

# **Town of Sugar Hill**

## **New Hampshire**



**58th Annual Report**

**Year Ending  
December 31, 2019**

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## **TOWN OFFICERS**

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Richard Bielefield, Chairman	(Term Expires 2021)
John J. Strasser, III	(Term Expires 2020)
Margaret Connors	(Term Expires 2022)

**TOWN OFFICE**  
Telephone 823-8468

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
Jennifer P. Gaudette

**TOWN CLERK**  
Lissa Boissonneault

**TREASURER**  
Amy Venezia

**TAX COLLECTOR**  
Lissa Boissonneault  
Elizabeth Andross, Deputy

**CHIEF OF POLICE**  
Robert M. Mancini, Jr.

**FIRE CHIEF / FIRE WARDEN**  
Allan R. 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  
Haley Ireland, Deputy

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**  
Allan R. Clark (Appointed)

**MODERATOR**  
James F. Snyder (2020)

**TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS**  
Greg Connors (2022)  
Raymond Dionne (2021)  
Allan Clark (2020)

**SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**  
Edward Cenerizio (2024)  
Starcy Branch (2022)  
John Colony (2020)

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES**  
Theresa Schofield (2022)  
Jason Tors (2021)  
Irene Amsbary (2020)

### **CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

	Beth Perlo (2022)	
Holly Hayward	(2022)	Lyn Kenerson (2021)
Kathleen Jablonski	(2020)	Meri Hern (2021)

### **PLANNING BOARD**

	Robert Hayward, Jr., Chairman (2021)	
James Keefe	(2021)	Searle Redfield (2020)
David Thurston	(2021)	Arthur Chase (2020)
John J. Strasser	(2022)	Sidney Regan (2022)
	Amy Venezia, Alt (2022)	
	Chris Thayer, Alt (2020)	

### **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

	Michael Hern, Chairman (2022)	
Rick Christoffersen	(2020)	James Keefe (2021)
Donald Boissonneault	(2020)	John Colony (2021)
	Amy Venezia, Alt. & Secretary (2022)	
	Sarah Pinney, Alt (2021)	

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

	Cathy Strasser, Chair (2022)	
Margaret Connors	(2020)	Timothy Burger (2022)
Charles Wolcott	(2020)	Chris Ellms (2021)
Timothy Williams	(2020)	Eric Jostrom, Alt (2020)
	Robert Mancini, Jr. Alt (2022)	

### **RECREATION PROGRAM SUGAR HILL REPRESENTATIVES**

Launa Glover  
Haley Ireland

All 2019 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 12, 2019**

Moderator James F. Snyder declared the polls open at 11 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 PM. Moderator Snyder went over his rules of conduct for the meeting. The Moderator asked that all newly elected officers stay after the meeting to get sworn in by the Town Clerk. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Article 1 to be passed over until ballots are counted at which time Moderator Snyder will read the results.

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

One Selectman to serve for a term of three (3) years

A Town Treasurer to serve for a term of one (1) year

A Town Clerk to serve for a term of one (1) year

A Tax Collector to serve for a term of one (1) year

A 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

One Board of Adjustment member to serve for a term of three (3) years.

Two Board of Cemetery Trustees to serve for a term of three (3) years

And such other Town Officers as may be required by law

**RESULTS OF ARTICLE 1:**

**Selectman, Three Year Term:**

**Margaret Connors      83**

**Treasurer, One Year Term:**

**Amy Venezia      85**

**Town Clerk, One Year Term:**

**Lissa Boissonneault      83**

**Tax Collector, One Year Term:**

**Lissa Boissonneault      81**

**Library Trustee, Three Year Term:**

**Teresa Schofield      84**

**Trustee of the Trust Funds, Three Year Term:**

**Gregory Connors      82**

**Zoning Board of Adjustment, Three Year Term:**

**Mike Hern      81**

**Two Cemetery Trustees, Three Year Term:**

**Holly Hayward   82   Beth Perlo      72**

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town of Sugar Hill will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Four Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand, Seven Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars

(\$1,489,732.00) to defray Town charges.

Executive.....	\$60,910.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics .....	23,865.00
Financial Administration .....	26,080.00
Property Revaluation.....	30,000.00
Legal Expenses .....	25,000.00
Payroll Taxes.....	30,000.00
Planning Board.....	2,000.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment .....	550.00
General Government Buildings .....	41,220.00
Buildings & Grounds .....	34,025.00
Cemetery .....	5,000.00
Insurance .....	179,079.00
Advertising & Regional Associations.....	7,257.00
North Country Council .....	1,257.00
Franconia Notch Chamber.....	6,000.00
Unemployment.....	100.00
Police Department.....	240,961.00
Ambulance .....	25,256.00
Fire Department .....	82,625.00
Building Inspections .....	1,500.00
Emergency Management.....	2,500.00
Airport .....	808.00
Town Maintenance.....	213,881.00
General Highway Department Expense .....	188,075.00
Street Lighting.....	16,292.00
Highway Block Grant .....	40,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal .....	57,610.00
Health, Hospitals .....	6,917.00
North Country Home Health.....	1,775.00
Grafton County Senior .....	300.00
American Red Cross .....	292.00
White Mt. Mental Health .....	0.00
Ammonoosuc Community Health .....	1,250.00
Burch House.....	300.00
Above the Notch .....	500.00
Center for New Beginnings.....	500.00
Franconia Children's Center .....	500.00
Boys & Girls Club.....	1,500.00
Welfare.....	6,000.00
Tri County Cap .....	1,750.00
Parks and Recreation.....	31,851.00
Library.....	39,170.00
Patriotic Purposes.....	2,000.00
Conservation Commission .....	700.00
Interest Expense - Tax Anticipation.....	1,000.00
Long Term Notes .....	37,500.00
Interest Long Term Notes .....	30,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS.....	\$1,489,732.00

The Select Board recommends these Appropriations.

Moved by: Nick De Mayo

Seconded by: Tim Egan

Discussion

**All in favor "Aye", Opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.**

ARTICLE 3: 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 Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by: Richard Bielefield

Seconded by: Tim Egan

Explanation of Article by Road Agent Doug Glover

Discussion

**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 Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be used for Highway Department Roadwork improvement projects to be chosen at the discretion of the Road Agent and Selectmen. 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 Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by: Nick De Mayo

Seconded by: Rebecca Brown

Explanation of Article by Road Agent Doug Glover

**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 Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by: Margaret Connors

Seconded by: Tim Egan

Explanation of Article by Fire Chief Allan Clark

Discussion

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

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation

Moved by: John Strasser

Seconded by: Tim Egan

Explanation of Article by Road Agent Doug Glover

**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 Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 2006.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by: Richard Bielefield

Seconded by: Nick De Mayo

Explanation of Article by Road Agent Doug Glover

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 Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2009.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by: Nick De Mayo

Seconded by: Richard Bielefield

Explanation of Article by Road Agent Doug Glover

**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 Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Carolina Crapo Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by: Richard Bielefield

Seconded by: Gregory Connors

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 Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by: Nick De Mayo

Seconded by: Doug Glover

Explanation of Article by Richard Bielefield

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 Twenty-Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be placed in the Building and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund created in 2012.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by: Richard Bielefield

Seconded by: Doug Glover

Explanation of Article by Richard Bielefield

**All in favor "Aye", Opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.**



ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund created in 1991.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by: Nick De Mayo

Seconded by: Tim Egan

**All in favor "Aye", Opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.**

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will to establish the Energy Efficiency Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:3 for the purpose of providing funds to make the municipal buildings energy efficient 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 Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by: Howard Mitz

Seconded by: Gregory Connors

Explanation of Article by Margaret Connors

Discussion

**All in favor "Aye", Opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.**

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to establish the Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:3 for the purpose of providing funds for the purchase of equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars (\$17,795) to be placed in said fund; and name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. This represents the funds from the Town of Franconia from the discontinuation of the Transfer Station Recycling Special Revenue Fund. This appropriation is contingent upon the passage of the discontinuation of the SRF article on the Franconia warrant. (Majority vote required)

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation

Moved by: John Strasser

Seconded by: Tim Egan

Explanation of Article by Margaret Connors

Discussion

**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 Twenty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$23,000) for the purpose of building roads in the Sunnyside Cemetery with Fifteen Thousand Dollars \$15,000 to come from the Cemetery Trust Funds and the remaining Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) to come from taxation.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation

Moved by: Doug Glover

Seconded by: Nick De Mayo

Explanation of Article by Kathy Jablonski

Discussion

**All in favor "Aye", Opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.**

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

Moved by: Richard Bielefield

Seconded by: Tim Egan

Explanation of Article by Margaret Connors

Discussion

**All in favor "Aye", Opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.**

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

Moved by: Richard Bielefield

Seconded by: Robert Hayward

**All in favor "Aye", Opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.**

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Carolina Crapo Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004.

Moved by: Richard Bielefield

Seconded by: Tim Egan

**All in favor "Aye", Opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.**

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town express its support for the State of New Hampshire to commit to generating 100% of its energy from renewable sources by 2050 and inform Governor Sununu and the State legislature of this intention. The current Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) goals are insufficient for lowering energy costs and preventing economic and environmental damages to the State, as a result of the extreme temperatures and storms associated with climate change. Furthermore, the transition to 100% renewables will improve New Hampshire's economy through the addition of significant jobs and revenue. Previous renewable energy bills have seen bipartisan support.

Moved by: Rusty Talbot

Seconded by: Gregory Connors

Explanation of Article by Margaret Connors

Discussion

**All in favor "Aye", Opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.**

ARTICLE 20: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Brenda Aldrich thanked the Sugar Hill Improvement Association (SHIA) for their continued work.

Sidney Regen stated that SHIA is always open to anyone with ideas or suggestions on improvements.

Starcy Branch asked everyone to admire the new walls in the room. She stated that the project of removing the acoustic tiles and replacing the sheetrock and adding insulation was the most recent project of SHIA. She notes that Barbara Serafini had made it a mission of hers to improve this building and would be very proud to see those efforts come to fruition.

Gregory Connors commented on the cover of the Town Report this year and recognized Lissa Boissonneault for her 45 years of service to the Town wishing her good health.

Richard Bielefield thanked everyone for voting to approve Articles 16,17, and 18 and for participating in the annual town meeting. He thanked Kitty Bigelow for the cover of this year's Town Report and Lissa for her 45 years of service to the Town. He thanked Doug Glover and the Road Crew for the great amount of time and work it took to clean up after the storm last year that took down many trees in the Cemetery. Thank you to Chief Clark for continuing to fight with FEMA to get the money that is owed to the Town. He thanked SHIA for the Meeting House project and playground at the Crapo Building along with many other projects that they have completed. He thanked the volunteers of the Town, Dennis Cote for the sound system and everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

Fire Chief Allan Clark stated that an understanding of what he is working on with FEMA is discussed on page 41 of the Town Report. He encouraged anyone in Town to reach out to Senator Hassen or Senator Shaheen about this issue. He explained the recent details about the home that was built for former Police Chief Jose Pequeno. He noted that the foundation took steps to protect their investment in the property and that any money from the sale of the house will go back to the foundation to be able to help Jose and his family or other families.

Rob Hayward thanked the Town for the memorial to his late mother on page 73.

There being no further business, Moderator Snyder adjourned the meeting at 8:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy E. Venezia, Deputy Town Clerk

# **BALANCE SHEET**

(As at December 31, 2019)

## **ASSETS**

Current Assets	
Unrestricted Checking	\$ 285,772.67
Money Market/Roll	2,828.14
Roll (Bank Investment)	<u>777,303.37</u>
Total Checking/Savings	1,065,904.18
Other Current Assets:	
Property Taxes Receivable Current Year	242,868.54
Property Taxes Prior Year	-121,471.12
Reserve for Abate/Uncol/DDS	2,941.89
Tax Liens Receivable	<u>39,372.71</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>1,229,616.20</u>
 Total Current Assets	
Taxes Deeded Property	<u>17,183.34</u>
 Total Assets	<u><u>\$1,246,799.54</u></u>

## **LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
School District Tax Payable	\$828,722.00
Motor Vehicle Refund	-84.00
Deferred Revenue	<u>.03</u>
Total Liabilities	828,638.03
Equity	
Reserved for Tax Deeded Property	\$ 17,183.34
Reserved for Article Carried Forward	30,000.00
Surplus	334,112.90
Net Income	<u>36,865.27</u>
Total Equity	<u>418,161.51</u>
 Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	 \$1,246,799.54

## **SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS**

### Crapo Building

Beginning Balance 1/1/19	\$289,239.28
2019 Payment	<u>54,845.78</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/19	<u><u>\$234,393.50</u></u>

## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land Under Current Use (At Current Use Values)	\$ 585,483.00
Land	55,317,300.00
Buildings	103,139,100.00
Public Utilities	<u>4,218,500.00</u>
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	\$163,260,383.00
Elderly and Blind Exemptions	<u>20,000.00</u>
Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate Is Computed for Municipal, County and Local Education	\$163,240,383.00
Less Utilities	<u>\$4,218,500.00</u>
Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate For State Education Tax Is Computed	\$159,021,883.00

## STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

	<u>Amount</u>		<u>Tax Rate</u>
Total Town Appropriations	\$1,827,027.00		
Less: Revenues	(321,547.00)		
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	(85,000.00)		
Add: Overlay	19,383.00		
War Service Credits	<u>17,900.00</u>		
Net Town Appropriations		\$1,457,763.00	
Municipal Tax Rate			\$ 8.93
Net Local School Budget	0.00		
Regional School Apportionment	1,537,081.00		
Less: Equitable Education Grant	(2,700.00)		
State Education Taxes	<u>(287,145.00)</u>		
Approved School(s) Tax Effort		1,247,236.00	
Local Education Tax Rate			7.64
State Education Taxes	<u>287,145.00</u>	287,145.00	1.81
Due to County	<u>276,456.00</u>		
Net County Tax Assessment		276,456.00	
County Tax Rate			1.69
Combined Tax Rate			20.07
Total Property Taxes Assessed		3,268,600.00	
Less: War Service Credits		<u>(17,900.00)</u>	
Property Tax To Be Raised		\$3,250,700 .00	

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

	Land	Buildings	Equipment
Meetinghouse	\$ 89,500.00	\$231,300.00	\$ 80,000.00
Carolina Crapo	125,100.00	309,340.00	50,000.00
Library			20,000.00
Fire Department	98,300.00	91,400.00	1,330,145.00
Police Department			113,697.35
Highway Department		142,100.00	928,302.25
Building & Grounds			60,585.00
Parks & Commons			
Coffin Pond-SHCC	45,400.00		
Tennis Court	34,560.00		
Town Forest-SHCC	129,300.00		
Land:			
Cemeteries	171,900.00		
Nason Road	65,900.00		
Creamery Pond	27,600.00		
Creamery Pond-OD	40,700.00		
Route 117	3,000.00		
Route 93	4,400.00		
Creamery Pond Corner	42,900.00		
Birches Road	200.00		
Pearl Lake Road	18,300.00		
	\$ 897,060.00	\$774,140.00	\$2,582,729.60
	(1)	(1)	(2)

### TOTALS

Note (1) Based on Assessed Valuation

Note (2) Depreciated

## **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 2019:

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	\$176,092.24	
Dog Licenses Issued:	483.50	
Other Permits and Fees:	<u>6,655.00</u>	
Total		\$183,230.74

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	\$176,092.24	
Local Town Clerk Fees:	1,964.00	
State Town Clerk Fees:	2,997.00	
Title Application Fees:	312.00	
Dog Licenses Issued:	483.50	
Dog License Fees:	106.00	
Dog License Late Fees:	11.00	
Dog License Fines:	25.00	
Marriage Licenses Issued:	215.00	
Town Clerk Fees:	35.00	
Vital Statistics (First Copy):	184.00	
Vital Statistics (Second Copy)	70.00	
Town Clerk Fees:	231.00	
UCC Filing Fee:	195.00	
Insufficient Fund Fees	60.00	
Sale of Checklist	<u>250.00</u>	
Total		\$183,230.74

Respectfully submitted,  
Lissa M. Boissonneault  
Town Clerk

# **TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

**Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2019**

## **DEBITS**

### **Uncollected Taxes –**

#### **Beginning of**

#### **Fiscal Year:**

**Levies of  
2019**

**Levies of  
2018**

Property Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$121,471.12
Land Use Change	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	0.00	0.00
Property Tax Credit Balance	(1,449.37)	0.00

#### **Taxes Committed This Year:**

Property Taxes	3,250,690.00	0.00
Land Use Change	8,500.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	10,186.94	0.00

#### **Overpayment Refunds:**

Property Taxes	7,075.13	0.00
Interest & Penalties	<u>1,041.26</u>	<u>6,551.69</u>

Total Debits	\$3,276,043.96	\$128,022.81
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## **CREDITS**

### **Remittances to Treasurer**

#### **During Fiscal Year:**

Property Taxes	\$3,128,388.32	\$ 64,401.74
Land Use Change	8,500.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	10,186.94	0.00
Interest	1,041.26	6,037.19
Penalties	0.00	514.50
Conversion to Lien	0.00	57,069.38

#### **Abatements Made:**

Property Taxes	3,588.13	0.00
Yield Taxes	0.00	0.00
Current Levy Deeded	0.00	0.00

#### **Uncollected Taxes End of Year:**

Property Taxes	125,555.45	0.00
Property Tax Credit Balance	(1,216.14)	0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	0.00	0.00
Yield Tax	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Total Credits	\$3,276,043.96	\$128,022.81
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## SUMMARY OF LIEN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2019

	<b>DEBITS</b>		
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Unredeemed Liens			
Balance Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$ 0.00	\$19,143.19	\$14,498.77
Liens Executed			
During Fiscal Year	61,636.22	0.00	0.00
Interest & Costs			
Collected After Lien Execution	<u>2,146.11</u>	<u>1,210.10</u>	<u>4,406.83</u>
Total Debits	<u>\$63,782.33</u>	<u>\$20,353.29</u>	<u>\$18,905.60</u>

	<b>CREDITS</b>		
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Remittances to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	\$36,450.19	\$4,956.51	\$14,498.77
Interest & Cost	2,146.11	1,210.10	4,406.83
Abatements of Unredeemed Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unredeemed Liens			
Balance End of Fiscal Year	<u>25,186.03</u>	<u>14,186.68</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Credits	<u>\$63,782.33</u>	<u>\$20,353.29</u>	<u>\$18,905.60</u>

### UNREDEEMED PROPERTY TAXES FROM TAX LIEN

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

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Caporelli, Mary A. & Patricia	3,758.25	4,427.09
Chase, Arthur	7,743.80	0.00
Holland, Lizanne	99.64	0.00
Staffier, Paul D	7,098.24	3,416.91
Stephenson, Sam P.	101.09	81.79
Waitkus, Lisa	8,352.55	9,912.44
Young, Adam	<u>910.17</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Totals	\$28,063.74	\$17,838.23

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Year Ending December 31, 2019**

**Cash Basis**

Beginning Cash Balance Checking January 1, 2019		\$393,946.02
Beginning Balance Roll/Money Market January 2, 2019		<u>529,064.44</u>
	Total	\$923,010.46

### **RECEIPTS**

Tax Collector	\$3,339,807.84	
Town Clerk	183,230.74	
Selectmen	57,225.54	
Transfers (Trust & Capital Reserve Funds)	54,692.60	
State & Federal Grants	87,488.16	
Interest on Money Market & NOW Account	<u>1,174.96</u>	
Total Receipts		\$3,723,619.84

### **DISBURSEMENTS**

Orders of Selectmen	\$3,580,726.12	
Loan Repayments	<u>0.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$3,580,726.12
Ending Cash Balance NOW Checking, December 31, 2019		285,772.67
Ending Cash Balance Roll/Money Market, December 31, 2019		<u>780,131.51</u>
		\$1,065,904.18

### **CHECKING AND SAVINGS ACCOUNTS POLICE PERMIT ACCOUNT**

Beginning Balance 1/1/19	\$154.04
Deposits	<u>100.00</u>
Balance 12/31/19	\$254.04

### **POLICE SPECIAL DUTY FUND**

Beginning Balance 1/1/19	\$2,228.84
Deposits	3,610.00
Withdrawals	(5,700.00)
Interest Earned	<u>.93</u>
Balance 12/31/19	\$ 139.77

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Beginning Balance 1/1/19	\$7,779.51
Deposit	100.00
Withdrawals	(750.00)
Interest Earned	<u>3.86</u>
Balance 12/31/19	\$7,133.37

### **CONSERVATION LAND USE FUND**

Beginning Balance 1/1/19	\$70,590.99
Deposit Change Tax	4,360.00
Interest Earned	<u>1,532.56</u>
Balance 12/31/19	\$76,483.55

### **RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

Beginning Balance 1/1/19	\$ 996.91
Withdrawals	(1,072.00)
Fees	(30.00)
Interest Earned	<u>.43</u>
Balance 12/31/19	\$ -104.66

### **RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

Beginning Balance 1/1/19	\$ 480.86
Deposits	3,177.63
Withdrawals	<u>(3,010.28)</u>
Balance 12/31/19	\$ 648.21

### **NORTHERN PASS DEFENSE FUND**

Beginning Balance 1/1/19	\$ 762.97
Interest Earned	<u>.36</u>
Balance 12/31/19	\$ 763.33

## SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

### Cash Basis

#### Local Taxes:

Property Taxes, Current Year	\$3,128,388.61
Yield Taxes, Current Year	10,186.94
Current Use Change, Current Year	8,500.00
Property Taxes, Prior Year	121,471.12
Lien Redemptions, Prior Years	55,905.47
Interest & Costs	<u>15,355.70</u>

Total Taxes Collected \$3,339,807.84

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

Motor Vehicle Permits	176,092.24
Town Clerk Fees	1,964.00
State Fees	2,997.00
Title Application Fees	312.00
Dog Licenses, Fees, Penalty	625.50
Marriage Licenses	215.00
Vital Statistics	254.00
UCC Filing Fees	195.00
Town Clerk Fees	266.00
Insufficient Funds/Wire Transfer	60.00
Checklist	<u>250.00</u>

Total Town Clerk \$183,230.74

Building Permits	3,645.90
Driveway Permits	35.00
Planning Board Fees	2,157.00
Zoning Board Fees	625.00
Selectmen	167.20
Police	375.00
Fire	189.99
Cemetery Burials/plot purchases	1,750.00
Rent of Town Property/Donation	775.00
Cable TV Permit	<u>1,713.13</u>
Total Miscellaneous	

\$ 11,433.22

#### From State:

Highway Block	51,720.88
Rooms and Meals	29,622.85
Municipal Grant	<u>6,144.43</u>

Total from State \$87,488.16

Interest on Checking & Savings Account	1,174.96	
Capital Reserve Funds	39,692.60	
Transfer Station – Franconia	45,792.32	
Trust Funds –Cemetery	<u>15,000.00</u>	
 Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue		<u>\$ 101,659.88</u>
Total Receipts From All Sources		\$3,723,619.84
Cash on Hand, January 1, 2019		<u>923,010.46</u>
Grand Total of Receipts		\$4,646,630.30

## SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

### General Government:

Executive	\$ 44,012.80
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	23,943.96
Financial Administration	22,873.80
Revaluation of Property	25,865.00
Legal Expenses	24,446.91
Payroll Taxes	29,538.23
Planning Board	2,489.09
Zoning Board of Adjustment	679.30
General Government Buildings	40,151.53
Buildings & Grounds	33,897.79
Cemeteries	28,977.75
Insurance	166,803.21
Advertising & Regional Associations	7,256.71
Unemployment	<u>0.00</u>

Total General Government Expenses

\$450,936.08

### Public Safety:

Police Department	235,714.45
Fire Department	81,299.52
Ambulance	25,256.00
Emergency Management	<u>3,300.00</u>

Total Public Safety Expenses

345,569.97

Total Building Inspections

1,497.50

Total Airports

807.75

### Highway, Streets and Bridges:

Town Maintenance	203,011.17
General Expenses of Highway Department	182,824.27
Highway Block Grant	51,720.88
Fema	65,331.83
Highway Roadwork Non – Lapsing Fund	90,000.00
Street Lighting	<u>15,551.12</u>

Total Highways, Streets and Bridges Expenses

608,439.27

### Sanitation:

Solid Waste Disposal	<u>38,196.00</u>
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Total Sanitation

38,196.00

### Health:

Health, Hospitals	<u>6,917.00</u>
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Total Health Expenses

6,917.00

Total Welfare Expenses

4,819.03

### Culture and Recreation:

Recreation	30,497.00
Library	39,161.61
Patriotic	<u>1,888.48</u>

Total Culture and Recreation Expenses

71,547.09

Conservation:		
Conservation Commission	275.00	
Land Use Change Fund	<u>4,360.00</u>	
Total Conservation Expenses		4,635.00
Debt Service:		
Principal Expense – Long Term Notes	54,845.78	
Interest Expense – Long Term Notes	12,654.22	
Interest Expense – TAN	<u>0.00</u>	
Total Debt Service Payments		67,500.00
Transfers to Capital Reserve Funds & Trusts:		
Article # 3 Highway Equipment	50,000.00	
Article # 5 Fire Department HE	40,000.00	
Article #6 Fire Department Building	10,000.00	
Article #7 Bridge	75,000.00	
Article #8 Highway Dept. Building	10,000.00	
Article #9 Crapo Building	10,000.00	
Article #10 Police	14,000.00	
Article #11 Building & Grounds	2,500.00	
Article #12 Meetinghouse	5,000.00	
Article #13 Energy Efficiency	5,000.00	
Article #14 Transfer Station	<u>17,795.00</u>	
Total Capital Reserve Funds & Trusts		239,295.00
Capital Vehicles/Equipment/Buildings/Land:		
Bridges	720.00	
Meetinghouse	2,789.00	
Police Vehicle	14,432.00	
Crapo Building	9,511.60	
Highway Dept. Building	<u>11,068.42</u>	
Total Capital Expense		38,521.02
Miscellaneous:		
Abatements	2,941.89	
Property Tax Refunds/Overpayments	4,477.28	
Taxes Bought by Town	61,636.22	
Motor Vehicle Refund	84.00	
Adjustment	<u>.02</u>	
Total Miscellaneous Expenses		69,139.41
Unclassified:		
Payments – Tax Anticipation	0.00	
Total Unclassified Expenses		0.00
Payments to Other Government Divisions:		
Taxes Paid to County	276,456.00	
Payments to School Districts	<u>1,356,450.00</u>	
Total Payments to Other Government Divisions		<u>1,632,906.00</u>
Grand Total of Expenditures		\$3,580,726.12

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

### Executive:

Selectmen - Salary	\$ 0.00
Administrative Asst - Gaudette	28,289.69
Office Asst- Amy Venezia	463.50
Moderator	300.00
Workshops	50.69
Telephone	1,067.30
Computer Consulting	1,170.00
Internet	1,239.88
Website	653.85
Computer Equipment	2,184.00
Mapping	1,850.00
Registry	35.60
Printing/Notices	2,522.00
NHMA Dues & Subscriptions	1,799.75
Office Supplies	1,745.45
Postage	641.09
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Total Executive Expenses	\$ 44,012.80
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### Election, Registration & Vital Statistics:

Town Clerk - Boissonneault	5,842.72
Deputy Clerk- Snyder	2,616.00
Deputy Clerk – Venezia	66.00
Town MV Fees - Boissonneault	2,505.00
State MV Fees - Boissonneault	2,997.00
Title Fees - Boissonneault	312.00
Dog Fees - Boissonneault	100.00
Marriage Fees - Boissonneault	35.00
Vital Fees - Boissonneault	231.00
UCC Fees - Boissonneault	195.00
Supervisors of the Checklist	697.50
Ballot Clerks	354.87
Computer - Consulting	1,593.75
Computer - Program Support BMSI	2,138.00
Computer – Equipment	1,442.50
Telephone	249.74
Workshops	502.40
Printing	40.00
Dues	130.00
Supplies/dog tags	246.94
Office Supplies/copier	455.39
Postage	566.65
Vital Statistics	254.00
Dog Licenses	157.50
Marriage Licenses	215.00
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Total Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	23,943.96
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Financial Administration:

Tax Collector - Lissa Boissonneault	5,274.88	
Elizabeth Andross -Trust	175.00	
Lien Fees - Boissonneault	146.00	
Treasurer - Venezia	1,850.00	
Auditor	5,250.00	
Bank Fees	417.66	
Telephone	239.79	
Computer Equipment	1,022.50	
Computer - Consulting	1,593.75	
Computer Program & Support-Avitar/QB	5,298.84	
Research Lien	150.00	
Registry	110.60	
Dues	80.00	
Office Supplies/copier, checks, tax bills	732.88	
Postage	531.90	
Total Financial Administration Expenses		22,873.80

Total Revaluation 25,865.00

Total Legal Expenses 24,446.91

Payroll Taxes:

Sugar Hill FICA (Town Contribution)	22,536.43	
Sugar Hill Medicare (Town Contribution)	7,001.80	
Total Payroll Taxes Expense		29,538.23

Planning Board:

Secretary - Salary Amy Venezia	1,650.00	
Workshop	100.00	
Registry	240.55	
Printing/Notices	130.00	
Books	18.00	
Postage	350.54	
Total Planning Board Expenses		2,489.09

Zoning Board:

Secretary – Amy Venezia	396.00	
Printing/Notices	130.00	
Postage	135.30	
Books	18.00	
Total Zoning Board Expenses		679.30

Government Buildings:

James Keefe	15,233.32	
Telephone (Elevator & Meetinghouse)	1,146.37	
Electricity (Crapo & Meetinghouse)	5,380.89	
Heating Oil (Meetinghouse)	2,778.51	

Propane (Crapo)	3,636.17	
Unifirst – Rugs	1,969.50	
Meetinghouse Clock	1,520.00	
Elevator and Boiler Inspection	500.00	
Cluster Fly Spraying	380.00	
Rug Cleaning	385.00	
Alarm Monitoring	652.00	
Tri State Extinguisher Inspections	832.06	
NC Mechanical Boiler/Sparks	1,351.95	
Able Security -	820.83	
Up North Electric	668.00	
Supplies	<u>2,896.93</u>	
Total Government Buildings Expenses		40,151.53
Crapo Building CRF –Windows/Water Heater	9,511.60	
Meetinghouse CRF - Electric	<u>2,789.00</u>	
		12,300.60
Grounds & Maintenance:		
Peter Carbonneau - Salary	21,821.80	
James Keefe	2,555.38	
Payroll Highway	536.30	
Telephone	456.35	
Supplies	49.43	
Purchased Maintenance	1,500.00	
Maint & Repair	250.00	
Gasoline	997.14	
Diesel	677.64	
Grounds keeping - New Equipment	669.66	
Vehicle Repair	<u>4,384.09</u>	
Total Grounds & Maintenance Expenses		33,897.79
Cemeteries:		
Supplies – Flags	106.45	
Fencing	3,239.30	
Littleton Monument	2,132.00	
Presby Construction – Road	<u>23,500.00</u>	
Total Cemeteries Expenses		28,977.75
Cemetery Budget Offset by Insurance, SHIA, Donations		
Insurance:		
Health - Highway	68,327.28	
Police	55,248.99	
Executive	21,352.32	
Building & Grounds	3,397.02	
Dental	6,829.28	
Property Liability	19,169.07	
Worker's Compensation	7,520.97	
Employee Reimbursed	<u>(15,041.72)</u>	
Total Insurance Expenses		166,803.21

Total Advertising & Regional Associations Expenses		7,256.71
Total Unemployment Expenses		0.00
Ambulance:		
Golden Cross	23,256.00	
Franconia Life Squad	<u>2,000.00</u>	
Total Ambulance Expenses		25,256.00
Police Department:		
Chief Robert Mancini	84,360.01	
Corp. Zack Chicoine	41,500.70	
Officer Gary Emerson	3,370.50	
Officer Cody MacKay	3,237.00	
Officer Ryan Jarvis	1,869.00	
Officer Derek Sullivan	4,683.00	
Adm Asst. Jamie Allaire	9,426.30	
Police Retirement	34,679.76	
Training	2,146.54	
Community Service	290.67	
8123 Line	250.00	
Telephone Wireless	1,463.08	
Telephone Office	630.69	
Body Camera Storage	1,872.00	
Computer Consulting	561.25	
Computer Program Support	1,450.00	
Computer Equipment	131.98	
Internet	240.00	
Website	553.50	
Dispatch Service	14,089.60	
Uniforms	3,528.36	
Firearms	1,713.69	
Printing	270.60	
Dues	275.00	
Supplies	675.60	
Office Supplies	1,393.41	
Postage/Box Rent	284.82	
Gasoline	4,536.99	
Vehicle Maintenance	1,440.13	
Radio Maintenance	731.11	
New Equipment	13,336.21	
Canine Expense	<u>722.95</u>	
Total Police Department Expenses		235,714.45
Police Department Capital Reserve Fund New Cruiser		14,432.00

Fire Department:

Salaries:

Aldrich, Clifton	1,541.00
Amsbary, Douglas	2,397.50
Burger, Timothy	1,980.50
Chase, Eric	1,360.00
Clark, Allan	11,187.50
Collins, Jeffrey	1,258.00
Crowe, Nelson	935.00
Glover, Douglas	2,635.50
Hodgdon, Jody	416.50
Ireland, Brinson	2,275.00
Johnk, Gordon	3,400.00
Johnk, Samuel	2,238.00
Kenerson, Danforth	816.00
Low, Kevin	306.00
Quintal, Richard	1,329.50
Rasmussen, Eric	1,610.00
Roussel, Cort	1,020.00
Snyder, James	3,119.00
Talbot, Rusty	680.00
Warren, Michael	1,244.50
Wilson, Ned	1,261.50
Training	1,016.03
Mileage	2,534.60
Fire Prevention	849.53
Telephone	489.53
Information Line 8123	250.00
Internet Provider	815.00
FF Response System	300.00
Dispatching Services	6,038.40
Medical Services	1,220.21
Electric	2,214.73
Heating Oil	3,090.26
Building Maintenance	2,371.98
Uniforms & Protective Clothing	1,234.23
Dues	848.00
Supplies	759.65
Gasoline	23.69
Diesel Fuel	891.22
Propane	652.36
Vehicle Maintenance	5,321.61
Equipment Maintenance	1,049.72
Radio Maintenance	565.00
Books & Periodicals	302.95
New & Replacement Equipment	3,722.32
Communication Equipment	<u>1,727.50</u>

Total Fire Department Expenses

81,299.52

Total Emergency Management		3,300.00
Total Building Inspections – Allan Clark		1,497.50
Total Airport		807.75
Town Maintenance:		
Douglas Glover - Salary	74,065.15	
Brett Hucksoll	53,463.27	
Todd Nelson	48,141.35	
Peter Carbonneau	6,933.50	
Wes Griffith	550.00	
Retirement	19,857.90	
Total Town Maintenance		203,011.17
General Highway Department:		
Engineering - McCarthy	1,240.00	
Telephone	1,101.31	
Computer Internet	584.40	
Computer Consulting	441.25	
Medical	438.94	
Electricity	3,004.75	
Heating Oil	4,455.20	
Building Maintenance	1,053.30	
Equipment Rental	1,984.75	
Uniforms	3,447.43	
Dues	105.00	
Supplies	2,702.33	
Office Supplies	69.49	
Shop Supplies	3,607.92	
Diesel Fuel	23,724.92	
Gasoline	41.95	
Propane	297.91	
Vehicle Maintenance	23,677.00	
Equipment Maintenance	11,904.72	
Radio Maintenance	1,960.13	
Road Salt	16,649.91	
Crushed Gravel	6,850.00	
Sand	18,119.50	
Culverts	930.46	
Stone	3,167.50	
Cold Patch	1,442.31	
Calcium	828.00	
Non-Lapsing Roadwork WA #4 & FEMA	46,943.89	
FEMA	155,331.83	
New Equipment	1,600.00	
Animal Control	450.00	
Total General Highway Department & WA#		338,156.10

Highway Department Bridges Capital Reserve Fund		720.00
Highway Department Building CRF		11,068.42
Total Street Lighting Expenses		15,551.12
Total Highway Block Grant Expenses		51,720.88
Total Solid Waste Disposal Expenses		38,196.00
Total Health & Hospitals Agencies Expenses		6,917.00
Total Welfare Expenses		4,819.03
Total Parks & Recreation Expenses		30,497.00
Library:		
Librarian - Judy Weisenberger	14,455.56	
Wendy Kern	3,225.00	
Ingrid Ogren	669.00	
Amy Venezia	240.00	
Telephone	523.63	
Computer Program Support	2,148.33	
Computer Equipment	842.47	
Dues/Fees	119.00	
Library Supplies	1,064.47	
Office Supplies	886.77	
Postage	55.00	
Miscellaneous	35.88	
Programs	580.39	
Books/Movies/Audio	<u>14,316.11</u>	
Total Library Expenses		39,161.61
Patriotic:		
Town Party	<u>1,888.48</u>	
Total Patriotic Expenses		1,888.48
Conservation Commission:		
Printing	50.00	
Dues	<u>225.00</u>	
Total Conservation Commission		275.00
Land Use Change Fund		4,360.00
Long Term Notes -Principal	54,845.78	
Long Term Notes - Interest	<u>12,654.22</u>	
Total Long Term Notes		67,500.00

Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds:		
Meetinghouse CRF	5,000.00	
Crapo Building CRF	10,000.00	
Highway Department HE	50,000.00	
Fire Department HE	40,000.00	
Fire Department Building	10,000.00	
Bridgework	75,000.00	
Police Department CRF	14,000.00	
Highway Building	10,000.00	
Building & Grounds CRF	2,500.00	
Energy Efficiency CRF	5,000.00	
Transfer Station CRF	<u>17,795.00</u>	
Total Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds		239,295.00
Total Taxes Paid - County		276,456.00
Total Taxes Paid - School District		1,356,450.00
Motor Vehicle Refund		84.00
Adjust		.02
Abatements		2,941.89
Property Tax Refunds/Overpayments		4,477.28
Total Taxes Bought by the Town		<u>61,636.22</u>
Total Detailed Expenses		\$3,580,726.12



#### ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen,  
Town of Sugar Hill:

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of Town of Sugar Hill, which comprise the balance sheet as of December 31, 2019, and the related statements of revenue and expenditures for the year then ended, included in the accompanying prescribed form MS-535. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed form MS-535 nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on the financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed form MS-535.

The financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed form MS-535 are intended to comply with the requirements of New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration and are not intended to be a presentation in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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February 21, 2020

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# CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2019

		PRINCIPAL				INCOME				Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year	
Date Of Creation	NAME OF CRF	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 Year
03/12/2019	Energy Efficiency CRF	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$ 0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$33.31	\$0.00	\$33.31	\$5,033.31
06/19/1976	Highway Dept. CRF	1,746.87	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	51,746.87	0.00	436.02	0.00	436.02	52,182.89
06/23/1976	Police Department CRF	432.20	14,000.00	0.00	14,310.45	121.75	0.00	121.55	121.55	0.00	121.75
12/31/1991	Meetinghouse CRF	5,653.01	5,000.00	0.00	2,625.38	8,027.63	0.00	163.62	163.62	0.00	8,027.63
03/14/2014	Northern Pass Defense	717.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	717.99	14.29	15.89	0.00	30.18	748.17
08/01/2004	Carolina Crapo CRF	2,528.69	10,000.00	0.00	9,376.31	3,152.38	0.00	135.29	135.29	0.00	3,152.38
07/19/1993	Fire Department CRF	16,516.87	40,000.00	0.00	0.00	56,516.87	0.00	693.42	0.00	693.42	57,210.29
08/09/2006	Highway Bridge	278,381.02	75,000.00	0.00	0.00	353,381.02	0.00	6,671.03	720.00	5,951.03	359,332.05
11/20/2008	Fire Department Building	17,870.18	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	27,870.18	241.41	476.92	0.00	718.33	28,588.51
03/10/2009	Highway Department Building	18,486.96	10,000.00	0.00	10,271.95	18,215.01	308.56	487.91	796.47	0.00	18,215.01
03/12/2019	Transfer Station CRF	0.00	17,795.00	0.00	0.00	17,795.00	0.00	118.60	0.00	118.60	17,913.60
03/13/2012	Building & Grounds	6,442.82	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	8,942.82	155.86	164.18	0.00	320.04	9,262.86
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS		\$348,776.61	\$239,295.00	\$0.00	\$36,584.09	\$551,487.52	\$720.12	\$9,517.74	\$1,936.93	\$8,300.93	\$559,788.45

All Funds Invested 100%  
All Funds are Bank Deposits at PDIP

Respectfully,  
Chairman Allan Clark, Greg Connors, Ray Dionne  
Trustees of the Trust Funds

# CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2019

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	P R I N C I P A L				I N C O M E				Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year
		Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year	
10/09/1975	Sunnyside Care Fund (1)	\$13,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$12,000.00	\$326.35	\$0.00	\$1,885.54	\$13,885.54
09/21/1973	Louise Leazott Trust (1)	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	23.88	0.00	623.75	1,123.75
11/05/1943	Annie Bowles Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	6.41	0.00	151.94	301.94
11/03/1937	Frank E. Bowles Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	6.41	0.00	151.94	301.94
10/18/1956	J.L. & Gertrude Bowles Trust (1)	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	3.94	0.00	85.39	185.39
07/11/1984	Hersom Murray Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	5.43	0.00	105.21	255.21
10/09/1975	Anker Trust (2)	3,500.79	0.00	0.00	1,320.50	2,180.29	109.07	1,679.50	0.00	2,180.29
10/09/1975	Sunnyside Cemetery (3)	11,813.11	1,500.00	0.00	11,747.11	1,566.00	252.89	252.89	0.00	1,566.00
	<b>TOTAL CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS</b>	\$29,863.90	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$14,567.61	\$16,796.29	\$734.38	\$1,932.39	\$3,003.77	\$19,800.06

- (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,  
Chairman Allan Clark, Greg Connors, Ray Dionne  
Trustees of the Trust Funds

LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2019

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 Year	Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year
10/9/1975	Gladys Jesseman Memorial Trust	\$1,841.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,841.23	\$234.57	\$45.07	\$0.00	\$279.64	\$2,120.87
9/21/1973	Fredericka Harnes Fund	1,564.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,564.10	578.93	46.52	0.00	625.45	2,189.55
11/5/1943	Alice Smith Fund	903.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	903.50	333.32	26.86	0.00	360.18	1,263.68
1/22/2001	Richardson Memorial Trust	73,984.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	73,984.55	9,262.66	1,807.33	0.00	11,069.99	85,054.54
TOTAL LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS		\$78,293.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$78,293.38	\$10,409.48	\$1,925.78	\$0.00	\$12,335.26	\$90,628.64

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

SUGAR HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION FUNDS

December 31, 2019

PRINCIPAL

INCOME

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	Gains or (Losses)								Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year	
		Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Sale of Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year		Balance End Year
06/01/2009	SHIA (community)	\$724,198.67	\$0.00	\$119,750.27	\$0.00	\$843,948.94	\$70,627.53	\$20,237.57	\$0.00	\$90,865.10	\$934,814.04
1948	CRAPO (education)	635,822.92	0.00	106,821.81	0.00	742,644.73	73,157.00	17,646.89	50,000.00	40,803.89	783,448.62
TOTAL SHIA FUNDS		\$1,360,021.59	\$0.00	\$226,572.08	\$0.00	\$1,586,593.67	\$143,784.53	\$37,884.46	\$50,000.00	\$131,668.99	\$1,718,262.66

Respectfully,  
Chairman Allan Clark, Greg Connors, Ray Dionne  
Trustees of the Trust Funds

## **SELECT BOARD'S REPORT**

2020 has arrived with a new year and a new decade. Hopefully, it will bring us calmer weather events without damage to roads, cemetery, or other Town facilities. While most of the damage from the 2017 storms of July and October have been addressed, we are still waiting for FEMA reimbursement for some covered repairs; major here, is replacement of the Indian Brook bridge/culvert on Streeter Pond Road. The Town is fortunate to have caring talented employees, and we know it will be done as soon as possible.

We lost longtime resident, 32-year Town Clerk Edith Aldrich who served from the 1962 when the Town was organized until 1994.

Police Chief Robert Mancini so missed his time with the NH Fish and Game Department that he resigned with regret to return there. We wish him well in his new assignment and greatly appreciate his service and contributions to the Town.

Several residents, primarily living on Rt. 117, formed an ad hoc group in protest of the semitruck traffic on that highway. We appointed them the Sugar Hill Preservation Committee and met with them a few times. Regrettably, the Town has no control over what traffic is allowed on 117, but the trucks which were going to the MBI site on Route 117 were moved to Whitefield. Currently, only some maintenance services are being performed at that site, and the traffic has been greatly reduced.

In addition to the Indian Brook bridge/culvert repair, the Town is still in line to renovate/replace the Crane Hill Bridge over the Gale River. The job is on the Department of Transportation Bridge Crew's list for 2022, and we are working to complete plans, determine costs, and come up with the best result for the Town. One step is to ensure that the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund contains enough monies to allow us to cover the 20% for which we will be responsible. Current estimates are that this will amount to some \$500,000. We will continue to keep the Town updated on this.

We would be remiss were we to not express the Town's deep appreciation to the Sugar Hill Improvement Association for the renovation of the Meeting House Hall. It is now complete with insulation installed in the walls and improved over the ceiling, walls sheetrocked, painted, and acoustics addressed. The space has been dubbed "Founder's Hall" to recognize those who were instrumental in founding Sugar Hill as its own Town in 1962, and to whom we owe so much!

Many thanks to all who work and volunteer for the Town of Sugar Hill. We have a wonderful caring crew and community. Many thanks to all who work and volunteer for the Town of Sugar Hill. We have a wonderful caring crew and community. The Select Board could not function with all of you.

## **CEMETERY TRUSTEES' REPORT**

2019 was a busy year with the new roads in the cemetery extension completed by Presby Construction. Lots are currently available to be purchased in two of the new sections. The Cemetery was also fortunate to receive a donation that allowed for the installation of a new flagpole. Hundreds of feet of rotted post and rail fencing was replaced as well as all new along the length of the Route 117 border. Littleton Monument replaced five monuments that were destroyed in the storm two summers ago.

Peter Carbonneau is a wonderful sexton and caretaker and does an outstanding job of maintaining the grounds. A special thank you to the Littleton Veterans' of Foreign Wars for their participation at Sunnyside on Memorial Day.

Additional thanks to Doug Glover and his crew for the road maintenance and assistance with burials as needed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Perlo, Chairperson  
Holly Hayward, Lyn Kenerson  
Kathleen Jablonski, Meri Hern  
Cemetery Trustees

## **PLANNING BOARD**

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

The Planning Board saw the following activity for 2019:

Major Subdivision	1
Minor Subdivision	0
Lot Line Adjustment	3
Voluntary Merger	1
Site Plan Review	1

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Venezia  
Secretary

## **ROAD AGENT'S REPORT**

It seems like just the other day I was writing this report. This year has been nothing short of a whirlwind. It started out with snow arriving early and staying for what seemed forever. Spring brought us a shorter than usual mud season and very little road damage. The road sweeping and sand cleanup of Town roads took around a month and a half. Next in line was to work to complete our FEMA projects. We started by cutting the trees off the banks on the bottom of Grandview Road. Santy's Logging came in with a big tree shear to control the cuts due to the location of the power lines. The trees had to be cut and then swung away from the lines. Santy's also brought in a large chipper to get rid of all the junk wood and make clean up easier. Ward Excavating was then hired to come in with large excavators to cut the banks back and re-slope the shoulders at the same time put in the ditches to carry the water.

Once completed, we moved to the next project of reconstructing Lafayette Road. On Lafayette the ditches and road shoulders needed to be regraded and trees that were under mind removed. Once this was completed, Town Engineer Red McCarthy had successfully applied and received permits from DES to enlarge the culverts and change some that had failed. The Town Crew did what they could with our equipment but once again Ward Excavating was brought in with a large excavator to set the two big pipes and also one on Streeter Pond Road. Grinding of Lafayette came next and we pulverized the old asphalt and mixed it with crushed gravel. Central Paving then laid 2" of base on the road for the winter. In the spring the plan is to put 1" of finish on top of the base to seal and make it last longer.

We were able to complete the FEMA work but a large amount of the funding has not been received so funds that would have been used on yearly highway work had to be spent. The rest of the fall was spent cleaning ditches and getting ready for winter.

Now, writing this report after we just finished a week long marathon of snow and freezing rain. Snow is preferred and hopefully it ends sooner than later this year so we can get on with the work that wasn't able to be completed last year.

As always, I would like to thank our Police and Fire Departments for their help during severe weather events and the Select Board for all the work, they do to keep us in funding so we can keep working. To the residents of this great Town, please feel free to call any time with questions or concerns at the shop between 6:00am and 2:30pm at 823-8788 or my cell anytime 616-8467.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Douglas Glover, Road Agent

# SUGAR HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT

2019 was a busy year for the Sugar Hill Police Department. We had a couple of big changes within the Department.

On November 21st, 2019, Chief Robert Mancini left the Sugar Hill Police Department to return to New Hampshire Fish and Game to again work as a Conservation Officer. This was an extremely difficult decision for Chief Mancini but this is what he loves and he couldn't resist the woods calling his name. We would like to wish him the best of luck in continuing his law enforcement career with NH Fish and Game. We will miss him as part of our team, especially K9 RUGER!! He will still be residing in the community and if we are lucky, we may get to see him on North Woods Law again.

Overall, the Sugar Hill Police Department responded and initiated 1283 calls for service in 2019. We are continuing our pro-active policing by staying highly visible at all hours of the day and night. We have been strong in conducting motor vehicle enforcement daily. The low crime rate in our community can be contributed to our steadfast patrols.

In 2019, our officers attended several training programs to enhance our ability to serve the community. Some of these trainings include: Advanced Roadside Impaired Driver Enforcement, FBI Leadership courses, Basic Criminal Investigator training and Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events Instructor School. Officers also completed their annual Firearms and Use of Force training per the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council.

On July 4th, 2019, we received our newest patrol vehicle a 2019 Ford Police Responder Pickup. This replaced the 2016 Chevy Silverado that was plagued with mechanical issues. This vehicle is specifically designed to be a law enforcement patrol vehicle and we foresee it being a major asset to the Department.

In closing, I would like to thank every resident for your continued support. I also would like to thank our part-time officers, Administrative Assistant Jennifer Gaudette, Administrative Assistant Jamie Allaire, Chief Allan Clark, and Road Agent Doug Glover for their continuous and dedicated support over the last year.

Officer in Charge Zachary Chicoine

## Police Activity and Calls for Service

	2017	2018	2019
Arrests	10	21	15
911 Hang Up	14	10	2
Abandoned MV	4	5	3
Alarm, Burglar	46	31	35

All Spots Inquiries	16	36	24
Assault	2	1	3
Assist Citizen	3	19	24
Assist Fire/EMS	27	55	78
Assist Other Agency	4	4	5
Building Check	257	138	204
Burglary	3	5	2
Civil Stand-By	0	4	1
Disabled MV/Lock Out	25	39	25
Disturbance/Fight/Brawl	1	4	3
Dog Complaint	29	26	29
Domestic Disturbance	2	2	0
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	2	2	0
Drug Issues	0	2	3
Drug Offensive	4	15	3
Fish & Game	9	24	14
Follow Up Investigations	43	25	20
Illegal Dumping	1	2	0
Intoxicated Person- Not DWI	1	0	1
K-9 Calls For service	5	11	7
Lost/Found Property	0	7	10
Mental Person	0	0	1
Missing Person	1	1	1
Motor Vehicle Complaint	18	7	8
Motor Vehicle Citations	47	87	44
Motor Vehicle warnings	400	567	519
Noise Complaint	3	0	6
Paperwork Service	9	3	1
Parking Issues	0	0	0
Police Admin	72	70	56
Road Hazard/Wire or Tree Down	75	39	55
Shots Fired	5	5	2
Special Detail/ Parades	4	9	9
Suicidal Person	2	0	0
Suspicious Person	6	5	3
Suspicious Vehicle	10	24	7
Telephone Harassment	1	3	3
Theft/Fraud	6	4	6
Threats	2	1	3
Traffic Detail	7	0	5
Training	5	9	7
Trespass	5	3	0
Vandalism	3	1	1
Vehicle Collision	13	12	15
Vehicle Repo	2	0	0
Violation of Court Order	0	0	1
VIN Verification	12	6	9
Welfare Check	21	24	10
Total Call For Service	1237	1368	1283



## **SUGAR HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT**

During 2019, our call volume returned to normal with 55 calls after an unusually low call volume in 2018 and an unusually high call volume in 2017. Your Fire Department continued to be very active in training and with emergency calls. There were four structure fires in 2019 within Sugar Hill and few in the surrounding communities with the most notable being a significant fire in a duplex at the Franconia Inn.

We were lucky that the four structural fires did not cause significant damage, but had the potential for significant losses. The first was a contents fire at the Sunset Hill House, the next was a fire at the Crapo Building caused by a faulty water heater in the mechanical room, the third was a fire on an upper floor deck and the last was a lightning strike. In all four cases, quick action by your Fire Department significantly limited damages and in the case of the deck fire, lives.

We had no drug overdose calls in 2019, but there were in our surrounding towns. The Department is trained to deal with them, and three members of the Department carry Narcan. They also carry epi-pens should someone in Town suffer an anaphylaxis shock. All members are trained annually in CPR and the use of the Department's AEDs.

Your Fire Department is well equipped, adequately staffed and highly trained. The Department has 21 dedicated Firefighters who are all very active. Although the Firefighters are part-time employees, they are committed to providing the Town with services usually found only in full time departments.

We continued our extensive training by providing drills and training a minimum of two times per month plus a weekend away at Fire School. The skill level of your Firefighters is very high for a community our size. Although our call volume is not high, when we do have a structure fire or other serious emergency, we must have the training and equipment to professionally handle the fire or emergency.

We are fortunate to have excellent Fire Apparatus and all four trucks have now been purchased during my tenure. The trucks are expected to have a 25-year life and due to the excellent maintenance program provided by our Highway Department and the care provided by the Firefighters we anticipate that the trucks will last at least 25 years.

It remains critical that we continue to place funds into our Capital Reserve account to replace our apparatus and other expensive equipment. We ask that you fund our Capital Reserve account in the amount of \$50,000 so that we have adequate funds to replace apparatus when scheduled and have funds that can be utilized in an emergency for unexpected significant repairs.

We perform a Capital Reserve analysis to determine the amount needed in the Capital Reserve to have adequate funds to replace apparatus as they end their useful lives. We cannot forecast future costs, but we know that the most recent Engine which cost \$350,000 would cost \$425,000 to replace.

We enjoy holding our annual Open House in October where many of the residents stop by and spend time looking at our equipment and chatting with the Firefighters. We sincerely appreciate all the kind words expressed to the Firefighters. Please put October 10, 2020 in your calendar and stop by and observe your equipment, meet your Firefighters and enjoy a free lunch.

Please do not hesitate to call our Dispatch if you require assistance even if not a true emergency. We are happy to serve our friends and neighbors any time of day or night. Should you desire to install a solid fuel heating appliance such as a wood stove or pellet stove, please contact us and we will gladly inspect at no cost to be certain it meets current codes. We recently had two house fires that were caused by the improper installation of wood stoves.

The Fire Department responded to the following:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Brush/Grass Fires	1	2	3	2	1
Chimney Fires	1	0	0	0	1
Alarm Activations	19	11	15	12	19
Furnace Problems	0	0	1	0	2
Hazardous Conditions	2	8	9	10	5
Hazardous Materials	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	5	1	4	7	10
Mutual Aid – Cover	1	2	4	1	3
Mutual Aid – Scene	11	3	15	11	9
Rescues/Medical	8	1	12	3	2
Service Calls	2	2	17	7	1
Smoke Investigations	1	0	3	2	1
Structure Fires	4	0	5	1	0
Vehicle Fires	0	0	3	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>55</b>

	Chief Allan R. Clark	
Asst. Chief Doug Glover		Asst. Chief Doug Amsbary
Captain Gordie Johnk	Captain Brinson Ireland	Lieutenant Jim Synder
Lieutenant Jeffrey Collins	Lieutenant Cliff Aldrich	Lieutenant Sam Johnk
Engineer Michael Warren	Engineer Erik Rasmussen	Engineer Ned Wilson
Engineer Rick Quintal	Tim Burger	Eric Chase
Nelson Crowe	Jody Hodgdon	Dan Kenerson
Kevin Low	Cort Roussel	Rusty Talbot

Sugar Hill is extremely fortunate to have this number of very active Firefighters during a period when many departments are decreasing in size due to the inability to attract new Firefighters for a variety of reasons. The commitment in time to be a Firefighter is significant and Sugar Hill has an excellent complement of Firefighters willing to make that commitment. We have very little turnover and accordingly, you have a stable and well-trained Fire Department.

It is truly an honor to serve such a wonderful community as Sugar Hill as the Fire Chief. Hard to believe, but I have been with the Department now 18 years. I am working on making sure that there is a smooth transition when I retire in a few years. Thank you for your support, the support of the Selectmen, Police and Highway crew and of course the Firefighters.

I especially thank the spouses of the Firefighters for tolerating the many disruptions to their family life for the good of the community without their support we would not have the Department that we have.

Respectfully submitted,  
Allan R. Clark  
Fire Chief

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

The responsibility of the Emergency Management Director is to coordinate the efforts of the Town during an emergency towards a unified goal and to prepare the Town for major incidents. Emergency Management in Sugar Hill is a cooperative effort of the Highway Department, Fire Department, and Police Department working together toward a common goal. Sugar Hill is fortunate to have Departments that work very well together.

Dealing with FEMA is hard to describe, all I can hope is that it is the most bureaucratic, dysfunctional and difficult Federal agency in the Federal Government, however I suspect it is not. The State Homeland Security agency on the other hand is easy to work with, but are subject to the absurd rules and regulations of FEMA as they are funded by FEMA. Apparently, they share my views, as I was honored as the 2019 Emergency Management Director of the year.

We continue to actively seek reimbursement for the July 1, 2017 severe storm that caused substantial damage to the Town roads and storm water system. This included the Streeter Pond Road Bridge over Indian Stream which was destroyed by the storm according to the State bridge experts.

We have received \$14,130.74 for emergency work during the July 1, 2017 storm, however FEMA refuses to reimburse the Town for the expense of your firefighters for reasons that are impossible to understand, \$81,952.45 for emergency repairs and we have received an award of \$165,406.95 of which we have actually received \$65,331.83 for the reconstruction of Lafayette Road and Grandview Road. The work was completed in the fall of 2019 and we are seeking the remainder of the award of \$100,075.

I continue to fight over the cost of replacing the bridge on Streeter Pond Road that was destroyed by the storm. The cost of replacing this bridge correctly, is \$340,000 which is based on quotes from three local contractors. FEMA believes that it should be replaced as it was at a cost of \$200,000. If replaced as it was the new bridge will also fail. Rebuilding the bridge knowing it will fail is only something a FEMA bureaucrat can think is the correct thing to do. The goal is to reach consensus this winter so that the bridge can be replaced this summer.

We have updated our Emergency Operations Plan which is a FEMA Requirement. We have obtained a \$6,000 grant to pay the consultant who will be working with us to update that plan. It is anticipated that this will be finalized in the next few months.

We continue to work with both the Federal and State government agencies to obtain permission to dredge the Gale River below the Crane Hill Bridge to prevent ice jams as we again experience in January of 2019. We have obtained assurances from the State that they will issue the required State permits. We require approval from the Army Corp of Engineers as they consider the Gale River “navigable” to the Atlantic Ocean. Fortunately, the Army Corp of Engineers are far more practical than FEMA. We are hopeful that if we can gain the required approvals that we can obtain a grant to mitigate this hazard.

I express sincere appreciation to the Highway Department and especially Doug Glover for his extra effort in repairing the damaged roads in an efficient and cost effective manner that should not wash out again.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 603-494-1491 should you ever require any assistance. It does not need to be a true emergency; it can simply be something that requires the resources of the Town to mitigate.

Respectfully submitted,

**Allan R. Clark**

Allan R. Clark  
Emergency Management Director

## **REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER**

This past year we were fortunate enough to have favorable weather conditions in the spring and summer which limited the amount of wildfire activity throughout the state. In Sugar Hill we had no wildland fires in 2019, but we did have a grass fire due to improper disposal of ashes. Your Fire Department and the Division of Forests & Lands worked throughout the year to protect homes and the forests. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on high fire danger days. The towers' fire detection efforts are supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger is especially high.

Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Every year New Hampshire sees fires which threaten or destroy structures, a constant reminder that wildfires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildfire 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).

Although we have had few wildland fires in Sugar Hill over recent history, the potential for a significant wildlands fire exists should the weather be dry as conditions exist with significant fuel in the forests due to past ice damage and blow downs.

Please remember to contact your Forest Fire Warden to determine if a fire permit is required before 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. Fire permits are available online by visiting [www.NHfirepermit.com](http://www.NHfirepermit.com). Permits allow for burning from 5 pm to 9 am the following morning. Daytime burning is allowed only if actively raining. For more information please contact one of Sugar Hill Wardens or go online at [www.nhdfl.org](http://www.nhdfl.org).

State Forestry Director Brad Simpkins 271-2214	Warden Allan R. Clark 494-1491	State Forest Ranger Steven Sherman 7884157
Deputy Warden Brinson Ireland 616-9095	Deputy Warden Doug Glover 616-8467	Deputy Warden Jim Snyder 348-7009

**2019 WILDLAND STATEWIDE FIRE STATISTICS**

Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2019	15	23.5	92
2018	53	46	91
2017	65	134	100
2016	351	1090	159
2015	143	665	180

## FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD

The Ambulance Service continues to seek its' membership from the surrounding area by recruiting from the towns of Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton; the same communities it provides service to. Anyone willing to volunteer is welcome to apply for membership. Each member is dedicated to providing the highest quality emergency care to the communities we serve.

The Franconia Ambulance currently has four (4) members who are certified to provide Advanced Life Support, two (2) of whom are nationally registered paramedics. The Franconia Ambulance at years' end, has thirteen (13) active members; a membership well prepared to assist our citizens and visitors to our area with quality emergency medical care.

All members are Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technicians. They are continually training and improving their skills. Each member must have a minimum of 20 hours of continuing education each year for a total of 40 hours after two years, at which time they must reapply for their national certification and state license.

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

The current list of active members of the Franconia Ambulance are:

Chief Paul Schmucker EMT	Asst. Chief Mark Taylor EMT
Pam Oakman Paramedic	William Mead Paramedic
Colleen Ford AEMT	Allan Clark EMT
Bill McCarthy AEMT	Ned Wilson EMT
Jeffrey Stewart Paramedic	Stephen Schmucker EMT
Ron Baillargeon EMR	Jeffrey Collins AEMT
Kaitlin Varin EMT	Patrick Griffin EMT

The Franconia Ambulance responded to 292 calls for assistance during 2019, of those 158 required transport. In 2019, total operating expenses for the Franconia Ambulance were \$70,845.54. Income obtained from patient billing and subsidies from Sugar Hill and Easton totaled \$111,561.73, providing a return of \$40,716.19 to the Town of Franconia. Your Ambulance is currently operating at the Advanced Life Support-paramedic level.

I sincerely thank the Townspeople for their continued support and the privilege of serving them. And I especially thank the men and women of the Franconia Ambulance for their countless hours of dedication and sacrifice, serving others in their community in their time of need.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Schmucker-Chief



## RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

**2019:** It was a year with a few notable changes. Preschool circulation greatly expanded. For a small library we have one of the best collections of current adult and children's books in the area. Personalized service to our patrons continued to be our most important focus. Also, we had access to a bit of money for programming materials and fees and were able to meet most of the requests from our patron surveys with **23** separate programs. **HUGS** to all who donated their time and talent.

Did you miss out on these series ? :

RSVP's Bone Builders, Card Making 101 and Jean's Expert class, RSVP's Matter of Balance and Stories with Playdates on Saturdays whenever we could.

You could have come to any of these single sessions events:

Wreath Making, Reflexology, Aromatherapy, Hummingbirds, ACT's Dragonflies, a Skywatch workshop, a Night Sky Watch with the NH Astronomical Society, an all day workshop on Family/Community Stories, NCCP's concert, Colored Pencils, LEGO PALOOZA free play, NH Humanities Quilt Programs and finally a profitable book sale at the Fall Festival.

You may have attended one of several events at the Lupine or Fall Festivals. This year the Library helped sponsor 3 speakers with donations. Ben Kilham's talk was great.

Also of note under programming was our new outreach to the Franconia Children's Center. In order to ensure every child has equal access to **at least 1,000** books before kindergarten, we have opened an on-site satellite library; **Little Owls Library** for preschoolers. It is manned with volunteer hours and we have a **Storytelling** Session in two classrooms funded from our budget.

**2020** We can no longer access ILL so we must automate this year. We put nothing in the budget for man hours to scan in our collection so we will be begging for help this summer. Several folks have offered to start a Friend's Group and we hope this can happen. In March we hope to return to Gale River for Storytime. We will try again to recruit a group of seniors to read at the schools for 30 minutes a month and join in the fun. We have hosted local artists' work and invite others to display their work. This summer we will host a "cocktail" party for any local artist who wishes to display their work. We will slowly continue the work of gathering Community Stories to be shared in 2022 at a Town event and online. Our regular programs will continue and our 2020 survey will drive the rest of our programming.

I am looking forward to reducing my regular hours and "extra hours". We will hire a part timer with technology expertise so I can focus more time on the collection, fundraising, programming, grant writing and have coverage for my vacation. We will have another Patron Survey and I am personally asking for everyone in Town to complete this at the library, Town Meeting or online. We pride ourselves on trying our best to make this a useful and fun place for the community to gather. We have a pretty robust patron list for a tiny town yet not everyone uses the library. For whatever reason we hope those folks would at least drop in once in a while to see how we've changed.

Thank you all for your support in 2019, especially JG and those patrons who stepped up when I needed help. Without Jim and you we would have had to close many days.

Respectfully submitted,  
“Miss Judy”

### **Statistics for RSA: 202-A:12**

\*Complete 135 data entries due to State March 2020 - Publically available in Fall every year on New Hampshire State Library website for all NH libraries and is posted at library

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#### **Operating Cost**

Paid Hours: see back page for times - 15 Open- 5 Admin- 3 hours Storytime = 23 hours

Line Items: see Detailed Statement of Payments in Town Report

Warrant approved for taxes: \$ 39,170. Spent: \$ 39,162.

Checking: 11/19/18: \$ 480.86 End Bal. \$ 648.21

Trust Checking: 1/1/18 \$ 996.91 End Bal.: \$ -104.66

Offset: spent from cash: fees, donations, printer, grant, out-of-town cards was \$ 3,020.

Offset: spent from non-cash: service, equipment, donated media \$ 1,605

Other Trusts: (see report of the Trust Funds on LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS page)

Interest money will be transferred in 2020 to operating expenses to help defray cost for automation.

OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2019: \$ 39,162 (tax) + \$ 3,020 (cash) + \$ 1,605 (non-cash)

TOTAL spent to operate in 2019: \$ 43,787

\*Expenses in Town's budget: maintenance, accounting, utility, cleaning -Est. at \$ 6000.

Phone: 603-823- 7001 ( open hours only) Wi-Fi: guest - (P) guest123

Email: [rmlibrary117@gmail.com](mailto:rmlibrary117@gmail.com) Overdrive: 4218 + (your number)-

Mail: Richardson Memorial Library - 1411 Route 117- Sugar Hill- NH - 03586-

Website + Facebook: update soon

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT**

In 2019, the Conservation Commission completed a number of projects to benefit the people of the town of Sugar Hill.

The Conservation Commission has continued working to improve and expand the new trails at the Phillip Robertson Town Forest. The original loop of trail has been extended to include an out and back trail that leads hikers to a glacial boulder at the highest point in the Town Forest. This new path has been mowed and leveled and permanent trail markers have been placed at intervals along the path to provide clear direction on the trail.

The Sugar Hill Conservation Commission ordered and purchased a memorial stone inscribed to commemorate the terms served on the Commission by long time member Kathie Galligan, former Chair. The stone acknowledges her many contributions to the Conservation Commission during her years of service.

The Sugar Hill Conservation Commission has continued to meet with the Friends of Streeter Pond to discuss issues impacting the pond. These include increased growth of pond vegetation, causes of fluctuations in water level and the effect of resident beavers on the pond. Information and recommendations have been shared to help address these areas of concern.

A member of the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission attended the annual meeting of the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions in November 2019. The NHACC offers a variety of workshops and offers opportunities to network with other Conservation Commissions in the state.

The Conservation Commission has met with a representative of the Ammonoosuc Community Trust (ACT) to discuss long-term conservation goals for the Town of Sugar Hill and explore the possibility of further collaboration to achieve these goals.

Members of the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission completed their annual roadside cleanup along Route 117.

The Town Forest Management Plan has been reviewed and is continually updated and revised to work toward its goals of conservation and land stewardship.

In addition to the above projects, the Conservation Commission has continued to assist property owners with issues related to state permits by reviewing applications for wetlands permits and conducting site visits for town residents seeking permits. We encourage people to contact us with any questions they have about completing any of the above applications. Grant funds are available from the Commission to assist with projects that will benefit that town as a whole. Both the application and the criteria for selection are available on the town website. The Conservation Commission meets on the third Thursday of the month at Town Hall and we welcome guests and prospective new members.

## **TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION**

In 2019, the Tri-Town Transfer Station processed and recycled 59.01 tons of glass, 15.41 tons of plastic, 28.2 tons of metal, 2.3 tons of tin, 3.41 tons of aluminum and 39.39 tons of cardboard. We also processed 374 tires, 97 Freon units, 1,671 feet of fluorescent light bulbs and 165 gallons of oil. We would like to say a huge thank you to the Tri-Town residents for your recycling efforts. There was another change in hours of operations to nine to five Friday through Monday.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tim Blake, Supervisor  
Kevin Dauphine, Mike Burke

## **ENERGY COMMITTEE**

The following graph shows energy use in the Town of Sugar Hill for 2019

Dept.	Electric	Gas	Diesel	#2 Fuel	Propane	Total
MH	1,286.77			2,778.51		4,065.28
Crapo	4,094.12				3,636.17	7,730.29
Fire	2,214.73	23.69	891.22	3,090.26	652.36	6,872.26
Highway	3,004.75		23,724.92	4,455.20	297.91	31,482.78
Police		4,536.99				4,536.99
Grounds		997.14	677.64			1,674.78
Streetlight	5,133.78					5,133.78
Total	15,734.15	5,557.82	25,293.78	10,323.97	4,586.44	61,496.16

New Streetlights purchased in 2019 for \$10,417.34 less \$3,900 grant.

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

In 2019, Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District continued its cooperative efforts to promote waste reduction, increase recycling, and to provide residents with a means of properly disposing of their household hazardous waste (HHW).

The District held two (2) one-day HHW collections, one in Littleton on Sunday, August 4th and the other in Plymouth on Saturday, September 28th. A total of 241 households participated in the program and over 3,210 gallons of material was collected. The total expenses for 2019 HHW programming, which includes disposal costs, advertising, & insurance, totaled at \$21,477. The District was awarded a grant from the State of New Hampshire for \$5,026, received a \$5,000 donation from Casella Waste Management, and received \$500 in sponsorship from Littleton Chevrolet Buick. The net expenditures for the program were \$10,951.00 (a cost of \$0.39 per resident.)

The District also coordinated two (2) fluorescent light bulb collections in the spring and fall, where all member Towns were able to dispose of their bulbs and ballast. This year, fluorescent light bulb collections resulted in over 24,891 linear feet of fluorescent tubes being properly disposed of; as well as 780 bulbs; 2,047 units of ballasts and batteries; and 97 smoke detectors. The total cost for this effort was \$3,649.62 covered by District dues.

When selling your recyclables, be sure to call multiple brokers to ensure you receive the best price. 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 members to decrease waste and increase recycling efforts. We are very fortunate to have some of the best municipal recycling programs in the State as well as a knowledgeable and innovative group of facility operators. If your Town has questions, issues, or concerns you would like to address, please use the resources you have available. 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).

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. If at any time an individual community needs assistance in regards to their solid waste/recycling program, please contact the District by email at [dmelone@nccouncil.org](mailto:dmelone@nccouncil.org)

Respectively Submitted,  
Danica Melone, Secretary

## THE WILLING WORKERS SOCIETY

The Willing Workers Society of Sugar Hill successfully completed its 99<sup>th</sup> year in 2019. Highlights for 2019 are listed below.

- **Fundraisers** – We organized and hosted the Lupine Lunch, the Fall Festival, the Christmas Fair, and Grandma’s Attic sales. Fundraising included raffling a quilt generously donated by Kathy Jablonski. Funds are raised for education merit awards and donations to local causes, including assistance to those facing serious setbacks.
- **Maxine Aldrich Education Merit Awards** – We were pleased to rename our scholarship program to honor Maxine Aldrich in recognition of the more than 30 years she has championed the program. Now called the Maxine Aldrich Education Merit Award program, we have presented awards totaling more than \$40,000 to 39 recipients since 1987. In 2019, we awarded a total of \$3,500 to local students Dan Kenerson, Haley Hodgdon, and Alicia Harrington as they continue their education.
- **Donations to Worthy Local Causes** – During the year, we awarded \$5,900 in donations to 12 local organizations/programs.
- **Memorials, Good Will, and Cheer** – We hosted and provided refreshment for two memorials: James Cavanaugh and Edith Aldrich (a longstanding member of the Willing Workers). Members also delivered holiday poinsettias and boxes of chocolates to longtime friends and former members.
- **Special Events** – We enjoyed a luncheon at member Dolly McPhaul’s home. We also hosted a luncheon with the Friends in Council organization of Lisbon, followed by a visit to the Sugar Hill Historical Museum Quilt Exhibit.
- **Quilt Collaboration** – We were thrilled that the Sugar Hill Historical Museum’s quilt exhibit featured quilts made and signed by Willing Worker members from about 1909 – 1920. During the summer months of 2019, Willing Worker members made over 100 autograph quilt blocks for the museum’s fundraiser. The pattern for the blocks is the same as that used for the early quilts.
- **Amended By-Laws** – We amended our 1989 By-Laws. However, in doing so, no change was made to the required 25-cent fee to join nor to the recommended 25-cent monthly donation by those attending meetings, thereby honoring the dues structure established in 1955.
- **New Website** – Member Lynda Payette set up a website; visit us at [www.thewillingworkers.org](http://www.thewillingworkers.org)
- **Town Christmas Party** – We continued our tradition of sponsoring the 127<sup>th</sup> annual Sugar Hill Town Christmas Party. Despite a serious snow squall that evening, 41 children and many town’s people attended. Rose Ellms served as Santa’s party coordinator for her 17<sup>th</sup> year. Sixth graders, Lily Hodgdon, Cam Venezia, Katie Baker, Adora Fresolone, Sophia Phelps, and Jackson Thibault served as Santa’s elves, helping to hand out gifts and an orange to each child. Dennis Cote emceed the event, as he has done for many years. The Sugar Hill Choir, accompanied by Marie Snyder, provided music.

We could not have done all of this without the generous help of our family members, many friends, town officials, and Jim Keefe. We also thank area businesses for their generous donations: Harman's Cheese & Country Store, Littleton Shaw's, Littleton Food Co-op, Franconia Mac's, Littleton Walmart, Woodsville Walmart, Polly's Pancake Parlor, Littleton McDonald's, and Littleton Dunkin' Donuts.

The Willing Workers is a nonprofit, nonsectarian organization whose purpose is to foster a spirit of helpfulness throughout the community. Meetings are normally held on the first Thursday of each month. Membership is open to women from Sugar Hill and surrounding communities. New members are always welcome. Anyone interested should contact Betsy Fraser, President, at 823-8502.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betsy Fraser  
President

## SUGAR HILL HISTORICAL MUSEUM REPORT

I received an email from someone that I did not know and wondered if I should open it or not. Well. I did take my chances, and good thing!

Sandy wrote: My friend Beth, has found a signature quilt in a secondhand furniture shop near her hometown in Massachusetts. After a bit of time persuading the shop owner and then unwrapping the quilt from around a chair, she bought the quilt. Beth was sure she recognized some of the names on this quilt from her hometown. As she researched these signature names on her computer, most of final resting places led to Sunnyside Cemetery in Sugar Hill.

Sandy asked if the Sugar Hill Historical Museum would be interested in this quilt. We already planned a quilt show for the 2019 season, so I was happy to add it to our collection. Surprise! I soon realized that Beth's Sugar Hill signature quilt had to be the center focus for the 2019 exhibit, **Sugar Hill Quilts**. The hours of research in our files, I realized that I would be able to bring almost each signature "alive!" This turned out to be a wedding present from friends of The Sugar Hill Free Will Baptist Church. 36 ladies, each one personally signed a square. The only pink square "For sister from Millie" was from Millie Jesseman Batchelder for her sister Maude Jesseman. From the museum archives appear the newspaper clippings of Maude Jesseman's bridal shower and announcement of marriage dated Oct. 1914. The groom was a dairy demonstrator and they later moved to Massachusetts. Details of who is related to whom: mother, daughter, granddaughter, cousin, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, and four friends from other towns. Each signature is personally written. Where possible, I placed a photograph of each lady along with her home and gravestone. Sepia photographs were taken by Rev. Samuel S. Nickerson, Pastor of The Free Will Baptist Church, Sugar Hill. Rev. Nickerson left behind a portfolio of photographs of life here in Sugar Hill.

Sugar Hill is, and always has been a unique Town. Depending on tourism instead of industry, five major hotels, each with 350 beds, plus many smaller inns and boarding houses stood in this Town. Employment at these hotels and the nearby farms that supported the large dining rooms provided most of the labor needed. There was and still is a close relationship amongst the folks in this Town. The history continues this 2020 museum season with the **Willing Workers of Sugar Hill Centennial and Grassroots Victory over Northern Pass**.

The attendance for 2019, **Sugar Hill Quilts** was the highest in our years of keeping records.

Thank you all!  
Kitty H. Bigelow  
Director, Curator



## **SUGAR HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION**

The Sugar Hill Improvement Association was first established in August of 1890 and after 129 years still remains an active and vital part of our community. Sugar Hill should be proud that we have such long standing organizations doing good things to improve Sugar Hill. Our congratulations to the Willing Workers for their upcoming 100 years of good works. These things are what makes Sugar Hill the special Town that it is.

The SHIA has a Board of Directors and a slate of officers but if you are a resident, you are automatically a member and are welcome to attend any of our meetings. We have two Trust Funds, one for educational purposes and one for monies to be expended for projects for the benefit of the citizens of Sugar Hill. An application is available if you have an idea for a worthy project that the Association could consider for funding.

Each spring, high school graduation seniors living in Sugar Hill (for two years or more) are sent a letter and asked to apply for the Carolina Crapo Memorial Book Award. This award is a gift made possible by funds donated by Henry Crapo in honor of his wife, Carolina, to seniors who are going on to further their education at a two or four year institution. The application process is specific, has a time limit but is easy to follow by the student. If you have a student, remind them to follow the simple process to apply for this gift. Letters are sent out each May to Sugar Hill seniors. If you are an adult resident of Sugar Hill and are going back to school or taking classes that will result in a college/technical school degree at a two or four year institution, you may also apply for this gift. Any questions can be sent to the SHIA board or specifically to Starcy Branch or Kathie Cote. We will send a letter and application to you.

The SHIA sponsored many projects in the year 2019. Our biggest project was renovations to the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse. In the big meeting hall, we removed all the old pegboard, insulated the walls, installed new sheetrock and repainted all the walls. We also had some electrical work redone which will greatly improve the safety of our beloved building. In 2020 we will be addressing the acoustics in the hall. We are the sponsors of the flags that fly from our lights poles from Memorial Day through Columbus day that keep our Town looking festive and patriotic. Several flags a year have to be replaced due to weather wear. Doug Glover and his crew put the flags up and take them down. They always borrowed a lift to do this chore but when it became unavailable for us to use, his Road Department Crew constructed a platform lift and we sponsored the cost of that. They saved a lot of money by doing this in the shop. Thanks to all of them!

We purchased a new picnic table for the Meetinghouse grounds and sponsored Ben Kilam during the Fall Festival to give his program on the bear rehabilitation that he is so famous for. We had a standing room only crowd. If anyone has any ideas for programs that would be interesting, please let us know.

Sugar Hill is very fortunate to be able to fund our projects through the generosity of our forebears and the careful ongoing management of our trust funds.

Respectfully submitted:  
Lissa Boissonneault, President

## **REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS**

### **SHIA EDUCATION FUND & SHIA CRAPO COMMUNITY FUND**

The Town Annual Report indicates that the balance in the Community Fund at the end of the year is \$934,814.34 and the Education Fund has an ending balance of \$783,448.62 which ties with the financial statement from CFSG, our investment manager. Unfortunately, due to a clerical error, \$50,000 was disbursed from the Education Fund when it should have been the Community Fund.

The \$50,000 was used by the Sugar Hill Improvement Association ("SHIA") for major improvements to the Meetinghouse including insulating the building, new interior walls and sound deadening panels. The error has since been corrected including the interest that the fund would have earned in the Education Fund if the error did not occur.

The income earned (dividends and interest) is important and is tracked as under the Trust Agreements only interest and dividends can be spent. Had the error not occurred, the year-end balance for the Community Fund would have a balance of \$883,923.38 and the Interest Account would have a balance of \$39,974.35. The Education Fund would have a balance of \$834,339.37 and the Interest Account would have had a balance of \$91,694.69 at year end. I take full responsibility for not catching this error until after the year ended. The two Funds increased substantially in value as did the market, as a whole, this year. The S & P 500 increased 33% in 2019. Both Funds earned approximately 17.6%, but the weighted index that we compare performance to was a gain of 26%. Our investment managers continue to underperform as compared to the index despite our efforts.

The Trustees continue to analyze various strategies to enhance the performance to be closer to the index. Community Financial Services Corporation over the past 8 years have consistently underperformed the market despite the attention of the Trustees to improve that performance. State law requires the Trustees to utilize an investment manager.

SHIA should develop a strategy of expending substantially more of the Education Fund. The Fund has a corrected income balance of \$91,695 and expended none in 2019. It would appear the current strategy of providing book awards will not spend the Funds that could be spent. The Trustees continue to manage the portfolio to increase in value and not produce a specific amount of income since there is a significant surplus of undisbursed income in both accounts. Each Fund generates approximately \$20,000 in income each year.

After serving as a Trustee of the Trust Funds for many years; I have decided not to seek another term as part of my goal to not be quite so busy. Should anyone have questions; please contact either myself, Greg Connors or Raymond Dionne who together serve as the Trustees of the Trust Funds.

Respectfully submitted,  
Allan R. Clark, Chairman

## LAFAYETTE RECREATION COMMITTEE

The year 2019 was another busy and positive one for Lafayette Recreation and our community's three towns: Franconia, Sugar Hill, and Easton. With a full slate of annual events and fundraisers, seasonal programs for local children, and fun activities for residents of all ages, our staff and committee rolled with the fun right through the year.

Over the course of 2019, we had 29 children – from kindergarteners through sixth grade – playing basketball, 39 involved in spring baseball and t-ball, and 71 kicking around the soccer fields on the Dow. The summer saw 77 youngsters involved in our summer recreation program, where the fun ranges from arts and crafts to hiking, biking, and swimming to field trips to various local attractions. 14 middle school-aged kids joined our summer adventure program, with the opportunity to explore mountain biking trails, camp out, and get on the water.

We were thrilled to see our brand-new pavilion completed at the Dow. This was a true community effort and has been put to good use already, including as the very busy concessions center for the annual Halloween Cup Soccer Tournament in October.

This year we also said farewell to our longtime (18 years!) Youth Programs Director Kris Kappler, who left us for a year-round position with the Littleton School District. We miss Kris's unbounded positive energy, fantastic rapport with the kids, and amazing organizational skills. Lucky for our recreational community, she still shows up now and then to help as a volunteer at Lafayette Rec events.

Taking on much of Kris's former responsibilities has been our longtime Recreation Director Kim Cowles, who has ably shifted gears and resources to keep the Department moving in a positive direction.

The Department's ongoing activities include our Earth Day roadside cleanup in May, the Old Home Day celebration in July, Halloween happenings in October, and caroling and a visit from Santa in December. We also host the following annual fundraising events: Top Notch Triathlon, Halloween Cup, and the Wobble-N-Gobble fun run. This year we introduced a Triple Crown event, with a Dow Derby Trail Run in May, the Firecracker 5K in July, and the Wobble-N-Gobble on Thanksgiving Day.

As a Department, we continue our efforts to enhance the recreational opportunities for residents of various ages and interests and strive to enhance the positive relationships formed with other community groups. The Lafayette Recreation Committee meets the first Thursday of each month in the conference room at Lafayette Regional School, and residents are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Lafayette Committee Members

**Franconia:** Adam Boyer, Meghan McPhaul, and Cindy Berlack

**Sugar Hill:** Haley Ireland and Launa Glover

**Easton:** Matt Koehler and Michael McKeever

**Lafayette Regional School:** Gordie Johnk **Parks & Recreation Director:** Kim Cowles

## **FRANCONIA NOTCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2019 REPORT**

During this past year The Chamber's website continued to promote our region's benefits and businesses while enabling members to access their page to edit, update and add info as needed. The benefits of our fully responsive & optimized website give members great control in keeping it current and provides for more efficient maintenance as a whole, keeping site visitors more engaged and more likely to participate in our communities.

The Information Booth in the center of Franconia was open and staffed again this season, though after the passing of two long known resident employees, Ellie Opalinski & Greg Wells, it was a slow opening with not as much collective knowledge being shared, as to say we missed their fine service of summer's past. From July thru mid-August there were part time attendants to assist and direct with questions and volunteer efforts keeping the area clean & organized. By August, and then for the busier part of the Info Booth season there was a full time attendant in place, as the kiosk continues to be a focal point for folks seeking directions, suggestions and ideas on places to go and things to do. New for this year, in addition to having area hiking maps available, was our offering the Franconia Art Walk Map & Guide, which has been a great addition to the Main Street of Franconia.

Our 72<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Annual Dinner Award & Celebration was held at and hosted by the Iron Furnace Brewery, now in its second year as a new addition to town and our membership, with this year's event serving to highlight and honor our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Northern Star Award recipient for her long history of service & dedication to the small retail & tourism industries specific to our Franconia Notch-Sugar Hill area, White Mountains Region and beyond. Unlike those who have held the prior honor, this year's recipient is best known by one name, and that is... "Maxine". Maxine Aldrich, who purchased Harman's Cheese & Country Store in 1981, has been a longtime member of the Franconia Chamber of Commerce having served for years as a Member of the Board of Directors, working diligently to keep interest & eyes on our region. While selling literally 100's of tons of cheese and countless local crafts, she has been an integral part of forming many events that still bring highlight to the area today, one most notable being the Lupine Festival. For her hours of dedication and work on interests that serve well and far beyond her own, "Maxine" is honored as this year's "Northern Star".

In the year ahead we aim to maintain our dedicated membership base through the services of present, while concurrently expanding our outreach to surrounding area organizations to seek what opportunities members might gain in coordinating efforts to achieve our mission and goals of marketing and promoting the region. Thanks always to the residents of the Town of Sugar Hill and the Board of Selectmen for your support.

Sincerely,  
Cort Roussel, President  
Franconia Notch Regional  
Chamber of Commerce

## **REPORT FROM COUNCILOR MICHAEL CRYANS**

On January 3, 2019, I passed my one-year anniversary serving on the Executive Council for District One.

This District is made up of over 100 Towns and four Cities (Berlin, Claremont, Laconia and Lebanon). It covers up to ½ of the land area from Tilton to Pittsburg.

The Council, which has 5 members, each represent approximately 275,000 constituents. The Council meets approximately every 2 weeks and most of the meetings are held in Concord, except for the 6 meetings during the summer. These summer meetings are held in the five Council Districts along with one hosted by the Governor. I chose Littleton and will be looking for a community to host the meeting next summer.

The Executive Council votes on all contracts with the state over \$10,000 as well as appointments to Boards and Commissions. Fifty-four persons from District One were confirmed to various positions on State Boards and Commissions this year. The Council also votes on Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners of State Agencies as well as confirms the appointment of judges to serve in New Hampshire District, Supreme and Superior Courts.

I have traveled to all the Towns and Cities as well as the seven Counties in this District. The function that I enjoy the most is constituent service. I like to assist, if I can, with the issues that arise from individual concerns to general issues in Towns and Cities in the District. You can always reach out to me with issues of concern.

This year I hosted the Department of Transportation GACIT Meetings in Lebanon, Claremont, Berlin and North Conway. GACIT stands for The Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation. This Commission is required to propose a plan for improvements to our State Transportation system every two years, ultimately creating what is known as the Ten Year Highway Plan.

If you wish to serve on any Boards or Commissions, please submit your resume to me and Jonathan Melanson of the Governor's office. The Boards and Commissions, along with the qualifications needed, can be reviewed at <http://sos.nh.gov/GC2.aspx>.

Please feel free to contact me if you feel I can be helpful. My contact information is [Michael.Cryans@NH.gov](mailto:Michael.Cryans@NH.gov) or 603-443-1901 or PO Box 999, Hanover, NH 03755.

Remember, I am here to serve you.

Sincerely,  
Michael Cryans  
Executive Councilor,  
District One

## **AMMONOOSUC RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

As expected, circumstances have changed for members of the Ammonoosuc River Local Advisory Committee (LAC) since the first meeting January 8, 2008. Only four of the original 14 members remain on the committee envisioned in 2004 when representatives of seven Towns, Carroll, Bethlehem, Littleton, Landaff, Lisbon, Bath and Haverhill met, along with three representatives of interest groups. They concurred that the best way to address issues along the river would be to work together in protecting the water quality of the Ammonoosuc along its corridor.

LAC members represent the interests of their communities on the committee. Without that representation a Town is missing out on an opportunity to provide input and receive feedback in a timely manner. Each Town may nominate up to three members and we ask the Select Board of each Town to help us identify qualified candidates, especially those Towns currently without a representative. Current Member Representatives (6)

Bath: Richard Walling

Bethlehem: Marilyn Johnson until 12/12/19

Carroll: Vacant

Landaff: Errol Peters

Lisbon: Vacant

Littleton: Arthur Greene, Connie McDade

Sugar Hill: Dennis McFadden

Haverhill: Vacant

In 2019 LAC membership was extended to include Towns in the Ammonoosuc River watershed. Sugar Hill nominated a representative whose main concern is maintaining the quality of water in a Salmon Hole tributary, which flows through Sugar Hill. A Fluvial Geomorphic Assessment of the Ammonoosuc in 2011 found that a site by the Salmon Hole Bridge in Lisbon is one of the highest yielding and deepest aquifers in the Ammonoosuc Valley. Because of this and the resource value of its trout habitat, LAC members supported a restoration project by Salmon Hole Bridge.

Water quality protection and storm water management have been the main issues for the LAC this year. Protection of ground water from runoff is vital for safe drinking water and for preserving the aesthetic values of the river. Waste management is currently at the forefront of local concern with the Bethlehem landfill seeking a final expansion and threatening to relocate to a site in the neighboring Town of Dalton near Forest Lake. Selection of a site for disposal of waste in a less critical environmental area is of utmost importance.

LAC participated in the review process for Northern Pass from 2011 to July 2019 by attending hearings, reviewing applications and sending comments to the Site Evaluation Committee, the N.H. Department of Environmental Services and the U.S. Department of Energy. It was heartening to see that the grass-root efforts of ordinary citizens and concerned groups succeeded in protecting New Hampshire's critical environment. Committee members envisage an increasingly challenging agenda in the year ahead as it seeks to preserve and enhance the quality of this extraordinary resource our Towns enjoy.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Johnson, Acting Chair, ARLAC

## SUGAR HILL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Sugar Hill Preservation Committee was established in June to help residents and Town Officials address noise and other environmental issues related to MBI's trucking operations at their leased terminal on NH 117. The Committee gathered input from residents, businesses, and other organizations concerned with the preservation of the rural, scenic, and cultural characteristics that make our Town so special. Major concerns initially included noise related to extensive MBI truck traffic on NH 117, noise at the depot site, and potential environmental issues caused by staging trucks at the terminal.

In response to continued pressure from the residents and the Town, MBI's staging operations were moved to Whitefield in August. This change in operations reduced nighttime noise and the extent of MBI truck traffic on NH 117. However, since MBI continues to use the terminal for maintenance, residents remain concerned about excessive noise and heavy truck traffic. The Committee therefore continued to work with the Town and other interested parties to document problems and to provide relevant data.

Reports prepared for or by the Committee included:

- A report entitled "Truck Traffic on NH 117" summarized annual traffic counts and trends in traffic volume on NH 117 and other State roads in or near Sugar Hill.
- The Sugar Hill Historical Museum submitted a report to the Committee entitled "Effect of Heavy Trucking Operations on the Cultural Nature of Sugar Hill."

The Committee's proposed mission for 2020 is to assist the Select Board with the current MBI situation as well as broader issues related to Town ordinances and planning:

- *Assess whether the remaining truck operations at the Presby property are compliant with the Zoning variances and any other legal restrictions associated with "Light Commercial" operations on that site.*
- *Develop procedures to ensure that complaints relative to noise ordinance violations are addressed in a timely fashion.*
- *Develop robust zoning criteria and evaluations that protect residents from abuses of "Light Commercial" Zoning permits.*
- *Update the Sugar Hill Environmental Master Plan to help limit or reduce heavy truck operations on State roads through Sugar Hill.*
- *Participate with broader programs to enhance regional plans to reduce truck traffic through small Towns.*

Respectfully submitted:

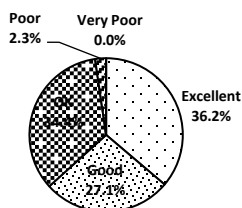
Dan Hinds (Chair)  
Carl Martland (Vice-chair)  
Betsy Fraser (Secretary)  
Ron Cole

## SUGAR HILL ROADS COMMITTEE

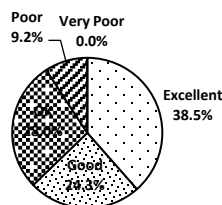
Members of the Sugar Hill Road Committee work with Doug Glover to identify places most in need of road work and make plans for surfacing and other rehabilitation projects. In recent years, maintenance efforts have concentrated on repairing damage incurred in major storms, which caused some projects to be deferred. For example, in 2019, as part of a project that is expected to be covered by FEMA funds, Lafayette Road was completely resurfaced. However, work on other roads, including Pear Lake Road, had to be deferred since FEMA only reimburses expenses after they have been incurred.

Pavement conditions on the Town's major paved roads are documented by analyzing photographs taken at 0.1 mile increments and noting the extent of cracking, pot holes and other problems. In 2019, as in 2018, nearly two thirds of the Town's major roads were in excellent or good condition, fewer than 10% were in poor condition, and none were in very poor condition, as shown in these pie charts.

Pavement Condition 2018



Pavement Condition 2019



Because of the lingering impact of storm damage, average ride quality has declined. In 2019, people could drive comfortably over approximately 70% of the paved miles on major roads in Sugar Hill, which was a little below the average for 2012-2018 and much below the 90% documented for 2016. Nearly 20% of the roads were judged to be rough enough that people would have to slow down in order to avoid excessive bumpiness. Taking into account both pavement condition and ride quality, Pearl Lake Road is the road most in need of maintenance, as it has 11 segments (1.1 miles) with poor condition and ride quality. Only four other roads have more than two such segments, namely Center District Road, Crane Hill Road, Lovers Lane and Birches Road.

In 2020, the Committee will continue to work with the Highway Department and Select Board in setting priorities for road work and in examining long-term strategies for maintaining and improving our roads.

Sugar Hill Roads Committee,  
Carl Martland  
Jody Hodgdon  
Brinson Ireland  
Rick Quintal



## AMMONOOSUC COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

### **Town of Sugar Hill**

#### **Total number of Patients: 200**

- Total # of Medicaid Patients – 8
- Total # of Medicare Patients – 76
- Total # of Self-Paying Patients – 7
- Total # of Sliding Fee Scale Patients – 3

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Edward D. Shanshala II". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Edward D. Shanshala II, MSHSA, MEd Chief Executive Officer

## **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; and sponsors the Grafton County ServiceLink Resource Center and RSVP's 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, community dining programs, transportation, outreach and counseling, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2018-19, 19 older residents of Sugar Hill were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Littleton Area Senior Center and 11 residents were assisted by ServiceLink:

- Older adults from Sugar Hill enjoyed 95 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.
- Frail adults received 461 meals delivered to their homes through Meals on Wheels.
- Sugar Hill's citizens participated in 721 health, wellness, arts or continuing education activities at the Littleton Area Senior Center.
- Sugar Hill residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 13 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- Sugar Hill residents received assistance with access to benefits, caregiver support or issues of long-term care through 19 contacts with ServiceLink.
- Sugar Hill's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 485 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Sugar Hill residents in 2018-19 was \$6,095.12.

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 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.

Kathleen Vasconcelos,  
Executive Director

## Annual Report 2019

The mission of UNH Cooperative Extension is to strengthen people and communities in New Hampshire by providing trusted knowledge, practical education and cooperative solutions. We work in four broad topic areas; Youth and Family Development, Community and Economic Development, Natural Resources, and Food and Agriculture.

A few highlights of our impacts are:

- Judith Hull joined the staff in March. Judith's work supports the Grafton County Master Gardeners who offer education to community members with science-based gardening guidance.
- Michal Lunak collaborated with colleagues to host farm safety trainings, a New Hampshire Veterans in Agriculture workshop, and webinars on changes in tax laws.
- Mary Choate taught several food safety classes, including ServSafe® to 89 restaurant and healthcare staff and S.A.F.E. to 110 restaurant, food pantry, childcare, elder care and camp staff.
- Heather Bryant worked with partners across NH, VT and ME to complete a USDA SARE funded multi-year multi-location research and education project looking at fertility and pest management options in high tunnel tomatoes.
- Geoffrey Sewake completed the pilot of the Downtowns & Trails Program in Bristol, which examined ways to better catalyze the community's village center and multiuse trail that connects to Newfound Lake.
- Jim Frohn conducted 58 woodlot visits covering 7600 acres, and referred 36 landowners, owning 2514 acres, to consulting foresters.
- Under the guidance of Donna Lee, 86 screened 4-H leaders worked with 224 youth (ages 5-18) on projects which enhanced their personal development and increased their life-skills.
- Lisa Ford, taught more than 450 youth, adults, and seniors in a variety of nutrition education and food security lessons throughout Grafton County.

Respectfully submitted:  
Donna Lee, County Office  
Administrator

## CENTER FOR NEW BEGINNINGS

Thirty-four years ago, The Center for New Beginnings was founded in Littleton to provide services mainly to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Today our nonprofit organization is dedicated to improving the lives of people who struggle with depression, anxiety, grief, trauma, marital problems, and many other difficulties. The children and teenagers we see come with a myriad of challenges that reflect the social, cultural, and economic struggles of our time. *We are also working hard to answer the need of those suffering with addiction – a widespread problem.* Our service area covers the northern third of New Hampshire, from the Kancamagus Highway north to the Canadian border, and northwest to the neighboring Vermont counties – in local terms, the White Mountains, Great North Woods, and Northeast Kingdom regions. However, we do not exclude clients outside our area who wish to travel to receive services at the Center.

We are often asked “what makes you different from Northern Human Services?” We are not a federally funded community mental health center. We are an independent nonprofit. We provide short-term care for acute issues, rather than long-term care for more chronic cases. There is significant need for both types of services. We both have substantial waiting lists, and are continuously looking to hire qualified providers.

Although most of our clients have insurance coverage many of these policies carry high deductibles and co-pay, which climbing are climbing higher and higher. A deductible of three, five or even seven thousand dollars is not unusual - and for many this means getting help is out of their reach.

This is why we are asking for your help to meet the needs of your community.

In 2019, The Center for New Beginnings provided services to 473 individuals. We logged 5200 patient appointments. Eight of our clients reside in Sugar Hill. We are requesting \$500 from the town for the upcoming year. When we do have extra funds available, such as these town donations, we have the flexibility to assist our clients who have difficulty meeting their high deductibles or o-pays or a loss of insurance coverage.

When people are mentally healthy they are better employees, more conscientious parents, and are able to positively contribute to their communities. Healthy children do better in school, control behaviors that are disruptive in class, and grow up to be resilient adults. Individuals who are mentally stable are much less likely to commit crimes or wreak havoc among their families, coworkers, and communities. Everyone benefits from a population that is mentally healthy.

Sincerely,  
Board of Directors  
The Center for New Beginnings

## NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL



### **North Country Council Regional Planning Commission & Economic Development District**

North Country Council Regional Planning Commission and Economic Development District is one of nine regional planning commissions in New Hampshire established by RSA 36:46. The Commission's region consists of serving 50 communities and 25 unincorporated places in the

northern third of New Hampshire. The Commission serves in an advisory role to local governments in order to promote coordinated planning, orderly growth, efficient land use, transportation access, and environmental protection. The Council's professional staff provides transportation, land use, economic development, community and environmental planning services; geographic information services (GIS); data collection and analysis; grant writing; grant administration; facilitation; and project management.

To date in 2019, North Country Council undertook the following activities:

- Completed assessments of over 200 stream culverts in the Baker River watershed to better understand flood vulnerability and aquatic habitat barriers.
- Facilitated three meetings of the North Country Council Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) discuss regional transportation issues and identify priority projects for funding opportunities, including the Ten Year Plan.
- Supported the work of two Regional Coordinating Councils (Carroll County and Grafton-Coos) to promote coordination of transportation services for the region's residents, including facilitating seven RCC meetings and assisting with federal grant applications to support transportation services for senior and limited-mobility residents. Secured a Federal Transit Administration grant to begin work on updating the *Coordinated Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Plan* for the region, which supports the ability of providers to access critical federal funds for transportation services.
- Represent the transportation needs of the region in the Ten Year Plan process, including participation in public hearings and promoting public input opportunities to the region's communities.
- Supported the work of the North Country Scenic Byways Council (NCSBC) to steward and promote the region's many scenic and cultural byways, including facilitating three NCSBC meetings and working to develop a website to provide information on scenic touring along the byways.
- Represented the region as an at-large member to the NH Complete Streets Advisory Committee, including providing a regional perspective on the development of the *NH Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan*.
- Continued the effort to develop an updated *Regional Transportation Plan*, which will identify the transportation-related needs, issues, and opportunities of the region in order to support the development of transportation projects and provide a helpful reference for communities.
- Completed regional over 100 traffic counts to meet federal requirements and provide up-to-date information on traffic volumes.

- Promoted the NH CommuteSmart Challenge to regional businesses to encourage carpooling.
- Supported and participated in the White Mountain National Forest Alternative Transportation Working Group to address issues of overflow parking and promote safe transportation access to National Forest destinations.
- Undertook a pilot study to develop an accurate and efficient method of counting OHRVs on roadways.
- Provided mapping and GIS services to communities throughout the region in support of project development and funding opportunities.
- Responded to multiple request for reviews of Development of Regional Impact, prepared comments corresponded with state and local officials.
- Continued to assist Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) in providing assistance to potential and awarded grantees. In 2019 the Council provided pre-project development coaching to over 25 potential NBRC grantees.
- Convened four full Commission meetings and facilitated discussions on – Communities Becoming Age Friendly, Council Highlights, Energy and update on Scenic By-ways.
- Hosted the October 24, 2019 Annual Meeting held at the Town and Country Resort in Shelburne NH. The focus of the evening was encouraging a “smart, safe, clean and cool” North Country through building investable projects.
- Collaborated with other Regional Planning Commission’s through the NH Association of Regional Planning Commissions and Director meetings in Concord, NH.
- Supported efforts and attended the NH Planners Conference, NH Municipal Association Conference and Office of Strategic Initiative Conference.
- Bulk ordered and distributed New Hampshire Planning and Land Use Regulation books to local land use boards (estimated savings of \$70.00 per book).
- Re-Established the North County Council Brownfield Program through funding from the United States Environmental protection Agency (EPA).
- Updated the North Country Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Economic Development District. Hosting five open house input sessions, convened and facilitated five committee meetings with four guest speakers.
- Staff attended over ten workshops, info sessions to increase Council capacity to better serve communities.
- Responded to various requests from communities for technical assistance and data research.
- Hosted four workshops - invasive species, flood plain management 101, planning and zoning board training. Published and distributed quarterly newsletter.

## NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE 2019

North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency provides quality services that include home health, hospice, nursing, rehabilitation, social services, homemaking and long-term care in 48 Towns, covering all of Coos County and northern Grafton County. **In 2019, for the Town of Sugar Hill, we provided 408 visits with services to 13 clients (3 of which were Hospice and the remaining were Home Health and Long-Term Care clients).** We are committed to our community in that we provide community health clinics and screenings such as blood pressure checks, health education programs, and a bereavement support group.

Hospice Care focuses on quality of life and provides support to the patient and their caregivers in achieving their goals and wishes. Our compassionate team, made up of physicians, nurses, social workers, home health aides, spiritual counselors, therapists and volunteers, work with the patient to achieve their goal. Services provided to the patient and their caregivers include: management of pain and symptoms, assisting patients with the emotional, spiritual and psychosocial aspects of dying, and provides needed medications, medical equipment and medical supplies. Also included is family/caregiver education on the provision of care and short-term inpatient treatment for management of symptoms that cannot be managed in the home environment or is needed for caregiver respite. Bereavement counseling for surviving family members and friends is also provided. An individual electing hospice care is not giving up on living, rather, making the decision to focus on quality of life. Hospice care provides a high level of quality medical care with a different focus from the traditional medical model.

Home Health Care is critical to serving the growing health care needs of this community. Our skilled clinical team can monitor health problems and provide disease management within the comfort of the home setting, which helps prevent more costly health care such as hospitalization and long term institutional care.

North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency and our Board of Directors are extremely grateful to the Town of Sugar Hill for its support of our agency. This allows us to fulfill our mission to provide services to all individuals regardless of their ability to pay. North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency is committed to providing services in Sugar Hill to support clients and their families to remain in the comfort of their homes, in a safe and supportive environment, and to improve overall health outcomes in the community.

## **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE NORTH COUNTRY**

The Boys & Girls Club of the North Country (BGCNC) has a mission to provide a fun, safe and positive place for all the children of the North Country, under the guidance of caring adults.

The BGCNC serves over 250 members of the community with three programs: a daily afterschool program serving 170+ members annually with an average of 83 daily, all day vacation camps during school vacations, and in partnership with a local school, the children are offered a chance to spend time at the Club as their winter program activity. Some of the programs that we've implemented are:

- ◆ Smart Girls which helps girls develop and adopt healthy attitudes and lifestyles.
- ◆ Triple Play which improves members' knowledge of healthy habits, good nutrition and physical fitness.
- ◆ Power Hour which helps young people develop academic, behavioral and social skills through homework completion. Our goal is to continue offering programs that build character, leadership and life skills.
- ◆ Torch Club which teaches youth leadership skills.
- ◆ We also have several collaborative activities with organizations such as Copper Cannon Camp, Appalachian Mountain Club, Littleton Studio School, North Country Climbing Center, Root to Rise, Adaptive Sports Partners of the North Country, Ammonoosuc Conservtion Trust, Littleton Senior Center, Mt. Eustis and The White Mountain Science Institute.
- ◆ We also have several specialty programs that include a journalism club which produces their own member newsletter and our own radio show on North Country Community Radio. We have a gardening program, teaching members sustainable agriculture, as well as the importance of giving back to our local community. We teach our members how to enjoy active and healthy lifestyles by providing yoga, skiing, swimming, rock climbing and hiking.

Providing a safe, fun and healthy atmosphere are some of our main goals. Throughout the year, staff, volunteers and board of directors work hard to encourage, grow and mold our youth into accomplished individuals. Our facility provides a safe place for children to participate in a program that promotes educational growth, physical development and responsible social behavior – components in long-term healthy growth, development, and success in school and as future adults. The national BGCA slogan is “Great Futures Start Here”. We strongly believe that, and work to give our members a good start.

Working families in our area rely on BGCNC for quality after school care for their children. Because it is our policy to remain affordable, BGCNC is the only child care after-school option for most low-income families in our community. Without the BGCNC, most families would have no affordable safe alternative for child care. Our capacity to provide care regardless of ability to pay rests on effective community support. As demand grows, we find that we need more resources in order to deliver this essential community service.



## VALUATION OF TOWN EQUIPMENT

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2005 Motorola Radios Mobile (7)	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 5,600.00	15	\$1,600.00
2006 Motorola Radios Portable (18)	54,000.00	7,200.00	15	3,600.00
2007 Motorola Base Radio (1)	8,000.00	1,592.00	15	534.00
1939 Ford Antique Truck	1,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
2004 Ford Light Rescue Truck	105,000.00	42,000.00	20	4,200.00
2006 Sterling Fire Engine	175,000.00	84,000.00	25	7,000.00
2013 International – Fire Engine	254,000.00	193,040.00	25	10,160.00
2018 International – Fire Engine	375,000.00	345,000.00	25	15,000.00
Utility Box Trailer	3,700.00	-0-	20	-0-
4,000 ft. 4” Hose	20,000.00	-0-	15	-0-
Stationary SCBA Air Compressor	20,000.00	-0-	20	-0-
24 Sets of PPE	72,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
10 SCBA with Spare Cylinders	50,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
Mobile SCBA Fill Station	10,000.00	-0-	20	-0-
Infrared Camera	9,000.00	-0-	15	-0-
30 Pagers	11,450.00	-0-	10	-0-
Portable Pump	4,000.00	-0-	15	-0-
Floating Portable Pump	2,500.00	-0-	15	-0-
Honda 6kw Generator	5,000.00	-0-	15	-0-
Light Tower – Rescue Truck	6,000.00	3,200.00	15	400.00
Fire Hose 2.5 – 400’	1,200.00	640.00	15	80.00
Rescue Chain Saw	2,195.00	1,317.00	10	219.50
Miscellaneous Equipment	<u>113,100.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	15	<u>-0-</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,330,145.00</b>	<b>\$ 683,589.00</b>		<b>\$42,793.50</b>

### POLICE EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2018 Ford Interceptor	\$40,000.00	20,000.00	4	10,000.00
2019 Ford Police Responder	28,187.35	22,549.88	5	5,637.47
Misc. Patrol Vehicle Equipment	3,000.00	-0-	5	-0-
Motorola Radio – Patrol Vehicle (2)	2,800.00	-0-	6	-0-
Motorola Radios – Portable (5)	12,000.00	-0-	6	-0-
Kenwood Radio - Office	965.00	-0-	6	-0-
MPH Python 2 (2)	3,200.00	1,920.00	5	640.00
Radar Trailer	1,000.00	-0-	6	500.00
Body Armor (2)	2,100.00	0.00	5	-0-
Axon Body Cameras (3)	2,625.00	1,050.00	5	525.00
Office Equipment	5,684.00	-0-	3	-0-
Glock Handguns w/lights (4)	2,036.00	1,019.00	6	339.00

Benelli Shotgun (2)	900.00	720.00	10	90.00
Card Access System	4,000.00	2,400.00	10	400.00
Taser (X2) (3)	4,200.00	320.00	5	840.00
Ruger AR 15 (2)	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>560.00</u>	8	<u>100.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$113,697.35</b>	<b>\$50,538.88</b>		<b>\$19,071.47</b>

#### HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
1995 Brush Bandit Chipper	15,000.00	-0-	20	0.00
1996 Motorola Mobile Radio	600.00	-0-	20	0.00
Miscellaneous Mobile Equipment	45,000.00	4,750.00	20	2,250.00
2015 Sakai TW320 Roller	36,000.00	35,000.00	30	1,200.00
York Rake	3,000.00	150.00	20	150.00
Cold Patch Trailer	24,000.00	22,080.00	20	480.00
Culvert Thawer w/Trailer	4,500.00	-0-	10	0.00
2003 Sweepster Brom for 416 Cat	8,500.00	-0-	15	0.00
2004 Hudson Trailer 10 ton	8,900.00	2,625.00	20	445.00
2005 Sander E2020	14,000.00	-0-	15	0.00
2007 Komatsu Excavator	93,500.00	37,400.00	20	4,675.00
1985 Cat 130 Motor Grader	65,000.00	26,003.00	15	4,333.00
2012 John Deere Loader	106,400.00	69,160.00	20	5,320.00
2000 Cat 416C Loader/Backhoe	87,500.00	-0-	15	0.00
2005 Mack Dump Truck	107,543.00	20,470.00	15	7,170.00
2016 Chevrolet 3500 Pick Up	69,436.00	26,038.50	8	8,679.50
2017 Chevrolet Dump Truck	50,423.25	31,514.55	5	6,302.90
2018 Inter HV 10 Wheel Dump	180,000.00	156,000.00	15	12,000.00
2016 Fischer Sander	4,500.00	2,700.00	10	450.00
2017 Fischer Sander	<u>4,500.00</u>	<u>3,150.00</u>	10	<u>450.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$928,302.25</b>	<b>\$437,041.05</b>		<b>\$53,905.40</b>

#### BUILDING & GROUNDS

2011 Ford F350 Pickup	\$43,000.00	\$ 0.00	8	\$ 5,375.00
2016 JD 935 Pro Mower/ Bag Sys	13,500.00	2,700.00	5	2,700.00
2000 PAS 65x14 Trailer	2,750.00	137.50	20	137.50
2016 Honda 21" Commercial Mower	660.00	132.00	5	132.00
2013 Honda 21" Commercial Mower	<u>675.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	5	<u>-0-</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$60,585.00</b>	<b>\$2,969.50</b>		<b>\$8,344.50</b>

**BIRTHS REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2019**

<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Name of Child</b>	<b>Name of Father &amp; Name of Mother</b>
01/03/2019	Ryker Albin Chicoine	Zachary Chicoine Joy Chicoine

**DEATHS REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2019**

<b>Date Of Death</b>	<b>Name Of Deceased</b>	<b>Name &amp; Surname Of Father</b>	<b>Maiden Name Of Mother</b>
01/11/2019	David Davis	Norman Davis	Anne Davis
01/15/2019	Susan Stith	David Stith	Beatrice Katz
02/22/2019	Gary Meader	Carroll Meader	Dalvina French
09/09/2019	Robert Peckett, III	Robert Peckett, Jr.	Mary Esseltyn
09/22/2019	Edith Aldrich	Unknown Quimby	Georgia Murphy
10/07/2019	Heather Henault	Laurence, Ring	Jeanne Aldrich

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2019**

<b>Date of Marriage</b>	<b>Name and Surname Of Groom &amp; Bride</b>	<b>Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage</b>
08/19/2019	Derek L. Hurrell Rachel L. Russo	Sugar Hill Sugar Hill
08/31/2019	Rudy L. Normann Leslie R. Cole	S Dartmouth MA S Dartmouth MA

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

Lissa Boissonneault, Town Clerk



## In Memorium

This page is to honor those no longer with us, who gave their time, their heart, and their energy to our community so that others may benefit.

This year, we said goodbye to-

### **EDITH ALDRICH**

Edith served the Town as Town Clerk and Tax Collector for 36 dedicated years. All will remember her wonderful sense of humor and wit when coming in to register a car or pay a tax bill.

### **HEATHER RING HENAULT**

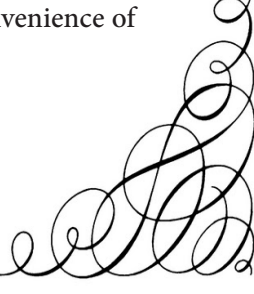
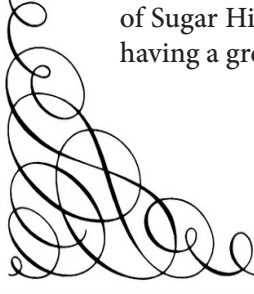
Heather served on the Conservation Commission for many years. We appreciate her nine years of service to our community.

### **ROBERT P. PECKETT III**

Bob lived his entire life in Sugar Hill, all 88 years. Many residents will remember him for the wonderful care he gave their properties and for the great stories that he was willing to share.

### **SUSAN STITH**

Suzie was a member of the Cemetery Trustees and also owner of Sugar Hill Landscapes bringing back the convenience of having a greenhouse on Main Street.



## NOTES

