

## Health Officer Annual Report for 2004

The past year proved to be an active and challenging one for the health officer.

We continued the project this year of keeping the bears in the woods and out of the trash. The business owners have assisted by renting bear-proof dumpsters and the residents helped by keeping their trash contained. I have had to remind some that we have bear ordinances in effect; but in general, this summer was much better and thus safer for our community.

Another concern this year dealt with the number of wild cats. Please don't

feed the cats, as this will encourage them to stay with you. If you do adopt one, please have it neutered so we can help control the population.

My other calls included day care and school inspections, standing water issues, and many general sanitation matters of restaurants and hotels.

If you have any health or safety concerns in the Town of Lincoln, feel free to contact me at the Town Office at 745-2757. Please be specific about your concern and provide a name and number for me to respond.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha S. Talbot  
Health Officer

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## Welfare Expenditures Report

The following statistics show a comparison of financial assistance provided by the Town of Lincoln in 2003 and 2004.

	2003	2004
Rent:	\$ 7,127	\$ 8,599
Food, Medical:	2,803	2,182
Electricity:	2,743	544
Heat/Fuel	<u>330</u>	<u>850</u>
TOTAL	\$13,003	\$12,175