



**ANNUAL REPORT**  
Year Ending December 31, 2008  
**HOLDERNESS**  
**New Hampshire**

**On the Cover:**  
Asquam Transportation Company  
The “Halcyon” mail boat serviced Squam Lake from 1903-1920.

*Photo courtesy of Peter Francesco*

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of the  
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## DEDICATION OF THE 2008 ANNUAL REPORT



**Sidney Lovett**

The Town of Holderness would like to dedicate this year's Annual Report to retiring Selectman Sid Lovett. Sid has served the people of the 8<sup>th</sup> District, which includes Holderness, for 14 years as our State Representative. He was the 2007 Granite State Award recipient for Public Service. He has served as a member of PSU's President's Council since 2000. As president of the Holderness Historical Society, he was a driving force behind moving the old school house from Perch Pond Road to its present site behind the Post Office where it now houses the Historical Society.

In his service to the Church, Sid has baptized, married and memorialized many in his role as interim pastor at local parishes including Holderness. He has been a tireless "behind the scenes" helper to many residents as a counselor, mentor and a resource for those in need. Many have had the chance to enjoy the holiday cheer and joy he brings to families at the annual "Breakfast with Santa".

Sid, thanks for all you have done for us.

*\*\*Photo taken by John Hession. Courtesy of Plymouth State University.*



## **WE REMEMBER...**

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

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

*Author Unknown*

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

Patricia Bennett  
June Cripps  
Louise Hyde  
Jason Marrer  
Erma Rand  
Henry Wolfson

Ida Brown  
Gary Glove  
Joseph LeBlanc  
Eugene McCormack  
Geraldine Thompson

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## TOWN OFFICERS

### ASSESSORS' AGENT

Corcoran Consulting Association  
Wil Corcoran

### BOOKKEEPER

Wendy Huff

### BUDGET COMMITTEE

Lawrence Beeson 3/2010  
Martha Macomber (School Board)  
Kurt Magnus 3/2009  
Robert Rothschild 3/2011  
Peter Webster (S.L.)

### COMPLIANCE OFFICER /HEALTH OFFICER

David Lorch, Appointed

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Janet Cocchiaro 3/2009  
Shelagh Connelly (Alt) 3/2010  
Barbara Currier, (S.L.)  
Jacquelyn Jewell 3/2011  
Nancy McDonald 3/2009 (Resigned)  
Anne Packard 3/2011  
Larry Spencer, Chrm 3/2009  
Betsy Whitmore (Alt) 3/2010

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Mike Dunklee  
Peter Furmanick - Hgwy Agent  
Dennis Hughes  
Lewis Thompson

### EMERGENCY MAN. SERVICES

Earl Hansen-Director  
Harry Maybeck 3/2009

### FIRE CHIEF

Eleanor Mardin, Appointed

### FIRE WARDEN

Scott Fields, Deputy 3/2009  
Richard Mardin \*

### FIRE WARDS

\*\*David Dupuis 3/2009  
\*\*Earl Hansen 3/2010  
\*\*Harold Maybeck 3/2011

### HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD

\*\*Joseph Casey 3/2011  
\*\*Robert Heiner 3/2009  
\*\*Martha Macomber, Chr 3/2009  
\*\*Wendy Mersch 3/2010  
\*\*Jonathan Stewart 3/2010

### HOLDERNESS SCHOOL CLERK

\*\*Sara Weinberg 3/2010

### HOLDERNESS SCHOOL TREASURER

\*\*Kathleen Whittemore 3/2011

### HOLDERNESS SCHOOL MODERATOR

\*\*Laura Rollison 3/2011

### HONOR ROLL COMMITTEE

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

### LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

Robert Snelling  
Bruce Whitmore

### LIBRARIAN

Victoria Lang

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES

\*\*Frances "Kay" Hanson 3/2009  
\*\*Amanda Loud, Chrm. 3/2010  
\*\*Carol Snelling 3/2011  
\*\*Laurence Webster 3/2009  
\*\*Kathleen Wieliezko 3/2010



## TOWN OFFICERS - Continued

### **MODERATOR**

\*\*Ross V. Deachman 3/2009

### **MUNICIPAL SECRETARY**

Anne Abear (Resigned)

Amy Sharpe

### **OVERSEER OF WELFARE**

Krystal Alpers

Louis Pare-Deputy

Kathleen Wieliczko-Deputy

### **PATRIOTIC PURPOSES**

Malcolm "Tink" Taylor

Peg Winton, Chair

### **PLANNER**

David Lorch

### **PLANNING BOARD**

Todd Elgin 3/2010

Angela Franceso (Resigned)

Earl Hansen, Chrm 3/2011

David Horton 3/2010

Suzanne Peoples, S.L.

Nancy Scothorne 3/2009

Robert Snelling, Vice Chrm 3/2009

Randolph Currier, Alt 3/2010

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief-Jeremiah Patridge

Lieutenant-Barry D. Tanner

Sergeant- Erik F. DiFilippe

Patrol Officer- Michael Barney

Patrol Officer- David Bourne

Patrol Officer-Seth I. Learned

### **RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Wendy Werner, Director

### **RECREATION BOARD**

John Fogarty 3/2009

Sidney Lovett, S.L.

Janis Messier 3/2011

Fawn Ouellette 3/2009

Thomas Stepp, Chrm. 3/2009

Robert Stark 3/2009

George Sutcliffe 3/2011

### **SELECTMEN**

\*\*Barbara Currier, Vice Chr 3/2010

\*\*Christopher Devine 3/2011

\*\*Sidney Lovett 3/2009

\*\*Suzanne Peoples 3/2011

\*\* Peter Webster, Chair 3/2010

### **SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST**

\*\*Frances K. Hanson 3/2014

\*\*Frances Taylor 3/2012

\*\*Margaret Winton 3/2010

### **TOWN ATTORNEY**

Mitchell Municipal Group

### **TAX COLLECTOR**

Ellen King

\*Deputy, Amy Sharpe

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Walter P. Johnson

### **TOWN AUDITORS**

Vachon & Clukay

### **TOWN CLERK**

\*\*Ellen King 3/2011

\*Deputy, Amy Sharpe

### **TOWN TREASURER**

\*\*Todd Elgin 3/2009

### **TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUND**

\*\*Bonnie Hunt 3/2009

\*\*Maurice Lafreniere 3/2011

\*\*Brinton Woodward 3/2010

### **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Jack Barbera, Chrm. 3/2009

Ivan Bass 3/2009

Wendell Broom, Alt. 3/2011

Gyda Dicosola 3/2010

Robert Rothschild, Alt. 3/2011

Susan Webster, Vice Chrm. 3/2011

Timothy Lyons 3/2011

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

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

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPORT



Selectmen L-R: Sid Lovett, Christopher Devine, Peter Webster- Chairman, Barbara Currier- Vice Chairman, and Susan Peoples

2008 has been an interesting year presenting us unusual challenges. Mother Nature, run-away prices and a rapidly deteriorating economy have really put us all to the test.

This year we embarked on an eighteen month budget to get Holderness on a State accepted fiscal year. There was no crystal ball to tell us that 2007/2008 winter was going to have record snow fall with run-away gas and salt prices, rain fall in July that made Grafton County a disaster area, and the collapse of our country's financial system in the Fall. Despite all of this we have managed to keep our budget under control through extra efforts by our Administrator, Department Heads and all our town employees.

Our new Town Planner, David Lorch has helped both the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals run more effectively by preparing their cases including supporting research and distributing them to board members prior to their meetings.

We welcomed Mike Dunklee into the Highway Department and we had a change in the Town Office, Anne Abear left us and Amy Sharpe moved from Deputy Clerk and Deputy Tax Collector to Municipal Secretary. We keep hearing from individuals who have to visit other town offices that Holderness offers the most friendly and helpful atmosphere.

We should all take pride in the way our Town runs not only through the efforts of our employees but the efforts put in by our committee/board volunteers. Don't get complacent... we all need to be involved to keep it running well.

## TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT



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

It is my privilege and pleasure to present to you my report as Town Administrator for the year 2008.

There are three significant initiatives begun in 2008 to be completed in 2009. First is the transition of the town's fiscal year from a calendar year to a July 1 – June 30 fiscal year. This effort began with the creation and adoption of a one-time 18 month budget that was approved at the 2008 Town Meeting, but actually began on January 1, 2008. Despite the challenges of a record setting snow fall in the winter of 2008 and unprecedented increases in vehicle fuel and energy cost during the spring and summer of 2008, I am confident we will successfully complete this 18 month fiscal year within the limits of the overall approved budget. Our second initiative is the development of a transfer station/recycling center master plan. This plan provides us the guidelines to create a more economic and environmentally friendly facility which will serve our community for many years to come. (The details of this plan will be presented at the 2009 Town Meeting). Lastly, the Holderness Energy Committee has partnered with NH Electric Co-op to provide an energy audit of all municipal buildings and grant funding for energy saving improvements to the public safety building and highway garage with plans to address issues with the town hall in 2009.

In August, we held our second summer Town Informational Meeting which allowed summer residents/taxpayers and our "snow birds" the opportunity to learn more about Holderness town government and to ask specific questions of the Selectmen, department heads and me. We

hope to continue this effort as an annual event if the support for the meeting continues to grow.

In October we said good-bye to administrative assistant Anne Abear. I am very pleased to announce that Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Amy Sharpe has accepted the position of administrative assistant. I wish Anne all the best in the future and welcome Amy as the newest member of the fulltime town office staff.

As I look forward to 2009, my priorities include completing the master plan for the Holderness transfer station and recycling center and the change in the Town's fiscal year; continuing the energy conservation improvements to our municipal facilities and improving the archiving and preservation of town records.

In my fourth year as your Town Administrator, I feel we continue to make excellent progress in improving our service to you, the residents and taxpayers of Holderness. I would especially like to thank the members of the Board of Selectmen, the town office staff, the department heads and all of our employees for their support, cooperation and the excellent work they provide for the citizens of Holderness.

I look forward to serving you in 2009 and encourage you to stop in the Town office, or contact me by phone or e-mail with any comments, suggestions and/or concerns you may have about your local government.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter P. Johnson

## TOWN BEACH REPORT

The Holderness Recreation Board and the Holderness Recreation Department oversee the Town beach. The beach opened this year on Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> and closed on Labor Day. A beach attendant staffs the beach 7 days a week from 10 am – 5 pm, weather permitting. The duties of the Beach Attendant include monitoring the use of the beach used by Holderness residents/taxpayers and their guests and enforcing the rules of the beach as stated in the Rules and Regulations. They are also on site to take care of the beach, mowing the lawn, raking, and other maintenance necessary to keep the area clean, attractive, and safe. Please remember, that while Beach Attendants are offered CPR and First Aid training, they are not lifeguards. We sold 233 beach passes in 2008, which was down from 246 in 2007.

Facilities at the beach include a changing / storage shed, porta potty, phone for emergency use, picnic tables, swings and a floating raft. This year we purchased two picnic tables to replace two that were in disrepair. We had modifications made to the raft so that it sits higher on float tubes and has a center anchor. This makes it easier to see people under the raft and makes caring for the raft a little more manageable.

Last summer we also put up new swing seats and removed the trash receptacles. Our “carry in, carry out” policy worked quite well for keeping the beach clean; we thank you for your conscientious participation in this program.

This summer was challenging in a couple of ways. We had a new addition to the waters at the Town Beach this summer---“ Swimmers Itch”. A red rash resembling mosquito bites inconvenienced several patrons at the beach. Once the water was tested it was determined that the issue was not related to poor water quality, but a natural cycle of life. We are hoping that 2009 will be free of Swimmers Itch at the Town Beach. You can view more information at [www.nhstateparks.com/swimmersitch.html](http://www.nhstateparks.com/swimmersitch.html).

The second issue this summer was the flooding that occurred in July. We were lucky in that there were no injuries at this location, but the road to the beach and the beach itself suffered quite a bit of damage. About a ninety foot section of the road was washed away resulting in its temporary closure. The beach suffered many washouts and partially submerged picnic tables.

On that note it is once again very appropriate to thank Peter Furmanick and his crew for their quick response to get the road open

again. Although we had very few incidents at the beach this summer, we also wish to thank the Holderness Police Department for their frequent visits to the beach property. Their watchful eye is certainly a deterrent to anyone who would be inclined to misuse the property. In 2009, please do not hesitate to notify a Beach Attendant, the Recreation Director, or a Recreation Board member if you see any unsafe conditions at the beach or if you see anyone doing damage to the equipment or property.

Also worthy of thanking is our own board member George "Biff" Sutcliffe. He is always there to open the beach in the spring and close it in the fall. He puts out the swim lines and buoys and gets our lawnmower tuned up for the season. This fall Holderness School students visited the beach as part of their community service program. They raked the beach and removed brush. We are always thankful for their help.

Lastly we would like to thank the residents and taxpayers, as well as the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and other town departments for supporting the beach. When we all work together, good things happen. This is a wonderful place to share with friends, family, and relatives for generations to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Werner (Recreation Director)

Tom Stepp (Chairman)

George (Biff) Sutcliffe (Secretary)

Sidney Lovett (Selectman Liaison)

Jay Fogarty

Fawn Ouellette

Janis Messier

Bob Stark



## COMMUNITY PLANNING

The planning position is shared with the zoning enforcement and health compliance responsibilities. Town Planning is a broad field of responsibility ranging from support of local economies to housing availability, to water quality protection. The priorities for community planning are identified by the Holderness Master Plan. Protection of the high quality of life found in Holderness is a strong recommendation put forth by the Master Plan. One component of this effort is the development of a Geographic Information System (GIS) data base. This is a computer mapping program designed to identify outstanding natural features as well as track land development patterns. This mapping data will be used as a foundation to anticipate future needs by the community in order to maintain vitality in the local economy while ensuring the protection of environmental features.

This initiative to maintain the quality of our environment is also applied on an on-going basis through the application of our municipal ordinances and regulations. They are designed to protect the rights of neighbors as well as to ensure the integrity of surrounding properties and the community as a whole. Community planning efforts are influenced through public input. Public comments and suggestions which may be received by the Board of Selectman, Town Administrator, Conservation Commission and others are often directed to the Town Planner for follow-up. The Planner also assists the public in completing applications for the Planning Board and Zoning Board. The planner develops staff reports to accompany each of these applications. The planning duties occupy approximately 40% of the time allowed the position.

Respectfully submitted,

David Lorch  
Planning, Zoning and Compliance Officer

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

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

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

During 2008, the Conservation Commission focused on protecting environmentally sensitive areas of Holderness and encouraging public use of the town properties. The Holderness Park and Recreation Department scheduled winter snowshoe walks through the Pilote property on Beede Road and an open house was also held there in March. In cooperation with the Squam Lakes Association and the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center the Conservation Commission hosted a vernal pool workshop to educate the public on the ecological importance of vernal pools and how to identify them. Six citizens participated in the workshop presented by Kerry Yurewicz and Conservation Commissioner Larry Spencer in April. On June 6-7 the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, Squam Lakes Association, Squam Lakes Conservation Society and the Holderness Conservation Commission co-hosted a 24-hr Bio-blitz in the Squam Lakes range area. The objective was to identify as many organisms in the area within the time period.

The Commission hosted a workshop with Arlene Arles, from DES, in August to explain the newly enacted Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act (RSA 483B) that went into effect on July 1, 2008. More information about the act can be obtained through the Department of Environmental Services website at <http://des.nh.gov>. In September the HCC hosted a regional meeting for area conservation commissions for an opportunity to discuss issues in common, and potential solutions. Former Conservation Commissioner Reggie Pettit and Larry Spencer organized a trail work day for the Pilote property in November. A group of students from Plymouth State University helped to construct bridges over some of the wet areas to make the trails more passable.

Conservation Commission Chair Larry Spencer continues to be a member of the Energy Committee which has gathered energy use statistics on the town buildings for the purpose of identifying possible ways of conserving energy use.

Commissioners continue to advance their own understanding of environmental matters through attendance at workshops and meetings. Larry Spencer and Anne Packard attended the annual meeting of the NH Association of Conservation Commissions and reported about the sessions they attended. The Commission also met with Chris Devine to discuss water run-off on Route 3 and with David Lorch to discuss the Town's permitting processes.

For 2009 the Conservation Commission plans to co-sponsor another vernal pool workshop in the early spring with the Squam Lakes Association. The commission also plans to initiate a project to accurately locate the Town's prime wetlands areas so the locations can be added to the Town's mapping layers. Some wetlands have already been documented, but the information cannot be used with modern computer mapping programs. The Commission plans to add to the list of vernal pools already identified in Holderness. Identification of the vernal pool locations in the town is important for the protection of many types of amphibians. If you believe you have a vernal pool on your property please contact the Commission through the town office.

The Conservation Commission has changed the day and time of the meetings to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 4:00 pm at the Town Hall year round. Special meetings and field inspections are sometimes held in between regular meetings. If you have an interest in the work of the Conservation Commission or would like to become a member of the Conservation Commission, please contact the Town Administrator at the Town Office. All proceedings of the Commission are open to the public and we welcome all comments and any offers of assistance. The Commission maintains a website at: <http://www.holdernessconservationcommission.org>

Submitted by:

Janet Cocchiaro  
Shelagh Connelly alt.  
Jacque Jewell  
Anne Packard  
Larry Spencer, Chairman  
Betsy Whitmore alt.  
Barbara Currier, Selectboard Representative

## HOLDERNESS ENERGY COMMITTEE



Holderness Town Hall

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

The following are some of the efforts and accomplishments of the committee in 2008:

- Developed a cost and consumption tracking system by recording cost and delivery amounts of all fuel types for all town departments and researched historical information of the same for 2006 and 2007.
- Partnered with NH Electric Co-op to assist the committee in evaluating energy consumption by town facilities.
- Utilized NH Electric Co-op staff professionals to conduct an energy audit of all town buildings.
- Worked with all town department heads to evaluate town operations in order to identify and implement energy saving measures wherever possible.
- With the results of the energy audits for each town facility, developed a plan to make energy improvement to each facility based on highest savings vs. cost and available budget funds.
- Identified and requested NH Electric Co-op grant funds for improvement projects.
- Received grant funding approval from NH Electric Co-op in an amount up to \$5,000 for 2008.

At the recommendation of the HEC, the Board of Selectmen accomplished the following:

- Contracted for the installation of energy saving light switches throughout the police and fire department facility.
- Contracted for the re-lighting of the highway department garage bay area with high efficiency florescent light fixtures significantly reducing energy usage and greatly improving the lighting in the area.
- Contracted for improving the insulation in the second floor and roof area of the public safety building.

Looking to 2009, the HEC will continue to monitor the usage and costs of all fuel types used by our local government and further investigate ways to reduce energy consumption for the benefit of prudently managing town budgets and improving our environment. Our priorities for 2009 will be the energy improvements to the town hall and working with the Holderness Central School administrator on energy saving efforts.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Holderness Energy Committee

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Larry Spencer, Walter Johnson,  
Eleanor Mardin, Bill Johnstone, Wil Abbott,  
David Lorch, Dave Horton, Chris Devine, S.L.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The beginning of 2008 started off very busy. Several buildings collapsed due to the abundance of snow we had. Many members of the fire department spent two days shoveling four to five feet of snow from the police and fire department roof.

Eventually summer came and the runs slowed down. This was the first summer in many years that we were not extremely busy with calls. As the price of fuel went up during the fall and into the winter months, the department then became busy with chimney fires and Carbon Monoxide calls. It is very important to remember that if you are using alternative fuels to have the chimney cleaned and inspected. Make sure all wood stoves have the proper clearances from combustibles and if you install a pellet stove follow the manufactures installation instructions. All propane heaters have to be installed by a licensed installer.

Seven members of the department took the Firefighter II Program, four have just finished the EMT I Program, two are just starting an EMT B Class, and two others finished the Introduction to Technical Rescue Class. Most of the classes are over one hundred hours and are held at night, or on weekends. I'd like to thank the firefighters for taking the time to advance their skills and for donating their time to take these classes. We all benefit from their dedication.

The department was also busy with fire prevention training and life safety inspections. We went to the Central School during fire prevention week and talked about home fire safety. All the students were able to sit in the fire trucks and check out all the equipment.

I'm here at the Fire Station most days and can always be reached at home. If there is anything I or the members of the department can do for you do not hesitate to ask.

Respectfully submitted,  
Fire Chief Eleanor Mardin





# HOLDERNESS FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS 2008

Chief Eleanor Mardin

## Firefighter and EMT's

Tyler Driscoll	Gary Mack
Deputy Chief Earl Hansen	Daniel Baker
Bobbi Dross	Dwayne Mann
Deputy Chief Richard Currier	Douglas Barber
David Dupuis	Harry Maybeck
Captain Randy Eastman	Jamison Brandin
Sara Furmanick	Brad Morse
Captain Stanley Graton	David Bourne
Phil Gammons	Ranald Saulnier
Captain Scott Fields	Richard Calley
Ellen Greene	Alden VanSickle
Captain Tracy Burhoe	James Chapin
David Horton	James Wieliczko
Warden Richard Mardin	Amelia Currier
Clinton King	Tyler Currier
Donald Lester	William Currier
Mark Ledger	

## Explorers

Jon Abear	Garrett Graton	Tyler Reidy
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# HOLDERNESS FIRE –RESCUE DEPARTMENT Calls for 2008



Medical Aid	112
Rescues	8
Motor Vehicle Accidents	31
Vehicle Fires	1
Mutual Aid	26
Chimney Fires	8
Furnace Problems	2
Electrical Problems	3
Forestry	2
Alarm Activations	36
Smoke Investigations	10
Power Lines	10
Fuel Spills	1
Haz Mat	4
False	5
Flood	2
Service	3
Other	12
<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>276</b>

## **FOREST FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT 2008**

Again the Forest Fire season for the Town of Holderness was in our favor with no reported fire or fire permits out of control. We had four Deputy Wardens and one Warden attend training this year, WILDFIRE ENGINE OPERATIONS, on March 27, 2008 in the Town of Rumney. This is an annual training put on by the Division of Forests and Lands with different subjects each year.



During the month of April the fire season began when we were called to a forest fire in the Town of Alton on the side of Mount Major, which consumed about 40 acres of forest land. We were also called to the Town of Rumney for a forest fire on Mount Rattlesnake which turned out to be in the White Mountain National Forest; this fire burned about 54 acres.

There were 225 Fire Permits issued by the Warden, Deputy Wardens and Town Hall. This number is down from last year due to the long Fire Season (April to June) when the issuing of permits is limited; the grass was green, new leaves were out and the rains came.

Fire Permits are needed for any open flame type of burning. To obtain a Fire Permit you can go to the Fire Station, Town Hall or Fire Warden. Please see the Town Web Site for contact information.

Richard E. Mardin  
Forest Fire Warden

# LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

## 2008

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

**E-Mail:** [holdernesslibrary@roadrunner.com](mailto:holdernesslibrary@roadrunner.com)

**Web Page:** [holdernesslibrary.org](http://holdernesslibrary.org)

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

**Telephone:** 603-968-7066

I could not have asked for a warmer welcome from the community of Holderness. As the new director of the Holderness Library since April of 2008 I have been motivated by your requests to create a Library that is both vibrant and a valued part of your community.

The Holderness Library is here to serve adults, children, and young adults with books, audio books, movies, computer access, wireless 24 hours a day, inter-library loans, magazines, newspapers, art exhibits and programming. This year we increased our hours from 26 to 36 and we are open on Wednesday until 8:00 pm.

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

Total Circulation 2008	7,729
Total Circulation 2007	6,712
Number of Patrons 2008	1,599
Number of Patrons 2007	1,451

Respectfully Submitted,  
Victoria A. Lang  
Director Holderness Library

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES' REPORT

The library has experienced considerable growth this year under the leadership of Victoria Lang, the new Library Director. Patrons are attending computer classes, knitting groups, bridge groups, book discussion groups, and artist receptions. Book circulation numbers have also increased. The number of hours that the library is open has been increased by ten hours and is now open 36 hours per week.

Many improvements were made during this past year. A new high speed copy machine was purchased with a generous donation from an anonymous donor. The Friends of the Library donated colorful new bookcases for the children's book collection. This collection had previously been housed in plastic milk cartons. New lawn furniture purchased with the help of the Friends has allowed library wi-fi users and readers to enjoy the library's outdoor grounds over the summer. The wi-fi is available 24 hours per day.

The weeding of the library collection is in progress. Outdated and obsolete materials are being discarded. Victoria has been able to get large libraries in our state that annually discard their reference books to donate their discards to our library. These donated materials are more current than what the Holderness Library collection presently holds.

Once the weeding has been completed, Victoria plans to house the children's collection in the downstairs room and further rearrange the library spaces and the library collection. Her plans also allow for limited handicap accessibility.

Donations for ongoing projects at the Library are always needed and most welcome. Stop by anytime to talk to our Director.

Holderness Library Trustees

Kay Hanson

Larry Webster

Amanda Loud

Carroll Snelling

Kathy Wieliczko

**TOWN OF HOLDERNESS  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 11& 12, 2008**

At the annual Town Meeting of the Town of Holderness held on March 11 and 12, 2008 the following business was transacted.

At 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at the Holderness Town Hall, Moderator Ross Deachman convened the meeting and began reading the warrant. After reading Article 1 and 2 the Moderator declared the polls opened. At 7:00 p.m., Moderator Deachman declared the polls closed and the ballots were counted. Results were announced and the Moderator declared the winners.

At 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at Holderness Central School the Meeting resumed. Moderator Deachman asked for a motion that we dispense with the reading of the remainder of the Warrant and take the articles up one at a time as they appear in the Warrant. Moved by Malcolm "Tink" Taylor and seconded by Fran Taylor. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

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

**Selectmen for 3 Years (Vote for Two)**

Suzanne Peoples	203
Chris Devine	145
Margie Maybeck	13
Wendell Broom	11

**Town Clerk for 3 Years:**

Ellen King	270
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**Town Treasurer for 1 Year:**

Todd Elgin	255
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**Trustee for Trust Funds for 3 Years:**

Maurice Lafreniere	256
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**Library Trustee for 3 Years:**

Carol Snelling	256
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**Library Trustee for 2 Years: (Vote for Two)**

Amanda Loud	142
Jean Swindell	107
Kathleen Wieliczko	129
Wendell Broom	87

## **Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 Years:**

Frances "Kay" V.P. Hanson 256

## **Fire Ward for 3 Years:**

Harold Maybeck 227

### **Article 2: 2008 Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes**

1. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: All lands located within 250 feet of the shoreline of any public waters as delineated in RSA 483-B shall not be altered without first complying with RSA 483-B?" ***(Proposed by the Planning Board)***  
Yes 213 No 61
2. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: To remove Article IV Section V which allows more than one dwelling on a lot?" ***(Proposed by the Planning Board)***  
Yes 155 No 112
3. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: To expand the steep slopes ordinance?" ***(Proposed by the Planning Board)***  
Yes 176 No 86
4. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: To authorize the Board of Selectmen or their agent to issue a Certificate of Compliance prior to occupancy or use?" ***(Proposed by the Planning Board)***  
Yes 192 No 74
5. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: To change, amend or add the definitions for Erosion, Natural Ground Cover, Sedimentation, Site



Disturbance, Slope, Steep Slope, Useable Lot Area, Vegetative Cover and Wetlands?" ***(Proposed by the Planning Board)***

Yes 197

No 74

6. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Making numerous housekeeping, non-substantive changes to correct spelling, grammar, and numbering?" ***(Proposed by the Planning Board)***

Yes 236

No 29

### **CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION RESULTS**

#### **School Board Member for 3 Years:**

Joseph E. Casey

249

#### **District Treasurer for 3 Years:**

Kathleen S. Whittemore

252

#### **District Moderator for 3 Years:**

Laura Rollison

250

### **HOLDERNESS ELECTION RESULTS PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

#### **ELECTION RESULTS**

#### **Moderator for 1 Year:**

Quentin Blaine

239

#### **School Board Member for 3 Years: Campton**

Peter M. Pettengill

212

#### **School Board Member for 2 Years: Campton**

Susan Johnson

4

#### **School Board Member for 3 Years: Holderness**

Ross Deachman

245

#### **School Board Member for 3 Years: Plymouth**

Kathy Ringlein

199

#### **School Board Member for 2 Years: Plymouth**

Tim Naro

111

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

Moved by Fran Taylor and seconded by Earl Hansen.

Alden Van Sickle moved to amend the 2007 Town Report on Page 48, relating to the schedule of Town equipment, the 13' Boston Whaler boat is not listed and the 1979 Dunbarton Cascade Trailer is actually a 1951 model. Further, a correction to the Fire Department Report on Page 17 paragraph 2, the fireboat is a "three two pontoon style" boat and the engine is a 200 hp Honda 4 cycle engine. Fran Taylor seconded this amendment and a voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED** as amended.

Moderator Ross Deachman preceded with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Malcolm "Tink" Taylor and had a moment of silence for those residents that passed away during the year 2007.

Moderator Ross Deachman announced the results of Articles 1 and declared the winners. The Moderator declared that Article 2 (the Zoning Amendments) had all passed. Moderator Deachman announced the Holderness Central School and Pemi-Baker School District results. On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, the Moderator introduced David Lorch the new Town Planner, Compliance and Health Officer and Eleanor Mardin as the new Fire Chief as her father, Richard Mardin had retired last year.

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote, under the provisions of RSA 72:28,II and IV, to increase the annual Veterans Tax Credit on residential property from \$400 to \$500."

**Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee**

Moved by Alden Van Sickle and seconded by Martha Richards. No discussion followed. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee recommended sum of Two Million Nine Hundred Eighty-two Thousand One Hundred and Sixty-five Dollars (\$2,982,165.) for general municipal operations for a

period of 18 months per RSA 31:94-a beginning on January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 to implement the town's change from a calendar fiscal year to a July 1 to June 30 fiscal year. Said sum does not include special or individual articles elsewhere within this warrant.

### **Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee**

Moved by Earl Hansen and seconded by Harry Maybeck.

Selectman Peter Webster explained that this 18 month budget will allow the town to improvement it's fiscal management by changing from a calendar fiscal year to a June 30, year end fiscal year. This change will also align the town's fiscal year with both of the school districts and the county's .The budget in this article is from January 1 through June 30, 2009. If you compare just the first 12 month period of this budget to the 2007 budget there is a 3.6 % increase. Also included in the January 1 through June 30, 2009 portion of this budget is an additional 3 % increase to cover cost increases during that period. Webster explained that the town has a fund balance of a little over \$ 900,000.00, and using a significant amount of those funds will help off set expenses for the additional six month period from January 1-June 30, 2009. Martha Richards questioned if the tax billing timing would change. Selectman Webster answered that it would remain the same. Alden Van Sickle questioned the downside of not passing this article. Selectman Webster explained this change is that there have been court cases that challenge towns that spend money on certain expenditures prior to town meeting approval; therefore the reason the Board of Selectmen are recommending this change. Clarification was given that a change to a fiscal calendar year allows approval of expenditures at the annual town meeting prior to the start of expenditures on July 1<sup>st</sup>. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$300,100) to be placed into the following Capital Reserve Funds:

Fire/Rescue Vehicles	\$35,000
Road Reconstruction	\$150,000
White Oak Pond Dam	\$1,000
Transfer Station Equipment	\$10,000
Municipal Buildings	\$12,100

Revaluation	\$25,000
Fire Equipment	\$2,000
Public Works Vehicles	\$35,000
Police Cruiser	\$20,000
Employee Health Insurance Trust	\$5,000
Conservation	<u>\$5,000</u>

**\$300,100**

**Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee**

Moved by Earl Hansen and seconded by Peg Winton. Martha Richards asked how much money is in the road reconstruction account. Moderator directed Ms. Richards to page 61 in the Annual Report where all capital reserve fund balances are listed which shows a balance in the road reconstruction account of \$44,627.79 as of December 31, 2007. Ms. Richards asked if there should be more money raised in this article for road maintenance. Board Chairman Peter Francesco, advised Ms. Richards the money in the road reconstruction capital reserve fund is for road reconstruction not for road maintenance. Peter Furmanick, Road Agent stated the roads selected for 2008 are a portion of Burleigh Farm Road, Seven Pines Road and Smith Road. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty-two Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$352,100) for the following capital projects and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to withdraw the sums indicated from the following designated Capital Reserve Funds for these purposes:

Road Reconstruction	\$150,000
Highway Dump Truck	\$135,000
Public Safety Building	
Improvements	\$7,100
Revaluation	\$30,000
Police Cruiser	<u>\$30,000</u>

**Total: \$352,100**

**Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee**

Moved by Fran Taylor and seconded by Earl Hansen. Anne Hunnewell

questioned the use of the Public Safety Building Improvements Fund. Eleanor Marden, Fire Chief stated this fund is to be used to reseal the driveway and to insulate a portion of the upstairs of the fire station for energy savings. Harry Decker questioned the revaluation fund. Chairman Francesco advised that this money will be used to update the values of the town and that the State mandates towns must stay within 10% either way of 100% the market value and are required to have a revaluation every 5 years. Harold Webster inquired about the total number of miles of roads maintained. Peter Furmanick, Road Agent answered 38 miles of roads are maintained with 19 paved and 19 dirt roads. Willis Holland questioned the condition of the dump truck being replaced. Furmanick stated that the dump truck being replaced has 100,000 miles and is 11 years old. The truck is running ok right now but with that many miles and age could have a major breakdown at any time. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of an existing Village Sidewalks Capital Reserve Fund to the Village Sidewalks Summer Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. (2/3 vote required). **Recommend by the Selectmen**

Moved by Earl Hansen and seconded by Alden Van Sickle. Alden Van Sickle questioned the purpose of this article. Selectman Suzanne Peoples advised this money will be used for maintenance and landscaping along the village sidewalk. Malcolm "Tink" Taylor asked if this fund would be used for winter maintenance. Selectman Peter Francesco stated there would be no winter maintenance for the sidewalks under the current policy. Sallie Fellows asked if this money would be spent in 2008 as there is no appropriation in the budget for it. Town Administrator Walter Johnson stated he believed the Selectmen had authorization to expend money from this capital reserve fund when it was originally established. Selectman Peter Webster clarified that the purpose of this Article is that the funds will be used for maintenance as construction of the village sidewalks are now complete rather than appropriating money for future maintenance of the granite wall, landscaping, and the fence. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED** by a 2/3 vote.

**Article 9** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for a portion of the cost of installing a plaque dedicating the new Holderness/

Plymouth Bridge on Route 175A in honor of US Army Captain Douglas DiCenzo.

**Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee**

Moved by Earl Hansen and seconded by Fran Taylor. Peter Francesco clarified that the \$ 3,000.00 being raised in this article is to contribute towards the purchase and installation of a plaque dedicating the new Rt. 175A bridge in honor of Captain Douglas DiCenzo and all members of the Armed Services who have fought in the global war on terrorism. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

**Article 10:** To transact any other business that can legally come before the meeting.

Moderator Deachman recognized and thanked Malcolm "Tink" Taylor for his 30 years of community service as Holderness Central School District Moderator and Deputy Town Moderator.

Moderator Deachman recognized Sidney Lovett.

Representing the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Lovett recognized and thanked Peter Francesco, retiring Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Francesco was recognized for his years of service as Chairman on the Holderness Central School Board and as the Town's Compliance Officer. The Board of Selectmen had an engraved granite bench made for him as a token of the Town's appreciation.

Mr. Francesco thanked the community for the trust and support given to him through the years.

Selectman Peter Webster recognized the dedication of the 2007 Town Report to Richard Mardin for his 43 years of leadership and service on the Fire Department.

With no further business to come before the meeting, Moderator Deachman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen King  
Town Clerk



## PLANNING BOARD REPORT

Planning Board activity over the past year is certainly a reflection of the changing times. There were no site plan applications to review, an indication of new or expanding commercial activity. The Board saw no new major subdivision proposals (over 3 lots) and only a couple of minor subdivision applications, which can be an indication of interest in future residential development.

On the other hand, the Planning Board devoted many meetings to public interest in outdoor wood boilers and wind powered electric generators. In both cases, the Board developed proposed standards designed to allow them in most areas of town so long as they do not cause a nuisance, reduce the value of neighboring property or interfere with the rights of others.

In addition, the Planning Board made recommendations to adjust application fees to better reflect the cost of the Planner's assistance in the application review process. During the year the Board met and exchanged ideas with representatives of the Conservation Commission, Lakes Region Planning Commission, and Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee. Board members took advantage of several conferences and lectures to keep abreast of contemporary planning theories.

The Board usually meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Town Hall. During the winter months the meetings may be held at the Safety building (fire station). Meeting notices will be posted in the Town Hall and at the Post Office. The schedule may also be found on the Town web site. Copies of the regulations may be found in the library and at the Town Hall, as well as on the web site, [http://www.holderness-nh.gov/public\\_documents/index](http://www.holderness-nh.gov/public_documents/index).

Respectfully submitted,

Earl Hansen, Chairman  
Robert Snelling, Vice Chairman  
David Horton, Secretary  
Suzanne Peoples, Selectman Liaison  
Nancy Scothorne  
Todd Elgin  
Ron Huntoon  
Randy Currier, Alt.

## HOLDERNESS POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

This year I have made some changes within the Police Department to reduce our operating budget. The first change was to eliminate the secretary position. This was a twenty-four hour a week position. Collectively we have absorbed these responsibilities. Secondly we reduced our gasoline consumption by nearly nine hundred gallons. This was necessary to insure that the Police Department stayed within its gasoline budget guidelines, even when gasoline prices doubled during the summer months. Lastly, I decided to purchase a leftover 2006 Ford Crown Victoria instead of 2008 model. This cruiser was equipped with a "Watch Guard" digital in-car video system. This system gives us the ability to record our motor vehicle stops and arrests onto a DVD.

Also this year we revived the Holderness Police Association. This association is much like the Holderness Fire Department's Benevolent Fund. We have received one thousand dollars in donations this year. I would like to thank everyone who donated to the association this year.

Currently we are planning to install a call box at the Police Department. This will allow a person to contact our Dispatch Center directly and speak with a dispatcher at anytime. The dispatcher will then contact an officer, who will respond to the Police Department or any other location in town where they may be needed. This call box can also be used to dispatch Fire/Rescue units and can be used for both emergencies and non-emergencies.

Please join me in thanking the members of the Holderness Police Department, who have worked hard throughout the year. In keeping with our Department Mission, they have remained dedicated to the safety of the citizens of Holderness and all those who visit our community.

In closing, I would like to thank the Town's people, Members of the Select Board, Fire Department, Town Hall, Holderness Central School, Mount Prospect Lodge #69 and Mt. Livermore Grange # 288 for your support and guidance throughout the year and look forward to serving with you in 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremiah Patridge  
Chief of Police



## HOLDERNESS POLICE

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

L-R Front Row: Lieutenant-  
Barry Tanner, Chief- Jeremiah  
Partridge, Sergeant- Eric Defillipe

## 2008 POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

911 HANG-UP	39	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	50
ABANDONING A VEHICLE	0	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT (Fatality)	0
ALARM (Business & Residential & Fire)	130	MOTOR VEHICLE CITATIONS	47
ALCOHOL OFFENSE	33	MOTOR VEHICLE COMPLAINT	59
ANIMAL INVOLVED INCIDENTS	125	MOTOR VEHICLE WARNINGS	1052
ARRESTS (Total)	59	MOTOR VEHICLE / DWI	9
ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENTS	229	NOISE COMPLAINT	27
ATTEMPT TO COMMIT BURGLARY	0	OFFICER FOLLOW-UP	163
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	3	OPEN/UNSECURE DOOR	14
BENCH WARRANT	4	PAPER SERVICE / RELAY	50
BURGLARY	8	PARKING COMPLAINT / INFO	32
CITIZEN REQUEST ASSISTANCE / MVLO	153	PARKING TICKETS	58
CIVIL MATTER	3	PISTOL PERMITS	18
CIVIL STANDBY	16	POSSESSION OF CONTR. DRUGS	4
CONDUCT AFTER AN ACCIDENT	4	PROTECTIVE CUSTODY	1
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	17	RECKLESS OPERATION	1
CRIMINAL RECORDS	59	REGISTRATION OF SEX OFFENDER	13
CRIMINAL THREATENING	3	RESISTING ARREST OR DETENTION	1
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	3	RUNAWAY JUVENILE	1
DAMAGED PROPERTY	0	SEXUAL ASSAULT	1
DIRECTED PATROL (including radar)	421	SIMPLE ASSAULT	3
DISORDERLY ACTIONS / CONDUCT	10	SITE CHECKS	1104
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	11	SPECIAL EVENTS PERMITS	15
FINGERPRINTS - JOB APPLICATIONS	20	SUBPOENA SERVICE	11
FOOTPATROL	77	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	95
FRAUD / Forgery	6	THEFT (All Thefts)	35
HARASSMENT	5	UNRULY JUVENILE	0
ISSUING BAD CHECKS	1	UNTIMELY OR UNATTENDED DEATH	0
LITTERING	2	VACANT HOUSE CHECK	416
LOST / FOUND PROPERTY	5	WELFARE CHECK	8
MISSING / WANTED PERSONS	3		

## HOLDERNESS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



Holderness Highway Personnel

L-R: Mike Dunklee, Dennis Hughes, Lewie Thompson, and Peter Furmanick

The winter this year was a typical New England winter with greater than usual amounts of snow which began in January and seemed to last forever. All we did last winter was plow, push back and wing back snow; just in time for another storm.

On January first, Robert Potter, our Forman, resigned. He was the happy, smiling face that drove our one ton. Susan Buttrick, who works part-time at the transfer station filled in during our hiring process. She helped out tremendously and did a great job. Mike Dunklee was hired as our new highway worker and Lewie Thompson was promoted to Foreman. Lewie is a hard worker, and I enjoy working with him and because of his strong work ethic, we were able to accomplish a lot this year.

As winter departed and mud season subsided, we started preparing the roads that we were going to pave. Unfortunately, we had to stop our preparation work early, because in August we had large amounts of rain, which led to some damage caused by water washing out some of our roads. Perch Pond Road, in the area of the old Blackburn pit, was hit the hardest. Pinehurst Road and Burleigh Farm Road were also damaged. The Town received reimbursement from FEMA for some of these damages. We were able to pave Smith Rd. and put a final coat of pavement on Seven Pines Rd. However, due to the high cost of asphalt we were unable to pave Burleigh Farm Road.

During the summer months the Ashland Highway Department crew came over again and did some roadside mowing for us. Thank you Mark Ober and Tim for doing such a good job.

Thank you to Skip Thompson for all his hard work in maintaining grounds of the Cemeteries, Town Hall, Library, and Gazebo.

We cleaned out more ditches this year, replaced several culverts that had deteriorated, put in catch basins and reshaped many roads. During our busiest time, the grader lost its brakes and had to be repaired. This happened just after the flooding. Some of our roads didn't get the attention that they needed because of this. The Caterpillar Backhoe that we have been using constantly also needed numerous repairs this year. It has about 9000 hours on it. It has been well used.

This year we purchased a 2009 International to replace our 1998 Ford Sterling. This truck is equipped with an in the body sander, power angle plow, and a wing.

We concentrated our tree trimming and tree removal to Smith Road, Seven Pines Road, Sargent Road and Lincoln Road. All of this wood will contribute to the heating of the Highway Department combined with our waste oil furnace. Our facility stays warm and does not use much purchased fuel at all.

The crew at Meredith Ford did a great job in keeping our smaller trucks running. The efforts in repairing our trucks or get them running again is so much appreciated. Your small town commitment to customer service is evident. Thank you so much Pete French.

All of the improvements that were done on the roads this year were because of the hard work that Lewie, Dennis, Mike, and I did. It is so nice to have a dedicated crew to work with.

I wish to thank Lewie Thompson, Dennis Hughes, Mike Dunklee, and Skip Thompson for their commitment to this department, and to the Town of Holderness, as well as their families for accepting and supporting that commitment.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Furmanick

Assisted the Public Works Department  
Susan Buttrick



## RECREATION REPORT

The first newsletter of the year stated "Recreate in 2008" and that is what we did. Holderness Recreation's mission is to provide a wide range of high quality and affordable recreational opportunities for all ages in the Holderness community, while operating in a fiscally responsible way.

This department, in case you do not know is a part time department offering a full time line up of activities. In the past year we offered over 40 programs. These programs included adult volleyball, early bird exercise, pick up hockey, recreational skating, swimming, soccer camp, day camp, adult dodgeball with over 50 registered players, archery, family dodgeball, intro to golf and so much more.

Highlights from this year include a visit from award-winning children's musician, Sammie Haynes, local magician Mr. Phil, our second annual Parent Child Valentine's Dance and our first annual Skate with Frosty and Friends. Record numbers were attained in our archery program, which served 27 people this year as well as swimming lessons teaching 37 students.

Our summer day camp returned to the Holderness Central School after its renovations during the 2007 summer. Overall we had a great summer with the exception of a lot of rainy weather. The camp, led by Ann Barney for the 4<sup>th</sup> summer, attended several field trips including the See Science Center in Manchester, Whales Tale Water Park, Wellington State Park, Lincoln's Papermill Theater and Hobo Golf, Smitty's Cinema and Squam Lake Natural Science Center.

It is important to mention that Holderness Recreation has a Scholarship account that can be used to allow families in need to participate in our programs. We accept monetary donations into this account to be applied to program scholarships, equipment purchases and to offer special programming. If you know of a family that may benefit from a program scholarship, please have them give the office a call. Every little bit helps and if you are interested in contributing, please contact the recreation office.

It is necessary to thank the following people that support Holderness Recreation throughout the year. Thanks to Camp Deerwood and the Squam Valley Masonic Association for their generous donations to our scholarship account. Also thank you to Camp Deerwood for allowing our summer day camp staff to attend CPR and First Aid training at their facility with their instructor. We would like to extend a special thank you

to the Holderness Central School for allowing us to use their facility year round for recreational programming. Thank you to the Holderness School for the use of their rink for our hockey and recreational programs.

We would like to thank the Selectmen, Town Administrator, and Town Hall staff for their support throughout the year. We would also like to give a special thank you to Peter Furmanick and his crew for helping us with the beach maintenance especially this past summer with the flooding. Thank you to Chief Patridge and Chief Mardin for attending our summer staff training, it is always good for our camp staff to know who to call in the case of an emergency.

Finally it is important to thank the residents and tax payers of Holderness for their continued participation in and support for this department. Without you, we would not be.

In closing, we hope the New Year will bring the opportunity to expand programming in the summer through a concert series as well as additional weeks at the day camp. We bid farewell to 2008 and welcome in 2009 with excitement. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year, whether attending a program, Town Meeting or visiting the Town Beach. Feel free to contact us at 968-3700 or [holdrec@roadrunner.com](mailto:holdrec@roadrunner.com) at any time. You can also see our current program flyer at [www.holderness-nh.gov](http://www.holderness-nh.gov).

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Werner (Recreation Director)

Tom Stepp (Chairman)

George "Biff" Sutcliffe (Secretary)

Sidney Lovett (Selectman Liaison)

Jay Fogarty

Fawn Ouellette

Janis Messier

Bob Stark



## 2008 TAX CALCULATION

### TOWN PORTION (18 month budget)

APPROPRIATIONS	\$3,637,366
LESS: REVENUES	\$2,079,362
SHARED REVENUES	\$4,919
ADD: OVERLAY	\$41,842
WAR SVC CREDITS	<u>\$58,000</u>
NET TOWN APPROPRIATIONS	1,652,927
MUNICIPAL TAX RATE	<b>2.46</b>

### SCHOOL PORTION

NET LOCAL SCHOOL BUDGET	\$3,740,016
REGLN SCHOOL APPRTMNT	\$2,381,951
LESS: SHARED REVENUE	
STATE EDUC TAXES	-\$1,578,481
APPRVD SCHOOL TAX EFFORT	\$4,543,486
LOCAL EDUC TAX RATE	<b>6.73</b>
STATE EDUCATION REQUIRE	\$1,578,481
STATE TAX RATE	<b>\$2.35</b>
EXCESS REMIT TO STATE	

### COUNTY PORTION

DUE TO COUNTY	\$1,112,164
LESS: SHARED REVENUE	-\$2,761
APPRVD COUNTY TAX EFFORT	\$1,109,403
COUNTY TAX RATE	<b>\$1.64</b>
COMBINED TAX RATE	<b>\$13.18</b>

TOTAL PROP TAX ASSESSED	\$8,884,297
LESS: WAR SVCS CREDITS	\$58,000
TOTAL PROP TAX COMMITMENT	<b>\$8,826,297</b>

### PROOF OF RATE

STATE EDUC VALUATION	\$671,312,292
ALL OTHER VALUATION	\$674,673,392
STATE TAX RATE	\$2.35
ALL OTHER TAX RATE	<u>\$10.83</u>
TOTAL TAX RATE	\$13.18
STATE ASSESSMENT	\$1,578,481
ALL OTHER ASSESSMENT	\$7,305,816
TOTAL ASSESSMENT	\$8,884,297
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$1,021,466
CURRENT YEAR SURPLUS	Undetermined
FUND BALANCE USED	\$586,000
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$435,466

# SCHEDULE OF TOWN EQUIPMENT

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

1931 Ford	
1952 Willys Jeep	
1962 Willys Jeep	
1997 Ford Expedition	
1988 Ford Rescue	12R1
1990 Mack Fire Truck	12E3
1993 Ford Forest Fire Truck	12F3
1997 Mack Fire Truck	12E4
2006 Kenworth Fire Truck	12E5
13' Boston Whaler Boat	12B1

## MOBILE EQUIPMENT

1979 Dunbarton Cascade Trailer
2002 Yacht Club Snowmobile Trailer
2003 Skandik Ski-Doo
2006 Premier Pontoon Boat
2007 Yacht Club Pontoon Trailer

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

2009 International – 6 Wheel Dump Truck (sander in body & plow)
2004 Peterbilt – 6 Wheel Dump Truck (sander in body & plow)
2004 Ford F-350 – 1 Ton Pickup Truck (slide in sander & plow)
2006 Ford F-550 - 1 Ton Dump Truck (slide in sander & plow)
1997 Caterpillar Backhoe
1994 Galion Grader

## EQUIPMENT

1988 York Rake
1988 Road Broom

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN & SCHOOL PROPERTY

<b>TAX MAP/ LOT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION LOCATION</b>	<b>LAND VALUE</b>	<b>BUILDING VALUE</b>	<b>TOTAL VALUE</b>
229-25	Holderness Central School	254,130	3,699,900	3,954,030
228-79	HCS Vacant Lot	133,360		133,360
225-16	Pemi River Park Lot	42,380		42,380
231-3	Route 113	42,200		42,200
239-1	Town Hall	4,550	283,700	328,250
222-15	Town Forest Lot	109,500		109,500
222-15	Public Works Garage	191,450	230,500	421,950
101-19	Library	332,110	200,600	532,710
223-11	Pilote Conservation Lot	514,350		514,350
245-65	Transfer Station	105,000	1,700	26,800
224-1	Smith Road Lot	78,380		78,380
No Map #	White Oak Pond Dam	32,100		32,100
101-8	Fire/Police Station	171,720	740,400	912,120
239-42	Corner Lot - Routes 3 & 175	52,300		52,300
252-16-1	East Holderness Road	113,720		113,720
213-32	Huckins Hill Road	64,020		64,020
101-12-1	Rt 113	57,820	9,800	67,620
245-067	White Oak Pond Road	188,500		188,500
102-006	Village Common & Gazebo	610,400		610,400

### TOWN MAINTAINED CEMETERIES

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

## TRANSFER STATION REPORT



L-R: Susan Buttrick and Scott Davis

2008 was a great year for recycling, but a financial challenge. Cost of shipping went up and recyclable materials changed from a revenue to an expense. Despite these changes we still had a revenue of \$61,466. This income comes from collection fees, permits, hauling fees and recyclable material.

How does the change in the economy affect the Transfer Station? When companies around the world slow down, so does the need for our recyclables. We used to sell paper, cardboard and co-mingle (such as glass, plastic and tin cans). We now pay for these recyclables to be removed. However, recycling is still a savings and better for our environment. You did a great job of recycling this year.

RECYCLABLES	2007	2008
SOLID WASTE	837 TON	776 TON
CO-MINGLE	112 TON	122 TON
ALUMINUM CANS	7,800 LB	7,602 LB

We shipped less aluminum cans this year because the price dropped to 1/3 of the peak market price of early 2008.

The sales of our recycled steel gave us a challenge this past year. However, by holding onto it for 4 weeks we were able to sell it for very little money, instead of paying for its removal.

An over all look at 2008 shows it was a challenge but we did very well. Figures show we recycled 31 percent. That is better then half the towns in NH. Our goal for 2009 is to pull those extra bottles and paper products out and increase that percentage.

Susan Buttrick and I would like to thank you all for another great year!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Scott Davis

## HOLDERNESS TRANSFER STATION HOURS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00 am to 4 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00 am to 4 pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 am to 4 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:00 am to 4 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1:00 pm to 4 pm</b>

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

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

scrap aluminum, paper or cardboard into this container.

*Propane tanks:* See attendant for storage area.

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

# REPORT OF TRUST AND CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

## TOWN OF HOLDERNESS

### YEAR TO DATE: DECEMBER 31, 2008

Fund	Beginning Balance	Contributions	Withdrawals	Interest Earned	Ending Balance
<b>TOWN OF HOLDERNESS</b>					
CEMETERY FUNDS	\$ 13,602.39			334.32	\$13,936.71
POLICE CRUISER	\$ 11,844.67	20,000.00	(27,285.63)	294.26	\$4,853.30
FIRE TRUCK	\$ 74,595.40	35,000.00		1,841.87	\$111,437.27
WHITE OAK POND FUND	\$ 7,815.49	1,000.00	(400.00)	192.45	\$8,607.94
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	\$ 45,055.14	5,000.00		1,108.89	\$51,164.03
ROAD CONSTRUCTION	\$ 44,627.79	150,000.00	(142,894.71)	1,123.82	\$52,856.90
TRANSFER STATION	\$ 14,071.67	10,000.00		348.22	\$24,419.89
SEWER CONSTRUCTION	\$ 7,672.94			188.60	\$7,861.54
GRANT APPLICATIONS	\$ 11,272.58			277.21	\$11,549.79
FOREST FIRE EXPENDABLE TRUST	\$ 15,543.09			382.17	\$15,925.26
EMERGENCY MGT EXPENSES	\$ 16,553.09			406.83	\$16,959.92
LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 25,159.13		(948.35)	598.50	\$24,809.28
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS FUND	\$ 19,346.25	12,100.00	(6,733.61)	477.91	\$25,190.55
TOWN REVALUATION FUND	\$ 8,610.96	25,000.00	(30,000.00)	215.85	\$3,826.81
FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND	\$ 5,437.23	2,000.00		134.07	\$7,571.30
VILLAGE SIDEWALKS FUND	\$ 2,310.50			56.75	\$2,367.25
HOLDERNESS HONOR ROLL FUND	\$ 31,850.32		(12,924.92)	782.23	\$19,707.63
PUBLIC WORKS CAP RESERVE	\$142,567.88	35,000.00	(115,861.60)	3,506.42	\$65,212.70
MASTER PLAN	\$ 6,926.43			170.29	\$7,096.72
RECREATION PATH MAINTENANCE	\$ 22,615.38			556.00	\$23,171.38
RETIREE HEALTH ACCT	\$ -	5,000.00		1.14	\$5,001.14
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$527,478.33</b>	<b>\$300,100.00</b>	<b>\$(337,048.82)</b>	<b>\$12,997.80</b>	<b>\$503,527.31</b>



Beginning Fund	Balance	Contributions	Interest Withdrawals	Ending Earned	Balance
<b>HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL</b>					
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND	\$ 80,040.06			1,967.62	\$82,007.68
TECHNOLOGY	\$ 43,050.46			1,058.29	\$44,108.75
LAND PURCHASE FUND	\$ 118,822.51			2,920.99	\$121,743.50
BUILDING RENOVATIONS	\$ 2,514.57			61.90	\$2,576.47
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$244,427.60</b>			<b>\$6,008.80</b>	<b>\$250,436.40</b>
<b>PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DIST</b>					
SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$ 1,642.78			40.27	\$1,683.05
BUILDING FUND	\$ 1,565.59			38.74	\$1,604.33
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 3,208.37</b>			<b>\$79.01</b>	<b>\$3,287.38</b>
<b>PEMI-BAKER SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS</b>					
SPANISH CLUB	\$ 1,705.44			42.27	\$1,747.71
FRONCEK SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 2,648.80			65.05	\$2,713.85
ZOULIAS SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 35,537.68		(900.00)	854.77	\$35,492.45
LAWSON SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 9,579.60		(500.00)	230.01	\$9,309.61
PERSON SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 25,965.41		(1,200.00)	625.18	\$25,390.59
PAQUETTE SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 3,106.11		(140.00)	74.87	\$3,040.98
ASH SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 3,517.69		(150.00)	84.99	\$3,452.68
DAWSON SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 665.99			16.18	\$682.17
MINICKIELLO SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 1,123.60			27.64	\$1,151.24
YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 10,084.16		(400.00)	239.41	\$9,923.57
BLAKE SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 9,819.01		(500.00)	237.33	\$9,556.34
VOLPE SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 8,080.75	8,023.00	(5,500.00)	214.91	\$10,818.66
LW PACKARD EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 14,724.30		(1,100.00)	338.95	\$13,963.25
AVERY SCHOLARSHIP PU	\$ 2,324.63			57.19	\$2,381.82
W. CARLETON ADAMS PR	\$ 39,071.92		(2,000.00)	943.23	\$38,015.15

PEMI-BAKER SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS - Continued				
Beginning Fund	Balance	Contributions	Interest Withdrawals	Ending Earned
BURKE SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 6,663.83		(200.00)	159.63
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$174,618.92</b>	<b>\$8,023.00</b>	<b>\$(12,590.00)</b>	<b>\$4,211.61</b>
TOTAL TOWN FUNDS				
TOTAL HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL FUNDS				\$503,527.31
TOTAL PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL FUNDS				\$250,436.40
TOTAL PEMI-BAKER SCHOLARSHIPS				\$3,287.38
				\$174,263.53
<b>TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS</b>				<b>\$931,514.62</b>

## VETERANS' MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Spring and early summer of 2008 found the committee engaged in the final design phase of the memorial project. Bids were submitted and the contractor chosen to design, fabricate and install the monument was Rock of Ages in Barre, VT. The projected date of installation was for Veterans' Day, 2008. Additionally, it was decided to locate the new monument on the library lawn at the same location where the temporary monument is currently located.

In early 2008 a fundraising campaign was initiated to help defray the cost of the monument to the town. That effort is ongoing. Sisters Susan and Terry McCormack and their mother, Alice, volunteered to hold a large bake sale during the Ashland 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration with the proceeds to go into the fund. The bake sale was held in honor of their parents Albert and Alice, who were the initiators of the fundraising for the original honor roll that had been located at the library for many years. Many thanks go to the McCormacks for all of their hugely successful efforts.

Due to unforeseen events, the Grange encountered difficulty in being able to get all of the necessary confirmation information pertaining to a significant number of veterans whose names could potentially be included. This ultimately led the committee to decide that, because it was critical to include as many veterans as possible, we would have to delay the original dedication date of Veterans Day 2008. The committee chose to postpone the completion of the project for one year with dedication of the new monument to take place on Veterans' Day, 2009. A letter to all donors was sent out and notices were placed in the local papers informing all of the delay and the new dedication date.

Thanks go to the Grange, Sherry Gould and the Memorial Committee members who have donated many hours of planning to bring this memorial into being. All of us on the committee appreciate the community's patience with this surprisingly complex project.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Ray, Committee Secretary

## WELFARE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

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

Heat and rental assistance was the greatest expense this past year. The cost of living has increased greatly as well as heating costs. This has impacted citizens, as many citizens have a fixed income or a minimal budget. With the unemployment rate increasing due to the economy, many individuals are seeking assistance from the town as a last resort. Even with the help from other agencies, community members are continually struggling to make ends meet.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Krystal Alpers  
Welfare Director

**BIRTHS - 2008**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME OF CHILD</b>	<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	<b>FATHERS NAME</b>	<b>MOTHER'S NAME</b>
January 14	Cooper Victor Mack	Plymouth, NH	Michael Mack	Susan Mack
May 7	Elizabeth Marie Downing	Plymouth, NH	Aaron Downing	Kate Downing
July 9	McKenzi Elizabeth Melanson	Plymouth, NH	Brett Melanson	Alicia Melanson
July 16	Natalie M. Stelchook-Grey	Plymouth, NH	Michael Grey	Meagan Stelchook-Grey
July 21	Isabell Nicole Bushaw	Plymouth, NH	Corey Bushaw	Kelley Faucher
November 27	Ryder Michael Francis	Laconia, NH	Brian Francis	Ashley Francis

## MARRIAGES - 2008

DATE	NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE	RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE
March 15	Nicholas C. Miller Kyeann M. Silva	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
March 23	David L. Moore Suzanne C. Smith	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
May 10	Brian M. Francis Ashley M. Blanchard	Holderness, NH Campton, NH
May 17	William L. Currier Amelia F. Hough	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
May 25	Edward J. Kritz Kati M. Amarantes	Taunton, MA Holderness, NH
June 7	Bradley R. Chase Samantha L. Stalnaker	Plymouth, NH Holderness, NH
June 21	Robert E. Maloney Bonnie M. Hunt	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
June 21	Christopher A. Buckley Jennifer A. Morris	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
June 28	Sherman P. Washburn April L. Brown	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
July 20	Alexander M. Pope Lynn A. Anderson	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
July 26	Jeffrey S. Zimmer Teresa Carter-Stevens	Holderness, NH Campton, NH

## **MARRIAGES-2008 - Continued**

July 27	Walter R. Brown Evelyn J. Degreenia	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
July 27	Michael L. Cole Dawn M. Merola	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
August 9	Timothy P. Murphy Marybeth Lemay	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
August 16	Gary Karp Janet R. Woods	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
August 30	Nathan S. Huckins Kyle M. Somma	Holderness, NH Campton, NH
September 6	Morgan T. Stepp Lindsey M. Sheldon	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
November 11	Scott J. Maxner Sherry L. Silvia	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH



## DEATHS - 2008

DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	PLACE OF DEATH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
January 30	Gary Glover	Laconia, NH	Wesley Glover	Betty Burnham
February 10	Eugene McCormack	Plymouth, NH	Albert McCormack	Alice Davis
March 28	Henry Wolfson	Meredith, NH	Morris Wolfson	Esther Steele
April 15	Erma Rand	Laconia, NH	Friedric Steinmeyer, III	Maria Kuchle
May 11	Jason Marrer	Rumney, NH	Michael Marrer	Lorraine Lafontaine
August 24	Ida Brown	Plymouth, NH	Dell Pilote	Margaret Grey
September 7	Joseph LeBlanc	Lebanon, NH		Rose LeBlanc
October 13	Patricia Bennett	Lebanon, NH	William Marsden	Nora Walsh
October 13	Louise Hyde	Holderness, NH	Alfred LaFerte	Katrina Hilker
November 15	June Cripps	Concord, NH	Thomas McNamara	Evelyn Horrigan
December 15	Geraldine Thompson	Plymouth, NH	Lester Brown	Fanny Corbett

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

Activity of the Zoning Board for this year pertained primarily to development activity within the minimum required lot setbacks. These applications originate from an interest in expansion of buildings on residential lots. The role of the Zoning Board is to allow relief from the limits of the zoning ordinance in special circumstances. These waivers are granted or denied based on established criteria applied to each application.

In 2008 some of the applications to the ZBA were denied because they did not meet these criteria. The application review process is an objective one and the Board members do not enjoy turning down an appeal for relief. However, ZBA members perceive their role on the Board as an act of community service. They are safeguarding the rights and property values of everyone affected. Anyone interested in serving on the Zoning Board is asked to contact the Town Clerk for an application.

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

[http://www.holderness-nh.gov/public\\_documents/index](http://www.holderness-nh.gov/public_documents/index)

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Barbera, Chairman  
Susan Webster, Vice Chairman  
Ivan Bass  
Timothy Lyons  
Cyda DiCosola  
Wendell Broom, Alt.  
Robert Rothschild, Alt

## **ZONING ENFORCEMENT**

The application of the Zoning ordinance includes monitoring of land use changes such as building projects and site development. It also requires the processing of various permits from applications for new signs, to demolition projects, to new buildings. During 2008 the numbers of building permits are grouped in the following manner:

Wells	3
Cottages	2
Houses	3
Additions	6
Sheds	3
Signs	2
Garages	5
Septic Systems	7
Demolitions	8
Commercial Buildings	1
Barns	1
Decks	2
Wood boilers	2
Wind Energy Towers (Windmills)	1

Total number of building permits issued 95

Zoning enforcement occupies approximately 50 % of the time for this position.

## **HEALTH COMPLIANCE**

The responsibilities of the Health Compliance officer include inspections of septic system installations, day care facilities and the monitoring of health concerns such as EEE disease. The health officer responsibilities occupy approximately 10% of the time for the position.

Respectfully submitted,

David Lorch  
Planning, Zoning and Compliance Officer

## **HOLDERNESS SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS**

### **School Board**

### **Term Expires**

Martha Macomber	2009
Jonathan Stewart	2010
Wendy Mersch	2010
Robert Heiner	2009
Joseph Casey	2011

### **CLERK**

Sara Weinberg

### **TREASURER**

Kathleen Whittemore

### **MODERATOR**

Laura Rollison

### **AUDITOR**

Grzelak and Associates

### **SUPERINTENDENT**

Mark J. Halloran

### **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

Ethel F. Gaides

### **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

Kathleen A. Boyle

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said District on the tenth day of March, 2009 at 8:00 in the morning to act upon the following subjects:

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

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

Given under our hands at said Holderness the 23rd day of February, 2009.

Joseph Casey  
Wendy Mersch  
Martha C. Macomber  
Robert Heiner  
Jonathan Stewart

A true copy of warrant attest:

Joseph Casey  
Wendy Mersch  
Martha C. Macomber  
Robert Heiner  
Jonathan Stewart

## 2009 SCHOOL WARRANT

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Holderness Central School in said District on Wednesday the (11<sup>th</sup>) eleventh day of March, 2009, at 6:30 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

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

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

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2009-2010	\$11,558.00
2010-2011	\$ 9,159.00

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

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

Article 4: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the previously established capital reserve fund for the purpose of technology upgrades. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Article 5: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the previously established capital reserve fund for building renovations. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Article 6: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-six thousand four hundred ninety-five dollars (\$36,495) for the purchase of technology equipment and authorize the withdrawal of thirty-six thousand four hundred ninety-five dollars (\$36,495) from the capital reserve fund created for that purpose. (Majority vote required.)

Article 7: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four million two hundred fifty-one thousand seven hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$4,251,799) for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials, employees and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District, this sum also includes the sums found in Articles 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)



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

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

Robert Heiner  
Joseph Casey  
Martha C. Macomber  
Jonathan Stewart  
Wendy Mersch

A true copy of warrant attest:

Robert Heiner  
Joseph Casey  
Martha C. Macomber  
Jonathan Stewart  
Wendy Mersch

# SCHOOL BUDGET 2009-2010

MS-27 Budget - School District of HOLDERNESS FY 2010

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	OP Bud. WARR. ART. #	Expenditures for Year 7/1/07 to 6/30/08	Appropriations Current Year as Approved by DRA	School Board's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	Budget Committee's Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
<b>INSTRUCTION (1000-1999)</b>								
1100-1199	Regular Programs		1,718,707	1,802,883	1,821,825		1,821,825	
1200-1299	Special Programs		418,998	457,005	487,133		487,133	
1300-1399	Vocational Programs							
1400-1499	Other Programs		42,883	45,744	51,541		51,541	
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs							
1600-1899	Adult & Community Programs							
<b>SUPPORT SERVICES (2000-2999)</b>								
2000-2199	Student Support Services		224,589	260,675	259,669		259,669	
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services		105,753	120,959	124,238		124,238	
<b>General Administration</b>								
2310-840	School Board Contingency							
2310-2319	Other School Board		14,817	19,085	16,422		16,422	
<b>Executive Administration</b>								
2320-310	SAU Management Services		180,408	174,885	186,405		186,405	
2320-2399	All Other Administration							
2400-2499	School Administration Service		167,482	188,543	190,666		190,666	
2500-2599	Business		230	1,300	750		750	
2600-2699	Operation & Maintenance of Plant		291,239	316,137	318,666		318,666	
2700-2799	Student Transportation		114,194	122,675	129,462		129,462	
2800-2999	Support Service Central & Other							
3000-3999	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES							
4000-4999	FACILITIES ACQUISITIONS & CONSTRUCTION		2,417,394	1	1		1	





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Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year	Estimated Revenues ENSUING FISCAL YEAR
<b>REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
1300-1349	Tuition		14,900	14,300	43,300
1400-1449	Transportation Fees				
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments		100	125	300
1600-1699	Food Service Sales				
1700-1799	Student Activities				
1800-1899	Community Services Activities				
1900-1999	Other Local Sources		9,400	9,400	9,400
<b>REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3210	School Building Aid		44,378	75,159	71,130
3220	Kindergarten Aid				
3230	Catastrophic Aid		-		
3240-3249	Vocational Aid				
3250	Adult Education				
3260	Child Nutrition				
3270	Driver Education				
3290-3299	Other State Sources				
<b>REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4100-4539	Federal Program Grants				
4540	Vocational Education				
4550	Adult Education				
4560	Child Nutrition		93,000	93,000	125,911
4570	Disabilities Programs				
4580	Medicaid Distribution		10,000	10,500	10,500
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (except 4810)		45,400	45,400	45,400
4810	Federal Forest Reserve				
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
5110-5139	Sale of Bonds or Notes		2,371,079	-	-
5221	Transfer from Food Service-Spec.Rev.Fund				
5222	Transfer from Other Special Revenue Funds				
5230	Transfer from Capital Project Funds				
5251	Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds		-		36,495

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Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year	Estimated Revenues ENSUING FISCAL YEAR
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES CONT.			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds				
5253	Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust Funds				
5300-5699	Other Financing Sources				
5140	This Section for Calculation of RAN's (Reimbursement Anticipation Notes) Per RSA 198:20-D for Catastrophic Aid Borrowing RAN, Revenue This FY _____ less RAN, Revenue Last FY _____ =NET RAN				
	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)				
	Voted From Fund Balance				
	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		2,768	55,000	78,000
Total Estimated Revenue & Credits			2,591,025	302,884	420,436

**\*\*BUDGET SUMMARY\*\***

	Current Year Adopted Budget	School Board's Recommended Budget	Budget Committee's Recommended Budget
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from page 3)	4,049,250	4,133,799	4,133,799
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 4)	Included in Above	118,000	118,000
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 4)	Included in Above	Included in Above	Included in Above
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	4,049,250	4,251,799	4,251,799
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	302,884	420,436	420,436
Less: Amount of Statewide Enhanced Education Tax/Grant	0	0	0
Estimated Amount of Local Taxes to be Raised For Education	3,746,366	3,831,363	3,831,363

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

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT 2008-2009**

The teachers, staff and administrators in each district within SAU 48 are continuing the process of individualizing instruction so that each child has the opportunity to reach his or her maximum learning potential.

SAU #48 currently has several initiatives in place to better meet the needs of all our students. We are continuing to use curriculum mapping in all schools, K-12, to allow for collaborative, teacher-designed and planned learning that aligns to New Hampshire state standards. Teachers are also using data from various assessments to better meet the needs of individual students in their classrooms. Several SAU #48 teachers have attended the Summer Data Institute at Plymouth State University in order to become more skilled in the use of the multitude of data that we now receive on each student. In order for our NECAP scores to continue to improve in the elementary schools, teachers currently are using data from a new online assessment instrument, NWEA, which tracks progress for individual students three times a year. We have formed an SAU Teacher Leader Council that meets regularly to discuss these initiatives and take a leadership role in the schools.

As well as the above initiatives, all of our schools are working on digital student portfolios using available technology. Also, we are in the process of automating our elementary libraries so each will be online by June of this year. Technology is constantly being upgraded in order to meet the current educational demands on our schools. All of these important changes impact student learning and positively focus on a 21<sup>st</sup> Century education for all students. Our teachers are committed to leading our efforts to face the difficult challenges of education in today's world.

As mentioned last year, all the districts of the SAU will be implementing a new student management program in September. These upgrades will allow greater parent/guardian access to student academic information, along with timely notification of school news and announcements. Business hardware and software upgrades will also take place this summer.

Please know that all of us in SAU #48 are aware of and effected by the economic slowdown in which we find ourselves. It is important that you understand how much we value and appreciate your support and generosity. The public's commitment to our schools and our communities is incredible and we consider ourselves fortunate to be part of it.

Mark J. Halloran  
Superintendent of Schools

Kathleen A. Boyle  
Assistant Superintendent

Ethel F. Gaides  
Assistant Superintendent

## **HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL HEALTH OFFICE REPORT**

In November and December, 2008, food baskets and stockings were provided to school families expressing a willingness to receive these items. Canned goods were gathered by the HCS community, and staff and faculty filled stockings. Community organizations also provide services and families are connected as needed throughout the school year.

Barbara Laverack, a registered dental hygienist affiliated with Speare Memorial Hospital, continues to be available to our students. In December, Mrs. Laverack set up her portable equipment and conducted 218 free dental screenings. 95 students received the first of two fluoride varnish applications (the fluoride rinse has been replaced by the preferred varnish), and 17 HCS students received dental cleanings. Mrs. Laverack noted 25 incidents of untreated decay or 11% of the total students screened. 128 students(58%) had at least one sealant on a permanent molar. Education and packets including dental products are available for HCS students as part of this program.

Please mark your calendars and wear red on 2/6/2009 for women's heart health. For more information check out [www.goredforwomen.org](http://www.goredforwomen.org). Review the signs and symptoms of heart attacks for both women and men, and actively plan for your heart health. During February, daffodils may be ordered through the HCS Health Office for delivery during Daffodil Days, or watch for area Daffodil Day sales. Please call or stop by the Health Office for details. If you or someone you know needs information about cancer resources, visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

Share the gift of life! We have scheduled our fourth annual HCS Red Cross Blood Drive for June 5, 2009. With extended community support we successfully collected more than 50 units of blood during our 2008 drive. Donors received a Red Sox Nation t-shirt in a special promotion during the blood drive last June. Volunteers are needed for blood donation as well as to provide snacks and support for blood donors.

Childhood immunization plans follow an established process based on State of New Hampshire guidelines. Adults are encouraged to discuss your immunization status with your primary care physician to maintain and update your own shot record. Please discuss flu vaccine for both children and adults. Influenza is a serious, contagious respiratory illness. Symptoms are noted in the nose, throat and lungs.

We have a mobile society. Our community has the opportunity to



move in many circles. Signs and symptoms of illness can quickly move from group to group much as a skipped pebble on a pond creates extended ripples. Hand washing is the most basic step in reducing the spread of germs. Protect yourself and each other.

Please call or stop by the Holderness Central School Health Office to share your ideas and questions.

Ruthann KlineSmith, RN  
Holderness Central School Nurse

# **HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL**

## **PRINCIPAL'S ANNUAL REPORT**

### **DECEMBER 30, 2008**

Holderness Central School continues to be a school that takes great pride in the tradition of providing a quality education to the children of Holderness. This past year was highlighted by the hiring of a part-time computer teacher, part-time middle school teacher, a kindergarten teacher, and a part-time industrial arts teacher to replace Mr. Ron Reynolds, who retired. In addition to the new staff, our school met the federal guidelines for No Child Left Behind by meeting AYP (*adequate yearly progress*) as determined by the results of the NECAP tests. I am proud to report that students continue to demonstrate academic growth in the content areas assessed by the NECAP (*New England Common Assessment Program*) in grades three through eight. Holderness Central School faculty and staff remain committed to academic achievement and meeting students' social, emotional, and physical needs.

The beginning of the school year was ignited with the annual AIR (*Artist in Residence*) program for the middle school students. The AIR program, which it is commonly known as, began the first week of school as middle school students were introduced to the year's theme of global warming. From the onset, students were instructed through well-planned, integrated units which combined music, theatre arts, art, industrial arts and computers. The students worked with their teachers in both the traditional classroom setting as well as the non-traditional setting with professional resident artists. The overall learning experience for students was phenomenal as the entire middle school population took part in producing, creating, and performing a musical show entirely created by them. The AIR program was funded by various sources which included the Holderness School Board, Holderness Central School P.T.A., The New Hampshire State Council on The Arts, local community business and individual donations. In addition to this remarkable program, we continue to dedicate a tremendous amount of time towards our literacy initiatives. This is highlighted by an expectation I announced to all faculty and staff at the beginning of the school year, "that by the end of grade five all students will be reading on or above their grade level." Setting this as our target for school wide reading initiatives, we continue to start by screening all grade one students for the reading recovery program and grade two students are screened to determine phonemically awareness levels. Mrs. Sally Lockwood who serves as both the Reading Recovery Teacher and Reading Support Specialist is able to work with

first and second grade students who have been identified. This program continues in grades three through five when Mrs. Evie Spodnik, another certified reading specialist, picks up those services. She offers a plethora of educational programs to ensure students are taught the necessary skills to succeed. The Middle School teachers spent the last school year and time in the summer developing a reading program which is aligned to meet the needs of current and rising middle school students.

School climate is an area I have taken a great deal of time to improve and develop over the course of the year. I feel personally connected to establishing this very essential component in our school. I am committed to maintaining a school that fosters a positive learning and working environment for all. The key element is to ensure communication channels remain open and are available to all members of the school community: parents, students, faculty, staff and all other associated groups. At Holderness Central School, this is done through many avenues. They include an updated school website, monthly parent newsletters (*Hawk Herald*), a monthly calendar which includes the lunch menu, a weekly faculty bulletin (*Hawk Eye*), morning announcements, community bulletins, and set days of the week that communication is sent home. We also have in place a communication system that has grouped students by families and has enabled the school to cut down on both paper use and an overwhelming number of paper communication from school to home. These are just some of the communication procedures that have attributed to creating a positive school climate at Holderness. Over the course of the year events such as pep-rallies, theme- based student dress days, student musical productions, and other student centered events have help to improve school spirit and pride. All of these efforts are a work in progress as we continue to meet the demands of a changing world and how those changes impact the students and parents we serve each day.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
William J. Van Bennekum, Principal

## **HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 4, 2008**

The Annual Holderness School District meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Malcolm "Tink" Taylor. Mr. Taylor announced that the location of the meeting had been changed to the Town Hall because Fire Chief Eleanor Marden closed the Central School due to unsafe conditions caused by heavy snow on the roof. Mr. Taylor called a ten minute recess to allow those coming from the school to attend the relocated meeting.

Mr. Taylor called the meeting back to order at 7:10 p.m. and asked Chris Devine to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Taylor then reviewed the ground rules for the School District meeting. Board member Martha Macomber introduced the other members of the School Board and Principal William Van Bennekum. Under unanimous consent Principal Van Bennekum was aloud to speak. Principal Van Bennekum explained that roof structure maintenance has been ongoing this winter. This morning custodial staff noticed structural changes in the ceiling. Students were dismissed and no real damage was done to the roof. Skilled workers were called in to remove snow from the roof. Final inspection of the school will be done by the fire chief, a structural engineer and the Superintendent of Schools who will then make the decision to re-open the school. James Wieliczko asked why four of more feet of snow has been allowed to accumulate on the school building roof. Principal Van Bennekum replied that the roof has been cleared periodically. Willis Holland asked that a new snow load policy be put in place to avoid future problems with the roof.

A motion was made by Earl Hansen, seconded by Nance Ruhm to waive the reading of the warrant in its entirety and go directly to the first article. Passed unanimously.

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

**Article II:** To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the support of the ACE after school program. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required) Moved by Earl Hansen, seconded by Judy Webster. Judy

Webster asked why the taxpayers are being asked to support a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. She added that ACE already uses the school facility without paying rent, utilities or janitorial services. Board member Martha Macomber responded that this program supports families and provides enrichment to children. ACE is now offering care to kindergarten students and that the school board supports this program. Kathy Wieliczko asked how many kindergarteners use this program. Jamie Lyford replied that there are six (6) kindergarteners currently enrolled. Willis Holland asked if this program would continue without financial support from the taxpayers. Board member Martha Macomber said that it would, but ACE would have to do more fundraising. Article passed.

**Article III:** To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the previously established capitol reserve fund for the purpose of technology upgrades. Both the School Board and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required) Moved by Earl Hansen, seconded by Margaret “Peg” Winton. Francis “Kay” Hanson asked how much money is currently in this fund. Board member Martha Macomber answered \$32,067. Article passed.

**Article IV:** To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the previously established capitol reserve fund for building renovations. The School Board recommends this appropriation as does the Budget Committee. (Majority vote required) Moved by Margaret “Peg” Winton, seconded by Cheryl Shirley. Article passed.

**Article V:** To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four million thirteen thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$4,013,250) for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials, employees and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District, this sum also includes the sums found in Articles 2, 3, and 4. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.) Moved by Earl Hansen, seconded by Nance Ruhm. Following discussion the main question, Pete Cofran made a motion to increase the appropriation by thirty six thousand dollars (\$36,000) for the purpose of retaining the position of a part time reading specialist.

The amendment would raise the appropriation from \$4,013,250 to \$4,049,250. Board member Martha Macomber stated that the decision to eliminate the part time reading specialist position was made after much deliberation and reflects the Board's desire to keep the budget down. In addition, the proposed amendment is not binding as the School Board can decide not to spend the additional money. Willis Holland stated he has attended the budget development meetings and that the School Board put a lot of thought into this decision and that overstaffing has been an issue. Under unanimous consent Principal Van Bennekum was allowed to speak. Principal Van Bennekum explained that the school will still have a full time reading specialist and that teachers will teach reading to the students in the absence of the part time reading specialist. Several parents expressed concern that their children would fall behind in reading proficiency without the part time reading specialist. Sally Fellows, employed with the State Department of Education stated that Holderness is in the top 10% in per pupil spending. Ms. Fellows added that there is a difference between providing for an adequate education and an excessive education. The result of the standing vote was 26 yes, 25 no. The amendment passed, then the main article as amended passed on a voice vote.

**Article VI:** To transact any further business which may legally come before the meeting. Mr. Taylor announced that he is retiring his position as Moderator after 30 years. Mr. Taylor introduced Laura Rollison who is running for the position of School District Moderator. Board member Martha Macomber expressed appreciation to Mr. Taylor for his dedication and many years of service. Board member Martha Macomber thanked out going Board members Laura Rollison and Jane Barry for their years of service and presented each out going School District Officer and the Moderator with a gift basket as a token of the School Board's gratitude.

With no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was accepted to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara M. Weinberg  
School District Clerk, Holderness

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

	<b><u>Fiscal Year</u></b> <b><u>2006/2007</u></b>	<b><u>Fiscal Year</u></b> <b><u>2007/2008</u></b>
Expenditures	\$668,502	\$668,077
Revenues	\$43,852	\$38,958
Net Expenditures	<u>\$624,650</u>	<u>\$629,119</u>
 \$ increase/decrease		 \$4,469
% increase/decrease		0.72%

## **REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF DISTRICT ONE BY EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR, RAY BURTON**

As I start my 31<sup>st</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> years of service to this large Northern Council District, I am hopeful and excited for new opportunities for rural America. With a new administration in Washington new economic programs are in the future. Our role at the state, county and local level is to have justified applications that will be used to stimulate job retention and creation. County and regional economic development councils coupled with community action agencies will be putting these new initiatives to work.

The NH Congressional Delegation-Senator Judd Gregg, Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Congressman Paul Hodes and Congresswoman Carol Shea Porter joining other Northeastern states of Maine, Vermont, New York and other New England Congressman can cause new resources to become available. I urge that we, at the state, county and local levels of government, step up with our concerns and let them know our needs.

2009 will start another year of the 10-year NH Highway Transportation Planning process working through the Regional Planning Commissions. Transportation Enhancement and Congestion Mitigation Air quality grants are back in play. Contact William Watson at NH DOT for details at 271-3344 or [bwatson@dot.state.nh.us](mailto:bwatson@dot.state.nh.us).

The 2009 session of the NH House and Senate will be a trying time with proposed cutbacks and how to still provide and meet constitutional and statutory needs. Be watchful of proposed legislation passing costs to county and local levels of government. Stay close to your local state senator and house members.

The Governor and Council are always looking for volunteers to serve on the dozens of boards and commissions. If you are interested please send your resume to Governor John Lynch, State House 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301 attention Jennifer Kuzma Director of Appointments/Liaison or at (603) 271-2121.

A complete list is available at the NH Secretary of State website at [www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm](http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm).

My office has available informational items; NH Constitutions, tourist maps, consumer handbooks, etc. I send, vial email, a Monday morning schedule. Send me your email address to be added to the list if you'd like at [rburton@nh.gov](mailto:rburton@nh.gov).

Please contact my office anytime I can be of assistance to you.

Raymond S. Burton



# **GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.**

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2008**

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

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

During 2008, 95 older residents of Holderness were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center:

- Older adults from Holderness enjoyed 886 balanced meals in the company of friends in the Plymouth center's dining room.
- They received 2,309 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Holderness residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 312 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 35 visits with a trained outreach worker and 25 contacts with ServiceLink.
- Holderness's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 637.25 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Holderness residents in 2008 was \$25,619.19.

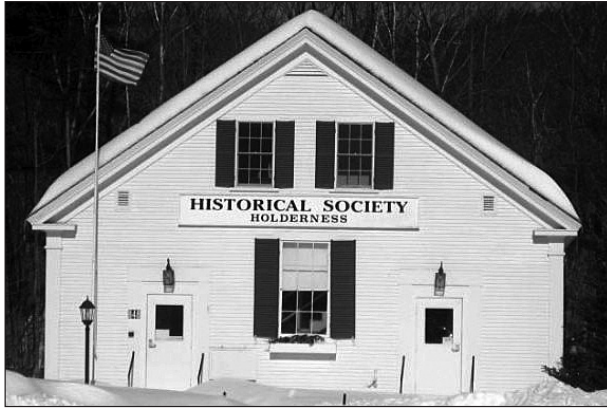
Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute

to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

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

Roberta Berner, Executive Director

# HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT



The Holderness Historical Society thanks the town and our members for financial support. This year we provided several popular programs with 150 people attending. More than 70 people toured the museum. We have maintained and upgraded our museum, been involved with community activities, and preserved more of our town's history.

## **Programs**

- ❖ History of the Laconia State School – Gordon Dubois
- ❖ White Mountain Huts: Past and Future – Dr. Allen Koop \*
- ❖ Susan B. Anthony: The Invincible – Sally Matson \*
- ❖ New Hampshire Covered Bridges – Glenn Knoblock \*

*\* Supported by New Hampshire Humanities Council*

## **Museum Building**

- ❖ Dealt with the many problems of historic buildings.
- ❖ Installed new exhibit of 1775 Musket.
- ❖ Installed necessary drain to allow us to winterize the building, thus saving money on heat in the winter.

## **Historical Projects**

- ❖ Produced biannual Newsletter with articles of local history including *Cutting Ice on Squam* and *I Remember When...*
- ❖ Provided help with genealogy research on Holderness residents.
- ❖ Sold books and old maps of Squam Lake and Holderness.
- ❖ In 2009 we plan to have an on-line listing of all Holderness cemeteries, with pictures and names.

## **Community**

- ❖ Provided and decorated a Christmas tree and were part of the festivities for the Chamber of Commerce Festival of Trees.
- ❖ Hosted the Holderness Library Story Hour and provided Museum tours for the attendees.
- ❖ Hosted the White Oak Pond Watershed Association, Squam Lakes Conservation Association, Singing Eagles Lodge Reunion, and Squam Lakes Historical District Association. Our large meeting room and kitchen are available free of charge to Holderness community groups.

## **Future**

- ❖ We will continue to be a seasonal organization with public programs and meetings May through September.
- ❖ School tours will continue to be available in June and September.
- ❖ We have partnered with the Holderness Public Library to provide additional programs of historical significance next year.

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

## HOLDERNESS 2000

In 2008 the board of Holderness 2000, a community non-profit, established the **Holderness Legacy Fund** which is housed at the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The Foundation will manage the fund and invest its assets for the next 25 years allowing its principle to grow. Starting in the year 2033, grants will be made from the annual earnings of the fund. Grants will be available to groups, individuals or businesses who are working on projects which will make Holderness a better place to live, work or visit. Grants will be made at the discretion of the town's Selectmen or a Committee which they may designate for this purpose.

The details of the fund specify that these grants may not be used for expenditures which have traditionally been supported by tax dollars. They are intended to support projects: that maintain the "small town" New Hampshire feel which we have in Holderness; that help create recreational infrastructure for residents and visitors; that accent our local history; that promote year round businesses which support our local residents and visitors; that implement priorities identified in future Holderness Master Plans that might otherwise not receive funding; and that encourage civic engagement.

At the end of 2008 Holderness 2000 disbanded, however anyone interested in contributing to the Holderness Legacy Fund may do so by sending a contribution directly to the NH Charitable Foundation, 37 Pleasant St., Concord, NH 03301. Checks should be made payable to the NHCF with a notation that the funds are designated for the Legacy Fund. Staff members at the Foundation can also assist anyone who might like to include the Legacy Fund in their estate planning.

## INTER-LAKES DAYCARE CENTER

Inter-Lakes Day Care Center and Nursery School is a non-profit, fully licensed, non-denominational, tax-exempt community child care and education agency incorporated in 1971. Inter-Lakes Day Care Center promotes child development and family support for working parents through comprehensive infant, toddler, preschool, and school age developmentally appropriate curriculum, engaging children in activities that provide learning and brain development opportunities while nurturing knowledge.

Special events this year included the NH Squam Lakes Science Center's presentation on "Fur, Feathers, and Scales" for our preschoolers and Seven Upper Club and a live visit of a barred owl, a painted turtle, and an opossum which all the children were excited to see up close. A visit from the UNH Marine Mammals SeaTrek Program, second in a series of science programs that tie in with our Nature Studies and Environment curriculum was greatly enjoyed by both preschoolers and school age children, who learned about the similarities and differences between whales and themselves through interactive hands-on activities in small groups.

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

On behalf of the Board of Directors we extend our sincere thanks to the Town of Holderness for its continued support of our agency for residents of Holderness.

## **LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION 2007 – 2008 (FY-08)**

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

Below are some of the focus areas and services provided on behalf of the town of Holderness and the region in the past fiscal year:

- ❖ Presented several model ordinances to local officials including:
  - o Inclusionary Housing, Erosion & Sediment Control
  - o Stormwater Control, Shoreland Protection, Density Credits, and Energy Efficiency
- ❖ In cooperation with local officials, finalized the Holderness Steep Slopes Overlay District, which was approved by local voters at town meeting.
- ❖ Completed a Steep Slopes fact sheet for use during a public meeting regarding the ordinance.
- ❖ Completed the town's Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) and submitted it to appropriate state and federal agencies for approval.
- ❖ Updated the Holderness zoning map, as requested by local officials.
- ❖ Maintained circuit rider planning services for municipalities interested in assistance with development proposals.

- ❖ Developed a website of electronic documents to facilitate the outreach/education component of the *Innovative Land Use Guide* project, completed by the nine regional planning commissions and the NH Department of Environmental Services.
- ❖ Planned and coordinated the 22nd annual household hazardous waste collection in the Lakes Region with 1,500 households from 23 communities participating at 8 collection sites. An estimated 19,000 total gallons of waste were collected, containerized, and transported to EPA approved end-of-life locations.
- ❖ Continue to provide assistance to the Pemigewasset Local River Advisory Committee.
- ❖ Created a series of web pages to provide an overview of various energy topics including: solar, geothermal, biomass, wind, and hydro-power.
- ❖ Completed an overhaul of the LRPC website, [www.lakesrpc.org](http://www.lakesrpc.org), added many new features to facilitate access to access to on-line images for each municipality, recent publications, latest news, etc.



## MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE REPORT



Four dozen flags were donated by the Dupuis-Cross American Legion Post #15 of Ashland and were placed on local Veteran's graves in eight cemeteries in town.

This was the third year of our changed parade route. It has worked well. The route starts at the Science Center parking lot, then proceeding down NH Route 113 to the cemetery where a group of school children placed flowers on some of the graves before a service with the American Legion Auxiliary. The parade then proceeded to the channel for a service at the bridge and ended at the Post Office. The Holderness Central School band and Baker River Band provided music. The Holderness Central School band does such a great job and we appreciate having them add to the ceremony.

We were able to pass out small flags to the children on the side lines. Thanks to the Holderness Police and Fire departments for all their help. Thanks to all who helped, participated and all who came to watch and remember this very important day.

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

## **PEMI-BAKER HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE 2008 ANNUAL REPORT**

Pemi-Baker Home Health & Hospice strives to provide the citizens of Holderness with a multitude of services and programs. Key initiatives during 2008 have been...

- \* Implementing a Hospice Bereavement Program. This program continues with the families after the patient passes away.
- \* Performing a total of 1,348 visits for 51 patients in Holderness.
- \* Hosting two flu clinics in October at our facility for all community residents.
- \* Holding the Annual Hospice Memorial service on September 21, 2008 at 3:00 P.M. at The Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Church on Fairgrounds Road in Plymouth.
- \* Monthly Foot Care Clinics at the Plymouth Regional Senior Center for local community members for the purpose of grooming toenails and recommendations to physicians if necessary.
- \* Monthly Blood Pressure Clinics at the Plymouth Regional Senior Center for local community members to help promote healthy living.
- \* Community outreach programs included a two part series on Firm Footing and Fall Risk screening to further assist community members in achieving optimal health.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Scott Meyer, MSW, Ph.D., Interim Executive Director

## PEMIGEWASSET RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PRLAC is one of 15 Local Advisory Committees working on designated rivers around the state. Our focus continues to be water quality in the Pemigewasset River. Bi-weekly monitoring from April to mid September continues to provide a strong (now 6 years) base of water quality data. This data is used to satisfy the state's reporting requirements to the US Environmental Protection Agency under the Clean Water Act. Although currently limited to 8 sites – Thornton through Bristol – our data should provide a signal for early signs of potential impairment. Spikes of *E coli* runoff pollution have been noted after significant rain events. A critical step in mitigating this runoff problem is the revised Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act (RSA 483B) which protects the Pemi as of 7/1/08. CSPA includes improved buffer management and more attention to the potential impact of impervious surfaces resulting from development in the 250' protected shoreland area. PRLAC is now asked to review and comment on all such development applications.

For the first time in our history, PRLAC has been forced to ask Pemi corridor towns for a financial assistance in keeping our basic monitoring activity up and running. Historically we have been funded by NH's Department of Environmental Services through the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC). The state is no longer a reliable source of basic funding so we are asking each Pemi town to commit \$200 annually to our program.

Emphasis in 2009 will be on a) expanding water quality monitoring (*E coli*) if lab test costs can be funded, b) milfoil control, c) review of shoreland development permit applications and certain other applications with water quality implications (8 projects reviewed in 2008), d) following up on LRPC's Co-Occurrence Mapping and Analysis project, identifying aquatic resource conservation opportunities that might attract state funds accumulating under the state's Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund (currently \$80,000 available for the Pemi watershed).

We have representatives from all towns from Thornton through Bristol except for Ashland and Bridgewater. In October, the efforts of PRLAC and other Local Advisory Committees were recognized with the Volunteer NH! Champions Award. We meet the last Tuesday of most months on the campus of PSU. Call Max Stamp 744-8223 for details if you are interested in attending.

Max Stamp, PRLAC Chair  
12/6/08

## SQUAM LAKES CONSERVATION SOCIETY

The Squam Lakes Conservation Society (SLCS) is a land trust dedicated to the protection of Squam's natural environment. We achieve the permanent protection of land by seeking, holding, and monitoring conservation easements, and by accepting land ownership. Our activities are accomplished in cooperation with towns, state and other authorities, businesses, conservation organizations, residents, landowners and members.

The SLCS was founded in 1960. The very first parcel protected was the Holderness Town Beach, which was gifted to the SLCS by Frank Webster for the benefit of Holderness residents. Today, SLCS protects 84 properties and 5,944 acres of land in the Squam area, including 23 parcels in the Town of Holderness. All told, 23% of the Squam watershed is now permanently protected! A few highlights and accomplishments from 2008 include:

- The creation of the Beij Preserve in Holderness, a 203-acre conservation area donated by Pierce and Kay Beij. Combined with other conserved land, the Beij's have permanently protected 375 acres in Holderness, the largest block of donated conservation land in the Squam watershed.
- The donation of the Haskell Conservation Areas in Holderness from Robert Haskell, permanently protecting 49 acres and 4,800 feet of lake-frontage on White Oak Pond.
- Received a conservation easement from the SLA to permanently protect a Cotton Mountain tract and the trail heading up to the fine view there.
- Completed five other projects including the 112-acre Jack and Marjorie Glidden Forest in Ashland, Little Loon Island, home of Squam's bald eagle nesting site, and three parcels in Sandwich.
- Hosted over 200 people at our Annual Meeting held at the Beede Farm barn courtesy of Peter & Trudy Van Winkle.

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

# SQUAM LAKES NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER REPORT

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



At the Science Center's 200-acre natural site in Holderness, visitors tour three miles of self-guided trails from May 1 to November 1 featuring: 1) the 3/4-mile Gephart Exhibit Trail displaying native wildlife in woodland enclosures and buildings with hands-on interactive exhibits; 2) the Ecotone Trail, a 2/3-mile track along a forest and field edge; 3) the Mt. Fayal Trail, a 1-mile loop to the top of a small mountain with a view of Squam Lake; and 4) the Forest Trail, a 2/3-mile trail demonstrating forest management and ecology. Kirkwood Gardens, showing how plants attract birds and butterflies, is free to the public. Staff naturalists present natural history programs year-round ranging from lake ecology cruises, to outdoor activities, to indoor live animal presentations.

The Science Center's educational philosophy is that "ecological understanding" is fully as important as reading, writing, and arithmetic to the development of an educated citizenry. Thus, there are many and varied educational offerings year round, which provide unparalleled points of entry to the natural world for both school children and the general public, regardless of economic level or geographic region. Science Center programs provide quality educational opportunities, which combine the excitement of experiencing live, native animals first-hand with the expert

natural history awareness, appreciation, and understanding that can best be fostered by skilled professional naturalists.

The Science Center's active volunteer program provides opportunities for individuals to become involved in every aspect of operations, with 366 volunteers contributing more than 7355 hours in 2008. Groups from preschools to senior centers participate in programs throughout the year. In 2008, more than 18,300 school children and teachers, mostly from Grades K – 8, attended a program or visited. School audiences come from all across the state. Most public visitors are from throughout New Hampshire, closely followed by Massachusetts and other New England states, with some from all 50 states and several foreign countries. In 2008, public visitors numbering 39,444 toured the trails while another 16,504 participated in programs, cruises, and courses.

In January, with help from the New Hampshire Electric Coop, an artificial Osprey nest was installed on a 60-foot utility pole in the hope of attracting an Osprey pair. In April, the Kestrel Project was launched with funding from the Jane B. Cook 1983 Charitable Trust. Naturalists presented programs to more than 1,000 students across the state and installed more than 40 specially-designed nesting boxes on school grounds.

The first Squam BioBlitz, a 24-hour bio-inventory, took place in June in cooperation with Squam Lakes Association and Squam Lakes Conservation Society, with support from the Holderness Conservation Commission and the Squam Environmental Preservation Fund of the Lakes Region Charitable Foundation.

The Science Center collaborated with Plymouth State University's Center for the Environment to host a special preview showing in July of George Butler's documentary film about the Ivory-billed Woodpecker, *The Lord God Bird*. "Stirring It Up Green" was the theme of the 2008 Annual Meeting and Summer Gala Dinner, held in August. Gary Hirshberg, of Stonyfield Farm, was Keynote Speaker.

In July, with funding from the Samuel P. Hunt Foundation and the McIninch Foundation, a Curriculum Framework realignment project began. The project will carry out a thorough examination of all school programs to ensure that they are appropriately aligned with the New Hampshire school science framework.

In August, Senior Naturalist Dave Erler received the Elizabeth Abernathy Hull Award. This award is given annually by the Garden Club of America and is "Awarded to an individual who provides outstanding environmental education for youth under 16 years of age in horticulture

and the environment, and has inspired their appreciation of beauty and the fragility of the planet.”

In the April, our annual Clean Up Day was held with volunteers and staff joining together to prepare for the May 1 opening. New Hampshire Day in early May welcomed New Hampshire residents for \$1 each. Kirkwood Gardens Day in June brought garden lovers together. Animal Enrichment Day in July encouraged visitors “to come play the animal way.” In September the annual Autumn Festival activities included children’s crafts, live animal presentations, and a presentation by author Warner Shedd. Carved jack-o-lanterns lit the way for hundreds of Halloween Hoot ‘N Howlers in late October. November 1 marked the official closing of the Gephart Exhibit Trail for the season, although it reopened on November 22 for a special “New Animal Day” when more than 300 people braved the cold to see our new Bobcat, Coyote and White-tailed Deer.

For more information about Squam Lakes Natural Science Center programs, membership, donations, or volunteering, please contact us at 603-968-7194 or visit our website at [www.nhnature.org](http://www.nhnature.org).



## **REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER**

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

Spring fire season lasted unusually long this past year, with very high fire danger stretching into the first week of June. Once again, the rains started to fall during the summer and the fire activity was fairly light for the remainder of the year. The acreage burned was less than that of 2007. The largest forest fire during the 2008 season burned approximately 54 acres on Rattlesnake Mountain in Rumney on White Mountain National Forest property. Another 39 acre fire occurred on Mount Major in Alton during the month of April. Our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2008 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendation are available at [www.firwise.org](http://www.firwise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!



## 2008 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 24, 2008)  
(figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	43	82
Carroll	6	40
Cheshire	28	45
Coos	5	18
Grafton	12	52
Hillsborough	13	54
Merrimack	12	67
Rockingham	35	46
Strafford	9	20
Sullivan	12	31

Causes of Fires Reported		Total Fires		Total Acres
Arson	2	<b>2008</b>	455	175
Debris	173	<b>2007</b>	437	212
Campfire	35	<b>2006</b>	500	473
Children	23	<b>2005</b>	546	174
Railroad	2	<b>2004</b>	482	147
Equipment	11			
Lightning	11			
Misc.*	162			

(Misc.:power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

**ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE**

**UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION  
KATHLEEN JABLONSKI,  
EXTENSION EDUCATOR AND  
COUNTY OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR  
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COUNTY, OCTOBER, 2008**

UNHCE continues to bring education and research to the citizens of Grafton County through a variety of educational programs in the areas of agricultural resources, family and consumer resources, including Nutrition Connections, forest and wildlife resources, and 4-H youth development. Local staff, in conjunction with Extension specialists housed at UNH in Durham, addresses the needs of Grafton County's citizens. The statewide dairy specialist is housed at the Grafton County office. The staff utilize multiple approaches to reach the maximum number of participants through media connections, internet, email, one-on-one sessions and workshops. Trained volunteers at the Family, Home & Garden Education Center based in Manchester, answer consumer questions throughout the year in all subject matter areas. The Extension Advisory Council, a 14 member volunteer board of Grafton County residents, is chaired by Denis Ward of Monroe. The Advisory Council's main duties are to help create and oversee the UNHCE county budget, approve programmatic changes, evaluate staff and hire replacement educators for the programs.

Family and Consumer Resources Educator Deborah Maes has continued to provide SERVSAFE© and other food safety programs to Grafton County and beyond. Maes is a member of the statewide Food Safety Team. Over 40 individuals were nationally certified in the past year, including employees of the Grafton County Nursing Home. The *Making Money Work for You* course, focusing on basic money management skills, has been taught in several county locations in collaboration with the Bridge House, Whole Village Family Resource Center, AHEAD, Inc. of Littleton, and area banks.

During his last year before retirement, Tom Buob, Agriculture Resources Educator, provided support to state vegetable specialist Becky Grube in field testing varieties for New Hampshire farms through partnering with local producers. Extension has worked with local farms to implement diversification of farm products and evaluate field tests of

crops. Commercial and non-commercial growers were provided with pesticide education and recommendations. In conjunction with the agricultural educators across the state, Buob has worked extensively to create and maintain the state's soil testing program, set up on-line data submission and retrieval and train statewide staff in county-based management of the system as well as negotiating relationships with Penn State for analysis. In addition, Buob has served on the Legislative appointed biosolids committee.

Nutrition Connections Educational Program Coordinator Robin Peters continues to teach to the needs of adults and youth with limited resources. Nutrition classes were provided to residents at the Friendship House in Bethlehem. A pilot program with Operation Frontline was offered to residents at the Bridge House in Plymouth. Other agencies sponsoring nutrition classes included the Peer Support Center, Child and Family Services, Parenting Plus and Lane House all in Littleton. The Upper Valley Senior Center in Lebanon and the Grafton County Academy Program received nutrition education. Parent groups from Head Start programs in Littleton, Ashland, Plymouth and Lebanon received hands-on nutrition and cooking skills workshops.

Working as part of UNHCE's Strengthening New Hampshire Communities, Maes and UNH's Michele Gagne worked with Rumney residents to organize a two-day Community Profile in May of 2007. Locally based action groups have continued the work of the Profile, primarily in the area of Natural Resources, Land Conservation and Communications. Rumney has had several community wide meetings to inform and educate the public about their local natural resources. Many of these were taught or hosted by Extension Forester Nory Parr, Maes and Gagne continue to be a resource to the community. Non-profit groups have also been helped in their strategic planning efforts by Extension staff.

In his retirement year, Extension Forester Northam Parr has continued to provide woodlot management advice to landowners, participated in the County Farm committee, overseen statewide licensing of forestry professionals and hosted workshops for the Forest Steward's Guild. After the past year's severe wind damage, Parr worked with many of the affected landowners. Special sessions were held in Lyme, Orford and Bethlehem to discuss options for damaged timberlands. Other workshops presented include: Forest Laws for Municipal Officials, Current Use Laws, Forest Access Road and Best Management Practices, Wildlife Habitats and

Erosion on the Baker River.

Michal Lunak, Extension's Dairy Specialist, continues to work with area farms on management practices and economic stability. He also meets with farm families to facilitate a seamless transition from one generation to the next. He has coordinated the statewide dairy conference and the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association state show. In November, 2007, he worked with 40 college-age contestants in the National Dairy Challenge. Lunak continues to work with the state veterinarian on farm bio-security issues. Risk Management Agency (RMA) funding continued throughout 2007. Educational sessions focused on crop diversification, pest management, biofuel crops, and quality forages.

Extension Educator for 4-H Youth Development, Kathy Jablonski, continues to oversee the recruitment, training and screening of the 4-H leaders in Grafton County. In the 2007-2008 year, 111 screened leaders gave their time and energy to support 23 4-H clubs, 20 county wide events and the North Haverhill Fair, Eastern States Exposition and a half dozen statewide and regional contests. In August, 2008, she worked with a statewide committee to offer a two-day Focus on Home, Hotel and Interior Design Career Awareness field trip for 31 teens, featuring businesses in Grafton County. As part of the 4-H after school work team, curriculum support materials for educators working with after-school programs have been created, statewide training given and 4-H curriculum put into use. Two sites, REACH (Littleton) and A+ (Plymouth area), worked to implement continued 4-H after school programming with the help of JC Penney grants. Support was given to the Nutrition Connections grant by teaching courses for Woodsville Headstart, Haverhill Cooperative Middle School and Warren Village School.

Both Lunak and Jablonski continue to serve on the interdisciplinary UNHCE team sponsoring the Natural Resources Business Institute, a 13 week college level course to teach participants how to operate a business based on natural resources. The fall 2007 session was offered in Whitefield with 17 businesses represented. The successful North Country Farm Fresh Cooperative is a result of that class. A session is currently being taught at UNH's Thompson School with 22 businesses represented.

Plymouth State University collaborations have dotted the work of several of our educators this past year. Interns from PSU assisted and observed Nutrition Connections programming, designed and accomplished nutritional presentations and participated in "mock"

interviews as part of their career preparation. 4-H Youth Development teamed with Dr. Anne Holba and the Robert Frost Forensics Society to create a series of public speaking workshops for 4-H members and other interested youth. The agricultural resources educator, forestry educator and dairy specialist have worked with the Center for Rural Development in creating a sustainability plan for the County Farm. In a reciprocal agreement with Belknap County, Extension Educator Sue Cagle taught the program Guiding Challenging Children to over 20 child care providers and parents at Plymouth State University, while Deb Maes taught SERVSAFE© courses in Belknap County. Two forest management workshops were taught by Northam Parr as part of the Continuing Education Division's public outreach program.

While employed as the Volunteer Management Program Assistant, Dana Karuza Tulp, coordinated the efforts of the Grafton County Master Gardeners, providing support for their course work, community service projects and their County Farm garden project. As part of her role with the 4-H program, Tulp taught two sessions in after school programming and provided assistance with county events. Her replacement, Arianne Fosdick, joined the staff in April and continues to work with master gardeners, 4-H after school programs and volunteers working with county wide 4-H events. She coordinated the 4-H summer gardening program which served 61 youth and their families.

The administrative assistant staff continues to provide frontline support and referrals for all of our program areas. With the help of Kristina Vaughan, Teresa Locke and Donna Lee, we continue to help the citizens of Grafton County access the most current practices developed by research and technology of the University of New Hampshire and other cooperating land grant universities.

For more information about UNHCE, Grafton County, contact our office at the County Administration Building, Grafton County Complex, 3855 Dartmouth College Hwy., Box 5, N. Haverhill, NH 03774, or call 787-6944. Our County Calendar of Events can be viewed at: <http://extension.unh.edu/Counties/Grafton/Grafton.htm>

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen E. Jablonski, M.Ed. UNHCE,  
Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development

# TOWN OF HOLDERNESS ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

## MARCH 10 & 11, 2009

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday the tenth day of March next, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the polls shall be opened and shall not close earlier than seven o'clock in the evening to act upon Articles 1 & 2 herein; the third and subsequent Articles to be acted upon commencing at seven thirty o'clock in the evening (or immediately following the annual school district meeting whichever comes later) of the following day, Wednesday, the eleventh day of March, 2009, in the auditorium of the Holderness Central School.

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

1 Selectmen	3 Year Term
1 Moderator	2 Year Term
1 Town Treasurer	1 Year Term
1 Trustee of Trust Fund	3 Year Term
2 Library Trustees	2 Year Term
1 Fire Ward	3 Year Term

**Article 2:** 2009 Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes

1. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:  
Delete Article IV,L, 1-5 and renumber 6-9 – Shoreline Structures, as the town has no authority regarding structures over the public water?"

***(Recommended by the Planning Board)***

Yes

No

2. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:  
Delete Article VII, C 1. Lots - to allow a discretionary merger of two or more lots under the same ownership?"

***(Recommended by the Planning Board)***

Yes

No

3. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Add Article IV, V Outdoor Wood-Fired Hydronic Heaters – to regulate the use and installation of Outdoor Wood-Fired Hydronic Heaters as permitted by RSA 125-R including criteria relative to the smoke stack height and lot line setback?”

***(Recommended by the Planning Board)***

Yes

No

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

***(Recommended by the Planning Board)***

Yes

No

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

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



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

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

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

**Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee**

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

Road Reconstruction	\$150,000
Municipal Building Improvements	\$ 7,500
Fire Department Rescue Vehicle	\$ 55,500
Revaluation	\$ 33,000
Fire Equipment	\$ 5,500



Public Works Backhoe	\$ 73,200
Library Improvements	<u>\$ 12,000</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$336,700</b>

This is a special warrant article.

**Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee**

**Article 8:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand (\$11,000) for the purchase of new computer equipment. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required)

**Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee**

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

**Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee**

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

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to name the Selectmen agents to expend funds from the previously established Municipal Buildings Improvements Capital Reserve Fund without further authorization from town meeting. (Majority vote required)

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

**Article 13:** To see if the town will vote to change the annual town

meeting for the selection of town officers and the transaction of all other town business from the second Tuesday in March to the second Tuesday in May beginning in 2010. (Majority Vote Required)

- Article 14:** To see if the town will vote to authorize the reporting of recommendation vote tallies of the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee in the town warrant.
- Article 15:** To see if the town will vote to authorize the appointment rather than the election of the town treasurer.
- Article 16:** Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A: 4-a, 1(b) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds for contributions to qualified organizations for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property.
- Article 17:** Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, 1(a) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds to purchase interests in land outside the boundaries of our municipality, subject to the approval of the local governing body?
- Article 18:** To see if the town will vote to adopt the following sex offender ordinance?

## **THE TOWN OF HOLDERNESS, NH**

### **Sex Offender Ordinance**

#### **Purpose:**

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

**A. Definitions:**

1. Registered Sex Offender: Any person required to register under RSA 651-B.
2. Offenders Against Children: Any Registered Sex Offenders who have been convicted of the crime against a person under the age of 18, as defined in RSA 651-B:1 and qualify to appear on the state maintained "Registered Offenders Against Children List".
3. School/Daycare: Any public or private educational facility that provides services for children in grades K-12 or any day care facility.
4. Protected Area: Any school, day care, playground area, athletic field or court, public beach, or any other recreational location or facility where minors regularly congregate completely or partially.
5. Radius: The distance shall be measured from the outer boundary lines of the properties in question within the boundaries of the Town of Holderness.
6. Premises: Shall mean the building structure and/or curtilage surrounding the
7. Sex Offender Registration Form: Shall mean the form provided to law enforcement for specific purpose of registering Sex Offenders, currently designated DSSP311 or any other form as required by the Department of Safety to comply with RSA 651-B.

**B. Restrictions:**

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

**C. Exceptions:**

1. An Offender Against Children residing within 2,500 feet of a Protected Area will be exempt from section B: 1, if residency was established prior to the date of passage of this ordinance,

or if a new Protected Area is proposed or built at a location that would otherwise be restricted under this ordinance after the date of residency.

**D. Protected Areas:**

Protected Areas under this ordinance include:

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

**E. Penalties:**

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

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

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

Given under our hands this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Nine.

**HOLDERNESS BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Peter Webster, Chairman**  
**Barbara Currier, Vice-Chairman**  
**Sidney Lovett**  
**Suzanne B. Peoples**  
**Christopher Divine**

**Cumulative Appropriations:**

Article	Amount	Purpose
6	315,000.00	To Capital Reserve Accounts
7, 8, 9	<u>350,200.00</u>	Capital Projects
Subtotal	\$665,200.00	
5	<u>\$ 2,065,000.00</u>	Net Remaining Budget
	\$ 2,730,200.00	Proposed Gross Budget

# BUDGET - TOWN OF HOLDERNESS 07/01/2009-06/30/2010

SOURCE OF REVENUE	18 MONTHS ESTIMATED REVENUE PRIOR YEAR	2007 ACTUAL REVENUE PRIOR YEAR	ESTIMATED REVENUE ENSUING YEAR
REVENUE			
TAXES			
LAND USE CHANGE TAXES	5,000	132,476	5,000
YIELD TAXES	10,000	13,019	5,000
IN LIEU OF TAXES	28,000	28,418	28,000
BOAT TAX	12,000	7,902	7,500
INTEREST & PENALTIES	35,000	36,055	28,000
TOTAL	90,000	217,870	73,500
BUSINESS LICENSE AND PERMITS			
BUS LICENSE & CABLE FEES	10,500	12,186	9,000
UCC FILINGS & CERTIFICATES	600	908	
MOTOR VEHICLE PERMIT FEES	545,000	414,059	350,000
BUILDING PERMIT FEES	3,750	11,532	5,000
OTHER LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES			
DOG LICENSES	5,000	2,888	2,500
MARRIAGE LICENSE			
COPY FEES	2,000	2,066	1,200
VITAL RECORDS	1,000	1,892	1,000
OTHER LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES	300	203	200
SUB TOTAL	8,300	7,049	4,900
TOTAL	568,150	445,734	368,900
STATE & FEDERAL			
FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT			
VILLAGE SIDEWALK GRANT			
SHARED REVENUE BLOCK GRANT	9,180	16,860	8,400
HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT	80,501	58,490	62,687
ROOMS AND MEALS	73,000	85,133	73,000
OTHER GRANTS	24	14,646	
TOTAL	162,705	175,129	144,087

# BUDGET - TOWN OF HOLDERNESS 07/01/2009-06/30/2010

SOURCE OF REVENUE	18 MONTHS ESTIMATED REVENUE PRIOR YEAR	2007 ACTUAL REVENUE PRIOR YEAR	ESTIMATED REVENUE ENSUING YEAR
CHARGES FOR SERVICE			
DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE			
POLICE INCOME- GENERAL	10,000	9,516	4,000
POLICE INCOME-HSRO	82,000	54,763	42,000
RECREATION DEPARTMENT	31,661	17,346	26,350
BEACH INCOME	5,400	3,515	3,400
TRANSFER/WASTE INCOME	59,000	55,368	15,000
PLANNING INCOME	1,750	1,713	1,200
ZONING INCOME	750	924	500
FIRE INCOME	700	941	600
LIBRARY INCOME	15,000		4,000
SUB TOTAL	206,261	144,086	93,050
SEWER USE CHARGES	3,000	2,439	3,500
TOTAL	209,261	146,525	96,550
OTHER INCOME			
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT		8,315	
SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY	1,000	10,701	10,000
INTEREST-CHECKING & SAVING	100	5	18
INTEREST-INVESTMENTS	105,000	105,224	15,000
RETIREE INSURANCE REIMBURSE	12,955	4,303	8,570
INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT	1,650	4,648	27,815
INSURANCE-EMPLOYEE SHARE	30,640	21,146	1,000
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	500	1,199	260
TRANSFER FROM CAPITAL RESERVE	352,100	190,135	336,700
LONG-TERM NOTE			
DONATIONS & GIFTS			20,000
TOTAL	503,945	345,676	419,363
TOTAL	1,534,061	1,330,934	1,102,400

# BUDGET - TOWN OF HOLDERNESS 07/01/2009-06/30/2010

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 32:3, V)	18 MONTHS ACTUAL	2007 ACTUAL	SELECTMEN'S BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE
	APPROPRIATIONS APPROVED BUDGET	EXPENDITURES FOR PRIOR YEAR	ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	RECOMMENDATION ENSUING FISCAL YEAR
SUMMARY OF EXPENSES				
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
EXECUTIVE	171,054	108,268	115,960	115,960
ELECTION, REGISTRATION & VITALS	95,304	55,163	60,700	60,700
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	96,305	60,501	63,870	63,870
REVALUATION OF PROPERTY	70,900	43,506	50,900	50,900
LEGAL EXPENSE	30,000	25,532	20,000	20,000
PERSONNEL BENEFITS	454,105	281,072	296,522	296,522
PLANNING/ZONING	21,950	5,846	22,100	22,100
GIS PROGRAM	13,000	700	3,384	3,384
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING	19,200	10,472	15,000	15,000
CEMETERIES	5,000	2,768	3,350	3,350
OTHER INSURANCE	40,500	24,081	26,394	26,394
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>				
POLICE	618,227	385,823	394,000	394,000
AMBULANCE	48,811	31,574	29,726	29,726
FIRE	235,090	130,237	151,000	151,000
EMERGENCY MGMT/FLOOD PATROL	1,900	1,241	1,400	1,400
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>				
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS	403,058	265,296	297,000	297,000
STREET LIGHTING	7,200	4,809	5,000	5,000
<b>SANITATION</b>				
SANITATION	275,650	166,554	209,800	209,800
SEWER	3,750	2,539	3,500	3,500
<b>HEALTH/WELFARE</b>				
COMPLIANCE/HEALTH	21,100	23,018	6,725	6,725
ANIMAL CONTROL	5,300	2,600	2,600	2,600
PUBLIC SERVICE	23,335	19,000	23,900	23,900
WELFARE	32,150	15,495	20,650	20,650
<b>CULTURE/RECREATION</b>				
PARKS AND RECREATION	62,441	37,201	49,974	49,974
BEACH	11,695	6,810	8,080	8,080
LIBRARY	130,611	54,796	111,800	111,800
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	2,150	1,038	1,255	1,255
<b>CONSERVATION</b>	3,525	670	1,800	1,800
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>	78,855	125,707	68,610	68,610
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,982,166</b>	<b>1,892,317</b>	<b>2,065,000</b>	<b>2,065,000</b>



# BUDGET - TOWN OF HOLDERNESS 07/01/2009-06/30/2010

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 32:3, V)	18 MONTHS ACTUAL APPROPRIATIONS APPROVED BUDGET	2007 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES FOR PRIOR YEAR	SELECTMEN'S BUDGET ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ENSUING FISCAL YEAR
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>				
COMPUTER & SERVER REPLACEMENT			11,000	11,000
FIRE/RESCUE VEHICLES			<b>55,500</b>	<b>55,500</b>
TRANSFER STATION				
ROAD RECONSTRUCTION	150,000	148,782	150,000	150,000
HONOR ROLL		498		
POLICE CRUISER	30,000	24,805		
LIBRARY		5,147	12,000	12,000
HWY STORM DAMAGE 2008		2,988		
REVALUATION	30,000	15,816	33,000	33,000
FIRE EQUIPMENT		8,466	5,500	5,500
PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES	135,000		73,200	73,200
PUBLIC BUILDINGS IMPROVMENTS.	7,100		7,500	7,500
MASTER PLAN				
BRIDGE MEMORIAL PLAQUE	3,000			
SUMMER CONCERTS			2,500	2,500
<b>TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND</b>				
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
FIRE/RESCUE VEHICLES	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
TRANSFER STATION EQUIPMENT	10,000	13,500	5,000	5,000
ROAD RECONSTRUCTION	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
POLICE CRUISER	20,000	15,000	20,000	20,000
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE	5,000		5,000	5,000
WHITE OAK POND	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
LIBRARY		12,500	15,000	15,000
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS	12,100	2,000	5,000	5,000
REVALUATION	25,000	9,500	32,000	32,000
FIRE EQUIPMENT	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
HONOR ROLL		10,000		
PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES	35,000	35,000	40,000	40,000
MASTER PLAN				
GRANT APPLICATIONS				
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	3,637,366	2,389,319	2,730,200	2,730,200
NET APPROPRIATION	3,397,366	2,194,271	2,393,500	2,393,500

NOTE: NET APPROPRIATION EQUALS TOTAL APPROPRIATION LESS CAPITAL OUTLAY ITEMS IN BOLD PRINT.  
THE ITEMS IN BOLD ARE FUNDED FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE TRUST ACCOUNT.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** The approved appropriations are for an 18 month period from 01/01/08 to 06/30/09 to facilitate a change of our fiscal year. The actuals are the expenditures reported for FY2007, our last audited fiscal year.

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**Selectmen's Office - Town Hall – 1089 US RT 3** **968-3537**

Monday to Friday - 8:30AM to 4:30PM

***Open during lunch***

**Fax**

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**Compliance/Health Officer – Town Hall – 1089 US RT 3** **968-2145**

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**PERMITS TO TRANSFER STATION AND BEACH AVAILABLE FROM TOWN CLERK**

**Transfer Station – 65 Tada Dump Road** **279-6336**

Monday - Wednesday - Friday – Saturday

8:00AM to 4:00PM

Sunday - 1:00PM - 4:00PM

**Recreation Department - Town Hall – 1089 US RT 3** **968-3700**

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