

REGISTRY OF DEEDS
Cathy Ann Stacey, Register

As I complete my seventh term as Register of Deeds, I have seen tremendous growth within the County along with a significant rise in the foreclosure market. Although the foreclosure numbers have not reached the staggering number seen in the early 1990's, we experienced an overall 75% increase from 2006 to 2007. The document activity for 2007 conforms to that of the year 1993. We continue to see proposed developments taking place throughout the county, which will continue to improve our financial outlook, however, the increase in foreclosure activity lends to a depressed market. Interest rates remained level in 2007 and the real estate market saw a 12% decrease in activity which resulted in our revenues to the County for the calendar year to be \$3,933,908.96.

<u>2007 Revenue Collected</u>	Total Documents Recorded:
Transfer Tax	\$32,117,615.84
4% Commission	\$ 1,337,713.16
Copies/Faxes	\$ 416,221.28
Recording fees	<u>\$ 2,179,974.52</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 3,933,908.96</u>
	70,681

Use of our web site (www.nhdeeds.com) continues to grow at a tremendous rate. Internet activity generated \$259,963.00 in revenue for the County in 2007. Our entire indexing system back to 1643 is available online. Individuals with on-line accounts can view and print records to their home printer for a small fee. There is **NO CHARGE** for the public to view documents 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 2007, 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. This project converted the plan index as well as the street index to make them viewable.

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

Atkinson	2724	Danville	1455	Exeter	5719
Auburn	1916	Deerfield	2140	Fremont	1802
Brentwood	1613	Derry	11,717	Greenland	1545
Candia	1556	E. Kingston	1165	Hampstead	4022
Chester	1950	Epping	3241	Hampton	7898
Hampton Falls	949	N. Hampton	2044	Raymond	4670
Kensington	871	Newmarket	2910	Rye	2165
Kingston	2676	Newington	436	Salem	12,039
Londonderry	10,266	Newton	2142	Seabrook	3174
New Castle	522	Northwood	2273	S. Hampton	394
Newfields	547	Plaistow	3352	Sandown	787
Nottingham	2112	Portsmouth	8814	Stratham	3236
				Windham	7693

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.