

HOLDERNESS PLANNING BOARD 2004 REPORT

This has not been a very active year for the Planning Board. A few subdivisions, several Site Plan Reviews, and some boundary line adjustments. Several of these were probably prompted by shorefront property owners trying to reduce their tax burden.

We received some wonderful maps of the Squam watershed, which covers most of the town. Dealing with most of the natural features of the area the maps will graphically allow us to visualize some of the areas we should be working with more such as protecting our aquifers and possible ways of interconnecting green areas for wildlife and human passage. These maps were done with a large coalition of contributors. They can be viewed upstairs in the Town hall.

We have signed an agreement with Lakes Region Planning Commission to, with our assistance, update our Master Plan. At this time we are hoping to have parts of it ready for public review this summer with hearings next winter and possible adoption at the 2006 Town meeting. Due to the updating of the Master Plan we have not placed any Ordinance revision proposals on the warrant this year. The Board got a big thanks from the Town Clerk for this.

The Planning Board meets the third Thursday of the month. These are open meetings with the public encouraged to attend. Notices of dates and agendas are posted at the Post Office, the Town Hall and on the Town website. Ordinances and regulations are also on the website or available at town hall. If you have a planning question please feel free to call any member of the Board or attend a Board meeting. If you would like an informational meeting with the Board please fill out and submit, to the Municipal Secretary, an informational form gotten either from the town hall or on the town website.

Respectfully submitted
Earl Hansen, Chairman
Holderness Planning Board

HOLDERNESS POLICE DEPARTMENT 2004 REPORT

The year 2004 brought many changes to the Holderness Police Department, the biggest of which was in personnel. In May, we hired Officer Erik DiFilippe. Erik was previously employed by the Town of Bristol as a full time officer since 2003. Erik is currently attending the 136th session of the full-time police academy in Concord. The twelve week long academy is required for full-time officers and requires him to live at the academy during the week, but allows him to return home on the weekends. He is scheduled to graduate on April 1, 2005. It is a pleasure to have him as a part of our team.

In July, Corporal Mark Nash accepted a position with the New Hampshire Division of Highway Patrol and Enforcement. Corporal Nash, a ten year veteran of the Department, accomplished more during his time here than most will accomplish in their entire career. Corporal Nash was named the State of New Hampshire's DARE Officer of the year in recognition of his eight years of drug awareness education to over two hundred fifth grade students at the Holderness Central School. I am pleased to report that Corporal Nash will continue to teach the DARE program to the fifth grade students at the Holderness Central School under the authority of the Division of Highway Patrol and Enforcement. Mark served the town well and touched many lives. We wish him well along with his wife Thea, son Logan and daughter Emily as he begins his new job with the State.



*DARE Officer
Mark Nash,
Highway Patrol
Enforcement*



*Patrol Officers
Eric DiFilippe (left) and
David Bourne (right)*

In December, we were pleased to welcome Officer David Bourne to our Department as a full-time police officer. David is a native of Holderness and will be an asset to our Department. David is currently attending the 243rd part time police academy in Concord and is scheduled to graduate in February. He will attend the full time police academy in January 2006. Before being hired he successfully completed an executive interview, background investigation, psychological screening and a polygraph examination.

Also this year, the police department benefited from \$9,200.00 in grant money. This money was received through the Homeland Security Grant Program. This money was used to purchase a Motorola digital base radio as well as a Motorola digital portable radio. These new radios give us the ability to communicate directly with the Fire Department and any police agency in the State of New Hampshire. I will continue to pursue grants that I feel will be beneficial to the Town and help adapt the Department to the changing environment around us.

In December, we received an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) through a grant from the Fire Service. The AED is a computerized medical device, which can check a

person's heart rhythm, recognize a rhythm that requires a shock, and advise the rescuer when a shock is needed. The AED uses voice prompts, lights, and text messages to tell the rescuer what steps to take.

We all strive to provide the citizens and visitors of the Town of Holderness with the highest quality of service as we explore new and more updated ways to keep our community a safe place to live.

Please join me in thanking each member of the Police Department for the tremendous and exhausting work that they do each and everyday.

I would like to thank the members of the Board of Selectmen, Fire Department, Highway Department and the Town Hall for their assistance and support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremiah Patridge
Chief of Police

POLICE DEPARTMENT 2004 ACTIVITY

911 Hang-up	24	Liquor Law Violations	1
Abandoning A Vehicle	10	Lost Property	10
Alarm	82	Miscellaneous	68
Alcoholism	3	Misrepresentation Of Age	1
Animal Involved Incidents	35	Missing Persons	4
Armed Robbery	1	Misuse Of Power	2
Arrest On A Warrant	4	Motor Vehicle Accidents	53
Assist Other Departments	250	Motor Vehicle Lockout	8
Attempt To Locate	1	Motor Vehicle Citations/Warnings	903
Attempted Suicide	1	Negligent Homicide	1
Burglary	8	Noise Complaints	30
Citizen Request Assistance	113	Open/unsecure Door	35
Civil Matter	20	Open Container	2
Civil Standby	4	Paper Service/Relay	24
Conduct After An Accident	4	Parking Complaint	9
Cruelty To Animals	2	Police Information	47
Criminal Mischief	13	Police Report Of Acc. Required	6
Criminal Threatening	5	Poss./Use/Display False ID	2
Criminal Trespass	6	Receiving Stolen Property	2
Damaged Property	3	Reckless Operation	5
Deaths	2	Recovered Property	8
Directed Patrol	252	Registration Of Sex Offender	2
Disorderly Actions	5	Second Degree Assault	1
Dog A Menace/Nuisance/Vicious	8	Shots Fired	1
Dog At Large	40	Simple Assault	3
Dog Control Law	31	Suspicious Incident	36
Domestic Disturbance	13	Suspicious Person	20
Driving After Revoc. Or Susp.	3	Suspicious Vehicle	23
Driving Without Given Proof	4	Theft; All Other	5
Driving Without Valid License	2	Theft; By Deception	2
Dwi	1	Theft; From A Building	4
Felonious Sexual Assault	2	Theft; From A Motor Vehicle	6
Fingerprints - Job Applications	25	Theft Of Services	2
Found Property	14	Theft By Unauthorized Taking	2
Fraudulent Use Of Credit Card	3	Traffic Control	83
Gas Drive Off	46	Transporting Alcohol By Juv	1
Habitual Offender	2	Unlawful Poss. Of Alcohol	1
Harassment	6	Vin Verification	10
Issuing Bad Checks	2	Violation Of Protective Order	3
Juvenile Offenses	2	Welfare Check	13

Total = 2,491

HOLDERNESS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 2004 REPORT



*DPW Staff Left to Right: David Goodwin, Dennis Hughes,
Robert Potter (Foreman), Peter Furmanick (Director)*

After all the snow had left in the spring, the highway department began its year with the Town Hall project. This project required us to remove the small driveway between the lower parking lot and the upper parking lot. After this was done we began to remove fill and shape the parking lot to what you see today. Our primary job was to remove all the extra material and rough shape the area around the Town Hall. Most of the excavated material was used for improvements at the Holderness Transfer Station. Some of this material also made it to the Town beach to repair the parking lot. During this process, we dug trenches for the underground electricity, cable, and phone. We ~~so~~ dug a trench in the back of the town hall for the replacement oil lines and new underground electricity, which go into the carriage shed. More of our involvement also included moving shrubs, removing the old granite steps, and digging for the cement footings for the placement of the new upper entrance. Paul Montour, Town Hall Committee Chairman, was the Clerk of the Works. It was a pleasure working with Paul, and the Town Hall Committee.

The rest of the work was done by a contractor, CCI Corporation of Laconia, NH, who submitted the low bid on this project. This contractor was responsible for all of the finish work and all sub-contractor work.

After the Town Hall Project, the Highway Department was involved in the improvements at The Holderness Transfer Station.

Our major road projects for 2004 were the paving of Lane Road and Livermore Street; reconstructing Owl Brook Road and a portion of Shepard Hill; and the final coat of paving on Prospect Ridge Road.

All of the Town Road Signs, including the name changes recommended by 911, are now in place.

Our roadside mowing again was provided by Ashland Highway Department. They

brought over their tractor and operator. In return, the Town of Holderness did some of their shoulder work, with our new Peterbilt truck, and our operator. We used a chuted and deposited gravel along the edge of their new pavement. They supplied their own gravel. I wish to thank Mark Ober for continuing this relationship between our Towns.

Again the Plymouth Highway Department swept downtown Holderness with their street sweeper before Memorial Day. This allowed us to paint our crosswalks and parking areas before the holiday. In return, Plymouth borrowed our tow behind broom for some of their back road sweeping. Thanks again to Jim Boucher, Chris McCormack, Joe Fagnant, and the crew of the Plymouth Highway Department.

In March of 2004 the Highway Department purchased a new 2004 Ford F-350. This truck replaces our 1993 Ford F-250. The low bid for this new truck was Meredith Ford. Our salesman, Todd Lambert did a great job on pricing this truck. The 1993 Ford almost made it until the replacement arrived. This truck took its last breath in February about one month too soon.



2004 Peterbilt Dump Truck

Our new Peterbilt truck worked out great this past winter. With the power angle plow, this truck proved to be a very effective “snow fighting vehicle.”

On October 15th, 2004, Stuart Sherburne retired. There was a reception at the Town Hall for him. His wisdom, knowledge and skills will be deeply missed. We all here at the highway department, wish him well.

I am very proud to have the dedicated crew that I have. It is a real pleasure to work with them. I wish to thank Bob Potter, Stuart Sherburne, and Dennis Hughes for their commitment to this department, as well as their families, for supporting all their efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Furmanick

HOLDERNESS RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2004 REPORT

This has been a year of some significant challenges for all of us involved with Holderness Recreation, but we head into 2005 with renewed energy and plans to make this year an exciting turn-around.

After giving almost seven years of dynamic leadership Kay Hanson resigned as Director of Holderness Recreation in September. Although the position of Director is listed as part-time, Kay provided the energy and enthusiasm of a full time employee. Whether it was an early morning exercise program or Day Camp, Kay made sure that each program had all the support it needed. Kay's commitment to her responsibilities was without question and she loved developing



*Recreation Director
Wendy Werner*

programs with which the Holderness residents would get involved. It was, then, with much regret that the Board accepted her resignation and began the search for her replacement. The Board and those of us that have taken advantage of the many Holderness Recreation programs are extremely appreciative of Kay's service to the Town

In October the Board began its search for a new director and after a brief search we have indeed been fortunate to have hired Wendy Werner. She received her BS in Recreation Management from the University of New Hampshire and recently moved to the area. Wendy brings to Holderness Recreation a number of years of part-time and full-time work with recreation programs. We welcome Wendy and look forward to sharing the growth of Holderness Recreation with her.

In addition to the challenge of changing our director Holderness Recreation wrestled with lower than expected census with our Day Camp. For the second year in a row the numbers of campers were down. In previous years we filled our camper positions in early June and worked from a wait list, but this has not been the case in 2003 and 2004. This problem presents a real challenge with meeting budget and hiring staff. We have been fortunate to have a fine staff and we hope that we can make our 2005 summer Day Camp a success in all ways. If you know of a youngster that would enjoy a variety of activities during the summer please get in contact with Wendy about particulars. There will be some new dimensions to the Day Camp program this summer so be sure to ask about them in April when applications will be available.

Holderness Recreation maintains a separate account in which we can accept monetary donations for program scholarships, equipment and special programming. This past year generous financial donations from a number of local families, HCS Parent Association, The Masons, Holderness Fire Department, and Camp Deerwood made it possible to grant 18 two-week scholarships to our Day Camp and a other program scholarships. We very much appreciate these donations. Anyone wishing to contribute to the scholarship fund is encouraged to contact us

A special thank you to Camp Deerwood for providing CPR training to all of the Day Camp Staff and to the Beach Attendants, and to the administration, faculty and staff of Holderness Central School for their on-going and valuable support.

If you would like help initiating a program or have any ideas for programs, please contact us. We look forward to your participation in our year 2005 programs.

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Respectfully submitted,
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Peter Durnan
Jay Fogarty
Wendy Mersch
Janis Messier
Marty Riehs
Wendy Werner (Recreation Director)