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## **TOWN OFFICERS**

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Harry L. Reid (Term Expires 2010)  
Richard Bielefield (Term Expires 2009)  
John J. Strasser, III, Chairman (Term Expires 2008)

### **TOWN OFFICE**

Telephone 823-8468

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Jennifer P. Gaudette

### **TOWN CLERK**

Lissa Boissonneault

### **TAX COLLECTOR**

Lissa Boissonneault  
Elizabeth Coombs Andross, Deputy

### **TREASURER**

Amy Venezia

### **TOWN AUDITOR**

William W. Pinney

### **CHIEF OF POLICE**

David D. Wentworth (Appointed)

### **FIRE CHIEF / FIRE WARDEN**

Allan Clark (Appointed)

### **TO REPORT AN EMERGENCY**

**911**

**EMERGENCY ONLY**

### **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**1-800-564-6911**

**Non-Emergency 823-8123**

### **HIGHWAY AGENT**

Douglas R. Glover

### **OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE**

Board of Selectmen

### **HEALTH OFFICER**

Margaret Connors

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Allan Clark

### **MODERATOR**

James F. Snyder (2008)

### **TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS**

David F. McPhaul (2010)  
Bruce S. Perlo (2009)  
Richard Gagne (2008)

### **SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**

Judith Weisenberger (2012)  
Starcy Branch (2010)  
Dr. John Rowbotham, Chairman (2008)

### **LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Elaine Burpee (2010)  
Rosemary Ellms (2009)  
Irene Amsbary (2008)

## CEMETERY TRUSTEES

	Beth Perlo (2010)		
Holly Hayward	(2010)	Nancy D. Aldrich	(2009)
Meri Hern	(2009)	Kathleen Jablonski	(2008)

## PLANNING BOARD

	Robert Hayward, Jr., Chairman (2009)		
James Keefe	(2009)	Christopher Thayer	(2008)
David Thurston	(2009)	Arthur Chase	(2008)
John J. Strasser	(2010)	Gail Clark, Alternate	(2010)
Sidney Regan	(2010)	Amy Venezia, Alt. & Secretary	(2010)

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

	Michael Hern, Chairman (2010)		
Peter Anderson	(2008)	Janet Anderson	(2009)
Walter Zandi (resigned)	(2008)	Catherine Burke	(2009)
	Amy Venezia, Alternate & Secretary (2010)		

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Margaret Connors, Chairman	(2008)	Timothy Williams	(2008)
Peter Carbonneau	(2009)	Ailsa Gagel	(2008)
Grant Ruggles	(2010)	Luther Kinney	(2010)
Kathie Galligan	(2010)	Janet Williams, Alternate	(2008)

## RECREATION PROGRAM SUGAR HILL REPRESENTATIVES

Gordon Johnk  
Jean Serino

All 2007 reports from various agencies not printed in this Town Report are on file in the Selectmen's Office and available upon request.

# ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - RESULTS

## MARCH 13, 2007

Moderator James F. Snyder declared the polls open at 11:00 AM for voting by ballot on Article 1(the election of Town Officers) and Article 2 (to amend the Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance by enacting the changes to the floodplain ordinance required by the National Flood Insurance Program). Polls will close at 7:30 PM unless the town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour. All other articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon starting at 7:30 PM.

**ARTICLE 1:** To vote by nonpartisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

- One Selectman to serve for a term of three (3) years
- A Town Treasurer to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Town Clerk to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Tax Collector to serve for a term of one (1) year
- An Overseer of Public Welfare to serve for a term of one (1)year
- A Library Trustee to serve for a term of three (3) years
- A Town Auditor to serve for a term of one (1) year
- One Trustee of the Trust Funds to serve for a term of three (3)years
- One Board of Adjustment member to serve for a term of three (3) years.
- Two Board of Cemetery Trustees to serve for a term of three (3) years.
- And such other Town Officers as may be required by law.

**Results of Article 1:**

Selectman, Three Year Term .....	Harry L. Reid.....	114
.....	Jeff Gould.....	41
Town Clerk, One Year Term .....	Lissa Boissonneault.....	149
Tax Collector, One Year Term .....	Lissa Boissonneault.....	149
Town Treasurer, One Year Term.....	Amy Venezia.....	144
Overseer of Public Welfare, One Year Term.....	Lissa Boissonneault.....	4
.....	Margo Connors.....	4
Library Trustee, Three Year Term.....	Elaine Burpee .....	149
Town Auditor, One Year Term.....	William Pinney.....	26
Trustee of Trust Funds, Three Year Term .....	David F. McPhaul .....	140
Zoning Board of Adjustment, Three Year Term..	Michael Hern.....	138
Two Cemetery Trustees, Three Year Term.....	Beth Perlo.....	117
.....	Holly Hayward .....	131

**ARTICLE 2:** (To Vote by Official Ballot)To see if the Town will vote to amend the Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance by enacting the changes to the floodplain ordinance required by the National Flood Insurance Program. A copy of the complete text of the amendment is available for inspection at the Town Office. The following question will appear on the official ballot, and is not subject to further amendment:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment to the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Sugar Hill Planning Board as follows? The amendment makes technical changes in the floodplain ordinance in order for the Town to remain in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program.” *(The Planning Board recommends the adoption of the amendment.)*

**Results for Article 2: Yes.....144 No.....9**

Moderator James F. Snyder opened the meeting. He read a list of his rules on the running of the meeting and the conduct of those participating. John Strasser moved to dispense with the rereading of the warrant articles. Second by Harry L. Reid.

**All in favor “Aye” opposed “No”. The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for the purchase of land or other property interests therein, including related costs of acquisition, as the Selectmen deem appropriate for the permanent protection of the natural heritage and rural character in the best interest of the Town; and to authorize the issuance of not more than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) of bonds, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, (RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended), and, further, to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof, and to take any other action they deem appropriate to effectuate the sale and/or issuance of said bonds, subject, however, to the following limitations:

- 1) The acquisition of property interests shall be focused on lands related to:  
Sunset Hill & Iris Farm and Route 117
- 2) Nothing herein shall be construed as prohibiting the use of private grants or donations in addition to or in combination with bond funds.
- 3) The Selectmen SHALL NOT ISSUE SUCH BONDS until such time as they have presented to either an annual or special town meeting, a warrant article asking the meeting to ratify, by a simple majority vote, the particular parcel and the parcel ownership interest chosen by the Selectmen for purchase and said meeting has approved such warrant article.

The authority conferred by the passage of the Article is non-lapsing until its purpose is accomplished, in accordance with RSA 32:7, III. A two-thirds ballot vote is required for passage. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Margo Connors amended Article 3 to read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000). Second by Joseph Cushing. Discussion followed. **All in favor “Aye”, opposed “No”. The “Ayes” have it.** Moderator Snyder opened the polls at 8:48 pm. Polls closed at 9:50 PM.

Two thirds ballot vote required. 150 ballots cast  
**Yes..... 93 No.....57 Article 3 did not pass**

**ARTICLE 4:** To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges and make appropriations of the same as set forth in the following budget:

Executive .....	\$52,795.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics .....	17,035.00
Payroll Taxes .....	23,000.00
Financial Administration .....	35,580.00
Revaluation of Property .....	12,000.00
Legal Expenses .....	6,000.00
Planning Board .....	4,000.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment .....	800.00
Insurance.....	114,000.00
General Government Buildings .....	71,219.00
Rent.....	35,000.00
Buildings & Grounds.....	35,390.00

Cemetery.....	7,500.00
Advertising & Regional Associations.....	7,550.00
North Country Council.....	1,050.00
Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce.....	6,500.00
Police Department .....	170,156.00
Fire Department .....	62,425.00
Ambulance.....	3,690.00
Ross Ambulance .....	1,690.00
Life Squad.....	2,000.00
Emergency Management .....	500.00
Town Maintenance .....	124,749.00
General Highway Department Expense.....	127,744.00
Highway Block Grant.....	43,256.00
Street Lighting .....	7,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal.....	34,962.00
Health, Hospitals.....	4,091.00
North Country Home Health & Hospice.....	1,613.00
Grafton County Senior .....	550.00
American Red Cross .....	250.00
White Mountain Mental Health .....	678.00
Littleton Hospital .....	500.00
Ammonoosuc Community Health.....	500.00
Welfare .....	6,000.00
Tri-County Cap .....	775.00
Unemployment .....	100.00
Library .....	14,750.00
Parks and Recreation .....	15,689.00
North Country YMCA .....	150.00
Patriotic Purposes .....	750.00
Conservation Commission.....	2,300.00
Interest Expense-Tax Anticipation Notes .....	2,000.00
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS.....</b>	<b>\$1,007,031.00</b>

The Selectmen recommend these appropriations.

Moderator Jim Snyder stated he would not read Article 4 line by line but would take discussion on whatever item to come under question.

Moved by Richard Bielefield, Second by Jim McCusker,

Discussion followed, **All in favor “Aye” opposed “No”. The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to withdraw the accumulated income from the Cemetery Trust Funds. The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Richard Gagne, Second by Sarah Pinney

Discussion followed, **All in favor “Aye” opposed “No”. The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976. The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by John Strasser, Second by Jim Cyrs

Discussion Followed, **All in favor “Aye” opposed “No”. The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be used for Highway Department Roadwork. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the fund is expended or in 3 years, whichever is less. (Majority vote required) The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved the Jim Cyrs, Second by Harry Reid

Discussion followed, **All in Favor “Aye” opposed “No”. The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976. The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Richard Bielefield, Second by Jim Cyrs

Discussion followed, **All in favor “Aye” opposed “No”. The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993. The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Jim Cyrs, Second by Beverly Frenkiewich

Discussion followed, **All in favor “Aye” opposed “No”. The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund created in 1991. The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Jim Cyrs, Second by Doug Evelyn

Discussion followed, **All in Favor “Aye” opposed “No”. The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Carolina Crapo Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004. The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Jim Cyrs, Second by Doug Evelyn

Discussion followed, **All in favor “Aye” opposed “No”. The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be used to purchase a generator for the Carolina Crapo Building, and further to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and accept any grant monies that may be available to reimburse the Town for this expenditure.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation

Moved by Jim Cyrs, Second by Russ Gaitskill

Discussion followed, **All in favor “Aye” opposed “No”. The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 2006. The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by John Strasser, Second by Jim Cyrs

Discussion Followed, **All in favor “Aye” opposed “No”. The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) for needed repairs to the Sugar Hill Historical Museum as determined by the Museum’s Board of Directors. (This article by petition)

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by John Strasser, Second by Lon Henderson

Discussion followed, **All in favor “Aye” opposed “No”. The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund as established in 1996 per RSA 35:3. Said account has a zero balance and therefore no monies will be transferred to the general fund. The Selectmen recommend this Article. Moved by Sarah Pinney, Second by Jim Cyrs

Discussion followed, **All in favor “Aye” opposed “No”. The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Sugar Hill.(This article by petition)

Moved by Amy Mitz, Second by Jim Cyrs

Discussion followed, **All in favor “Aye” opposed “No”. The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 17:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Allan Clark gave an update on Jose Pequeno’s progress in his recovery from a brain injury sustained in the Iraq War. Fire Chief Clark gave thanks to the community for all their help in the Jose Pequeno house project. Richard Bielefield also gave thanks to all involved in the “Bring Jose Home Project”. He requested help for a proposed War Memorial for the Town. Roger Aldrich volunteered to chair the committee.

Mr. Bielefield thanked Meri and Mike Hern for providing the delicious dinner for all the election workers. He gave special thanks to the Supervisors of the Check list for all their hard work in the past year in getting our voter check list in compliance with the new state requirements and to the other election workers that give of their time to make elections run as smoothly as they do. Thanks were given to the Estate of Donald Kreider for allowing the Town to use one of his photos for the front of this year’s Town Report. Thanks to Dennis Cote’ for setting up his sound system so no one missed hearing anything during the meeting. Jim Cyrs asked for a moment of silence in honor of Jose Pequeno. Becky Brown thanked all who came out to voice their opinion and vote on Article 3. Doug Evelyn thanked the Board of Selectmen for all their hard work for the Town of Sugar Hill. Gordie Johnk thanked Fire Chief Allan Clark for all his hard work on the Jose Pequeno project and its ultimate successful conclusion. There being no further business, Moderator James Snyder adjourned the meeting at 10.10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lissa M. Boissonneault  
Town Clerk

**BALANCE SHEET**  
(As at December 31, 2007)

**ASSETS**

Current Assets		
Cash - Unrestricted Checking	\$	168,889.58
Cash - Restricted Savings Conservation Fund		38,257.72
Cash – Unrestricted Savings		351,430.40
Cash – Police Acct		1,204.36
Total Checking/Savings		559,782.06
Taxes Receivable:		
Levy of 2007		161,037.81
Land Use Change		6,629.74
Reserve for Uncollected, etc.		(17,284.21)
Unredeemed Taxes Receivable		40,432.60
Taxes Deeded Property Subject to Resale		<u>6,172.58</u>
 Total Assets		 \$756,770.58

**LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
School District Tax Payable	<u>\$507,657.00</u>	
Total Current Liabilities		\$507,657.00
 Reserved for Tax Deeded Property	 6,172.58	
Reserved for Conservation Fund	38,257.72	
		44,430.30
Total Liabilities		552,087.30
 Net Income	 -17,526.96	
Fund Balance – Unreserved, Undesignated	<u>222,210.24</u>	
Total Equity		<u>\$204,683.28</u>
 Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		 <u>\$756,770.58</u>

## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land Under Current Use (At Current Use Values)	\$ 1,036,581.00
Land	55,762,781.00
Buildings	79,787,900.00
Public Utilities	<u>999,965.00</u>
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	136,550,646.00
Elderly and Blind Exemptions	<u>85,000.00</u>
Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate Is Computed for Municipal, County and Local Education	136,465,646.00
Less Utilities	<u>999,965.00</u>
Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate For State Education Tax Is Computer	\$135,465,681.00

## STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
Total Town Appropriations	\$1,226,031.00	
Less: Revenues	(406,306.00)	
Less: Shared Revenues	(6,235.00)	
Add: Overlay	20,153.00	
War Service Credits	<u>6,100.00</u>	
Net Town Appropriations	839,743.00	
Municipal Tax Rate		6.15
Net Local School Budget	0.00	
Regional School Apportionment	1,210,903.00	
Less: Equitable Education Grant	0.00	
State Education Taxes	<u>(324,101.00)</u>	
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	886,802.00	
Local Education Tax Rate		6.50
State Education Taxes		
Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x \$2.24		
144,687,731	324,101.00	
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		2.39
135,465,681		
Excess State Education		
Taxes to be Remitted to State	0.00	
Due to County	170,022.00	
Less Revenue and Credits	<u>(1,397.00)</u>	
Net County Tax Assessment	168,625.00	
County Tax Rate		1.24
Combined Tax Rate		16.28
Total Property Taxes Assessed	2,219,271.00	
Less: War Service Credits	<u>(6,100.00)</u>	
Property Tax To Be Raised	\$2,213,171.00	

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Meetinghouse, Land and Buildings	\$ 328,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	80,000.00
Library Furniture and Equipment	20,000.00
Police Department Equipment	55,000.00
Fire Department, Land and Buildings	240,000.00
Equipment	985,000.00
Highway Department, Land and Buildings	232,800.00
Equipment	570,750.00
Town Hall, Furniture and Equipment	50,000.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	
Coffin Pond	26,000.00
Woodland	
Creamery Pond	22,900.00
Land - Pearl Lake Road	19,400.00
Land - Route 117	2,400.00
Land - Route 93	3,400.00
Cemeteries	<u>13,900.00</u>
Total	\$2,649,550.00

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

To the Voters of the Town of Sugar Hill:

I herewith submit my report of the financial doings of my office for the year 2007:

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	\$132,835.37	
Dog Licenses Issued:	494.00	
Marriage & Civil Union Licenses:	304.00	
Other Permits and Fees:	<u>2,424.00</u>	
Total		\$136,057.37
Remittances to Treasurer:		
Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	\$132,835.37	
Local Town Clerk Fees:	994.00	
State Town Clerk Fees:	180.00	
Title Application Fees:	348.00	
Dog Licenses Issued:	494.00	
Dog License Fees:	105.00	
Dog License Penalty:	225.00	
Dog License Late Fees:	1.00	
Marriage & Civil Union Licenses Issued:	304.00	
Town Clerk Fees:	56.00	
Vital Statistics:	120.00	
Town Clerk Fee:	56.00	
UCC Filing Fee:	270.00	
Town Filing Fees:	5.00	
Insufficient Funds Fees:	<u>60.00</u>	
Total		\$136,057.37

Respectfully submitted,  
Lissa M. Boissonneault  
Town Clerk

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2007**

**DEBITS**

<b>Uncollected Taxes – Beginning of Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Levies of 2007</b>	<b>Levies of 2006</b>
Property Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$151,112.09
Land Use Change	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	0.00	0.00
<b>Taxes Committed This Year:</b>		
Property Taxes	2,213,300.33	0.00
Land Use Change	50,865.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	4,922.29	0.00
<b>Overpayment:</b>		
Property Taxes	276.03	123.94
Costs before Lien	138.75	564.75
Interest Late Tax	<u>2,838.72</u>	<u>4,871.20</u>
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$2,272,341.12</b>	<b>\$156,671.98</b>

**CREDITS**

<b>Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:</b>		
Property Taxes	\$2,052,262.52	\$114,621.89
Land Use Change	44,235.26	0.00
Yield Taxes	2,206.12	0.00
Interest	2,838.72	4,871.20
Penalties	0.00	0.00
Conversion to Lien	0.00	36,490.20
Costs Not Liened	138.75	564.75
<b>Abatements Made:</b>		
Property Taxes	51.68	0.00
Yield Taxes	2,716.17	0.00
Refunds	224.35	123.94
<b>Uncollected Taxes End of Year:</b>		
Property Taxes	161,037.81	0.00
Land Use	<u>6,629.74</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$2,272,341.12</b>	<b>\$156,671.98</b>

**SUMMARY OF LIEN ACCOUNTS**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2007**

**DEBITS**

	2006	2005	2004
Unredeemed Liens			
Balance Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$ 0.00	\$27,397.37	\$ 15,114.94
Liens Executed			
During Fiscal Year	39,550.72	0.00	0.00
Interest & Costs			
Collected After Lien Execution	<u>1,072.17</u>	<u>2,490.30</u>	<u>3,497.53</u>
Total Debits	<u>\$40,622.89</u>	<u>\$29,887.67</u>	<u>\$18,612.47</u>

**CREDITS**

	2006	2005	2004
Remittances to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	\$14,095.71	\$12,419.78	\$15,114.94
Interest & Cost			
After Lien Execution	1,072.17	2,490.30	3,497.53
Unredeemed Liens			
Balance End of Fiscal Year	<u>25,455.01</u>	<u>14,977.59</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Credits	<u>\$40,622.89</u>	<u>\$29,887.67</u>	<u>\$18,612.47</u>

**UNREDEEMED PROPERTY TAXES FROM TAX LIEN**

BY ORDER OF THE SELECTMEN THE FOLLOWING LIST IS  
INCLUDED PER 1997 TOWN MEETING

	2006	2005
Caporelli, Mary A. & Patricia	\$ 1,774.91	\$1,734.48
Corliss, Langford	2,433.99	1,453.18
Didinato, Mark & Lisa H.*	1,217.34	
Hayward, Paul	7,456.77	11,789.93
Ogburn, Richard Brown	2,967.05	
Peckett, Robert P. III	2,463.66	
Smith, Nancy E.	1,848.97	
Stewart, Estate of Charles E.	3,507.32	
Young, Steven & Gary G. Jr.	<u>1,785.00</u>	
Totals	<u>\$25,455.01</u>	<u>\$14,977.59</u>

\*Paid 1/14/2008

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Year Ending December 31, 2007**  
**Cash Basis**

Beginning Cash Balance Checking, January 1, 2007	\$321,161.36
Beginning Cash Balance Savings, January 1, 2007	<u>230,527.28</u>
Total	<u>\$551,688.64</u>

**RECEIPTS**

Tax Collector	\$2,307,332.51	
Town Clerk	136,057.37	
Selectmen	113,691.66	
Loan Proceeds (Tax Anticipation Notes)	150,000.00	
Transfers (Trust & Capital Reserve Funds)	64,004.82	
State & Federal Grants	72,436.98	
Interest on Savings & Now Account	<u>1,254.37</u>	
Total Receipts		\$2,844,777.71

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Orders of Selectmen	\$2,726,146.37	
Loans Repayments	<u>150,000.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$2,876,146.37</u>
Ending Cash Balance NOW Checking, December 31, 2007		\$ 168,889.58
Ending Cash Balance Savings, December 31, 2007		351,430.40
Total		<u>\$ 520,319.98</u>

**POLICE PERMIT ACCOUNT**

Beginning Balance 1/1/07	\$1,164.03	
Deposits	35.00	
Interest Earned	<u>5.33</u>	
Balance 12/31/07		\$1,204.36

**CONSERVATION LAND USE FUND**

Beginning Balance 1/1/07	\$25,422.89	
Deposits	10,000.00	
Contributions	1,587.01	
Interest Earned	<u>1,247.82</u>	
Balance 12/31/07		\$38,257.72

**RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

Beginning Balance 1/1/07	\$1,202.37	
Deposits	325.62	
Interest Earned	1.67	
Withdrawals (scholarships Foley & Cyrs)	<u>400.00</u>	
Balance 12/31/07		\$1,129.66

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy M. Venezia, Treasurer

## SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

### Cash Basis

#### Local Taxes:

Property Taxes, Current Year	\$2,052,341.55
Yield Taxes, Current Year	2,206.12
Property Tax Interest and Cost, Current Year	2,333.98
Property Taxes, Prior Year	114,955.53
Current Use Change, Current Year	44,235.26
Current Use Interest	504.74
Property Tax Interest and Costs, Prior Year	5,943.37
Lien Redemptions, Prior Years	78,120.63
Lien Interest & Penalties, Prior Years	<u>6,691.33</u>

#### Total Taxes Collected

\$2,307,332.51

#### From Local Sources and Miscellaneous, except Taxes:

Motor Vehicle Permits	132,835.37
Town Clerk Fees	994.00
State Fees	180.00
Title Application Fees	348.00
Dog Licenses, Fees, Penalty	825.00
Marriage Licenses	360.00
Vital Statistics	180.00
Insufficient Fund Fees	60.00
UCC Filing Fees	270.00
Filing Fees	<u>5.00</u>

#### Total Town Clerk

136,057.37

Building Permits	1,220.00
Police Department Revenue	692.62
Zoning Board Fees	315.00
Planning Board Fees	5,349.00
Selectmen	856.40
Cemetery	1,950.00
Fire Department	5,492.31
Highway Department	817.50
Building & Grounds	115.00
Rent of Town Property	325.00
Sale of Municipal Property	3,025.00
Insurance Reimbursements	8,967.60
Cable TV Permit	<u>808.63</u>

#### Total Miscellaneous

29,934.06

#### From State:

Highway Block	43,256.60
Revenue Sharing Block	13,910.00
Rooms and Meals	26,591.00

State & Federal Grants	<u>72,436.98</u>	
Total From State & Federal Grants		156,194.58
Interest on NOW & Savings Account	1,254.37	
Capital Reserve Funds	64,004.82	
Temporary Loans (TAN Notes)	<u>150,000.00</u>	
Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue		<u>215,259.19</u>
Total Receipts From All Sources		2,844,777.71
Cash on Hand, January 1, 2007		551,688.64
Grand Total of Receipts		<u>\$3,396,466.35</u>

## SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

General Government:

Executive	\$ 40,753.81
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	13,616.67
Financial Administration	28,806.01
Revaluation of Property	10,833.00
Legal Expenses	2,893.86
General Government Buildings	36,176.88
Rent Crapo Building	35,000.00
Grounds and Maintenance	34,875.56
Article #12 Generator	30,000.00
Planning Board	3,299.76
Zoning Board of Adjustment	164.02
Advertising & Regional Associations	7,549.04
Cemeteries	7,096.69
Insurance	117,548.31
Payroll Taxes	<u>20,630.86</u>

Total General Government Expenses

\$389,244.47

Public Safety:

Police Department	151,766.30
Fire Department	62,425.00
Fire Department Grants	35,463.62
Franconia Life Squad/ Ross Ambulance	3,690.00
Emergency Management	<u>652.55</u>

Total Public Safety Expenses

253,997.47

Highway, Streets and Bridges:

Town Maintenance	124,167.78
General Expenses of Highway Department	115,199.97
Highway Block Grant	43,256.00
Highway Roadwork Non – Lapsing Fund	50,000.00
Street Lighting	7,305.69
Excavator (FEMA GRANT)	<u>39,546.56</u>

Total Highways, Streets and Bridges Expenses

379,476.00

Sanitation:

Solid Waste Disposal	<u>34,962.00</u>
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Total Sanitation

34,962.00

Health:

Health, Hospitals	<u>4,091.00</u>
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Total Health Expenses

4,091.00

Welfare:

Assistance	<u>2,696.09</u>
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Total Welfare Expenses

2,696.09

Culture and Recreation:		
Library	14,713.65	
Recreation	15,338.40	
Museum Warrant Article #14	2,000.00	
Patriotic	<u>649.18</u>	
Total Culture and Recreation Expenses		32,701.23
Conservation:		
Conservation Commission	1,832.21	
Current Use Conservation Fund	<u>10,000.00</u>	
Total Conservation Expenses		11,832.21
Debt. Service:		
Interest Expense – Tax Anticipation Notes	<u>3,754.64</u>	
Total Debt. Service Payments		3,754.64
Transfers to Capital Reserve Funds & Trusts:		
Article #6 Highway Equipment	40,000.00	
Article #8 Police	12,000.00	
Article #9 Fire Department	15,000.00	
Article #10 Meetinghouse	15,000.00	
Article #11 Crapo Building	5,000.00	
Article #13 Bridge	50,000.00	
Cemetery Trust (3 Lots)	<u>1,200.00</u>	
Total Capital Reserve Funds		138,200.00
Capital Vehicles/Equipment/Buildings:		
Police Cruiser	30,770.58	
Excavator	17,578.44	
Meetinghouse (wiring)	2,562.92	
Crapo	<u>13,092.88</u>	
Total Capital Expense		64,004.82
Miscellaneous:		
Tax Refunds, Overpayments, Abatements	7,390.72	
Taxes Bought by Town	<u>39,550.72</u>	
Total Miscellaneous Expenses		46,941.44
Unclassified:		
Payments – Tax Anticipation	<u>150,000.00</u>	
Total Unclassified Expenses		150,000.00
Payments to Other Government Divisions:		
Taxes Paid to County	170,022.00	
Payments to School Districts	<u>1,194,223.00</u>	
Total Payments to Other Government Divisions		<u>1,364,245.00</u>
Grand Total of Expenditures		\$2,876,146.37

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Executive:

Selectmen - Salary	\$ 4,800.00
Administrative - Gaudette	18,910.50
Hourly Help - Andross	6,378.75
Moderator - Salary	100.00
Workshops	303.72
Bank Fees	20.00
Telephone	1,115.03
Computer Services, Internet, Equipment	1,663.76
Mapping	1,790.00
Registry	50.41
Printing/Notices	2,231.25
Dues & Subscriptions	658.19
Office Supplies	1,523.61
Postage	518.83
Books & Periodicals	406.49
Misc Expense	<u>283.27</u>

Total Executive Expenses

\$ 40,753.81

Election, Registration & Vital Statistics:

Checklist - Salary	725.00
Ballot Clerks - Salary	248.75
Town Clerk - Boissonneault	5,415.33
Computer - Programs, Training, Equipment	2,658.77
Telephone	293.98
Printing/Notices	405.00
Dues	20.00
Office Supplies	557.12
MV Fees Town	1,491.00
State MV Fees	180.00
Title Fees	348.00
Vital Statistics	158.00
Vital Fees	60.00
UCC Fees	270.00
Dog Licenses	235.00
Dog Fees	105.00
Marriage Licenses	266.00
Marriage Fees	56.00
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>123.72</u>

Total Election, Registration & Vital Statistics

13,616.67

Financial Administration:

Tax Collector - Boissonneault	4,389.43
Dep Tax / Trusts - Andross	5,715.00
Treasurer	1,500.00

Workshops	20.00	
Auditor	1,250.00	
Assessing	84.95	
Bank Fees	200.50	
Telephone	339.59	
Computer -Program, Training & Equipment	12,285.28	
Research Lien	299.00	
Registry	159.70	
Office Supplies	926.76	
Printing	186.80	
Postage	1,068.27	
Lien Fees	194.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>186.73</u>	
Total Financial Administration Expenses		28,806.01
Total Revaluation		10,833.00
Total Legal Expenses		2,893.86
Payroll Taxes:		
Sugar Hill FICA (Town Contribution)	15,741.77	
Sugar Hill Medicare (Town Contribution)	4,867.46	
Payroll – Other	<u>21.63</u>	
Total Payroll Taxes Expense		20,630.86
Planning Board:		
Secretary - Salary	1,798.00	
Books	243.00	
Grafton County Registry	265.82	
Printing/Notices	263.22	
Office Supplies	308.92	
Postage	<u>420.80</u>	
Total Planning Board Expenses		3,299.76
Zoning Board:		
Secretary	43.50	
Printing/Notices/Books	45.00	
Postage	<u>75.52</u>	
Total Zoning Board Expenses		164.02
Government Buildings:		
Eleonore Card - Salary	10,454.20	
Telephone (Elevator)	759.15	
Medical	90.00	
Electricity (Crapo & Meetinghouse)	3,801.82	
Heating Oil (Crapo & Meetinghouse)	9,157.85	
Maintenance - Purchased	6,631.08	
Supplies	1,946.28	

Rent	35,000.00	
Notices	30.00	
Clock Maintenance	2,590.00	
Equipment (LifeSavers)	<u>716.50</u>	
Total Government Buildings Expenses		71,176.88
Warrant Article – Generator (Gensamer, Amsbary, Franconia Gas)		30,000.00
Crapo – CRF (Pike Industries & The Floorworks)		13,092.88
Meetinghouse – CRF (Gensamer Electric)		2,562.92
Grounds & Maintenance:		
Lloyd Card - Salary	25,644.75	
Tim Howland	740.00	
Marc Venzia	4,463.00	
Supplies	270.00	
Maintenance & Repair	250.00	
Gasoline	1,330.29	
Diesel	857.88	
Groundskeeping	128.90	
Vehicle Repair	356.04	
New Equipment	<u>834.70</u>	
Total Grounds & Maintenance Expenses		34,875.56
Cemeteries:		
Fence (Whitneys)	4,945.00	
Maintenance	151.69	
Stone Cleaning	<u>2,000.00</u>	
Total Cemeteries Expenses		7,096.69
Transfer to Cemetery Trust (lots purchased)		1,200.00
Insurance:		
Health - Building & Grounds	13,692.96	
Highway	36,971.04	
Police	28,983.44	
Retiree (reimbursed)	8,967.60	
Dental (All Departments)	5,952.48	
Property Liability	15,351.68	
Worker's Compensation	<u>7,629.11</u>	
Total Insurance Expenses		117,548.31
Total Advertising & Regional Associations Expenses		7,549.04
Ambulance:		
Ross Ambulance	1,690.00	
Franconia Life Squad	<u>2,000.00</u>	
Total Ambulance Expenses		3,690.00
Police Department:		

Jose L. Pequeno, Chief – Salary	5,400.00
Officer David Wentworth	47,509.13
Officer Brandon Walker	34,276.50
Officer Robert Garvin	572.75
Officer Philip Blanchard	10,541.75
Police Retirement	8,882.83
Training	1,421.40
8123 Line	436.81
Telephone	2,477.40
Computer Services	1,385.90
Dispatch Service	16,268.56
Medical Services	90.00
Photo Lab	365.21
Purchased Maintenance	100.00
Uniforms	5,174.98
Firearms	3,102.69
Dues	2,600.00
Supplies	789.21
Office Supplies	450.59
Radio Maintenance	270.00
Equipment Maintenance	100.97
Vehicle Maintenance	3,258.19
Postage	165.38
Gasoline	5,879.05
Books & Periodicals	50.00
Dog Control	147.50
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>49.50</u>

Total Police Department Expenses  
Police Department Capital Reserve

151,766.30  
30,770.58

Fire Department:

Salaries	21,860.00
Training	993.49
Telephone	436.30
Information Line 8123	436.81
Computer Services	469.35
Dispatching Services	2,218.44
Electric	1,634.15
Heating Oil	4,872.31
Building Maintenance	7,694.30
Uniforms & Protective Clothing	2,086.12
Dues	499.59
Supplies	363.06
Postage	133.59
Office Supplies	35.97
Books & Periodicals	381.70
Propane	298.30
Diesel Fuel	1,461.00

Gasoline	377.75	
Vehicle Maintenance	7,491.68	
Equipment Maintenance	904.05	
Radio Maintenance	475.71	
New & Replacement Equipment	3,098.30	
Communication Equipment	2,006.52	
Miscellaneous Expense	121.82	
Fire Pond Maintenance	<u>2,074.69</u>	
Total Fire Department Expenses		62,425.00
Fire Department Grant (Forestry, Equipment, Uniforms)		35,463.62
Emergency Management		652.55
Town Maintenance:		
Douglas Glover - Salary	53,189.04	
Brett Hucksohl	42,536.74	
Timothy Howland	2,590.00	
Wes Griffith	18,345.38	
Retirement	<u>7,506.62</u>	
Total Town Maintenance		124,167.78
General Highway Department:		
Engineer	1,800.00	
Telephone	1,720.07	
Computer	880.83	
Medical Services	120.00	
Electricity	2,337.88	
Heating Oil	4,158.98	
Building Maintenance	3,724.39	
Equipment Rental	14,475.00	
Uniforms	3,151.93	
Dues	105.00	
Office Supplies	83.90	
Supplies	1,435.78	
Shop Supplies	4,733.42	
Gasoline	4,818.88	
Propane	523.11	
Diesel Fuel	14,837.69	
Bridge Maintenance	30.90	
Vehicle Maintenance	14,211.36	
Equipment Maintenance	7,101.86	
Radio Maintenance	1,142.41	
Street Maintenance	19,202.89	
Street Signs	2,444.52	
New Equipment	<u>12,159.17</u>	
Total General Highway Department		115,199.97
Roadwork Non-lapsing Account (Griffith 4,350.75 Pike, Blacktop)		50,000.00
Excavator (Grant 39,546.56 CRF 17,578.44)		57,125.00

Total Street Lighting Expenses		7,305.69
Total Highway Block Grant Expenses		43,256.00
Total Solid Waste Disposal Expenses		34,962.00
Total Health & Hospitals Agencies Expenses		4,091.00
Total Welfare Expenses		2,696.09
Total Parks & Recreation Expenses		15,338.40
Library:		
Librarian - Salary	6,721.47	
Telephone	407.42	
Computer	394.98	
Dues	34.00	
Postage	80.00	
Supplies	26.44	
Books & Periodicals	<u>7,049.34</u>	
Total Library Expenses		14,713.65
Museum Warrant Article		2,000.00
Patriotic:		
Lafayette Lions	150.00	
Town Party	<u>499.18</u>	
Total Patriotic Expenses		649.18
Conservation Commission:		
Timber Monitor – Baylies	383.40	
Workshop	35.00	
Dues	150.00	
Postage	120.51	
Village Bookstore	50.00	
Equipment Rental	842.00	
Supplies	158.80	
Printing	<u>92.50</u>	
Total Conservation Commission Expenses		1,832.21
Current Use Conservation Fund		10,000.00
Total Tax Anticipation Notes Payment		150,000.00
Total Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes		3,754.64
Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds:		
Meetinghouse	15,000.00	
Highway Department	40,000.00	
Fire Department	15,000.00	
Police Department	12,000.00	
Bridgework	50,000.00	

Crapo Building	<u>5,000.00</u>	
Total Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds		137,000.00
Total Taxes Paid - County		170,022.00
Total Taxes Paid - School District		1,194,223.00
Total Taxes Bought by the Town		39,550.72
Total Tax Refunds, Abatements, Overpayments		<u>7,390.72</u>
Total Detailed Expenses		\$2,876,146.37

## **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

The audit was completed by the first week in February. All Town Reports and accounts were in great shape. No Changes! The Town is lucky to have four pleasant and efficient ladies managing the Town offices. Thank you Jennifer Gaudette, Bit Andross, Lissa Boissonneault and Amy Venezia. It is a pleasure to work with you all.

Again Ralph Brigida came and gave us a clean bill of health. We do need to look into a municipal accounting program as the current Quickbooks program is not compatible with the reports needed by the State. In addition, the Town will need to meet the Government Accounting Standards Board requirements in the near future and in the coming year we will require all departments to inventory equipment and set depreciation schedules. Jennifer and I will look into these requirements and make recommendations to the Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,  
William Pinney  
Volunteer Town Auditor

The enclosed reports are from the Trustees of the Trust Funds for the year 2007.

## CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2007

### PRINCIPAL

### INCOME

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on		Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year
				Sale of Securities	Withdrawals						
06/19/76	Highway Dept. CRF	\$ 3,814.27	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 16,692.86	\$ 27,121.41	\$ 64.54	\$ 821.04	\$ 885.58	\$ 0.00	\$ 27,121.41
06/23/76	Police Department CRF	37,062.55	12,000.00	0.00	26,406.08	22,656.47	2,186.76	2,177.74	4,364.50	0.00	22,656.47
12/31/91	Meetinghouse CRF	17,384.20	15,000.00	0.00	770.96	31,613.24	567.58	1,224.38	1,791.96	0.00	31,613.24
03/17/99	Highway Dept. Roadwork CRF	690.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	690.45	355.24	52.99	0.00	408.23	1,098.68
08/01/04	Carolina Crapo CRF	8,858.04	5,000.00	0.00	11,859.89	1,998.15	673.50	559.49	1,232.99	0.00	1,998.15
07/19/93	Fire Department CRF	38,963.27	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	53,963.27	1,846.42	2,393.93	0.00	4,240.35	58,203.62
08/09/06	Highway Bridge	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>60,000.00</u>	<u>198.73</u>	<u>1,574.97</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,773.70</u>	<u>61,773.70</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL											
	RESERVE FUNDS	\$ 116,772.78	\$ 137,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 55,729.79	\$ 198,042.99	\$ 5,892.77	\$ 8,804.54	\$ 8,275.03	\$ 6,422.28	\$ 204,465.27

All Funds Invested 100%.

All Funds are Bank Deposits at Connecticut River Bank N.A. or PDIP.

Respectfully,  
David McPhaul  
Chairman, Trustee of the Trust Funds

## CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2007

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	PRINCIPAL				INCOME				Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year	
		Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year		Balance End of Year
10/09/75	Sunnyside Care Fund (1)	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 83.57	\$ 615.17	\$ 0.00	\$ 698.74	\$ 12,698.74
09/21/73	Louise Leazott Trust (1)	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	481.25	50.24	0.00	531.49	1,031.49
11/05/43	Annie Bowles Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	113.95	14.51	0.00	128.46	278.46
11/03/37	Frank E. Bowles Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	113.95	14.51	0.00	128.46	278.46
10/18/56	J. L. & Gertrude Bowles Trust (1)	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	64.01	7.30	0.00	71.31	171.31
07/11/84	Hersom Murray Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	74.66	10.95	0.00	85.61	235.61
10/09/75	Anker Trust (2)	3,500.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.79	1,019.30	230.32	0.00	1,249.62	4,750.41
10/09/75	Sunnyside Cemetery Fund (3)	<u>16,848.09</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>18,048.09</u>	<u>4,537.72</u>	<u>1,113.96</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,651.68</u>	<u>23,699.77</u>
	TOTAL CEMETERY										
	TRUST FUNDS	\$ 33,398.88	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 34,598.88	\$ 6,488.41	\$ 2,056.96	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,545.37	\$ 43,144.25

(1) Interest only may be used for lot care.

(2) Funds may be used at discretion of Cemetery Trustees.

(3) Funds may only be used for Sunnyside Maintenance.

All Funds Invested 100%.

All Funds are deposited in PDIP.

Respectfully,  
David McPhaul  
Chairman, Trustee of the Trust Funds

**LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS**  
**Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2007**

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	P R I N C I P A L				I N C O M E				Grand Total of Principal & Income End of Year	
		Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year		Balance End of Year
10/09/75	Gladys Jesseman Memorial Trust	\$ 1,841.23	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,841.23	\$ 295.56	\$ 104.19	\$ 96.94	\$ 302.81	\$ 2,144.04
09/21/73	Fredericka Harmes Fund	1,564.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,564.10	436.58	97.44	90.49	443.53	2,007.63
11/05/43	Alice Smith Fund	903.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	903.50	252.63	56.16	52.30	256.49	1,159.99
1/22/2001	Richardson Memorial Trust	<u>73,984.55</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>73,984.55</u>	<u>2,133.25</u>	<u>3,870.54</u>	<u>85.89</u>	<u>5,917.90</u>	<u>79,902.45</u>
	TOTAL LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS	\$ 78,293.38	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 78,293.38	\$ 3,118.02	\$ 4,128.33	\$ 325.62	\$ 6,920.73	\$85,214.11

All Funds Invested 100%.

All Funds are deposited in PDIP or CD's.

Respectfully,  
David McPhaul  
Chairman, Trustee of Trust Funds

## **CEMETERY TRUSTEES' REPORT**

The year 2007 saw the continuation of projects the Trustees had approved. John Hanks of Littleton Monument continued the work of cleaning and repairing the older monuments in Sunnyside Cemetery. We will continue this project in 2008 until all of Sunnyside's older monuments are in good condition. John Hanks will now be working in the oldest part of the cemetery and has stated the work will be a lot slower as many old monuments will have to be put on a base to survive. We will then use our available funds for the Streeter Pond Cemetery.

The remainder of the Sunnyside fencing project was completed by Whitney's this year as per the State RSA's.

We would like to once again thank Ellie and Lloyd Card for their outstanding maintenance of the grounds. Additional thanks to Doug Glover and his crew for the road maintenance and to Lorraine Hunt for remembering our Veterans with flags for Memorial Day.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Perlo, Chairman  
Nancy Aldrich  
Holly Hayward  
Meri Hern  
Kathleen Jablonski  
Cemetery Trustees

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Within our Town, 2007 was fortunately business as usual. All the residents of Sugar Hill along with the surrounding countryside make this a great place to live. While we appreciate our stable hometown, time passes and progress dictates thoughtful change.

Our Police Department underwent the greatest change with David Wentworth being promoted to Chief, a well deserved appointment after serving as Officer in Charge for many months. Officer Brandon Walker completed the rigorous training to become a certified full time Police Officer, while Officer Philip Blanchard has completed part time training. We appreciate their dedication at all hours of the day and night, friendly and familiar when they respond to calls throughout the Town.

Planning for disasters, natural or not, has been enhanced by the recent installation of a standby generator in the Crapo Building. This will allow the building to function as an emergency shelter while continuing to provide Police and administrative services, joining the Fire Station and the Highway Garage which already have standby power. While we hope that this is an installation that we never have to use, the unpredictability of weather in the White Mountains makes being prepared a necessity.

The potential Carolina Crapo Building and surrounding land transfer from the Sugar Hill Improvement Association to the Town has occupied a significant amount of attention of the Select board this year as we seek a fair and equitable arrangement. Given voter approval, then Court/Attorney General acceptance, the Town will go from tenant to "home owner".

Sugar Hill Road Agent Doug Glover and the Select board continue to study replacement of the Indian Brook Bridge, looking at several more economical and expedient alternatives. Hopefully the work will be done in 2008 and we will then turn our attention to the Crane Hill Bridge for some major repairs. The Highway Department deserves our gratitude for their 'round-the-clock response to road repairs and snow/ice clearing.

The Town is also grateful to Fire Chief Allen Clark who has been instrumental in obtaining FEMA grant funds for various equipment and storm damage repairs, as well as continuing upgrades to Fire Department training and equipment. Our volunteer firefighters also get our sincere thanks for their service to the community.

The Select board extends a profound thank you to all the people that work to keep our Town running smoothly, whether as a volunteer or as an employee. We certainly couldn't do it without each one of you.

Finally, we continue to keep Jose Pequeno and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

For the Selectmen  
John J. Strasser, III  
Chairman

## 2007 PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

The Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District met five (5) times during 2007. This past year District programs provided residents access for proper disposal of their household hazardous wastes (HHW), paint, fluorescent light bulbs, antifreeze and rechargeable batteries.

The District held two (2) one-day collections – in Lisbon (May) and in Plymouth (September). 181 participants (vehicles) took part serving an estimated 434 residents. This estimate is based on the number of vehicles coming to the collection site and multiplying that figure by 2.4 – the average number of people per household. This year's participation decline can be attributed to at least two factors; (1) the District held only 2 collections instead of 3 as in past years, and (2) moving the collection usually held in Littleton to Lisbon. It should be noted that even though participation numbers were down over 50% from 2006, volume totals for this year were down only 24%. Member communities also brought waste that had been dropped off at their individual transfer stations. There is no effective means to record an accurate number of residents that are being served in this capacity so it should be understood that the participation numbers reported are conservative. In reality, the District's program is serving a greater percentage of the District population than is being reported.

The total cost for disposal for the one-day collection program was \$22,500. The cost per capita was down considerably from last year and this can simply be attributed to the decrease of \$8,000 in program costs. The rise in average cost per vehicle and average cost per "participant" figures can be attributed to the sharp decrease in participation numbers paired with modest decrease in program costs. The District received over \$8,900 in grant funds from the State of NH's HHW grant program to help offset this year's collection costs.

As noted earlier the estimated 34,528 pounds of waste collected was down approximately 24% from 2006. However, the 2007 figure is higher than the 2003, 2004, and 2005 numbers, when three collections were held (only two in 2007). The pounds/participant and pounds/vehicle numbers were the highest seen by the District in recent years. This is consistent with what was seen at the events as a number of participants brought large quantities of waste to the sites with some participants making multiple drop-offs. Even with the fluctuations in participation, volumes of waste collected, etc. it should be noted that the cost per pound of waste collected declined slightly from 2006 and has remained relatively stable over the past six (6) years. In 2008 the District plans to hold two (2) collections, one in the Lisbon/Littleton area on September 13<sup>th</sup> and the second in Plymouth on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

Accompanying the one-day HHW collection program were the individual municipal transfer station collections for paint and fluorescent lights. Over 640 gallons of paint and 34,000 feet of fluorescent light bulbs were collected through these programs. These ongoing collections not only provide less expensive recycling options for wastes typically collected at HHW collections, but they also allow residents greater access to disposal opportunities, in turn minimizing the potential for improper disposal.

## **TOWN OF SUGAR HILL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sugar Hill, in the County of Grafton, and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, will be held at the Meetinghouse on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at 7:30 p.m., to act on the following subjects:

Polls will open at 11 a.m. for voting by ballot on Article 1 (the election of Town Officers) Polls will close at 7:30 p.m. unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour. All other Articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon starting at 7:30 p.m.

**ARTICLE 1:** To vote by nonpartisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

- One Selectman to serve for a term of three (3) years
- A Town Treasurer to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Town Clerk to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Tax Collector to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Town Moderator to serve for a term of two (2) years
- A Supervisor of the Checklist to serve for a term of six (6) years
- An Overseer of Public Welfare to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Library Trustee to serve for a term of three (3) years
- A Town Auditor to serve for a term of one (1) year
- One Trustee of the Trust Funds to serve for a term of three (3) years
- Two Board of Adjustment members to serve for a term of three (3) years
- One Board of Cemetery Trustees to serve for a term of three (3) years
- And such other Town Officers as may be required by law

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) for the purchase of land and buildings, identified as Map 218, Lots 53, 61.1 and 61.2 as the Selectmen deem appropriate from the Sugar Hill Improvement Association in the best interest of the Town; and to authorize the issuance of not more than Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) of bonds, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, (RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended), and, further, to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof, and to take any other action they deem appropriate to effectuate the sale and/or issuance of said bonds.

The authority conferred by the passage of the Article is non-lapsing until its purpose is accomplished, in accordance with RSA 32:7, III. A two-thirds ballot vote is required for passage.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 3:** To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges and make appropriations of the same as set forth in the following budget:

Executive .....	\$48,510.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics .....	19,710.00
Payroll Taxes .....	24,900.00
Financial Administration.....	25,000.00
Property Revaluation .....	24,480.00
Legal Expenses .....	6,000.00
Planning Board .....	5,000.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment .....	800.00
Insurance.....	131,409.00
General Government Buildings .....	81,799.00
Rent.....	35,000.00
Buildings & Grounds.....	36,567.00
Cemetery.....	7,500.00
Advertising & Regional Associations.....	7,550.00
North Country Council.....	1,050.00
Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce.....	6,500.00
Police Department.....	161,495.00
Fire Department .....	66,100.00
Ambulance .....	3,715.00
Emergency Management .....	500.00
Town Maintenance .....	127,056.00
General Highway Department Expense.....	137,208.00
Highway Block Grant .....	44,699.00
Street Lighting .....	7,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal.....	39,163.00
Health, Hospitals.....	4,050.00
North Country Home Health.....	1,613.00
Grafton County Senior .....	450.00
American Red Cross .....	284.00
WM Mental Health .....	678.00
Littleton Hospital .....	525.00
Ammonoosuc Community Health.....	500.00
Welfare .....	6,000.00
Tri County Cap.....	775.00
Unemployment.....	100.00
Library .....	15,000.00
Parks and Recreation.....	21,835.00
North Country YMCA .....	150.00
Patriotic Purposes .....	750.00
Conservation Commission.....	2,500.00
Interest Expense-Tax Anticipation Notes .....	4,000.00
Long Term Notes .....	30,000.00
Interest Long Term Notes .....	44,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS .....	\$1,134,396.00

The Selectmen recommend these Appropriations.

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to withdraw the accumulated income from the Cemetery Trust Funds.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be used for Highway Department Roadwork. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the fund is expended or in 3 years, whichever is less. (Majority vote required)

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund created in 1991.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Carolina Crapo Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to establish the Fire Department Building Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:3 for the purpose of providing funds for the maintenance of the existing building and to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in said fund and name the Selectmen as agents of the Town to expend the fund for the objectives stated in this article.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 2006.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the optional elected position of Town Auditor per RSA 669:17-b. Said elected position will be terminated effective March 10, 2009.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

**ARTICLE 14:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 25th day of February, Two Thousand and Eight.

SUGAR HILL BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John J. Strasser, III  
Richard Bielefield  
Harry L. Reid

### RETURN OF POSTING

We hereby attest that the within Warrant is a true copy of the Warrant for the Town Meeting described therein, and further certify that we have caused to be posted an attested copy of this Warrant at the place of the Meeting and a like copy in one other public place in the Town of Sugar Hill, namely the Sugar Hill Post Office fourteen (14) days before the day of the Meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, not counting the day of posting or the day of the Meeting.

SUGAR HILL BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John J. Strasser, III  
Richard Bielefield  
Harry L. Reid

This Warrant and Return of Posting has been duly recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, this 25th day of February, 2008.

**BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL – REVENUE**  
**(Modified Accrual Basis)**

<b>SOURCES OF REVENUE</b>	<b>Estimated 2007</b>	<b>Actual 2007</b>	<b>Estimated 2008</b>
Taxes:			
Yield Taxes	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,922.00	\$ 2,500.00
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	12,000.00	15,473.00	10,000.00
Land Use Change Tax	33,430.00	50,865.00	10,000.00
Intergovernmental Revenues - State:			
Shared Revenue - Block Grant	6,278.00	13,910.00	13,910.00
Highway Block Grant	43,257.00	43,256.00	44,696.00
Rooms & Meals	26,591.00	26,591.00	20,000.00
State Forestry	0.00	750.00	0.00
Flood Control	5,210.00	5,210.00	0.00
Conservation Grant	0.00	1,240.00	0.00
Licenses and Permits:			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	125,000.00	134,357.00	130,000.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	1,575.00	1,430.00	2,000.00
Building Permits	750.00	2,029.00	750.00
Business Licenses & Permits	0.00	270.00	0.00
From Federal Government:	25,690.00	65,237.00	0.00
Charges For Services:			
Income from Departments	11,500.00	15,623.00	5,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue:			
Interest on Deposits	500.00	2,508.00	1,000.00
Sales of Municipal Property	3,025.00	3,025.00	1,000.00
Other Refunds & Insurance:			
Reimbursements	9,500.00	10,880.00	10,600.00
Other Financing Sources:			
Proc. Long Term Bonds	0.00	0.00	750,000.00
Fund Balance (“Surplus”)	<u>100,000.00</u>	<u>100,000.00</u>	<u>60,000.00</u>
Total Revenues and Credits	<u><u>\$406,306.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$497,576.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,061,456.00</u></u>

**BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL EXPENDITURES**  
**(Modified Accrual Basis)**

<b>PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>Appropriation 2007</b>	<b>Actual 2007</b>	<b>Estimated 2008</b>
<b>General Government:</b>			
Executive	\$ 52,795.00	\$ 40,754.00	\$ 48,510.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	17,035.00	13,617.00	19,710.00
Financial Administration	35,580.00	28,806.00	25,000.00
Revaluation of Property	12,000.00	10,833.00	24,480.00
Personnel Administration	23,000.00	20,631.00	24,900.00
Legal Expenses	6,000.00	2,894.00	6,000.00
General Government and Building and Grounds	106,609.00	106,052.00	118,366.00
Cemeteries	7,500.00	7,097.00	7,500.00
Planning & Zoning	4,800.00	3,464.00	5,800.00
Insurance	114,000.00	117,548.00	131,409.00
Advertising & Regional Association	7,550.00	7,549.00	7,550.00
Unemployment Compensation	100.00	0.00	100.00
<b>Public Safety:</b>			
Police Department	170,156.00	151,766.00	161,495.00
Fire Department	62,425.00	97,889.00	66,100.00
Ambulance	3,690.00	3,690.00	3,715.00
Emergency Management	500.00	652.00	500.00
<b>Highways, Streets and Bridges:</b>			
Town Maintenance	124,749.00	124,168.00	127,056.00
General Highway	127,744.00	115,200.00	137,208.00
FEMA Grant	0.00	39,546.00	0.00
Highway Block Grant	43,256.00	43,256.00	44,699.00
Street Lighting	7,000.00	7,306.00	7,000.00
<b>Sanitation:</b>			
Administration	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal	33,962.00	33,962.00	38,163.00
<b>Health:</b>			
Health and Hospitals	4,091.00	4,091.00	4,050.00
<b>Welfare:</b>			
Town Poor	6,000.00	2,696.00	6,000.00
<b>Culture and Recreation:</b>			
Library	14,750.00	14,714.00	15,000.00
Parks and Recreation and YMCA	15,689.00	15,338.00	21,835.00
Patriotic Purposes	750.00	649.00	750.00

Conservation:			
Conservation Commission	2,300.00	1,832.00	2,500.00
Debt Service:			
Principal Long Term Bonds			30,000.00
Interest Long Term Bonds			44,000.00
Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	2,000.00	3,755.00	4,000.00
Transfers Out:			
Cemetery Trust	_____	1,200.00	_____
Grand Total	<u>\$1,007,031.00</u>	<u>\$1,021,955.00</u>	<u>\$1,134,396.00</u>
Special Warrant Articles Recommended			957,000.00
Total Appropriations Recommended			\$2,091,396.00
Less Estimated Revenues and Credits			<u>1,061,456.00</u>
Amount Of Taxes To Be Raised (Exclusive of School and County Taxes)			\$1,029,940.00

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF  
APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES  
(Year Ending December 31, 2007)**

	<b>Appropriation 2007</b>	<b>Actual 2007</b>	<b>Unexpended or Overdrafts</b>
Executive	\$ 52,795.00	\$40,753.81	\$ 12,041.19
Election, Registration and Vital Statistics	17,035.00	13,616.67	3,418.33
Financial Administration	35,580.00	28,806.01	6,773.99
Revaluation of Property	12,000.00	10,833.00	1,167.00
Payroll Taxes	23,000.00	20,630.86	2,369.14
Legal Expenses	6,000.00	2,893.86	3,106.14
Government Buildings	71,219.00	71,176.88	42.12
Buildings and Grounds	35,390.00	34,875.56	514.44
Cemeteries	7,500.00	7,096.69	403.31
Planning Board	4,000.00	3,299.76	700.24
Zoning Board	800.00	164.02	635.98
Insurance	114,000.00	117,548.31	(3,548.31)
Advertising and Regional Association	7,550.00	7,549.04	0.96
Police Department	170,156.00	151,766.30	18,389.70
Fire Department	62,425.00	62,425.00	0.00
Ambulance	3,690.00	3,690.00	0.00
Emergency Management	500.00	652.55	(152.55)
Town Maintenance	124,749.00	124,167.78	581.22
General Highway	127,744.00	115,199.97	12,544.03
Highway Block	43,256.00	43,256.00	0.00
Street Lighting	7,000.00	7,305.69	(305.69)
Solid Waste Disposal	34,962.00	34,962.00	0.00
Health and Hospitals	4,091.00	4,091.00	0.00
Welfare	6,000.00	2,696.09	3,303.91
Unemployment	100.00	0.00	100.00
Library	14,750.00	14,713.65	36.35
Parks & Recreation	15,689.00	15,338.40	350.60
Patriotic Purposes	750.00	649.18	100.82
Conservation Commission	2,300.00	1,832.21	467.79
Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	2,000.00	3,754.64	(1,754.64)
	<u>\$1,007,031.00</u>	<u>\$945,744.93</u>	<u>\$61,286.07</u>
Capital Reserve Funds	137,000.00	137,000.00	0.00
Article #7 Roadwork Non Lapsing	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00
Article #12 Generator	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
Article #14 Museum	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Grand Total	\$1,226,031.00	\$1,164,744.93	\$61,286.07

The District supported a legislative proposal, HB 503, which would levy a \$.01 fee/tax on beverage containers at the wholesale level (Milk, wine and liquor bottles would be exempt). This proposal would raise approximately 10 million dollars annually for recycling and HHW programs. It is estimated that \$800,000 dollars would be set aside for HHW grants annually, four times the current amount allocated to the State's HHW grant program.

In 2008, the District will continue to promote its cooperative approach to solid waste management and recycling and continue its HHW and universal waste collection programs. By working together, District members can minimize disposal, transportation and recycling costs and help ease the strain on municipal budgets. Citizens interested in participating in the development of the District's programs are welcome to attend the District meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at all municipal offices.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Berti  
PBSWD Chairman

### **TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION**

2007 ushered in a very busy summer along with hectic holiday weeks. Our garbage tonnage increased 15 tons. However, the recycling tonnage increased 19 tons over the previous year. This places our recycling percentage slightly above 40%.

Recycled Products:

- Paper – 210 tons
- Plastic – 13 tons
- Aluminum cans – 3 tons
- Tin cans – 8 tons
- Scrap metal – 41 tons
- Glass – 100 tons

A special thanks to Chris Fowler for his work at the Transfer Station. We wish him success in his new career. We also welcome aboard Kevin Dauphine and Mary Haywood.

We thank you for your cooperation and courtesy throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joan Marshall/Greg Wells  
Transfer Station Mgr.&Assist Mgr.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

It has been another eventful year for the Sugar Hill Police Department. The Department sponsored a successful Course for Interview & Interrogation, instructed by Dale Sollars for area police personnel. Officer Walker graduated from the twelve week, Full Time Police Academy at Police Standards and Training with flying colors and represented our Community well. Officer Walker also attended Training as a Firearms Instructor and as a Field Training Officer. Part-time Officer Robert Garvin, accepted an offer to become the part-time Chief of Police for the Town of Piermont, and has still found time to work in Sugar Hill. Officer Phillip Blanchard, completed the Part-Time Academy and his Field Training program. He represented the Sugar Hill Police Department and the Community well, during the incident surrounding the tragic death of Franconia Cpl. N. Bruce McKay.

We have applied for a grant to receive funding for a “cruiser camera” and “radar trailer”. If all goes well we will have them both before the end of 2008. I think you will all agree it is in the Police Department’s and the Town’s best interest to obtain this important piece of video equipment. The cruiser camera provides an additional safety feature during motor vehicle stops. We have had good results with the radar trailer borrowed from the State Highway Department, however it can only be used on State roads and when it is not in use by other agencies. Having our own radar trailer will allow us to monitor the Town roads as well.

Once again I would like to thank the Sugar Hill Fire Department, who not only provide excellent services to the Community, but as usual, go out of their way to assist the Police Department whenever we have needed them.

I would also like to express our appreciation to the Sugar Hill Highway Department. Their dedication and the long hours they work, particularly during the Winter months, as well as their willingness to assist the Police Department whenever we have needed them, is greatly appreciated.

Last, but certainly not least, **all of the Officers on the Sugar Hill Police Department** would like to express our sincere appreciation to the citizens of Sugar Hill who continue to support us and the work that we do.

On behalf of the Sugar Hill Police Department  
David D. Wentworth  
Chief of Police

## Calls For Service

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
Arrests	13	27
911 Hang Up	17	8
Abandoned MV	4	6
All Spots Inquiries	22	36
Alarm, Burglar	56	83
Assault	0	0
Assist Citizen	42	18
Assist Other Agency	13	3
Building Check	21	15
Burglary	8	3
Child Abuse	1	2
Civil Stand-By	1	10
Directions	2	0
Disabled MV/Lock Out	33	26
Disturbance/Fight/Brawl	1	4
Dog Complaint	42	47
Domestic Disturbance	1	3
Follow Up Investigations	175	63
Intoxicated Person (Not DWI)	1	1
Juvenile Offenses	1	4
Lost/Found Property	4	2
Medical Assist	40	0
Motor Vehicle Complaint	10	19
Motor Vehicle Crash	15	18
Motor Vehicle Stop	426	761
Noise Complaint	5	1
Paperwork Service	16	5
Police Admin	238	269
Prisoner Transport	1	0
Road Hazard/Wire or Tree Down	0	40
Shots Fired	1	4
Suicidal Person	0	1
Suspicious Person	0	7
Suspicious Vehicle	3	7
Telephone Harassment	0	1
Theft/Fraud	12	14
Threats	0	2
Traffic Detail	5	6
Trespass	3	4
Unknown/Other	85	36
Vandalism	4	1
VIN Verification	10	11
Wanted Person	5	3
Welfare Check	10	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1310</b>	<b>1580</b>

## **SUGAR HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT**

During 2007 your Fire Department was very active in training and with emergency calls as our calls increased by 19% for a total of 69 emergency calls. Of particular concern was the increase of fires involving structures which increased from 1 in 2006 to 8 in 2007. The increase of fires with structures is a cause of particular concern.

Due to the skill of the firefighters (and some luck) all of the structure fires with the exception of the structure at North Country Cottages were quickly contained and resulted in minimal damage. The most significant quick stop was the fire at the Sunset Hill House. If not for the efforts of your firefighters this fire could have resulted in a significant loss of tax dollars and jobs.

If not for a smoke detector at the North Country Cottages it is probable that we would have had a fatality. Fortunately, none of the 69 incidents resulted in a fatality. We cannot stress enough the importance of having a smoke detector on each floor and carbon monoxide detectors in your home.

The range of emergency incidents that your firefighters respond to is extensive and accordingly requires substantial and on-going training. This year we responded to motor vehicle accidents, furnace problems, a significant oil spill into Streeter Pond, oil tank leaks within homes, a collapse of construction staging, and numerous hazardous situations such as power lines, in addition to fires.

Sugar Hill is very fortunate to have a Fire Department of 18 dedicated firefighters. These are your neighbors who give freely of their time and make significant sacrifices for a small stipend that often does not cover the expenses associated with serving the Town. Although all of your firefighters are part-time, they are committed to providing the Town with coverage and services usually found only in full time departments.

The Department has installed two dry hydrants in order to improve water availability for firefighting purposes. One hydrant was installed at the pond in front of the Fire Station and one was installed on Pearl Lake Road before Post Road. The Department anticipates installing two additional dry hydrants during 2008 and refurbishing the existing dry hydrant on South Road. Using dry hydrants significantly shortens the time it takes to be able to obtain a reliable water source.

The Department continued a fire prevention program. All new and replacement oil burners require a permit and inspection from the Department, all new homes and commercial occupancies are inspected by the Department prior to the issuance of an occupancy certificate and all places of assembly that serve alcohol require an annual permit. This is a time consuming process, but is a very important part of the service the Department provides.

We have yet to hear from FEMA on our grant application in the amount of \$75,000 to replace our twenty year old personal protective equipment (bunker gear) that no longer conforms to standards and is getting quite worn. If we are not successful in the fiscal year 2007 we will re-submit an application for fiscal year 2008. This federal grant program is not expected to continue very much longer and our Federal taxes are not going to change, so we continue to try to bring some of those federal dollars back. If we are not successful

in obtaining a grant for this basic personal protective equipment we will need to request funds from the Town to replace it as the safety of our firefighters is paramount.

Despite all of the activity, we continued our extensive training this year with training a minimum of two times per month. We continued to concentrate on the basics and the skill level of your firefighters is very high for a community our size. Our Department continues to be recognized as one of the best equipped, trained and dedicated Fire Departments in the region.

The Fire Department responded to the following:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Brush/Grass Fires	1	0	0
Chimney Fires	1	1	2
Dumpsters	1	0	0
Fire Alarm Activations	10	9	9
Furnace Problems	3	0	0
Hazardous Conditions	10	13	15
Hazardous Materials	5	0	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	9	7	8
Mutual Aid - Cover	8	7	3
Mutual Aid - Scene	6	14	11
Rescues	1	1	1
Service Calls	1	3	2
Smoke Investigations	5	2	0
Structure Fires	8	1	4
Vehicle Fires	0	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>56</b>

During 2007, Meghan McGovern resigned due to her moving to Landaff and Mark Simpson resigned due to work commitments. As of December 31, 2007 the Fire Department active roster consisted of eighteen of your neighbors who are as follows:

	Chief Allan R. Clark	
Asst. Chief Doug Glover	Asst. Chief Doug Amsbary	Captain Gordie Johnk
Lieutenant Jim Snyder	Engineer Jim Cyr, II	Engineer Harold Aldrich
Engineer Barry Bernstein	Engineer Peter Szawlowski	Cliff Aldrich
Eric Chase	Bruce Cole	Russell Gaitskill
Matthew Glerum	Jody Hodgdon	Jason Kern
Luther Kinney		Karl Wockenfuss

I continue to enjoy serving as your Fire Chief, it is truly an honor to serve such a wonderful community as Sugar Hill. Thank you for your support and thank you to the firefighters for their support and dedication. I especially thank the wives for allowing their husbands to serve their community by serving on the Department.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Allan R. Clark  
 Fire Chief

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

During 2007 the Town experienced unusual severe weather which resulted in localized flooding, power lines down and extended power interruptions for the third year in a row. These are the natural hazards that were identified in the Hazard Mitigation Plan as the most likely to occur in Sugar Hill. It has become apparent that the weather pattern is changing and torrential rains and very high winds are becoming the norm instead of the exception.

During the year we completed the State mandated Emergency Management Operations Plan which addresses how the Town will deal with any unusual event that requires the resources of multiple entities of the Town and identifies the lead department for each type of incident. Sugar Hill is one of a few communities in the State that has both an up to date Hazard Mitigation Plan and Emergency Operations Plan. Having these documents qualifies the Town for various State and Federal grants.

In anticipation of continued unusual weather and extended power outages, the Town authorized the expenditure of \$30,000 for an emergency electrical generator to power the Crapo Town Office Building. The 60 KW generator was installed and is now operational. This was a significant project due to the power requirements of the Town building and required substantial switching gear and power panels. The installation of the generator will allow the town government to function during a power outage, but also allows the meeting room to be utilized as an emergency shelter. The Town was successful in obtaining a grant for \$15,000 towards the emergency generator project, however the funds will not be received until 2008.

The wind and rain storm of April 16, 2007 tested the capabilities of the Town's emergency management capabilities. Approximately 60% of the community was without power with some out as long as four days. Numerous roads were blocked by trees and power lines. Arrangements were made to utilize the Fire Station as a day shelter and the Henderson's graciously offered the Sunset Hill House as a night shelter and as a place to take a shower. The utilization of the Sunset Hill House assisted many and relieved Emergency Management of the responsibility of manning a night shelter.

During the four days of this emergency, the Police and Fire Departments distributed flyers to townspeople identifying their options for shelter and physically checked on the welfare on the sick and elderly. Police, Fire and Highway and Town officials worked seamlessly as a team throughout this emergency.

Due to the extent of the storm damage, Grafton County was declared a Federal Disaster area which made available Federal disaster funds. We were able to receive reimbursement for extraordinary expense in the amount of \$6,679 which was predominantly the expenses of the Fire Department. We also obtained approval of \$50,701 for reconstructing Lafayette Road and Carpenter Road which were severely damaged due to the heavy rain. The Federal share of 75% has been paid. It is anticipated that the State will fund the other 25% once the work is complete.

During 2007, Police Chief Wentworth and I having been working with State and Regional officials on developing a large scale emergency medical plan for the region. Although the risk of a pandemic flu does not appear as probable as was previously thought, the plan will be useful in case of any large scale medical emergency.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan R. Clark, Director  
Emergency Management

## FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local Fire Department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org).

Fire activity was very busy during the Spring of 2007, particularly late April into early May. As the forests and fields greened up in later May the fire danger decreased. However, a very dry late summer created very high fire danger again from August into September, with fire danger reaching very high on Labor Day weekend. Even with the dry conditions, the acreage burned was less than half that of 2006. The largest forest fire during the 2007 season burned approximately 26 acres on the side of Wantastiquet Mountain in Chesterfield during the month of May. Our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2007 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, your local Fire Department and the State's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

### 2007 FIRE STATISTICS (All Fires Reported thru November 8, 2007)

(Figures do not include fires in the White Mountain National Forest)

#### County Statistics

County	Acres	# of Fires	County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	30	95	Hillsborough	61	71
Carroll	11	53	Merrimack	16	73
Cheshire	44	36	Rockingham	16	22
Coos	6	15	Strafford	19	32
Grafton	4	30	Sullivan	5	10

#### CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson	5	Debris	197
Campfire	38	Railroad	5
Children	22	Equipment	3
Smoking	41	Lightning	7
Miscellaneous	*		119

(\*Miscellaneous: powerlines, fireworks, electric fences, etc)

	Total Fires	Total Acres
2007	437	212
2006	500	473
2005	546	174
2004	482	147
2003	374	100

**Only You Can Prevent Wildland Fires**

## FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD

During 2007, the Life Squad had several incidents that involved severe trauma. The Life Squad managed these incidents with the same level of professionalism that it manages all of its incidents. The Life Squad has received praise for its member's professionalism and high level of skills from the Littleton Regional Hospital and from patients. Members are from the towns of Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton and are dedicated to providing the highest quality emergency medical service to the communities it serves.

Our members are all Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technicians and are continually training and improving their skills. Each member must have a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education each year plus every two years must take a 24 hour refresher course and an extensive practical exam.

Currently, six of our members are certified to provide Advanced Life Support and one member is a Nationally Registered Paramedic, one member is a Paramedic who serves as our Medical Advisor and two members are currently in school to become Paramedics. Franconia is fortunate to have the highest medical credentials of any municipal ambulance or first responder service in the area.

Many of the members have other specialized training including ice rescue, swift water rescue, and motor vehicle extrication certifications. All of the members are certified in advance CPR and in the use of the heart monitor and defibrillator. Most importantly, all of our members are dedicated to providing compassionate emergency medical care from the scene to the hospital.

The Franconia Life Squad currently has 17 active members and a Paramedic Advisor which is more members than it has ever had in its 35 year history. The Franconia Life Squad is well prepared to assist the citizens and visitors to the area, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week with quality emergency medical care. Active members of the Franconia Life Squad at year end were:

Chief Dean Wright – EMT-I		
Asst. Chief Bill Mead – EMT-I		Captain Mark Taylor – EMT
Robert Anthony – EMT	Bill Blackwell – EMT-I	Tim Bray – EMT
Brian Canelas – EMT-I	Allan Clark – EMT	Steven Czarnecki – EMT-P
Amy Cyrs – EMT	Evelyn Eastonn – EMT-I	Jeff Gould – EMT
John Ireland – EMT	Linda Mordhorst – EMT	Flo Place – EMT-I
Gareth Slattery – EMT	Paul Schmucker – EMT	Jeff Stewart – EMT-P

During 2007, the Franconia Life Squad was involved in the following incidents:

	<u>2007</u>		<u>2006</u>	
	CALLS	TRANSPORTS	CALLS	TRANSPORTS
Franconia	108	62	105	65
Sugar Hill	32	0	40	1
Easton	8	6	9	3
Mutual Aid	3	1	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>70</b>

In 2007, the operating expenses were \$45,240 and income obtained from patient billing and Sugar Hill and Easton subsidies totaled \$34,452 with the net cost for the operation of the Franconia Life Squad to the Town of Franconia being \$10,788. In 2006, the net cost to the Town of Franconia for the Life Squad's operations was \$8,795. The net cost to the Town in both 2007 and 2006 is roughly half the cost to the Town paid in 2004 for the Life Squad and Ross Ambulance Service prior to the Life Squad transporting its own patients.

I sincerely thank the Townspeople for their continued support. I especially thank the Members of the Life Squad for their countless hours dedicated to serving others in their time of need.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dean Wright  
Chief, Franconia Life Squad

## ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

This year the Highway Department was able to pave a portion of Pearl Lake Road and also the hill on Lover's Lane from Route 117 to Peckett's Cross Road. Each year the Department works to upgrade and pave some portion of road pending funds availability. Pearl Lake and Hadley Roads were shimmed while major clean up was necessary on Jericho Road due to water damage. In 2008 we will continue work on Pearl Lake Road and Toad Hill Road. We will be replacing culverts on Easton Road and will be able to do this on our schedule due to the purchase of a Komatsu Excavator with funds from a FEMA grant. Having this piece of equipment full time allows us more flexibility in our repair schedule as in the past we rented an excavator for just two months.

The April 2007 wind storm left many power outages and roads in disrepair and made for a very busy couple of weeks. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Sugar Hill Fire Department for their assistance. The storm left the Department with major repairs to Lafayette Road. Thanks go to Fire Chief Allan Clark for his work in writing a FEMA grant to cover damages to Lafayette and for overall clean up from the storm.

One major project for the Department has been the filing of permits and pricing options on changing the Indian Brook Bridge over Streeter Pond Road. It is hoped that the State will allow us to use a pre-cast concrete bridge and by using this method it will limit the delays during the replacement process. The State has identified this bridge as needing to be replaced and we are trying to find the best option for the Town.

I would also like to thank the Sugar Hill Police Department for their assistance during the April storm and throughout the year. I'd like to congratulate Chief Wentworth on his appointment as Chief and look forward to our departments working together.

If you haven't had a chance to meet the crew, Brett Hucksohl has been with the Department full time for the past two years and Wes Griffith has been working in a part time capacity. I'd like to thank the Selectmen for their continued support and if anyone needs to contact the Highway Department we can be reached at 823-8788.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Glover  
Road Agent

## **RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

We would like to thank our patrons for their support of the Library during 2007. We appreciate your patronage and encouragement to provide a friendly and welcoming Library for the people of Sugar Hill.

The Library has the latest bestsellers – both fiction and nonfiction – from which you can select books. We have a large selection of audios and CDs which interests many of our patrons.

If you are searching for a particular book that we do not have, we can request the title from the NH State Library Interlibrary Loan system. In 2007, our patrons borrowed 388 books, audios, and CDs. To other libraries in NH, we loaned 252 books.

Our annual book sale was held during Lupine Season on June 16, and was a huge success. Many books, audios, and videos were sold to area residents, and also to visitors during the season. We thank you for your support! Look for announcements for our 2008 book sale.

The 2007 Summer Reading Program was entitled “Reading Road Trip, U.S.A.”. Our library focused on local service providers: police, fire, ambulance, along with race cars, street signs, and license plates. We are grateful to Sugar Hill Police Chief David Wentworth, Fire Captain Gordie Johnk, and Amy Cyrs of the Life Squad for demonstrations and explorations of their vehicles. The children especially enjoyed the loud, wailing sirens!

Our Library now offers WIFI service for laptop computer-users.

Please support your local Library – come in, visit, check out the library, and check out a book!

2007  
Patron Visits – 2202  
Adult Books Loaned – 2079  
Children’s Books Loaned – 1904  
Audios, CDs Loaned – 232

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharyn McGuigan,  
Librarian

Library Trustees  
Irene Amsbary  
Elaine Burpee  
Rosemary Ellms

## **SUGAR HILL VETERANS' MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**

The Sugar Hill Veterans' Memorial Committee was established at last year's Annual Town Meeting. Anyone wishing to serve is welcome. Contact the Select Board for appointment.

The purpose of this Committee is to establish a Memorial remembering and honoring Town residents and full-time Town employees, who are Veterans of our nation's military branches – Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard.

The eras of conflict include:

- The Revolutionary War
- War of 1812
- Mexican - American War
- Spanish – American War
- Civil War
- World War I
- World War II
- Korean Conflict
- Vietnam Conflict
- Cold War
- Somalia
- Iraq

The Committee has been meeting monthly in the Town Hall.

The Memorial is a work in progress with the Committee tentatively agreeing upon a memorial which will incorporate granite stone and bronze plaques. The Memorial design may utilize granite foundation stones from the original Meeting House foundation.

The Committee foresees building the Memorial on some area of public grounds within the Town of Sugar Hill. The Committee is aiming for a dedication of July 4, 2009.

When the design is finalized, the Committee will be seeking donations and grants so that taxpayers expend little, if any, tax monies.

We need help from Town residents to verify the list of Veterans, to ascertain if any Veterans have been innocently omitted, to insure the correct spelling of names, and to insure the correct eras of conflict. To facilitate this, the plaque information will be left on display in a public area for as long a period as possible. Please submit corrections to Jennifer in the Selectmen's Office.

Committee members:

Roger Aldrich, Chairman  
Barry Bernstein  
Richard Bielefield

Lloyd Card  
Nick De Mayo  
Paul Pinkham

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

**Wetlands:** One of the goals in the Master Plan for the Town of Sugar Hill is to preserve the present wetlands environment. Policies that define this goal are:

a) discourage the dredging or filling of wetlands areas; b) prevent the degradation of wetlands areas by allowing only compatible land uses within the wetlands influence area; c) design a local wetlands ordinance which compliments and extends the limited controls exercised by the State; and d) **identify viable wetlands areas in Sugar Hill that should be protected.**

The Conservation Commission is looking into making a wetlands inventory for the town. This process involves identifying and describing all wetlands greater than 2 acres in the town and ranking their importance to the town for such values as ground water protection, water purification, flood control, recreation, and wildlife habitat. When completed (with the help of wetlands experts) we anticipate that the inventory will allow us to improve and expedite our review of applications that deal with wetlands areas.

**Sugar Hill/Franconia Trail:** We spent the latter part of this year clearing trees and brush as well as building bridges for the recreational trail along the Gale River. We were unable to complete the project due to unusually wet weather, but it currently provides a lovely walk from the bridge at the start of Crane Hill Road, along the river to Coffin's field. We would like to thank **Rebecca Coffin** Vickery and **Turtle Ridge Farm** for allowing the trail to cross their lands. We welcome any volunteer labor this summer to finish up the bridges and put up signs and markers.

**Conservation Fund:** The current balance in the Conservation Fund is \$38,257.72. This fund was created in 2000 to assist Sugar Hill residents to implement land and/or water conservation projects. Requirements and a checklist for conservation grants were developed in 2005. Grant applications that spell out requirements for proposals are available at the town office. Residents may request moneys from the fund by contacting the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission with a written proposal.

**Timber Harvest/Town Forest:** The Commission has signed a contract with Baylies Land and Timber Company to oversee a timber harvest with logger, Errol Peters in the Town Forest this winter. Mr. Baylies will also mark and blaze the boundaries of the forest.

**Ammonoosuc Regional Energy Fair:** The Sugar Hill Conservation Commission encourages you to attend the first annual Ammonoosuc Regional Energy Fair on **Saturday, April 5, 2008 at Profile Jr.-Sr. High School.** Doors will be open from 9 am to 6 pm. The fair will showcase ways to decrease our energy use and systems to meet our energy needs using sustainable resources. There will be booths on solar, wind, and geothermal energy, energy efficient homes and energy saving home improvements, a light bulb swap and much more! This is a great opportunity to learn more about conserving energy.

For more information, contact Jack Cook. [jcook@ncia.net](mailto:jcook@ncia.net)

The Sugar Hill Conservation Commission meets the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm in the Town Building. All are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margo Connors, Chair

## PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board would like to reflect on the growth and desires of the Townspeople. We are always open to constructive ways to improve and keep abreast of current changes. The Planning Board meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30PM at the Carolina Crapo Memorial Building.

The Planning Board saw the following activity for 2007:

Major Subdivision:	0
Minor Subdivision:	4
Lot Line Adjustment:	2
Voluntary Merger:	2
Site Plan Review:	1

The Planning Board members continue to work on getting the Land Subdivision Regulations revised. This became a much bigger project than originally anticipated as the Planning Board is attempting to make this a user friendly document. The Planning Board will be finalizing the changes this winter and are hoping to have a final revision ready for a public hearing by the spring.

The Planning Board held a special meeting in February to review and approve the Flood Plain Ordinance.

Anyone interested in serving on the Planning Board should write the Selectmen a letter expressing their interest for an appointment to the Board as an alternate or regular member. Appreciation is due to all the members who generously volunteer their time and work to maintain the quality and beauty of our Town.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Venezia, Secretary

## THE WILLING WORKERS SOCIETY

The Willing Worker's Society is a non-sectarian, non-profit, charitable organization whose purpose is to serve the community.

On June 27<sup>th</sup>, refreshments were generously donated by our members for a reception in remembrance of Lucy Aldrich, a long standing member who will be missed by all. Elaine Burpee and Sylvia Hutchinson served at the reception.

In July and November we held our yearly sales. We would like to thank our members and townspeople for their donations of food and items for the sale. Also a big thank you to those who helped set up and carry items up and down the stairs.

The Willing Worker's lost a dear friend when member Edna Glaessel passed away on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September. We were pleased to host along with her daughter's Ann and Ellie a "Celebration of Life Tea" in her memory. Members prepared small sandwiches and servers included Kitty and John Bigelow, Patricia Brown and Sylvia Hutchinson. Because of Edna's involvement and strong belief in the work that is done by our group, she requested in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Society. Kitty Bigelow was most gracious in donating thank you note cards. The members wanted to remember Edna and agreed that her tradition of maintaining the window boxes at the Meetinghouse with geraniums and dusty miller would be continued. In addition, there will be a placque mounted on the building as a reminder of her dedication to both the Willing Workers and the community.

Several years ago the Society was given a microphone/speaker by Winn Foss. We have agreed to donate the system to the Town so that people with difficulty hearing will be able to enjoy public speakers. Sugar Hill Residents may borrow the system for social functions and should contact Jennifer Gaudette at the Selectmen's Office.

This year's town Christmas Party saw the Society providing gifts for seventy one children, babies up through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Assisting with party preparations were Tricia Coyle and Rose Ellms.

This year's scholarship award recipient was Zach Johnk. Plants were given to seven shut-ins and donations were given to the following groups: Copper Cannon, North Country Home Health, Littleton Senior Center, Bancroft House, David's House and the Franconia Life Squad.

If you wish to help in any way or would like to join us, please contact one of our officers. We meet the first Thursday of the month at noon at the Meetinghouse for a luncheon and business meeting.

### 2008 Officers

President: Sylvia Hutchinson  
Vice President: Elaine Burpee

Treasurer: Edith Aldrich  
Secretary: Open  
Hospitality: Carol Young

Respectfully submitted,  
Sylvia Hutchinson  
President

## SUGAR HILL HISTORICAL MUSEUM REPORT

The Sugar Hill Artisans Guild offered classes during the winter months in traditional crafts. Winter months are also used for accessioning artifacts, scanning and filing photos.

The Sugar Hill Historical Museum Trustees voted to replace the shingled roof on the main building with a metal roof. Generous donations came from our faithful members, the town of Sugar Hill and the Sugar Hill Improvement Society. We feel that the collection and main building are now well protected.

Education Director Sharyn McGuigan prepared the traveling education program for elementary school children. Unfortunately, wild spring storms and school closings cancelled several of our usual commitments to North Country fourth graders. The fall school program for Franconia, Bethlehem and Lisbon elementary schools presented an Abenaki Indian program by our resident author Rodney Russell. We want to thank Rodney for the written history of the Abenaki culture which he has compiled (and which is available at the Museum), and for the interesting programs he developed for the children of our local communities.

Over nine hundred visitors attended the Bette Davis and Sunset Hill House exhibits, making 2007 one of the best seasons ever. A virtual tour of that Grand Hotel "The Sunset Hill House" via photos and artifacts gave visitors a glimpse of what a summer vacation would have been like in the early 1900s. Many visitors reminisced about their family vacations at the Sunset.

A museum preview party for members opened the season in June and the annual Lupine Festival brought many visitors to the area.

Our Summer Lecture Series included a wonderful program with Chuck and Pat McClure of Lancaster. They displayed some of their collection of Darien Forest (Panama) native baskets and gave a power point presentation of their travels in that country.

The NH Humanities program in August featured guest artist Jeff Warner of Portsmouth and his program "Songs of Old New Hampshire".

August also brought to the community a very successful Art & Flowers Exhibit with watercolor artist Jennifer Power of Twin Mountain. Talented members and friends of the museum created fresh floral arrangements inspired by Jennifer's paintings.

Children's History Day on the green in September provided craft demonstrations, a bake sale, live music and hand pressed cider for visitors.

Winnie Harwood retired as Executive Director in December. The Trustee Board appointed Kitty Bigelow to fill the post of Executive Director beginning January 1, 2008. Winnie and Kitty will continue with the Curator's duties. Sharyn McGuigan, Education Director, also retired effective December 31. We thank Sharyn for creating interesting history programs for our school children, organizing Children's History Day events and helping with all our museum projects.

In the summer 2008 exhibit, the museum will honor the Sugar Hill Fire Department's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday with a presentation of the fire department's history as well as the memorable Sugar Hill fires they fought.

The Sugar Hill Historical Museum is your museum! We invite everyone to become a member, to be actively involved in all museum activities, and to support the many and varied programs that the museum offers to the community and visitors.

Respectfully submitted,  
Winnie Harwood  
Executive Director/Curator

## **SUGAR HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION**

*Founded in 1890, The Sugar Hill Improvement Association (SHIA) is a community based charitable organization dedicated to the betterment and beautification of the village of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire.*

The Association and Selectmen agreed after thoughtful study and careful consideration, the best course of action for both SHIA and the town is to sell the Crapo Memorial Building and surrounding property to the town.

These assets were originally donated for school/community purposes in 1948 by the late Richard Meyer (land) and Henry Crapo (building and Carolina Crapo Trust Fund). When the school was closed in the 1990's the Probate Court designated the SHIA, as a charitable organization, the owners of the land and buildings, and overseer of the Crapo Trust Fund.

The SHIA spent over \$500,000 completely renovating the building especially to serve as Municipal Offices, Police Dept, Richardson Memorial Library and Auditorium. The result was a state of the art modern community center, an exceptional attribute for a town this size. New Hampshire statutes governing Charitable Trusts mandate assets of Trusts must be protected to ensure they will be preserved in perpetuity. The Crapo Building and land can only be transferred to the town through sale, and the proceeds of the sale will then become the assets protected in perpetuity. SHIA and the Board of Selectmen have deliberated long and hard to arrive at the most fair and equitable price which will benefit both parties. The town will own its municipal building at a price far less than it could duplicate the premises. The Association will no longer be in the rental business with ongoing management needs which will be far more efficiently handled by the town. It is proposed proceeds from the sale will become a new SHIA Trust Fund to be administered in accordance with Henry Crapo's wishes, *“used for the benefit of the community on Sugar Hill.”*

**Examples of recent SHIA projects include:**

The new Playground, Refinishing the floor at The Meetinghouse, Storage Shelves for the Library, \$5000 towards the new roof at The Museum, \$3000 for Tennis Court refurbishing, \$5000 for the new Village Green which will connect the Tennis Court and the Playground-Crapo Building areas. This is just the beginning of many worthy community projects for our town. All these projects were accomplished without tax dollars!

The existing Carolina Crapo Trust Fund will continue to provide interest solely for educational purposes for future generations of Sugar Hill children. The first Book Awards were made in 2007 to Toby Theodore, Jenna Serino and Zack Johnk. The sale and all conditions must be pre- approved by the Attorney General's office and the Probate Court. We hope this will take place in 2008.

The transfer, without compensation, of the Museum property to the Sugar Hill Historical Museum, as an offshoot of the SHIA and likewise charitable organization, has been pre-approved by the Attorney General and will be presented for approval by the Probate Court at the same time as the above.

All residents of Sugar Hill are members of the Sugar Hill Improvement Association and are encouraged to attend, share ideas and participate in its activities. Meetings are held 4-6 times a year. Dates & times are posted at the Post Office and Harman's.

**Please come, be part of this organization as it continues its important role in making Sugar Hill an extra special place to call home.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Serafini, President

## **FRANCONIA/SUGAR HILL/EASTON RECREATION COMMITTEE**

The Tri-Town Recreation program has had another incredibly busy year! A huge thank you goes out to all of our volunteer coaches, officials, parent helpers and youth players for making our recreation program such a success for everyone in Franconia, Easton and Sugar Hill.

Our 2006-2007 basketball season went extremely well. Lisa Massei & Nannette Avril led the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls' recreation team to many games locally. Longtime volunteer coach Scott Johnson with the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball team played many games throughout the season and wrapped up with a handful of local tournaments. Tricia Coyle coached not just one, but two recreation teams! The 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade co-ed team played a total of 8 games with area towns and the youngest of our youth basketball players practiced one night a week with Tricia, learning lots of new skills and playing games against each other.

Our youth baseball/softball teams were successful for another season. For the first time in years, Tri-Town Recreation Department created a Minor League Softball team (girls ages 10 and younger) on top of our other 5 teams. A special thanks to Tom Eyman, Joe Peterson and a small crew of volunteers as they spent much of the spring time erecting a batting cage on the Lafayette ball field. Tremendous thanks to our volunteer coaches Scott Johnson, Jeff Woodward, Tom Eyman, Joe Peterson, Scott Knowlton, Jim Cyrs, Tina Weed, Richard Hunt, Jim Alden, Tim Burnell and all our volunteer parents!

Summer Recreation went for a full nine full weeks this summer with lots of biking and traveling throughout Franconia and even out to Sugar Hill and Easton for swimming under the watchful eyes of recreation lifeguards/counselors. Field trips to Santa's Village, Storyland, Whale's Tale, local state parks to swim and Canobie Lake Park made for some exciting Friday field trips. A larger than usual Adventure Group created some exciting field trips with teenagers who have completed 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Day trips to the beach, mountain biking, rock climbing, minor league baseball games and an overnight trip to Six Flags New England. Swim lessons at the Gale River Motel and the Stonybrook Motel for the summer recreation campers and our younger swimmers enjoyed the warmer waters of the Sunset Hill House for their swim lessons.

Soccer season brought almost the whole school population out to the fields for practices and games. The Recreation Department hosted the First Annual Halloween Cup Soccer Tournament for area soccer teams with tremendous success due in large part to tournament director Kim Cowles. The soccer tournament was a fundraiser for the purchase of a gazebo on the Dow Field; we're already looking forward to summer concerts on the Dow. Many thanks to our referees and volunteer coaches Kevin Senft, Phil Branch, Linda Johnson, Brian Canelas, Tom Eyman, Sylvie & Todd Workman, Pam Anneser and Gareth & Nicolle Slattery who made sure everyone had a good time this fall.

All the lights are on at the ice rink and we hope to see you out there with your skates on! We are looking to bring back "Family Night" at the ice rink in hopes of getting more families out on the ice together. We hope you'll join us for music, hot chocolate, hot

dogs, skating and lots of fun!

The Tri-Town Recreation Committee meets the first Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm. We welcome the public to attend and look forward to another exciting year.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Germain, Recreation Director and the Tri-Town Recreation Committee

**Franconia:** Kim Cowles, Jeff Malcolm & Tracy Chardon

**Sugar Hill:** Gordie Johnk & Jean Serino

**Easton:** Brian Canelas & Mike Kenney (*resigned 2007*)

## **FRANCONIA NOTCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

The Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce wishes to say a heartfelt, “Thank you” to all three Towns of Franconia, Easton, and Sugar Hill, for your very important combined support. Without this support, we cannot continue to grow and provide new and inventive Business support to the many folks who work, reside, and visit, our beautiful area of New Hampshire.

This past year was another year of change for our Chamber. First, the sad and unexpected passing of Mrs. Sally Straw who served our Chamber for many years. Mrs. Straw will be greatly missed and our Chamber will remember her for her dedication and love for our Communities. The Chamber has donated \$750.00 to the Lafayette Lions Scholarship fund in Mrs. Straw’s memory.

This year we are continuing to grow our Chamber membership which is currently at an all time high while expanding our commitment to our Communities by supporting Community events to enhance the presence and works of our Chamber. This past year, the Chamber has made a donation of \$2,500.00 to the Franconia Recreation Department to help fund the building of an attractive Gazebo in the area of the Dow field. Working in concert with the Recreation Dept. we’ve made clear our resolve to support their events and such as much as possible in the coming years.

Once again, with your continued support, we will also be able to further enhance the Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce Brochure, which made it all the way down to the BIG “E” again this year! Distribution throughout our State is again at an all time high.

With our website [www.franconianotch.org](http://www.franconianotch.org) having an events calendar and being up to date with the latest information and events, folks who used to request paper information are now viewing and making their reservations and travel plans on the web at an even greater rate. Our online presence and the number of monthly hits is impressive and as more folks make travel plans in this way our website will continue to transform itself to meet the demands of the future.

Again this year, we staffed and maintained 2 – Welcome/Information Booths - one in Franconia on Main Street next to Town Hall which we refer to as the “Welcome Center” and the other at the Cannon Mountain Tram Base Station. For the very first time, we

now have two (2) spinning display racks at Peabody Lodge on Cannon Mountain containing our member's brochures as well as our FNCC Brochure. This allowed every business the opportunity to display their business information directly in front of every visitor to Cannon Mountain Ski area for the winter months. This was a huge accomplishment and a very welcomed one at that.

We had approximately 2000 visitors stop at our Welcome Center on Main Street and to the Tram Information area this year. Your continued support helps to provide folks who are visiting with the latest information for Businesses as well as directions to area Attractions and Retail Businesses. This keeps tourists in our area to explore and rediscover all the great and beautiful things our area has to offer. Again, this year, many poets and writers used the benches and FREE wireless WiFi Hotspot located at the Library and Welcome Center areas. The wireless hotspot continues to support access to visitors' web mail and allows them to browse the web for a great Inn, B&B, Motel, Restaurant, Retail Shop, or whatever other area attraction or service they may need. This WiFi is particularly useful during times when the info booth is closed for the Season or after hours. Many folks get off of Interstate 93 at exit 38 and are looking for somewhere to get information and the internet information era is definitely here. The WiFi is accessible within a 300-foot radius around the Welcome Center on Main Street next to Town Hall and all one has to do is stop by there sometime to see the folks using the WiFi in the cars or on the lawn.

This year we removed and installed a brand new "Welcome Center" sign where the old "information" sign used to be. This new and attractive sign proudly states "WiFi" and is very welcoming and attractive in general.

We are looking forward to implementing new and inventive ways to bring folks back to our area to experience the beauty and majestic inspiration that our area of the White Mountains provides. A strategic plan is well under way with a recommitment and focus on advertising, marketing, and enhancing community projects. This is the direct result of many hours of volunteerism and our Board of Directors coming together for the greater good and it is truly inspiring to see what awesome good can be created by working together. It is imperative in the year to come that the strategic plan be implemented and a clear focus brought to bear in the areas that are currently being identified as priorities of the Chamber. Our hope is to nurture an environment and experience that inspire folks to return and forever cherish our area of New Hampshire. Again this year, with seasoned, successful, and well planned events, such as the "Lupine Festival" and "The Antique Show", support for "Old Home Day", and with new and creative events yet to be planned, we will give our Residents and visitors a place that they will gladly call home and an experience worthy of the Majestic Beauty that surrounds us.

Your continued and unwavering support is greatly appreciated by every Member of the Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce, every Resident, and every visitor, who has come to love Franconia, Easton, Sugar Hill, and the surrounding Towns. Together we are making a difference and this year, working in harmony, we'll continue to grow with the needs of our time to better serve the needs of our Communities.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank P. Grima, President  
Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce

**FRANCONIA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**Calendar Year End 2007**

Beginning Balance (January 1, 2007) **\$21,628.92**

**INCOME**

Membership Dues 17,068.67

Contributions 495.00

Franconia Village Committee 500.00

Town Funds

Franconia \$10,000.00

Sugar Hill 6,500.00

Easton 400.00

16,900.00

Interest Earned 37.61

Fundraisers:

Antique Show 1,538.00

Auction 803.00

Lupine Festival 7,584.10

9,925.10

Reimbursed Expenses 1,033.25

**Total** **\$45,959.63**

**EXPENSES**

Booth Expenses:

Payroll \$ 11,664.82

Telephone 1,531.64

Electricity 260.90

Office, Booth Repairs, Misc. 1,167.15

Postage 644.57

Advertising 9,283.00

IRS (Payroll Taxes) 292.32

Bank Fees .15

Insurance 1,663.00

Internet 2,544.25

Non-Booth Expenses:

Administrative & Office 1,597.86

Dues & Subscriptions 250.00

Lupine Festival 5,502.99

Misc. 20.00

Donations & Scholarships 3,773.00

Services 200.00

**Total** **\$40,395.65**

Ending Balance (December 31, 2007) **\$27,192.90**

**NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION & ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
Bethlehem, NH**

This has been another busy year at the Council and I am happy to present you with our annual report that shows some of our accomplishments over the previous year and will give you a good idea of the direction that we will be taking in the coming years. We began our 35<sup>th</sup> year as a Regional Planning Commission this year and we continue our commitment to serve the community and the region.

In response to the regional community planning committee and input we received from you in the planning outreach sessions, NCC added an additional community planner position. This enabled NCC to expand its capacity in addressing the growing needs of our member communities. In addition to community planning, we continue to work in the areas of economic development, hazards/fire mitigation, natural resource, and transportation planning.

In the coming year, we intend to strengthen our capabilities and services in our core areas as well as add new projects that will better serve our communities. I am also pleased to announce that we will once again be providing services under the Brownfields and Solid Waste Programs. For a complete list of our services, please visit our website at <http://nccouncil.org/services.php> or contact our offices for a copy of our services guidebook.

I would like to thank you for all of your support for the council and hope that my staff and I can continue to be of service to your community. If there is a project or a need in your town, please call us. We are dedicated to both supporting our individual towns and promoting regional unity in the North Country.

Respectfully submitted;  
Michael King  
Executive Director

## **2007 REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF DISTRICT ONE**

**By Raymond S. Burton, Executive Councilor**

It is a pleasure to serve this large northern district of 98 towns, 4 cities and 5 counties with a population of 247,000 people. The Executive council is at the top of your Executive Branch of NH State Government. The Governor and Executive council appoint 352 Commissions and Directors who administer NH law and budget as prescribed by the NH House and Senate.

2008 is the year to keep an eye on and follow the progress of the NH Transportation Plan. The recommended projects in the highway and bridge plan can be accomplished with existing revenue from the state gasoline tax, bonds and matching federal funds. The Executive council held public hearings on the projects throughout the state and forwarded their recommendations to Governor Lynch. Governor Lynch will review our recommendations and then submit his recommended plan to the NH House and Senate by January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Without any new revenues for additional projects we will be lucky to maintain the existing state highway and bridge system. If more work is desired then new revenues will have to be voted by the Members of the House and Senate and signed by the Governor. Contact your local legislators-House and Senate. Find them by going to [www.nh.gov](http://www.nh.gov)

This large northern district needs more people on state mandated volunteer boards and commissions. Send your letter of interest and resume to my office, or Kathy Goode, director of appointments/Liason to the Council, Governor's Office, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301. Tel. (603)271-2121. to find out what openings are available and to see a list of boards, visit the NH Secretary of State website at [www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index/htm](http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index/htm).

I have available from my office informational items about the NH Executive council, NH Constitution, NH Tourist Map, 2007 Consumer Handbook, and District Maps. IF you would like to receive my Monday morning report by e-mail, please send an e-mail address to [rburton@nh.gov](mailto:rburton@nh.gov).

It is an honor to continue to serve you in my now 30 years as a public servant. Contact my office anytime about your ideas, concerns and problems with state government. I respond to all inquiries and challenges.

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# **WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH AND COMMON GROUND Director's Report 2007**

As you sit on those folding chairs or bleachers at town meeting and listen to the warrant articles being discussed, you may wonder how the money you appropriate to White Mountain Mental Health/Common Ground is used in your town. This report is one means of informing you, the taxpayer, about what is done with this funding.

First, in general terms: the impact of your support is seen in children who become more successful in school and better prepared for adulthood, in adults who resume functioning as employees and parents, in elders who are able to stay independent and productive and in families with a developmentally disabled member who are able to move forward with their own lives, knowing that there is support outside of the family circle for their loved one. People who receive life-saving medical services are eager to tell their friends and family about the success of their care. You have seen “cards of thanks” in the local papers, naming the physicians, nurses, family and friends who came to the aid of a grateful patient. These thanks are well deserved! But...have you ever seen a similar tribute to mental health, substance abuse or developmental disability professionals who saved a life by being available to intervene in a life-threatening crisis of a different type? Chances are that your family member or neighbor will not advertise the fact that they have needed and used our services; life's challenges are often kept private. Having diabetes is much more acceptable than having schizophrenia, although both are chronic illnesses that can be managed through treatment, lifestyle education and support. We still struggle with the stigma attached to both behavioral health and developmental disability, but who among us has not been impacted by one or both?

Support for our services is an investment in the health and productivity of your town. In the North Country, unlike many parts of the State and Country, services continue to be available to ALL residents, not just those who can pay or those with a severe, biologic mental illness. This is because our towns and other supporters have recognized that unaddressed mental health and developmental issues have a tremendous negative “ripple effect” on the family, the economy and the whole community.

Although it is impossible to list all that we do, our core services include:

- 24 hour crisis intervention and assessment service for mental health emergencies
- Individual, marriage and family counseling, offered by highly trained mental health professionals with a variety of specialties
- Medication consultations to local physicians by Board certified psychiatrists
- “Full-life” supports for persons with serious and persistent mental illness, including housing, vocational and case management services
- Individualized home placements for more than fifty persons with developmental disabilities
- Life-enriching jobs and social connections for people with mental illness and developmental disabilities
- Substance abuse prevention and treatment by our staff of licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselors

Service Statistics Highlights:

- In 2007, 10 residents of the town of Sugar Hill received 41 hours of outpatient mental health or substance abuse treatment services at a discounted rate. Our ability to continue to offer these services on a sliding-fee scale is dependent upon the support of our communities.
- 100 families in our area received extensive assistance in supporting a person with a developmental disability. In many cases, the supports include “full-life” around the clock services.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane C. Mackay, LICSW, Area Director

**NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH AND  
HOSPICE AGENCY, INC.  
2007**

North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency has been meeting the home health and hospice needs of the North Country since 1971.

North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency provides skilled services such as nurses, therapists, home health aides, medical social workers, and homemakers. Under our hospice program we also pay for medications for symptom relief, medical supplies and equipment, short term hospitalization and in-patient respite care, counseling and pastoral support. Our Compassionate Care program provides limited amounts of free skilled care to those living with a life limiting illness who are not eligible for traditional hospice benefits. In January 2007, we added hospice volunteer services to improve our continuum of care by creating an even stronger program of hospice and palliative care for residents. In 2007, we traveled 230,447 miles to provide 25, 781 visits to the residents in our 21-Town service area.

North Country Home Health and Hospice relies on town support and individual donations to help underwrite the cost of providing home health and hospice care to residents who are uninsured or underinsured. The Board of Directors and Staff of North Country Home Health & Hospice are grateful for your continued support of our work in this community and look forward to working with you to meet the home care and hospice needs of the residents of Sugar Hill.

<u>Type of Care</u>	<u># of Visits</u>
Nursing	105
Physical/Occupational /Speech Therapy	152
Medical Social Service	9
Home Health Aide/Homemaker	<u>378</u>
Total	644
Miles Driven	7,422 Miles
Hospice Volunteer Support	
# of Patients	1
# of Bereavement Clients	1
# of Hours	3

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Tomlinson  
Executive Director

## **GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC. ANNUAL REPORT 2007**

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln, and sponsors the Grafton County ServiceLink, Resource Center and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program and Volunteer Center (RSVP). Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, adult day care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2007, 17 older residents of Sugar Hill were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Littleton Area Senior Center:

- Older adults from Sugar Hill enjoyed 33 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.
- They received 587 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 27 visits with a trained social worker.
- Sugar Hill's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 45.25 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Sugar Hill residents in 2007 was \$4,680.73.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Sugar Hill's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Roberta Berner, Executive Director

## **UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION - GRAFTON COUNTY ANNUAL REPORT 2007**

University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension, Grafton County, has been serving the people of our county in the following ways:

The Nutrition Connections program, coordinated by Robin Peters, reached over 100 families in their adult programs and 200 children in their youth programs. The children were from various Head Start programs; local elementary schools; Whole Village Family Resource Center's Child Care Center; the 21<sup>st</sup> Century After School Program; North Country Academy Charter School and the Circle Program's summer camp.

The Family and Consumer Resources program Educator, Deb Maes, has worked with a new collaboration in Plymouth that allowed limited resource families to participate in a five-week Making Money Work for You program. In addition, over 400 food service workers participated in either a two-day food safety class or an intensive one day class as part of the Family and Consumer Resources program. Of those attending, over 83% scored 75% or higher on the National Restaurant Association's exam and were certified for five years based on their food safety knowledge. Deb also taught participants in the Grafton County Academy Program nutrition and food budgeting tips, money management, parent education and people-skills as part of their education prior to graduating from the program. Nutrient management in the production of forages, vegetables and fruits continues to be a major focus of the Agricultural Resources program. Nutrient Management Plans on more than 4000 acres of corn and forages were reviewed and updated by Tom Buob, Extension Educator. Through the use of the UNHCE Soil Testing Program farmers were encouraged to maximize the utilization of their on-farm resources to minimize costs and improve profits. Forty producers submitted 160 samples in this process.

Agricultural Resources programs continued to expand efforts with vegetable farmers to incorporate more environmentally sound management practices into their overall management schemes, including: drip irrigation, individual row fertigation, and the introduction of disease resistant varieties to reduce pesticide use. The use of floating row covers was promoted and demonstrated to reduce the use of insecticides and encourage earlier production of various vegetable crops. The vegetable produce from the demonstration plots (several tons of tomatoes, squash, cucumbers, etc) was donated to various Senior Centers in the Upper Valley.

The 4-H Youth Development program has over 300 members and 110 leaders supporting 23 traditional clubs. Volunteers in the 4-H program provided over 4,000 hours of service in 2006-2007 to support the educational objectives of the program. A 4-H Afterschool group was formed in Littleton. In addition, Kathy Jablonski, 4-H Youth Development Educator, has provided assistance to four community's and their after school programs. One program in Littleton, Project REACH, received a JC Penney 4-H Afterschool Grant. Consultation for grants has been done with several other programs. Statewide training in positive youth development theory has been presented at Plustime, 21<sup>st</sup> Century and Extension sponsored conferences. This year the Master Gardener and the 4-H horticulture programs have been supported by a program associate. The approximately 25 MG's have given hundreds of hours of support to the Grafton County

communities. Their showpiece project, the perennial gardens at the county complex, has been coordinating with the County Commissioners. In addition, Dana Karuza Tulp, Volunteer Management Coordinator, coordinated the 4-H summer gardening program for 60 youth and their leaders. A series of 10 workshops, open to 4-Hers and the general public, were held on a variety of horticultural topics throughout the spring and summer months.

Michal Lunak, Extension Dairy Specialist, has also been working with local dairy producers on herd management, farm transfer planning, and quality milk production. He also facilitated with a series of bio-security workshops that were co-sponsored by UNH Cooperative Extension and the New Hampshire State Veterinarian. In all, 77 agricultural professionals and 72 producers, youth, and general public participated.

Northam Parr, Forestry Resources Educator, spent considerable time assessing the damage from the spring storms and connecting wood lot owners with the correct agencies and providers. The Tree Farm program continues to be supported, including the New Hampshire Tree Farm Field Day. In addition, Northam has worked on sustainable forestry plans with landowners and has facilitated with certified logging professional workshops.

Northam Parr and Michal Lunak serve on the county farm committee to help to develop a sustainability plan for the county farmlands, woodlands, and dairy herd. Deb Maes, Nory Parr and Robin Peters have assisted the communities of Landaff, Rumney and Canaan in their Community Profile work and follow up activities.

UNHCE continues to provide New Hampshire's citizens with research based education, information and technical assistance, enhancing their abilities to make informed decisions strengthening youth, families and communities while sustaining natural resources and improving the economy. Funded through the federal, state and county government and competitive grants, educational programs are designed to respond to the local needs of citizens through direction and support of the elected volunteer Extension Advisory Council.

For information, please contact our office Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. by calling: 603-787-6944 or emailing: [grafton@ceunh.unh.edu](mailto:grafton@ceunh.unh.edu). You will find current information on our website: [www.extension.unh.edu](http://www.extension.unh.edu)

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen E. Jablonski  
Extension Educator,  
4-H Youth Development, and  
County Office Administrator

**BIRTHS REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2007**

<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Name of Child</b>	<b>Name of Father &amp; Name of Mother</b>
August 9, 2007	Jackson Stephen Clough	Timothy Clough Amanda Clough
December 24, 2007	Cameron Michael Venezia	Marc Venezia Amy Venezia

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2007**

<b>Date of Marriage</b>	<b>Name and Surname Of Groom &amp; Bride</b>	<b>Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage</b>
February 9, 2007	Karl D. Wockenfuss Hermenegildo Cardenas	Sugar Hill, NH Sugar Hill, NH
April 20, 2007	Robert S. Hayward Mary Jay Odell	Sugar Hill, NH Sugar Hill, NH
April 25, 2007	Paul A. Fresolone Gergana T. Moncheva	Lincoln, NH Sugar Hill, NH
June 16, 2007	Mark T. Vermeal Rachel B. Tardelli	Bethlehem, NH Sugar Hill, NH
June 30, 2007	James J. Brown Patricia A. Correnti	Franconia, NH Sugar Hill, NH
July 15, 2007	David J. Oulette Bonnie J. Vance	Dalton, NH Sugar Hill, NH
August 4, 2007	Marc P. Tardiff Erica J. Salowitz	Sugar Hill, NH Sugar Hill, NH
August 25, 2007	Henry L. Peabody Sarah G. Elliott	Essex, MA Sugar Hill, NH

**DEATHS REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2007**

<b>Date Of Death</b>	<b>Name Of Deceased</b>	<b>Name &amp; Surname Of Father</b>	<b>Maiden Name Of Mother</b>
June 11, 2007	Jeffrey Brooks	Herbert Brooks	Ruth Stone
August 6, 2007	Janet Rasmussen	William Watt	Florence Toop
September 24, 2007	Edna Glaessel	Richard Meyer	Selma Wuttke
September 27, 2007	Nancy Godbout	Sam Ramsdell	Melba Fountain

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

Lissa Boissonneault, Town Clerk

## NOTES