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# **TOWN OFFICERS**

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Richard Bielefield	(Term Expires 2012)
John J. Strasser, III	(Term Expires 2011)
Harry L. Reid, resigned 7/1/09	(Term Expires 2010)
Margo Connors, appointed 7/1/09	(Term Expires 2010)

**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 (2010)

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

Bruce S. Perlo	(2012)
Richard Gagne	(2011)
David F. McPhaul	(2010)

### **SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**

Dr. John Rowbotham, Chairman	(2014)
Judith Weisenberger	(2012)
Starcy Branch	(2010)

### **LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Rosemary Ellms	(2012)
Irene Amsbary	(2011)
Elaine Burpee	(2010)

**CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

	Beth Perlo (2010)		
Nancy D. Aldrich	(2012)	Kathleen Jablonski	(2011)
Meri Hern	(2012)	Holly Hayward	(2010)

**PLANNING BOARD**

	Robert Hayward, Jr., Chairman (2012)		
James Keefe	(2012)	John Strasser, Selectmen	(2010)
David Thurston	(2012)	Sidney Regan	(2010)
Christopher Thayer	(2011)	Gail Clark, Alternate	(2010)
Arthur Chase	(2011)	Amy Venezia, Alt. & Secretary	(2010)

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

	Michael Hern, Chairman (2010)		
Janet Anderson	(2012)	Peter Anderson	(2011)
John Colony	(2012)	Don Boissonneault	(2011)
	Amy Venezia, Alt. & Secretary (2010)		

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Kathie Galligan, Co-Chair	(2010)	Peter Carbonneau, Co-Chair	(2012)
Luther Kinney	(2010)	Ailsa Gagel	(2011)
Grant Ruggles	(2010)	Timothy Williams	(2011)
Margaret Connors	(2011)	Eric Jostrom, Alternate	(2011)

**RECREATION PROGRAM  
SUGAR HILL REPRESENTATIVES**

Gordon Johnk  
Cynthia McLaren

All 2009 reports from various agencies not printed in this Town Report are on file in the Selectmen's Office and available upon request.

**TOWN OF SUGAR HILL  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES – RESULTS  
MARCH 10, 2009**

Moderator, James F. Snyder, declared the polls open at 11:00 AM for the voting by ballot on Article 1 (the election of town officers). 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 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
- 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
- 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 .....	Richard Bielefield.....	123
.....	Nicholas L. DeMayo.....	20
Town Clerk, One Year Term .....	Lissa Boissonneault .....	140
Tax Collector, One Year Term .....	Lissa Boissonneault .....	137
Town Treasurer, One Year Term.....	Amy Venezia .....	140
Library Trustee, Three Year Term.....	Rosemary Ellms.....	137
Trustee of Trust Funds, Three Year Term .....	Bruce Perlo .....	129
Two Board of Adjustment, Three Year Term...	Janet Anderson .....	118
.....	John Colony.....	109
Two Cemetery Trustees, Three Year Term .....	Nancy D. Aldrich.....	127
.....	Meri Hern .....	115
Overseer of Public Welfare, One Year Term....	Lissa Boissonneault .....	7

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.

**ARTICLE 2:** 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 .....	\$38,700.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics .....	16,955.00
Payroll Taxes .....	28,000.00
Financial Administration .....	24,300.00
Property Revaluation .....	24,000.00
Legal Expenses .....	6,000.00

Planning Board .....	2,080.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment .....	5,800.00
Insurance.....	146,852.00
General Government Buildings .....	73,257.00
Rent.....	35,000.00
Buildings & Grounds .....	36,529.00
Cemetery.....	7,500.00
Advertising & Regional Associations.....	7,437.00
North Country Council.....	937.00
Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce.....	6,500.00
Police Department .....	158,777.00
Fire Department .....	65,600.00
Ambulance.....	3,785.00
Emergency Management .....	500.00
Town Maintenance .....	149,761.00
General Highway Department Expense .....	129,991.00
Highway Block Grant .....	46,731.00
Street Lighting .....	7,500.00
Solid Waste Disposal.....	40,167.00
Health, Hospitals.....	3,866.00
North Country Home Health.....	1,613.00
Grafton County Senior .....	300.00
American Red Cross .....	250.00
White Mountain Mental Health .....	678.00
Littleton Hospital .....	525.00
Ammonoosuc Community Health.....	500.00
Welfare .....	6,000.00
Tri County Cap .....	820.00
Unemployment .....	100.00
Library .....	15,000.00
Parks and Recreation .....	26,304.00
North Country YMCA .....	150.00
Patriotic Purposes .....	750.00
Conservation Commission.....	750.00
Interest Expense – Tax Anticipation Notes.....	2,500.00
Long Term Notes.....	30,000.00
Interest Long Term Notes .....	44,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS .....	\$1,149,492.00

Moved by Bruce Perlo

Seconded by Kathleen Jablonski

**All in Favor “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to withdraw the accumulated income from the Cemetery Trust Funds.

Moved by Beth Perlo

Seconded by Mary Sturtevant

**All in Favor, “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 4:** 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.

Moved by James McCusker

Seconded by Beverly Frenkiewich

**All in Favor, “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 5:** 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 by Sarah Pinney

Seconded by James McCusker

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 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by James Cyrs

Seconded by William Pinney

Explanation of Article by Selectman Strasser

Discussion

**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 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.

Moved by Kathleen Jablonski

Seconded by Sidney Regen

Explanation of Article by Chief Allan Clark

Discussion

**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 Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to be placed in the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund created in 1991.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Kathy Cote'  
Seconded by Mary Sturtevant  
Discussion

**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 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 Bruce Perlo  
Seconded by Beverly Frenkiewich  
Discussion

**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 Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2008.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by William Pinney  
Seconded by Gordon Johnk  
Discussion

**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 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 Sarah Pinney  
Seconded by Mary Sturtevant  
Discussion

**All in Favor, “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to establish the Highway Department Building Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of providing for the maintenance of the Highway Department’s buildings and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) 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.

Moved by Sarah Pinney  
Seconded by Sidney Regen  
Explanation of Article by Selectman Reid  
Discussion

**All in Favor, “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Six Thousand Twenty Five Dollars (\$46,025) to purchase new bunker gear, with Forty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Two Dollars (\$43,922) to come from a federal grant and the remaining Two Thousand One Hundred Three Dollars (\$2,103) to come from taxation.

Moved by Gordon Johnk  
Seconded by Don Boissonneault  
Explanation of Article by Chief Allan Clark  
Discussion

**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 Six Thousand Five Hundred (\$6,500) to purchase 2.0 acres of land located on Map 218, Lots 6, 7 & 8 for the Highway Department use and to authorize the Selectmen to acquire the land.

Moved by James Cyrs  
Seconded by Sarah Pinney  
Explanation of Article by Selectman Reid

**All in Favor, “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) for roof repair 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 Sidney Regen  
Seconded by Judy Weisenberger

**All in Favor, “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$16,500) for the Sugar Hill share of the cost of the addition to the Tri-Town Transfer Station Building.

Moved by Gregory Connors  
Seconded by Sarah Pinney  
Explanation of Article by Selectman Bielefield  
Discussion

**All in Favor, “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 17:** Are you in favor of adopting the law to regulate burglar/panic/fire alarms. A copy of the proposed ordinance is posted with a copy of the warrant and copies of the proposed ordinance are available at the Town Clerk’s Office.

Moved by Sidney Regen  
Seconded by Douglas Glover  
Discussion

**All in Favor, “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 18:** “Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(b) to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds for contributions to ‘qualified organizations’ for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualifying organization and the Town will retain no interest in the property?”

Moved by Mary Sturtevant  
Seconded by Gregory Connors  
Discussion

**All in Favor, “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 19:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

James McCusker asked for an explanation of wording in the Town Report as to what it meant for the town to “purchase taxes”. Selectman Bielefield answered this question.

Judy Weisenberger gave a report of upcoming fundraising activities that the Sugar Hill Historical Museum will be undertaking. She encouraged townspeople to take advantage of the many displays and programs that the Museum sponsors.

Selectman Richard Bielefield thanked Meri and Mike Hern for providing the delicious meal for the election workers. He also thanked Dennis Cote for providing and setting up the sound system for the meeting and to Jason Kern and Jamie Cunningham for the Town Report photos. Selectman Bielefield also recognized William Pinney for his excellent and dedicated service as our Town Auditor. He also gave thanks to all Sugar Hill residents who volunteer their time on Boards and Organizations to make our Town a special place in which to reside.

Roger Aldrich wanted to remember all past participants to our Town Meetings who gave a special “color” to the proceedings.

Lissa Boissonneault thanked all the election workers and the Supervisors of the Check List for their hard work on the four 2008 elections. Much time was spent to make the elections run smoothly and efficiently. Their efforts were much appreciated.

Motion was made to adjourn  
Moved by William Pinney  
Seconded by Don Boissonneault

**All in Favor “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted:  
Lissa M. Boissonneault,  
Town Clerk

**BALANCE SHEET**  
(As at December 31, 2009)

**ASSETS**

Current Assets	
Cash - Unrestricted Checking	\$ 502,334.05
Cash - Restricted Savings Conservation Fund	72,643.28
Cash – Unrestricted Savings	736.56
Cash – Police Acct	34.66
Total Checking/Savings	575,748.55
Taxes Receivable:	
Levy of 2009	180,512.27
Reserve for Uncollected, etc.	(38,331.99)
Land Use Change Tax Receivable	8,843.50
Yield Tax Receivable	353.89
Unredeemed Taxes Receivable	54,473.08
Reserve for Uncollected, etc.	(5,804.04)
Taxes Deeded Property Subject to Resale	<u>6,172.58</u>
 Total Assets	 \$781,967.84

**LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
School District Tax Payable	<u>\$488,858.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	\$488,858.00
 Total Liabilities	 <u>\$488,858.00</u>
 Reserved for Tax Deeded Property	 6,172.58
Reserved for Conservation Fund	72,643.28
Net Deficit	(96,909.43)
Fund Balance – Unreserved, Undesignated	<u>311,203.41</u>
Total Equity	<u>\$293,109.84</u>
 Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	 <u>\$781,967.84</u>

## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land Under Current Use (At Current Use Values)	\$ 986,876.00
Land	65,016,900.00
Buildings	80,781,100.00
Public Utilities	<u>1,117,702.00</u>
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	147,902,578.00
Elderly and Blind Exemptions	<u>70,000.00</u>
Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate Is Computed for Municipal, County and Local Education	147,832,578.00
Less Utilities	<u>1,117,702.00</u>
Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate For State Education Tax Is Computed	\$146,714,876.00

## STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

	<u>Amount</u>		<u>Tax Rate</u>
Total Town Appropriations	\$ 1,480,517.00		
Less: Revenues	(476,585.00)		
Less: Shared Revenues	(0.00)		
Add: Overlay	38,542.00		
War Service Credits	<u>5,900.00</u>		
Net Town Appropriations		1,048,374.00	
Municipal Tax Rate			7.10
Net Local School Budget	0.00		
Regional School Apportionment	1,152,888.00		
Less: Equitable Education Grant	0.00		
State Education Taxes	<u>(289,401.00)</u>		
Approved School(s) Tax Effort		863,487.00	
Local Education Tax Rate			5.84
State Education Taxes			
Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x \$2.14			
135,550,681		289,401.00	
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)			1.97
146,714,876			
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State		0.00	
Due to County	207,685.00		
Less Revenue and Credits	<u>(0.00)</u>		
Net County Tax Assessment		207,685.00	
County Tax Rate			1.10
Combined Tax Rate			16.31
Total Property Taxes Assessed		2,408,947.00	
Less: War Service Credits		<u>(5,900.00)</u>	
Property Tax To Be Raised		\$2,403,047.00	

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Meetinghouse, Land and Buildings	\$386,300.00
Furniture and Equipment	80,000.00
Crapo, Land & Building	725,200.00
Furniture and Equipment	50,000.00
Library Furniture and Equipment	20,000.00
Police Department Equipment	67,850.00
Fire Department, Land and Buildings	228,800.00
Equipment	985,000.00
Highway Department, Land and Buildings	261,500.00
Equipment	615,750.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	
Coffin Pond	50,400.00
Tennis Courts & Land	173,000.00
Land – Creamery Pond	12,800.00
Land - Pearl Lake Road	24,800.00
Land - Route 117	6,000.00
Land - Route 93	4,000.00
Land – Aldrich Property	6,500.00
Cemeteries	<u>208,500.00</u>
 Total	 \$3,906,400.00

## SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

### Crapo Building

Beginning Balance 1/1/09	\$750,000.00
2009 Payment	<u>59,706.34</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/09	\$690,293.66

## 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 2009:

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	\$129,338.24	
Dog Licenses Issued:	514.00	
Marriage & Civil Union Licenses:	228.00	
Other Permits and Fees:	<u>5,136.00</u>	
 Total		\$135,216.24
 Remittances to Treasurer:		
Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	\$129,338.24	
Local Town Clerk Fees:	1,031.00	
State Town Clerk Fees:	3,042.00	
Title Application Fees:	316.00	
Dog Licenses Issued:	514.00	
Dog License Fees:	111.00	
Dog License Late Fees:	10.00	
Marriage & Civil Union Licenses Issued:	228.00	
Town Clerk Fees:	42.00	
Vital Statistics (First Copy):	88.00	
Town Clerk Fees:	44.00	
Vital Statistics (Second Copy):	20.00	
Town Clerk Fees:	12.00	
UCC Filing Fee:	75.00	
Voter Checklist Town Portion:	225.00	
Insufficient Funds Fees:	<u>120.00</u>	
 Total		\$135,216.24

Respectfully submitted,  
Lissa M. Boissonneault  
Town Clerk

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2009**

**DEBITS**

<b>Uncollected Taxes – Beginning of Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Levies of 2009</b>	<b>Levies of 2008</b>
Property Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$127,441.18
Land Use Change	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	0.00	0.00
<b>Taxes Committed This Year:</b>		
Property Taxes	2,403,257.96	0.00
Land Use Change	36,363.50	0.00
Yield Taxes	6,968.31	0.00
<b>Overpayment Refunds:</b>		
Property Taxes	3,865.10	0.00
Costs before Lien	0.00	485.75
Interest Late Tax	<u>1,564.35</u>	<u>6,909.36</u>
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$2,452,019.22</b>	<b>\$134,836.29</b>

**CREDITS**

<b>Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:</b>		
Property Taxes	\$2,226,400.78	\$ 78,850.26
Land Use Change	27,520.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	6,614.42	0.00
Interest	1,564.35	7,251.11
Conversion to Lien	0.00	48,590.92
Costs Not Liened	0.00	144.00
<b>Abatements Made:</b>		
Property Taxes	210.01	0.00
<b>Uncollected Taxes End of Year:</b>		
Property Taxes	180,512.27	0.00
Land Use change Tax	8,843.50	0.00
Yield Taxes	<u>353.89</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$2,452,019.22</b>	<b>\$134,836.29</b>

**SUMMARY OF LIEN ACCOUNTS**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009**

**DEBITS**

	2008	2007	2006
Unredeemed Liens			
Balance Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$ 0.00	\$11,934.55	\$1,774.91
Liens Executed			
During Fiscal Year	52,458.41	0.00	0.00
Interest & Costs			
Collected After Lien Execution	<u>47.53</u>	<u>95.74</u>	<u>579.35</u>
Total Debits	<u>\$52,505.94</u>	<u>\$12,030.29</u>	<u>\$2,354.26</u>

**CREDITS**

	2008	2007	2006
Remittances to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	\$ 7,919.88	\$ 2,000.00	\$1,774.91
Interest & Cost			
After Lien Execution	47.53	95.74	579.35
Abatements of			
Unredeemed Liens	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unredeemed Liens			
Balance End of Fiscal Year	<u>44,538.53</u>	<u>9,934.55</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Credits	<u>\$52,505.94</u>	<u>\$12,030.29</u>	<u>\$2,354.26</u>

**UNREDEEMED PROPERTY TAXES FROM TAX LIEN**  
BY ORDER OF THE SELECTMEN THE FOLLOWING LIST IS  
INCLUDED PER 1997 TOWN MEETING

	2007	2006
Caporelli, Mary A. & Patricia	\$ 1,961.53	\$1,774.91
Corliss, Langford	2,289.90	0.00
Ledgeland, Inc.	<u>7,683.12</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Totals	\$11,934.55	\$1,774.91

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Year Ending December 31, 2009**  
**Cash Basis**

Beginning Cash Balance Checking, January 1, 2009	\$778,950.33
Beginning Cash Balance Savings, January 1, 2009	<u>733.36</u>
Total	\$779,683.69

**RECEIPTS**

Tax Collector	\$2,409,353.25
Town Clerk	135,216.24
Selectmen	90,725.65
Loan Proceeds (Long Term Note)	750,000.00
Transfers (Trust & Capital Reserve Funds)	74,732.71
State & Federal Grants	48,724.00
Interest on Savings & Now Account	<u>1,515.38</u>
Total Receipts	\$3,510,267.23

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Orders of Selectmen	\$3,036,880.31
Crapo Building Purchase	<u>750,000.00</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>\$3,786,880.31</u>
Ending Cash Balance Checking, December 31, 2009	\$502,334.05
Ending Cash Balance Savings, December 31, 2009	736.56
Total	\$503,070.61

# CHECKING AND SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

## POLICE PERMIT ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance 1/1/09	\$1,235.05	
Withdrawals	(1,201.00)	
Interest Earned	<u>.61</u>	
Balance 12/31/09		\$34.66

## CONSERVATION LAND USE FUND

Beginning Balance 1/1/09	\$54,431.31	
Deposits	18,018.62	
Interest Earned	<u>193.35</u>	
Balance 12/31/09		\$72,643.28

## RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Beginning Balance 1/1/09	\$1,126.34	
Deposits:	0.00	
Interest Earned:	1.60	
Withdrawals: (Hansalik)	<u>(200.00)</u>	
Balance 12/31/09		\$927.94

## RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Beginning Balance 1/1/09	\$2,577.01	
Deposits	1,352.69	
Withdrawals	(789.66)	
Interest Earned	7.79	
Service Charge	<u>(2.85)</u>	
Ending Balance 12/31/09		\$3,144.98

Respectfully submitted:  
Amy M. Venezia  
Treasurer

## SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

### Cash Basis

#### Local Taxes:

Property Taxes, Current Year	\$2,353,021.17
Yield Taxes, Current Year	6,614.42
Property Tax Interest and Cost, Current Year	1,802.00
Property Taxes, Prior Year	127,441.18
Current Use Change, Current Year	27,520.00
Current Use Interest	248.10
Property Tax Interest and Costs, Prior Year	6,909.36
Lien Redemptions, Prior Years	11,694.79
Lien Interest & Penalties, Prior Years	<u>722.62</u>

#### Total Taxes Collected

\$2,409,353.25

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

Motor Vehicle Permits	129,338.24
Town Clerk Fees	1,031.00
State Fees	3,042.00
Title Application Fees	316.00
Dog Licenses, Fees, Penalty	635.00
Marriage Licenses	270.00
Vital Statistics	164.00
Insufficient Fund Fees & Bank Error	120.00
UCC Filing Fees	75.00
Voter Checklist	<u>225.00</u>

#### Total Town Clerk

135,216.24

Building Permits	1,100.00
Driveway Permits	70.00
Police Department Revenue	1,753.49
Zoning Board Fees	295.00
Planning Board Fees	1,735.70
Selectmen	708.41
Cemetery	1,850.00
Building & Grounds	153.87
Highway Department	705.98
Rent of Town Property	1,175.00
Insurance Reimbursements	4,791.05
Cable TV Permit	<u>951.87</u>

#### Total Miscellaneous

15,290.37

From State:		
Highway Block	46,730.58	
Revenue Sharing Block	0.00	
Rooms and Meals	28,704.70	
State & Federal Grants	<u>48,724.00</u>	
Total From State & Federal Grants		124,159.28
Interest on Checking & Savings Account	1,515.38	
Capital Reserve Funds	73,684.71	
Cemetery Trust Funds	1,048.00	
Long Term Note	<u>750,000.00</u>	
Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue		<u>826,248.09</u>
Total Receipts From All Sources		\$3,510,267.23
Cash on Hand, January 1, 2009		779,683.69
Grand Total of Receipts		\$4,289,950.92

## SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

General Government:

Executive	\$ 38,312.90
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	15,977.32
Financial Administration	24,298.33
Revaluation of Property	24,480.00
Legal Expenses	15,777.83
General Government Buildings	37,667.16
Rent Crapo Building	17,500.00
Grounds and Maintenance	36,366.79
Planning Board	2,273.89
Zoning Board of Adjustment	1,276.92
Advertising & Regional Associations	7,436.22
Cemeteries	8,548.00
Insurance	151,586.67
Unemployment	45.24
Payroll Taxes	<u>21,611.09</u>

Total General Government Expenses \$403,158.36

Public Safety:

Police Department	150,731.15
Fire Department	64,262.24
Fire Grant	46,025.00
Franconia Life Squad/ Ross Ambulance	3,785.00
Emergency Management	<u>376.09</u>

Total Public Safety Expenses 265,179.48

Highway, Streets and Bridges:

Town Maintenance	141,376.82
General Expenses of Highway Department	124,833.14
Highway Block Grant	46,731.00
Highway Roadwork Non – Lapsing Fund	50,000.00
Street Lighting	<u>7,926.54</u>

Total Highways, Streets and Bridges Expenses 370,867.50

Sanitation:

Warrant Article	16,500.00
Solid Waste Disposal	<u>39,843.00</u>

Total Sanitation 56,343.00

Health:

Health, Hospitals	<u>3,900.00</u>
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Total Health Expenses 3,900.00

Welfare:

Assistance	<u>820.00</u>
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Total Welfare Expenses 820.00

Culture and Recreation:		
Library	14,734.40	
Recreation	24,239.03	
Warrant Article – Museum	2,000.00	
Patriotic	<u>757.21</u>	
Total Culture and Recreation Expenses		41,730.64
Conservation:		
Conservation Commission	808.15	
Current Use Conservation Fund	<u>10,000.00</u>	
Total Conservation Expenses		10,808.15
Debt Service:		
Principal Expense – Long Term Notes	59,706.34	
Interest Expense – Long Term Notes	<u>14,293.66</u>	
Total Debt Service Payments		74,000.00
Transfers to Capital Reserve Funds & Trusts:		
Article #5 Highway Equipment	50,000.00	
Article #7 Police	5,000.00	
Article #8 Fire Department HE	25,000.00	
Article #9 Meetinghouse	65,000.00	
Article #10 Crapo Building	5,000.00	
Article #11 Fire Department Building	10,000.00	
Article # Highway Dept. Building	5,000.00	
Article #12 Bridge	<u>50,000.00</u>	
Total Capital Reserve Funds		215,000.00
Capital Vehicles/Equipment/Buildings/Land:		
Aldrich - Land	6,500.00	
Crapo Building/Land	750,000.00	
Bridges Survey & Plans (Indian Brook)	8,094.55	
Meetinghouse (Paint & Steeple & electric)	63,804.48	
Crapo	<u>1,785.68</u>	
Total Capital Expense		830,184.71
Miscellaneous:		
Abatements	14,630.96	
Property Tax Refunds	3,865.10	
Taxes Bought by Town	<u>52,458.41</u>	
Total Miscellaneous Expenses		70,954.47
Payments to Other Government Divisions:		
Taxes Paid to County	207,685.00	
Payments to School Districts	<u>1,236,249.00</u>	
Total Payments to Other Government Divisions		<u>1,443,934.00</u>
Grand Total of Expenditures		\$3,786,880.31

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Executive:

Selectmen – Salary	\$ 0.00
Administrative Asst - Gaudette	20,775.01
Office Asst. - Andross	6,584.40
Moderator - Salary	100.00
Workshops	267.00
Telephone	1,019.82
Computer Services, Internet, Equipment	2,407.25
Mapping	1,875.00
Registry	108.88
Printing/Notices	2,100.00
Dues & Subscriptions	1,148.59
Office Supplies	1,305.71
Postage	191.30
Books & Periodicals	<u>429.94</u>

Total Executive Expenses \$38,312.90

Election, Registration & Vital Statistics:

Town Clerk - Boissonneault	5,666.97
Checklist - Salary	395.00
Ballot Clerks - Salary	164.20
Workshops/Dues	105.50
Computer - Programs, Training, Equipment	2,300.00
Telephone	465.03
Printing/Notices	243.50
Books	8.50
Supplies/Dog Tags	72.42
Office Supplies	228.46
Postage	581.72
MV Fees Town	1,546.50
State MV Fees	3,042.00
Title Fees	316.00
Vital Statistics	108.00
Vital Fees	56.00
UCC Fees	30.00
Dog Licenses	230.00
Dog Fees	111.00
Marriage Licenses	228.00
Marriage Fees	42.00
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>36.52</u>

Total Election, Registration & Vital Statistics 15,977.32

Financial Administration:

Tax Collector - Lissa Boissonneault	4,849.59
Deputy Tax Col/ Trusts/Office Asst. - Andross	6,770.40

Treasurer	1,750.00	
Auditor	875.00	
Bank Fees	477.12	
Telephone	465.46	
Computer - Program, Training & Equipment	5,094.84	
Research Lien	150.00	
Registry	95.08	
Dues	40.00	
Office Supplies	2,218.44	
Postage	1,416.40	
Lien Fees	<u>96.00</u>	
Total Financial Administration Expenses		24,298.33
Total Revaluation		24,480.00
Total Legal Expenses		15,777.83
Payroll Taxes:		
Sugar Hill FICA (Town Contribution)	16,458.03	
Sugar Hill Medicare (Town Contribution)	<u>5,153.06</u>	
Total Payroll Taxes Expense		21,611.09
Planning Board:		
Secretary - Salary	1,645.75	
Books	20.00	
Grafton County Registry	331.00	
Printing/Notices	12.38	
Office Supplies	17.58	
Postage	<u>247.18</u>	
Total Planning Board Expenses		2,273.89
Zoning Board:		
Secretary	159.50	
Junkyard Ordinance	1,000.00	
Postage	34.92	
Notices	<u>82.50</u>	
Total Zoning Board Expenses		1,276.92
Government Buildings:		
Eleonore Card - Salary	11,547.00	
Kathleen Rush	460.00	
Marc Venezia	1,506.75	
Telephone (Elevator)	759.12	
Electricity (Crapo & Meetinghouse)	4,615.14	
Heating Oil (Crapo & Meetinghouse)	8,368.13	
Maintenance - Purchased	805.51	
Unifirst – Rugs	1,254.15	
Meetinghouse Clock	<u>1,520.00</u>	

Elevator Inspection & License	415.00	
Sanitation	416.00	
Rug Cleaning	362.82	
Water Filters	577.68	
Furnace Maintenance	917.68	
Fire Extinguisher Inspection	808.90	
Alarm Monitoring & batteries	782.00	
Supplies	2,551.28	
Rent	<u>17,500.00</u>	
Total Government Buildings Expenses		55,167.16
Grounds & Maintenance:		
Lloyd Card - Salary	28,198.84	
Marc Venezia	3,949.00	
James Keefe	528.00	
Tree Removal	500.00	
Supplies	32.00	
Gasoline	1,483.52	
Diesel	151.90	
Medical	92.00	
Groundskeeping-Equipment Maint	778.39	
Vehicle Repair	<u>653.14</u>	
Total Grounds & Maintenance Expenses		36,366.79
Crapo Capital Reserve:		1,785.68
Meetinghouse Capital Reserve:		63,804.48
Cemeteries:		
Fence	4,988.00	
Painting Fence	350.00	
Topsoil	210.00	
Stone Cleaning	<u>3,000.00</u>	
Total Cemeteries Expenses		8,548.00
Insurance:		
Health - Building & Grounds	14,932.44	
Highway	53,344.63	
Police	27,624.90	
Executive (partial reimbursed)	18,478.79	
Dental	7,510.86	
Property Liability	16,400.95	
Worker's Compensation	11,644.10	
Title Insurance – Crapo Purchase	<u>1,650.00</u>	
Total Insurance Expenses		151,586.67
Total Advertising & Regional Associations Expenses		7,436.22

Unemployment:		45.24
Ambulance:		
Ross Ambulance	1,785.00	
Franconia Life Squad	<u>2,000.00</u>	
Total Ambulance Expenses		3,785.00
Police Department:		
Chief David Wentworth	56,514.96	
Officer Brandon Walker	12,534.39	
Officer Philip Blanchard	1,288.00	
Sgt. Rick Ball	21,926.00	
Officer Cody MacKay	3,575.00	
Police Retirement	11,703.18	
Prosecutor	2,000.00	
Workshops	140.86	
8123 Line	232.88	
Telephone	2,259.57	
Computer Services	2,399.73	
Dispatch Service	16,652.00	
Uniforms	1,475.63	
Firearms	939.13	
Printing	281.00	
Dues	2,600.00	
Supplies	1,895.77	
Office Supplies	1,174.21	
Postage	125.31	
Gasoline	6,134.62	
Radio Maintenance	229.76	
Vehicle Maintenance	3,701.94	
New Equipment	<u>947.21</u>	
Total Police Department Expenses		150,731.15
Fire Department:		
Salaries	22,506.93	
Mileage	1,217.15	
Training	3,184.46	
Telephone	791.49	
Information Line 8123	232.87	
Computer Services	574.20	
Dispatching Services	3,100.02	
Electric	1,451.14	
Heating Oil	4,235.61	
Building Maintenance	1,380.81	
Uniforms & Protective Clothing	2,195.62	
Dues	552.01	
Supplies	1,765.63	
Office Supplies	36.16	

Postage	17.50	
Gasoline	35.04	
Diesel Fuel	520.78	
Propane	382.25	
Vehicle Maintenance	7,253.85	
Equipment Maintenance	1,484.50	
Radio Maintenance	255.34	
Books & Periodicals	85.50	
New & Replacement Equipment	7,980.50	
Communication Equipment	3,002.88	
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>20.00</u>	
Total Fire Department Expenses		64,262.24
Fire Department Grant		46,025.00
Total Emergency Management		376.09
Town Maintenance:		
Douglas Glover - Salary	58,587.52	
Brett Hucksoll	43,685.46	
Wes Griffith	29,348.80	
Wendell Lucas	600.00	
Retirement	<u>9,155.04</u>	
Total Town Maintenance		141,376.82
General Highway Department:		
Engineer	2,652.50	
Telephone	1,271.67	
Computer	864.40	
Medical Services	154.50	
Electricity	2,880.64	
Heating Oil	1,594.04	
Building Maintenance	2,700.11	
Equipment Rental	126.00	
Uniforms	3,168.34	
Dues	70.00	
Supplies	3,151.17	
Office Supplies	195.65	
Shop Supplies	4,878.93	
Gasoline	131.50	
Propane	130.03	
Diesel Fuel	16,548.91	
Vehicle Maintenance	10,464.90	
Equipment Maintenance	5,877.19	
Radio Maintenance	852.87	
Street Maintenance	4,067.94	
Road Salt	13,179.67	
Road Oil	43,511.18	

Hot Top	15,524.03	
Sand	10,069.50	
Street Signs	876.32	
Animal Control	375.00	
New Equipment (Dump Body & Compressor)	<u>29,520.15</u>	
Total General Highway Department & Non-Lapsing Roadwork WA#5		174,833.14
Bridge CRF		8,094.55
Total Street Lighting Expenses		7,926.54
Total Highway Block Grant Expenses		46,731.00
Total Solid Waste Disposal Expenses		39,843.00
Warrant Article #16		16,500.00
Total Health & Hospitals Agencies Expenses		3,900.00
Total Welfare Expenses		820.00
Total Parks & Recreation Expenses		24,239.03
Library:		
Librarian - Salary	6,853.15	
Telephone	346.25	
Computer	315.00	
Supplies	35.06	
Postage	90.00	
Books & Periodicals	<u>7,094.94</u>	
Total Library Expenses		14,734.40
Warrant Article #15 Sugar Hill Historical Museum		2,000.00
Patriotic:		
Lafayette Lions Parade	150.00	
Town Party	<u>607.21</u>	
Total Patriotic Expenses		757.21
Conservation Commission:		
Dues/Subscriptions	175.00	
Postage	1.90	
Office Expense	60.25	
Books & Periodicals	5.00	
Town of Franconia - Plantings	166.00	
Energy Audit – Fire Station	<u>400.00</u>	
Total Conservation Commission Expenses		808.15
Current Use Land Use Change - Conservation Fund		10,000.00

Long Term Notes –Principal	59,706.34	
Long Term Notes – Interest	<u>14,293.66</u>	
Total Long Term Notes		74,000.00
Capital Land – Aldrich Property Warrant Article #14		6,500.00
Capital Building & Land – Crapo Building		750,000.00
Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds:		
Meetinghouse	65,000.00	
Highway Department HE	50,000.00	
Fire Department HE	25,000.00	
Fire Department Building	10,000.00	
Police Department	5,000.00	
Bridgework	50,000.00	
Highway Building	5,000.00	
Crapo Building	<u>5,000.00</u>	
Total Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds		215,000.00
Total Taxes Paid - County		207,685.00
Total Taxes Paid - School District		1,236,249.00
Abatements		14,630.96
Property Tax Refunds		3,865.10
Total Taxes Bought by the Town		<u>52,458.41</u>
Total Detailed Expenses		\$3,786,880.31

The enclosed reports are from the Trustees of the Trust Funds for the year 2009.

## CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2009

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	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	Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year
06/19/76	Highway Dept. CRF	\$ 22,865.06	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 72,865.06	\$ 0.00	\$ 140.48	\$ 0.00	\$ 140.48	\$ 73,005.54
06/23/76	Police Department CRF	34,656.47	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	39,656.47	569.53	123.94	0.00	693.47	40,349.94
12/31/91	Meetinghouse CRF	5,005.16	65,000.00	0.00	63,725.85	6,279.31	0.00	78.63	78.63	0.00	6,279.31
03/17/99	Highway Dept. Roadwork CRF	690.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	690.45	435.23	4.12	0.00	439.35	1,129.80
08/01/04	Carolina Crapo CRF	6,265.13	5,000.00	0.00	1,759.05	9,506.08	0.00	26.63	26.63	0.00	9,506.08
07/19/93	Fire Department CRF	78,963.27	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	103,963.27	5,697.04	314.64	0.00	6,011.68	109,974.95
08/09/06	Highway Bridge	110,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	6,562.36	153,437.64	1,099.02	433.17	1,532.19	0.00	153,437.64
11/20/08	Fire Department Building	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	10.32	46.12	0.00	56.44	20,056.44
03/10/09	Highway Department Building	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	6.26	0.00	6.26	5,006.26
TOTAL CAPITAL											
RESERVE FUNDS		\$ 268,445.54	\$ 215,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 72,047.26	\$ 411,398.28	\$ 7,811.14	\$ 1,173.99	\$ 1,637.45	\$ 7,347.68	\$ 418,745.96

All Funds Invested 100%.  
All Funds are deposited in PDIP.

Respectfully,  
David McPhaul  
Chairman, Trustee of the Trust Funds

# CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2009

## PRINCIPAL INCOME

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	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	Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year
10/09/75	Sunnyside Care Fund (1)	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 1,010.82	\$ 43.72	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,054.54	\$ 13,054.54
09/21/73	Louise Leazott Trust (1)	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	556.68	4.00	0.00	560.68	1,060.68
11/05/43	Annie Bowles Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	135.64	.15	0.00	135.79	285.79
11/03/37	Frank E. Bowles Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	135.64	.15	0.00	135.79	285.79
10/18/56	J. L. & Gertrude Bowles Trust (1)	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	75.49	0.00	0.00	75.49	175.49
07/11/84	Hersom Murray Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	91.44	.11	0.00	91.55	241.55
10/09/75	Anker Trust (2)	3,500.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.79	1,366.47	16.06	0.00	1,382.53	4,883.32
10/09/75	Sunnyside Cemetery Fund (3)	<u>18,048.09</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>18,048.09</u>	<u>6,234.25</u>	<u>80.73</u>	<u>1,048.00</u>	<u>5,266.98</u>	<u>23,315.07</u>
TOTAL CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS		\$ 34,598.88	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 34,598.88	\$ 9,606.43	\$ 144.92	\$ 1,048.00	\$ 8,703.35	\$ 43,302.23

- (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, 2009

### P R I N C I P A L I N C O M E

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	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	Grand Total of Principal & Income End of Year
10/09/75	Gladys Jesseman Memorial Trust	\$ 1,841.23	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,841.23	\$ 151.29	\$ 7.14	\$ 0.00	\$ 158.43	\$ 1,999.66
09/21/73	Fredericka Harmes Fund	1,564.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,564.10	492.88	7.38	0.00	500.26	2,064.36
11/05/43	Alice Smith Fund	903.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	903.50	284.91	4.15	0.00	289.06	1,192.56
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>7,882.08</u>	<u>273.03</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>8,155.11</u>	<u>82,139.66</u>
	TOTAL LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS	\$ 78,293.38	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 78,293.38	\$ 8,811.16	\$ 291.70	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,102.86	\$ 87,396.24

All Funds Invested 100%.  
All Funds are deposited in PDIP or CD's.

Respectfully,  
David McPhaul  
Chairman, Trustee of the Trust Funds

## **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

The ladies who really run our town have done a great job as usual this past year. I want to especially compliment Jennifer Gaudette. She works long hours and is extremely contentious that all reports and computer figures are always checked out. Many people come into the Town Offices. Not all are pleasant or polite but all three ladies are always polite, gracious and helpful.

All our various reports for the state were done correctly and earlier than usual. As Town Clerk Lissa Boissonneault reports to the state, her books were audited by them last fall and all reports were in great shape. The Town books are in great shape. We are getting a new computer to keep up with the times. I strongly believe the ladies should have the best equipment and most updated software to do the job.

I want to thank Ralph Brigida for all his help as CPA for our Town. He has been doing this for Sugar Hill for the last 15 years. But alas he has asked that this be the last year. So the Selectmen shall have to hire a new firm. If I'm around, I'll be glad to help, but I too can be easily replaced.

In closing I want to thank everyone for all their help and patience. The Town should be pleased that it is being extremely well run by all departments. We are lucky!

Respectfully submitted,  
William Pinney  
Volunteer Town Auditor

P.S. If we ever pick a Person of the Year please try and pick a lady!

## **CEMETERY TRUSTEES' REPORT**

The year 2009 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. He is now in the oldest part of the cemetery and it takes more time and therefore more money to do this part. We will continue this project in 2010 until all of Sunnyside's older monuments are in good condition. This year we fenced the Streeter Pond Cemetery as per the state RSA's. If you have not had a chance to see it, go and look. It is a big improvement.

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

The past year's most significant occurrence was the July 4<sup>th</sup> passing of a \$750,000 check to the Sugar Hill Improvement Association finally culminating the sale of the Carolina Crapo Memorial and adjacent properties to the town. After nearly a half century, Sugar Hill has its own town building! As promised at the 2009 Town Meeting the \$74,000 budgeted for interest and principal in the 2008 budget, unspent because the sale could not be concluded in 2008, was put against taxes in 2009. We remind taxpayers that the town portion of the tax rate is only one of four – the state school, local school, and county portions are all established outside of the town and assessed against us.

On July 1, long time Selectmen Harry Reid stepped down after some 10 years of service. We miss his strong counsel and deep convictions for what is good for our town, and wish him well. He was replaced by Margo Connors who serves on the Conservation Commission as well as in a number of other roles including Health Officer. In the short time she's served, she has made invaluable contributions.

In November, we lost long time resident and dedicated member of the community, Dr. John Rowbotham. Dr. Rowbotham served as Supervisor of the Checklist and also President of the Sugar Hill Improvement Association. He will be missed by all.

The Meeting House renovations were brought about by close-up pictures of the steeple taken by Robert Morgan, which showed some glaring needs not really visible from the ground. A \$10,000 "Moose Plate" grant written by Barbara Serafini was exceedingly helpful in allowing us to complete the work properly. The steeple has been shingled and sealed, the weathervane and its accoutrements gilded in their original fashion. The result should preserve this 1830 gem as it continues to serve the town well into the future.

Last spring, we established a plan to address road problems. Obviously, it is not possible to do every road annually, but the plan is to repair where necessary and resurface at least the worst areas until a longer term solution. Those who would like to review the plan can find it on our website. [www.sugarhillnh.org](http://www.sugarhillnh.org) The Indian Brook "bridge" replacement project has finally received permits from the State as well as the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. We anticipate that it will be replaced in 2010 (probably August) before school busses begin running on Streeter Pond Road.

2009 also presented many other challenges and opportunities – as, no doubt, will 2010. 2012 will be our Fiftieth Anniversary as a town. Should there be a celebration? In what fashion and are there residents willing to put together some preliminary plans? Let us hear from you. We wish to thank the residents that are volunteers on our various boards and committees. Their commitment to the Town of Sugar Hill is what makes it a special place to live.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Bielefield  
Chairman  
Board of Selectmen

## **PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT**

In 2009 the District continued its efforts to promote waste reduction, increase recycling, and decrease the toxicity of our waste stream. The District met five times during the year and wide array of subject matter was discussed and disseminated. Items of significant interest this past year included recycling markets, new storm water permitting regulations, the NCES landfill in Bethlehem, and the household hazardous waste program.

Since bottoming out in late 2008 and early 2009, the markets for recyclables have vastly improved and are at or very near historical averages. When selling your recyclable materials, members are strongly encouraged to call multiple brokers as prices can vary between brokers. Even small differences can add up to significant dollars over the course of a year. Brokers also can offer a wide array of collection options (single-stream, co-mingled, split loads, etc) to best suit your recycling facility. What works for one town may not work for another, but no matter the circumstances, there are many possibilities for member towns to incorporate to decrease waste and increase recycling efforts. The District is fortunate to have some of the best municipal recycling programs in the State as part of its member base, as well as having a knowledgeable and innovative group of facility operators and committee representatives available for support and assistance. If your town has questions, issues, or concerns you would like to address, please be sure to use the resources you have available. Towns should keep in mind that New Hampshire the Beautiful offers grants to NH communities to help with the purchase of recycling equipment. Grants may total up to one-half of the purchase price of such things as balers, roll-off containers, collections bins, or other equipment that will assist a town in achieving a higher diversion rate. More information on the grant program is available at [www.nhthebeautiful.org](http://www.nhthebeautiful.org).

The District's household hazardous waste program once again allowed residents the opportunity to properly dispose of their unwanted or outdated hazardous household products. Over 200 residents came to one or more of the three collection events held this past summer. A number of recycling centers were also able to dispose of the household hazardous waste that they had accumulated in the past year. The net expenditure for the 2009 program was \$17,500. This was a reduction of nearly \$9,500 from the 2008 program. The District plans to hold two collection events in 2010. They will be held in Littleton and Plymouth. Dates have not yet been set but tentative plans are to hold the collections in August and September. Check with your recycling center later in the year for the exact dates.

As always, citizens interested in participating in the development of the District's programs are welcome to attend the District's meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at all municipal offices and recycling centers.

Respectively submitted,  
Robert Berti, Chairman  
Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District

## **TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION**

As some of you know the recycling market prices took a dramatic drop in October of 2008 and continued into the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2009. This equates to a 57% decrease in recyclable income. The markets have started to rebound and hopefully will continue throughout 2010.

### Recycled Products:

- Paper – 168 tons.
- Aluminum cans – 3.7 tons.
- Tin cans – 7.6 tons
- Scrap metal – 20 tons
- Glass – 75 tons
- Textiles – 4 tons
- #1 Plastics – 5.6 tons
- #2 Plastics – 5.5 tons

I want to thank all the Tri-Town residents for their recycling efforts. A special thanks to all my employees for making 2009 another successful year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Greg Wells, Manager  
Tri-Town Transfer Station

## **SUGAR HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT**

On behalf of the Sugar Hill Police Department, I would like to take this opportunity to once again let you know how much we truly appreciate having the privilege to work for such an outstanding community. It is a pleasure to come to work everyday. We are fortunate to work in a place that shows such support.

As many of you know, this year the Sugar Hill Police Department has undergone some changes. Officer Brandon Walker, who had established a good rapport with many of our citizens, is now working with the Lisbon Police Department. We were fortunate to fill the vacancy with the hiring of Sgt. Rick Ball, a well established officer in the area.

In closing, we would like to thank both the Highway and Fire Departments. Both of these Departments not only provide excellent services to the community, but also go out of their way to assist the Police Department whom not only work very hard, putting in long hours to provide excellent services to the community but also go out of their way to assist the Police Department whenever we have needed them.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chief David D. Wentworth

## Calls For Service

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Arrests	27	16
911 Hang Up	11	15
Abandoned MV	3	1
Alarm, Burglar	59	65
All Spots Inquiries	45	30
Assault	0	2
Assist Citizen	20	16
Assist Other Agency	5	6
Building Check	5	8
Burglary	0	2
Child Abuse	0	0
Civil Stand-By	3	6
Directions	0	0
Disabled MV/Lock Out	40	24
Disturbance/Fight/Brawl	3	7
Dog Complaint	23	44
Domestic Disturbance	2	7
Follow Up Investigations	29	39
Intoxicated Person (Not DWI)	0	0
Juvenile Offenses	2	0
Lost/Found Property	7	2
Missing Person	5	2
Motor Vehicle Complaint	10	16
Motor Vehicle Crash	22	17
Motor Vehicle Stop	714	537
Noise Complaint	1	2
Paperwork Service	2	10
Police Admin	156	158
Road Hazard/Wire or Tree Down	32	23
Shots Fired	4	4
Suicidal Person	1	2
Suspicious Person	4	1
Suspicious Vehicle	13	21
Telephone Harassment	1	2
Theft/Fraud	5	9
Threats	3	5
Traffic Detail	2	1
Trespass	1	5
Unknown/Other	15	17
Vandalism	4	5
VIN Verification	3	10
Wanted Person	8	5
Welfare Check	<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1293</b>	<b>1151</b>

## **SUGAR HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT**

During 2009 your Fire Department continued to be very active in training and with emergency calls. Our calls dropped substantially during 2009 to only 40 calls, but the severity of the calls increased.

In 2009 we had three fires that could have been substantial losses. One fire was in the village that started due to improper installation of insulation and if not for the aggressive attack by the Department would have resulted in a loss of one of our historic homes. A second fire involved one of our important commercial properties and if not for the actions of the owners and the Department could have been a substantial loss. The third serious fire was a vehicle fire in close proximity to a large multi car garage on Route 18. Again the highly trained response to the fire resulted in a quick knock down which saved an expensive tractor and the structure.

The professional response to these fires is support that your Fire Department is well equipped, adequately staffed and highly trained. The Department has added firefighters again this year and now has 23 dedicated firefighters up from 21 last year and 18 the previous year. The new firefighters are hard working, dedicated and willing and able to learn to be excellent firefighters. Sugar Hill is fortunate to have its entire roster of 23 firefighters as very active.

The firefighters 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 the services usually found only in full time Departments.

The Department continues to improve its water supplies and it is hoped to add a dry hydrant at Toad Hill Road, Hadley Road, and Streeter Pond Road. On the warrant is a proposal to dredge the pond at the church on Birches Road and install a dry hydrant. This is a key location and requires more work than other locations and requires the expenditure of Town funds on private property. An easement in favor of the Town would be required. Using dry hydrants significantly shortens the time it takes to be able to obtain a reliable water source during a fire.

We will be facing the need to replace one of our fire engines in 2011. Our Engine 1 has a body and pump that is in excess of 33 years old on a chassis that is 12 years old and our Engine 3 is over 26 years old. Both have served the Town well, but are becoming unreliable and are costing more and more to maintain and compromise the safety of the firefighters. A Federal Grant has been applied for to replace an engine, but it is not likely that it will be granted as we received a Federal Grant to purchase a new tanker.

Through the program of improving our equipment, increasing our training and developing good water supplies we are working to lower the insurance protection class for the Town. The process requires not only the Department to functionally perform at a high level, but also extensive paperwork to obtain the reduction in the protection class. We are confident that we will lower the insurance protection class; however it is taking longer than expected.

We continue our extensive training 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 is recognized as one of the best equipped, trained, and professional Fire Departments in the region.

The Fire Department responded to the following:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Brush/Grass Fires	1	0	1	0
Chimney Fires	1	2	1	1
Dumpsters	0	0	1	0
Fire Alarm Activations	10	17	10	9
Furnace Problems	1	2	3	0
Hazardous Conditions	2	15	10	13
Hazardous Materials	0	0	5	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	5	5	9	7
Mutual Aid – Cover	2	4	8	7
Mutual Aid – Scene	11	30	6	14
Rescues	2	0	1	1
Service Calls	0	5	1	3
Smoke Investigations	2	4	5	2
Structure Fires	2	0	8	1
Vehicle Fires	1	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>58</b>

As of December 31, 2009 the Fire Department’s active roster consisted of twenty-three of your neighbors who are as follows:

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                           | Chief Allan R. Clark     |                          |
| Asst. Chief Doug Glover   |                          | Asst. Chief Doug Amsbary |
| Captain Gordi Johnk       | Lieutenant Jim Snyder    | Lieutenant Cliff Aldrich |
| Engineer Harold Aldrich   | Engineer Brinson Ireland | Engineer Barry Bernstein |
| Engineer Peter Szawlowski | Eric Chase               | Bruce Cole               |
| Russell Gaitskill         | Jody Hogdon              | Andrew Howe              |
| Sam Johnk                 | Zack Johnk               | Dan Kenerson             |
| Jason Kern                | Luther Kinney            | Tim Leighton             |
| Curt McCarson             |                          | Ned Wilson               |

Your best defense to protect from a structure fire is to be certain your heating equipment receives an annual check-up and wood stove installations are inspected by the Department. To protect life you should have both smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in your home. Do not hesitate to contact us should you have questions or need assistance.

It is truly an honor to serve such a wonderful community as Sugar Hill as the Fire Chief. Thank you for your support and thank you to the firefighters for their support and dedication. I especially thank the firefighter wives for tolerating the many disruptions to their family life and sharing their husbands for the good of the community.

Respectfully submitted,  
Allan R. Clark, Fire Chief

## **REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

The recent ice dam on the Gale River has again brought to the forefront the potential for natural disasters that can adversely affect the community. We have worked hard to identify the hazards the community can face and developed a plan and the infrastructure necessary to mitigate those hazards.

The largest natural disaster threat that we face in Sugar Hill is the loss of power for an extended period of time. A plan was developed to address this hazard and is fully implemented and consists of the following:

- Identifying the location of all NH Cooperative and PSNH Power Lines
- Installing a generator at the Fire Station
- Installing a generator at the Highway Garage
- Installing a generator at the Crapo Town Office Building
- Training the Fire Department on dealing with power lines
- Acquiring traffic cones, barricades & signage
- Joint training with Fire, Highway and Police Departments
- Creating an Emergency Operations Center
- Establishing a shelter at the Crapo Town Office Building
- Identifying volunteers who would staff the shelter

In case of an extended power outage, the Crapo Building will be established as a staffed emergency warming center, which will be capable of providing a warm environment and limited meals. The Crapo Building can also be utilized as an emergency shelter with cots for overnight accommodations, if the need arises.

A group of volunteers have been identified who are willing to assist in staffing the Crapo Building during an emergency as the firefighters and police officers will likely be committed to providing emergency services. If you had not already identify yourself as a volunteer willing to staff the Crapo Building in shifts during an emergency, please give me a call at 823-5748.

Since we have identified and mitigated the Town's greatest natural disaster hazard we will utilize 2010 to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Emergency Operations Plan. It is anticipated that we will receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000 to accomplish this task.

As a reminder, should you have a generator at your home be certain that it is properly connected to the house wiring and that the generator is located outside in a well ventilated area. It is of critical importance to have a carbon monoxide detector in your home.

Please do not hesitate to contact your emergency services by calling 823-8123 should you require any assistance. It does not need to be a true emergency. Both the Fire Department and the Police Department are willing to help the citizens and visitors to Sugar Hill during a time of need.

Respectfully submitted,  
Allan R. Clark  
Emergency Management Director

## 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. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org).

Spring fire season was unusually short this past year, with wet weather beginning the third week in April and lasting virtually all summer long. Consequently both the number of fires and the number of acres burned were below the last five year average. Due to State budget constraints, the staffing of our Statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers was limited to Class III or higher fire danger days. Despite the reduction in the number of days staffed, our fire lookout towers are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting capability was supplemented this year by contracted aircraft and the Civil Air Patrol when fire danger was especially high. Surprisingly the largest single fire this year occurred in late November during an unusual dry spell, in the northern Coos County Town of Clarksville. This fire burned 17.1 acres and is presumed to have been caused by a careless hunter. 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 2009 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).

### 2009 FIRE STATISTICS (All Fires Reported thru December 3, 2009)

(Figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)

#### County Statistics

County	Acres	# of Fires	County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	13	16	Hillsborough	12	94
Carroll	7	30	Merrimack	1	45
Cheshire	3	29	Rockingham	62	30
Coos	42	42	Strafford	2	3
Grafton	11	35	Sullivan	20	10

#### CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

			Total Fires	Total Acres		
Arson	4	Debris	184	2009	334	173
Campfire	18	Children	12	2008	455	175
Smoking	15	Railroad	5	2007	437	212
Equipment	5	Lightning	0	2006	500	473
Miscellaneous	*		91	2005	546	174

(\*Misc.: powerlines, fireworks, electric fences, etc)

### Only You Can Prevent Wildland Fires

## FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD 2009 Annual Report

The Life Squad draws its membership from the towns of Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton. Each member dedicated to providing the highest quality emergency care, to the communities they serve.

All members are at a minimum, 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.

Congratulations to Bill Mead who having passed his National Registry Exams was advanced to the level of Paramedic. This means currently, five (5) of our members are certified to provide Advanced Life Support, three (3) of which are nationally registered paramedics. The Franconia Life Squad at year end had twelve (12) active members and a paramedic advisor. Additionally there are three (3) new members currently on probation. This will bring the squad membership to a total of fifteen (15) plus our advisor. The squad is well prepared to assist our citizens and visitors to our area with quality emergency medical care.

Many of the members have other specialized training including ice rescue, swift water rescue, high angle 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.

Active members of the Franconia Life Squad at year end were:

Chief Paul Schmucker – EMT

Act. Chief Mark Taylor – EMT

Capt. Amy Cyrs - EMT

Bill Mead - EMT P

Steven Czarnecki - EMT –P

Bill Blackwell - EMT -I

Flo Place - EMT -I

Allan Clark - EMT

Jeff Gould - EMT

John Ireland - EMT

Zach Manglone - EMT

Linda Mordhorst - EMT

Jon Place - EMT

Gareth Slattery - EMT

Kyle Whitcomb- EMT

David White - EMT

Jeff Stewart - EMT -P

The number of calls that the Life Squad responded to in 2009 rose to 197, an increase of thirty (30%) percent over 2008 when there were 151 calls. The number of transports to the hospital also increased in 2009 to 92, a forty eight (48%) percent increase over 2008.

	<u>2009</u>		<u>2008</u>		<u>2007</u>	
	Calls	Transports	Calls	Transports	Calls	Transports
Franconia	133	85	111	54	108	62
Sugar Hill	44	3	26	1	32	0
Easton	17	3	11	6	8	6
Mutual Aid	3	1	3	1	3	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>69</b>

Revenue from transports increased 11% in 2009 due to the increase in transports.

In 2009, the operating expenses were \$51,727 and income obtained from patient billing and Sugar Hill and Easton subsidies totaled \$52,859 with the net cost for the operation of the Franconia Life Squad to the Town of Franconia being \$0.00 and a net surplus of \$1132. This is the first year the Life Squad has operated with a surplus.

The new ambulance that was put into service in 2008 was specifically designed to treat and transport patients. The ambulance currently operates at the Intermediate care level and in early 2009 will be upgraded to Advanced Life Support at the paramedic level.

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 community.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Schmucker - Chief  
Franconia Life Squad

## **ROSS AMBULANCE SERVICE**

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Town of Sugar Hill in 2009. Ross Ambulance Service answered 1317 calls for service in 2009, 846 of which were emergency requests. Of the 846 emergencies 39 were in Sugar Hill. Our average response time in Sugar Hill from dispatch to responding was 1 minute and from dispatch to on scene was 17 minutes. We responded to all emergencies with providers trained at the ALS (Advanced Life Support) level. Through our mutual aid agreements we responded to assist other ambulance services 26 times and received assistance 5 times. We also transferred 275 patients from Littleton Regional Hospital, other hospitals or healthcare facilities.

In 2009 we updated our defibrillator/monitors to allow us to better treat and monitor the most critically sick and injured patients. We were also awarded a CPAP device through a statewide grant that allows us to better treat certain respiratory emergencies.

In addition to responding for people who require transport to the hospital we standby for firefighters at major fires and assist people in their homes when called. We also provided a stand-by ambulance for the Littleton Crusaders football team home games.

Ross Ambulance Service also serves as a ride site for EMT & Paramedic students as well as providing job shadowing opportunities for students at the Hugh J. Gallen Vocational Center, allied health program.

Adam Smith  
Manager  
Ross Ambulance Service

## **ROAD AGENT'S REPORT**

During 2009, the Highway Department was able to pave portions of Pearl Lake Road, Crane Hill Road, Toad Hill Road and Easton Road as these roads proved to need the most immediate attention.

With land owner permission we were able to take down a number of hazardous trees in town. These trees not only presented a safety hazard to motorists but also had potential to take down power lines. With the cooperation of Public Service Company of New Hampshire and the use of their bucket trucks, we were able to accomplish this project.

The Indian Creek Bridge project having received all permits is scheduled to take place in 2010 during the low water period. The Highway Department has worked diligently to complete the drainage that will be needed for the resurfacing projects of 2010.

I would like to thank both the Police and Fire Departments for the assistance we received during storm emergencies in 2009. I would also like to thank the Selectboard for their continued support of the Highway Department.

Respectfully submitted,  
Douglas Glover  
Road Agent

## **PLANNING BOARD**

The Planning Board saw the following activity for 2009:

- Major Subdivision: 1
- Lot Line Adjustment: 4

The Planning Board saw an increase in the number of Lot Line Adjustments and a decrease in Major Subdivision this past year. Overall the Board brought in approximately \$1700.00 in fees this past year.

With the Subdivision Regulations updated and approved the Board moved on to reviewing the Site Plan Regulations and is currently in the process of making revisions which will be completed in the Spring of 2010.

The Planning Board meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30PM at the Carolina Crapo Memorial Building. Anyone interested in serving on the Planning Board should write 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

## **RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

During the year 2009, Richardson Memorial Library has had good support from our patrons in the community. We thank you! We appreciate your friendliness and encouragement to provide a pleasant atmosphere and friendly library for the people of Sugar Hill. We would like to see more local citizens join the library – at no charge – and READ!

Our library has the latest bestsellers - fiction and nonfiction, a large, varied selection of CDs and audios, along with the main collections of adult and children's books. If there is an item we do not have in our collection, you may request it from the NH State Library InterLibrary Loan System. In 2009, we borrowed 390 books from other libraries and lent 296 books to other libraries in the state.

We have two computers for our patrons to use, and WIFI for those who bring laptops.

Our 2009 Book Sale was held in June and was a great success. We thank you for your support! Your donations allow us to purchase more reading materials for our library.

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

Patron Visits - 2407  
Adult Books Loaned - 2292  
Children's Book Loaned - 909  
CDs, Audios Loaned - 221

### Library Trustees

Irene Amsbary  
Elaine Burpee  
Rose Ellms

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharyn McGuigan  
Librarian

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The primary activity of the Conservation Commission is to help maintain those environmental assets of Sugar Hill which benefit us all. Clean air, clean water, and unpolluted land are vital to Sugar Hill. Not having to have municipal sewer and water systems and not having pollution clean up costs saves us millions compared to many other New Hampshire towns. In this regard the New Hampshire Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act and the wetlands regulations of the Department of Environmental Services (DES) benefit the Town greatly. Compliance with these statutes for property owners is not always straightforward or easy.

This year we have seen increasing numbers of projects which require application for shoreland and wetlands permits and we have been faced with some unfortunate cases in which property owners or contractors have failed to obtain the necessary permits. We cannot stress strongly enough that before proceeding with any project such as cutting trees, clearing brush, grading or draining land, or erecting even small structures near wetlands, streams, rivers or ponds, property owners should make sure they have all the necessary permits in hand. Failure to do so has resulted in substantial added costs, time, and possible fines. Property owners may contact the DES directly, or they may use any of several local contractors with expertise and staff trained in permitting. The Conservation Commission only reviews applications related to wetlands and shorelands and can not grant permits, but we are always happy to offer advice if contacted well before the review process reaches us.

With the help of the DES exotic species program, we have monitored some local water bodies such as Streeter Pond for invasive species which could endanger recreation or health of Town residents and visitors. To date all samples have been negative and we hope we will continue to be free of these organisms.

Other long term and continuing projects of the Conservation Commission include upgrading and extending recreational paths to provide motor-free recreation that connect with trails in neighboring towns, conservation education in our local schools, and maintenance of the Town Forest; all of these are without cost or actually return funds to the Town. We assist in energy conservation planning for the Town and individuals. We now have a quantitative, geographically organized data base of many factors that effect the Town's ecology and conservation issues. These are available upon request both in the form of maps posted in the Town Hall and in digital form in the Richardson Library. This information would be of use to anyone planning development or conservation restrictions on their property.

The Conservation Commission has limited funds available for grants to individuals or groups proposing projects that would benefit the Town as a whole. Applications are available in the Town Office and we encourage informal discussions with the Conservation Commission before application. We meet the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Town Building; all are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted:  
Katherine Galligan  
Peter Carbonneau  
Co-Chairs, Conservation Commission

## THE WILLING WORKERS SOCIETY

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

We have enjoyed our monthly luncheons and business meetings with three members each meeting supplying delicious food. Give me a call and come join us the first Thursday of the month at noon.

With help from George Hartman flowers were planted in the Meetinghouse flower boxes in memory of Edna Glaessel.

In June we lost another member, Nancy Smith. Nancy served as President in 1999 and 2000 and was an excellent seamstress who made many items for our handwork table. A donation in her memory was made to the Richardson Memorial Library.

Refreshments were served after services for Martha Aldrich, wife of Richard whose brothers are Harold and Albert. Thanks to the members for your food donations and help.

No scholarship was awarded this year as no applications were received.

In June we had a small sale called Grandma's Treasures, during the Lupine Festival.

I want to thank all the members, extra helpers and townspeople for their work and donations of food and items for the sales. Also a big thank you to those 13 people who helped set up and carry stuff down and back up the stairs.

Thank you to Brenda Aldrich for her assistance with faxing the advertising of our sales to the newspapers.

Seventy five gifts for the town Christmas Party were provided for babies through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Assisting with buying, wrapping and party preparations were Rose Ellms and Tricia Coyle.

A donation was given to Laura Given the victim of a house fire, also to the Sugar Hill Historical Museum shed roof fund.

Plants were given to 11 shut-ins for Christmas and donations were given to the following groups: Franconia Food Bank, 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.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sylvia Hutchinson  
President

### 2010 Officers

President: Sylvia Hutchinson  
Vice President & Publicity: Elaine Burpee  
Treasurer: Edith Aldrich

Secretary: Maxine Aldrich  
Hospitality: Carol Young

## SUGAR HILL HISTORICAL MUSEUM REPORT

Many people regard museums as musty, dark, closed-up spaces. Once visited, it is, “been there, done that.” Not true of the Sugar Hill Historical Museum! We are not a stagnant pool. We constantly move most exhibits and change our theme every year. “Been there, done that” does not work for an excuse with us! Please resolve to come in and peek during the 2010 season. Better yet, join!

Did you see, *What they Wore, Fashions at our Grand Hotels, 1874-1974?* This 2009 exhibit will be a museum hallmark for years to come! The guidebook written for the exhibit was a bestseller as well.

Sugar Hill – Then and Now is another 2009 publication of the museum with original pictures of early Sugar Hill sites next to pictures taken by Judy Weisenberger-Keefe of the sites today. This new book is an update of one of Don MacCornack’s books from our library, written in 1980. In addition the museum produced nine booklets of postcard reproductions. Look-Off, Franconia Inn, Miramonte, Peckett’s and Sunset Hill House are subjects along with our own Sugar Hill Street. Sugar Hill Treasures continues to sell. It was listed as second best seller at the Village Bookstore in Littleton.

For the fashion exhibit, Kitty Bigelow, Martha Evelyn and Nancy Martland started digging in the museum attic in February 09. Some days the hours were very, very short. All of the hours were icy cold! What we dug out for display was assembled along with donations and loans from members, neighbors and friends. The collection and display proved to be impressive and resulted in a 50 percent increase of visitors. Patrons from France to California stopped in and marveled! Word of mouth, rainy days and another method of advertising with placement of rack cards throughout the region brought in our guests!

Ann Hartmann organized and assembled a gift shop like no other year. The gift shop income surpassed all previous records.

Our campaign to raise funds for new shingles for the Carriage Barn roof was very successful. And, the museum received the best gift of all: labor from Scott Jesseman in memory of his father, Don Jesseman and his grandparents, George and Gladys Jesseman. All family members had helped to build the barn in 1980, and they generously returned to share the task in 2009. Many volunteers, even a museum member from Cape Cod, joined the work party. Everyone struggled very hard to keep up with old shingles flying off the roof. We all picked up old flashing, nails and shingles, and lugged them to the dumpster on the front lawn. By the end of the week, in spite of rain showers, the new roof was completed. A bronze plaque listing our museum supporters for this project will be placed in the barn.

The Town of Sugar Hill will be 50 years old in 2012. The Door We Use is our project taking shape ... one door at a time. The museum will publish a book of Sugar Hill doors that features every Sugar Hill home with its common door and the family of the home using a chair supplied by the museum. Judy Weisenberger-Keefe will contact you, or

please contact her at 603-823-8509 or [JudyW23598@aol.com](mailto:JudyW23598@aol.com). No one will be left out of this significant museum publication.

The Aldrich family quilt collection, *The Ties that Bind*, is another exhibit of the 2010 season. The Aldrich family, among the first settlers of Sugar Hill, owns a magnificent collection of quilts created and handcrafted by their many descendants. *The Ties that Bind* will bring together their multitude of Aldrich family photographs and memorabilia for this feature exhibit. In the Carriage Barn Gallery, *Aprons* will please your eyes and bring many memories of times gone by.

A wealth of history awaits everyone in the Sugar Hill Historical Museum. Did you know that we have a fantastic genealogical and photographic research library? In 2009, the museum received the remaining original weathervane ball and feather from the Meetinghouse following the steeple restoration last summer. Dresses, coats, wedding dresses, hats, a silk umbrella, crank telephone, and a tortoise shell hair comb have now become permanent accessions. How fortunate we are to be able to add to and care for our fabulous archival collection!

Mark a Friday or a Saturday on your calendar from June 4 to October 11, 2010 and visit from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This museum belongs to everyone in Sugar Hill, and no admission is charged. If you can join us as a member, we welcome you, as this membership is how we can afford to keep our doors open to the public and present fantastic shows. Donations are gratefully accepted. If you can participate in any of the tasks to keep the displays and archives in order and the museum sparkling, we appreciate your helping hands.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kitty H. Bigelow  
Director and Curator

## SUGAR HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

*Founded in 1890, the Sugar Hill Improvement Association is a community-based charitable organization dedicated to the benefit of its citizens and the betterment and beautification of the village of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire*

With the sale of the Carolina Crapo Memorial Building and its surrounding properties to the Town of Sugar Hill and the transfer of the Museum Property to the Sugar Hill Historical Museum in 2009, the association found itself looking to the future in anticipation of finding meaningful ways to use the interest from its two trust funds to benefit the people of Sugar Hill.

All residents of Sugar Hill of legal voting age are members of the association. We will be holding a general meeting on Wednesday May 12, 2010 to vote on new bylaws. The meeting will take place in the lower level of the Carolina Crapo Building at 7:00 P.M. Please plan on attending.

In keeping with the Mr. Crapo's will the association continues to give Book Awards to Sugar Hill residents graduating from High School, who will be continuing their education. This year we gave out first year Book Awards to Christopher Cote and Samantha Branch and second year Book Awards to Joseph Hansalik and Ashley Boucher.

We would like to acknowledge and thank Barbara Serafini for her many years of service as President of the Association. She led the association through the sale of the Crapo Building to the town and with the transfer of The "Museum Property" to the Sugar Hill Historical Museum.

We would also like to publically thank Steve Samaha for all his assistance in making sure all the legal paperwork was filed for the disposition of the properties.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beverly A Frenkiewich  
President

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

The Tri-Town Recreation Department has had another phenomenal year. A huge THANK YOU goes out to all who made this happen.

We started with a great winter for skating and cross country skiing. The weather cooperated. We had Family Skate Nights on Wednesdays and skiing on Sunday mornings throughout the winter. This will all happen again so be sure to check the town website for updates and details; [www.franconianh.org](http://www.franconianh.org) There is now music at the skating rink.

Trails are abundant in the Tri-Towns and we are in the process of inventorying, maintaining, mapping and making signs with trail information. We have organized a group of trail enthusiasts for this purpose, called the "Franconia Area Trails" group or FAT for short. The map will be available this spring if not sooner.

The Old Home Day, Top Notch Triathlon, Franconia Scramble, Hayseed Bluegrass Festival, Halloween Cup Soccer Tournament, Pumpkin Festival and Summer Concert Series were all very successful bringing people and money to town. We hope to improve upon all the above and add new events when possible. The money raised from the Top Notch Triathlon and the Halloween Cup Soccer Tournament are in a fund to help with improvements to the rink. The total from these two events is \$11,000

Baseball/softball, soccer and basketball all had excellent attendance and successes along the way. These programs rely totally on volunteers. Both parents and people without children who just love the game make it all work.

Kris Germain has done another outstanding job of organizing all the youth teams, and the summer program. Without her dedication and organizational skills our heads would spin. A good leader brings out the best in the staff around her and our team of recreation counselors proved just that.

The Tri-Town Recreation Committee meets the first Thursday of every month the location to be announced. Check the town website [www.franconianh.org](http://www.franconianh.org) for more details.

Watch for next summer's concerts featuring big names such as; Crunchy Western Boys, Wicked Smart Horn Band, Tuba4th and White Mountain Swing.

Respectfully submitted,

Tri-Town Committee Members

**Franconia:** Jeff Malcolm & Beth Horan

**Sugar Hill:** Gordie Johnk & Cindy McClaren

**Easton:** Brian Canelas & Ashley Garrison

Kris Germain, Youth Program Director

Kim Cowles, Park & Recreation Director

## **FRANCONIA NOTCH REGION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Dear Board of Selectmen, Residents, and Friends,

The Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank you for your support of your Chamber of Commerce. Through your funding and support we are able to market our area, the Franconia Notch Region, as a premiere place to nurture business, enjoy recreation, and as a preferred place to live.

We continued to grow our Chamber membership in 2009 and are currently at an all time high of 140 members, while expanding our involvement in our communities by supporting community events in order to enhance the presence and work of the Chamber. This year, the Chamber made contributions to the Franconia Recreation Department to help fund the concerts and such on the Dow field and worked together with the Recreation Department to bring back the holiday decorating contest throughout the three communities and other areas of our members. We contribute to “Old Home Day” events via the Lafayette Lions and hope we can continue to do so in the coming years.

As President of the Franconia Notch Chamber, I am very proud of our Strategic Plan which has clear and innovative goals and objectives. Our Team structure is run on the hard labor of volunteer hours. Literally hundreds and hundreds of combined volunteer hours went to forming and implementing the strategic plan and implementation of its goals and objectives as the Chamber continues to grow. Through successful application for JPP Grant funding, we have once again been able to increase the number of our FNCC brochure to 60,000 with a distribution to every corner of the State of New Hampshire. FNCC successfully obtained matching grant funding for premier marketing pieces such as Ski NH Magazine, White Mountain Attraction Visitors Guide and a web presence on each that is sure to attract more guests, family and friends to our region of the White Mountains. Successful grant funding and hard work is showing returns to our communities and area businesses through the “Rooms and Meals Tax” returned to the Towns of Franconia, Easton, and Sugar Hill which have seen a significant increases over the last five years. This is a good indication that the Chamber marketing strategy and collaborative effort are very successful.

The FNCC website ([www.franconianotch.org](http://www.franconianotch.org)) is packed with useful information and itineraries for things to do, scenic drives, places to go, and things you must see. Folks who usually 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 unique monthly hits is impressive, and will be even more so due to upgrade search engine optimization and integrated events calendars with Littleton Area Chamber and Lincoln/Woodstock Chamber. There is now so much to do on the calendars that folks are more inclined to extend their stay to take in all that our region of New Hampshire has to offer. As more and more travelers make their travel plans by visiting our website, the site will continue to transform to meet the demands of the future and take advantage of newer and better technology.

FNCC continued to maintain display racks at Peabody Lodge, Notch View building and Tramway building on Cannon Mountain. 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. We established a better and more marketable presence at the Tramway building, by making it a true Welcome | Information Desk by working with the State Park administrators. To enhance this area, we partnered with the Granite State Ambassadors program in order to staff the Tram Desk whenever possible with volunteers who are knowledgeable of our Region of the White Mountains. We stock and replenish our FNCC brochures and our area businesses in these areas weekly, year round, and more often in peak season weeks to meet the demands for information of our area and all that we offer.

We had approximately 2900 visitors who came to our Welcome Center on Main Street seeking information about our area. 2009 showed an average 8% increase in the number of visitors and as much as 15% in peak times over the statistics for 2008 despite poor economic conditions. Another 2,500 requests for information by phone and internet were also handled during the Welcome Center open season of mid-May through the end of October. Your continued support helps to provide folks who are visiting with the latest information and directions to area attractions and retail businesses as well as the services available and/or provided. This keeps visitors here to explore and rediscover all the great and beautiful things our area has to offer. This year, we replaced the deteriorating roof at the Welcome Center with a better and longer lasting metal type roof in an effort to protect the investment made in our Welcome Center building. The FNCC also upgraded the Public Restroom area behind the Welcome Center and installed new flooring, toilet, and sink components in order to keep the restroom looking neat and clean and welcoming to our guests.

Other significant services provided at the Welcome Center are to the residents of Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton. Information on all Town services is readily available by calling the Chamber, stopping at the Welcome Center for information from the staff directly, from postings on the bulletin board or from all the business rack cards and brochures that are available. New and established residents of our area need this service when making vacation plans for families, guests and their own seasonal visitors.

The free wireless hotspot WiFi at the Welcome Center continues to support access to guests and locals who need high speed access to web mail or social networking while on vacation or visiting our area and WiFi allows folks to browse our website to find information on our lodgings, dining, local services, shopping and calendar of events pages- whatever other area attraction or service they may need, including our community websites. This is especially useful during the time of year when the Welcome Center is not open or after hours. WiFi is accessible within a 700-foot radius around the Welcome Center.

The Franconia Notch Region Chamber slogan “Four Seasons, One Destination” and our new chamber logo are gaining much attention from our friends at the Department of Travel and Tourism Division in Concord. With our Collaborative Team leading the way, we’ve been able to reach out to neighboring communities, businesses, and chambers of commerce to work together whenever feasible. Working with area chambers allows us to improve the marketing and distribution of vital information on events and business offerings in and around the Franconia Notch Region and in the North Country. DTTD has

mentioned the Franconia Notch Chamber as a prime example of how working together as a Region can benefit Tourism all around the State of New Hampshire.

Our strategy is to continue to inspire folks to return and forever cherish our Franconia Notch Region of New Hampshire. Again this year, with seasoned, successful, and well planned events, such as the “Lupine Festival” and “The Antique Show”, “Old Home Day”, Littleton Regional Hospital’s “Outdoor Wellness Expo”, “Top Notch Triathlon”, “Hayseed Festival” and some very new and creative events in the planning stages for the Dow Field and Cannon Mountain, we will give our Residents and guests an experience worthy of the majestic beauty that surrounds us.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated by every member of the Franconia Notch Region Chamber of Commerce, by every resident, and by every guest who has come to love the Franconia Notch Region of New Hampshire. Together we are making a difference and through your continued support and through open doors of collaboration, we’ll continue to grow our Chamber to meet the increasing demands of our time to better serve all of the needs of our communities.

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

**FRANCONIA NOTCH REGION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**Calendar Year End 2009**

Beginning Balance (January 1, 2009)		<b>\$25,881.50</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Membership Dues	28,088.76	
Local Business Discount Cards		234.90
Franconia Village Committee		273.00
Town Funds		
Franconia	\$10,000.00	
Sugar Hill	6,500.00	
Easton	<u>100.00</u>	
		16,600.00
Interest Earned		76.70
Miscellaneous		.19
Fundraisers:		
Antique Show	1,645.00	
Auction	2,610.00	
Cookie Tour	460.62	
Lupine Festival	<u>10,687.24</u>	
		15,402.86
Scholarship Fund		25.00
Reimbursed Expenses		6,274.00
Web Site/News Letter/Magazine Ads		<u>5,510.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$72,485.41</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Booth Expenses:		
Payroll and Expenses		\$ 29,119.19
Telephone		1,018.11
Electricity		320.77
Office, Booth Repairs, Misc.		4,514.16
Postage		554.37
Advertising		34,133.30
Insurance		604.00
Internet		418.16
Non-Booth Expenses:		
Administrative & Office		696.90
Dues & Subscriptions		525.47
Franconia Village Committee Exp		273.00
Lupine Festival		8,355.49
Misc.		160.15
Donations & Scholarships		1,000.00
Penalty Taxes		<u>1,310.71</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$83,003.78</b>
Ending Balance (December 31, 2009)		<b>\$15,363.13</b>

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

This year has been an exceptional tough year, not only for our region, but the entire country. We realize that all of our communities have struggled with budgets and the economic hardships of its citizens and we hope that North Country Council has been able to help. We would like to thank all of you for your support of the North Country Council this past year.

We continued to deliver planning services throughout the region. We have and we will continue to adjust our capacities to respond to the needs of the communities and you will see this in the programs that we will be introducing in the coming years. We are continuing our Community Outreach program targeted at helping our planning boards in the difficult tasks of managing the planning activities in their communities. These programs, as well as all the traditional programs in master planning, solid waste management, natural resource planning, Brownfields Assessments and transportation planning, will continue to be a focus of North Country Council. Our primary focus this year has been on economic development as we try to respond to the economic downturn in the region. We continued our strong relationship with the Department of Commerce and the Economic Development Administration (EDA) in bringing funding and project development to the region. We applied for and received a number of very significant grants from EDA for the region as well as a significant Brownfields Grant from EPA.

Again, thank you for all of your support for the Council. I hope that my staff and I can continue to be of service to your community. The Council is here to serve you. It is your organization. Our staff and Board are committed to responding to community need. 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

## **2009 REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF DISTRICT ONE**

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

2009 was indeed the year of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)/Stimulus Funds in New Hampshire.

As if November 4, 2009, \$579,305,870 had been allocated in New Hampshire in nine areas: business/community; education; employment; energy; health; housing; safety; technology and transportation. Of that \$181,463,876.00 went to Council District One towns and cities and the counties of Belknap, Carroll, Coos, Grafton and Sullivan.

The ARRA money has enabled local, state and county government to work on projects that have been in process and planning for years. For a complete listing of these projects got to: [www.ed.state.nh.us/education/recovery/index.htm](http://www.ed.state.nh.us/education/recovery/index.htm) or write to my office.

Governor Lynch has now submitted the New Hampshire Transportation Plan to the New Hampshire House and Senate. Highways/bridges, rail, aviation and public projects are among the proposed recommendations. Contact your local State Senator and Legislator for details about what projects you believe to be key ones for your region.

As Councilor, I don not see new revenues being raised in New Hampshire State Government. With the decline in existing revenues leading to cut backs in services, only time will determine what the law making branch has in mind for new dollars. Keep in close touch with your local State Senator and Legislator to make sure costs are NOT passed on to county and local government.

The Governor and Council are required by law to fill dozens of boards and commissions with volunteers. If you are interested in serving, please send a letter of interest and your resume to Governor John Lynch, Attention: Jennifer Kuzma, Appointment Liaison, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord NH 03301. For the current list of what possible appointments might be coming up go to: <http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm>.

There is a constant flow of informational items available at my office: tourist maps, consumer handbooks and the New Hampshire Constitution. Each Monday I send, via e-mail, the schedule of my weekly meetings and other information. Send me your e-mail to be added to the list at [rburton@nh.gov](mailto:rburton@nh.gov) or find the schedule on my State House web page at: <http://www.nh.gov/council/district1/schedules>.

Contact my office anytime I can be of help.

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## **WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH AND COMMON GROUND DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Last night, before I settled down to write this year's Director's Report, I opened the local paper. A feature story was devoted to Eric Hipple, a former Detroit Lion's football player, who lost his 15-year-old son to suicide. The article focused Mr. Hipple's story of tackling his own bouts of severe depression and surviving suicide loss. After reading the article, I had three thoughts. First, we have come a long way toward beating not only the illness of depression, but also the stigma of mental illness. A few years ago, I suspect Mr. Hipple would have hidden his personal struggle for fear of appearing weak or being blamed for his son's death. Today, he is able to use this experience to help others and to reassure all of us that, as the book title says, "Real Men Do Cry". For those of us in the mental health field, this progress is great to see. My second thought was that people reading the article need to know that Community Mental Health Centers like White Mountain Mental Health are here to help. In your community, you do have a place to turn when this kind of crisis strikes your family. My third thought was that our national and state governments are short-sighted in cutting funding for mental health. To put this another way, it is the best of times for mental health as more people recognize that getting treatment for a mental illness is much like getting treatment for a physical illness; private but not shameful. But it is also the worst of times. This year has been one of the most challenging ever for Community Mental Health Centers in our state and throughout the country. As the State of New Hampshire struggles with a budget deficit, payments to mental health centers are being cut. There is absolutely no subsidy to help mental health centers provide services on a sliding fee scale to those people who clearly need our support, but who are not severely and persistently mentally ill and eligible for State support through Medicaid. In this environment, I am happy to be able to report that White Mountain Mental Health, unlike many mental health centers and private practitioners, has continued to welcome all residents of our communities who come to us for help. Our ability to keep our doors open to everyone is directly related to the appropriations we receive from our towns. Your help is also crucial in allowing us to maintain our satellite locations in Lincoln, Woodsville and Lancaster. In this economy, being able to receive services close to home is important.

Many people have asked me this year if we notice a change in the people seeking mental health care. The answer is a resounding "yes"! People who have never needed mental health care in their lives are experiencing overwhelming challenges. Many hard working residents of the North Country have lost jobs this year. Loss of a job takes away not only income, but also health insurance and, in many cases, self esteem and personal stability. Our children feel the impact of our stress. It is hard to be a nurturing and patient parent when you are trying to come to grips with major losses in your life. Those who have been lucky enough to maintain employment may be working two or three jobs to make ends meet. It is hard to find a person who feels that their emotional and financial status has improved this year. Our referrals are up and both the number of people needing our services and the severity of their situations has increased. We are thankful that our communities recognize the value of having a resource for mental health, substance abuse and developmental disabilities in their town.

This year White Mountain Mental Health provided **51.25** hours of service to **10** residents of the town of Sugar Hill. During the year, we have literally saved lives, including the lives of young people who would otherwise have been lost to suicide. We encourage you to know the following warning signs:

- Appearing depressed or sad most of the time.  
(Untreated depression is the number one cause for suicide.)
- Talking or writing about death or suicide.
- Withdrawing from family and friends.
- Feeling hopeless, helpless, strong anger or rage.
- Feeling trapped -- like there is no way out of a situation.
- Experiencing dramatic mood changes or a personality change.
- Abusing drugs or alcohol.
- Acting impulsively or recklessly.
- Losing interest in most activities.
- Experiencing a change in sleeping or eating habits.
- Losing interest in most activities.
- Performing poorly at work or in school.
- Giving away prized possessions.
- Feeling excessive guilt or shame.

Although some suicides occur with no warning, approximately 75% of suicides involve one or more of these signs. Thank you for maintaining a vital resource in your community.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane C. Mackay, LICSW  
Area Director

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

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 2009, we traveled 221,820 miles to provide 23,315 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	95
Physical/Occupational /Speech Therapy	102
Medical Social Service	12
Home Health Aide/Homemaker	<u>79</u>
Total	288

Miles Driven	3,694 Miles
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### Hospice Volunteer Support

# of Clients	1
# of Hours	2

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Tomlinson  
Executive Director

## **GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.**

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 communities 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; operates adult in-home care from offices in Lebanon and Haverhill; and sponsors the Grafton County ServiceLink, Resource Center and RSVP and the Volunteer Center. 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, counseling, elder care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2009, 15 older residents of Sugar Hill were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Littleton Area Senior Center and 10 residents were assisted by ServiceLink:

- Older adults from Sugar Hill enjoyed 51 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.
- Sugar Hill residents received 28 home delivered meals brought to them by caring volunteers.
- Two rides were provided to Sugar Hill residents in 2009.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 15 visits with a trained outreach worker and 82 contacts with ServiceLink.
- Sugar Hill's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 50 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Sugar Hill residents in 2009 was \$4,581.89.

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

University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension has been grateful for the support of Grafton County citizens, communities, County Commissioners and the County Delegation in continuing our mission to provide New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information, to enhance their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy.

Staff members Deborah Maes, Family and Consumer Resources, Arianne Fosdick, Volunteer Management Program Assistant, Robin Peters, Nutrition Connections, Kathleen Jablonski, 4-H Youth Development, Donna Lee, Teresa Locke, and Kristina Vaughan, Administrative Assistants, were joined in November, 2008 by new staff member David Falkenham, Forestry Resources Educator, and in March 2009 by Heather Bryant, Agricultural Resources Educator. The new Educators have actively stepped into their roles to provide educational programming for the citizens of Grafton County and New Hampshire.

Over the past year, the Agricultural Resources program focused on commercial growers and outreach to the growing number of home gardeners in the County, including a large quantity of site visits in response to the outbreak of Late Blight. Meetings were held on organic vegetable production and tree fruit integrated pest management. The office was a host site for growers to participate in a series of webinars on strawberry production. A six part gardening workshop series was hosted at the County Complex and a local greenhouse. Upon the request of a Haverhill Cooperative Middle School teacher, the Volunteer Management Program Assistant, the County Forester and the Agricultural Resources Educator collaborated on a "Wild Edibles" program which they presented to four different classes.

The Family and Consumer Resources program certified thirty-nine food service workers (90%) who attended SERVSAFE classes and passed the national certification program. Other food service workers around the County attended a two-hour food safety program held in a number of locations. A two hour session entitled *Managing Money in Tough Times* was offered in four locations around the County, reaching over sixty residents. In addition, financial education information was shared with local libraries, County employees, local media outlets, and was incorporated into educational displays. The City of Lebanon, working with UNHCE staff, held two city-wide informational meetings to provide public input as they worked on updating their Master Plan.

Highlights of the work done in the Forestry Resources program included: conducting thirty-five site visits with private landowners discussing the health and wise stewardship of over eight thousand acres of private land. These visits simultaneously support New Hampshire's private landowner base, the forest products industry, and NH licensed consulting foresters.

Six natural resource education programs were organized in collaboration with other agencies attracting over two hundred attendees. Topics ranged from selling timber and wildlife management to Current Use education.

The Extension Forestry program has continued to provide educational programs and woodlot management advice to private landowners, forestry professionals, municipal officials and the County Farm Advisory Committee.

4-H Youth Development programs continue to support the ninety-six volunteer leaders and over two hundred fifty youth in Grafton County. Eighteen county-wide 4-H events were held with support from volunteer committees and judges. Grafton County was fortunate to have two National 4-H award winners: Alexandra Patch, of Lebanon, represented New Hampshire at the National Dairy Conference and Hannah Walker, of North Haverhill, represented our state at National 4-H Congress.

A \$30,000 JC Penney Afterschool grant enhanced the UNHCE and A+ program collaboration and increased programming and volunteer recruitment activities. Because of this grant, one hundred twenty additional youth in Campton, Rumney and Plymouth were able to receive afterschool programming. Outreach to this and two other county-based after school programs helped to reach over three hundred fifty additional youth with 4-H curricula.

An on-line orientation system for newly screened 4-H volunteers was implemented, extending the ability of the 4-H staff to reach more volunteers. Statewide work in 4-H Afterschool curriculum development, 4-H volunteer training, and updating materials for the traditional 4-H Club program continues based on current research.

The Volunteer Management Program Assistant (VMPA) conducted several 4-H afterschool programs around the county including at the Plymouth, Campton, and Rumney Elementary Schools and at the Haverhill Cooperative Middle School. In addition, the VMPA worked with the Agricultural Educator and the summer intern on the Display Vegetable Garden and a series of workshops and open-house sessions, and worked with several Master Gardeners to facilitate their projects. All of these programs combined to extend 4-H and Agricultural Resources programming to an additional 157 people.

The State UNHCE Dairy Specialist, Michal Lunak, is housed in Grafton County. His work this year included coordinating a farm business QuickBooks course in Concord for ten participants and conducting site visits as part of an ongoing cooperation with an agricultural engineer from New York to assess building challenges on dairy farms throughout the state.

Additional funding from United States Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency for risk management programs was obtained for 2008-2009. Speakers from the NH Alternative Energy Association and NH Electric Cooperative addressed photovoltaic, wind and geo energy production, tips for saving energy on farms, as well as grants available for producers to develop alternative energy production on farms.

Applications of genomics in dairy cattle breeding and sexed semen were discussed at the NH Dairy Management Conference held in West Lebanon and Groveton, by this year's featured speaker from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

As a collaborative effort with other agencies serving Grafton County, the staff staged the Conservation Field Day at the North Haverhill Fairgrounds in May, reaching 262 fifth grade youth from all over the County. Working with youth and their teachers increases the public's understanding of agriculture and local food production.

Amanda Nadeau, a UNH student and Piermont native, served as Summer Assistant this year. She completed work for both the 4-H Youth Development and Agricultural Resources programs, including assisting with the demonstration garden and gardening workshop series, and the 4-H portions of the North Haverhill Fair.

Nutrition Connections programming continues to serve the population receiving food stamps and those meeting low income guidelines. Nutrition education programs have been held in conjunction with the Grafton County Academy program, Friendship House, and many agencies throughout the County. Robin Peters has been instrumental in bringing NH Food Bank programs into Grafton County.

The Extension staff are advised and guided by the members of the Grafton County UNHCE Advisory Council. This group is comprised of the following members: Mary Ames (Bath), Commissioner Raymond Burton (Bath), Pauline Corzilius (Pike), Commissioner Michael Cryans (Hanover), Annemarie Godston (North Haverhill), Frank Hagan (Bethlehem), David Keith (North Haverhill), Luther Kinney (Sugar Hill), Martha McLeod (Franconia), Joan Osgood (Piermont), Rebecca Page (Haverhill), Commissioner Martha Richards (Holderness), Emilie Shipman (Enfield), Cheryl Taber (Littleton), and Representative Kathleen Taylor (Franconia).

Our office is open to the public and located at the Grafton County Administration Building, 3855 Dartmouth College Hwy, Box 5, N. Haverhill, NH 03774. Telephone: 603-787-6944. NH residents may call the UNHCE Education Center at 1-877-398-4769 for information on energy conservation and home and garden questions. Visit our website: <http://extension.unh.edu> for up-to-date information.

**BIRTHS REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2009**

<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Name of Child</b>	<b>Name of Father &amp; Name of Mother</b>
February 27, 2009	Carter Timothy Clough	Timothy Clough Amanda Clough
May 5, 2009	Rita Frances Walsh	James Walsh Jennifer Brown

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2009**

<b>Date of Marriage</b>	<b>Name and Surname Of Groom &amp; Bride</b>	<b>Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage</b>
January 17, 2009	Jeremy J. Hall Kylea M. Ball	Sugar Hill, NH Sugar Hill, NH
March 17, 2009	John R. Backer Adrienne M. Hixon	Sugar Hill, NH Sugar Hill, NH
August 1, 2009	John B. Ireland Haley M. Boissonneault	Sugar Hill, NH Sugar Hill, NH

**DEATHS REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2009**

<b>Date Of Death</b>	<b>Name Of Deceased</b>	<b>Name &amp; Surname Of Father</b>	<b>Maiden Name Of Mother</b>
March 16, 2009	Carolyn Grass	Everett Sawyer	Dorothy Meader
June 3, 2009	Donald Jesseman, Jr.	Donald Jesseman	Gladys Aldrich
November 23, 2009	John Rowbotham	Volney Rowbotham	Edith Margeson
December 23, 2009	Lauren Howard	Joseph Howard	Gladys Griffin

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

Lissa Boissonneault, Town Clerk

**Protect Your Family  
Test Your Well**

**Common Health Related Contaminants  
In NH Wells**

<b>Radon</b>	<b>Arsenic</b>
<b>Uranium</b>	<b>Fluoride</b>
<b>Gross Alpha</b>	<b>Bacteria</b>
<b>Radium</b>	<b>Nitrate/Nitrite</b>
<b>Lead/Copper</b>	<b>and other contaminants</b>

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