

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1996 - 1997 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Planning Department manages both current and long-range municipal planning, provides professional assistance to the Planning Board and other Town departments, and is a resource base for economic and community development. This report highlights the Planning Department's activities for the last year.

The Town Planner's office has been operational for ten years now. I arrived in Hudson, New Hampshire on September 14, 1987. My position reports to the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen.

Zoning. In April 1997, there was only one change to the zoning ordinance text, concerning sign height. The maximum height of signs in residential districts was reduced to thirty (30) feet from thirty-eight feet. And there was only one zoning map change, a re-zone from Residential-Two (R-2) to Business (B) for Map 10, Lots 45 and 46; near Market Basket on Lowell Road.

Land Use Regulations. The land use regulations were revised as follows. Site plan regulations were revised to remove the street disposition awareness section. (3-26-97). Also, the general requirements section was expanded (5-7-97). On July 9, 1997, the site plan regulations were revised concerning site plan engineering issues.

Current Planning. Last year's annual report presented current planning data for the time period October 12, 1995 to October 16, 1996. Planning Board review to September 24, 1997 is outlined here.

Subdivisions approved:	21
denied:	2
withdrawn:	0
revoked:	0
extended:	0
Site Plans approved:	24
denied:	0
withdrawn:	2
revoked:	0
extended:	4
Total:	53