Balance as of 7/01/2004	\$0.00
Initial Deposit 6/23/2005	5,000.00
Investment (losses)/gains	3.51
Balance as of 6/30/2005	\$5,003.51

Merrimack Public Library 2005 Annual Report

Submitted By Library Director Janet D. Angus

The year 2005 was another great one for the Merrimack Public Library. The air conditioner worked, the heating system kept the library warm, and over 145,000 people visited the library during the fiscal year. The Library staff continues to serve the educational, reference, and recreational needs of the Merrimack community to the best of their ability within the confines of an overcrowded facility. From July 2004-June 2005, we held 69 adult programs, 39 young adult programs, and 497 children's programs. We answered 17,882 reference questions at the Reference Desk, the Circulation Desk, the Children's Desk, and via email. We loaned 2,462 items through Interlibrary Loan and borrowed 2,262 items. Through the GMILCS Common Borrower Card program we loaned 11,327 items and borrowed 6,885 items.

In October, we held our first **One Book, One Town** event with the book by Richard Peck entitled *A Long Way from Chicago*. We held a total of ten related programs with a combined attendance of 129 people. Raffle tickets were given to each person for every program they attended. The events culminated in a wrap-up party where winners of the raffle prizes were drawn. This will become an annual event to be held during the month of October.

The Friends of the Library have continued to offer their support by helping with the Library Festival, book sales, raffles, holiday wreath decorations, pencils, card sleeves, magnets, and their very successful Books for Babies program. In addition to cosponsoring the Children's Summer Reading program events, the musical duo *Two Human*, Mel Simons, and Betty Jean Steinshouer, the Friends also hosted local author Kay Spirito and rare book dealer Ken Gloss from the Brattle Book Shop.

We continue to add new materials to keep our collection interesting and relevant to the needs of the community, however, we are constantly removing older materials to make room. Our collection consists of books in regular and large print as well as books on tape and compact disc, music CDs, videocassettes, DVDs, and passes to a variety of museums and other fun, educational attractions. We also purchase databases which offer primary source materials, full-text magazine articles, and even an online auto repair manual.

The Children's Room offers Storytimes and programs for children from birth to age twelve. Our Young Adult area offers resources, programs, and a small space for teens. A Teen Advisory Board meets every two weeks to brainstorm and plan future programs. Summer Reading programs have become an exciting part of the summer for the adults, teens, and children who participate.

Check our webpage for all the latest information at www.merrimack.lib.nh.us. Thank you to all who support the library with their donations, gifts, and generosity. Special thanks to the Merrimack Flower Shop for providing the circulation desk with flower arrangements twice monthly throughout the year.

2004-2005 Library Statistical Report

Circulation

Adult Fiction	38,764
Adult Non-Fiction	33,130
Large Print	4,817
Young Adult	9,512
Books to Go	2,927
Paperback	4,421
Children's Fiction	17,755
Children's Non-Fiction	21,209
Children's Audiovisual	2,848
Children's CD ROMs	923
Children's Periodicals	621
Easy Books	45,269
Periodicals	8,991
Sound Recordings	14,806
Video Recordings	14,901
DVD	12,693
Compact Discs	9,244
CD ROMs	388
Museum Passes	866
Inter-Library Loan	2,339
Online Renewals	4,739
Other	161
Total	251,324

Telecommunication Access

Database Usage	10,722
Website Usage	96,738
Network Users in Library	15,549

Library Card Holders 17,054

2004-2005 Collection Report

Number of Items as of June 30, 2005

Books

Adult Fiction	24,907
Adult Non-Fiction	28,835
Young Adult	3,928
Children's Fiction	6,017
Children's Non-Fiction	12,576
Easy Books	9,595
Videocassettes	2,224
DVDs	659
Books on Cassette	1,695
Books on CD	404
Music CDs	1,705
CD ROMs	131
Children's Audiovisuals	692
Children's CD ROMs	132
Children's Toys	32

Total 93,532

Magazine Subscriptions	201
Newspaper Subscriptions	17
Museum Passes	16

Programs and Meetings

Children's Programs	497
Young Adult's Programs	39
Adult Programs	69
Library Meetings	52
Community Groups	28

Merrimack Public Library Staff

Administration

Library Director Janet Angus

Assistant Director Diane Arrato Gavrish

Administrative Assistant Joanne Marston

Newsletter Editor Jan Segedy

Circulation

Library Aide II: Jane Loughlin

Library Aide I: Natasha Bairamova, Madeline Bennett, Jean Clinghan, Gail Dahl, Diane Lauze, Sandra Meehan, Nancy Placentino, Patricia Radwan, and Robin Spencer

Library Aide/Substitute: Nina Martin and Alexandra Wall

Library Page: Lisa Mandela, Susan Primeau, Molly Rothenberg, and Sally Ann Trepanier

Library Page/Substitute: Tyler Meehan

Reference and Adult Services

Head of Reference and Adult Services: Ellen Knowlton

Reference/YA Librarian I: Alex Estabrook and Dana Forsman

Librarian I: Jan Conover and Deb Covell

Library Assistant II: Lee Gilmore

Technical Services

Head of Technical Services: Nancy Vigezzi

Library Assistant II: Darcy LaBrosse

Library Aide I: Debra Herget, Kathy Starr, and Jennifer Stover

Children's Services

Head of Youth Services: Beverly Little

Library Aide II: Nancy Lane and Suzanne Wall

Library Aide/Page: Heather Labore

Library Aide/Page/Substitute: Marguerite Kidder

Maintenance

Custodian: Daniel Hastie

Custodial Aide: Marguerite Kidder and Joan Vadney

Volunteer

Patricia Flynn

Miscellaneous Committees

Budget Committee

Chairman Stan Heinrich (*Term Expires 2008*), Rick Barnes (*2007*), Stanley Bonislowski (*2007*), Nancy Gagnon (*2006*), John Grady (*2006*), Bob Kelley (*2006*), Carol Lang (*2006*), Fran L'Heureux (*2008*), Norman Phillips (*2007*), Finlay Rothhaus (*2008*)
Michael Thompson (*2007*), Joe Vliet (*2008*)

Ex-Officio Members

Selectmen's Liaison Chuck Mower, Selectmen's Alternate Tom Koenig,
Village District Liaison Walter Talbert, Village District Alternate Tom Nutting,
School Board Liaison Rosemary Robertson-Smith, School Board Alternate David Denton

Cable Television Advisory Committee

Chair Richard Morrissey (*Term Expires 2006*), Vice Chair Joel Levine (*2007*),
Pam Tinker (*2007*), Brian McCarthy (*2008*), Alternate Member Mike Bradley (*2006*),
Selectmen's Representative David McCray

Ethics Committee

Chairman Richard Barry (*Term Expires 2007*), Vice Chair Finlay Rothhaus (*2006*),
Raymond Mello (*2006*), Fran L'Heureux (*2008*), Tony Pellegrino (*2008*)

Highway Safety Committee

Chairman - Chief William Mulligan (Merrimack Police Department), Secretary - Deputy Paul Stavenger (Merrimack Police Department), Chief William Pepler (Merrimack Fire Department),
Deputy Director Dave Lent (Department of Public Works), Rick Todd (Merrimack Fire Department), Building Inspector Joseph Comer, Roger Bellemore, Robert L'Heureux,
Norman A. Pepin, Selectmen's Representative Chairman Richard Hinch

Trustees of the Trust Funds

David Johnson, John Balcolm, John Lyons

Parks and Recreation Committee 2005 Annual Report

Submitted by Chairman Janet Cormier

The Merrimack Parks and Recreation Committee currently consists of twelve members of the Merrimack community. The Committee includes voting representatives from the following organizations: Merrimack School Board, Board of Selectmen, Merrimack Youth Association (MYA), Senior Citizen Club, Merrimack High School student body, and seven volunteer members appointed by the Board of Selectmen; each of whom serve a three-year term. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:15 PM in the Town Hall Conference Room. In accordance with state law, all meeting notices and minutes are posted on the Town's website. Any citizen of Merrimack interested in any aspect of recreation within the Town is welcomed to attend and express their ideas, concerns, and opinions.

Function of the Committee

The Parks and Recreation Committee coordinates with the Parks and Recreation Department and the MYA and serves as an advisory board to the town manager and Board of Selectmen. It recommends the utilization of all Town recreational property and either formulates, or causes to be formulated, a Town recreation master plan. The Committee also assists in providing recreation programs for the citizens of Merrimack.

Goals and Objectives

Members of the Committee have set the following goals:

1. To enhance accessibility in all the Town recreation areas
2. To establish a clearinghouse for traditional and nontraditional recreation
3. To assess Town fields and recreation areas
4. To promote wellness within the Town of Merrimack

Partnerships with civic organizations such as Merrimack Crimeline, Merrimack Friends and Family, Boys and Girl Scouts, the 4-H Club, the Lions Club, and the Rotary make Committee activities such as the Haunted Hayride, the Holiday Parade, the Winter Carnival, and the Easter Egg Hunt, possible.

Park and Recreation Committee Members

Chairman Janet Cormier, Vice Chairman Chris Christensen, Debbie Robinson, Ruth Roulx, Jack Cavicchio, Alternate Rosemarie Rung, Norma French, Jim Taylor (MYA), Don Lewis (Senior's Club) Carolyn Whitlock (Board of Selectmen), and George Markwell (School Board)

Parks and Recreation Department 2005 Annual Report

Submitted By Parks and Recreation Director Michael Housman

The Parks and Recreation Department celebrated 2005 with a series of exciting events beginning with the 14th Annual Winter Carnival held on Saturday, February 26, 2005. Horse-drawn sleigh rides, snowmobile rides sponsored by the Sno-Buds Snowmobile Club, an ice skating demonstration by the local Skate Club, a model airplane demonstration by the Flying Eagles, sledding, and an ice-fishing derby sponsored by the Lions Club were highlights of the outdoor events, along with an ice sculpture demonstration by David Soha and Dennis Hickey. Moving indoors, visitors found face painting by the girl scouts, refreshments from local non-profit groups, and a demonstration by the Independent School of Karate under the direction of Kyoshi Peter Desmarais. A very heartfelt thank you goes to the Parks and Recreation Committee for helping to making this event so successful.

Popular travel opportunities offered at discount rates included:

- Disney on Ice at the Verizon Wireless Arena on February 26, 2005
- Bus trip to the Boston Flower Show on March 18, 2005
- Bus trip to Yankee Stadium in New York City to see the Yankees play the Red Sox on September 10-11, 2005

On Saturday, March 19, 2005, the 13th annual Easter Egg Hunt took place at Wasserman Park. Special thanks to our co-sponsor Merrimack Friends & Family for helping to make this event possible! In addition, the Merrimack Skate Park on O'Gara Drive was enjoyed by residents from April through October and celebrated its fifth season.

Wasserman Park facilities are available for rent and enjoyed throughout the year. The Merrimack Girl Scouts held their annual Camporee the weekend of May 20-22, 2005. The Boy Scouts enjoyed their camp-out the weekend of June 9-11, 2005. Area schools visit the Park for many outings including science projects and end-of-year picnics. Other popular uses include church retreats, family reunions and business events.

Lifeguards were on duty at Naticook Lake for public swimming from June through August. The water in Naticook Lake is tested weekly during the swimming season to ensure public safety. Naticook Day Camp was in session from June 27, 2005, through August 19, 2005, where staff members were readily available to provide children with a safe, enjoyable summer of fun-filled activities.

Summer programs included a certified Lifeguard Course, youth Red Cross swimming lessons, band camp, basketball camp, and volleyball, soccer, and tennis lessons, offered residents a wide variety of recreational opportunities from June 27, 2005, through August 19, 2005. Merrimack enjoyed its sixth year of weekly summer concerts at the Abbie Griffin Park Bandstand. A warm thank-you to Ruth Liberty and the Abbie Griffin Park Committee for all their help and support.

The 13th annual Halloween Hayride was held at Wasserman Park on Saturday, October 29, 2005. All who attended were treated to games, refreshments, and some family-friendly haunting provided by the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Boys and Girls Scouts. We wish to extend our appreciation to co-host Pat Lane and her 4H group "Pups R Us" who did a great job with the Haunted House.

The 13th annual Holiday Parade with the theme "Winter Memories" took place on Sunday, December 4, 2005. This end-of-year celebration would not have been possible without the many volunteers who participated, including our co-host the Merrimack Chamber of Commerce and Tom Nutting of Custom Electric who lent an expert hand in decorating Fraser Square. And, of course, our sincere gratitude to Santa Claus for sharing this very special time with us!

The 11th annual "Santa Calling Program" delighted children aged pre-school through 2nd grade. Approximately 200 children received calls from Santa on December 20, 2005. Our special thanks go to Santa's helpers: Dick Roulx, Don Lewis, Bob Kelley, and Michael Housman.

We would like to express our gratitude to the following groups for their outstanding community support:

- Ruth Liberty and the Abbie Griffin Park Committee
- Merrimack High School's Class of 2005 who helped clean up the parks on Earth Day
- Merrimack Conservation Commission for their help in cleaning up the Town's trails
- Sno-Buds who groom the trails for cross-country skiing

Department Goals for the year 2006 include, but are not limited to:

- Enhance the Parks and Recreation Department website
- Plan and implement a new playground at our Turkey Hill/Martel Field complex
- Develop and implement a plan to make improvements to the MYA Building
- Develop and implement a plan for expansion of our non-traditional programs, activities, and other recreational opportunities
- Continue to pursue grant opportunities to help offset existing budgeted programs
- Continue strategic planning process for athletic field development and refurbishment
- Continue our strategic planning process for the Playground Equipment Capital Reserve Fund
- Develop a new Master Plan for Wasserman Park
- Work with the Recreation Committee and MYA Executive Board to ensure better coordination of activities throughout Merrimack

In closing, I would like to thank the citizens of Merrimack for their continued support.

Parks and Recreation Department

Director Michael Housman, Maintenance Supervisor Robert Sullivan, and Office Manager Sherry Kalish

Naticook Day Camp Statistics for 2005

Session One

114 registered campers - *91 Merrimack residents and 23 nonresidents*

48 campers utilized extended care before and/or after camp

17 campers enrolled in the Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program

Session Two

128 registered campers - *109 Merrimack residents and 19 nonresidents*

50 campers utilized extended care before and/or after camp

19 campers enrolled in the CIT program

Session Three

128 registered campers - *106 Merrimack residents and 22 nonresidents*

42 campers utilized extended care before and/or after camp

18 campers enrolled in the CIT program

Session Four

130 registered campers - *109 Merrimack residents and 21 nonresidents*

49 campers utilized extended care before and/or after camp

21 campers enrolled in the CIT program

Enrollment Statistics from Summer Programs 2005

Swimming Lessons	114
Lifeguard	7
Basketball	274
Soccer	15
Band Camp	14
Tennis	62
Junior	46
Teen	9
Adult	7

Merrimack Planning Board 2005 Annual Report

Submitted by Chairman Nelson R. Disco

The Merrimack Planning Board held thirty-four regular meetings during 2005 primarily for the review of subdivision and site plans. The Board reviewed and approved six residential subdivision plans, which created a total of twenty-four conventional residential building lots, compared to fifty-five lots in 2004 and twenty-four in 2003. These subdivision approvals consisted of the eight-lot Knight/Ireland subdivision on Amherst Road, the five-lot Hazen/Watson subdivision on Wilson Hill Road, the eight-lot Saddlebrook Realty subdivision on Cobblestone Place and Samuel J. Drive, the Quimby three-lot subdivision on Peaslee/Naticook Road, the Zibolis three-lot subdivision on Twin Bridge Road, and the Sienkiewicz two-lot subdivision on Naticook Road. Two residential subdivisions containing nineteen lots were under review by the Board at the year's end. The Planning Board also approved a five-lot commercial subdivision as part of the Regency Center/Merrimack Shopping Center LLC project that resulted in four new sites for retail development.

Twenty-eight residential, industrial and commercial site plans were reviewed. Approvals were granted for one home occupation and the Board granted seventeen waivers of full site plan review for minor changes to previously approved site plans. The Board also reviewed and approved the Town Capital Improvement Plan for 2006 through 2012.

Plans for a new Bedford Road Bridge over Baboosic Brook and the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan were reviewed by the Planning Board. Members of the Board also worked with the Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) and the Souhegan River Local Advisory Commission on issues related to watershed management and attended several planning workshops and law lectures during the year. The Board held discussion meetings with the Board of Selectmen regarding the new Bedford Road Bridge, the Merrimack Village Dam, and the Horse Hill Nature Preserve, and with representatives of the Merrimack River and Souhegan River Watershed Councils.

A site plan was approved for a 23,400-square-foot multi-tenant industrial building on Star Drive. The Board granted approvals for minor industrial site plan revisions at Anheuser Busch for a BioEnergy Recovery System (BERS) for wastewater treatment, BAE Systems for a 2,700-square-foot storage building, Fidelity Investments for roadway and parking improvements, and Hecop/Stabile for building and parking modifications.

The major new commercial site plans approved during this year were: the Regency Plan for a large Shaw's Supermarket and four ancillary businesses on the site of the former Texas Instrument (Unitrode) facility on Continental Boulevard, an 8,000-square-foot office building on Griffin Street, "Batter's Up", a batting cage facility on Railroad Avenue, a 4,120-square-foot building for Skip's Marine, a 3,360-square-foot building for Scenic Landscaping, building renovations for Designer Pet Grooming, revisions to the Classic Gas service station, and renovations to Buckley's Steak House (former Woodbury House/Country Gourmet restaurant); all on Daniel Webster Highway (Route 3).

Preliminary discussions were held during the year regarding cluster developments for the Swenson/Greenfield Farms property at the Bedford town line; a thirteen-lot project on property

owned by LeBlanc in the vicinity of Holt Pond; and a seven-lot cluster development on Bedford Road. In addition, the Planning Board reviewed conceptual plans for a new commercial building at Crosswoods Path.

Under review by the Board and staff at the close of the year were plans for a sixty-unit Elderly Housing Project and ball field facilities on Manchester YMCA land near Horseshoe Pond; two conventional residential subdivisions containing nineteen lots (Holt Pond and Old Blood Road); and three non-residential site plans, Konover Associates/Walgreen Pharmacy on Route 3 at Bedford Road, modifications to the Merrimack Shopping Center on Continental Boulevard, and a proposed addition to the Merrimack Valley Baptist Church.

The Planning Board prepared and presented to the voters eight Zoning Ordinance amendments at the April Town Meeting. The first, which would have allowed commercial uses in the I-2 District with a Conditional Use Permit, received a majority vote but was not adopted because a protest petition filed by abutters made a 2/3 majority necessary to pass the article. Chelsea Properties, who hold a purchase option on a tract of eligible I-2 zoned property, have filed a petition with the NH Superior Court protesting the Town's validation of the abutters' protest petition. At year's end, this item is pending in the Court. The other seven amendments received voter approval. These amendments deleted "Big Box" single-user retail stores in the I-1 Industrial Zone, amended and clarified several sections of language in the existing ordinance, and increased penalties for violations in accordance with recent revisions to State Law.

The Town's Subdivision Regulations were amended during the year to clarify language in several areas including amendments to provide for additional contractor-funded Town inspection services and to revise the fee schedules.

In January 2005, Mr. Alastair Millns was appointed to be an alternate member of the Board and, in April 2005, Mr. Richard Jones was appointed as an alternate member. Mr. Ken Sheppard resigned as an alternate member during the year. In April, Nelson Disco was reelected Chairman and Arthur (Pete) Gagnon was reelected Secretary to the Board. Tom Koenig was reappointed by the Board of Selectmen to serve as the Selectmen's Representative to the Board. At year's end, the Board consists of seven full members and two alternates as listed below.

The Board continues to receive expert support from Community Development Director Walter Warren, Planning and Zoning Administrator Diane Hardy, Planning and Zoning Assistant Stephen Laurin, Recording Secretary Zina Jordan, the clerical staff of the Community Development Department, engineering consultants, and the staff of the Merrimack Building and Health Division. Technical assistance is also provided by the Department of Public Works, the Fire Department, and the NRPC.

In addition, the staff of the Community Development Department is pleased and proud to announce that Planning Board Chairman Nelson Disco was recognized as "Citizen Planner of the Year" in 2005 by the New Hampshire Planners Association and the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association (NECAPA).

Planning Board Members and Support Staff

Chairman Nelson Disco, Secretary Arthur (Pete) Gagnon, John Segedy, Carol Ann Grondin Morrison, Stanley Bonislawski, Stephen Komisarek, Selectmen's Representative Tom Koenig, Alternate Alastair Millns, and Alternate Richard Jones

Merrimack Police Department 2005 Annual Report

Submitted by Chief of Police William F. Mulligan

To the citizens of the Town of Merrimack, I hereby submit my report for the Merrimack Police Department for the period covering January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2005. This report will identify the dedicated men and women who serve the Merrimack community, activities that have taken place during the 2005 calendar year, and accomplishments that were achieved.

As I submit the 2005 annual report, your police department is looking toward the future. In any organization, a vision of the future is essential in the performance of the present. In order to plan effectively and to have the best interests of the agency in mind, input from every part of the organization and its stakeholders is critical. We have been working in partnership with the community and have developed a five-year strategic plan. It is our intention to use this plan to look ahead through the next five years to determine what will be necessary to meet our obligations. It is the goal of the Merrimack Police Department to anticipate and prevent problems, to look at innovative solutions, and respond to issues with fairness, sensitivity, and compassion.

As a community oriented Police Department, we are always looking for ways to interact with the community and we recognize that our mission is and will continue to be service to the Merrimack community. The Merrimack Police Department members thank the Town Manager, Board of Selectmen, Town staff, and, most of all, the citizens of Town for their continued support during the calendar year 2005. We take great pleasure in serving you and welcome visits to **YOUR** police station and the department's web site at www.merrimackpd.org.

School-Based Partnership Program

- Reading programs at Mastricola Elementary School, Reed's Ferry School, and Thornton's Ferry School, helps bring together the Police Department and elementary-aged youngsters
- Active partnership with James Mastricola Upper Elementary School in our D.A.R.E. Program
- Dynamic participation between Merrimack High School and the School Resource Officer in developing innovative approaches to maintaining a safe, nonviolent school environment

Community-Based Partnership Program

- Department Community Service Officer coordinates programs for local businesses and members of the public pertaining to their personal safety. Group discussions are held with community members to assist with problem-solving techniques. In addition, this officer actively participates in Crimeline – the Merrimack Crime Watch program and the Citizen Police Academy
- Uniform Patrol Officers are involved in Direct Patrol of businesses and homeowners and coordinate the Officer Appraisal program for information exchange between the Police and residents

Police Department Staff

Chief of Police

William F. Mulligan

Patrol

Deputy Chief Paul V. Stavenger – Patrol Commander

Captain Mark E. Doyle – Assistant Patrol Commander

Shift Supervisors

Lt. Lawrence Westholm, Lt. Brian Boulay, Lt. Richard Desmond, Sgt. John Maille,

Sgt. Paul Trepaney, Sgt. Daniel Edmonds, Sgt. Paul Poirier

Patrolmen

Ofc. Michael Murray (School Resource Officer), Ofc. Ronald Levierge, Ofc. Eric Marquis,

Ofc. Dennis Foley, Ofc. Thomas Prentice, Ofc. Carl Scott, Ofc. Christopher Dowling,

Ofc. John Dudash, Ofc. Kenneth Macleod, Ofc. Edward Pane, Ofc. Daniel Lindbom,

Ofc. Theodore Dillon, Ofc. James Sullivan, Ofc. Joseph Goodridge, Ofc. Gregory Walters,

Ofc. Robert Kelleher, Ofc. Sean Cassell, Ofc. Brian Levesque

Animal Control Unit

Animal Control Officer – Michael Marcotte

Part-time Animal Control Officer – Elizabeth Fraser

Special Police Officers

S/O William McGowan, S/O William Vandersyde, S/O David Mercer, S/O Richard McKenzie,

S/O John Demyanovich, S/O Randall Bolduc, S/O Walter Alford Jr., S/O Vernon Adams,

S/O John Pelletier, S/O Jared Westholm, S/O Christopher Spillane, S/O Matthew Canavan,

S/O Michael Marcotte, S/O Timothy St. Cyr, S/O Richard Bergeron

School Crossing Guards

Roy Ingerson, Ken Stimson Sr., Vacant

Criminal Investigation Unit

Det./Lt. Michael Dudash – Unit Commander

Det. Scott Park, Det. Dean Killkelley, Det. Denise Roy, Juv./Det. Ken Stimson,

Det. Matthew Tarleton

Administrative Services Division

Captain Michael Milligan – Unit Commander

Lt. Peter Albert – Prosecutor, Officer Walter Kwiecinski – Community Service Officer, Jennifer

Lavigne – Office Manager, Judy York – Records, Holly Estey – Secretary to the Detective Unit

and Karen Costello – Records

Retired

Det. James Hughes (21 Years of Service)

Off. Christopher Morency (18 Years of Service)

Carol Yule – Office Manager (27 Years of Service)

Patrol Division

The Patrol Division of the Merrimack Police Department is comprised of professional law enforcement officers dedicated to working in partnership with the residential and business community of Merrimack to fight crime, reduce fear, and improve the quality of life.

Our Mission Statement sums up our Officer's commitment to the Citizens of Merrimack: *"Our primary mission is to enforce the laws of society, maintain order within the community, protect life and property, and to assist the public at large in a manner consistent with the rights and dignity of all persons as provided for by the law under the constitution of the United States and the State of New Hampshire."* We believe strongly in our philosophy, *"Service to the Community / Commitment to Excellence."* Your Police Department will continue to work hard to meet these goals and provide the highest level of service.

Your Patrol Division patrols the Town of Merrimack 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. The principles upon which we base our policing are rooted in our belief that the protection of human life is our highest priority. We will demonstrate integrity and honor in all of our actions. Our efforts to address neighborhood problems will be based on forming a partnership with the community. We look forward to the future and to serving the citizens of Merrimack in every way we can.

During 2005, your Police Department responded to **12,816** requests for police service.

Request for Service by Beats				Request for Service by Time of Day			
	2003	2004	2005		2003	2004	2005
Beat #1	3,408	3,167	3,219	0700 – 1500	5,365	5,477	5,321
Beat #2	4,356	3,958	3,704	1500 – 2300	5,398	4,755	5,240
Beat #3	3,352	3,499	3,687	2300 – 0700	<u>2,256</u>	<u>2,349</u>	<u>2,255</u>
Beat #4	1,903	1,957	2,206	Totals	13,019	12,581	12,816

Other Police Activity			
	2003	2004	2005
Ambulance Assists	1,046	1,062	815
Bomb Threats	0	3	3
Fire Department Assists	835	790	591
Animal Complaints	649	698	590
Missing Persons	330	53	42
House Checks	206	485	232
Unsecured Premises	2,212	295	189
Good Morning Calls	452	2,505	2,000
Motor Vehicle Lockouts	0	416	237
Burglar Alarms	836	799	732

Offenses 2005

	Reported	Cleared
Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault	0	0
Alcohol Offenses	37	86
Arson	1	0
Assault - Aggravated	3	1
Assault - Criminal Threatening	25	24
Assault - Simple	87	23
Burglary - Business	13	2
Burglary - Dwelling	20	2
Counterfeiting	2	1
Criminal Mischief	386	105
Disorderly Conduct	270	136
Domestics	245	184
Forgery	4	2
Fraud	97	29
Homicide	0	0
Juvenile	24	102
Kidnapping	1	5
M/V Theft	16	9
Narcotics Offenses	55	126
O.U.I.L.	74	99
Prostitution	0	0
Robbery	2	1
Sex Offenses	15	6
Stolen Property	4	82
Theft	282	84
Weapons Offenses	38	12

Motor Vehicle Accident Summary

	2003	2004	2005
Fatal Accidents	0	0	0
Non-Investigated Accidents	20	14	37
Personal Injury Accidents	135	146	101
Property Damage Accidents	<u>589</u>	<u>620</u>	<u>563</u>
Total	744	776	701

Motor Vehicle Enforcement Summary

	2003	2004	2005
Defective Equipment Tags Issued	512	291	519
Motor Vehicle Summons	1,286	1,066	640
Parking Enforcement	63	24	47
Traffic Warnings Issued	2,880	1,847	1,755

"Drive Defensively at all Times"

Traffic Accident Occurrence and Timeframe During 2005

7:00 AM – 3:00 PM	325
3:00 PM – 11:00 PM	314
11:00 PM – 7:00 AM	62
Total	701

School Resource Officer's Report

The School Resource Officer (SRO) is primarily responsible for working within the school system as a law enforcement officer. His role also involves promoting a safe and drug-free environment while building positive relationships between students, faculty, and the police. The SRO must be motivated to work with youth and have the ability to gain the respect of adolescents and teenagers while holding them accountable for their actions. The SRO must have the unique ability to perform the functions of a law enforcement officer, educator, and counselor while becoming an integral member of the school community.

The information provided below reflects SRO activity during the 2004/2005 school years.

Activity	Sept – Dec 2004	Sept – Dec 2005
Accident Reports	0	0
Arrests	14	6
Assaults	10	2
Calls for Service	312	355
Court Appearances	7	3
Criminal Mischief	3	6
Drugs Confiscated	0	1
Incident Reports	42	49
Possession of Tobacco Products	19	24
Racial Incidents	0	0
Theft Reports MV/Other	3	11
Weapons Confiscated	4	13

Educational

Agency Referrals	9	4
Classroom Lectures	13	50
Counseling Session w/Parents	69	62
Counseling Sessions w/Students	266	322
Hearings: Suspension/Expulsion	0	0
Meetings Attended	13	35
Meetings/Contacts With Juvenile Service Officer	11	22
Professional Development Programs	4	0
School Events Attended	18	28
Truancy	0	0

Animal Control Officer's Report for 2005

	2003	2004	2005
Abates Served	21	18	12
Bites Reported	7	34	20
Cats Miscellaneous	21	13	13
Cruelty Reports	1	20	18
Dogs Adopted	1	1	1
Dogs Impounded	89	60	82
Dogs Released to Humane Society	5	1	6
Dogs Released to Owners	84	58	75
Nuisance Offense	32	95	56
Running at Large	268	316	325
Stray Farm Animals	9	8	10
Summons Served	5	106	107
Vicious Offense	6	14	16
Wildlife Calls	183	213	257

Prosecutor's Report

Motor Vehicle Activity

	State Law
Change of Address	1
Financial Responsibility	10
Miscellaneous Violations	114
No Valid License	34
O.U.I.L.	62
Parking Violations	1

Motor Vehicle Activity (CONT.)

	State Law
Reckless Operation	15
Revocation/Suspension	46
School Bus Violations	4
Solid Line	5
Speed	100
Stop Sign	3
Traffic Light	8
Uninspected	12
Unregistered	25

Criminal Activity

	State Law
Animal Complaints	19
Assault / Reckless Conduct	75
Bad Checks	0
Criminal Mischief	17
Criminal Trespass	13
Disorderly Conduct	38
Drug Cases	69
Miscellaneous	13
Possession of Alcohol	81
Resisting Arrest	17
Sex Offenses	0
Theft	81

Felonies

Indicted by Grand Jury	39
Probable Cause	18

Criminal Investigations Unit

The Criminal Investigation Division of the Merrimack Police Department conducts variety of investigations for the police department as well as other branches of the Town government. These investigations range from serious thefts, robberies, aggravated assaults, sexual abuse, and child abuse to background checks. Investigations by this division are usually but not limited to lengthy and very sensitive in nature. Investigators not only conduct their work in town but on many cases, they are lead outside the area. The division would like to extend an invitation to the public to enroll into the citizen academy to gain a deeper understanding of what the detectives do and the type of calls they investigate. You will gain a wealth of knowledge into their work and the tools they use.

The unit consists of five detectives and a detective lieutenant, who serves as the unit commander. The Criminal Bureau remains very busy. The crime in Merrimack continues to display a serious side. The unit investigated its third bank robbery in the past 18 months (which was cleared by detectives within 24 hours) along with the successful arrest of two juveniles that went on a random shooting spree at moving motor vehicles. The unit not only conducts investigations, but also provides support to the patrol division when necessary.

The Division continues to see a change in personnel. Detective Hughes retired April 23, 2005. This is the third investigator in the past three years, and a total of 60 years of experience in the division that has departed. Officer Matt Tarleton, a ten-year patrolman, has been transferred to replace Hughes.

Because of the changing times, Merrimack continues to see an increase in the seriousness of the crimes committed. The rate of armed robberies, sexual assaults, computer crimes, and burglaries continue to rise. To improve our evidence collection and crime scene response skills, the division, along with Deputy Chief Paul Stavenger, was able to obtain an old ambulance from the Fire Department and refurbish it. With the assistance of drug forfeiture money, this ambulance will now become the department's Critical Incident Vehicle. This at no cost to the taxpayer!

NIU (Narcotics Investigation Unit)

The year 2005 continued to be very busy for the Narcotic's division. The division became overwhelmed with information on illicit drug activity. In early spring, Chief Mulligan gave orders to develop a strategy to affect the arrests of the people suspected. This plan was later named "Operation Clean Sweep". A task force was put in place that involved a cooperative effort between the patrol, criminal, and narcotic divisions. Operation Clean Sweep netted over 34 arrests during a 3-month period. Arrests ranged from possession of control drugs to possession with the intent to distribute heroin. The project also broke up an illegal distribution of anabolic steroids.

The Narcotic division also assisted with numerous investigations that ranged from thefts to interviewing child abuse cases. The division primary mission is to make Merrimack a safer community by eradicating illegal drugs. Arrests in 2005 involved the following drugs: cocaine, crack, heroin, marijuana, and anabolic steroids. Once again, the choice of drug appears to be marijuana.

The year 2006 and the years to come will bring a bigger battle. Our brother officers from the West Coast have been forewarning the spread of the use Methamphetamines. This is a powerful central nervous system stimulant which is easily made in clandestine laboratories with inexpensive over-the-counter ingredients. This drug is dangerous and when produced leaves behind a "Toxic Waste Dump". These labs and dumps are highly flammable and dangerous. Law Enforcement along with the Fire Service will need to come together to develop a plan to fight and to safely clean up an area. It is predicted that Methamphetamine will be the drug choice in the northeast in the near future as it is in the west. This will be a challenge that will have cost for training and equipment.

Drug Arrests	
January:	Possession/narcotic drug intent to sell 1
	Possession of marijuana 1
	Transporting marijuana 1
February:	Possession of marijuana 3
	Transporting marijuana 1
March:	Possession of marijuana 4
	Transporting marijuana 3
	Possession/intent to sell marijuana 2
	Possession/intent to sell narcotics (cocaine) 2
April:	Possession of marijuana 10
	Transporting marijuana 3
	Sale of a control drug/marijuana 1
	Possession/intent to sell narcotics (cocaine) 2
May:	Sale of marijuana 1
	Possession of a control drug-marijuana 9
	Possession with the intent to sell/marijuana 1
	Transporting marijuana 2
June:	Possession of marijuana 7
	Possession narcotic drugs/heroin 7
	Possession/intent to sell control drugs 4
	Sale of marijuana 1
July:	Sale of a control drug/anabolic steroid 1
	Possession of marijuana 5
	Transporting marijuana 2
	Unlawful possession of prescription drugs 1

August:	<i>Possession of marijuana</i>	7
	<i>Transporting drugs</i>	2
	<i>Possession/intent to sell marijuana</i>	1
September:	<i>Possession of marijuana</i>	1
October:	<i>Possession of marijuana</i>	4
	<i>Transporting marijuana</i>	3
November:	<i>Sale of marijuana</i>	1
	<i>Unlawful possession of prescription drugs</i>	1
	<i>Possession of marijuana</i>	4
	<i>Transporting marijuana</i>	3
December:	<i>Possession of marijuana</i>	8
	<i>Transporting marijuana</i>	5

Juvenile Division

Detective Ken Stimson continues to serve as the department's juvenile officer. Detective Stimson works closely with the resource officer, school officials, and members of the Hillsborough County Family Intervention Program along with the Nashua Youth Council. Detective Stimson also has the duties to prosecute all juvenile cases in the district court. The juvenile system is very busy and complex. It involves a variety of offenses from assaults to child abuse.

Detective Roy continues to serve with "CAC" and received an award for her efforts with "Hillsborough County South Child Advocacy Center". The advocacy center provides one location for agencies to conduct a joint interview with a child that is a victim of sexual or physical abuse. The center is completing its first year and over 300 interviews were performed. Detective Roy should be applauded for all her hard work that she has given to the center. This is a worthwhile program that benefits all of us, including the victim and the victim's family.

Administrative Service Division

"Service to the Community"

"Commitment to Excellence"

The Merrimack Police Department has over the years instituted many community-policing programs that have helped make our agency one of the state's finest. Our Chief, William Mulligan, has pledged to continue our community outreach programs and continue to strive to serve the community of Merrimack in the very best way we can.

Available Community Service Programs

Babysitter Safety	Highway Safety
Bicycle Safety	Home and Business Security Surveys
Child Abuse	Neighborhood Crime Watch
Child Safety Seat Checkpoint	Operation House Check
Child Safety Seat Loan Program	Operation Identification
Citizen's Police Academy	Operation Safe Return
Disconnect the Violence	Rape Awareness/Self-Defense
Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention	Stranger Awareness
Emergency Response and Liability	Theft and Shoplifting
Good Morning Program	School Bus Safety
Halloween Safety	Station Tours

How We Kept Busy During 2005

Our Community Policing also offers a wide variety of programs to the public. This past year the Merrimack Police Department offered seminars in Internet Safety and Awareness, Woman's Self-Defense and Rape Awareness, Home Security and Neighborhood Watch Programs, and Senior Scams and Fraud. Also, we are able to offer to the public the opportunity to have a car seat checked for proper installation or assist in the installation of a new car seat. We also participated with AARP with their 55 Alive Driver Safety Program.

We continued our reading program with the 1st - 3rd graders and spoke with elementary grade students and pre-schools regarding 911, stranger danger, and consequences for your actions. We participated with the Junior High and High School students in Project Safeguard teaching Internet Safety and making available DWI glasses. These glasses simulate impairment and show the student the effects of drinking and driving. We have also assisted the Middle School and High School in their discussions on Search and Seizure, and the judicial process in court.

In addition to participating in our schools and community, we also work with other organizations within the community. We spoke to the Rotary on the various programs we offer, as well as the Lions Club on our Citizen's Police Academy. We also participated in various events around our

community, such as the Library Festival and as a guest reader during Education Week. We fingerprinted children during breakfast with Santa, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. We continue to serve on the board of Crimeline as well as the Drug Advisory Council to name a few.

Each year we host our Annual Open House where the community can come to the police station and visit various displays and tour your police department. We also host a Halloween Fun Day, at Wasserman Park where the community is invited to share in a fun family day. We have run Child safety programs on the local cable network where you can learn about Internet Crimes Against Children and what our Officers can do to help protect your children while online.

The Merrimack Police Department is also proud to note that the 8th session of our acclaimed "Citizen's Police Academy" graduated this past fall. That brings the number of graduates of our Academy to approximately 130 citizens. Our Citizen's Academy Program allows the citizen's of Merrimack an opportunity to learn more about their Police Department and all it has to offer as well as an opportunity to become more familiar with the officers that serve their needs. The Academy classes run twice each year, in the spring and the fall.

Career Development

The Merrimack Police Department continues to make training a high priority. It has been shown that a well-trained police force is directly linked to professionalism. It is our goal to continue to present to the community a well-trained and professional staff.

The New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council has been our primary source for training, however, other outside agencies have supplemented training resources, although the New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange (PRIMEX) has provided a number of in-service training sessions, including the Supervisor's Academy.

Officer Training Hours 2005

Month	Officers	Hours
January	1	16
February	1	24
March	5	48
April	9	96
May	10	288
June	20	280
July	7	56
August	11	60
September	13	320
October	7	96
November	11	200
December	16	<u>312</u>
Total Hours of Training		1,796

These figures do not include training such as Intoxilyzer recertification and other recertifications as required by the State. Intoxilyzer recertification was 84 hours and each officer was required to qualify and train with his or her service weapon and, in some cases, with a rifle. Those hours totaled 1,080. Taser training was also covered, and 124 hours of in-house Taser training was administered. In addition, in-house roll-call training, which is training given to each squad by their respective squad commanders and usually occurs prior to their shift, totaled approximately 121 hours.

D.A.R.E. Program

D.A.R.E. is the acronym for Drug Abuse Resistance Education, the single most widely used substance abuse prevention and safety promotion curriculum in the world. It was developed in 1983 in Los Angeles, California and New Hampshire implemented the program in 1989. The program is taught in 80 % of the school districts across the country, along with 51 nations around the world. Over the years, the program has changed and revised its material to keep with the changes that the youth of America face. The program is designed to educate the youth to reduce the use of tobacco, alcohol and drugs, as well as to prevent violence. It shows them the harmful effects that tobacco, alcohol and drugs can have on their bodies and their lives. It shows how peer pressure and advertisements can influence their decisions, and it gives them positive alternatives to stay and remain drug free.

Last year Merrimack made changes within the D.A.R.E. program. With the opening of the new Middle School and the creation of the Upper Elementary School, the school Administration decided to offer the D.A.R.E. program to the fifth graders. In the past we taught the program to all sixth graders. Not to have any student miss out of the program, last year we taught the program to both the fifth and sixth graders at the Upper Elementary School. The D.A.R.E. program has reached over 8,000 Merrimack school children since 1989 and last year alone we taught the program to over 800 Upper Elementary School students.

We currently have two D.A.R.E. officers, Officer Walter Kwiecinski is the primary officer that teaches the program and Officer Carl Scott assists in the program. The D.A.R.E. program uses funds that are raised through fundraising and donations to support the program and not to have a tax impact in the budget. We hold an Annual TV Auction which was a huge success. It is our major fundraiser each year. We also hold Cruise Nights every Friday night during the summer and a raffle is held each year to help raise money for the program. The Merrimack D.A.R.E. officers are grateful for the donations and support from Merrimack community clubs, groups, business organizations and the residents. Without your continued support, the D.A.R.E. program could not be successful. Thanks to all. With the communities support, the support of the schools and the police department we will continue to teach the children of Merrimack that they can make the right choices and these choices will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

Merrimack Public Safety Dispatch Center

2005 Annual Report

Submitted by Police Captain and Administrative Services Commander Mark E. Doyle

The Merrimack Public Safety Dispatch Center continued to provide outstanding service to the community with a caring, comforting, and professional staff of supervisors and public safety communications specialists. It has been a rewarding year in communications as the center has continued to move forward. Several equipment upgrades have been completed to allow our staff the opportunity to work in the region's finest center with the latest technology and for that we are grateful. Upgrades have included a new police/firefighter status monitor, an in-station alarm system (to be used in the event of an emergency) and, nearing completion: our new voting system install. The system will enhance our radio coverage and provide better communications to the personnel we serve. Our staff anxiously looks forward to the Town's telephone upgrade that is also planned for early 2006.

I am pleased to report we have not seen any changes in personnel as we strive to provide a professional setting and quality communications center for our employees and quality service for the Town of Merrimack. Our staff is made up of hard-working specialists and led by two veteran supervisors, who have been instrumental in moving the Division forward in terms of technology and responsiveness to the communities needs. The Town of Merrimack can be assured that when emergency services are needed, a staff of well-trained and professional specialists is there to assist in any way they can. I would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication.

In addition, I wish to thank Police Chief William Mulligan, Fire Chief William Pepler, and all of our department heads for their continued support. I also wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, and department heads for their continued support, which allows us to operate at the level expected by the citizens of Merrimack.

Just a quick word regarding 9-1-1: we strongly encourage everyone who has an emergency situation to dial 9-1-1. Remember; stay on the line with the 9-1-1 operator until they tell you that it is OK to hang up! Thank you Merrimack and be safe.

Activity During 2005

	2004	2005
Alarms Answered	799	732
Fingerprint Requests	178	206
Good Morning Calls	2,505	2,000

Public Safety Dispatch Center Staff

Assistant Supervisors: Michele Dudash and John Spence

Dispatchers: Nicholas Marks, Erika DeWyze, James Connelly, Timothy St. Cyr, Matthew Canavan, Shannan Vital, Gerry Beland (part time), Karen Stys (part time), Emmanuel Marcel (part time)

Department of Public Works 2005 Annual Report

Submitted by Director of Public Works and Engineering Edward L. Chase, P.E.

The Department of Public Works had a very productive year in 2005. The Solid Waste Division assumed responsibility for the loading and hauling of municipal solid waste, following the termination of the contract with a private hauler. The Town-run operation is anticipated to provide approximately \$200,000 per year in savings to the Merrimack taxpayers.

Given the expiration of the EPA Wastewater Permit in June 2006, a number of improvements to the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant were required in order to comply with the new EPA Wastewater discharge parameters. Plans and contract documents were prepared for Phase I improvements to the plant. Following the public bid period, a construction contract for approximately \$4.6 million was approved, with funding from the Sewer Surplus (no impact on property taxes).

Administration/Engineering Accomplishments

- Administered construction contracts for drainage improvements/paving of the Town/School/Catholic Church parking lot off McElwain Street; and reconstruction of Joppa/Turkey Hill Road intersection.
- Coordinated design/construction of new Salt Barn for Highway Division.
- Managed the contract for expansion of the Recycling Building.
- Administered engineering contracts for Route 3 sidewalk, Bedford Road bridge, Route 3/Columbia Circle intersection, Route 3/Henry Clay Drive intersection, and Tinker Road reconstruction.
- Actively involved with consultants, staff, and Anheuser-Busch engineers assessing the feasibility of new anaerobic digesters for Merrimack's Wastewater Plant, as well as other Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades.
- Technical advisor to the Merrimack Planning Board.
- Coordinated the activities/reporting for the EPA Phase II Stormwater Regulations.
- Published "2005 Construction Standards" for Town roads, storm drainage, sanitary sewer, and other infrastructure items.
- Administered the design and construction of the Thornton's Ferry School sewer project.

Highway Division Accomplishments

- Sue Gerow, secretary for the Highway Division, retired and we wish her the very best.
- Provided mutual aid for the Town of Walpole for three days to help with damage from heavy rain and flooding.

- Provided training opportunities for Division employees including snowplowing, flagman, traffic lights, chainsaws, winter preparations, Public Works Academy, and Mountain of Demonstrations.
- Provided tours of the Highway Garage and Equipment Maintenance facilities for second graders from Thornton's Ferry Elementary School.
- Administered the annual street-sweeping and pavement-marking contract for all Town roads.
- Administered the annual road-paving contract. Approximately twenty-seven roads were paved this year.
- Administered the Adopt-A-Road and Adopt-A-Spot programs.
- Redefined and stabilized drainage swales on Peaslee Road, Woodbury Street, and Baboosic Lake Road.
- Repaired and regraded roadway shoulders.
- Continued annual cleaning of catch basins. One hundred catch basins were cleaned and fifty repaired.
- Installed and maintained street name, regulatory, and warning signs.
- Graded and provided dust control on gravel roads such as Greens Pond Road, Blood Road, and the Baboosic Lake area.
- Maintained roadsides by mowing and cutting brush along DW Highway (Route 3), Amherst Road, Peaslee Road, Bedford Road and the Transfer Station.
- Plowed and treated all Town roads as well as school parking lots and fire stations.
- Cleared beaver dams as allowed by Town policy.
- Supplemented staff at the Solid Waste Facility for vacation coverage and peak periods.
- Set up traffic control, tents, flags and waste collection and cleaned up after the Town's Fourth of July celebration.
- Provided labor and signage for Town elections.
- Assisted with cleanup of the Library's annual cardboard boat race.
- Issued right-of-way permits
- Provided inspection services on new subdivision streets to assure they are built to Town standards.
- Performed inspections of street and drain improvements at new home and commercial construction prior to issuance of certificates of occupancy.
- Began collecting data to meet new EPA storm water regulations such as inspection reports, locate outfalls, and document information on structures.

Parks Maintenance Division

The Parks Maintenance Division is responsible for maintaining four Town parks, four cemeteries, and two boat ramps, approximately fifty acres of athletic fields, the grounds of three municipal buildings, and other Town-owned areas. The Division has five fulltime staff and six summer temporary workers. We also administer the Operation Brightside summer youth employment program, which is funded by a grant from Anheuser-Busch. Additionally, we receive many hours of volunteer labor, for which we are very grateful. Aside from our normal maintenance duties, we accomplished the following projects during 2005:

- Replaced two-hundred running feet of decrepit fencing at the west entrance parking lot at Veterans Memorial Park with Town standard wooden fencing.
- Successfully brought the new Turkey Hill athletic fields on line. Completed a terraced (spectator) viewing area at the Reeds Ferry athletic fields.
- Designed and coordinated the construction of a parking lot for access to the Horse Hill Nature Preserve with the assistance of many volunteers, including the Horse Hill Nature Preserve Committee and Knight Custom Homes. The Highway Division also contributed labor for this project.
- Finalized best-maintenance-practice standards for Town trails; and built and installed prototype trailhead and trail junction signage.
- Landscaped a barrier planting at the farmhouse curve on Lawrence Road. Continued the removal of diseased Ash trees, mostly from Wasserman Park. Coordinated the planting of the park entrance planter boxes with volunteers from the Merrimack Garden Club. This year, the Garden Club took on the responsibility of designing the plantings and also maintained them throughout the summer months.
- Our staff received training in simple irrigation troubleshooting and repairs.
- Cleared brush to expose the foundation stones at the former site of the Turkey Hill Road covered bridge at Weston Park using Operation Brightside labor. The colonial era abutment stones are now clearly visible.
- Perhaps our most interesting project this year occurred at the site of the Captain Spaulding house foundation in the Horse Hill Nature Preserve. Operation Brightside staff carefully removed brush from the vicinity of the foundation and built a freestanding fence to mark its location. Great care was taken while removing the brush to avoid disturbing any existing plantings around the house. Lilacs, honeysuckles, barberries and hawthorns still grow in the area, and an agent of the New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Service identified grapes growing close to the site as a cultivated variety. This site promises to yield other traces of Merrimack's agricultural past and its way of life during the 19th century.

Next year, our long-term improvement program will continue to concentrate on improving maintenance efficiencies, promoting the donation of volunteer labor, standardizing the appearance of signage and hardscape elements, and expanding amenities, particularly for those seeking passive recreational opportunities.

Equipment Maintenance Division

Equipment Maintenance maintains and repairs a fleet of over one hundred and eighty units. These units are assigned to fire, police, public works and town hall departments as well as approximately nineteen vehicles from the Merrimack Village District. Many of these units have extra mounted equipment, generating plants on fire equipment, sanders and plows on public works equipment. Almost all have emergency lighting and warning systems. All these are installed and repaired by this division. We place emphasis on preventive work resulting in less breakdown and repairs. All emergency vehicles get a complete state inspection with every oil change to ensure response readiness. This preventive outlook also provides our equipment a longer lifespan. We recycle police vehicles after 110,000 to 120,000 miles and the vehicles are reassigned to work as transportation for various Town employees, i.e. the Town Manager, Fire Inspector, Building Inspector, and Park Supervisor.

In addition to providing regular maintenance and repairs, the following was accomplished:

- A new six-post, 108,000 lb., heavy-duty lift was purchased and installed this year. This lift is critical to the maintenance of our fire trucks, loaders, and other heavy vehicles.
- A new exhaust recovery system was installed.
- Refurbished the lights on Rescue 1 truck for the Fire Department.
- Oversaw the outfitting of the aerial bucket truck.
- Refurbished highway trucks H29 and H19.
- Extensive refurbishing of plows that had seen many years of service.

Buildings and Grounds Division Accomplishments

- Maintained buildings and grounds at the municipal office complex and Police Station.
- Provided maintenance at John O'Leary Adult Center.
- Maintained bandstand & grounds at Abbie Griffin Memorial Park.
- Supported concerts and functions at Abbie Griffin Memorial Park, including candlelight walk and the Christmas tree lighting ceremony.
- Managed the installation of central air conditioning in the first floor of the Old Town Hall.
- Plowed and sanded parking lots of the municipal complex, Police Station, Library, MYA building, and the John O'Leary Adult Center.
- Installed vertical blinds in the Court offices.
- Maintained annual and perennial flower beds.
- Liaison to the Turner Group for Town "Facilities Assessment" project.

Solid Waste and Recycling Division Accomplishments

- Collected and transported approximately 10,600 tons of municipal solid waste (MSW) for disposal.
- Collected and processed for market approximately 1,800 tons of materials, which included glass, cardboard, newspaper, plastics, aluminum and tin cans, magazines, tires, scrap metal, white goods, automobile batteries, used automotive oil, and antifreeze. Recyclables are processed through Northeast Resource Recovery Association.
- Assumed loading and transportation operations at the Transfer Station.
- Began expansion of existing recycling facility to better meet the needs of the residents.
- Composted approximately 1,500 cubic yards of yard waste and provided product to residents at no charge.
- Continued education training workshops to retain NHDES Solid Waste Operator's certification.
- Provided extended hours of operation during the summer months.
- In conjunction with Nashua Regional Planning Commission, provided five Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days for residents.

Wastewater Division Accomplishments

- Larry Spencer, the Assistant Director of Public Works for Wastewater, retired after 35 years of dedicated service to the Town. James Taylor, Chief Operator and 28-year veteran of the Town, was promoted to the Assistant Director position.
- The Merrimack Wastewater Treatment Facility treated over 1 billion gallons of wastewater with 98.6% removal of biochemical oxygen demand and 97.6% removal of suspended solids.
- We received and treated over 6 million gallons of septage from Merrimack and the Souhegan District communities for revenues of approximately \$300,000.
- Completed a Capacity Study of the treatment facility and developed a plan for plant upgrades to meet the limits of our new EPA NPDES discharge permit which will be issued in 2006 and to treat the wastewater discharge from the new anaerobic digester at Anheuser-Busch. Improvements will begin in 2006 and should be completed by the spring of 2007. With these improvements, we expect to significantly reduce offsite odors.
- We have three new operators: Kevin Southwick-Operator II, Frank Shattuck-Operator I, and Kevin Wilkins-Operator I. Jim Davala, an operator for 20 years, left to become operations manager with the New Hampshire Fisher Cats.
- We marketed 17,143 cubic yards of compost for revenues of approximately \$70,000. Of this total, 1,887 yards of compost were distributed to Merrimack residents and contractors.
- Videotaped and inspected 114 manholes on the sewer interceptor along the railroad tracks. This information will be used to develop contract documents for the rehabilitation of the main sewer interceptor.
- Developed contract documents for sewer improvements to the Reeds Ferry area of Merrimack.

Department of Public Works Staff

Administration and Engineering Division

Director of Public Works and Engineering Edward L. Chase, P.E.

Deputy Director of Public Works Engineering David C. Lent, P.E.

Office Manager Rebecca Starkey

Highway Division

Operations Manager (Vacant)

Highway Office Coordinator

Bruce W. Moreau

Foremen

Joe Maguire and Jeff Strong

Equipment Operator III

Lawrence Gay and Robert Lovering

Equipment Operator II

Ernest Doucette and Leonard Heath

Equipment Operator I

Robert Burley, Stephen Curtis, Scott Daley

Robert Golemo, Daniel Ketchie, Jason Kimball

Wayne Lombard, Dean Sterns, Jacob Stevens
and John Trythall

Maintainer Michael Stack

Parks Division

Foreman Ernie Buck

Equipment Operator I

Thomas Hudon and Louis LaPointe

Maintainer

Ken Vallancourt and Samuel Walker

Equipment Maintenance Division

Equipment Maintenance Foreman

Brian Friolet

Mechanic II

Ralph Alicea, Ronald Bergeron, Alan Buttrick
and Robert Fisher

Mechanic I Michael McCann

Building & Grounds Division

Custodial Maintenance Supervisor

Philip Meschino

Custodial Maintenance Workers

Steven Cook, Nathan Latour and
Ed Champagne

Solid Waste & Recycling Division

Solid Waste Foreman Steven Doumas

Scale Operator

Lon Woods

Equipment Operator III

Paul Dube and Dennis Beauregard

Recycling Attendant

Paul Ford and Ian Robinson

Transfer Station Attendant

Jeremy Trythall

Wastewater Division

Asst. Director of Public Works/Wastewater

James C. Taylor

Chief Operator (Vacant)

Assistant Chief Operator Wayne Johnson

Maintenance Manager Lee Vogel

Sewer Inspector Donald Hamel

Laboratory Manager Richard Blanchard

Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Manager

Roger Descoteaux

Secretary Becky Sullivan

Operator II/Lab Technician Cecil Peters

Equipment Operator III

John Adams, Donald Doucette, Dave Evans
and Gary MacGrath

Operator II Kevin Southwick

Operator I

David Blaine, Kevin Wilkins, and Frank
Shattuck

Mechanic II

James Dwire, Donald Lavoie, Robert
MacGrath, James Sheldon and Lindsay Wilson

Mechanic I

Stephen Garczynski

Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office 2005 Annual Report

Submitted by Town Clerk/Tax Collector Diane Pollock Trippett

As in years past, the department continued activities that have been reported in prior reports such as scanning and archiving of permanent record materials, participating in the High School's work to learn program, taking advantage of educational opportunities, and of course, planning for the future needs of the department and looking at areas where we can improve customer service. Service demands and revenue and transaction trends continue to follow an upward pattern as the Town continues growing and the number of residents increase.

The department was focused on planning and preparation for upcoming changes that will affect how we conduct business. In the fall, the Board of Selectmen approved funding for an upgrade to our computer system. This upgrade will change our software from a DOS-based version to Windows, and will be implemented shortly after the first of the year. One exciting aspect of this upgrade will be the ability to offer residents another mechanism for renewing their motor vehicle registrations - via the Internet. We expect to begin offering this service in the early spring of 2006. In addition to offering vehicle registration renewals online, the department would like to make available to property owners the option of paying their property taxes online. This project is in the very preliminary stages and it is hoped that it may be offered sometime by the end of next year.

Other changes the department has been preparing for include the implementation of HAVA, otherwise known as the Help America Vote Act. This act was legislated by the Federal Government in 2000 and one of the requirements was for each state to develop a centralized statewide voter checklist. City and town clerks, moderators, and supervisors of the checklist have been working with the New Hampshire Secretary of State's Office for the past several years on the development of a statewide voter registration program that will accomplish this requirement and further standardize registration and election processes. I worked on one aspect of the project, serving as the project coordinator for the Pre-User Acceptance Training. I believe this program has been well thought out and will be well received by communities. The other change being implemented with HAVA will require each polling location to have a voting machine for persons with disabilities that will allow a disabled voter to vote completely unassisted. The State of New Hampshire, under the HAVA provisions, will be responsible for the selection of the machine and providing them to the communities.

As was approved in the budget, a payment drop box was purchased and will be installed once the ground thaws in the spring. This will provide residents with a secure place to leave their payments when the town hall offices are closed or if there is a long line at the counter and they do not wish to wait. Also approved in the budget was funding for compact movable shelving for the vault. The department has outgrown the vault as it is currently structured and is experiencing a space needs crisis. As there is no longer enough space to hold all of the items that should be in the vault, items are being stored in locations contrary to state regulations. It is extremely

crowded and constitutes a safety hazard to employees. The installation of the shelving will allow the entire collection of materials to be housed in one central location and in accordance with state regulations. The safety issues will be alleviated and there will be additional space for future growth. Requests for Proposal have been issued and we expect this project to be completed during the winter.

At this time I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the community for your continued support. I would also like to thank the staff, Linda Hall, Janet Killpartrick, Nancy Deslauriers, Maureen Covell, Tammie Lambert, and our part-timers Ruth Liberty and Marge Petrovic for their continued hard work and dedication. Their efforts and contributions make the operations of the department and our service to you successful.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office Staff

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Diane Pollock Trippett, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Linda Hall, Account Clerk II Janet Killpartrick, Account Clerk II Nancy Deslauriers, Account Clerk II Maureen Covell, Account Clerk II Tammie Lambert, Ruth Liberty, Marge Petrovic

Welfare Department 2005 Annual Report

Submitted by Welfare Administrator Patricia A. Murphy

Welfare Budget Overview

	FY 02/03	FY 03/04	FY 04/05
Reimbursements	\$ 94,091	\$ 12,997	\$ 24,876
Total Operating Budget	\$ 161,620	\$ 171,711	\$ 162,227
Health & Social Service Agencies	\$ 87,725	\$ 87,725	\$ 79,822
Client Expenditures	\$ 39,137	\$ 42,063	\$ 56,252
Housing	28,177	36,880	41,969
Oil/Gas/Propane	3,790	710	643
Electricity	517	796	937
Food	791	430	256
Prescriptions	2,854	2,407	2,834
Other	3,008	840	7,015
Crisis Fund Donation Assistance	0	0	2,598

Summary and Highlights

The Welfare Department continued to experience rising expenditures due to the reduced affordable and subsidized housing market. Our heating expenditures were up due to the incredibly cold winter and the drastic increase in fuel costs, but the donated funds from the Sno-Buds and Our Lady of Mercy provided much-needed relief to residents who ran out of Fuel Assistance Funds. Prescription needs increased. Electric costs were reduced, however, with the Electric Assistance Program funded through PSNH and administered by Southern NH Services. Reimbursements were a little higher compared to last year but nowhere near the historic FY 02/03 reimbursements.

Over the years, a number of community organizations and private residents have generously provided their assistance to the needs of Merrimack residents and continue to do so. A warm thank you to the following groups for their generosity:

Abbie Griffin Hospital Fund; the food pantries of Merrimack Riverside Christian Church, St. James Methodist Church and St. John Neumann Catholic Church; the Firefighter's Union - *provided Heating Oil Fund and Thanksgiving Food Boxes*; the Rotary Club, the Sean A. Looney Athletic Memorial Fund; the Bear Christensen Trust and Merrimack Community Girl Scouts - *funded Naticook Day Camp Scholarships*; Merrimack Friends and Families - *provided assistance with Easter baskets, school supplies, and gifts for two families during the holiday season*; Lioness Club - *provided holiday assistance through Operation Santa to thirty-three families*; the Rotary Club - *provided Christmas trees to seven families*; the IBPO Police Union and Girl Scout Troops - *provided holiday food boxes*.

Zoning Board of Adjustment 2005 Annual Report

Submitted by Chairman Richard W. Barry

The Zoning Board of Adjustment held nine meetings between January 1, 2005, and December 31, 2005.

Fifty-four petitions for variances, special exceptions, requests for rehearing, and requests to modify conditions of previous Board actions, were heard in 2005. This is compared to fifty-three petitions in 2004, sixty-one petitions in 2003, seventy-one petitions in 2002, fifty-one petitions in 2001, and forty-eight in 2000.

Summary of Petitions Submitted by Type and Resulting Action

Variances	Granted	Denied	Withdrawn*
Yard Setbacks	8	1	0
Wetland Setbacks	1	1	0
Septic System Setbacks	1	1	0
Signs	1	0	0
Lot Regulations	2	2	1
Use	3	3	4
Modification to conditions of a variance	0	1	2
Special Exceptions			
Yard Setbacks	2	0	0
Use	5	0	1
Accessory Dwelling Unit	9	1	2
Disturbance of Wetlands	1	0	1
Shoreland Protection District	0	0	1
Expansion of Non-Conforming Use	2	0	0
Modification to conditions of a Special Exc.	1	0	0
Other			
Request for Rehearing	2	6	0

* Or tabled

At the Board's Annual Meeting on May 26, 2005, the Board reelected Richard Barry as Zoning Board Chairman and Tim Dutton as Zoning Board Vice Chairman. In addition, the Board voted to amend the By-laws of the Zoning Board of Adjustment by eliminating the return receipt requirement for certified mail notice, under Section V.B.1, Notice of Public Hearings.

There were two lawsuits pending against the Board in 2005.

Members of the Merrimack Zoning Board of Adjustments

Chairman Richard Barry, Vice Chairman Timothy Dutton, Ross E. Hall, William E. Barry, Stanley Bonislawski, and alternate members Ronald W. Douville and Gregory Roberts. Staff support is provided by Community Development Director Walter R. Warren, Planning and Zoning Administrator Diane Hardy, Planning and Zoning Assistant Stephen Laurin, Recording Secretary Zina Jordan, and the clerical staff of the Community Development Department.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NH YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2005

DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	CHILD'S NAME	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER
JAN. 2005				
1	NASHUA	JACOB JOSEPH	GARY GENEAU	AMI BEARSE
4	NASHUA	KEANNA ROSE	RYAN NICKERSON	KERRIE NICKERSON
6	NASHUA	AUDREY FAITH	ANDREW JARRETT	KATHERINE JARRETT
13	NASHUA	KAYLEA ELIZABETH	JEFFREY GRADY	TAMMY GRADY
14	NASHUA	KEIRA BROOKE	JEFFREY LACHANCE	KIMBERLY LACHANCE
15	NASHUA	JENNESSA RAYE	DONNELLE HARRISON	JESSICA HARRISON
17	NASHUA	KENDYL CHERISH NANCY	RICKY CRAWFORD	ALISON CRAWFORD
18	NASHUA	JESS HARTER	JESS WHITTEN	SUSAN WHITTEN
22	MANCHESTER	DAYNA	ANTONIO DIPIETRANTONIO	LISA DIPIETRANTONIO
23	NASHUA	BRADY ANDERSON	ROHN MARTINO	KATHLEEN MARTINO
25	NASHUA	BRYNN VERONICA	DINO QUINTERO	CHRISTINE QUINTERO
26	NASHUA	BRIANNA CYNTHIA	DAVID QUINN	DANIELLE MASSE
26	MANCHESTER	BRODY SHAWN THOMAS	THOMAS DAUGIRDA	KIM DAUGIRDA
27	MANCHESTER	ANTOINE PHILIPPE	GARY GAUVIN	SHERI GAUVIN
30	NASHUA	THEODORE ROBERT	JEFFREY JANCZAK	DESIREE WESOLY
31	MANCHESTER	MELANIE JANE	DAVID BAXTER	JULIE BAXTER
FEB. 2005				
1	NASHUA	TYLER JOSEPH	JEFFREY ELKIND	KATE SMITH
5	NASHUA	LAILA MARIE	ROBERT SCHIMP	AMY SCHIMP
6	MANCHESTER	JACOB JOSHUA	JOSHUA ALBERT	KATHLEEN ALBERT
6	MANCHESTER	EMMA KATHRYN	STEVEN MILLIGAN	MARIANNE MILLIGAN
6	NASHUA	AIDEN CHRISTOPHER	ROBERT BROWN	TARA BROWN
8	MANCHESTER	DANIEL LAWRENCE	MICHAEL EASTERLING	CONNIE EASTERLING
8	NASHUA	GWENDOLYN ELIZABETH	SCOTT MORALES	HOLLY MORALES
9	NASHUA	AKIRA STEPHEN	STEPHEN MCDOWELL	HIROKO MCDOWELL

DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	CHILD'S NAME	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER
9	NASHUA	ARAVIND MUTHIAH	SATHAPPAN MUTHIAH	THENMOZHI ALAGAPPAN
10	MERRIMACK	ELIANNA MELISSA	DANIEL STEVENS	MELISSA STEVENS
11	NASHUA	ZACHARY PAUL	PAUL ROBINSON	PATRICIA ROBINSON
14	MANCHESTER	KODY BRAYDEN	BRIAN BAXTER	CATHY WAYMAN
14	NASHUA	COLIN TERENCE	SCOTT O'NEIL	MICHELLE O'NEIL
15	NASHUA	EMMA CAROLINA	KEVIN KEEFE	ELISA KEEFE
15	MANCHESTER	KENDALL ROBIN	STEPHEN HUNT	BETHANY HUNT
20	NASHUA	RACHEL ELIZABETH	VLADISLAV YASEVICH	THERESA YASEVICH
21	NASHUA	ALISON JANIE	DANIEL CURTIS	KIMBERLY CURTIS
23	NASHUA	CHLOE ALLYN	DUANE PROVENCHER	CARRIE TREMBLAY
MAR. 2005				
3	NASHUA	ADRIEN CHRISTOPHER	DAVID SIMMONS	CARYN WITTERS
4	NASHUA	NATALIA MARIE	RONALD TROUVILLE	MELINDA JAMES
7	MANCHESTER	ROBERT GREGORY	ROBERT MCDERMOTT	JENNIFER HANLEY
9	NASHUA	EVAN PATRICK	MARK ROY	PAMELA ROY
10	NASHUA	VICTORIA ROSE	GEORGE GATZIMOS	ALYSSA GATZIMOS
10	NASHUA	AARON JOHN	AARON CREVELING	MARGOT CREVELING
10	MANCHESTER	JACK THOMAS	DANIEL VENEGONI	REBECCA VENEGONI
12	NASHUA	PHOEBE ISABELLA	JOEY BURZYNSKI	CATHERINE BURZYNSKI
13	NASHUA	SARAH ELIZABETH	DAVID GORGOGNONE	ANNETTE GORGOGNONE
17	NASHUA	CONNER JAMES	MICHAEL COLBY	SHERRY DUBOIS
20	NASHUA	BRIELLE CLARE	DEREK ANDERSON	LEANNE ANDERSON
20	NASHUA	HANNAH ELIZABETH	KENNETH PATTERSON	RITA PATTERSON
22	NASHUA	EVAN CHARLES	ERIC FIENGO	SANDRA FIENGO
22	NASHUA	GEORGE CHARLES	JOHN SCHWARTZ	KRISTEN SCHWARTZ

DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	CHILD'S NAME	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER
22	NASHUA	JARED MICHAEL	DAVID LACRETA	MICHELLE LACRETA
22	NASHUA	JAYDEN EARL	EARL MONTGOMERY	JODY MONTGOMERY
23	NASHUA	RUSSELL TUCKER	RUSSEL GOLDMAN	MARY GOLDMAN
24	NASHUA	JAMES GREGORY MCNULTY	DANIEL LOTT	CAROLE MCNULTY-LOTT
28	NASHUA	AUSTIN MICHAEL	PAUL MENDRALA	DELILAH MENDRALA
29	NASHUA	TYLER JOSEPH	BRIAN HARRIS	DEANNE HARRIS
29	NASHUA	ALICIA ANN	DOUGLAS HUGH	CHRISTINE HUGH
30	NASHUA	ABIGAIL YATES	RICHARD BOISVERT	JACQUELINE BOISVERT
APR. 2005				
2	NASHUA	OWEN DAVID	DAVID MINER	BETH MINER
3	MANCHESTER	MEGAN KATHLEEN	JUSTIN HUNSEN	KATHLEEN HANSEN
4	NASHUA	CODY DEVAN	JAMISON MAYHEW	LISA MAYHEW
5	MANCHESTER	RILEY LOUIS	MARK SYLVESTER	MARIANNE SYLVESTER
7	NASHUA	DEANNA BROOKE	THOMAS MORRISON	HEATHER PICKELL
8	NASHUA	ELIJAH LUKE	JEFFREY DEWAR	TAMMY DEWAR
9	NASHUA	BONNIE JOSEPHINE	JOHN MONTE	CARLA MONTE
9	MANCHESTER	SPENCER THOMAS	PAULO PEREIRA	LEAH PEREIRA
10	NASHUA	KELLY MARIE CARBERRY	DUSTON ADAM	JEANNETTE CARBERRY
11	MANCHESTER	JACOB DYLAN	SEAN MALONEY	LISA LEGROS
19	NASHUA	MACKENZIE ROSE	SCOTT GOLDEN	HOLLY GOLDEN
27	MANCHESTER	GRACIE ELLA	MICHAEL STANCOMBE	MARIA STANCOMBE
28	MANCHESTER	PARKER QUINN	MICHAEL THOMPSON	NICOLE THOMPSON
28	NASHUA	ANTHONY LAKOTA	JOSHUA BULLOCK	MEGAN PIZANO
MAY 2005				
1	MANCHESTER	MAXWELL JACOB	ANDREW MARINOS	JAMIE MARINOS
2	NASHUA	REBECCA ELIZABETH	SHAWN NOONAN	MICHELLE NOONAN
4	NASHUA	SARAH ALEXIS	JAY PETROS	ELIZABETH PETROS
7	NASHUA	HAILEY MARIE	JOSHUA SILVA	ASHLEY JOHNSON
7	NASHUA	AMBROSE BIRON	BRIAN ROCKWELL	LORRICE BEDARD
8	NASHUA	CONNOR WILLIAM	ALAN LOVETT	MICHELLE LOVETT
11	NASHUA	TRENT ANDREW	DAVID JACKSON	STACIE JACKSON

DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	CHILD'S NAME	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER
11	NASHUA	NATHAN DAVID	DAVID THOMAS	RHONDA THOMAS
12	NASHUA	JULIA LAUREN	MATTHEW SOLARI	MELANIE SOLARI
13	NASHUA	BRANDON DANIEL	SCOTT BOURGOIN	LINDA BOURGOIN
13	NASHUA	CHARLES ASSAD	GEORGE MAROUN	KRISTIN MAROUN
13	NASHUA	LUCY MICHELE	KENNETH COTE	DAWN COTE
15	MANCHESTER	DOROTHY JEANNE	KEVIN MORENO	STACEY MORENO
18	NASHUA	KAYDENCE TRACI	KEITH LAMBERT	DIANNA MADISON
19	NASHUA	MORGAN RYLEE	SHAWN STARBIRD	TRACY STARBIRD
21	NASHUA	KAYLEE ANN	J DEGAN	MELINDA DEGAN
22	NASHUA	WILLIAM VINCENT	WILLIAM ALEXANDER	EMILY ALEXANDER
22	NASHUA	ELLA	AMIR BEHARIC	NATALIJA BEHARIC
27	CONCORD	JASON WILLIAM	MATTHEW DUKE	LISA DUKE
28	MANCHESTER	KAYLEIGH MARIE	CHRISTOPHER CHASSE	KRISTEN LAWRENCE
29	NASHUA	KYRA MACKENZIE	ROBERT ETTER	KAREN ETTER
JUNE 2005				
3	DERRY	RYLEY MICHAEL	MICHAEL DECASTA	RIKKI DECASTA
4	NASHUA	STEVEN CHARLES	STEVEN RENNIE	JESSICA BULLARD
4	NASHUA	TYLER JONERIC	JONERIC SAFSTROM	CHRISTINA CONNOR
7	MERRIMACK	XANDER RICHARD DRACO ZEN	JEFFERY HART	ERIKA HART
8	NASHUA	CODY DAVID	ANDREW BOOTH	JENNIFER BOOTH
9	NASHUA	JOSEPH MICHAEL	JAY BERNASCONI	BETHANY BERNASCONI
9	NASHUA	JASON YANG	WENHUA ZHU	AIRONG YANG
13	FRANKLIN	SAMUEL PHILIP	JASON AVERY	TARA AVERY
15	NASHUA	VALERIE ANNA	ANDREW DOUGLAS	CHRISTINE DOUGLAS
15	NASHUA	AALIYAH RENEE	CARL ELLIS	AMBER ELLIS
15	NASHUA	ROBERT CHARLES	CHRISTOPHER DONAHOE	ALICE DONAHOE
16	NASHUA	AVA CECILE	BRIAN TWISS	VALERIE TWISS
20	NASHUA	TIMOTHY JAMES	JAMES PAQUIN	BRENDA PAQUIN
22	MANCHESTER	EVAN WILLIAM	JOHN JOHNSTON	ALLISON JOHNSTON
23	NASHUA	ALEXIS ELISE	DAVID MARTINEAU	TAMMY MARTINEAU
23	LEBANON	MICHAEL JOSEPH	JOSEPH NICASTRO	MICHELLE NICASTRO

DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	CHILD'S NAME	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER
26	NASHUA	MADELINE ROSE	BRYON HEBERT	BROOKE HEBERT
28	NASHUA	JACOB ARNOLD	MARC BOURBEAU	KATHY BOURBEAU
30	MANCHESTER	CARA RENEE	DAVID SULLIVAN	CHRISTINA SULLIVAN
30	NASHUA	MICHAEL JOHN	MICHAEL MURRAY	ALLISON MURRAY
JULY 2005				
3	NASHUA	NATALIE ELIZABETH	MARC VON HAHMANN	CHRISTINA VON HAHMANN
3	MANCHESTER	HANNAH DIANE	PATRICK DUNN	JENNIFER DUNN
6	MANCHESTER	MICHAEL ROBERT	MICHAEL SALOIS	AMBER RUHL
7	MANCHESTER	HANNAH LOUISE	MATTHEW DUBE	KATHRYN DUBE
7	NASHUA	NICKOLAS PAUL	TIMOTHY MURPHY	KIMBERLY CHANNEN
8	CONCORD	TIMOTHY IGNATIUS	CREE HUBBARD	JAMIE HUBBARD
10	NASHUA	ALEXANDER WINTHROP	STEVEN NADEAU	URSULA NADEAU
10	NASHUA	CHRISTINE MARIE	STEVEN NADEAU	URSULA NADEAU
13	NASHUA	ALEXIS MARGARET	RICHARD GALVIN	JESSICA GALVIN
20	NASHUA	NOAH ELIJAH	JEFFREY KAHN	CAROL KAHN
21	NASHUA	AVERY ALLISON	JOHN MOIR	AMY MCDONALD-MOIR
22	NASHUA	BETTY KATHRYN	EDWARD HALL	ELIZABETH HALL
23	NASHUA	HANNAH MARIE	NEIL TREMBLAY	KELLY EVANS
25	NASHUA	KAELIN MCKENNA	CHRISTOPHER DUNN	SHERRY MURRAY
26	MANCHESTER	KAYLEE ELISABETH	TIMOTHY MORAN	JENNIFER MORAN
26	NASHUA	JORDAN ELIZABETH	DAVID ZEBUHR	DAWN ZEBUHR
26	NASHUA	SARAH MARIE	DAVID ZEBUHR	DAWN ZEBUHR
27	NASHUA	SAMUEL BARRETT	LAWRENCE GILES	STACY BACHELDER-GILES
29	NASHUA	MICHAEL ALDEN	BENJAMIN CARON	LESLIE CARON
AUG. 2005				
2	NASHUA	KAITLYN DELANEY	TIMOTHY VADNEY	KAREN VADNEY
6	NASHUA	DAYNA MICHELLE	WALTER PICKERING	ZORA PICKERING
6	NASHUA	JUSTIN PETER	MICHAEL FORNAROLO	DIANE FORNAROLO
7	DERRY	JUSTIN KEITH	KEITH STRANDELL	TINA STRANDELL
14	NASHUA	CAILA AMELIA	TIMOTHY SCULLY	CAROLYN SCULLY
15	NASHUA	NINA	PURNA SUBEDI	GAYATRI SUBEDI

DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	CHILD'S NAME	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER
15	MANCHESTER	MADISON PAIGE	TIMOTHY HUNT	KATELYN HUNT
18	NASHUA	SAMUEL	JONATHAN DEMERS	JULI TOTARO
18	NASHUA	SADIE MAE	ADAM GAGE	JULIE GAGE
19	NASHUA	NATALIE MADELINE	SCOTT WATKINS	JENNIFER WATKINS
19	NASHUA	EMILY KATHERINE	SCOTT WATKINS	JENNIFER WATKINS
19	NASHUA	NATALIA CARINA	JOSE GONZALEZ	LORNA GONZALEZ
19	NASHUA	AUDRIANNE MAY	BRIAN COOKE	COURTNEY COOKE
22	NASHUA	JAIME KATHLEEN	JASON PILLSBURY	KERRY PILLSBURY
22	NASHUA	SHAYLA CHEYENNE	SCOTT CHASE	LAURIE FOSTER
23	NASHUA	RYAN JOSEPH	JOHN TERRUSO	KRISTINE TERRUSO
25	NASHUA	KATRINA SIMONE	CARL EVANKOVICH	LISA EVANKOVICH
31	NASHUA			
SEPT. 2005				
3	NASHUA	KIRA ALEXANDRA	ALEKSANDR BAIRAMOV	NATALIA BAIRAMOVA
4	NASHUA	TREVOR STEVEN	STEVEN BLODGETT	AMANDA COLEMAN
5	NASHUA	NICHOLAS ROBERT	STEPHEN MCCARTHY	KRISTEN MCCARTHY
5	NASHUA	MALCOLM ROBERT	RONALD CHRISTMAN	JENNIFER CHRISTMAN
6	MANCHESTER	BRENNA REGINA	GREGORY DENEILL	LISA ANN DENEILL
8	MANCHESTER	JOHN WILLIAM	JOHN BRINGHURST	CINDY BRINGHURST
8	NASHUA	KAITLYN ANNE	ROBERT NEWTON	KERRY ARGUIN-NEWTON
11	NASHUA	EVAN ALBERTO	ALBERT COSTA	ALICA COSTA
12	NASHUA	CHRISTOPHER ALLEN	DAVID YON	DEBORAH YON
13	MANCHESTER	ALEXANDER RUSSELL	CHRISTOPHER LOWE	ASHLEIGH LOWE
14	NASHUA	GRACE CAROL	WILLIAM JOHNSON	KELLI JOHNSON
14	NASHUA	HALEY MARIE	WILLIAM JOHNSON	KELLI JOHNSON
14	NASHUA	MICHAEL GEORGE	JOE JACOB	BLESSY ALEMPASSERIL
15	NASHUA	RILEY MAE	ANDREW O'HARA	KIMBERLY O'HARA
18	NASHUA	NOLAN THOMAS	STEPHEN ANDERSON	DIANNE ANDERSON
23	NASHUA	DREW ALLAN	BRETON FLANDERS	BETH FLANDERS
23	MANCHESTER	ALEXIS RYANN	ROBERT MUELLER	MARNI MUELLER
30	NASHUA	JOSHUA DAVID	PAUL KEENAN	MICHELLE KEENAN

DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	CHILD'S NAME	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER
OCT. 2005				
5	NASHUA	K Aidan Joseph Leroy	Robert Dumont	Meilani Dumont
5	NASHUA	Brianna Lynn	Joseph Miner	Christine Miner
6	NASHUA	Kadin Brackett	Jason Ramalho	Kristen Ramalho
7	NASHUA	Delaney Myra	Richard Callahan	Lori Callahan
10	MANCHESTER	Aiden Michael	Jeffrey Roth	Karen Roth
10	MANCHESTER	Damien Luis	Mark Streeter	Arlene Torruella
11	NASHUA	Sydney Ellen	Sonnie Bates	Andria Bates
12	NASHUA	Abigail Nicole	Jason Stover	Jennifer Stover
13	NASHUA	Danika Mae	Kevin Packard	Robyn Packard
14	NASHUA	Alyssa Julian	Mark Jackson	Laura Jackson
17	NASHUA	Trevor Allen	Paul Rivard	Michele Bradford
18	MANCHESTER	Kennedy Jayne	Theodore Dillon	Kelly Dillon
19	NASHUA	Emmie Madison	Gary Greenleaf	Renée Greenleaf
23	NASHUA	Jack Logan	Edmund Prout	Katherine Prout
25	NASHUA	Emma Marie	Jason Shorette	Donna Shorette
26	NASHUA	Faith Rose	Jim Pantazelos	Jennifer Tomolonis
27	NASHUA	Jordan Riley	Jared Grace	Jade Lyn Sicard
28	NASHUA	Lucas	Claus Allgayer	Keila Marques
31	MANCHESTER	Eliah Rose	Paul Brigham	Bridget Brigham
31	NASHUA	Emily Anne	Mohammad Islam	Michelle Islam
NOV. 2005				
1	NASHUA	Madeline Gray	Benjamin Doyle	Amy Doyle
1	MANCHESTER	Cosimo Joseph	Joseph Fricano	Kim Fricano
3	NASHUA	Melissa Jeanne	Michael Sherman	Dianne Sherman
4	MANCHESTER	Thaddeus Grant Boyd	Boyd Maughan	Tina Maughan
15	NASHUA	Logan Steven	Steven Maynard	Betsy Maynard
17	NASHUA	Coleman Miller	William Maynard	Carolanne Sturgis
17	NASHUA	Jack Peter	Thomas Sturgis	Jennifer Thornton
17	NASHUA	Brynn Regan	John Paquette	Keli Paquette-Mylchreest
17	NASHUA	Joel David	Geoffrey Adams	Justine Adams

DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	CHILD'S NAME	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER
18	MANCHESTER	CAMERON JAMES	RYAN PIKE	NICOLE ANTONELLIS
19	MANCHESTER	SOPHIA GRACE	ANDREW DEVINE	ADRIENNE DEVINE
21	NASHUA	ADRIANNA MARIE	TRAVIS SAARI	SHANNON SAARI
21	NASHUA	HARRIS JAMES	ROBERT CURRAN	LYNNETTE CURRAN
28	NASHUA	BRANDON HOWARD	BRUCE POLIQUIN	SHERRI POLIQUIN
28	NASHUA	STEPHANIE PAIGE	MICHAEL COLE	DEBORAH COLE
28	NASHUA	CLAUDIA GRACE	JESSE MORELLO	DANIELLE MORELLO
DEC. 2005				
2	NASHUA	GRACE CATHERINE	JOHNNY LUCAS	MICHAELA DECILLA
3	NASHUA	NOELLE ELISE	ADAM MCWHIRTER	ERIN MCWHIRTER
7	NASHUA	BRANDON MICHAEL	GREGORY FRANKLIN	LAURI FRANKLIN
9	LEBANON	SOPHIA GRACE	DAVID WARNER	SARA WARNER
9	LEBANON	AIDEN MICHAEL	DAVID WARNER	SARA WARNER
10	NASHUA	ISABELLA RUTH	SCOTT JETTE	KIMBERLY HAZEN
12	NASHUA	COOPER JEFFREY	WALTER TREMBLAY	MICHELLE TREMBLAY
13	NASHUA	NATHAN ROBERT	SCOTT WATSON	ERIN OSINSKI
15	NASHUA	ALYSSE NICOLE	DEREK DAVIDSON	LAURIE DEMANCHE
15	MANCHESTER	RYAN BENJAMIN	LESLIE WARRINGTON	MELISSA WARRINGTON
17	NASHUA	BRENDAN CHRISTOPHER	KEVIN CURLEY	LINDA CURLEY
17	NASHUA	LUKE ANTHONY IRVING	LUKE CHAPMAN	TINA DELUCA
19	NASHUA	EMILY	DANIEL BALOCHE	LAURENCE BALOCHE
20	NASHUA	AURORA JANE	JEFFREY PERETTI	EMILY THOMPSON
20	NASHUA	ELIZABETH ANNE	ANTHONY MARINO	STACEY MARINO
21	MERRIMACK	SHANNON CATHERINE	JAKE YARA	CARA YARA
21	MANCHESTER	AUBREY TAYLOR	ANDREW MERRILL	ANGELA MERRILL
22	MANCHESTER	RYAN THOMAS	NATHAN CHURCH	BRENDA CHURCH
25	LEBANON	AUSTIN NICHOLAS	NICHOLAS SHEA	CASSAUNDRA
26	NASHUA	SARJU JITENDRA	JITENDRA PATEL	SCHOFIELD
27	NASHUA	MCKAYLA GRACE	BRIAN MENDEZ	KALISHABEN PATEL AMY DEJADON

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NH YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2005

DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	PLACE OF DEATH
JANUARY, 2005		
8	JOSEPHINE CIESLUK	NASHUA
13	ARDELLE STRONG	MERRIMACK
13	BERTRAND BOURQUE	NASHUA
17	LINDA ROY	NASHUA
17	ISRAEL CARON	NASHUA
18	FRANK BURGHARDT	DEERFIELD
21	MURIEL JONES	NASHUA
23	WILLIAM ENGLISH	MERRIMACK
25	ANASTASIA MORTARA	BEDFORD
26	EDWARD MCNICHOLAS	NASHUA
28	ROBERT PROULX	BEDFORD
29	HELENE PINARD	MERRIMACK
31	BARBARA DREW	MERRIMACK
FEBRUARY, 2005		
1	JAMES POLT	MANCHESTER
2	LEO STROMVALL	MERRIMACK
3	RALPH JONES	BEDFORD
3	ALBERT COOK	NASHUA
7	CATHERINE BLISS	NASHUA
10	RITA CHARTIER	BEDFORD
13	FLEURETTE LECLAIRE	MERRIMACK
14	THERESA SCHMANSKI	NASHUA
16	JEAN GUEST	BEDFORD
20	MARY BLANDINO	MERRIMACK
28	GLENN MOORE	NASHUA
MARCH, 2005		
1	DENISE MAURICE	LEBANON
4	RICHARD GORSKI	NASHUA
5	RUTH WEBSTER	MILFORD
8	ELEANOR WORSTER	MERRIMACK
17	PATRICIA CLOSS	MERRIMACK
24	BARBARA SOMERS	NASHUA

DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	PLACE OF DEATH
APRIL, 2005		
2	GERTRUDE DAHLQUIST	MERRIMACK
2	WILLIAM SUTCH	MERRIMACK
4	LEO BOSSE	BEDFORD
5	LYNN MCCALLUM	MERRIMACK
6	BRIAN MITCHELL	MERRIMACK
9	SARAH LANGIS	GOFFSTOWN
22	WILLIAM JORDAN	NASHUA
24	RICHARD BURNS	MERRIMACK
26	RONALD STEWART	NASHUA
MAY, 2005		
3	RUTH CRAIG	MERRIMACK
4	ALMA HYAM	NASHUA
6	JOHN SULLIVAN	TILTON
9	PETER JORGENSEN	MANCHESTER
11	BARBARA BEAIRSTO	HUDSON
12	ALFRED GOODWIN	MERRIMACK
12	LINDA BELLEMORE	NASHUA
13	ARCHIE LEWIS	HUDSON
15	MARIE BOUDREAU	MERRIMACK
23	ROBERT LEVESQUE	NASHUA
24	ROLAND COURTEMANCHE	MANCHESTER
29	MARK WHITTEMORE	MANCHESTER
30	ROBERT BATES	NASHUA
31	BARBARA COTA	MERRIMACK
JUNE, 2005		
1	BONNIE CLAIR	MERRIMACK
1	JAMES BAILEY	NASHUA
2	CLARA LUCAS	NASHUA
7	GRACE INGERSON	MERRIMACK
17	PHYLLIS LAUGHTON	BEDFORD
19	KARL PERKINS	NASHUA
21	ARLENE BUJOLD	NASHUA
21	KATHRYN GILLIS	NASHUA
21	HARRY MCDANIEL	NASHUA
21	JAMES SPERLING	PLYMOUTH
22	ARDEN POWERS	CONCORD
JULY, 2005		
9	FLORENCE BURKE	MERRIMACK

DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	PLACE OF DEATH
16	CARLA DAVIS	NASHUA
20	NINA WYATT	NASHUA
27	PATRICIA DUTY	MERRIMACK
30	HELEN COX	MANCHESTER
AUGUST, 2005		
5	CLAUDETTE BARTASAWICZ	NASHUA
16	AURELIEN VALCOURT	NASHUA
19	BONNIE PRESTON	NASHUA
20	ROBERT GOODWIN	NASHUA
21	PAULINE FRADETTE	MERRIMACK
28	ANNA SKIRKEY	MERRIMACK
SEPTEMBER, 2005		
11	ROLAND CRAWFORD	NASHUA
12	CHARLES WALTERS	NASHUA
12	MARILYN CANNON	NASHUA
13	DANIEL FOURNIER	MANCHESTER
15	JOHN LEE	GOFFSTOWN
28	FLORENCE DORR	MERRIMACK
OCTOBER, 2005		
1	YVONNE NEVEU	NASHUA
5	GERALD FELSKI	MERRIMACK
5	JEWELL MACNEILL	MANCHESTER
9	REGINA BELANGER	MERRIMACK
18	ALEXANDRA PLEAKAS	MERRIMACK
20	RICHARD NOVAK	MERRIMACK
27	STEPHANIE MCKENNE	NASHUA
30	RENE COTE	LEBANON
NOVEMBER, 2005		
4	ADA TRAILL	NASHUA
8	RONALD GARSTANG	NASHUA
8	PATRICIA FINLAY	MERRIMACK
10	JESSIE PAOLUCCI	NASHUA
15	THERESE BOUTHILLETTE	MANCHESTER
15	JOSEPH SHAMBO	MANCHESTER
18	HUGH CYR	MERRIMACK
19	ROY MINER	NASHUA
21	HELEN PARKIN	NASHUA
DECEMBER, 2005		
1	NORMAND PEPIN	MANCHESTER

DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	PLACE OF DEATH
	JOHN BURKE	MERRIMACK
1	ANNE CICCONE	MERRIMACK
2	ROBERT GILBERT	MERRIMACK
4	ROBERT GILL	MERRIMACK
4	JOSEPH OBER	NASHUA
6	ROBERT ANNIS	MERRIMACK
8	VELMA SECHRIST	NASHUA
11	DANIEL GIGUERE	MILFORD
12	JOSEPH CARON	MERRIMACK
15	KATHARINE RETELLE	MERRIMACK
17	GERALD GRACE	NASHUA
18	J HINES	MERRIMACK
18	LORAIN BARTLETT	MERRIMACK
19	FAYE BARRY	MANCHESTER
23	WALTER RUSSELL	NASHUA
24	STEPHEN NEVINS	MERRIMACK
24	LUCY BAVARO	MANCHESTER
26	MADELEINE BOUCHARD	MERRIMACK
30	TIMOTHY REEN	BEDFORD
31	MAURICE VILLIARD	MERRIMACK
31	MILDRED BARTLETT	MERRIMACK

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NH YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2005

DATE	GROOMS' NAME	RESIDENCE	BRIDE'S NAME	RESIDENCE
JAN. 2005				
7	JAMES CAPP	MERRIMACK	LAURA M. DIPIPO	SANDOWN
7	CHRISTOPHER R. PALMER	MERRIMACK	SAMANTHA A. WILSON	MANCHESTER
15	BERNARD F. CULLITON	DRACUT, MA	XUE M. HUANG	MERRIMACK
28	KEVIN R. SOUCY	MERRIMACK	DEBORA J. PANZIERI	MERRIMACK
28	NICHOLAS A. STENTA	MERRIMACK	LAUREN E. COPPA	AMHERST
FEB. 2005				
6	ROBERT M. TYSZKO	NASHUA	JENNIFER L. THOMPSON	MERRIMACK
11	SHAWN W. COLBURN	MERRIMACK	KATHERINE B. ARNAULT	MERRIMACK
12	CLESIO S. LANA	NASHUA	ALEXANDRA M. PARENTE	MERRIMACK
12	BRIAN A. SULLIVAN	MERRIMACK	SARA C. LLOYD	MERRIMACK
13	NATHAN P. THOMAS	MERRIMACK	MICHELLE J. NUGENT	MANCHESTER
14	RAYMOND W. MORLEY	MERRIMACK	TRACY S. BISHOP	MERRIMACK
25	ALAN L. VETREE	MERRIMACK	LAURIE R. MANSFIELD	MERRIMACK
MAR. 2005				
1	RAYMOND WEINSTOCK	AMHERST	NANCY J. PLACENTINO	MERRIMACK
12	STEVEN R. MAYNARD	MERRIMACK	BETSY A. CLARK	MERRIMACK
24	AIDAN M. SCANNELL	MERRIMACK	TRACEY L. BASCIO	MERRIMACK
APR. 2005				
2	ANDRE P. GUILLEMETTE	MERRIMACK	PAULINE A. FUHS	MERRIMACK
2	PHILLIP S. FROST	MERRIMACK	LAURA L. WHITE	MERRIMACK
3	GABRIEL ADUSEI	LOWELL, MA	ALYX M. JILLSON	MERRIMACK
9	JAMES A. SZYMCAK	MERRIMACK	KAREN L. TUTTLE	MERRIMACK

DATE	GROOMS' NAME	RESIDENCE	BRIDE'S NAME	RESIDENCE
9	MATTHEW P. WINSLOW	MERRIMACK	JOANNA M. FRECHETTE	MERRIMACK
16	ARNOLD C. HEATH	MERRIMACK	GLORIA L. NELSEN	MERRIMACK
16	MICHAEL P. GABREE	MERRIMACK	MELANIE J. KERR	MERRIMACK
17	MARK L. RAVENELLE	MERRIMACK	LISA A. LANTEIGNE	DRACUT, MA
23	WILLIAM F. CARR	MERRIMACK	DEBRA A. PASQUAROSA	MERRIMACK
23	MICHAEL R. MAURIELLO	MERRIMACK	PATRICIA J. CAPRIOTTI	MERRIMACK
23	DWAYNE E. MARROTTE	MERRIMACK	GRETCHEN A. CAVALLIERE	MERRIMACK
23	ROGER T. DESPRES	MERRIMACK	ARIANE K. BRUNELLE	MERRIMACK
29	BRIAN J. YOUNG	MERRIMACK	COLLEEN A. PAULHUS	MERRIMACK
30	KEITH VASKELIONIS	MERRIMACK	CHRISTINA M. PULKKINEN	MERRIMACK
MAY 2005				
6	KAUNO RAUHALA	MERRIMACK	NANCY L. WASSERMAN	NASHUA
7	MICHAEL F. LICATA	HOLLIS	MEGHAN E. CASHMAN	MERRIMACK
10	EDWARD N. HANNAN	MERRIMACK	DOROTHY E. LUMBERT	ORLANDO, FL
14	CRAIG S. SIMMS	MERRIMACK	CHERYL L. HAMBURGER	MERRIMACK
14	GARY J. GENEAU	MERRIMACK	AMIR R. BEARSE	MERRIMACK
14	JOHN C. MICAVICH	HAVERHILL, MA	KELLI A. HANSON	MERRIMACK
14	TIMOTHY J. PAQUETTE	MERRIMACK	THERESA J. COLLINS	MERRIMACK
20	THOMAS R. BARKER	MERRIMACK	SHARON B. KENISTON	MERRIMACK
21	THOMAS J. DORAN	MERRIMACK	NANCY M. BROADBENT	MERRIMACK
21	KEVIN G. BROWN	MERRIMACK	SHEILA ZIERNICKI	MERRIMACK
21	JOSEPH S. BARON	MERRIMACK	HOLLIE A. NIEMI	MERRIMACK
28	EDMUND VELIGOR	MERRIMACK	DIANE D. AZORIAN	MERRIMACK
28	DAVID F. LOOMIS	MERRIMACK	JENNIFER E. DELAY	MILFORD
28	WRYAN J. FEIL	MERRIMACK	HOLLY A. DION	MERRIMACK
JUNE 2005				
4	DAVID E. HEROD	MERRIMACK	AUDREY A. LEMIEUX	FARMINGTON, CT

DATE	GROOMS' NAME	RESIDENCE	BRIDE'S NAME	RESIDENCE
5	MICHAEL M. COX	MERRIMACK	TAMMY L. CRERIE	MERRIMACK
11	RICHARD A. GODFREY	MERRIMACK	SUSAN J. NAWOTKA	MERRIMACK
11	JONATHAN B. GREEN	MERRIMACK	DEBRA L. STERGION	NASHUA
11	RANDY S. FIGARY	MERRIMACK	CHERYL A. WILLAN	MERRIMACK
11	MICHAEL C. LANSFORD	MERRIMACK	NYSSA A. BARRIAULT	AMHERST
17	RICAI RIBEIRO DOS SANTOS	NASHUA	JACQUELYN M. PUCCIO	MERRIMACK
18	KIM P. COMBS	MERRIMACK	LAURA A. HARRINGTON	MERRIMACK
18	JONATHAN W. GROOMS	MERRIMACK	BRIANNA D. MCCLINTOCK	MERRIMACK
18	JESSE J. ANDREASEN	AMHERST	LISA M. TAYLOR	MERRIMACK
25	ARMAND P. ROUX	MERRIMACK	NOREEN C. MARQUIS	MERRIMACK
25	PERRY T. RADFORD	MERRIMACK	JESSICA L. DODGE	MERRIMACK
25	CHRISTOPHER M. STUBBS	MERRIMACK	SUSAN M. SULLIVAN	MERRIMACK
JULY 2005				
9	TIMOTHY CHIEN	MERRIMACK	NATALIE I. LAU	MANCHESTER
9	BRIAN P. DONNAN	MERRIMACK	ANDREA L. SOUCY	MERRIMACK
23	NILS P. JOHNSON	MERRIMACK	ANN C. LEO	MERRIMACK
23	MICHAEL M. OZOG	MERRIMACK	STEPHANIE L. HATHORN	MERRIMACK
30	HENRY E. SITUMORANG	NASHUA	CHRISTINE M. CARON	MERRIMACK
30	MARK B. PATTERSON	MERRIMACK	LAURIE L. RIDENOUR	MERRIMACK
30	MICHAEL P. KELLY	CHADDS FORD, PA	TRACY A. CANTWELL	MERRIMACK
30	RYAN J. O'CONNOR	MERRIMACK	JILLIAN L. DUSLING	MERRIMACK
31	JASON C. KELLEY	MERRIMACK	TRACY L. CARR	MERRIMACK
AUG. 2005				
5	JASON J. PLANT	MERRIMACK	JENNIFER E. MUSE	MERRIMACK
5	CHRISTOPHER A. LEONARD	MERRIMACK	APRIL M. HARVEY	MERRIMACK
6	PAUL A. PETRAIN	MERRIMACK	BARBARA D. WHEELER	MERRIMACK
6	PATRICK D. POWERS	MERRIMACK	ERIN C. MILLING	MERRIMACK

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13	GERALD F. HARRIGAN	MERRIMACK	ANNAH LOTH-MILLER	NASHUA
13	STEPHEN D. TILLER	AMESBURY, MA	KIMBERLY A. GIACAPUZZI	MERRIMACK
14	GARY L. MOORE	MERRIMACK	ESTHER L. NEVINS	MERRIMACK
20	UWE E. ZIMMERMANN	MERRIMACK	LORI E. ZUSCIN	MERRIMACK
20	DANIEL J. STONE	MERRIMACK	JOANN OLIVO	MERRIMACK
20	ROBERT F. FOULIS	MERRIMACK	COLLEEN B. GALLAGHER	MERRIMACK
27	JOHN M. HUNTER	MERRIMACK	KARRIE A. DAMAS	CANDIA
27	JESSE B. PYLES	WHEELING, WV	LAURA M. POREMBSKI	MERRIMACK
SEPT. 2005				
3	CHRISTOPHER P. MARSH	MERRIMACK	HEATHER L. MCMAHON	NASHUA
8	ANTHONY F. NEVES	MERRIMACK	GAETANE P. GRONDIN	MERRIMACK
10	CHARLES L. COURTOIS	MERRIMACK	EILEEN P. MCCALL	MERRIMACK
10	DANIEL L. FONTAS	MERRIMACK	CRYSTAL L. HOPKIN	MERRIMACK
11	DAVID D. RANDLETT	FRANKLIN	VIRGINIA C. LAWRENCE	MERRIMACK
17	JAMES W. CONNINGTON	MERRIMACK	SANDRA E. THERRIEN	NASHUA
17	WILLIAM B. ROE	MERRIMACK	KAREN T. GRAVELLE	MERRIMACK
18	JOHN W. STEEVES	MERRIMACK	JANET L. LESMERISES	MERRIMACK
24	ROBERT J. BALAKIN	MERRIMACK	KAREN J. HART	MERRIMACK
24	MATTHEW S. BLACK	MERRIMACK	SUSAN R. CIATTO	MERRIMACK
OCT. 2005				
1	ROBERT D. STODDARD	MERRIMACK	MICHELLE LABBE	MERRIMACK
1	DAVID K. WARNER	MERRIMACK	SARA A. LEDOUX	MERRIMACK
1	ROBERT T. FROHMAN	MERRIMACK	BETH A. POLLACK	HUDSON
1	THOMAS F. SHIELDS	MERRIMACK	JENNELL M. DERIENZO	MERRIMACK
1	CARL M. WILLIAMS	MERRIMACK	AMANDA E. DOVE	MERRIMACK
1	ZACHARY J. LEMEAR	MERRIMACK	KATHERINE L. BLANCHETTE	MERRIMACK
1	COREY J. KONIECZKA	MERRIMACK	SHANNON M. PATTEN	HUDSON

DATE	GROOMS' NAME	RESIDENCE	BRIDE'S NAME	RESIDENCE
7	BRIAN M. TOMASELLI	MERRIMACK	NICOLE DECALOGERO	MERRIMACK
8	TODD E. EASTMAN	MERRIMACK	CHERIE A. SIMONS	NASHUA
8	GREGORY E. TETREAULT	MERRIMACK	GRETCHEN K. WEISIGER	MERRIMACK
9	KENDALL S. JUTHE	LONDONDERRY	DIANE M. SALVATO	MERRIMACK
14	BRIAN L. KIDDER	MERRIMACK	MARGUERITE I. YEE	MERRIMACK
14	MICHAEL G. FLANNELLY	MERRIMACK	SUZANNE AUDITORE	MERRIMACK
14	CHRISTOPHER K. MAYE	MERRIMACK	HILLARY M. HUGHES	MERRIMACK
16	STEPHEN C. MUSKIEWICZ	MERRIMACK	DANIELLE M. CLARK	MERRIMACK
16	CHRISTOPHER C. ATHANAS	MERRIMACK	NICOLE A. MASSA	MERRIMACK
20	RICHARD H. PRINCE	MERRIMACK	SALLY C. BOYER	MERRIMACK
21	WALTER F. CONNOLLY	MERRIMACK	TAMMY A. CYR	MERRIMACK
22	DONALD KIESNER	MERRIMACK	REBECCA L. QUINTAL	MERRIMACK
22	CHRISTOPHER S. COLE	NASHUA	JENNIFER L. GORCZYCA	MERRIMACK
22	STEPHEN R. MAHER	BEDFORD	KRISTEN R. HAIMES	MERRIMACK
22	BRIAN M. LAVALLEE	MERRIMACK	VALERIE M. MULLIN	MERRIMACK
22	SHAWN P. DUPONT	MERRIMACK	JENNIFER M. MULLEN	MERRIMACK
22	SHANE J. KINNEY	BROOKLINE	NIKKI A. ROCLETTE	SALEM
22	ROBERT E. GRANT	MERRIMACK	JENNIFER L. PERKINS	MERRIMACK
26	OSCAR BAKER	MERRIMACK	NANCY CEASER	MERRIMACK
29	KIM R. KELLY	MERRIMACK	SHERYL L. BROSSAU	MERRIMACK
29	GREGORY S. DOUGLAS	MERRIMACK	MICHELLE L. DOIRON	MERRIMACK
NOV. 2005				
12	DAVID L. BLEHM	MERRIMACK	KAREN M. SCHMIDT	MERRIMACK
12	CHARLES T. MCNAMARA	MERRIMACK	LORA J. LANG	NASHUA
13	STEPHEN D. KELLY	MERRIMACK	CAROL J. BRUNJES	MERRIMACK
24	WILLIAM R. JULIAN	MERRIMACK	M P HAYES	MERRIMACK
26	SEAN R. MATURAH	MERRIMACK	CHRISTINE A. HERR	MERRIMACK

DATE	GROOMS' NAME	RESIDENCE	BRIDE'S NAME	RESIDENCE
DEC. 2005				
2	ANTHONY T. PAYNE	NASHUA	SHIRLEY R. BOYD	MERRIMACK
14	MICHAEL J. SOUCIER	MERRIMACK	JUDITH A. HARRIS	MERRIMACK
23	JONATHON W. FIORE	MERRIMACK	KELLEY P. HABERMAN	WESTFORD, MA
24	KEITH G. FAUVEL	MERRIMACK	DANYEL H. HENNESSEY	MERRIMACK
24	JACOB A. WEISMAN	MERRIMACK	ANDREA L. ROBERTS	MERRIMACK
26	SCOTT A. BURKE	MERRIMACK	JULIANA SHARP	MERRIMACK
30	ROGER P. GRAVEL	MERRIMACK	DIANA M. RALSTON	MANCHESTER
31	THOMAS A. DOUCETTE	MERRIMACK	JEANNE M. KAUFMAN	MERRIMACK

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2006 Sample Official Ballot

2006 Voter's Guide

2006 Town Warrant

2006-07 Budget of the Town/City (MS-7)

2006-07 Default Budget





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MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE
APRIL 11, 2006**

BALLOT 1 OF 3

Diane Pollock Trippett
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice (s) like this: ☐
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

SELECTMEN

(3 Years) Vote for not
more than two (2)

"DON" BOTSCH	<input type="radio"/>
JANET CORMIER	<input type="radio"/>
ROBERT E. DUMONT	<input type="radio"/>
DANIEL DWYER	<input type="radio"/>
"DICK" HINCH	<input type="radio"/>
"MIKE" MALZONE	<input type="radio"/>
PATRICK M. McGRATH	<input type="radio"/>
BETTY J. SPENCE	<input type="radio"/>
ANDREW SYLVIA	<input type="radio"/>
JACOB WEISBERG	<input type="radio"/>
_____ (Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>
_____ (Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>

BUDGET COMMITTEE

(3 Years) Vote for not
more than four (4)

"CHRIS" AGER	<input type="radio"/>
RODNEY BUCKLEY	<input type="radio"/>
CAROL J. LANG	<input type="radio"/>
WAYNE S. MORRISON	<input type="radio"/>
DANIEL J. O'DONNELL	<input type="radio"/>
JACK ROTHMAN	<input type="radio"/>
JENNIFER TWARDOSKY	<input type="radio"/>
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ETHICS COMMITTEE

(3 Years) Vote for not
more than two (2)

ROBERT KELLEY	<input type="radio"/>
ANDREW SYLVIA	<input type="radio"/>
_____ (Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>
_____ (Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>

**TRUSTEE OF
TRUST FUNDS**

(3 Years) Vote for not
more than one (1)

JOHN E. LYONS	<input type="radio"/>
BRUCE W. MOREAU	<input type="radio"/>
_____ (Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

(3 Years) Vote for not
more than two (2)

ROBERT KELLEY	<input type="radio"/>
MATTHEW PUBLICOVER	<input type="radio"/>
BARBARA TUCKER	<input type="radio"/>
_____ (Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>
_____ (Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>

**TOWN CLERK/
TAX COLLECTOR**

(3 Years) Vote for not
more than one (1)

DIANE POLLOCK TRIPPETT	<input type="radio"/>
_____ (Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>

TREASURER

(3 Years) Vote for not
more than one (1)

BRUCE W. MOREAU	<input type="radio"/>
LINDA B. WILSON	<input type="radio"/>
_____ (Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>

MODERATOR

(2 Years) Vote for not
more than one (1)

LYNN CHRISTENSEN	<input type="radio"/>
_____ (Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>

**SUPERVISOR OF
THE CHECKLIST**

(6 Years) Vote for not
more than one (1)

MARGARET M. PETROVIC	<input type="radio"/>
_____ (Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>

QUESTIONS

Article 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 2.02.4. Districts I-1 & I-2 Industrial - Permitted Uses, by inserting a new Section C to permit mixed used developments of industrial, commercial, and/or residential, uses in the I-1 Industrial District, on certain qualifying parcels, provided a Conditional Use Permit for the mixed use development is approved by the Merrimack Planning Board according to certain minimum conditions described in the Ordinance? YES ☐ NO ☐

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Article 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 11 - Adoption of Codes, by replacing the language at Section 11.02.7, Section 11.02.8, Section 11.10.3, Section 11.10.4, Section 11.13.4, and Section 11.13.5, to bring these Sections - pertaining to Penalties and Unlawful Continuance - into conformance with previous changes to the Zoning Ordinance and NH RSA 676:17?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 4

Shall the Town vote: to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500,000 for the construction, equipping, and occupancy of a new library building; to finance said sum by the issuance of bonds or serial notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and in an amount not to exceed \$5,600,000, by the withdrawal of \$2,700,000 from the Library Building Construction Capital Reserve Fund, by the withdrawal of \$125,000 from the Library Trustees Special Funds, and by the use of \$75,000 of income from the investment of related bond proceeds; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest, the maturity, and other terms pertaining thereto; to name the Board of Library Trustees as agent to expend; to authorize the Board of Library Trustees and the Board of Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative to said purpose and financing; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$170,000 for the purpose of 2006-07 bond issuance costs and interest on said bonds or serial notes? [By Petition] [Article requires 60% vote in favor for approval] (Recommended by the Board of Library Trustees) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-5-0)

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 5

Shall the Town vote: to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,708,000 for drainage improvement projects, related road reconstruction, and expenses related to the issuance of municipal bonds; to finance said sum by the issuance of bonds or serial notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and in an amount not to exceed \$1,708,000 and by any federal, state, or private grants that may be made available in conjunction with said purpose; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept said grants of federal, state, or private aid; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest, the maturity, and other terms pertaining thereto; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative to said purpose and financing; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,000 for the purpose of 2006-07 interest on said bonds or serial notes? (60% ballot vote required for approval) (Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0-0)

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 6

Shall the Town of Merrimack approve the new charter recommended by the charter commission?

Summary Explanation - The Charter was developed under the provisions of RSA 49-B, which "...provides a vehicle whereby a municipality may adopt a form of government that best addresses local needs." The culmination of the Commission's work has provided a charter that provides a form of government that is Merrimack's own. The Charter keeps spending in the hands of the voters through the continuation of the deliberative session and all-day ballot voting on appropriations. The governing board is changed from a Board of Selectmen with five members and a budget committee to a Town Council with seven members to increase representation and to meet the demands of modern government and the increase in the Town's population. Finally, the Charter gives more definition to the roles for administrators and elected officials.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 7

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$25,180,319? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$26,306,512, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0) (Not Recommended by Budget Committee 11-0-1)

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 8

Shall the Town of Merrimack vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Board of Selectmen and the Teamsters Local 633 Union, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Base Wage Increase	Wage and Benefit Costs
2006-07	3.75 %	\$ 44,103
2007-08	3.75 %	\$ 34,587
2008-09	3.50 %	\$26,516

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,103 for the 2006-07 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? The passage of this article will result in employee health insurance contributions of up to 10% of premiums. These savings have been factored into the estimated increases set forth above. This collective bargaining agreement covers supervisory and clerical employees of the Highway, Solid Waste Disposal, Wastewater Treatments, Parks Maintenance, and Equipment Maintenance Divisions of the Public Works Department. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)

YES ☐

NO ☐

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING



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BALLOT 2 OF 3

Donna P. Gifford
TOWN CLERK

QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Article 9

Shall the Town of Merrimack vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Board of Selectmen and the International Brotherhood of Police Officers, Local No. 320, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Base Wage Increase	Wage and Benefit Costs
2006-07	3.75 %	\$ 128,192
2007-08	3.75 %	\$ 96,454
2008-09	3.50 %	\$ 77,035
2009-10	3.00 %	\$ 70,988
2010-11	3.00 %	\$ 70,756

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$128,192 for the 2006-07 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? The passage of this article will result in employee health insurance contributions of up to 10% of premiums. These savings have been factored into the estimated increases set forth above. This collective bargaining agreement covers Patrolmen, Detectives, and Sergeants of the Police Department. *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 10

Shall the Town of Merrimack vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Board of Selectmen and the Professional Firefighters of Merrimack, IAFF Local 2904, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Base Wage Increase	Wage and Benefit Costs
2006-07	3.00 %	\$ 117,068
2007-08	3.00 %	\$ 109,119
2008-09	3.50 %	\$ 80,135
2009-10	3.75 %	\$ 79,704
2010-11	3.75 %	\$ 84,477

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$117,068 for the 2006-07 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? The passage of this article will result in employee health insurance contributions of up to 10% of premiums. These savings have been factored into the estimated increases set forth above. This collective bargaining agreement basically covers Firefighters and Paramedics of the Fire Department. *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 11

Shall the Town of Merrimack vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Board of Selectmen and AFSCME Council 93, Local 2986, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Base Wage Increase	Wage and Benefit Costs
2006-07	3.50 %	\$ 69,169
2007-08	3.75 %	\$ 91,848
2008-09	3.75 %	\$ 86,861
2009-10	3.00 %	\$ 85,985

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$69,169 for the 2006-07 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? The passage of this article will result in employee health insurance contributions of up to 10% of premiums. These savings have been factored into the estimated increases set forth above. This collective bargaining agreement covers non-supervisory employees of the Highway, Solid Waste Disposal, Wastewater Treatment, Parks Maintenance, and Equipment Maintenance Divisions of the Public Works Department. *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

YES ☐

NO ☐

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Article 12

Shall the Town of Merrimack vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Board of Selectmen and AFSCME Council 93, Local 3657, which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Base Wage Increase	Wage and Benefit Costs
2006-07	3.75 %	\$70,113
2007-08	3.75 %	\$60,711
2008-09	3.50 %	\$58,424
2009-10	3.00 %	\$98,904
2010-11	3.00 %	\$55,352
2011-12	3.00 %	\$56,944

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,113 for the 2006-07 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? The passage of this article will result in employee health insurance contributions of up to 10% of premiums. These savings have been factored into the estimated increases set forth above. This collective bargaining agreement covers supervisory employees of the Fire and Police Departments. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 13

Shall the Town raise and appropriate an amount up to \$50,000 or 100% of the unencumbered surplus funds remaining on hand in the Library Operating Budget at the end of the Fiscal Year 2005-2006, whichever amount is less, and transfer that amount to the Library Construction Capital Reserve Fund? [By Petition] (Recommended by the Library Board of Trustees) (Recommended by Board of Selectmen 3-2-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 14

Shall the Town vote: to establish, in accordance with RSA 31:19-a, a Milfoil/Aquatic Invasive Species Treatment Expendable Trust Fund for the treatment of variable milfoil or other invasive species in Horseshoe Pond or in any other infected public body of water in Merrimack; to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in said fund; and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend? This is a Special Warrant Article per RSA 32:3, VI. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 15

Shall the Town vote: to establish, in accordance with RSA 35, a Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund for capital expenditures relating to the acquisition, construction, replacement, and improvement of municipal buildings, including related equipment, infrastructure, and furnishings; to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 to be placed in said fund; and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend? This is a Special Warrant Article per RSA 32:3, VI. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen 4-1-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-1-0)

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 16

Shall the voters direct that the Town Manager, in cooperation with the Conservation Commission and others to be determined, develop and Open Space Action Plan? The Open Space Action Plan will evaluate the Current Use Change Tax distribution and other available financing methods and will develop a plan that meets the open space goals of the citizens in a fiscally responsible manner. The existing Current Use Change Tax distribution shall not be altered until the study results and recommendations are made available no later than October 2006.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 17

Shall the Town vote to adopt an ordinance entitled "Board of Selectmen non-interference ordinance" as proposed by the Board of Selectmen?

Explanation - The purpose of the ordinance is to promote the more efficient administration of government for the Town of Merrimack and to provide a working framework for the Board of Selectmen to interact with the Town Manager, Department Heads and town employees by adopting an ordinance for noninterference regarding individual members of the Board with Town employees. It prohibits interference by individual members of the Board of Selectmen with town officials in the performance of their duties.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Copies of the ordinance have been posted with the Town Warrant.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)

Article 18

Shall the Town of Merrimack oppose the state of New Hampshire highway project to connect U.S. Route 3 in Merrimack with N.H. Route 102 in the town of Litchfield, if this project is to be funded by tolls? Furthermore, on passage of this article, a copy of the article be sent to the Governor of New Hampshire, the Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, the Executive Council of New Hampshire District 5, and the Executive Director of the Nashua Regional Planning Commission. [By Petition] (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-1)

YES ☐

NO ☐

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING



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BALLOT 3 OF 3

Dana Allene Shippert
TOWN CLERK

QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Article 19

Shall the Town vote to not establish an ordinance regulating noise? [By Petition]

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 20

Shall the Town vote to not establish an ordinance regarding public and private nuisances? [By Petition]

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 21

Shall the vote to not establish an ordinance regulating bus parking and use? [By Petition]

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 22

Shall the Town of Merrimack vote to discontinue the Library Construction Capital Reserve Fund and return all remaining funds the sum of approximately two million, five hundred thirty nine thousand, three hundred and six dollars (\$2,539,306) to the general fund to offset property taxes? [By Petition] (Not recommended by Board of Selectmen 3-2-0) (Not Recommended by Budget Committee 13-0-0)

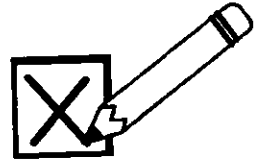
YES ☐

NO ☐

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

2006 OFFICIAL BALLOT SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Merrimack residents will have an opportunity to vote on the proposed budget and other Town matters by answering "yes" or "no" to the questions on the official ballot that will be used in conjunction with the annual election to be held between 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM on Tuesday, April 11, 2006. There are three polling places in Merrimack: St. John Neumann Church at 708 Milford Road (Route 101A); St. James United Methodist Church at 646 Daniel Webster Highway (Route 3); and James Masticola Upper Elementary School - All-Purpose Room at 26 Baboosic Lake Road. To determine the appropriate polling place for you to vote, please call the Town Clerk's Office at 424-3651, or access the Town's website at www.ci.merrimack.nh.us, click under "Where Do You Go To Vote?" at the home page, enter your street address in the spaces provided, and click on "Go."

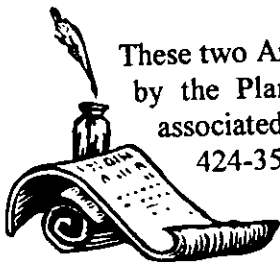


The following information is provided as a public service to enable citizens to better understand the matters on which they will be voting. Additional information may be obtained by calling the Selectmen's Office at 424-2331, or by visiting the Town's website at www.ci.merrimack.nh.us.

ARTICLE 1 ELECTION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

To vote, completely fill in the box next to your choice on the ballot. Follow the directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the box.

ARTICLES 2 & 3 ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS



These two Articles reflect amendments to Town Zoning Ordinances that have been proposed by the Planning Board. Each is explained briefly below. Additional information and associated maps may be obtained by calling the Community Development Department at 424-3531.

Estimated 2006 Property Tax Bill Impact: None

Article 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 2.02.4. Districts I-1 & I-2 Industrial - Permitted Uses, by inserting a new Section C to permit mixed-used developments of industrial, commercial, and/or residential, uses in the I-1 Industrial District, on certain qualifying parcels, provided a Conditional Use Permit for the mixed-use development is approved by the Merrimack Planning Board according to certain minimum conditions described in the Ordinance?

This Amendment, if adopted, would allow an expanded set of non-industrial land uses to be developed on certain parcels within the Town's I-1 Industrial Zone, provided the proposed locations met certain minimum criteria, and provided the development proposals met certain specific requirements and criteria specified in the Amendment subject to review and approval by the Planning Board.

Qualifying parcels would need to be serviced by water and sewer, be larger than 50 acres in size, and have 500 feet or more of frontage on the state-maintained portions of Daniel Webster Highway (those areas of Daniel Webster Highway generally south of Star Drive to the Nashua line, or north of Bedford Road to the Bedford line).

In addition to the property meeting the above minimum criteria, any development proposed pursuant to the Amendment would be required to obtain a "Conditional Use Permit" from the Planning Board, following demonstration of compliance with certain requirements of the Ordinance. For example, any development proposal would need to demonstrate: 1) That it will have a net positive fiscal impact for the Town; 2) That it properly addresses the ability of the Town to provide municipal services; 3) That it includes proper provisions for vehicular and pedestrian traffic and circulation; 4) That it includes proper buffers, both within the development and between the development and surrounding land uses; and 5) That the development will comply with existing architectural, environmental, and other regulations of the Town.

The Amendment allows the Planning Board, where the above conditions are satisfied, to issue a Conditional Use Permit for the mixed-use development of the property in question. The Planning Board is required to approve a Master Site Development Plan, and a Development Agreement, which are to define and govern the manner in which the development will be constructed. Subsequent development of the property must additionally conform to the current Subdivision and Site Plan Review Regulations of the Town.

Provided the above criteria and requirements are satisfied, the Amendment permits Commercial (including retail establishments greater than 75,000 sq. ft.), Office, and Residential (including Elderly Housing) uses to be constructed on qualifying parcels within the I-1 Industrial Zone land within Merrimack.

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Amend Section 11 – Adoption of Codes, by replacing the language at Section 11.02.7, Section 11.02.8, Section 11.10.3, Section 11.10.4, Section 11.13.4, and Section 11.13.5, to bring these Sections – pertaining to Penalties and Unlawful Continuance – into conformance with previous changes to the Zoning Ordinance and NH RSA 676:17?

This Amendment, if adopted, will bring the specified Sections of the Merrimack Building Code (Section 11 of the Zoning Ordinance) into conformance with other sections of the Town's Zoning Ordinance, and into compliance with recent changes to the NH Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA), regarding enforceable fines and penalties for code violations. The effect of the Amendment is to remove duplicate references regarding fines and penalties for code violations, and establish a consistent reference (to Section 10 of the Zoning Ordinance) for information regarding fines and penalties for code violations.

ARTICLE 4 LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION BOND

This Article was brought forth by petition from the Library Board of Trustees. According to the Library Board of Trustees, our population growth has created an increased demand for library services and materials and a critical need for additional library space. This petitioned Article authorizes financing, construction, and equipping of a new Merrimack Public Library to meet this need. A two-story building with a partial basement would be constructed on property next to the Post Office, which was purchased by the Town in 1996 for this purpose. The total project cost is \$8.5 million, which would be financed by the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$5.6 million, by the transfer of \$2.7 million from the Library Construction Capital Reserve Fund, by the withdrawal of \$125,000 from existing Library Trustee funds, and by the use of \$75,000 of interest that is expected to be earned on the temporary investment of bond proceeds.



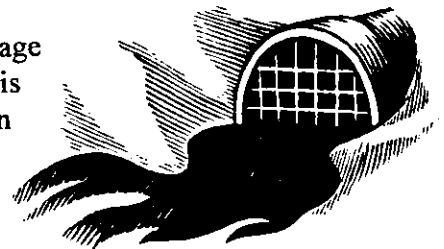
The new facility has been designed to meet the Town's library needs through build-out. Building plans have been reviewed by Police, Fire, Community Development, and Public Works Departments. This project was identified as "necessary" in the capital improvements program that was adopted by the Planning Board. Article 4 has been unanimously recommended by the Library Board of Trustees. It has been recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-1-0), and the Budget Committee (10-5-0). [Article requires 60% vote in favor for approval]

The maximum annual debt service cost (bond principal and interest) would be approximately \$553,000.

***Estimated Property Tax Impact: \$5 per \$100,000 of Assessed Valuation in 2006
and Declining Amounts of Between \$21 and \$11 per \$100,000 of Assessed
Valuation Thereafter During the 20-Year Bond Term***

ARTICLE 5 DRAINAGE BOND

This Article authorizes the financing and construction of drainage improvements throughout the Town. The total project cost is \$1.88 million, which would be financed by the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$1.7 million and by the transfer of \$180,000 from the Drainage Capital Reserve Fund. If you have any questions about the projects, please contact Ed Chase at 424-5137.



***Estimated Property Tax Impact: \$2 per \$100,000 of Assessed Valuation in 2006
and Declining Amounts of Between \$7 and \$4 per \$100,000 of Assessed
Valuation Thereafter During the 15-Year Bond Term***

ARTICLE 6 NEW TOWN CHARTER

The Charter Commission was formed at the request of Merrimack voters' to evaluate the form of government used by the Town of Merrimack. This Charter is the culmination of over 18 months of effort that included three Town votes; 30 Commission meetings; 16 Commission subcommittee meetings; three public hearings; and input from Merrimack residents, elected and appointed officials from Merrimack, and charter communities from around the State. The Charter was reviewed and cleared with no objections by the Office of the Attorney General, the Secretary of State, and the Department of Revenue Administration.

The Charter was developed under the provisions of RSA 49-B, which "...provides a vehicle whereby a municipality may adopt a form of government that best addresses local needs." Much of the current form of government has been incorporated into the Charter providing residents and businesses with a single document that defines how Town government operates. For example, the authority for approving budgets, bonds, notes, and any other appropriation remains with the voters through the Official Ballot process ("SB2") currently in use. Some of the more noticeable changes include:

- Establishing a seven (7) member Town Council as the governing body to provide for increased representation;
- Having the Town Council adopt ordinances and land-use measures (but may move any measure to the Ballot for action by the voters);
- Having the budget go directly to the voters for discussion, amendment, and adoption by eliminating the Municipal Budget Committee;
- Requiring a higher threshold (2/3 vote) for the passage of bonds and notes;
- Clearer definition of the requirements, expectations, and duties of the Town Manager with an annual evaluation by the Town Council;
- Requiring that the Town Council acts as a body by introducing a noninterference provision; and
- Increased opportunities for public input through the introduction of requirements and procedures for community members to be heard and for their issues to be acted upon by the Town Council, including the ability for voters to petition an amendment or repeal measures passed by the Town Council through the Initiative and Referendum provisions of Article X of the proposed Town Charter document.

If adopted by the voters, the Charter will take effect on July 1, 2006. The members of the Board of Selectmen holding office on July 1, 2006, will continue to serve as Town Councilors until their respective terms expire. The Charter calls for a Special Election on June 13, 2006, to elect the two additional members to the Town Council. Many of the procedures and policies in use on June 30, 2006, will continue should the Charter be adopted, to ease the transition.

The Merrimack Charter, related reports, minutes, and research, as well as a comparison to the current form are available online at <http://charter.merrimacknh.org>, at the Merrimack Public Library, and in the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall. Questions can be directed to Tom Mahon at 424-4189.

Estimated 2006 Property Tax Bill Impact: None

ARTICLE 7 MUNICIPAL OPERATING BUDGET

The Municipal Operating Budget, which is the subject of Article 7, funds the general costs of operating all Town departments. The Municipal Operating Budget presented at the Deliberative Session of Town Meeting from the budget committee was \$26,649,653. At the floor of Deliberative Session, a motion to amend the budget to \$25,180,319 was made and subsequently passed by a 134-133 vote. As of the date of publication of the Voter's Guide, the Board of Selectmen has not had the opportunity to reallocate this revised budget in the event it passes and thus no departmental breakdown is available. This amendment represents a decrease of \$1,469,334 from the budget committee's budget.

If the Town passes Article 7, as revised by the Deliberative Session, certain fixed costs must be funded. These include health insurance premiums, electricity, heating oil, gasoline, propane and natural gas which are higher than last year. Wage adjustments for union employees have not been included in the proposed Municipal Operating Budget (Article 7) but are reflected in Articles 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12.

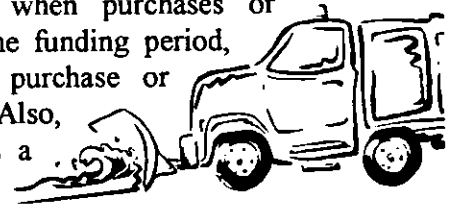
Debt Service

There are now only two outstanding bond issues: 1995 Organic Waste Compost Facility Bonds - \$3,291,357 principal balance; and 2002 Greens Pond Land Acquisition Bonds - \$2,613,742 principal balance. Debt service costs for 2006-07 represent a decrease of \$8,937 and consist of the following:

1995 Organic Waste Compost Facility Bonds	\$367,449
2002 Greens Pond Land Acquisition Bonds	401,623
Contingency for tax anticipation notes	<u>1</u>
Total	\$769,073

Capital Outlay

The Town of Merrimack uses capital reserve funds as a cost-effective method of financing the purchase or replacement of facilities, equipment, and infrastructure. Consistent amounts have been included in annual budgets for transfer to these funds in past years and in the budget submitted by the budget committee, so that sufficient monies are available when purchases or replacements are required. This spreads the related cost over the funding period, rather than requiring a large appropriation in the year of purchase or replacement, and thereby helps to stabilize property tax rates. Also, interest earned on monies held in capital reserve funds offsets a portion of the purchase or replacement cost and/or serves as a hedge against inflation. These capital reserve funds provide for the replacement of fire trucks, bridges, ambulances, police communications equipment, and Highway Division trucks and heavy equipment as well as for other major capital outlay needs. The Board of Selectmen has not had the opportunity to determine whether the capital reserve contributions contained in the budget committee's proposed budget can be funded, if the Town adopts the reduced budget submitted to the voters as a result of the Deliberative Session.



Default Budget

If Article 7 should fail, an appropriation of \$26,306,512 would automatically become effective in accordance with New Hampshire Statutes. The Board of Selectmen would then be responsible for either holding a special meeting at which a revised Municipal Operating Budget appropriation would be considered or developing a revised Municipal Operating Budget within this amount.

Projected Tax Rate

At this time, no projected Tax Rate has been determined due to the amendment that was passed at the Deliberative Session of Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 8 TEAMSTERS LOCAL 633 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

By approving Article 8, the Town would ratify the proposed collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Merrimack and Teamsters Local 633 and approve the wage and benefit adjustments contained therein. Included are a 3.75% wage adjustment for 2006-07, a 3.75% wage adjustment for 2007-08, and a 3.50% wage adjustment for 2008-09. This agreement includes a 10% employee HMO health insurance cost sharing that will be applicable to new hires beginning on July 1, 2006, and a capped cost share of 1.0% in 2006-07 for all employees existing as of June 30, 2006, 1.5% in 2007-08, and 2.0% in 2008-09 based on gross pay before overtime. The associated cost has been estimated at \$44,103. This agreement covers supervisory and clerical employees of the Highway, Solid Waste Disposal, Wastewater Treatment, Parks Maintenance, and Equipment Maintenance Divisions of the Public Works Department.

***Estimated Property Tax Bill Impact: Per \$100,000 of Assessed Valuation:
\$2 in 2006-07; \$1 in 2007-08 and 2008-09***

ARTICLE 9 IBPO LOCAL 320 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

By approving Article 9, the Town would ratify the proposed collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Merrimack and IBPO Local 320 and approve the wage and benefit adjustments contained therein. Included are a 3.75% wage adjustment for 2006-07, a 3.75% wage adjustment for 2007-08, a 3.50% wage adjustment for 2008-09, a 3.00% wage adjustment for 2009-10 and 2010-11. This agreement includes a 10% employee HMO health insurance cost sharing that will be applicable to new hires beginning on July 1, 2006 and a capped cost share of 1.0% in 2006-07 for all employees existing as of June 30, 2006, 1.5% in 2007-08 and 2.0% thereafter based on gross pay before overtime. The associated cost has been estimated at \$128,192. This agreement covers patrolmen, detectives, and sergeants of the Police Department.

***Estimated Property Tax Bill Impact: Per \$100,000 of Assessed Valuation:
\$5 in 2006-07; \$4 in 2007-08; \$3 in 2008-09, 2009-10, and 2010-11***

ARTICLE 10
IAFF LOCAL 2904 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

By approving Article 10, the Town would ratify the proposed collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Merrimack and Local 2904 of the Professional Firefighters of Merrimack which expired on June 30, 2004. Included are a 3.00% wage adjustment for 2006-07, a 3.00% wage adjustment for 2007-08, a 3.50% wage adjustment for 2008-09, and a 3.75% wage adjustment for 2009-10 and 2010-11. This agreement includes a 10% employee HMO health insurance cost sharing that will be applicable to new hires beginning on July 1, 2006, and a capped cost share of 1.0% in 2006-07 for all employees existing as of June 30, 2006, 1.5% in 2007-08 and 2.0% thereafter based on gross pay before overtime. The associated cost has been estimated at \$117,068. Basically, this agreement covers firefighters and paramedics.



Estimated Property Tax Bill Impact: Per \$100,000 of Assessed Valuation:
\$5 in 2006-07; \$4 in 2007-08; \$3 in 2008-09, 2009-10, and 2010-11

ARTICLE 11
AFSCME LOCAL 2986 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT



By approving Article 11, the Town would ratify the proposed collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Merrimack and AFSCME Local 2986. Included are a 3.50% wage adjustment for 2006-07, a 3.75% wage adjustment for 2007-08, a 3.75% wage adjustment for 2008-09, and a 3.00% wage adjustment for 2009-10. This agreement includes a 10% employee HMO health insurance cost sharing that will be applicable to new hires beginning on July 1, 2006, and a capped cost share of 1.0% in 2006-07 for all employees existing as of June 30, 2006, 1.5% in 2007-08, and 2.0% thereafter based on gross pay before overtime. The associated cost has been estimated at \$69,169. This agreement covers non-supervisory employees of the Highway, Solid Waste Disposal, Wastewater Treatment, Parks Maintenance, and Equipment Maintenance Divisions of the Public Works Department.

Estimated Property Tax Bill Impact: Per \$100,000 of Assessed Valuation:
\$3 in 2006-07; \$4 in 2007-08, 2008-09, and 2009-10

ARTICLE 12
AFSCME LOCAL 3657 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

By approving Article 12, the Town would ratify the proposed collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Merrimack and Local 3657 of AFSCME Council 93 and approve the wage and benefit adjustments contained therein. Included are a 3.75% wage adjustment for 2006-07, a 3.75% wage adjustment for 2007-08, a 3.50% wage adjustment for 2008-09, and a 3.00% wage adjustment for 2009-10, 2010-11, and 2011-2012. This agreement includes a 10% employee HMO health insurance cost sharing that will be applicable to new hires beginning on July 1, 2006, and a capped cost share of 1.0% in 2006-07 for all employees existing as of June 30, 2006, 1.5% in 2007-08, and 2.0% thereafter based on gross pay before overtime. The associated cost has been estimated at \$70,113. This agreement covers supervisory employees of the Fire and Police Departments.

*Estimated Property Tax Bill Impact: Per \$100,000 of Assessed Valuation:
\$3 in 2006-07; \$2 in 2007-08 and 2008-09; \$4 in 2009-10; and \$2 in 2010-11 and 2011-12*

ARTICLE 13
LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

The purpose of this petitioned Article is to authorize the transfer of up to \$50,000 of any unexpended portion of the Library's 2005-06 appropriations to the Library Construction Capital Reserve Fund. Otherwise, said unexpended appropriations would automatically be added to General Fund surplus.

Estimated 2006 Property Tax Bill Impact: None

ARTICLE 14
MILFOIL/AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

This Article will create an Expendable Capital Trust Fund for the treatment of variable milfoil or other invasive species in Horseshoe Pond or in any other infected public body of water in Merrimack.

Estimated 2006 Property Tax Bill Impact: Per \$100,000 of Assessed Valuation: Less Than \$1

ARTICLE 15
MUNICIPAL FACILITIES CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

This Article will create a Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund for capital expenditures relating to the acquisition, construction, replacement, and improvement of municipal buildings, including related equipment, infrastructure, and furnishings.

Estimated 2006 Property Tax Bill Impact: None

ARTICLE 16

LAND USE CHANGE TAX



This Article was changed at the Deliberative Session of Town Meeting. The Action Plan Committee will review Town-owned parcels, the Town Master Plan guidelines, and the current Conservation Commission land protection program. The Committee will conduct a Town-wide survey and hold public hearings in order to determine the views of the citizens. Parcels of interest will be determined, evaluated, and ranked and the appropriate protection methods and related costs will be determined. Current Use Change Tax and all other appropriate funding options will be reviewed and considered. The Committee will present their findings by October 2006, and recommend any necessary funding changes for voter consideration. Questions on this Article should be directed to the Conservation Commission.

Estimated 2006 Property Tax Bill Impact: None

ARTICLE 17

NONINTERFERENCE ORDINANCE

The purpose of the Ordinance is to promote the more efficient administration of government for the Town of Merrimack and to provide a working framework for the Board of Selectmen to interact with the Town Manager, Department Heads, and Town employees by adopting an ordinance for noninterference regarding individual members of the Board with Town employees. It prohibits interference by individual members of the Board of Selectmen with Town officials in the performance of their duties.

Estimated 2006 Property Tax Bill Impact: None

ARTICLE 18

NORTHERN CIRCUMFERENTIAL HIGHWAY



This Article was a petitioned Article and seeks direction from the voters as to whether the Town opposes a proposed bridge, with a toll, in the northern connector of the circumferential highway project to link Hudson and Merrimack. The project is designed to relieve traffic congestion in the Nashua, Hudson, and Litchfield areas. This project has been on hold for many years because of lack of funding. Legislation in Concord has recently been introduced to fund this project with toll revenue.

Estimated 2006 Property Tax Bill Impact: None

**ARTICLE 19
NOISE ORDINANCE**

This Article was petitioned and then amended at the Deliberative Session of Town Meeting, effectively making the passage or the failure of this Article irrelevant.

Estimated 2006 Property Tax Bill Impact: None

**ARTICLE 20
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE NUISANCE ORDINANCE**

This Article was petitioned and then amended at the Deliberative Session of Town Meeting, effectively making the passage or the failure of this Article irrelevant.

Estimated 2006 Property Tax Bill Impact: None

**ARTICLE 21
BUS PARKING ORDINANCE**

This Article was petitioned and then amended at the Deliberative Session of Town Meeting, effectively making the passage or the failure of this Article irrelevant.

Estimated 2006 Property Tax Bill Impact: None

**ARTICLE 22
LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

This Article was petitioned by 25 signatures. In 1995, the Town voted to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the eventual construction of a new library. Over the last ten years, money has been set aside in this Fund. This petitioned Article proposes to discontinue the Capital Reserve Fund and return all monies to the General Fund surplus. This Fund has approximately \$2.5 million in it.

This Article is contingent on the failure of Article 4. If Article 4 passes then there would not be any funds available for withdrawal even if this Article passes.

If this Article passes, the funds will be returned to the General Fund surplus. According to the Town's legal counsel, the directive provided by the passage of this Article would be advisory rather than mandatory, for the Board of Selectmen alone is responsible for determining whether or not surplus will be used for tax rate reduction.

*Estimated 2006 Property Tax Bill Impact: Could Decrease Your Tax Bill
by \$0 to \$106 per \$100,000 of Assessed Valuation*



2006 Town Warrant

Town of Merrimack

8 Baboosic Lake Road, Merrimack, New Hampshire 03054



The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Merrimack in the County of Hillsborough in said state, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified that the First Session (*Deliberative*) of the Annual Meeting of the Town of Merrimack will be held at the Masticola Upper Elementary School's All-Purpose Room on Baboosic Lake Road in said Merrimack on Tuesday, March 7, 2006, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening (pm) for explanation, discussion, and debate of each Warrant Article. Warrant Articles may be amended at this session per RSA 40:13, IV except for Warrant Articles 1, 2, 3 and 6 whose wording is prescribed by law and cannot be amended per RSA 40:13, IV (a).

You are hereby notified that the Second Session (*Ballot Voting*) of the Annual Meeting of the Town of Merrimack will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2006, at 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon (am) for the choice of town officers elected by official ballot, to vote on questions required by law to be inserted on the Official Ballot, and to vote on all Warrant Articles from the First Session on Official Ballot per RSA 40:13, VII. The three polling places for the election of town officers, and other actions required to be inserted on the ballot, will open on said date at 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon (am) and will not close earlier than 8:00 o'clock in the evening (pm).

The three aforementioned polling places will be as follows:

Precinct 1 (Center) - Masticola Upper Elementary School's All-Purpose Room, 26 Baboosic Lake Road

Precinct 2 (South) - St. John Neumann Church, 708 Milford Road (Route 101A)

Precinct 3 (North) - St. James Church, 646 Daniel Webster Highway (Route 3)

Article 1

To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 2.02.4. Districts I-1 & I-2 Industrial - Permitted Uses, by inserting a new Section C to permit mixed used developments of industrial, commercial, and/or residential, uses in the I-1 Industrial District, on certain qualifying parcels, provided a Conditional Use Permit for the mixed use development is approved by the Merrimack Planning Board according to certain minimum conditions described in the Ordinance?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Article 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 11 – Adoption of Codes, by replacing the language at Section 11.02.7, Section 11.02.8, Section 11.10.3, Section 11.10.4, Section 11.13.4, and Section 11.13.5, to bring these Sections – pertaining to Penalties and Unlawful Continuance – into conformance with previous changes to the Zoning Ordinance and NH RSA 676:17?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Article 4

Shall the Town vote: to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500,000 for the construction, equipping, and occupancy of a new library building; to finance said sum by the issuance of bonds or serial notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and in an amount not to exceed \$5,600,000, by the withdrawal of \$2,700,000 from the Library Building Construction Capital Reserve Fund, by the withdrawal of \$125,000 from the Library Trustees Special Funds, and by the use of \$75,000 of income from the investment of related bond proceeds; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest, the maturity, and other terms pertaining thereto; to name the Board of Library Trustees as agent to expend; to authorize the Board of Library Trustees and the Board of Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative to said purpose and financing; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$170,000 for the purpose of 2006-07 bond issuance costs and interest on said bonds or serial notes? [By Petition] [Article requires 60% vote in favor for approval] *(Recommended by the Board of Library Trustees)* *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0)* *(Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-5-0)*

Article 5

Shall the Town vote: to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,708,000 for drainage improvement projects, related road reconstruction, and expenses related to the issuance of municipal bonds; to finance said sum by the issuance of bonds or serial notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and in an amount not to exceed \$1,708,000 and by any federal, state, or private grants that may be made available in conjunction with said purpose; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept said grants of federal, state, or private aid; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest, the maturity, and other terms pertaining thereto; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative to said purpose and financing; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,000 for the purpose of 2006-07 interest on said bonds or serial notes? (60% ballot vote required for approval) *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)* *(Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0-0)*

Article 6

Shall the Town of Merrimack approve the new charter recommended by the charter commission?

Summary Explanation – The Charter was developed under the provisions of RSA 49-B, which “...provides a vehicle whereby a municipality may adopt a form of government that best addresses local needs.” The culmination of the Commission’s work has provided a charter that provides a form of government that is Merrimack’s own. The Charter keeps spending in the hands of the voters through the

continuation of the deliberative session and all-day ballot voting on appropriations. The governing board is changed from a Board of Selectmen with five members and a budget committee to a Town Council with seven members to increase representation and to meet the demands of modern government and the increase in the Town's population. Finally, the Charter gives more definition to the roles for administrators and elected officials.

Article 7

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$26,649,653? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$26,306,512, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 12-1-0)*

Article 8

Shall the Town of Merrimack vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Board of Selectmen and the Teamsters Local 633 Union, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Base Wage Increase	Wage and Benefit Costs
2006-07	3.75 %	\$ 44,103
2007-08	3.75 %	\$ 34,587
2008-09	3.50 %	\$26,516

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,103 for the 2006-07 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? The passage of this article will result in employee health insurance contributions of up to 10% of premiums. These savings have been factored into the estimated increases set forth above. This collective bargaining agreement covers supervisory and clerical employees of the Highway, Solid Waste Disposal, Wastewater Treatments, Parks Maintenance, and Equipment Maintenance Divisions of the Public Works Department. *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

Article 9

Shall the Town of Merrimack vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Board of Selectmen and the International Brotherhood of Police Officers, Local No. 320, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Base Wage Increase	Wage and Benefit Costs
2006-07	3.75 %	\$ 128,192
2007-08	3.75 %	\$ 96,454
2008-09	3.50 %	\$ 77,035
2009-10	3.00 %	\$ 70,988
2010-11	3.00 %	\$ 70,756

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$128,192 for the 2006-07 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? The passage of this article will result in employee health insurance contributions of up to 10% of premiums. These savings have been factored into the estimated increases set forth above. This collective bargaining agreement covers Patrolmen, Detectives, and Sergeants of the Police Department. *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

Article 10

Shall the Town of Merrimack vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Board of Selectmen and the Professional Firefighters of Merrimack, IAFF Local 2904, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Base Wage Increase	Wage and Benefit Costs
2006-07	3.00 %	\$ 117,068
2007-08	3.00 %	\$ 109,119
2008-09	3.50 %	\$ 80,135
2009-10	3.75 %	\$ 79,704
2010-11	3.75 %	\$ 84,477

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$117,068 for the 2006-07 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? The passage of this article will result in employee health insurance contributions of up to 10% of premiums. These savings have been factored into the estimated increases set forth above. This collective bargaining agreement basically covers Firefighters and Paramedics of the Fire Department. *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

Article 11

Shall the Town of Merrimack vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Board of Selectmen and AFSCME Council 93, Local 2986, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Base Wage Increase	Wage and Benefit Costs
2006-07	3.50 %	\$ 69,169
2007-08	3.75 %	\$ 91,848
2008-09	3.75 %	\$ 86,861
2009-10	3.00 %	\$ 85,985

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$69,169 for the 2006-07 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? The passage of this article will result in employee health insurance contributions of up to 10% of premiums. These savings have been factored into the estimated increases set forth above. This collective bargaining agreement covers non-supervisory employees of the Highway, Solid Waste Disposal, Wastewater Treatment, Parks Maintenance, and Equipment Maintenance Divisions of the Public Works Department. *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

Article 12

Shall the Town of Merrimack vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Board of Selectmen and AFSCME Council 93, Local 3657, which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Base Wage Increase	Wage and Benefit Costs
2006-07	3.75 %	\$70,113
2007-08	3.75 %	\$60,711
2008-09	3.50 %	\$58,424
2009-10	3.00 %	\$98,904
2010-11	3.00 %	\$55,352
2011-12	3.00 %	\$56,944

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,113 for the 2006-07 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? The passage of this article will result in employee health insurance contributions of up to 10% of premiums. These savings have been factored into the estimated increases set forth above. This collective bargaining agreement covers supervisory employees of the Fire and Police Departments. *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

Article 13

Shall the Town raise and appropriate an amount up to \$50,000 or 100% of the unencumbered surplus funds remaining on hand in the Library Operating Budget at the end of the Fiscal Year 2005-2006, whichever amount is less, and transfer that amount to the Library Construction Capital Reserve Fund? [By Petition] *(Recommended by the Library Board of Trustees)* *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 3-2-0)* *(Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

Article 14

Shall the Town vote: to establish, in accordance with RSA 31:19-a, a Milfoil/Aquatic Invasive Species Treatment Expendable Trust Fund for the treatment of variable milfoil or other invasive species in Horseshoe Pond or in any other infected public body of water in Merrimack; to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in said fund; and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend? This is a Special Warrant Article per RSA 32:3, VI. *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)* *(Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

Article 15

Shall the Town vote: to establish, in accordance with RSA 35, a Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund for capital expenditures relating to the acquisition, construction, replacement, and improvement of municipal buildings, including related equipment, infrastructure, and furnishings; to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 to be placed in said fund; and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend? This is a Special Warrant Article per RSA 32:3, VI. *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 4-1-0)* *(Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-1-0)*

Article 16

Shall the Town vote, pursuant to RSA 79-A:25, IV, to change the percentage of the land use change tax collections deposited into the Land Use Change Tax Conservation fund from 100% to 50%? The intent of this article is that only 50% of the collections received from the land use change tax are to be deposited into the Conservation fund and the other 50% received shall be used to reduce the tax rate. If passed, this article shall take effect April 1, 2007. *(Not Recommended by Budget Committee 7-6-0)*

Article 17

Shall the Town vote to adopt an ordinance entitled "Board of Selectmen non-interference ordinance" as proposed by the Board of Selectmen?

Explanation – The purpose of the ordinance is to promote the more efficient administration of government for the Town of Merrimack and to provide a working framework for the Board of Selectmen to interact with the Town Manager, Department Heads and town employees by adopting an ordinance for noninterference regarding individual members of the Board with Town employees. It prohibits interference by individual members of the Board of Selectmen with town officials in the performance of their duties.

Copies of the ordinance have been posted with the Town Warrant.

Article 18

Shall the Town of Merrimack oppose the state of New Hampshire highway project to connect U.S. Route 3 in Merrimack with N.H. Route 102 in the town of Litchfield, if this project is to be funded by tolls? Furthermore, on passage of this article, a copy of the article be sent to the Governor of New Hampshire, the Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, the Executive Councilor of New Hampshire District 5, and the Executive Director of the Nashua Regional Planning Commission. [By Petition]

Article 19

To see whether the voters of the Town of Merrimack will vote to establish the following ordinance regulating noise:

It is hereby determined that certain noise levels are detrimental to the public health, welfare and safety, jeopardize the value of property, erode the integrity of the environment, annoy or disturb a person of normal sensibilities, disrupt the quality of life, and are contrary to the public interest of the citizens of Merrimack.

Definitions

CONSTRUCTION – Any site preparation, blasting, excavation, grading, assembly, erection, substantial repair, or alteration of any building, structures, or land, public or private, together with any associated scientific or engineering surveys shall constitute construction. The term construction shall include the operation or the causing to be operated, or any equipment used in the construction, repair, alteration, blasting, or demolition work on buildings, structures streets, alleys, or appurtenances thereto. Said equipment includes but is not limited to a pile driver, shovel, hammer, derrick, hoist, tractor or roller. Specifically excluded from this definition is all work being performed by or on behalf of any person on his personally occupied residential property located within the Town of Merrimack.

DEMOLITION – Shall mean any dismantling, intentional destruction, or removal of structures, surfaces, or similar property, public or private. Emergency situations under the direction of local officials are exempted.

DWELLING UNIT – Shall mean any building or separate portion thereof used for residential purposes. The term shall include but not be limited to, single family dwellings, apartments, condominiums, and other distinct residential units.

EMERGENCY WORK – Shall mean any work performed to protect, maintain, or restore safe and/or healthful conditions in the community, along with work performed by private or public utilities when restoring utility service.

PERSON – Shall mean any individual, association, partnership, or corporation, or any other entity, public or private in nature.

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – Shall mean a parcel of real property which is developed and used either in whole or in part for residential purposes.

Noises Created by or Emanating From Construction or Demolition

a) Hours of Construction and Demolition.

There shall be no construction or demolition in any residential zone or within 500 feet of any dwelling unit in the Town of Merrimack by any person, other than what is deemed emergency work by the Director of the Code department except between the hours of 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM on Monday through Friday. In addition, no construction or demolition is allowed on any state observed holiday.

b) Emergency Work

In the case of urgent necessity and in the interest of public health and safety, a permit may be granted by the Director of the Code Department to perform such Emergency Work as

defined in this Chapter. Said permit shall be granted for a period not to exceed three (3) days, or for the duration of the emergency, whichever is greater. No permit will be required for any emergency work performed by any Town department including, but not limited to, Police, Fire, Public Works, or Civil Defense Response.

Noises Created by or Emanating From A Motor Vehicle

- a) A person operating in or in control of a parked or moving motor vehicle shall not operate or permit the operation of an electrically amplified sound system in or on the motor vehicle so as to produce sound that is clearly audible more than fifty (50) feet (fifteen (15) meters) from the motor vehicle except as otherwise authorized.
- b) A person shall not operate a motor vehicle so as to make any loud, unusual, or unnecessary noise occasioned by any one or more of the following actions by the operator:
 - (1) Misuse of power, exceeding tire traction limits in acceleration sometimes known as "laying down rubber" or peeling rubber" or excessive acceleration where there is no emergency.
 - (2) Misuse of braking power, exceeding tire traction limits in deceleration where there is no emergency.
 - (3) Rapid acceleration by means of quick up-shifting of transmission gears with a clutch, manual transmission or automatic transmission.
 - (4) Rapid deceleration by means of quick down-shifting of transmission gears with either a clutch, manual transmission or automatic transmission.
 - (5) Racing of engine by manipulation of the accelerator, gas pedal, carburetor, or gear selection whether the vehicle is either in motion or standing still.
 - (6) Use of straight pipe exhaust systems, meaning any straight-through exhaust system that does not contain baffles or otherwise does not meet the definition of muffler in New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated 259:66.
 - (7) Sounding of any horn or signaling device on any street or public place, except as a danger warning; the creation by means of any such signaling device of any unreasonable loud or harsh sound; and the sounding of any such device for any unnecessary and unreasonable period of time.

Noises Disturbing The Public Peace.

The following acts and conduct are prohibited:

- (1) The using, operating, or permitting to be placed, used or operated any radio, receiving set, musical instrument, television, phonograph, stereo, record player, tape player, cassette player, compact disc player, loud speaker, sound amplifier, or any other machine or electronic device for the producing, or reproducing, or amplifying of sound in such a manner as to disturb the peace, quiet and comfort of the inhabitants of neighboring premises. The operation of any such set, instrument, machine or device in such manner as to be clearly audible at a distance of fifty (50) feet (fifteen (15) meters) from the building, premises or structure or vehicle in which it is located shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section.
- (2) The using, operating or permitting to be played, used or operated of any radio, receiving set, musical instrument, phonograph, loud speaker, television, stereo, record player, tape player, cassette player, compact disc player, sound amplifier, or any other machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound which is cast upon the public streets for the purpose of commercial advertising, or attracting the attention of the public to any building or structure.
- (3) Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling, or signing on the public streets, between the hours of 10:00 PM and 9:00 AM or at any time or place so as

the annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of persons in neighboring premises.

- (4) The creation of any unreasonable or excessive noise on streets adjacent to any school institution of learning, church or court while the same are in use or adjacent to any hospital so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of patients in the hospital, provided that conspicuous signs are displayed on such streets indicating that a school, hospital or court is located thereon.
- (5) The provisions of this section shall not apply to Town held or sponsored events.

Enforcement and Penalties for Violations of This Ordinance.

- a) The primary responsibility for the enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance shall be with the Merrimack Police Department. The Zoning Administrator and the Planning Board shall also have authority to enforce this ordinance. Enforcement may be waived only upon urgent necessity and only in the interest of public health and safety.

- b) Violation.

Any person who violates any portion of this chapter shall receive a written order to cease or abate the construction, demolition or noise immediately or within such reasonable time period as the enforcing official shall order.

If the order to cease or abate is not complied with, or is complied with and then violated again with twenty-four (24) hours, the person found in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a violation of this ordinance. Each day such violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense and each shall be punishable by a fine of the maximum allowed by law.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

[By Petition]

Article 20

To see whether the voters of the Town of Merrimack will vote to establish the following ordinance regulating public and private nuisance:

It is hereby determined that the residents of the Town of Merrimack wish to preserve the peace, privacy, quiet, safety, dignity and the healthy environment of their neighborhoods. In addition they also wish to protect the value of their property. In order to accomplish these objectives, the following is enacted:

- a) DEFINITIONS

Nuisance -

- 1) That which annoys and disturbs one in possession of this property, rendering its ordinary use or occupation physically uncomfortable to him; eg smoke, odors, noise, sight or vibration.
- 2) A use of property or course of conduct that interferes with the legal rights of others by causing damage, annoyance, or inconvenience.

- b) NUISANCE

No public or private nuisance shall be allowed to exist in the Town of Merrimack.

- d) ENFORCEMENT: The primary responsibility for the enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance shall be with the Merrimack Police Department. The Community Development Director or the Planning Board shall also have authority to enforce this ordinance.

e) **VIOLATIONS:** Any person who violates any portion of this ordinance shall receive a written order to cease or abate the violation immediately or within such reasonable time period as the enforcing officer shall order.

If the order to cease or abate the violation is not complied with or is then violated again within ninety (90) days, the person found in violation shall be guilty of a violation of this ordinance and shall be fined the maximum allowed by law for each occurrence. [By Petition]

Article 21

To see whether the voters of the Town of Merrimack will vote to establish the following ordinance regulating bus parking and use:

It is hereby determined that the residents of the Town of Merrimack wish to preserve the peace, quiet, safety, dignity and the healthy environment of their neighborhoods, In addition they also wish to protect the value of their property. In order to accomplish these objectives, the following are enacted:

a) **DEFINITIONS**

BUS – A large commercial motor vehicle carrying more than fifteen (15) passengers. Specifically excluded are school buses being used in the transportation of students for any educational or sports related purpose, or any vehicle used in any town approved or sponsored activity being conducted within the Town and lasting for three (3) days or less.

IDLING – the continuous running of a bus's engine while not moving. Specifically excluded is that reasonable time spent during the loading and unloading of passengers thereon, and time directly spent resulting from serious unforeseen traffic situations.

b) **RESTRICTION ON BUS PARKING:** The parking of any bus on any street or way throughout the Town of Merrimack is hereby banned.

c) **RESTRICTION ON BUS IDLING:** No bus will idle for more than 30 minutes in any twelve (12) hour period on any public way within the Town of Merrimack.

d) **ENFORCEMENT:** The primary responsibility for the enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance shall be with the Merrimack Police Department. The Community Development Director or the Planning Board shall also have authority to enforce this ordinance. Enforcement may be waived only upon urgent necessity and only in the interest of public health and safety.

e) **VIOLATIONS:** Any person who violates any portion of this ordinance shall receive a written order to cease or abate the violation immediately or within such reasonable time period as the enforcing officer shall order.

If the order to cease or abate the violation is not complied with or is then violated again within ninety (90) days, the person found in violation shall be guilty of a violation of this ordinance and shall be fined the maximum allowed by law for each occurrence. [By Petition]

Article 22

To see if the Town of Merrimack will vote to discontinue the Library Construction Capital Reserve Fund and return all remaining funds the sum of approximately two million, five hundred thirty nine thousand, three hundred and six dollars (\$2,539,306) to the general fund to offset property taxes.

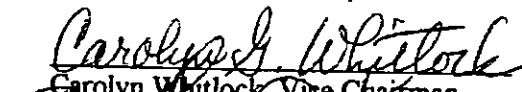
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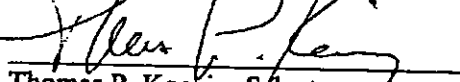
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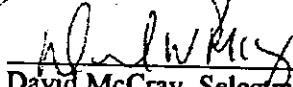
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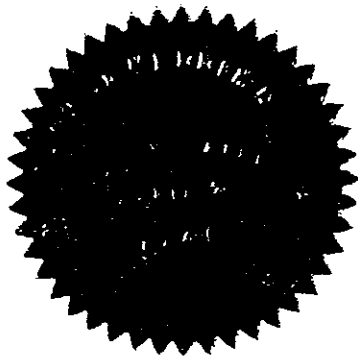

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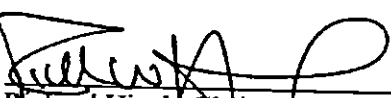

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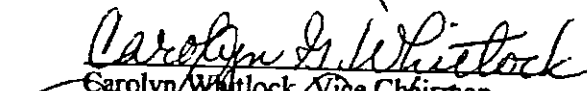

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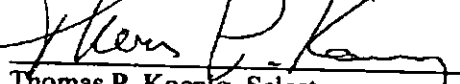
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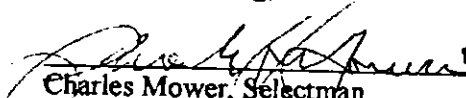


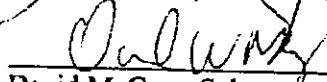
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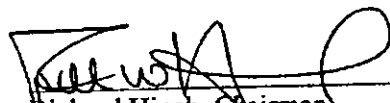

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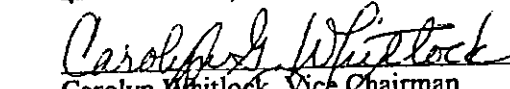
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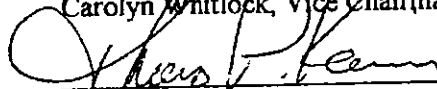
We, the Board of Selectmen, certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting an attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting within named, and a like attested copy at the Town Hall and Town Library, being public places in said Town on or before the 27th day of February 2006.

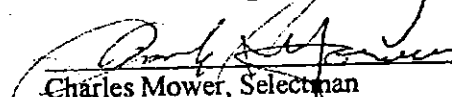


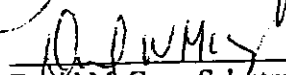
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BUDGET OF THE TOWN WITH A MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

OF: Town of Merrimack

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, _____ to December 31, _____

or Fiscal Year From July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below.

This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): February 24, 2006

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

Stanley R. Bonkowski
Norman J. Hultin
John H. Hennessey
Carol J. Brown
Carol J. Long
Jeffrey J. J.

Stanley Bonkowski
Carol J. Hennessey
Carol J. Long

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)271-3397

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS (RECOMMENDED)	Ensuing Fiscal Year (NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS (RECOMMENDED)	Ensuing Fiscal Year (NOT RECOMMENDED)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
4130-4139	Executive							
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	7	29,066	38,139	43,843	-	43,843	-
4150-4151	Financial Administration							
4152	Revaluation of Property	7	309,266	252,795	314,781	-	313,581	-
4153	Legal Expense							
4155-4159	Personnel Administration							
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning/Comm Dev	7	831,186	664,132	993,681	-	990,711	-
4194	General Government Buildings	7	329,871	280,149	351,661	-	352,561	-
4195	Cemeteries							
4196	Insurance							
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.							
4199	Other General Government	7	1,881,995	2,280,267	2,082,636	-	2,046,381	-
PUBLIC SAFETY								
4210-4214	Police	7	4,422,945	3,813,695	4,494,747	-	4,481,907	-
4215-4219	Ambulance							
4220-4229	Fire & Ambulance	7	4,276,333	3,789,838	4,309,730	-	4,297,130	-
4240-4249	Building Inspection							
4290-4298	Emergency Management	7	8,538	4,683	9,608	-	9,608	-
4299	Other (Including Communications)	7	649,419	509,771	657,317	-	654,917	-
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER								
4301-4309	Airport Operations							
HIGHWAYS & STREETS								
4311	Administration	7	317,628	280,406	495,739	-	494,539	-
4312	Highways & Streets	7	1,879,893	1,826,495	2,110,533	-	2,104,833	-
4313	Bridges							

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HIGHWAYS & STREETS cont.								
4316	Street Lighting							
4319	Other	7	420,041	359,268	421,232		419,432	
SANITATION								
4321	Administration							
4323	Solid Waste Collection							
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	7	1,335,126	1,341,899	1,499,274		1,497,174	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up							
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other	7	3,079,825	2,670,849	3,294,293		3,287,393	
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT								
4331	Administration							
4332	Water Services							
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other							
ELECTRIC								
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4359	Other Electric Costs							
HEALTH/WELFARE								
4411	Administration							
4414	Pest Control							
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	7	81,702	79,822	86,345		88,345	
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	7	77,575	82,405	91,936		91,936	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other							

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CULTURE & RECREATION								
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	7	1,203,188	1,061,491	1,241,532	-	1,238,832	-
4550-4559	Library	7	1,212,773	1,089,835	1,287,968	-	1,284,568	-
4583	Patriotic Purposes	7	32,500	22,526	37,500	-	37,500	-
4589	Other Culture & Recreation	7	219,639	160,775	226,281	-	225,241	-
CONSERVATION								
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources	7	15,600	5,600	15,750	-	15,750	-
4619	Other Conservation	7	10,000	12,575	-	-	-	-
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING							
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	7	15,000	-	40,000	-	40,000	-
DEBT SERVICE								
4711	Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes	7	508,643	679,195	519,465	-	519,465	-
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds & Notes	7	269,366	305,148	249,607	-	249,607	-
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	7	1	-	1	-	1	-
4750-4799	Other Debt Service							
CAPITAL OUTLAY								
4901	Land	7	1	-	1	-	1	-
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	7	505,111	924,870	274,525	-	274,525	-
4903	Buildings	7	169,501	76,863	39,300	-	39,300	-
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.	7	275,000	667,418	284,000	-	284,000	-
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT								
4912	To Special Revenue Fund							
4913	To Capital Projects Fund							
4914	To Enterprise Fund							
	Sewer-							
	Water-							

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OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT cont.								
	Electric-							
	Airport-							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	7	1,589,000	1,582,044	1,255,172			
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917	7	13,300	13,300	13,300		1,255,172	
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds						13,300	
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
4919	To Fiduciary Funds							
SUBTOTAL 1			25,959,092	24,876,051	26,741,768		26,649,653	

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

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	A m o u n t	Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	A m o u n t

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

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

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ACCT.#		Warr. Art.#		2005-06	2004-05	2006-07	2006-07	2006-07	2006-07	2006-07	2006-07
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	13		-	-	50,000	-	50,000	-	-	
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917	14		-	-	10,000	-	10,000	-	-	
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	15		-	-	1	-	1	-	-	
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes	4		-	-	8,500,000	-	8,500,000	-	-	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	4		-	-	170,000	-	170,000	-	-	
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes	5		-	-	1,708,000	-	1,708,000	-	-	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	5		-	-	43,000	-	43,000	-	-	
SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	10,481,001	XXXXXXX	10,481,001	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES					
			2005-06	2004-05	2006-07
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		-	-	-
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		10,000	38,316	22,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		3,900	3,101	5,664
3189	Other Taxes		305,000	304,129	305,000
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		216,025	207,439	216,025
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		50	600	600
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES					
			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits				
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		4,300,000	4,267,063	4,300,000
3230	Building Permits		150,000	101,339	150,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		202,242	184,940	202,242
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		-	295,791	-
FROM STATE					
			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		1,194,694	1,110,070	1,194,694
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		-	-	-
3353	Highway Block Grant		500,000	493,391	500,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		72,452	72,452	72,452
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		305,078	57,193	5,078
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		4,989,499	4,607,632	5,562,593
3409	Other Charges				
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		22,500	51,205	22,500
3502	Interest on Investments		534,500	490,175	609,500
3503-3509	Other		142,905	400,425	149,834
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN					
			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				

1	2	3	4	5	6
ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
			2005-06	2004-05	2006-07
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN cont.					
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		-	81,933	2,700,000
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds		2,000	1,944	127,000
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			*****	*****	*****
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes		-	-	7,308,000
	Amounts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")		50,000	20,044	50,000
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes		503,433	-	500,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			13,504,278	12,789,183	24,003,182

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)	25,959,092	28,741,768	26,649,653
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	-	10,481,001	10,481,001
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	-	428,645	428,645
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	25,959,092	37,551,414	37,559,299
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	13,504,278	24,044,882	24,003,182
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	12,454,814	13,606,532	13,556,117

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: \$2,636,923
(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

Town of Merrimack										
Form MS-7, Page 6 - Fiscal Year 2006-07										
INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES										
Acct.	Purpose of Appropriations	Warrant Article	Appropriations 2005-06	Actual Expenditures 2004-05	Selectmen - 2006-07 Recommended	Not Recommended	Budget Committee - 2006-07 Recommended	Not Recommended		
4220-4229	Fire & Ambulance	10	-	-	89,041	-	89,041	-	-	-
4199	Other General Government	10	-	-	28,027	-	28,027	-	-	-
4210-4214	Police	9	-	-	108,740	-	108,740	-	-	-
4199	Other General Government	9	-	-	19,452	-	19,452	-	-	-
4312	Highways & Streets	11	-	-	20,977	-	20,977	-	-	-
4319	Other	11	-	-	10,103	-	10,103	-	-	-
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	11	-	-	7,034	-	7,034	-	-	-
4326-4329	Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other	11	-	-	21,266	-	21,266	-	-	-
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	11	-	-	7,203	-	7,203	-	-	-
4199	Other General Government	11	-	-	2,586	-	2,586	-	-	-
4220-4229	Fire & Ambulance	12	-	-	52,436	-	52,436	-	-	-
4210-4214	Police	12	-	-	13,245	-	13,245	-	-	-
4299	Other (Including Communications)	12	-	-	4,432	-	4,432	-	-	-
4199	Other General Government	8	-	-	1,096	-	1,096	-	-	-
4312	Highways & Streets	8	-	-	9,769	-	9,769	-	-	-
4319	Other	8	-	-	2,659	-	2,659	-	-	-
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	8	-	-	4,673	-	4,673	-	-	-
4326-4329	Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other	8	-	-	24,016	-	24,016	-	-	-
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	8	-	-	1,890	-	1,890	-	-	-
	Total		-	-	428,645	-	428,645	-	-	-

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

VERSION #2: Use if you have Collective Bargaining Cost Items

LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNIT: Town of Merrimack FISCAL YEAR END 2006-07

Col. A

	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT		
1. Total RECOMMENDED by Budget Committee (see budget MS7, 27, or 37)	37,559,299		
LESS EXCLUSIONS:			
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	519,465		
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	249,607		
4. Capital Outlays Funded From Long-Term Bonds & Notes per RSA 33:8 & 33:7-b	10,421,000		
5. Mandatory Assessments	0		
6. TOTAL EXCLUSIONS (Sum of rows 2-5)	< 11,190,072 >		
7. Amount recommended less recommended exclusion amounts (Line 1 less Line 6)	26,369,227		
8. Line 7 times 10%	2,636,923		
9. Maximum allowable appropriation prior to vote (Line 1 + 8)	40,196,222		
10. Collective Bargaining Cost Items, RSA 32:19 & 273-A:1, IV, (Complete Col. A prior to meeting & Col. B and Col. C at meeting)	Cost items recommended	Cost items voted	Amt. voted above recommended
	428,645	0	0

Col. C
(Col. B-A)

MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE APPROPRIATIONS VOTED
 At meeting, add Line 9 + Column C.

\$ 40,196,222

Line 8 plus any not recommended collective bargaining cost items or increases to cost items voted is the maximum allowable increase to budget committee's recommended budget. Please enter this amount on the bottom of the posted budget form, MS7, 27, or 37.

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

DEFAULT BUDGET

TOWN OF MERRIMACK

For the Fiscal Year from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007

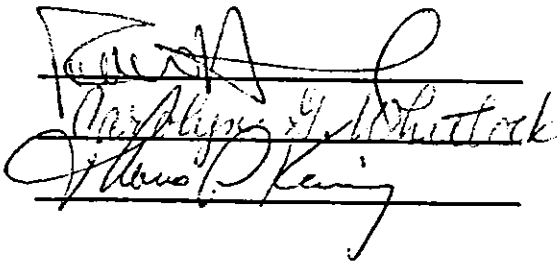
RSA 40:13, IX (b) "Default budget" as used in this subdivision means the amount of the same appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous year, reduced and increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget. For the purposes of this paragraph, one-time expenditures shall be appropriations not likely to recur in the succeeding budget, as determined by the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, of the local political subdivision.

1. Use this form to list the default budget calculation in the appropriate columns.
2. Post this form or any amended version with proposed operating budget (MS-6 or MS-7) and the warrant.
3. Per RSA 40:13, XI, (a), the default budget shall be disclosed at the first budget hearing.

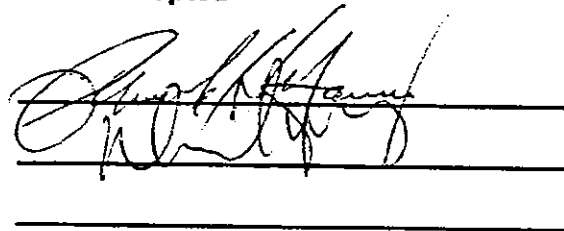
GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)

or

Budget Committee if RSA 40:14-b is adopted



David G. Whitlock
Thomas P. Keary



Charles H. Farnsworth

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION
MUNICIPAL FINANCE BUREAU
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)271-3397

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Default Budget - Town of Merrimack - FY 2006-07

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive	-	-	-	-
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	29,066	-	-	29,066
4150-4151	Financial Administration	-	-	-	-
4152	Revaluation of Property	309,266	4,740	(4,921)	309,085
4153	Legal Expense	-	-	-	-
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	-	-	-	-
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning/Community Development	831,186	14,720	(13,989)	831,917
4194	General Government Buildings	329,871	24,409	(4,341)	349,939
4195	Cemeteries	-	-	-	-
4196	Insurance	-	-	-	-
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	-	-	-	-
4199	Other General Government	1,848,158	27,358	(26,821)	1,848,695
	PUBLIC SAFETY	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police	4,183,401	217,632	(18,586)	4,382,447
4215-4219	Ambulance	-	-	-	-
4220-4229	Fire and Ambulance	4,189,913	108,504	(10,923)	4,287,494
4240-4249	Building Inspection	-	-	-	-
4290-4298	Emergency Management	8,538	-	-	8,538
4299	Other (incl. Communications)	639,044	11,537	(8,091)	642,490
	AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations	-	-	-	-
	HIGHWAYS & STREETS	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration	317,628	7,859	(6,933)	318,554
4312	Highways & Streets	1,879,893	102,646	(4,094)	1,978,445
4313	Bridges	-	-	-	-
4316	Street Lighting	-	-	-	-
4319	Other	420,041	1,091	-	421,132
	SANITATION	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration	-	-	-	-
4323	Solid Waste Collection	-	-	-	-
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	1,335,126	144,687	-	1,479,813
4325	Solid Waste Clean-Up	-	-	-	-
4326-4329	Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other	3,079,925	167,825	(4,830)	3,232,920

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Default Budget - Town of Merrimack - FY 2005-06

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration	-	-	-	-
4332	Water Services	-	-	-	-
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation & Other	-	-	-	-
ELECTRIC		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation	-	-	-	-
4353	Purchase Costs	-	-	-	-
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance	-	-	-	-
4359	Other Electric Costs	-	-	-	-
HEALTH		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration	-	-	-	-
4414	Pest Control	-	-	-	-
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	81,702	-	-	81,702
WELFARE		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assistance	77,575	1,144	(789)	77,930
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymts	-	-	-	-
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other	-	-	-	-
CULTURE & RECREATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	1,203,188	29,149	(9,705)	1,222,631
4550-4559	Library	1,212,773	63,596	-	1,276,369
4583	Patriotic Purposes	32,500	-	-	32,500
4589	Other Culture & Recreation	219,599	2,410	-	222,009
CONSERVATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Natural Resources	15,600	-	-	15,600
4619	Other Conservation	10,000	-	-	10,000
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING	-	-	-	-
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	15,000	-	-	15,000
DEBT SERVICE		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds & Notes	508,643	10,822	-	519,465
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	269,366	(19,759)	-	249,607
4723	Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	1	-	-	1
4790-4799	Other Debt Service	-	-	-	-

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Default Budget - Town of Merrimack - FY 2005-06

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
	CAPITAL OUTLAY	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land	1	-	-	1
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	501,361	-	-	501,361
4903	Buildings	159,501	-	-	159,501
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.	275,000	-	-	275,000
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund	-	-	-	-
4913	To Capital Projects Fund	-	-	-	-
4914	To Enterprise Fund	-	-	-	-
	Sewer-	-	-	-	-
	Water-	-	-	-	-
	Electric-	-	-	-	-
	Airport-	-	-	-	-
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	1,514,000	-	-	1,514,000
4916	To Expendable Trust Funds-except #4917	13,300	-	-	13,300
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds	-	-	-	-
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds	-	-	-	-
4919	To Fiduciary Funds	-	-	-	-
	TOTAL	25,510,166	910,370	(114,024)	26,306,512

Please use the box below to explain increases or reductions in columns 4 & 5.

Acct #	Explanation for Increases and Reductions - Column 4	Amount
	Debt Service:	
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds & Notes - 2005-06	(508,643)
	Principal - Long Term Bonds & Notes - 2006-07	519,465
	Reduction	10,822
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds & Notes - 2005-06	(269,366)
	Interest - Long Term Bonds & Notes - 2006-07	249,607
	Reduction	(19,759)
	Employee wage and benefit cost adjustments re: collective bargaining agreements:	
4199	Other General Government	(43,038)
4210-4214	Police	168,627
4220-4229	Fire & Ambulance	68,390
4299	Other (Including Communications)	8,229
4312	Highways & Streets	18,240
4319	Other	(294)
4326-4329	Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other	13,869
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	2,836
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	245
	Total	237,104

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Default Budget - Town of Merrimack - FY 2005-06

Acct #	Explanation for Increases and Reductions - Column 4 (continued)	Amount
	Other obligations - non-union benefit cost adjustments:	
4191	Community Development	(2,220)
4194	General Government Buildings	(375)
4199	Other General Government	(30,258)
4152	Revaluation of Property	(859)
4210-4214	Police	(902)
4220-4229	Fire & Ambulance	1,603
4299	Other (Including Communications)	456
4311	Administration	(1,072)
4312	Highways & Streets	(821)
4326-4329	Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other	136
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	(923)
4550-4559	Library	(1,711)
	Total	(36,946)
	Contract - solid waste tipping fees:	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	82,820
	Other Obligations - utilities and vehicle fuel:	
4191	Community Development	(1,632)
4194	General Government Buildings	18,992
4199	Other General Government	(2,614)
4152	Revaluation of Property	(605)
4210-4214	Police	27,006
4220-4229	Fire & Ambulance	24,026
4299	Other (Including Communications)	(7,461)
4311	Administration	(925)
4312	Highways & Streets	80,160
4319	Other	1,385
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	59,031
4326-4329	Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other	138,550
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assistance	(50)
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	17,426
4550-4559	Library	2,412
4589	Other Culture & Recreation	(1,300)
	Total	354,401

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Default Budget - Town of Merrimack - FY 2005-06

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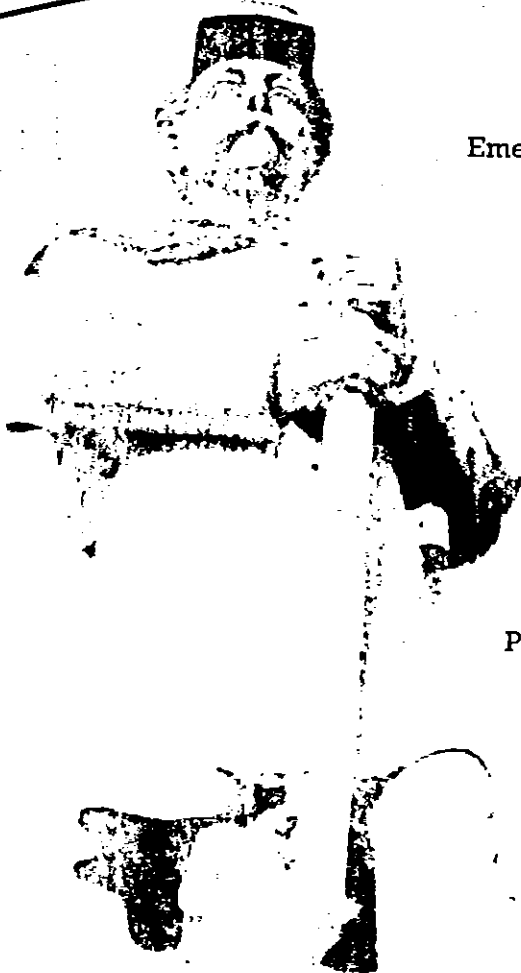
2006-07 DEFAULT BUDGET		
	2005-06	2006-07
	Voted	Default
	Budget	Budget
General Town operations and charges - Article 11	25,510,166	25,510,166
Library construction capital reserve fund - Article 18	50,000	-
Solid Waste Disposal capital reserve fund - Article 19	25,000	-
IBPO Local 320 collective bargaining agreement - Article 13:		
Retroactive wage adjustments	64,391	-
Other costs	155,366	155,366
AFSCME Local 3657 collective bargaining agreement - Article 16:		
Retroactive wage adjustments	68,057	-
Other costs	86,112	86,112
Expired collective bargaining agreements - step increases and employee benefit rate adjustments	-	(4,374)
Telephone and utilities	-	185,845
Solid waste disposal tipping fees	-	82,820
Vehicle fuel	-	168,556
Non-union employee benefit rate adjustments	-	(36,946)
One-time non-union retroactive wage adjustments - 2005-06	-	(114,024)
Debt service:		
2005-06	-	(778,010)
2006-07	-	769,073
Non-union wage adjustments:		
Library wage study and cost of living adjustments	-	62,895
Other cost of living adjustments	-	174,033
Other wage study adjustments	-	45,000
Total	25,959,092	26,306,512

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TOWN DIRECTORY

USEFUL NUMBER

FOR EASE IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS



Emergency: Police • Fire • Ambulance 911

Assessor	424-5136
Code Enforcement & Inspection	424-3531
Community Development	424-3531
Conservation Commission	424-3531
District Court	424-9916
Finance Department	424-7075
Fire Department/Administration	424-3690
Highway Garage	423-8551
Library	424-5021
Merrimack Village District	424-7171
Parks & Recreation	882-1046
Planning & Zoning	424-3531
Police Department/Administration	424-3774
Public Works/Administration	424-5137
Selectmen's Office	424-2331
Superintendent of Schools	424-6200
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	424-3651
Town Manager	424-2331
Transfer Station & Recycling	424-2604
Wastewater Facility	883-8196
Welfare	423-8535

THORNTON'S FERRY
REEDS FERRY

SOUHEGAN VILLAGE
SO. MERRIMACK

Standing Meeting Schedule for Town Boards, Committees, and Commissions

Board of Selectmen

Every Thursday at 7:00 PM

Cable TV Advisory Committee

1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM

Conservation Commission

2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 PM

Heritage Commission

1st Wednesday of the month at 3:00 PM

Horse Hill Nature Preserve Ad Hoc Committee

1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM

Parks and Recreation Committee

3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM

Planning Board

Every Tuesday at 7:30 PM

Zoning Board of Adjustment

4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM

Dates and times may vary. For information, please call:

The Selectmen's Office at 424-2331

or

Visit our website at www.ci.merrimack.nh.us

Town Hall Complex Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Code Enforcement/Inspection, Community Development, Planning and Zoning

Monday – Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

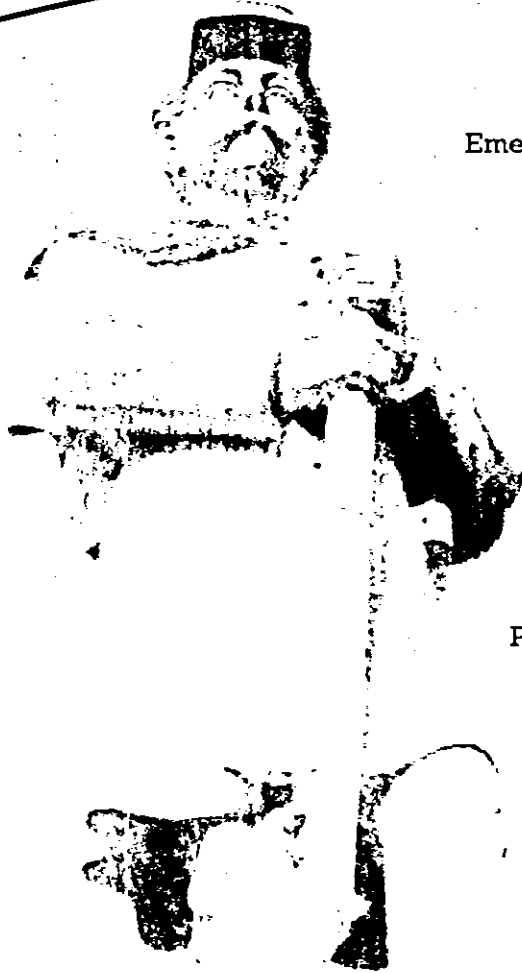
District Court

Monday – Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Assessing, Parks and Recreation, Selectmen's Office, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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