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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR
Helen J. Young

CLERK
Beulah A. Bowles

TREASURER
Sadie N. Glover

SELECTMEN
Oliver L. Bowles Durand B. Cooley
William S. Searles

SUPERVISORS
Ion S. Whitcomb Jack Kenney
Helene Schultze

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Phyllis H. Bowles Helen J. Young
Eva Cooley

LIBRARY TRUSTEES
Margaret T. Whitcomb Jane K. Cutter
Beulah A. Bowles

TAX COLLECTOR
Ion S. Whitcomb

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS
Ion S. Whitcomb Phyllis H. Bowles
Eva Cooley

POLICE OFFICER **DOG CONSTABLE**
Ion S. Whitcomb Jack Kenney

AUDITOR
Heinz Schultze

SEXTON
Merton Edney

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Article 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to pay the chairman of the Board of Selectmen, in addition to his actual outlay of expense, a salary of \$15.00 per month.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to accept Town Road Aid: Town's Share \$28.42; State's share; \$189.49 and raise money for same.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29.54 to the White Mountains Region Association, being 10c per \$1000 of assessed valuation (1/100th of 1%) for the purpose of issuing and distributing printed matter and advertising and otherwise publicizing the advantages of the town, in cooperation with the other 45 towns of the region.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to accept State Aid Construction: Town's share; \$400.00. State's share; \$1000.00, and raise money for same.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to adopt a plan for extending to employees of the town the benefits of title II of the Federal Social Security Act (Old-Age and Survivor's Insurance) as authorized by Chapter 234 of the Laws of 1951 and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12.00 to defray the town's share of the cost thereof.

Article 7. If the foregoing article is adopted, to see if the town will authorize the selectmen to execute on behalf of the town the necessary agreement with the State of New Hampshire to carry into effect

the plan and to see if the town will designate the Town Treasurer as the officer to be responsible for the administration of the plan.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to prohibit the use henceforth of the town hall for public dances.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$125.00 for the town library.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$75.00 for the cemetery.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to hire money for defraying town charges in anticipation of taxes.

Article 12. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to allow discount for early payment of taxes. What per cent, and at what time?

Article 13. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as are stated in the proposed budget for repair to town highways and bridges, general expense of highways, snow removal, maintenance of town building, officers' salaries and expenses, and other town charges.

Article 14. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

The above warrant is correct to the following date: January 20, 1954.

OLIVER L. BOWLES
DURAND B. COOLEY
WILLIAM S. SEARLES
Selectmen

Inventory of 1953

Land and buildings	\$220,550.00
Growing wood and timber	\$14,380.00
Electric power lines	67,672.00
7 horses	525.00
27 cows	4,475.00
13 sheep	130.00
Wood and lumber	365.00
Gasoline pumps	860.00
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Valuation	\$310,707.00
Veterans' exemptions	6,550.00
Net valuation on which tax is computed	\$289,777.00
Property taxes	4,810.25
Poll taxes	82.00
Yield taxes	21.92
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Total for collector	\$4,914.17
Tax rate for \$100.00 valuation	1.66

List of Town Property

Town hall and land	\$8,150.00
Furniture and equipment	120.00
Library and equipment	1,500.00
Fire department and equipment	70.00
Johnsky place	150.00
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Total	\$9,990.00

Budget of the Town of Easton

Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year, January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954, Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue of the Previous Year, January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue 1953	Actual Revenue 1953	Estimated Revenue 1954
From State:			
Bounties		\$ 9.50	
Interest and Dividends Tax	400.00	494.06	490.00
Refund: Wh. Pine Blister Rust		25.60	
Savings Bank Tax	2.00	2.57	2.57
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands	175.00		375.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	250.00	726.02	240.00
For Fighting Forest Fires	6.85	61.84	
National Forest Reserve	375.00	767.24	500.00
Reimbursement a/c State Aid Construction		8.78	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	30.00	28.80	30.00
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	300.00	375.00	300.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits		10.53	
Income of Departments:			
Penalties on State Head Taxes		.50	
New Trust Fund Received (Florence Pease)		200.00	
Reimbursement, labor on driveway		10.66	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	500.00	448.46	375.00
Cash Surplus		1,750.70	1,172.55
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll Taxes	70.00	86.00	70.00
Yield Taxes	25.00	238.04	
Head Taxes		260.00	
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Total Revenues From All Sources Except Property Taxes		3,753.60	3,355.12
Amount To Be Raised by Property Taxes		4,810.25	4,525.66
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Total Revenues			\$7,880.78

Budget of the Town of Easton

Estimates of Expenditures for the Ensuing Year, January 1, 1954 to
December 31, 1954, Compared with Actual Expenditures and Appro-
priations of the Previous year, January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953.

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Approp. 1953 Actual	Expend. 1953	Estimated Expend. 1954
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	360.00	279.54	360.00
Town Officers' Expenses	300.00	257.55	300.00
Election and Registration Expenses	50.00		175.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	900.00	949.44	528.88
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Fire Department	50.00	89.24	100.00
Insurance		71.12	71.12
Bounties		31.50	
Health:			
Health Department, Including Hospitals	10.00	5.00	5.00
Vital Statistics	5.00	1.00	5.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer	300.00	474.55	500.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	350.00	349.34	350.00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	100.00	88.67	100.00
Town Road Aid	32.94	32.78	32.78
Libraries	125.00	125.00	125.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	100.00		100.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	150.00	63.50	75.00
Parking Area		34.00	
Unclassified:			
Advertising and Regional Associations	27.54	26.10	28.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Construction			
Tarring and Chloriding	500.00		
State Aid Construction—Town's Share	400.00	400.00	400.00
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
Reimb. to State a/c Timber Tax		127.55	
Payments to Other Government Divisions:			
Head Taxes		238.95	
County Taxes	617.41	617.41	625.00
School Taxes	4,000.00	5,505.48	4,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$8,387.89	\$9,767.72	\$7,880.78

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1953

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Overdrafts	Unexpended Balances
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 360.00	\$ 279.54		\$ 80.46
Town Officers' Expenses	300.00	257.55		42.45
Election and Registration Exp.	50.00			50.00
Town Hall Expenses	900.00	949.44	49.44	
Fire Department	50.00	89.24	39.24	
Vital Statistics	5.00	1.00		4.00
Town Maintenance: Summer	300.00	474.55	174.55	
Town Maintenance: Winter	350.00	349.34		.66
General Exp. of Highways	100.00	88.67		11.33
State Aid Construction	400.00	400.00		
T. R. A. Town's Share	32.94	32.78		.16
Legal Expense	10.00			10.00
Cemetery	150.00	63.50		86.50
County Tax	617.26	617.41		
School	4,000.00	5,505.48		
Library	125.00	125.00		
Cooperative Advertising	27.54	26.10		1.44
Town Poor	100.00			100.00
Health	10.00	5.00		5.00
Insurance, Town Hall		71.12		

*List of Appropriations for 1953
Compared with Those of 1954*

	<i>1953</i>	<i>1954</i>
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00
Town Officers' expenses	300.00	300.00
Election and Registration Exp.	50.00	175.00
Town Hall Expenses	900.00	600.00
Fire Department	50.00	100.00
Vital Statistics	5.00	5.00
Town Maintenance: Summer	300.00	500.00
Town Maintenance: Winter	350.00	350.00
General Exp. of Highway Dept.	100.00	100.00
State Aid Construction	400.00	400.00
T. R. A. Town's Share	32.94	32.78
Cemetery	150.00	75.00
County Tax	631.26	625.00
School	4,000.00	4,000.00
Library	125.00	125.00
Cooperative Advertising	27.54	28.00
Town Poor	100.00	100.00
Health	10.00	5.00
Total for 1954		\$7,880.78

Assets and Liabilities

ASSETS

Balance on hand December 31, 1952	\$1,372.55
Accounts due the Town:	
State of N. H., Bounties	31.50
Uncollected Taxes	
Property	6.64

Town Hall Rent	37.50
Capital Reserve Fund	712.77
Reimbursement on State Forest Lands for 1953	120.73
Reimbursement—State's share of training expenses—Fire Dept.	13.70
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Total Assets	\$2,295.39

LIABILITIES

Capital Reserve Fund (offsets similar asset account)	\$ 712.77
Due Trustees of the Trust Funds New trust fund, Florence Pease	200.00
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Total Liabilities	\$ 912.77
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	\$1,382.62

Town Clerk's Report

1953 Auto Permits		\$449.06
1953 Dog Taxes	\$31.00	
Less Clerk's Fee	2.80	
	<hr/>	28.80
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Total Amount Paid to Treasurer		\$477.26

BEULAH A. BOWLES, Town Clerk

Tax Collector's Report

*Summary of Warrant
Property, Poll and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1953*

DR.

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$4,840.13	
Poll Taxes	82.00	
	\$4,922.13	
Yield Taxes	21.92	
	\$4,944.05	\$4,944.05
Total Debits		

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$4,748.04	
Poll Taxes	82.00	
Yield Taxes	21.92	
Discount Allowed	50.59	
Abatements	34.86	

Uncollected Taxes as per
Collector's List:

Property Taxes:		
Margaret Johnson	6.64	
	6.64	

Total Credits		\$4,944.05
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"I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer,

as of December 31, 1953, on account of the tax levy of 1953, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief."

ION S. WHITCOMB
Tax Collector

*Summary of Warrant
Property, Poll and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1952*

DR.

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1953:		
Property Taxes	\$227.69	
Poll Taxes	4.00	
Yield Taxes	216.12	
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	\$447.81	
Interest Collected During Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953	10.53	
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Total Debits		\$458.34

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year Year Ended December 31, 1953:		
Property Taxes	\$227.69	
Poll Taxes	4.00	
Interest Collected During Year	10.53	
Yield Taxes	216.12	
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Total Credits		\$458.34

Summary of Warrant
State Head Tax
Levy of 1953

DR.

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:

Original Warrant	\$255.00	
Total Commitment		\$255.00
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Total Debits		\$255.00

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Head Taxes	\$255.00	
Total Credits		\$255.00

*Summary of Warrant
State Head Tax
Levy of 1952*

DR.

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1953	\$5.00
Penalties Collected during 1953	.50
	\$5.50
Total Debits	\$5.50

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer During 1953	
Head Taxes	\$5.00
Penalties	.50
	\$5.50
Total Credits	\$5.50

Town Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1953	\$ 2,410.94
Ion S. Whitcomb, Collector—Taxes	5,570.80
Beulah A. Bowles, Town Clerk—	
Automobile Taxes	449.06
Beulah A. Bowles, Town Clerk	
Dog Taxes	28.20
4-H Club and Orchestra—Town Hall Rent	375.00
Estate of Florence M. Pease—	
Cemetery Trust Fund	200.00
Town of Lincoln, N. H.—	
Reimbursement on Bog Pond Fire	61.84
Edgar Cooper—Labor on Driveway	10.66
State of N. H.—Bounties	9.50
State of N. H.—S. A. R.	8.78
State of N. H.—Interest and Dividend Tax	494.06
State of N. H.—Reimbursement for Loss of	
Taxes on Growing Timber	216.79
State of N. H.—National Forest Reserve	
Fund	767.24
State of N. H.—White Pine Blister Rust	25.60
State of N. H.—Savings Bank Tax	2.57
State of N. H.—Reimburse for Loss of	
Taxes on Growing Timber	509.23
	\$11,140.27
Less 74 Selectmen's Orders Paid	9,767.72
	\$ 1,372.55

SADIE N. GLOVER, Treasurer

Statement of Payments

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 279.54
Town Officers' Expenses	257.55
Town Hall Expense	949.44
Insurance, Town Hall	71.12
Fire Department	89.24
Bounties	31.50
Town Maintenance: Winter	349.34
Town Maintenance: Summer	474.55
General Exp. of Highway Dept.	88.67
Town Road Aid	32.78
State Aid Construction	400.00
Grading	34.00
Head Taxes	238.95
Cooperative Advertising	26.10
Library	125.00
Cemetery	63.50
County Tax	617.41
Health Department	5.00
Vital Statistics	1.00
Reimb. to State a/c timber tax	127.55
School District	5,505.48
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Total Payments	\$9,767.72

Detailed Statement of Payments

Detail 1. Town Officers' Salaries:

Ion S. Whitcomb, tax collector	\$ 83.54
Oliver L. Bowles, selectman	90.00
Durand B. Cooley, selectman	20.00
William S. Searles, selectman	15.00
Beulah A. Bowles, clerk	36.00
Sadie N. Glover, treasurer	35.00
Total	
	\$279.54

Detail 2. Town Officers' Expenses:

Branham Printing Co., Auto Reference Book	\$ 2.00
Courier Printing Co., town reports	165.30
Wheeler and Clark, selectmen's stamp	3.25
F. J. Shores, Registrar, land transfers	3.29
Courier Printing Co., selectmen's notice	1.80
Hunkins and Eaton, bonds	34.00
Wheeler and Clark, dog tags	3.42
N. H. Tax Collector's Assoc., dues	3.00
Town Clerk's Association, dues	2.00
Courier Printing Co., selectmen's notice	1.40
Ion S. Whitcomb, tax collector, expense and supplies	16.42
Oliver L. Bowles, selectman, expense and supplies	13.95
Sadie N. Glover, treasurer, expense	1.50
Beulah A. Bowles, town clerk, expense	.82
D. B. Cooley, selectman, expense	5.40
Total	
	\$257.55

Detail 3. Town Hall Expense:

Littleton Coal Co., coke	\$ 51.00
Public Service Co., lights	37.54
Merton Edney, Janitor	106.00
Merton Edney, labor and expense	16.24
Littleton Hardware, screens and supplies	41.39
Lisbon Co., material	33.35
Franconia Hardware, labor on septic tank	34.55
Fritz O. Snell, painting	375.00
Farm Bureau, insurance	71.12
Fritz Snell, painting inside	56.25
David A. Bowles, wood, 2 cords	42.00
Oliver L. Bowles, labor, repairs	54.62
Durand B. Cooley, wood, 4½ cords	94.50
Durand B. Cooley, labor	7.00
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Total	\$1,020.56

Detail 4. Fire Department:

Eugene Weller, fire-fighting in Lincoln	\$ 14.00
Roger Santy, fire-fighting in Lincoln	14.96
David Bowles, fire-fighting in Lincoln	16.88
Elbert Harwood, fire-fighting in Lincoln	14.00
D. B. Cooley, expense, fire in Lincoln	2.00
D. B. Cooley, fire warden	18.30
Ion S. Whitcomb, fire warden	9.10
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Total	\$ 89.24

Detail 5. Bounties:

Elbert Harwood, 2 bears	\$ 10.00
Elbert Harwood, 1 hedge hog	.50
George Morse, 1 bear	5.00
David Shepard, 19 hedge hogs	9.50
Alvin Shepard, 7 hedge hogs	3.50

Albert Judd, 6 hedge hogs	3.00
Total	<hr/> \$31.50

Detail 6. Town Maintenance, Winter:

Ion S. Whitcomb, road agent, labor and truck	\$ 16.00
Eugene Weller, labor	10.00
Treasurer State of N. H., plowing snow	323.34
Total	<hr/> \$349.34

Detail 7. Town Maintenance, Summer:

Treasurer, State of N. H.	\$463.89
Treasurer, State of N. H., Coopers' driveway	10.66
Total	<hr/> \$474.55

Detail 8. General Exp. of Highway Dept.:

Treasurer, State of N. H., chloride, 2 tons	\$ 70.44
Treasurer, State of N. H., State Highway Garage, repairs for snow plow	10.23
Ion S. Whitcomb, road agent, labor on bridge	8.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 88.67

Detail 9. Town Road Aid:

Treasurer, State of N. H.	\$ 32.78
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Detail 10. State Aid Construction:

Treasurer, State of N. H.	\$400.00
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Detail 11. Grading: Parking area:

Sel Hannah	\$ 16.00
Manus Perkins	18.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 34.00

Detail 12. Head Taxes:

State Treasurer	\$238.95
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Detail 13. Recreation:

White Mt. Region Association	\$ 26.10
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Detail 14. Library

Jane Cutter, treasurer, appropriation	\$125.00
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Detail 15. Cemetery:

Merton Edney, sexton	\$ 54.50
Oliver L. Bowles, mowing	6.00
Ivah Edney, copy of map	3.00

Total	\$ 63.50
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Detail 16. County Tax:

Lawrence M. Colby, county treasurer	\$617.41
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Detail 17. Health Department:

Durand B. Cooley, health officer	\$ 5.00
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<i>Detail 18. Vital Statistics:</i>	\$ 1.00
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Detail 19. Reimbursement a/c Timber Tax:

Treasurer, State of N. H.	\$127.55
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Detail 20. School District:

Jane Cutter, treasurer	\$5,505.00
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Payments to School Treasurer

Balance for the year ending June 30, 1953	\$1,000.00
Balance of N. F. R. F. for the year ending June 30, 1951	121.86
½ N. F. R. F. for the year ending June 30, 1953	383.62
All of Appropriation for the year ending June 30, 1953	4,000.00
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Total	\$5,505.48

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Easton on December 31, 1953

Date of Creation	Trust Funds Purpose of Creation	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income On Hand at Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income End of Year
1916	R. W. Young Trust Fund	Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.	\$ 100.00	2%	12.10	2.25	1.00	13.35
1922	Peter Kinsman and Bernsley Edwards Trust Fund	Littleton Savings Bank	100.00	3%	27.31	3.85	1.00	30.16
1937	Orin G. Bowles Trust Fund	Littleton Savings Bank	200.00	3%	38.98	7.22	1.00	45.20
1947	Arthur Pease Trust Fund	Littleton Savings Bank	114.00	3%	7.66	3.68	1.00	10.34
1947	Charles Young Trust Fund	Littleton Savings Bank	200.00	3%	14.92	6.54	2.00	19.46
1945	Town of Easton Sinking Fund	Littleton Savings Bank	300.00	3%	91.87	20.90		112.77
1946	Town of Easton Sinking Fund	Littleton Savings Bank	300.00	3%				
Total			\$1,314.00		\$172.55	\$64.73	\$6.00	\$231.28

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.
Date December 31, 1953

ION S. WHITCOMB
PHYLLIS H. BOWLES
EVA COOLEY
Trustees

EASTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Librarian's Report

I wish to thank all those who have given books and magazines to the Library this past year. Through the generosity of friends we have added 96 books and bought 12 books from money used from the Library Fund. During the fall Mr. Riley, the Assistant State Librarian, helped in the discarding of books from the Library. We discarded 714 books which we hope to sell, using the money received to buy new books.

The past year the Bookmobile has made 6 trips to the Library.

We borrowed 405 books and loaned 596.

Number of visitors	318
Adult Fiction	1227
Adult Non-fiction	113
Juvenile Fiction	137
Juvenile Non-fiction	23
Bookmobile Books	596
Total number of books loaned	2096
Number of Magazines Loaned	182
Total Circulation	2278
Number of Readers	35

The length of time allowed on the books was 3 weeks for our own books and 2 weeks for the Bookmobile books. But we thought it best to change the time on the Bookmobile books; so now both our own books and the Bookmobile books are the same, the time being allowed is 3 weeks.

IVAH EDNEY, Librarian

Library Financial Report

Balance on Hand January 1, 1953	\$ 48.50	
Received from Selectmen, Appropriation	125.00	
		\$173.50
Salary of Librarian	\$100.00	
Insurance on Books	10.92	
Books Purchased (12)	14.54	
Bank Charges (2 check books)	2.00	
		\$127.46
Balance on Hand December 31, 1953		\$ 46.04

JANE K. CUTTER.
Library Trustee and Treasurer

Auditor's Statement

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts of the selectmen, treasurer, town clerk and tax collector of the Town of Easton for the year ending December 31, 1953, and find them correct to the best of my belief, and all disbursements properly vouched for.

HEINZ SCHULTZE, Auditor

SCHOOL WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Easton, New Hampshire, 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, 1954, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of the schools, for the salaries of District Officers and Agents,

and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State Foundation Aid Fund together with other income; the School Board to certify to the Selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

EVA COOLEY
HELEN YOUNG
PHYLLIS BOWLES

School Board

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1952	\$	718.86
Federal Aid: Forest Reserve		464.84
Local Taxation:		
Current Appropriation		5,400.00
Balance of Previous Appropriation		754.11
		\$7,337.81

PAYMENTS

Orders of the School Board	\$	4,407.25
Cash on Hand at End of Year (June 30, 1953)		2,930.56
		\$7,337.81

July 1, 1953 to January 1, 1954

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1953	\$	2,930.56
Appropriation from Selectmen		4,505.48
		\$7,436.04

PAYMENTS

Orders of the School Board	\$	650.65
Cash on Hand, January 1, 1954		6,785.39
		\$7,436.04

***EASTON
BALANCE SHEET
June 30, 1953***

ASSETS

Cash on Hand, June 30, 1953	\$2,930.56	
Accounts Due District:		
From Town	1,112.18	
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		\$4,042.74

LIABILITIES

Excess of Assets over Liabilities	\$4,042.74
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ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1953

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1952		\$ 718.86
Received from Selectmen:		
Current Appropriation	\$5,400.00	
Balance of Previous Appropriation	754.11	
Forest Reserve	464.84	
		6,618.95
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR		7,337.81
Less School Board Orders Paid		4,407.25
		\$2,930.56

JANE K. CUTTER, Treasurer

Auditor's Certificate

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the Treasurer of the School District of Easton of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953 and find them correct in all respects.

MARGARET WHITCOMB, Auditor

FINANCIAL REPORT — EASTON

	Paid Out 1952-53	Budget 1953-54	Paid Out to Jan. 1, 1954	Proposed Budget 1954-1955
ADMINISTRATION				
1. Salaries of District Officers	\$ 36.00	\$ 36.00		\$ 36.00
2. Superintendent's Salary	62.98	62.98	62.98	62.60
3. Tax for Statewide Supervision	40.00	40.00		30.00
4. Salaries of Other Adm. Personnel	18.10	3.00		3.00
5. Supplies and Expenses	36.77	35.00	18.43	35.00
INSTRUCTION				
9. Salaries of Clerical Assistants		32.50	32.02	33.70
10. Supplies and Other Expenses		6.10	6.10	6.42
AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES				
16. Transportation	1,300.00	1,800.00	520.00	1,800.00
17. Tuition	2,908.40	3,000.00		3,000.00
FIXED CHARGES				
19. Retirement		5.72	5.72	6.42
20. Insurance, Treasurer's Bond and Expenses	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
	\$4,407.25	\$5,026.30	\$650.25	\$5,018.14

* Superintendent's salary, \$6,405. Of this amount Easton's share is \$62.98; Landaff, \$126.17; Benton, \$80.33; Franconia, \$679.38; Lincoln, \$1,298.47; Lisbon Special, \$1,195.02; Lisbon Town, \$332.05; Lyman, \$150.13; Sugar Hill, \$205.47, and the State's share is \$2,275. Division as determined by law.

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1954-1955

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1954.

Total amount required to meet school board's budget as itemized in Column 4 of the Financial Report.
\$5,018.14

Estimated Income of District

Balance June 30, 1954	\$3,000.00
Forest Reserve	500.00

We recommend that the District adopt the proposed budget and raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,018.14 for the school year 1954-1955.

EVA COOLEY
HELEN YOUNG
PHYLLIS BOWLES
School Board

Recommended Motion:

Moved that the School District raise and appropriate \$5,018.14 and to authorize and direct the School Board to apply against said appropriation such income as is estimated by the School Board, exclusive of state aid, and upon the determination of the amount of state aid to be received by the School District during the next fiscal year, to authorize and direct the School Board to apply against such appropriation the sum to be received from state aid and with the School District Clerk certify to the Selectmen the balance as an assessment to be raised by the town for school purposes.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board and Citizens of Easton :

I herewith submit my eleventh annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

There were 15 pupils attending school last year. Seven elementary pupils enrolled in the Franconia Elementary School, eight were enrolled in the high school and one enrolled in Littleton High School.

There are 14 pupils attending school this year—six in the elementary school and eight in the high school. They are as follows: Dale Bowles and Lucinda Prescott, Grade 1; Judith Prescott, Grade 2; Norman Meyers, Grade 3; Bernice Cooley and Ingrid Schultze, Grade 5; Lois Bowles, Grade 6; Alice Cooley, Grade 8; Mary Maher and Alvin Shepard, Grade 9; Peter Bowles, Eleanor Cooley and David Shepard, Grade 10; Evelyn Wolff, Grade 12. Lucinda Prescott, Judith Prescott, N. Meyers and Mary Maher were withdrawn from the enrollment November 19, 1953.

At graduation time last year we were all very proud to note that four of the eight graduates were Easton children. This speaks well for the community interest in education.

A detailed report of the activities at Dow Academy accompanies this report.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD A. PERHAM
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

The following comprises the third annual report of my administration as Principal of Dow Academy.

FACULTY

The Staff has been changed by four additions. Miss Jean Dwyer of Pine Point, Maine, teaches English and French. Mrs. Yvonne Gardner of Littleton, New Hampshire teaches the commercial studies. Mr. Ernest Morin of Turners Falls, Massachusetts teaches shop, math., and science. Mrs. Roger Stewart of Lincoln, New Hampshire taught home economics until Christmas vacation. At the present time there is no home economics for the girls of grades seven and eight.

The faculty is a fine group of teachers who are trying their best to give your children an adequate education.

CURRICULUM

Shop offered to the boys of the Freshman and Sophomore Classes is providing an extremely practical and interesting course. We hope to move our shop into the small building next to the gym before another year has past. This building will afford us more room and better conveniences for our expanding program. We are planning to include courses for Juniors and Seniors in the next school year. Practical electricity and auto mechanics are under serious consideration. The cooperation of the community in setting up and enhancing the above program is of great value to our goal.

This year we are offering two correspondence courses. One of the courses is Latin I and the other is Art I. Both of these are of value to the students and they help us in offering a varied curriculum to students whose interests are beyond the limitations of a small school. Because of the need for class time we are unable to offer an activity period this year. Class

time lost because of our ski program is made up on the other days of the week.

Physical education has been offered to grades three through eight on a limited basis. It is curtailed during the ski season but will be resumed after the close of the season.

ACTIVITIES

The ski program set-up is the same as last year and shows promise of even greater success. Mr. Cole is supervising the program and will continue to do an excellent job. He is also in charge of the Junior and Senior Ski Team.

The band is continuing to show improvement under the direction of Mr. McLure. This year we have purchased a new tuba. This was financed with the help of the Trustees and the P. T. A.

The Glee Club is on a credit marking basis under the direction of Mrs. Sinclair. They have already joined with the band in one concert and another one or two are being planned.

Miss Dwyer has charge of the dramatics. One play has been successfully presented and another is planned for the spring.

The Rifle Club is under the direction of Mr. Cole and a range has been constructed for use in the gym during the winter season.

ATHLETICS

We rejoined the Ammonoosuc Basketball League this year. The boys showed great interest and developed rapidly. The future looks good for basketball. Many of our team members are young and will improve constantly. The girls also played well and have the nucleus of excellent teams in the near future. Both teams were very capably coached by Merton Shores.

HEALTH

Again this year we had physicals for grades four, eight and eleven. Other children were also given the opportunity to have complete physical examinations.

The School Doctor, Ralph A. Parker, and the School Nurse, Miss Irma Simeneau, urge you parents to have your children take advantage of this program. A healthy child is a better student. Miss Simeneau has also conducted eye and ear tests. These tests and examinations are of value in locating any defects a child may have, and they are also of great value in assuring you that your children are being periodically checked.

GUIDANCE

Many of the students have taken the Kuder Preference Tests and the tests given through the New Hampshire University Testing Service. These, plus other tests—both for the elementary and secondary students, have definite purposes. Some are used to guide pupils into occupations; others are used to find areas in which pupils are weak; still others are used to help guide pupils into the right courses; and others are of use as measuring devices to find out how well the pupil has progressed with regard to others of his age and grade throughout the nation. I. Q. Tests are also administered to help us determine where your child stands in natural ability to learn. All of these tests are of value to the teachers and help us to understand the pupils.

SCHOOL LUNCH

Our deep appreciation is extended to Mrs. Lena Shores and the Greenleaf Civics Club for the School Lunch Program for the children. This program extending from November into April is of inestimable value to the health of our pupils.

ADMINISTRATION

Mid-term reports have been sent home to the parents of all the students in the grades seven through twelve. The purpose of them is to keep the parents informed of the progress of their children. Our appreciation is extended to the Trustees for the donation of money to purchase a new projector and new books for our library. The new heating plant is a definite health factor. There is no dust or ash and, even more important, every part of the school is adequately heated—even at forty degrees below zero.

The floor and structural changes have made the building a safer, healthier, and more attractive workshop for all. Our Custodian, Merton Shores, is continuing to do a superior job in many ways. His presence is felt by all.

It has been a pleasure to work with the fine Staff, your cooperative Superintendent, and your conscientious School Board. All are working for the best interest of the children.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul H. Farris

Principal

Expenditures—Easton School District—1952-1953

ADMINISTRATION

1. Salaries of District Officers:

Eva Cooley, School Board	\$19.00
Helen Young, School Board	6.50
Phyllis Bowles, School Board	6.50
Ivah Edney, Clerk	2.00
Beulah Bowles, Moderator	2.00

\$ 36.00

2. Superintendent's Salary:

Treasurer, Supervisory Union No. 34	62.98
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3. Tax for Statewide Supervision:

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	40.00
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4. Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel:

Margaret Whitcomb, Census	3.00
Treasurer, Supervisory Union No. 34, Clerical	15.10

18.10

5. Supplies and Other Expenses:

Treasurer, Supervisory Union No. 34	30.27
Jane Cutter, Postage	1.74
Lisbon Special	4.76

36.77

AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

16. Transportation:

Perry Ball		1,300.00
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17. Tuition:

Franconia District		
High School	2,000.00	
Elementary	908.40	
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FIXED CHARGES

20. Insurance:

Merrill's Insurance Agency, Treasurer's Bond		5.00
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TOTAL		<hr/> \$4,407.25
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Deaths Registered in the Town of Easton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date of Death and Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Years Months Days			Place of Birth	Sex Married Single or Widowed	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
		Years	Months	Days					
Apr. 14 Bethlehem, N. H.	Marshall Everett Bailey	[53]		[M]	Newbury, Vt.	[M]	Woodsman	R. Clifton Bailey	Nella M. Perkins

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

BEULAH A. BOWLES, Town Clerk.



