

REGISTRY OF DEEDS
Cathy Ann Stacey, Registrar

As I complete my sixth term as Register of Deeds, it continues to fascinate me at the tremendous growth we have seen in Rockingham County. Although we experienced an unusually high volume in the last several years, the activity conforms to that of year 2000. There are several large proposed developments taking place throughout the county, which will continue to improve our financial outlook. Interest rates began to rise slightly in 2006 and the real estate market saw a 25% decrease in sales and as a result, our revenues to the County for the calendar year were \$4,415,995.00.

2006 Revenue Collected		Total Documents Recorded:
Transfer Tax	\$35,696,028.00	80,104
4% Commission	\$ 1,424,210.92	
Copies/Faxes	\$ 443,571.87	
Recording fees	\$ 2,548,212.21	
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 4,415,995.00</u>	

Use of our web site (www.nhdeeds.com) continues to grow at a tremendous rate. Internet activity generated \$257,668.00 in revenue for the County in 2006. Individuals with on-line accounts can view and/or print records to their home printer for a small fee. There is no charge for anyone to view a document online, and many people appreciate the ability to research records from their home or office computer. My staff is easily able to walk through the process with any member of the public who inquires about our site, the ultimate goal being the elimination of the need to travel to the Registry of Deeds office to perform research.

During 2006, our long-term project of converting old books to the imaging system continues to build. The public can access records back to 1952 at present time. We were successful in offering access to all plan indexes via the web site to assist the public in their search.

The technological advances in our office have allowed easier access to records by our staff and the public, as well as streamlining certain everyday tasks. We continue to keep abreast of technology that will increase productivity and allow for greater and easier access to our records on file.

The continued support of the Delegation and County Commissioners is deeply appreciated and my thanks are extended to each and every one of them for their support.

My staff continues to excel in their jobs meeting the day to day challenges of this office while serving the public. They are appreciated by not only me, but by those utilizing the Registry of Deeds on a daily basis. I cannot thank them enough for their outstanding efforts.

The following chart reflects annual transactions reported to each municipality within the County.

Atkinson	2900	Danville	1906	Exeter	6596
Auburn	2721	Deerfield	2251	Fremont	2389
Brentwood	2382	Derry	14,875	Greenland	1907
Candia	1952	E. Kingston	1459	Hampstead	4804
Chester	2434	Epping	3564	Hampton	8978
Hampton Falls	1306	N. Hampton	1977	Raymond	5316
Kensington	940	Newmarket	3908	Rye	2476
Kingston	2942	Newington	586	Salem	13,568
Londonderry	11,483	Newton	2314	Seabrook	4080
New Castle	401	Northwood	2629	S Hampton	295
Newfields	788	Plaistow	3931	Sandown	1536
Nottingham	2558	Portsmouth	10,113	Stratham	3737
				Windham	8233