

WEB SITE REPORT 2005

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The number of visitors to the Holderness Town web site continued to grow over this past year. The average number of hits on the site for 2005 increased to 18,000 per month with a new high of over 25,000 hits for the month of November.

We have received very positive feedback to the addition of the “What’s New” feature to our homepage. Many people have remarked on the convenience of having information such as office and transfer station closings, committee and department notices, job postings, and tax and assessment information so readily available.

We also heard many positive comments on the Community Calendar from residents of Holderness and surrounding communities. This calendar is a great resource for residents looking for information on concerts, educational programs, sporting activities and other entertainment opportunities.

We would like to remind everyone that many of the forms handed over the counter at Town Hall, including our zoning regulations, are available anytime on our site.

As always we hope you will take a few minutes to visit www.holderness-nh.gov and welcome your comments and suggestions on how our web site can better serve the Holderness community.

Respectfully submitted,
Alicia Abbott – Web Master

WELFARE REPORT FOR 2005

Welfare assistance provided by this office increased by 23.7% in 2005. The primary cause of this increase was the cost of essential prescription drugs which are not covered under State and Federal assistance programs. Other traditional welfare expenditures included rental assistance, food, electricity, fuel assistance, vehicle expenses, and phone costs, as follows:

Rent.....	\$10,435
Prescriptions	4,706
Food	548
Electric	1,523
Heat.....	4,334
Auto	-0-
Phone	670
Food	297
Miscellaneous	50
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Total	\$22,563

Eligibility for assistance is determined by having the client complete an application which outlines essential and allowed expenses compared with actual income received. When expenses exceed income, the applicant household may become eligible for assistance. All of the application process is specified within the Town's Welfare Ordinance.

I have enjoyed working for the Town as your Welfare Director for two years, and have decided to resign effective December 31, 2005. Search for a replacement is in process. I will maintain this position until such time that the opening is filled. After which I will volunteer to continue as a deputy welfare director.

Respectfully Submitted,
Louis E. Pare
Welfare Director

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 2005 REPORT

Number of Cases heard	4	
	Granted	Denied
Variances	3	
Special Exceptions		1

Cases heard during this year were typical of the range of requests. Two of the cases involved setback issues regarding the existing septic systems of seasonal structures. These were granted with conditions. The special exception that was denied concerned retail sales in a residential zone.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Barbera, Chairman

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