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## **TOWN OFFICERS**

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

John J. Strasser, III	(Term Expires 2017)
Margaret Connors, Chairperson	(Term Expires 2016)
Richard Bielefield	(Term Expires 2015)

**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**  
David D. Wentworth (Appointed)

**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 (2016)

**TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS**  
Allan R. Clark (2017)  
Gregory Connors (2016)  
Raymond Dionne (2015)

**SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**  
John Colony (2020)  
Edward Cenerizio (2018)  
Starcy Branch (2016)

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES**  
Irene Amsbary (2017)  
Colleen Foley (2016)  
Jason Tors (2015)

### **CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

	Beth Perlo	(2016)	
Kathleen Jablonski	(2017)	Nancy D. Aldrich	(2015)
Holly Hayward	(2016)	Meri Hern	(2015)

### **PLANNING BOARD**

	Robert Hayward, Jr., Chairman	(2015)	
James Keefe	(2015)	Rebecca Brown	(2017)
David Thurston	(2015)	Arthur Chase	(2017)
John J. Strasser	(2016)	Christopher Thayer, Alt.	(2017)
Sidney Regan	(2016)	Amy Venezia, Alt. & Secretary	(2016)

### **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

	Michael Hern, Chairman	(2016)	
Peter Anderson	(2017)	Rick Christofferson	(2015)
Donald Boissonneault	(2017)	John Colony	(2015)
	Amy Venezia, Alt. & Secretary	(2016)	
	Sarah Pinney, Alt	(2015)	

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

	Kathie Galligan, Co-Chair	(2016)	
Margaret Connors	(2017)	Timothy Burger	(2016)
William Fraser	(2017)	Robert Mancini, Alt	(2016)
Timothy Williams	(2017)	Eric Jostrom, Alt	(2017)

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

Launa Glover  
Haley Ireland

All 2014 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 11, 2014**

Moderator James F. Snyder declared the polls open at 11 AM for the voting by ballot on Article 1 (the election of town officers) and for special election for Executive Councilor. 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 reelected 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 Select Board Member 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 Moderator to serve for a term of two (2) years  
One Library Trustee to serve for a term of three (3) years  
One Trustee of the Trust Funds to serve for a term of three (3) years  
Two Board of Adjustment member to serve for a term of three (3) years.  
One Board of Cemetery Trustees to serve for a term of three (3) years.  
One Supervisor of the Checklist to serve for a term of six (6) years  
And such other Town Officers as may be required by law.

**RESULTS OF ARTICLE 1:**

Selectman, Three Year Term	John J. Strasser, III	142
Town Clerk, One Year Term	Lissa M. Boissonneault	144
Tax Collector, One Year Term	Lissa M. Boissonneault	144
Town Treasurer, One Year Term	Amy Venezia	145
Library Trustee, Three Year Term	Irene Amsbary	143
Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 Year Term	Allan Clark	140
Two Board of Adjustment, 3Year Terms	Peter Anderson	118
	Donald Boissonneault	122
Cemetery Trustee, Three Year Term	Kathleen Jablonski	143
Supervisor of the Check List, Six Year Term	John Colony	139
Moderator, Two Year Term	James F. Snyder	143

**Special Election results for Executive Councilor:**

<b>Democrat Michael J. Cryans</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>Republican Joseph D. Kenney</b>	<b>68</b>

**ARTICLE 2:** To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges and make appropriations of the same as set forth in the following budget:

Executive	47,275
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	22,575
Payroll Taxes	33,748
Financial Administration	23,015
Property Revaluation	26,828
Legal Expenses	12,000
Planning Board	2,000
Zoning Board of Adjustment	500
Insurance	182,727
General Government Buildings	41,000
Buildings & Grounds	29,750
Cemetery	15,000
Advertising & Regional Associations	7,585
North Country Council	1,085.00
Franconia Notch CC	6,500.00
Police Department	177,620
Fire Department	76,700
Ambulance	11,270
Emergency Management	500
Airport	700
Town Maintenance	182,268
General Highway Department Expense	177,308
Highway Block Grant	36,000
Street Lighting	12,000
Solid Waste Disposal	47,401
Health, Hospitals	6,009
NC Home Health	1,775.00
Grafton County Senior	200.00
American Red Cross	292.00
WM Mental Health	692.00
Ammonoosuc Com Health	1,250.00
Burch House	300.00
Above the Notch	500.00
Boys & Girls Club	500.00
Center for New Beginnings	500.00
Welfare	6,000
Tri County Cap	950.00
Unemployment	100
Library	25,985
Parks & Recreation	31,034
Patriotic Purposes	2,000
Conservation Commission	500
Interest Expense – Tax Anticipation	1,000
Long Term Notes	37,500
Interest Long Term Notes	30,000
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>1,305,898</b>

The Select Board recommends these Appropriations.

Moved by Margaret Connors

Seconded by Mary Sturtevant

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 Mary Sturtevant

Seconded by John Strasser

**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. 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 Beverly Frenkiewich

Seconded by Ken King

Discussion

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

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Douglas Evelyn

Seconded by Samuel Johnk

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 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2008.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation

Moved by Michael Warren

Seconded by Margaret Connors

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

***Moderator Snyder closed the polls at 7:30 PM***

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 2006.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Kathleen Jablonski

Seconded by Beverly Frenkiewich

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 Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2009.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Sarah Pinney

Seconded by Michael Warren

Discussion

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

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the Carolina Crapo Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Sarah Pinney

Seconded by Brenda Aldrich

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

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to create a Town-funded trust fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Northern Pass Defense Fund, for the purpose of financing legal expenses and other costs incurred by the Town in advocating the Town’s opposition to the Northern Pass project, to appoint the Select Board as agents to spend this fund, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in this fund.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Ken King

Seconded by Greg Connors

Discussion

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

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to accept donations, grants or gifts, in any amount, to be utilized for the same purposes as set forth in Article 10, above, to be held and invested in accordance with RSA 31:19-a, paragraph IV.

The Select Board recommends this Article.

Moved by Mary Sturtevant

Seconded by Greg Connors

Discussion

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

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to Amend the Town Meeting vote of March 10, 2009, concerning provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a,1(b) currently reading “the expending of funds for contributions to “qualified organizations” for the purchase of property interests is to be held by the qualifying organization and the Town will retain no interest in the property” to read: To authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds for projects only in the Town of Sugar Hill for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the Conservation Commission within the confines of the Town of Sugar Hill.

This Article by Petition

Moved by Meri Hern

Seconded by Mary Sturtevant

The primary petitioner, Lissa Boissonneault, moved to amend the article to read:  
To see if the Town will vote to modify the vote taken on March 9, 2009, under which the Conservation Commission was authorized to expend funds for contributions to “qualified organizations” (conservation groups qualified under Section 170(h)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code), to assist in the purchase of property interests to be held by the qualifying organization – namely, by restricting such expenditures solely to projects where the property is located within the confines of the Town of Sugar Hill.

Moved by Judy Weisenberger

Seconded by Douglas Glover

Discussion was held to put a cap on conservation contributions for projects outside of Sugar Hill.

Motion to Table Article 12 by Nick De Mayo

Seconded by Douglas Evelyn

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

**ARTICLE 13:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Selectman, Richard Bielefield, gave thanks to Katherine Bigelow for the photo and design of this year’s Town Report honoring Polly’s Pancake Parlor’s 75<sup>th</sup> year of business. He thanked Meri and Mike Hern for once again providing a delicious meal for all the election workers, Dennis Cote for the sound system and set up, William Pinney for his many dedicated years of service as Town Auditor, Bruce Perlo for his years as Trustee of the Trust Funds retiring this year from the Board, Gordon Johnk and Cynthia McLaren for their years as Sugar Hill’s Representatives on the Recreation Committee, the Veteran’s Memorial Committee, the Employees of Sugar Hill, and lastly to all the residents of Sugar Hill who serve on various boards and Committees which help to make our town the exceptional one that it is. Selectman Bielefield also recognized Douglas Glover for his twentieth year of service as Road Agent and for the excellent job he does for Sugar Hill. He mentioned that we have been paying down our debt on the purchase of the Carolina Crapo building where all our offices are located and hope to pay it off before the 30 year loan is due. The Selectmen have worked over the years to underspend the budget and to put the surplus towards reducing our taxes anywhere between \$50,000 and \$100,000 a year.

Special recognition was given to Richard Bielefield for his 20 years of dedicated service on the Board of Selectmen having been first elected in 1994.

Gary Young recognized Roger Aldrich in attendance of tonight’s meeting as one of Sugar Hill’s founding Fathers accompanied by his wife, Nancy, Roger being 91 years young!

Lissa Boissonneault thanked all the election workers for putting in dedicated service and long hours at each election be it town, state or federal. She also reminded voters to bring their photo ID for all voting events. Lissa made note that even though the discussion was long and confusing on Article 12, it did open up conversation on conservation spending and what resources are available to Sugar Hill residents if they want to conserve their land.

Lissa also gave special recognition to Jennifer Gaudette, Administrative Assistant in



Sugar Hill, for all her dedicated and learned service in her job. She has been with Sugar Hill since 1996 and has a thorough knowledge of all Sugar Hill doings, one being putting out our excellent Town Report every year, a huge task in itself.

Results of the Town Ballot were read by the Moderator.

Moderator Snyder reminded all the newly reelected Town officials to stay after the meeting to be sworn in.

There being no further business, Moderator Snyder adjourned the 2014 Sugar Hill Town Meeting at 8:45 PM.

Town officials sworn in at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted:  
Lissa M. Boissonneault  
Town Clerk

# **BALANCE SHEET**

(As at December 31, 2014)

## **ASSETS**

Current Assets		
Unrestricted Checking		\$ 264,207.96
Checking		257.64
Money Market		652,315.55
Police Permit Fees		453.06
Total Checking/Savings		\$ 917,234.21
Other Current Assets:		
Property Taxes Receivable Current Year		168,181.99
Reserve For Abate/Uncol/DDS		-20,000.00
Property Taxes Prior Year		2,652.00
Yield Tax Receivable		2,051.02
Tax Liens Receivable		59,490.06
Total Other Current Assets		\$ 212,375.07
Total Current Assets		\$1,129,609.28
Taxes Deeded Property Subject to Resale		<u>17,138.39</u>
Total Assets		\$1,146,747.67

## **LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
School District Tax Payable		\$ 774,974.00
Total Liabilities		\$ 774,974.00
Equity		
Reserved for Tax Deeded Property	17,138.39	
Reserved for Police Permit Fees	453.06	
Reserved for Article Carried Forward	47,596.03	
Surplus	281,861.73	
Net Income	<u>24,724.46</u>	
Total Equity		\$ <u>371,773.67</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		<u>\$1,146,747.67</u>

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

### Crapo Building

Beginning Balance 1/1/14	\$530,839.53
2014 Payment	<u>44,280.85</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/14	\$486,558.68

## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land Under Current Use (At Current Use Values)	\$ 507,990.00
Land	54,776,200.00
Buildings	85,914,900.00
Public Utilities	<u>3,329,900.00</u>
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	\$144,528,990.00
Elderly and Blind Exemptions	<u>30,000.00</u>
Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate Is Computed for Municipal, County and Local Education	\$144,498,990.00
Less Utilities	<u>\$3,329,900.00</u>
Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate For State Education Tax Is Computed	\$141,169,090.00

## STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

	<u>Amount</u>		<u>Tax Rate</u>
Total Town Appropriations	\$1,560,898.00		
Less: Revenues	(357,521.00)		
Add: Overlay	20,771.00		
War Service Credits	<u>3,700.00</u>		
Net Town Appropriations		\$1,227,848.00	
Municipal Tax Rate			\$ 8.49
Net Local School Budget	0.00		
Regional School Apportionment	1,700,027.00		
Less: Equitable Education Grant	0.00		
State Education Taxes	<u>(366,661.00)</u>		
Approved School(s) Tax Effort		1,333,366.00	
Local Education Tax Rate			9.23
State Education Taxes			
Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x \$2.480			
147,847,009		366,661.00	
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)			2.60
141,169,090			
Excess State Education			
Taxes to be Remitted to State		0.00	
Due to County	<u>241,000.00</u>		
Net County Tax Assessment		241,000.00	
County Tax Rate			1.67
Combined Tax Rate			21.99
Total Property Taxes Assessed		3,168,875.00	
Less: War Service Credits		<u>(3,700.00)</u>	
Property Tax To Be Raised		\$3,165,175.00	

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

	Land	Buildings	Equipment
Meetinghouse	\$ 89,500.00	\$210,900.00	\$ 80,000.00
Carolina Crapo	125,100.00	292,600.00	50,000.00
Library			20,000.00
Fire Department	98,300.00	62,500 .00	1,030,500.00
Police Department			70,785.00
Highway Department		144,800.00	799,751.00
Building & Grounds			45,275.00
Parks & Commons			
Coffin Pond-SHCC	45,400.00		
Tennis Court	35,000.00		
Town Forest-SHCC	146,300.00		
Land:			
Cemeteries	187,900.00		
Nason Road	65,900.00		
Creamery Pond	27,600.00		
Creamery Pond-OD	40,700.00		
Pearl Lake Road	24,800.00		
Route 117	3,000.00		
Route 93	4,000.00		
Creamery Pond Corner	42,900.00		
Pearl Lake Road	18,300.00		
	\$ 954,700.00	\$710,800.00	\$2,096,311.00
	(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 2014:

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	\$140,187.00	
Dog Licenses Issued:	558.00	
Marriage & Civil Union Licenses:	266.00	
Other Permits and Fees:	<u>5,095.00</u>	
Total		\$146,106.00
Remittances to Treasurer:		
Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	\$140,187.00	
Local Town Clerk Fees:	1,000.00	
State Town Clerk Fees:	3,033.00	
Title Application Fees:	288.00	
Dog Licenses Issued:	558.00	
Dog License Fees:	124.00	
Dog License Late Fees:	4.00	
Dog License Penalty Fees	200.00	
Marriage Licenses Issued:	266.00	
Town Clerk Fees:	49.00	
Vital Statistics (First Copy):	88.00	
Vital Statistics (Second Copy)	35.00	
Town Clerk Fees:	112.00	
UCC Filing Fee:	75.00	
Insufficient Fund Fees	60.00	
Filing Fee:	2.00	
Sale of Checklist	<u>25.00</u>	
Total		\$146,106.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Lissa M. Boissonneault  
Town Clerk

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2014

### DEBITS

<b>Uncollected Taxes – Beginning of Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Levies of 2014</b>	<b>Levies of 2013</b>
Property Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$148,621.89
Land Use Change	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	0.00	513.48
Taxes Committed This Year:		
Property Taxes	3,165,270.00	0.00
Land Use Change	24,830.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	32,302.44	0.00
Overpayment Refunds:		
Property Taxes	4,385.68	0.00
Interest & Penalties	<u>1,405.89</u>	<u>9,084.10</u>
Total Debits	\$3,228,194.01	\$158,219.47

### CREDITS

<b>Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:</b>		
Property Taxes	\$2,996,181.69	\$ 68,831.82
Land Use Change	24,830.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	5,421.42	513.48
Interest	1,405.89	8,326.60
Penalties	0.00	757.50
Conversion to Lien	0.00	79,790.07
Abatements Made:		
Property Taxes	4,228.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	24,830.00	0.00
Current Levy Deeded	1,064.00	0.00
Uncollected Taxes End of Year:		
Property Taxes	168,181.99	0.00
Yield Tax	<u>2,051.02</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Credits	\$3,228,194.01	\$158,219.47

## SUMMARY OF LIEN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014

	<b>DEBITS</b>		
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
Unredeemed Liens			
Balance Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$ 0.00	\$51,687.90	\$29,879.05
Liens Executed			
During Fiscal Year	86,224.92	0.00	0.00
Interest & Costs			
Collected After Lien Execution	<u>1,185.13</u>	<u>4,938.87</u>	<u>5,435.66</u>
Total Debits	<u>\$87,410.05</u>	<u>\$56,626.77</u>	<u>\$35,314.71</u>

	<b>CREDITS</b>		
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
Remittances to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	\$48,562.23	\$30,674.34	\$17,257.44
Interest & Cost	1,185.13	4,938.87	5,435.66
Abatements of Unredeemed Tax	24.43	0.00	0.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality	2,360.45	2,271.15	7,151.77
Unredeemed Liens			
Balance End of Fiscal Year	<u>35,277.81</u>	<u>18,742.41</u>	<u>5,469.84</u>
Total Credits	<u>\$87,410.05</u>	<u>\$56,626.77</u>	<u>\$35,314.71</u>

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

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
Betts, Kendall	3,020.92	0.00
Bronson, Stanley	144.39	0.00
Burns, Stephanie L.	2,693.60	3,007.30
Caporelli, Mary A. & Patricia	2,729.92	2,663.09
DeRham, Anne M.	10,591.31	0.00
Moose Realty of Franconia, LLC	550.65	0.00
Norton, Andrew W.	2,542.18	0.00
Roianov, Kiril	667.71	0.00
Staffier, Paul D (8,091.77-2011)	6,621.48	7,391.78
Waitkus, Lisa	7,999.37	8,929.85
Young, Steven M.	<u>1,766.11</u>	<u>1,971.99</u>
Totals	\$39,327.64	\$23,964.01

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Year ending December 31, 2014**

**Cash Basis**

Beginning Cash Balance Checking, January 1, 2014		\$205,975.47
Beginning Balance Money Market, January 1, 2014		<u>601,602.24</u>
	Total	\$807,577.71

### **RECEIPTS**

Tax Collector	\$3,294,112.14	
Town Clerk	146,106.00	
Selectmen	88,404.95	
Loan Proceeds (Tax Anticipation Notes)	150,000.00	
Tax Sale Proceeds	82,000.00	
Transfers (Trust & Capital Reserve Funds)	51,308.90	
Interest on Money Market & NOW account	<u>833.68</u>	
Total Receipts		\$3,812,765.67

### **DISBURSEMENTS**

Orders of Selectmen	3,553,819.87	
Loans Repayments	<u>150,000.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		3,703,819.87
Ending Cash Balance NOW Checking, December 31, 2014		264,207.96
Ending Cash Balance Money Market, December 31, 2014		652,315.55
		\$916,523.51



## **CHECKING AND SAVINGS ACCOUNTS**

### **POLICE PERMIT ACCOUNT**

Beginning Balance 1/1/14	\$254.33
Deposits	199.00
Service Charge	(.45)
Interest Earned	<u>.18</u>
Balance 12/31/14	\$453.06

### **CONSERVATION LAND USE FUND**

Beginning Balance 1/1/14	\$85,235.94
Deposits	12,500.00
ACT	(5,000.00)
Interest Earned	<u>15.57</u>
Balance 12/31/14	\$92,751.51

### **RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

Beginning Balance 1/1/14 WGSB Checking	\$1,393.48
Deposits	700.00
Interest Earned	<u>.78</u>
Balance 12/31/14	\$2,094.26

### **RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

Beginning Balance 1/1/14 Mascoma Checking	\$1,056.30
Deposits	2,047.50
Withdrawals	<u>(1,544.84)</u>
Balance 12/31/14	\$1,558.96

## SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

### Cash Basis

#### Local Taxes:

Property Taxes, Current Year	\$2,996,181.01
Yield Taxes, Current Year	5,934.90
Current Use Change, Current Year	24,830.00
Property Taxes, Prior Year	148,621.89
Lien Redemptions, Prior Years	96,494.01
Interest & Costs	<u>22,050.33</u>

#### Total Taxes Collected

\$3,294,112.14

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

Motor Vehicle Permits	140,187.00
Town Clerk Fees	1,000.00
State Fees	3,033.00
Title Application Fees	288.00
Dog Licenses, Fees, Penalty	886.00
Marriage Licenses	266.00
Vital Statistics	123.00
UCC Filing Fees	75.00
Town Clerk Fees	161.00
Insufficient Funds	60.00
Filing Fee	2.00
Checklist	<u>25.00</u>

#### Total Town Clerk

146,106.00

Building Permits	1,800.88
Driveway Permits	35.00
Planning Board Fees	994.00
Zoning Board Fees	370.00
Selectmen	669.19
Cemetery Burials	1,550.00
Highway Department	247.66
Elections	60.00
Rent of Town Property	1,125.00
Insurance Reimbursements	8,798.49
Donation	50.00
Cable TV Permit	<u>1,315.82</u>

#### Total Miscellaneous

17,016.04

From State:		
Highway Block	43,860.53	
Rooms and Meals	<u>27,528.38</u>	
Total from State		71,388.91
 Tax Sale Proceeds:	82,000.00	
Total Tax Sale Proceeds		82,000.00
 Interest on Checking & Savings Account	833.68	
Capital Reserve Funds	42,242.90	
Temporary Loans (TAN Notes)	150,000.00	
Trust Funds	<u>9,066.00</u>	
 Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue		<u>202,142.58</u>
 Total Receipts From All Sources		\$3,812,765.67
 Cash on Hand, January 1, 2014		807,577.71
 Grand Total of Receipts		\$4,620,343.38

## SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

### General Government:

Executive	\$ 37,367.76
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	19,585.29
Financial Administration	22,863.17
Revaluation of Property	26,328.00
Legal Expenses	9,246.26
General Government Buildings	41,738.54
Buildings & Grounds	29,535.23
Planning Board	1,707.08
Zoning Board of Adjustment	366.24
Advertising & Regional Associations	7,584.43
Cemeteries	13,663.04
Insurance	159,036.23
Unemployment	0.00
Accrued Payroll	(260.55)
Payroll Taxes	<u>24,895.73</u>

### Total General Government Expenses

\$393,656.45

### Public Safety:

Police Department	177,287.07
Fire Department	71,301.43
Calex Ambulance/Franconia Life Squad	11,270.00
Emergency Management	<u>272.00</u>

### Total Public Safety Expenses

260,130.50

### Total Airports

700.00

### Highway, Streets and Bridges:

Town Maintenance	174,357.59
General Expenses of Highway Department	170,909.22
Highway Block Grant	41,085.00
Highway Roadwork Non – Lapsing Fund	65,000.00
Street Lighting	<u>12,159.86</u>

### Total Highways, Streets and Bridges Expenses

463,511.67

### Sanitation:

Solid Waste Disposal	<u>47,401.00</u>
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### Total Sanitation

47,401.00

### Health:

Health, Hospitals	<u>6,009.00</u>
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### Total Health Expenses

6,009.00

### Total Welfare Expenses

1,950.00

Culture and Recreation:		
Library	25,862.65	
Recreation	28,030.00	
Patriotic	<u>1,664.07</u>	
Total Culture and Recreation Expenses		55,556.72
Conservation:		
Conservation Commission	594.36	
Land Use Revenue Fund	<u>12,500.00</u>	
Total Conservation Expenses		13,094.36
Debt Service:		
Principal Expense – Long Term Notes	44,280.85	
Interest Expense – Long Term Notes	23,219.15	
Interest Expense – TANS	<u>332.87</u>	
Total Debt Service Payments		67,832.87
Transfers to Capital Reserve Funds & Trusts:		
Article # 3 Highway Equipment	50,000.00	
Article # 5 Fire Department HE	50,000.00	
Article #6 Fire Department Building	5,000.00	
Article #7 Bridge	30,000.00	
Article #8 Highway Dept. Building	15,000.00	
Article #9 Crapo Building	20,000.00	
Article #10 NP Defense Fund	10,000.00	
Cemetery Lots Purchased	<u>700.00</u>	
Total Capital Reserve Funds		180,700.00
Capital Vehicles/Equipment/Buildings/Land:		
Meetinghouse	2,011.86	
Highway Building	20,111.89	
Crapo Building	<u>20,119.15</u>	
Total Capital Expense		42,242.90
Miscellaneous:		
Abatements	2,383.68	
Property Tax Refunds/Overpayments	4,654.00	
Taxes Bought by Town	86,224.92	
Motor Vehicle Refund	408.00	
Tax Deeded Property Balance	<u>32,958.80</u>	
Total Miscellaneous Expenses		126,629.40
Unclassified:		
Payments – Tax Anticipation	150,000.00	
Total Unclassified Expenses		150,000.00
Payments to Other Government Divisions:		
Taxes Paid to County	241,000.00	
Payments to School Districts	<u>1,653,405.00</u>	
Total Payments to Other Government Divisions		<u>1,894,405.00</u>
Grand Total of Expenditures		\$3,703,819.87

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

### Executive:

Selectmen - Salary	\$ 0.00	
Administrative Asst - Gaudette	24,874.85	
Office Asst-Venezia	612.00	
Moderator	300.00	
Workshops	158.76	
Telephone	1,049.59	
Computer Consulting	1,400.00	
Computer Equipment	59.99	
Internet	638.76	
Website	480.00	
Mapping	990.00	
Registry	130.66	
Printing/Notices	2,000.00	
NHMA Dues & Subscriptions	1,034.00	
Supplies	586.05	
Office Supplies	2,110.04	
Postage	498.80	
Books & Periodicals	<u>444.26</u>	
Total Executive Expenses		\$ 37,367.76

### Election, Registration & Vital Statistics:

Town Clerk - Boissonneault	5,989.24	
Town MV Fees - Boissonneault	1,500.00	
State MV Fees - Boissonneault	3,033.00	
Title Fees - Boissonneault	288.00	
Dog Fees - Boissonneault	122.00	
Marriage Fees - Boissonneault	49.00	
Vital Fees - Boissonneault	114.00	
UCC Fees - Boissonneault	75.00	
Supervisors of the Checklist	1,629.28	
Ballot Clerks	1,066.75	
Workshops/Dues	35.00	
Computer - Consulting	1,050.00	
Computer - Program Support	1,949.00	
Telephone	261.41	
Printing/Notices	93.50	
Dues	20.00	
Election Supplies/Dog Tags	219.04	
Office Supplies	1,369.82	
Postage	82.25	
Vital Statistics	123.00	
Dog Licenses	250.00	
Marriage Licenses	<u>266.00</u>	
Total Election, Registration & Vital Statistics		19,585.29

Financial Administration:

Tax Collector - Lissa Boissonneault	5,146.05	
Trustee Expense - Andross	160.00	
Lien Fees - Boissonneault	252.00	
Treasurer	1,850.00	
Auditor	4,200.00	
Bank Fees	180.80	
Telephone	202.96	
Computer - Consulting	700.00	
Computer Program & Support	6,788.00	
Computer - Yearly Payroll	449.00	
Research Lien	326.00	
Registry	179.29	
Dues	40.00	
Printing	75.00	
Office Supplies	1,439.13	
Postage	874.94	
Total Financial Administration Expenses		22,863.17
Total Revaluation yearly & update		26,328.00
Total Legal Expenses		9,246.26

Payroll Taxes:

Accrued Payroll	(260.55)	
Sugar Hill FICA (Town Contribution)	19,058.29	
Sugar Hill Medicare (Town Contribution)	5,837.44	
Total Payroll Taxes Expense		24,635.18

Planning Board:

Secretary - Salary Amy Venezia	1,356.00	
Books	11.90	
Grafton County Registry	102.00	
Printing/Notices	36.00	
Postage	201.18	
Total Planning Board Expenses		1,707.08

Zoning Board:

Secretary – Amy Venezia	240.00	
Printing/Notices	103.50	
Postage	22.74	
Total Zoning Board Expenses		366.24

Government Buildings:

James Keefe	14,121.47
Telephone (Elevator & Meetinghouse)	863.82
Electricity (Crapo & Meetinghouse)	5,014.82
Heating Oil (Crapo & Meetinghouse)	11,149.12

Propane	591.81	
Unifirst - Rugs	1,697.05	
Meetinghouse Clock	1,520.00	
Elevator/ Boiler Inspection	475.00	
Sanitation	406.00	
Cluster Fly/Ant Spraying	515.00	
Rug Cleaning	332.20	
Alarm Monitoring/Electrical Repairs	1,056.61	
Generator Service	398.60	
Tri State Extinguisher Inspections	780.46	
Supplies	2,063.64	
Maintenance & Repair	74.94	
Furnace Cleaning & Repair	678.00	
Total Government Buildings Expenses		41,738.54
Meetinghouse Building CRF - Electrical		2,011.86
Crapo Building CRF – Furnace, Well Repair, Paving		20,119.15
Grounds & Maintenance:		
Peter Carbonneau - Salary	20,578.39	
James Keefe	4,516.15	
Telephone	369.01	
Uniform	178.00	
Supplies	1,077.60	
Gasoline	1,179.03	
Diesel	1,384.96	
Grounds keeping - New Equipment	181.47	
Vehicle Repair	70.62	
Total Grounds & Maintenance Expenses		29,535.23
Cemeteries:		
Supplies Shed	943.10	
James Keefe - shed repair	1,293.19	
Keefe - Equipment Rental	455.00	
Flags & markers	149.07	
Maintenance	354.00	
Trustee Expense	213.68	
Stone Cleaning	1,189.00	
Total Cemeteries Expenses		4,597.04
Trust Fund Expense		9,066.00
Insurance:		
Health - Highway	60,137.20	
Police	42,438.52	
Executive	18,035.45	
Building & Grounds	1,341.76	
Retiree	1,204.58	



Dental	6,468.02	
Property Liability	16,280.04	
Worker's Compensation	18,138.09	
Health Grant (reimbursed)	500.00	
Return	<u>(5,507.43)</u>	
Total Insurance Expenses		159,036.23
Total Advertising & Regional Associations Expenses		7,584.43
Total Unemployment Expenses		0.00
Ambulance:		
Calex	9,270.00	
Franconia Life Squad	<u>2,000.00</u>	
Total Ambulance Expenses		11,270.00
Police Department:		
Chief David Wentworth	60,660.71	
Sgt. Rick Ball	45,619.37	
Officer Zack Chicoine	2,363.00	
Officer Gary Emerson	85.00	
Officer Robert Mancini	2,502.00	
Adm Asst. Jamie Allaire	8,616.16	
Police Retirement	24,619.78	
Prosecutor	2,000.00	
Workshops	229.63	
8123 Line	241.95	
Telephone	1,933.38	
Computer Consulting	700.00	
Computer Program Support	3,740.00	
Website	611.00	
Dispatch Service	8,854.04	
Medical Services	747.35	
Photo Lab	40.00	
Uniforms	2,205.95	
Dues	177.00	
Supplies	807.94	
Office Supplies	568.75	
Postage	171.06	
Gasoline	6,751.57	
Radio Maintenance	65.00	
Vehicle Maintenance	2,477.93	
New Equipment	447.50	
Books	<u>51.00</u>	
Total Police Department Expenses		177,287.07
Fire Department:		
Salaries:		
Aldrich, Clifton	2,025.50	
Amsbary, Douglas	2,008.00	

Burger, Timothy	1,072.50	
Chase, Eric	429.00	
Christofferson, Rick	767.00	
Clark, Allan	7,401.50	
Cyrs,III James	234.00	
Gaitskill, Russ	929.50	
Glover, Douglas	2,053.00	
Hodgdon, Jody	988.00	
Ireland, Brinson	1,751.50	
Johnk, Gordon	2,689.50	
Johnk, Samuel	1,540.50	
Kenerson, Danforth	1,066.00	
Kinney, Luther	247.00	
Leighton, Timothy	520.00	
Leslie, Michael	104.00	
Quintall, Richard	988.00	
Snyder, James	2,506.00	
Warren, Michael	1,748.50	
Wilson, Ned	984.50	
Mileage	1,500.00	
Training	1,245.00	
Telephone	579.63	
Information Line 8123	241.95	
Computer Services	517.30	
Internet Provider	385.00	
FF Response System	300.00	
Dispatching Services	3,616.46	
Medical Services	73.50	
Electric	1,236.15	
Heating Oil	4,124.79	
Building Maintenance	5,437.68	
Uniforms & Protective Clothing	1,778.01	
Dues	335.00	
Supplies	2,584.44	
Office Supplies	4.58	
Postage	4.97	
Gasoline	56.09	
Diesel Fuel	1,114.73	
Propane	491.50	
Vehicle Maintenance	2,115.73	
Equipment Maintenance	167.43	
Radio Maintenance	536.87	
Books & Periodicals	319.50	
New & Replacement Equipment	6,784.59	
Communication Equipment	<u>3,697.03</u>	
Total Fire Department Expenses		71,301.43

Total Emergency Management		272.00
Total Airport		700 .00
Town Maintenance:		
Douglas Glover - Salary	65,755.30	
Brett Hucksohl	51,802.20	
Mike Leslie	14,976.63	
Todd Nelson	22,221.63	
Peter Carbonneau	2,934.54	
Retirement	16,667.29	
Total Town Maintenance		174,357.59
General Highway Department:		
Engineering - McCarthy	5,177.50	
Telephone	1,271.36	
Computer Internet	539.40	
Medical	357.50	
Electricity	2,238.29	
Heating Oil	6,216.53	
Building Maintenance	1,470.35	
Equipment Rental	2,077.50	
Uniforms	3,411.84	
Dues	50.00	
Supplies	2,237.07	
Office Supplies	79.58	
Printing/Notices	103.50	
Shop Supplies	4,851.82	
Gasoline	126.35	
Diesel Fuel	29,081.88	
Propane	33.98	
Vehicle Maintenance	16,600.56	
Equipment Maintenance	5,606.84	
Radio Maintenance	89.88	
Road Salt	17,577.85	
Crushed Gravel	5,882.00	
Sand	14,109.88	
Culverts	7,599.00	
Stone	2,843.98	
Cold Patch	5,556.05	
Street Maintenance	5,921.35	
Non Lapsing Roadwork WA #4	65,000.00	
Street Signs	298.56	
Miscellaneous	525.00	
New Equipment -roller,brushes, asphalt trailer	28,973.82	
Total General Highway Department & WA#4		235,909.22

Highway Building CRF-doors, paving, drain system		20,111.89
Total Street Lighting Expenses		12,159.86
Total Highway Block Grant Expenses		41,085.00
Total Solid Waste Disposal Expenses		47,401.00
Total Health & Hospitals Agencies Expenses		6,009.00
Total Welfare Expenses		1,950.00
Total Parks & Recreation Expenses		28,030.00
Library:		
Librarian - Judy Weisenberger	7,028.00	
Ingrid Ogren	4,127.00	
Training	219.00	
Telephone	447.10	
Computer Consulting	350.00	
Computer Equipment	1,535.45	
Dues	201.99	
Library Supplies	1,359.26	
Office Supplies	133.43	
Box Rent	124.00	
Books/Movies/Audio	<u>10,337.42</u>	
Total Library Expenses		25,862.65
Patriotic:		
Lafayette Lions Parade	150.00	
Town Party	<u>1,514.07</u>	
Total Patriotic Expenses		1,664.07
Conservation Commission:		
Printing	94.50	
Dues	195.00	
Gates & Bridge Repair	<u>304.86</u>	
Total Conservation Commission Expenses		594.36
Land Use Change Fund		12,500.00
Long Term Notes -Principal	44,280.85	
Long Term Notes - Interest	<u>23,219.15</u>	
Total Long Term Notes		67,500.00
Temporary Loan (TAN)	150,000.00	
TAN Interest	<u>332.87</u>	
Total Temporary Loan		150,332.87

Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds:		
Crapo Building CRF	20,000.00	
Highway Department HE	50,000.00	
Fire Department HE	50,000.00	
Fire Department Building	5,000.00	
Bridgework	30,000.00	
Highway Building	<u>15,000.00</u>	
Total Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds		170,000.00
Transfers – Trust Funds		
Cemetery Plots Purchased	700.00	
Northern Pass Defense Fund	<u>10,000.00</u>	
Total Transfers – Trust funds		10,700.00
Total Taxes Paid - County		241,000.00
Total Taxes Paid - School District		1,653,405.00
Motor Vehicle Refund		408.00
Abatements		2,383.68
Property Tax Refunds/Overpayments		4,654.00
Tax Deeded Property		32,958.80
Total Taxes Bought by the Town		<u>86,224.92</u>
Total Detailed Expenses		\$3,703,819.87



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## ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen,  
Town of Sugar Hill:

We have compiled the balance sheet of Town of Sugar Hill as of December 31, 2014, and the related statement of revenues, expenditures and fund balance for the year then ended, included in the accompanying form MS-535. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements included in the accompanying form MS-535 and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the financial statements are in accordance with the form prescribed by New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration.

Management of the Town of Sugar Hill is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the MS-535 in accordance with requirements prescribed by New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the MS-535.

Our responsibility is to conduct the compilation in accordance with *Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services* issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist management in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements.

The financial statements included in the accompanying MS-535 are presented in accordance 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.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management of Town of Sugar Hill and the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than this specified party.

*Crane & Bell, PLLC*

February 17, 2015

# **CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS** Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2014

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	
06/19/1976	Highway Dept. CRF	2218.15	50000.00	0.00	0.00	52218.15	1.62	0.00	1.62	52,219.77
06/23/1976	Police Department CRF	19620.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	19620.28	0.00	0.00	4.22	19624.50
12/31/1991	Meetinghouse CRF	13218.45	0.00	0.00	2005.11	11213.34	4.84	6.75	0.00	11213.34
03/17/1999	Highway Dept. Roadwork CRF	690.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	690.45	0.00	0.00	442.60	1133.05
08/01/2004	Carolina Crapo CRF	5275.15	20000.00	0.00	20117.35	5157.80	1.80	1.80	0.00	5157.80
07/19/1993	Fire Department CRF	92441.94	50000.00	0.00	0.00	142441.94	19.68	0.00	39.78	142481.72
08/09/2006	Highway Bridge	149600.28	30000.00	0.00	0.00	179600.28	29.49	0.00	74.79	179675.07
11/20/2008	Fire Department Building	7777.74	5000.00	0.00	0.00	12777.74	1.37	0.00	1.37	12779.11
03/10/2009	Highway Department Building	18246.46	15000.00	0.00	20107.75	13138.71	4.14	4.14	0.00	13138.71
03/13/2012	Building & Grounds	5000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5000.00	.13	0.00	3.75	5003.75
	TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS	\$314088.90	\$170000.00	\$0.00	42230.21	\$441858.69	\$60.14	\$12.69	\$568.13	\$442,426.82

**All Funds Invested 100%**  
**All Funds are Bank Deposits at Connecticut River Bank N.A. or PDIP**

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

# CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2014

P R I N C I P A L						I N C O M E					Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year
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	
10/09/1975	Sunnyside Care Fund (1)	\$1,841.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	12000.00	1110.39	1.90	0.00	1112.29	13112.29
09/21/1973	Louise Leazott Trust (1)	1,564.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	563.69	0.00	0.00	563.69	1063.69
11/05/1943	Annie Bowles Trust (1)	903.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	135.79	0.00	0.00	135.79	285.79
11/03/1937	Frank E. Bowles Trust (1)	73,984.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	135.79	0.00	0.00	135.79	285.79
10/18/1956	J.L. & Gertrude Bowles Trust (1)		0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	75.49	0.00	0.00	75.49	175.49
07/11/1984	Hersom Murray Trust (1)		0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	91.55	0.00	0.00	91.55	241.55
10/09/1975	Anker Trust (2)		0.00	0.00	0.00	3500.79	1403.31	.13	0.00	1403.44	4904.23
10/09/1975	Sunnyside Cemetery (3)		700.00	0.00	9061.14	14203.83	0.00	4.86	4.86	0.00	14203.83
	TOTAL LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS	\$39115.76	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$9061.14	\$30754.62	\$3516.01	6.89	4.86	3518.04	\$34272.66

- (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  
Trustee of the Trust Funds



# LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2014

## 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	166.24	0.00	0.00	166.24	2,007.47
9/21/1973	Fredericka Harmes Fund	1,564.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,564.10	508.37	0.00	0.00	508.37	2,072.47
11/5/1943	Alice Smith Fund	903.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	903.50	292.57	0.00	0.00	292.57	1,196.07
1/22/2001	Richardson Memorial Trust	73,984.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	73,984.55	6,502.36	14.82	0.00	6,517.18	80,501.73
	TOTAL LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS	\$78,293.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$78,293.38	\$7,469.54	\$14.82	\$0.00	\$7,484.36	85,777.74

All Funds Invested 100%.

All Funds are deposited in PDIP or CD's.

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## INCOME

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06/01/2009	SHIA	\$686,800.13	0.00	30,488.30	6,089.99	711,198.44	39,322.36	17,495.63	10,328.14	46,489.85	757,688.29
1948	CRAPO	602,559.54	0.00	26,084.31	5,438.99	623,204.86	30,598.49	15,165.31	5,269.11	40,494.69	663,699.55
	TOTAL SHIA FUNDS	\$1,289,359.67	\$0.00	\$56,572.61	\$11,528.98	\$1,334,403.30	\$69,920.85	\$32,660.94	\$15,597.25	\$86,984.54	\$1,421,387.84

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

## SELECT BOARD'S REPORT

**New Tax Assessing Program:** The Town made the change from Vision Appraisal to Avitar Appraisal and Tax Collecting program this year to coincide with the 2014 revaluation of property and assessment review that is mandated by the Department of Revenue every five years. The new program offers more benefit and ease of use for our small town however, the transition was not seamless and there were some technical errors in the transposition from one program to the other. Trumbull & Associates, the Town's assessor, is reviewing the tax cards on every property to look for irregularities. We apologize for any problems that you may find, but these will be corrected at the next billing cycle.

**Crane Hill Bridge:** Inspection and annual maintenance continues on the Crane Hill Bridge. The most recent state inspection report was received in January, 2015 and the Board hired Eckman Engineering LLC to prepare a structural design and analysis and updated NHDOT load rating form in October 2014. Both reported that the current bridge rating is in compliance with NHDOT recommendations. Rehabilitation of the bridge at \$865,000 on an 80% (\$692,000)/20% (\$173,000) state/local cost share is scheduled by the state for FY 2022. For more information please see the Engineer's report.

**Energy Savings:** We are pleased to report a savings \$3,500 a year after eliminating half the street lights in town. We are conserving electricity and enhancing our ability to view the beautiful night sky. We have also replaced the light bulbs in the Meeting House with more energy efficient ones and applied to PSNH for a rebate on a portion of the cost. We are consulting with a historic preservation expert on the best way to replace the windows in the Meeting House to ensure that the windows maintain the historic value of the building while functioning more efficiently. Grants for repair or replacement are available through the state and SHIA has offered to help with the expense.

**Tri-Town Activities:** The Board meets with our counterparts in Franconia and Easton 3 or 4 times a year to discuss regional issues and supervise the Tri-town Transfer Station and the Lafayette Recreation Program.

**Additional Parking:** The Select Board discussed the possibility of filling in and leveling the area next to the tennis court to allow for overflow parking when the Meeting House is being used. Town Engineer, Red McCarthy, estimates a cost of \$15,000 to add 30 parking places. We will study the plan and most likely with the town's approval initiate this project in 2016.

**Carolina Crapo Building Repairs:** The well pump at the Crapo Building was repaired and the check valve replaced. After much discussion, the board replaced the oil furnace in the building with a propane burner. We considered a pellet boiler, but were concerned that the oil burner would not make it through the fall and that we did not have the funds needed for a wood pellet boiler before town meeting. Thanks to SHIA and Jim Keefe for the new hand rail along the ramp to the building.

**The Board declared July 4, 2014 as “Roger Aldrich Day”:** “In recognition of Roger Aldrich, a man who not only helped create Sugar Hill as New Hampshire’s newest Town, but who has given of himself unselfishly in all other aspects of Town affairs. Without his help and guidance, Sugar Hill would not be the unique Town that it is today”. Roger served twenty five years as a Selectman, was the Town Moderator and member of the Fire Department.

**We have a great Town!** The Select Board is indebted to our dedicated, hard-working employees who continue to go above and beyond what is asked of them. We have an amazing, thoughtful, creative team that makes our town truly special.

We also have a terrific group of volunteers, board and committee members who work behind the scenes to support our employees and our programs and celebrations.

A special thanks to Jim Snyder and his volunteers who generously cleaned up and improved the Coffin Pond Berm Trail and the Cushing Bridge Trail so that they could be better accessed by the community.

**Building Permits:** Please be advised that the building permit application is on the Town’s website [www.sugarhillnh.org](http://www.sugarhillnh.org) or a copy can be picked up at the Town Office. The purpose of a building permit is to ensure the safety of new construction and or renovations. It protects the owners, future owners and contractors.

### **What work requires a Building Permit? Adopted on August 29, 2011**

All structurally related replacements, all sheds, all swimming pools and all signs.

#### **Interior Renovations:**

Increasing dimensions of a room by moving or removing walls  
Opening of any new window or door  
Construction or reconstruction of any wall or staircase  
Removal or relocation of any existing wall or staircase  
Installation and/or replacement of HVAC units  
Any new plumbing activities (not replacement or upgrade of existing)  
Any new electrical work (not replacement or upgrade of existing)

#### **Exterior Renovations:**

Additions to existing structures  
Porch enclosures  
Porch, patio and/or stairway (construction and reconstruction)  
Replacement of roof rafters, sills and floor joists, etc.  
Erection or replacement of fencing

#### **Inspections are required for:**

- (1) Framing/Structural, Mechanical and/or Electrical
- (2) Building completion.

## **CEMETERY TRUSTEES' REPORT**

The year 2014 saw the continuation of projects the Trustees had approved. John Hanks of Littleton Monument will continue to maintain the monuments as needed at both Sunnyside and Streeter Pond Road Cemeteries. StandFast Works Forge from Parsonsfield Maine has completed 100% of the work on the iron fence restoration on the oldest part of the cemetery. Trustees would encourage all in the spring to visit and see this great addition to the history of the Town.

New gravel was laid on the roads and we continue to work to remove dead trees and trim overgrown bushes. The hearse shed was repaired to correct damage from drainage issues by Jim Keefe and it will be repainted in the spring. The Trustees received bids to have the lower entrance paved as gravel is replaced yearly due to washouts.

We would like to thank Pete Carbonneau the Sexton and Caretaker for his outstanding maintenance of the grounds. Special thanks to Lorraine Hunt's family for remembering our Veterans with flags for 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  
Nancy Aldrich, Holly Hayward  
Meri Hern, Kathleen Jablonski  
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 Carolina Crapo Memorial Building.

The Planning Board saw the following activity for 2014:

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

The Planning Board members worked hard to get the Master Plan finalized and had a public hearing on April 2, 2014. After reviewing the Master Plan there are some changes the Board is suggesting to make to the Zoning Ordinance to make it align with the Master Plan. The Planning Board reviewed Zoning Ordinance and held a public hearing on January 7, 2015. Suggested changes will go before the voters on the 2015 ballot.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Venezia, Secretary

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

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

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, will be held at the Meetinghouse on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., to act on the following subjects:

Polls will open at 11 a.m. for voting by ballot on Articles 1-4 (the election of Town Officers and Zoning Amendments). Polls will close at 7:30 p.m. unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour. All other Articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon starting at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

A Library Trustee to serve for a term of three (3) years

One Trustee of the Trust Funds to serve for a term of three (3) years

Two Board of Adjustment members to serve for a term of three (3) years.

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

And such other Town Officers as may be required by law

**ARTICLE 2:** (To Vote by Official Ballot)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 11 of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance relating to Light Commercial Use. –The official copy of the amendment is on file and available to the public at the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of the meeting. The following question is on the Official Ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment to Article 11 of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board. ***This amendment will make the following changes affecting light commercial uses (which will continue to be allowed by special exception from the Zoning Board): the maximum combined floor space for all buildings is limited to 4000 square feet; the total portion of the lot area occupied by structures or impervious surfaces is limited to 40%; and the ZBA is given authority to require structural or vegetative barriers in order to shield neighboring properties.***

**ARTICLE 3:** (To Vote by Official Ballot)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 13 of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance relating to Signs, Fences, Mailboxes. The official copy of the amendment is on file and available to the public at the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of the meeting. The following question is on the Official Ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment to Article 13 of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board. *This amendment will permit fences, mailboxes, driveways, retaining walls and stone walls to be located in setback areas without a variance, subject to certain limitations.*”

**ARTICLE 4:** (To Vote by Official Ballot)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 14 of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance relating to Multifamily Dwellings. —The official copy of the amendment is on file and available to the public at the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of the meeting. The following question is on the Official Ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment to Article 14 of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board. *This amendment will allow accessory dwelling units to be located on the same lot as a single family dwelling, subject to several detailed requirements.*”

(The Planning Board recommends the adoption of the amendments.)

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town of Sugar Hill will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Two Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand, Sixty Eight Dollars (\$1,257,068.00) to defray Town charges.

Executive .....	\$49,200.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics .....	19,975.00
Payroll Taxes .....	29,594.00
Financial Administration .....	29,640.00
Property Revaluation .....	15,828.00
Legal Expenses .....	12,000.00
Planning Board .....	2,000.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment .....	500.00
Insurance.....	164,187.00
General Government Buildings .....	40,900.00
Buildings & Grounds .....	29,650.00
Cemetery.....	8,500.00
Advertising & Regional Associations.....	1,085.00
North Country Council.....	1,085.00
Police Department.....	167,153.00
Fire Department .....	79,950.00
Ambulance .....	11,270.00
Building Inspections .....	1,000.00
Emergency Management .....	500.00
Airport.....	700.00
Town Maintenance .....	179,620.00
General Highway Department Expense .....	184,083.00
Highway Block Grant .....	35,000.00
Street Lighting .....	6,500.00
Solid Waste Disposal .....	47,675.00
Health, Hospitals.....	5,417.00

North Country Home Health .....	1,775.00	
Grafton County Senior.....	300.00	
American Red Cross .....	292.00	
Ammonoosuc Community Health .....	1,250.00	
Burch House .....	300.00	
Above the Notch.....	500.00	
Boys & Girls Club .....	500.00	
Center for New Beginnings .....	500.00	
Welfare .....		6,000.00
Tri County Cap .....	950.00	
Unemployment.....		100.00
Library .....		29,975.00
Parks and Recreation.....		31,806.00
Patriotic Purposes .....		2,000.00
Conservation Commission .....		750.00
Interest Expense - Tax Anticipation.....		1,000.00
Long Term Notes .....		37,500.00
Interest Long Term Notes .....		30,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS.....		\$1,257,068.00

The Select Board recommend these Appropriations.

**ARTICLE 6:** 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.

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be used for Highway Department Roadwork 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.

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

**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 Fire Department Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2008.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 2006.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2009.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the Carolina Crapo Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund created in 1991.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for support of the Franconia Children's Center. The non-profit center provides all day care and after school care for North Country families.

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500.00) for support of the Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber's mission is to promote member business and the area as well.

**ARTICLE 17:** Shall the town modify the Veteran's Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II from its current tax credit of \$100 per year to \$500 per year? (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 18:** Shall the town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:69-72 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption for the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with wood heating systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying wood-heating



energy system requirement under these statutes up to a maximum of \$20,000. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 19:** Shall the town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61-64 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption for the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying solar energy system equipment under these statutes up to a maximum of \$20,000. (Majority vote requires)

**ARTICLE 20:** "Resolved that the State of New Hampshire provide a comprehensive meaningful system of funding for State Education needs. To see if the Town will vote to ask our governor and our state legislators to reform state funding for education with that reform to be directed to significant reduction of property taxes. The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the Select Board to the governor and state legislators informing them of the instructions from their constituents within 30 days of the vote."

**ARTICLE 21:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 23rd day of February, Two Thousand and Fifteen

SUGAR HILL SELECT BOARD

John J. Strasser, III  
Richard Bielefield  
Margaret Connors

RETURN OF POSTING

We hereby attest that the within Warrant is a true copy of the Warrant for the Town Meeting described therein, and further certify that we have caused to be posted an attested copy of this Warrant at the place of the Meeting and a like copy in one other public place in the Town of Sugar Hill, namely the Sugar Hill Post Office fourteen (14) days before the day of the Meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, not counting the day of posting or the day of the Meeting.

SUGAR HILL SELECT BOARD  
John J. Strasser, III  
Richard Bielefield  
Margaret Connors

This Warrant and Return of Posting has been duly recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, this 23rd day of February, 2015.

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

<b>SOURCES OF REVENUE</b>	<b>Estimated 2014</b>	<b>Actual 2014</b>	<b>Estimated 2015</b>
Revised MS-4R			
Taxes:			
Yield Taxes	\$ 5,900.00	\$ 5,934.90	\$ 2,000.00
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	19,674.00	22,505.33	2,000.00
Land Use Change Tax	0.00	24,830.00	0.00
Intergovernmental Revenues - State:			
Highway Block Grant	43,703.00	43,860.53	36,000.00
Rooms & Meals	27,528.00	27,528.38	20,000.00
State Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Licenses and Permits:			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	130,000.00	144,508.00	130,000.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	1,400.00	1,523.00	1,000.00
Building Permits	500.00	3,151.70	2,000.00
Business Licenses & Permits	1,150.00	75.00	100.00
From Federal Government:		0.00	0.00
Charges For Services:			
Income from Departments	3,000.00	3,890.85	2,500.00
Miscellaneous Revenue:			
Interest on Deposits	100.00	834.00	100.00
Sale of Municipal Property	0.00	0.00	0.00
Income from Trusts	9,066.00	9,066.00	6,540.00
Rent of Town Property	500.00	1,125.00	0.00
Other Refunds & Insurance:			
Reimbursements	0.00	8,198.49	500.00
Sale of Municipal Property (Cemetery)	0.00	0.00	0.00
From Capital Reserve Funds:	0.00	42,243.00	0.00
Fund Balance ("Surplus")	<u>0.00</u>	<u>115,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Revenues and Credits	<u>\$242,521.00</u>	<u>\$454,274.18</u>	<u>\$202,740.00</u>

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL EXPENDITURES

## (Modified Accrual Basis)

<b>PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>Appropriation 2014</b>	<b>Actual 2014</b>	<b>Estimated 2015</b>
General Government:			
Executive	\$ 47,275.00	37,367.76	49,200.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	22,575.00	19,585.29	19,975.00
Financial Administration	23,015.00	22,863.17	29,640.00
Revaluation of Property	26,828.00	26,328.00	15,828.00
Legal Expenses	12,000.00	9,246.26	12,000.00
Personnel Administration	33,748.00	24,895.73	29,594.00
Planning & Zoning	2,500.00	2,073.32	2,500.00
Gen Gov Buildings & Grounds	70,750.00	71,273.77	70,550.00
Cemeteries	15,000.00	13,663.04	8,500.00
Insurance	182,727.00	159,036.23	164,187.00
Advertising & Regional Association	7,585.00	7,584.43	1,085.00
Unemployment Compensation	100.00	0.00	100.00
Public Safety:			
Police Department	177,620.00	177,287.07	167,153.00
Ambulance	11,270.00	11,270.00	11,270.00
Fire Department	76,700.00	71,301.43	75,950.00
Building Inspection	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Emergency Management	500.00	272.00	500.00
Airport:			
Airport Operations	700.00	700.00	700.00
Highways, Streets and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance	182,268.00	174,357.59	179,620.00
General Highway	177,308.00	170,909.22	184,083.00
Highway Block Grant	36,000.00	41,085.00	35,000.00
Street Lighting	12,000.00	12,159.86	6,500.00
Sanitation:			
Solid Waste Disposal	47,401.00	47,401.00	47,675.00
Health:			
Health and Hospitals	6,009.00	6,009.00	5,417.00
Welfare:			
Assistance	6,000.00	1,950.00	6,000.00
Culture and Recreation:			
Parks and Recreation and YMCA	31,034.00	28,030.00	31,806.00
Library	25,985.00	25,862.65	29,985.00
Patriotic Purposes	2,000.00	1,664.07	2,000.00

Conservation:			
Conservation Commission	500.00	594.36	750.00
Debt Service:			
Principal Long Term Bonds	37,500.00	44,280.85	37,500.00
Interest Long Term Bonds	30,000.00	23,219.15	30,000.00
Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	1,000.00	332.87	1,000.00
Operating Transfers Out:			
Capital & Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00
To Special Revenue Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
To Fiduciary Funds	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$1,305,898.00</u>	<u>\$1,232,690.12</u>	<u>\$1,257,068.00</u>
Spec Warrant Articles Recommended	255,000.00	245,000.00	220,000.00
Ind Warrant Articles Recommended	0.00	0.00	7,000.00
Total Appropriations Recommended			\$1,484,068.00
Less Estimated Revenues and Credits			<u>202,740.00</u>
Amount Of Taxes To Be Raised			\$1,281,328.00
(Exclusive of School and County Taxes)			

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF  
APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES  
(Year Ending December 31, 2014)**

	Appropriation 2014	Actual 2014	Unexpended or Overdrafts
Executive	\$ 47,275.00	\$ 37,367.76	\$ 9,907.24
Election, Registration and Vital Statistics	22,575.00	19,585.29	2,989.71
Financial Administration	23,015.00	22,863.17	151.83
Revaluation of Property	26,828.00	26,328.00	500.00
Legal Expenses	12,000.00	9,246.26	2,753.74
Payroll Taxes	33,748.00	24,895.73	8,852.27
Planning & Zoning	2,500.00	2,073.32	426.68
Government Buildings & Grounds	70,750.00	71,273.77	(523.77)
Cemeteries	15,000.00	13,663.04	1,336.96
Insurance	182,727.00	159,036.23	23,690.77
Advertising and Regional Association	7,585.00	7,584.43	.57
Unemployment	100.00	0	100.00
Police Department	177,620.00	177,287.07	332.93
Ambulance	11,270.00	11,270.00	0.00
Fire Department	76,700.00	71,301.43	4,698.57
Emergency Management	500.00	272.00	228.00
Airport	700.00	700.00	0.00
Town Maintenance	182,268.00	174,357.59	7,910.41
General Highway	177,308.00	170,909.22	6,398.78
Highway Block	36,000.00	41,085.00	(5,085.00)**
Street Lighting	12,000.00	12,159.86	(159.86)
Solid Waste Disposal	47,401.00	47,401.00	0.00
Health and Hospitals	6,009.00	6,009.00	0.00
Welfare	6,000.00	1,950.00	4,050.00
Parks & Recreation	31,034.00	28,030.00	3,004.00
Library	25,985.00	25,862.65	122.35
Patriotic Purposes	2,000.00	1,664.07	335.93
Conservation Commission	500.00	594.36	(94.36)
Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	1,000.00	332.87	667.13
Long Term Notes & Interest	67,500.00	67,500.00	0.00
	<u>\$1,305,898.00</u>	<u>\$1,232,603.12</u>	<u>\$73,294.88</u>
Special Warrant Articles	255,000.00	245,000.00	10,000.00*
Individual Warrant Articles	0.00	22,100.00	0.00
Grand Total	\$1,560,898.00	\$1,499,703.12	\$83,294.88

\*To Non Lapsing Roadwork Fund

\*\*Offset by State Funds

## NOTES

## **ROAD AGENT'S REPORT**

2014 seems to have flown by. I don't know how time can pass so quickly. The Department started out the season by doing the usual month long sweeping sand off our roads. Presby Construction was able to complete the areas that need the sand picked up. Grading the dirt roads and adding gravel where it was needed was completed and a calcium chloride unit was purchased to help maintain them. This unit allows us to spray liquid chloride on freshly graded gravel to help compact it and also to keep the dust down. Next we prepped the road shoulders for some upcoming shim work. Lover's Lane, South Road, Hadley Road and Lafayette Road all had some level of shimming done. This year cold mix that we can make at the old garage shop area was used to minimize trucking costs. Foliage season found us replacing failed cross pipes in many of the town roads.

At the Town Garage a 1500 gallon underground tank and oil separator was installed to catch the waste water that comes from the shop work area. This was a state mandated installation. In addition, the front of the driveway was paved so that the trucks can be washed outside and lessen the costs involved with pumping the tank out. New doors were installed and it is hoped that it will improve out energy savings.

Much time has been spent working with Town Engineer Red McCarthy on how to repair the Crane Hill Bridge in a time sensitive and cost effective way. A bridge report follows this report.

Currently we are involved in ice and snow removal and looking forward to spring. I would like to thank the other Departments that helped us over the past year and especially the Road Committee. We could not do our jobs without the support of the residents and the great support from our Select Board. As always it is a pleasure serving such a great community.

Respectfully submitted,  
Douglas Glover, Road Agent

## **CRANE HILL BRIDGE TOWN ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Background: State DOT has classified the bridge as obsolete. Factors are, a one lane bridge and it has poor approaches. We have made two studies. In 2012 HEB did a structural analysis of the bridge and made several recommendations. From their recommendations we chose to replace the runner on the bridge. Basically their structural analysis show that the structure met H20 loading conditions other than for the stringers. Eckman Engineering made analysis in 2014 concluding similar to HEB that the bridge was sound with the exception of the stringers.

Eckman gave us two scenarios for two improvements of the bridge. One is to remove the existing wood deck system, place new stringers, and then replace the existing deck system. The estimate for this is \$130,000.00. The second alternative they recommended was to remove the wood deck, replace the stringers, and install a steel grid decking system. The estimate for this is \$380,000.00.

Both Eckman and HEB recommended that basic cleaning of the substructure of the bridge as well as other components be. Also, that the structure needed re-painting. Cost for these items was not estimated.

I checked the status of the bridge on the state of NH ten-year program for the last two years. Last year the state recommended replacement of this bridge in 2022 with an 80% state cost and 20% local cost. This year for the 2015 state budget recommended rehabilitation of the bridge under the same cost sharing. The cost that the state carries for 2022 was \$1,113,000.00. I do not know what this includes. Rehabilitation rather than replacement may be that they have copies of HEB and Eckmans reports

I suggest we continue level funding for the Crane Hill Bridge work.

With your permission, I would like to meet with the state DOT and determine exactly what their program consists of. I do not know if they considered replacing stringers, deck, painting, and a new approach. At this stage if we went on our own and replaced the stringers and the deck it would cost the town \$380,000.00. Added to this would be the cost of cleaning and painting the bridge structure. If we went with the state cost of \$1,113,000.00 our 20% cost/share would be about \$220,000.00.

Pending what the state of NH proposes to do, working with them would be better for the town. With remedial work this year to clean the structure and continuing to check the decking the bridge will last well into 2022.

William F. McCarthy  
Town Engineer



## **SUGAR HILL NORTHERN PASS ACTION COMMITTEE**

(SNOPAC)

The Northern Pass Transmission Project continues to negotiate the permitting process. At present, a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) from the US Department of Energy is expected sometime in the spring of 2015. The draft EIS will be released for public comment and public hearings will be held. It will be important for the Town to participate in this process as we did in the scoping process that preceded and defined the EIS process.

Once the draft EIS is released, Northern Pass is expected to file for a state permit with Energy Facilities Site Evaluation Committee (SEC). The SEC has one year to make a decision on the permit, so the clock will be ticking. The permitting process is extensive, and includes adjudicatory procedures in which arguments are made and evidence is presented, public hearings, public comments and other steps. The Town of Sugar Hill has directed our town attorney to begin to prepare our case as parties to this process. As part of the case to defend the integrity of our Town from the severe damage that would be inflicted upon us by Northern Pass, our attorney suggested that a video presentation documenting our Town, its landscape, its livelihood, its history and mainly its people would be an important asset.

We will shortly be organizing the effort to produce the video and hope that everyone who is interested in participating will sign up. We want to include Town residents, the schools, museum, and all others who are would like to be a part of this effort. Our working title is "The Faces of Sugar Hill."

Contact Nancy Martland or Margo Connors for more information.

## SUGAR HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT

There were some pretty big happenings for the Sugar Hill Police Department in 2014...

I retired as the full time Chief of Police, but don't worry I haven't gone anywhere; I simply took over as Sugar Hill's newest part-time Chief. In order to make sure there wasn't a lapse in the number of hours we serve our community, we hired a few new part-time officers:

**Gary Emerson:** Gary is a retired Correctional Officer and works part-time for the Grafton County Sheriff's Department in addition to Sugar Hill.

**Robert Mancini:** Bob, who lives in Sugar Hill, is a Conservation Officer with the New Hampshire Department of Fish & Game, with his K9 partner Ruger. Together, they enforce the fish, game and ohrv laws, as well as perform search and rescue missions.

**Zachary Chicoine:** Zach, who recently moved to Sugar Hill, is currently serving with the US Navy Reserve and is a part-time Officer for the Town of Franconia as well as Sugar Hill.

If you see any of these guys out on patrol, please feel free to introduce yourself and welcome them to Sugar Hill.

In November, Jamie Allaire took a Child Passenger Safety class and became a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician. She is readily available to answer questions and demonstrate the proper a safest way to install a car seat. We are hoping to start the new year off with an event for the community regarding child seat safety and possibly another event to start the 2015 school year as well.

The Sugar Hill Police Department in conjunction with the Sugar Hill Select Board have recognized the need for some new Town Ordinances. New Hampshire State Law says that anyone directing traffic on State maintained roads shall complete a certification course. In an effort to reduce the Town's liability and to ensure the safety of those driving on our town roads, we put together an ordinance requiring anyone directing traffic on any roads within the Town of Sugar Hill complete the same certification course. We also put together a new Parking Ordinance. Don't worry, the same old parking rules still apply, we simply took the time to include them in an ordinance.

In closing, I want you know that it has been my sincere pleasure to serve the wonderful community of Sugar Hill. As always, I would like to thank the Sugar Hill Fire Department as well as the Sugar Hill Highway Department, both of whom have always gone out their way to assist the Police Department whenever we have needed them. I truly appreciate the outstanding relationship we have with our community as well as with my coworkers in within the Town of Sugar Hill.

Sincerely,

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

Calls For Service		
	2013	2014
Arrests	3	9
911 Hang Up	16	9
Abandoned MV	6	3
Alarm, Burglar	9	52
All Spots Inquiries	12	19
Assault	0	0
Assist Citizen	7	9
Assist Other Agency	3	4
Building Check	7	9
Burglary	1	3
Civil Stand-By	4	1
Disabled MV/Lock Out	21	20
Disturbance/Fight/Brawl	2	0
Dog Complaint	17	46
Domestic Disturbance	2	4
Drug Issues	1	0
Fish & Game	4	5
Follow Up Investigations	24	26
Lost/Found Property	4	4
Mental Person	-	1
Missing Person	2	1
Motor Vehicle Complaint	9	5
Motor Vehicle Stop	158	149
Noise Complaint	3	5
Paperwork Service	2	8
Parking Issues	-	1
Police Admin	95	105
Road Hazard/Wire or Tree Down	44	28
Shots Fired	1	2
Suicidal Person	0	1
Suspicious Person	7	3
Suspicious Vehicle	12	19
Telephone Harassment	3	2
Theft/Fraud	7	6
Threats	0	2
Traffic Detail	1	2
Trespass	8	5
Unknown/Other	38	13
Vandalism	2	2
Vehicle Collision	9	14
Vehicle Repo	-	1
Violation of Court Order	-	4
VIN Verification	5	3
Wanted Person	0	2
Welfare Check	7	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>613</b>

## **SUGAR HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT**

During 2014 your Fire Department continued to be very active in training and with emergency calls. We responded to 52 emergency calls in 2014 of which 3 were structure fires and 12 were motor vehicle accidents. Although the number of calls were lower than average the severity of the calls were higher. We also responded to two heroin overdose calls that could have been fatalities except for the quick action of the responders.

Your Fire Department is well equipped, adequately staffed and highly trained. The Department has 19 dedicated Firefighters who are all very active. Although the Firefighters are part-time employees, they are committed to providing the Town with the coverage and the services usually found only in full time Departments. We are actively looking to add 3 or 4 Firefighters to our ranks. If interested please contact one of the Officers. We are fortunate that we do not have high turn-over of personnel. This year we did have Rick Christoffersen take a leave of absence as he is working out of the country on an assignment.

We continued our extensive training by training a minimum of two times per month. The skill level of your Firefighters is very high for a community our size. Although our call volume is not very 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 did have three structure fires this year. All three fires were stopped by your Firefighters minimizing damage and in the case of the Dyke Road fire saving the residence and although the Barn was still standing it had received significant structural damage due to a significant delay in receiving the call.

The Engine that we utilize to provide a water source has a body and pump that is 38 years old and a chassis that is 17 years old. The Engine has a steel body that is rusting away. It is not cost effective to repair and we are hopeful that this Engine will continue to function until adequate funds are in our Capital Reserve so we can purchase a replacement in 2017. Once that Engine is replaced we will no longer have truck bodies that are steel and susceptible to rust.

As of December 31, 2014 the Fire Department's active roster consisted of nineteen of your neighbors who are as follows:

	Chief Allan R. Clark	
Asst. Chief Doug Glover		Asst. Chief Doug Amsbary
Captain Gordie Johnk	Lieutenant Jim Snyder	Lieutenant Cliff Aldrich
Engineer Michael Warren	Engineer Brinson Ireland	Engineer Ned Wilson
Tim Burger	Eric Chase	Jim Cyrs III
Russell Gaitskill	Jody Hodgdon	Sam Johnk
Dan Kenerson	Luther Kinney	Tim Leighton
	Rick Quintal	

The Fire Department responded to the following:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Brush/Grass Fires	0	1	3	1	0
Chimney Fires	0	1	0	2	0
Alarm Activations	13	15	21	24	12
Furnace Problems	0	0	1	2	1
Hazardous Conditions	1	12	4	5	12
Hazardous Materials	0	0	0	0	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	12	1	2	2	7
Mutual Aid – Cover	2	7	3	5	9
Mutual Aid – Scene	9	3	13	11	9
Rescues	5	0	1	1	1
Service Calls	6	7	4	4	2
Smoke Investigations	1	1	2	1	5
Structure Fires	3	1	2	1	1
Vehicle Fires	0	0	0	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>62</b>

We enjoy holding our annual Open House in October where many of the residents stop by and spend a little time looking at our equipment and chatting with the Firefighters. We sincerely appreciate all of the kind words expressed to the Firefighters. Please put October 3, 2015 in your calendar and stop by and observe your equipment, meet your Firefighters and enjoy a free lunch.

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

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. Chief David Wentworth and the Police Department, Road Agent Doug Glover and his crew and the Fire Department are extremely competent and “customer” service oriented and easy to work with.

It seems that every year there is a major incident due to natural causes that has a significant detrimental effect on the Town. In prior years we have had significant wind storms, ice storms, ice jams on the river, torrential rain storms and flooding. Fortunately, in 2014 we did not have a significant emergency event.

The Town has worked hard to identify the hazards the community can face and developed a plan and the infrastructure necessary to mitigate those hazards. We continue to work to seek grant funds to pay for the mitigation of these natural hazards.

Our focus in 2015 is to continue to seek funds to dredge the gravel bars in the Gale River downstream of the Crane Hill Road Bridge in order to minimize ice dams. Any grant funding would be conditioned on obtaining necessary approvals. We are also seeking funds to continue the efforts of the Road Crew to upgrade culverts throughout Town in an effort to minimize roadside flooding and washouts.

Please do not hesitate to contact your emergency services by calling me at 603-494-1491 should you 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. The Fire Department, Highway Department and the Police Department are willing to help the citizens and visitors to Sugar Hill during a time of need.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan R. Clark, Director  
Emergency Management

## **SUGAR HILL FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER**

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste.

A statewide online permitting service is now available and you are encouraged to obtain your permit online. The online permitting process can be reached at the State of New Hampshire, Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Forest & Lands, Fire and Law Enforcement website. Your permit will be issued immediately unless it is during a high fire danger.

This past statewide fire season started in early April with the first reported fire on April 7th. April, which is the traditional start to our spring fire season, began very dry with unseasonably dry conditions continuing through the entire month. This dry pattern continued through the first half of May. 80% of our reported fires this season occurred during this six week period. The largest fire was 24 acres, occurring in the town of Tamworth. From mid-May through early September, above average rainfall kept our total acreage burned statewide at 72 acres. This is the smallest amount of acreage burned statewide in several years. Late August through late September though brought a dry trend to northern areas, resulting in several deep-burning remote fires.

Statewide, several of the fires during the 2014 season threatened structures, and a few structures were burned, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials.

**State Forestry Director  
Brad Simpkins  
271-2214**

**State Forest Ranger  
Steven Sherman  
788-4157**

**Warden Allan R. Clark  
Deputy Warden Doug Glover  
Deputy Warden James Snyder**

**494-1491 Cell 823-5748 Home  
616-8467 Cell 823-7007 Home  
348-7009 Cell 823-7704 - Home**



**Caledonia Essex Area Ambulance  
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As we approach March 2015, it will be two years of operation in New Hampshire serving the towns of Littleton, Easton, and Sugar Hill, operating out of the Littleton Fire Station on Main Street. We continue to provide the highest quality of pre hospital care to all the towns we serve providing 911 coverage at the Paramedic level 24/7/365. Our responses are up a bit in the Town of Sugar Hill, with 42 total 2013 and 50 2014. 22 of these responses were no transports.

CALEX Management, the Board of Directors, and the dedicated staff, continually strive to provide the best possible emergency medical care with the highest quality of professionals. We continue to utilize crew resource management by moving ambulances and staff across the region to provide coverage during peak demands on the system while at the same time keeping expenses as low as possible without risking patient care. This has proven to be successful in our Vermont operation in 2014. This model allows us to cover a large square mile region which has low volume by reducing response times and keeping resources at a minimum. We move crews and ambulances centrally to cover when other trucks are out of the area or busy handling emergencies. This allows our crews to be in the vehicle and ready to rapidly respond when the next emergency happens.

Our cost of readiness, having crews available 24/7/365 is costly. This year alone we have over 984 no transports between all of our stations – Vermont 511 and New Hampshire 473. These no transports do not generate any additional income, however creates expenses such as employee and vehicle related expenses. While we continue to strive to keep our town appropriations level funded, each year it becomes a greater challenge given the amount of no transports, rising costs of medical supplies, vehicle expenses and insurance reimbursements which do not always cover the costs of providing the service. We were able to keep our appropriation requests for 2015 at the same amount as 2014, however given the rising costs and increasing number of no transports our Board of Directors may be considering an increase moving into 2016.

CALEX continues to provide Paramedic Intercept services to the surrounding areas beyond its primary service areas as well as Critical Care Paramedic Transport services to the most critically ill patients in our region. CALEX currently employee's 10 Full-time and 35 per diem EMT & Paramedic's. 14 of our staff are trained at the Paramedic level which is the highest pre-hospital care certification and allows us to continually provide the highest quality of care to our residents and visitors. We had several employee's advance their certification level this year including one 20 year veteran who is now our newest Paramedic. I am extremely proud of my staff as we had several positive patient outcomes and life's which were given second chances thanks to all of our dedicated and highly trained staff.



CALEX St. Johnsbury continues to serve as the area's American Heart Association CPR and First Aid Public Training Center. Classes are offered monthly to the public, they can also be arranged to be held privately, and are also held for large and small businesses throughout the Kingdom. Of course, having seen first-hand the positive difference immediate CPR and First Aid can make to patient outcomes, we urge everyone, from teens to seniors to take part in these classes. Imagine the joy in knowing you made the difference in saving a life, easing fears, and/or discomfort. Those who have been able to make the difference in even the life of a stranger will tell you how wonderful the experience truly is. Visit us at [www.calexambulance.org](http://www.calexambulance.org) to sign up today!

As we end 2014, I look forward to another successful year of providing the very best of pre hospital care to our communities. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and experienced team providing care for when it is needed to anyone who may need our service in the communities we serve.

In closing, I would like to thank all of our staff, their families, and the CALEX Board of Directors for their continued support and dedication to the Agency's mission.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michael J. Wright, NREMT-P  
Chief Executive Officer

## FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD

The Franconia Ambulance currently has four (4) members who are certified to provide Advanced Life Support, two (2) of which are nationally registered paramedics. The Franconia Ambulance at years end has twelve (12) 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 24 hours of continuing education each year plus every two years must take an additional 24 hour of classroom refresher, where members must demonstrate their proficiency to State examiners.

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 Ambulance Service continues to seek its' membership by recruiting from the towns of Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton, the same communities it provides service to. All volunteers are welcome to join. Each member is dedicated to providing the highest quality emergency care to the communities we serve.

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

Chief Paul Schmucker EMT

Asst. Chief Mark Taylor EMT .....	Capt. Pam Oakman AEMT
William Mead Paramedic .....	Allan Clark EMT
John Ireland EMT .....	Steven Czarnecki Paramedic
Bill Blackwell AEMT .....	Susan Simpson EMT
Linda Mordhorst EMT .....	Zach Chicione EMT .....
	Ned Wilson EMT

The Franconia Ambulance responded to 283 calls for assistance during 2014, of those 163 required transport.

In 2013, the total operating expenses for the Franconia Ambulance were \$58,729.09 Income obtained from patient billing and subsidies from Sugar Hill and Easton totaled \$87,483.33. The net cost for the operation of the Franconia Ambulance to the Town of Franconia being no cost with a surplus of \$28,754.24 returned to the Town of Franconia. Your Ambulance is currently operating at the Advanced Life Support- paramedic level.

Again 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.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Schmucker-Chief  
Franconia Life Squad

## **RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

Our transition to the next 100 years is nearly complete.

Toddlers have dozens of new board books, Preschoolers have new read-aloud books, and Early Readers have shelves of phonic and leveled readers as well as the latest chapter books. New seating, puzzles, music, puppets, blocks, etc. and a Leap Pad have been added. The Junior section has been 70% weeded of old and worn titles. Award winners, popular series, and patron requests, replaced this very dated area. Board games, puzzles, movies and Legos are also available. With the new media center students will be able to connect with their school's technology for homework and projects. Our most elusive patrons, middle school and young adults, now have their own sections populated with book and movie titles of their own choosing.

Extensive changes have also been made to the adult collection. Non-fiction, memoir, biography, local interest and classics were the most outdated and thus underutilized. Professionals evaluated these collections and to date much has been removed. Titles will still be accessible through our Museum, Inter Library Loans and the Internet. Movies continue to be very popular as well as the take-one/leave-one basket of magazines.

Your Library continues to grow and change. Twenty-nine new families bring the patron total to 459. Circulation remains strong with 800 new materials added and 1200 books removed. This revitalized collection now totals 12,600. While our budget was strong replacement required large donations of time and materials and spending \$ 2,281.61 from our book sale account. A huge thank you to the Woodsville Guaranty Bank. Their donations of bookcases, shelving supplies, and books from the Village Book Store liquidation added thousands to our makeover efforts. Thank you also to those loyal patrons for your support at organizing both the book sales and the weeding projects. Patron support in selecting and weeding titles will ensure the Library stays relevant for years to come.

Adapting to the new technologies was costly, time consuming and frustrating so patron patience was greatly appreciated. Outdated operating systems and equipment were fully replaced but an electrical hit and major security issues made for a stressful fall. On a positive note WI-FI is stronger and we have several e-readers to loan with over 125 popular titles chosen by patrons and staff. Inter Library Loan use continues very strong and more patrons are taking advantage of our membership in Overdrive to borrow audio and e-books and soon magazines. We will again join Ancestry and Heritage Quest services and also have access to many of the State's database subscriptions. Keeping our catalog online at LibraryThing.com for "SugarHillLibrary" may not be the most efficient for operations but it is still our only financial option given the cost of automation.

We will continue to seek solutions to finding resources and time to bring multi-age programming to RML. To this end we will kick off the spring with a series dedicated to the memory of Elaine Burpee, our beloved trustee. Elaine loved the North Country and the memoir stories that told its tales. Our programming theme will focus on the North Country. The community is encouraged to continue donations to sustain the program.

Our goals are to cherish the charm, coziness and personalized service a small Library can deliver, keep the collection relevant to current patrons and be creative solving the problems associated with a non-automated, one-staffed operation in a small space.

We invite you, as always, to visit YOUR Library, add your 2cents, and help keep the Richardson Memorial Library a living Sugar Hill treasure.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Weisenberger  
Director

Mon 2-5 pm  
Tues 9-12 and 2-5 pm  
Fri 2-5 pm  
Sat 9-2 pm

Library Trustees: Irene Amsbary,  
Collen Foley  
Jason Tors



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

During the past year, the Conservation Commission carried forward its routine work by assisting property owners with issues related to state permits, reviewing permit applications, and conducting site visits when indicated. We continue to monitor for harmful and invasive species in town lands and waters according to information received from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and from the public. We have dropped our voting membership from seven to five members with two alternates. This allows us to more easily meet our quorum so that we can accomplish more during our monthly meetings.

The Conservation Commission continues to support the Cooley-Jericho Community Forrest and this year worked with the Selectmen and the Town Road Agent and Engineer to plan, construct, and maintain a parking area on Trumpet Round Road to provide access to CJCF for residents and guests. This designated and improved area will also help snow removal in the winter. After holding a public meeting, the Commission approved funds for construction to be completed this spring.

The Commission also worked with the Road Agent to get a metal gate installed at the beginning of the Berm Walking Trail around Coffin Pond on Route 18. The gate is intended to discourage vehicles from driving into the backside of the pond and should result in less trash and fewer destructive activities occurring. The trail is still easily accessible to all foot and pedal traffic. This year Jim Snyder has again provided maintenance on both the Berm Walking Trail and the Cushing Bridge Trail that runs along the Gale River off of Crane Hill Road. We extend our thanks to Jim.

In the spring, the Environmental Literature/Service Learning 9<sup>th</sup> grade classes at Profile School performed trail maintenance around Coffin Pond. Three different groups of students hiked the trail with Lori Innes, Kathie Galligan, and Jim Snyder to clean-up dead/down debris and trash. We thank them for their efforts and hope to sponsor this as an annual event. The Commission also performed road clean-up along Rt. 117 in spring and fall as part of the Adopt-a-Highway program.

The SHCC, in conjunction with the Easton and Franconia Conservation Commissions, supported the Clean Water, Healthy Trout initiative – Eastern Brook Trout Study. This is a joint project of Trout Unlimited, Plymouth State University, NH Fish and Game, and the Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust and is intended to analyze and encourage the viability of local stewardship efforts by private landowners to conserve the integrity of rivers, streams, and their adjoining banks. A draft of the report summary is available on the Town of Sugar Hill website.

The SHCC is working with the Selectmen to hire a new Town of Sugar Hill Consultant Forester. The Commission intends to work with the Forester to manage and improve the Town Forest and existing walking trails. The Commission would like to include plans to improve the Coffin Pond parking area as a 2015 project and welcomes public input. If anyone would like to serve on a committee for this project, please contact the Town Office or any member of the Commission.

The Conservation Commission has limited funds available for grants to individuals or groups proposing project that would benefit the Town as a whole. Applications are available at the Town Office and on the Town of Sugar Hill website; we encourage informal discussions with the SHCC before application. We meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Crapo Building at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted  
Katherine Galligan, Chair

## **COOLEY-JERICO COMMUNITY FOREST REPORT**

Thanks to the support of Easton, Franconia, Landaff, and Sugar Hill, numerous individuals, and public and private funding, the Cooley-Jericho Community Forest was created in September, 2013. This 843-acre forest has great public recreational opportunities, includes critical wildlife habitat, protects headwater streams, preserves scenic views, offers educational uses, and will provide timber income to the towns over the long term. Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust owns the land on behalf of the communities.

The Stewardship Team of representatives of the four towns, plus ACT and many others, has been working to plan for how we manage this land now and into the future. We know that nature will take its course, and we can't anticipate the unforeseen, such as severe ice storms, wind events, or fire. We nevertheless can and should follow a management strategy based on what the land tells us, and craft our uses to best complement the property's natural features and the interests of our communities in recreation, education, and other goals.

The Stewardship Team meets regularly and many of its members have also done field research. Last winter we inventoried wildlife tracks along predetermined routes, and in the spring we did the same thing with breeding birds. Meanwhile, our consulting ecologist has been over almost every square foot of the property, and has prepared detailed maps of the natural features and forest types. With this information, we've started mapping potential recreational trails. Here's some of what's coming this year:

- This spring and summer we'll start constructing trails. The Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) will assist with trail planning and construction.
- Thanks to the Town of Sugar Hill for making the Trumpet Round Road entrance easier for parking.
- A local Eagle Scout aspirant will build a kiosk at the Trumpet Round Road entrance.
- We're working with the AMC and Plymouth State University on using the Forest as an outdoor classroom for environmental and other education. We're exploring this with the Lafayette and Lisbon school districts.
- The 30-Year Management and Stewardship Plan will be drafted for community review, and then finalized.

Updates on what's happening on the Forest are at [www.cooley-jericho.org](http://www.cooley-jericho.org), or call ACT at 823-7777. Volunteer are always needed and welcomed!

Submitted on behalf of the CJCF Stewardship Team  
Rebecca A. Brown  
Executive Director, Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust

## TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION

2014 saw the emergence of a new town trash bag with the color changing from green to purple. It also saw the end of the Swap Shop. The closure was carefully debated. It was a necessary move that had to be done. We also had a 5% increase in our recycling tonnage. All things considered, not a bad year. Thank you for your support.

- Cardboard - 78.3 tons
- Newspaper - 27.6 tons
- Mixed paper - 38.6 tons
- Magazines - 18.7tons
- Aluminum - 3.5 tons
- Tin - 7.3 tons
- Plastics - 11.5 tons
- Scrap Metal - 18.6 tons
- Glass - 132.4 tons
- Textiles - 48 tons
- Electronics - 7.30 tons
- Tires - 6.1 tons

Respectfully submitted,

Your Transfer Station Crew,  
Greg Wells, Manager  
Kevin Dauphine  
Nate Hartford  
Corey Rush

## ENERGY COMMITTEE

The following graph shows energy use in the Town of Sugar Hill for 2014

Department	Electric	Gas	Diesel	#2Fuel	Propane	Total
Meetinghouse	1194.07			5659.79		6853.86
Crapo	3820.75			5489.33	591.81	9901.89
Fire	1236.15	56.09	1114.73	4124.79	491.50	7023.26
Highway	2238.29	126.35	29081.88	6216.53	33.98	37697.03
Police		6715.57				6715.57
Build & Grounds		1179.03	1384.96			2563.99
Streetlights	12159.86					12159.86
Total	20649.12	8077.04	31581.57	21490.44	1117.29	82915.46

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

### **2014 Annual Report**

This past year, the 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 wastes (HHW).

The District held two (2) one-day collections, one in Littleton and the other in Plymouth. A total of 251 vehicles came to the collections - an increase of 31 vehicles from 2013 and our highest participation total since 2006. Total disposal costs were \$24,815. The District was awarded a grant from the State of NH for \$5,611 and received a \$5,000 donation from Casella Waste. The District's net expenditures were \$14,204 (a cost of \$.46 per resident). The table below highlights the District's HHW collection data since 2010. The District also coordinated the pickup of fluorescent light bulbs that had been collected at member towns' recycling facilities. Over 41,000 feet of straight fluorescent tubing was recycled.

In 2014, the District will hold collections in Littleton (Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>) and in Plymouth (Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>). Individual residents can help to minimize the District's disposal costs and reduce the toxicity of the environment by remembering a few of these helpful tips; Buy only what you need. If you have leftover product, properly store it so it will last. Use biological controls and organic products for pests and diseases in the garden when feasible. Apply chemical pesticides only as a last resort and be sure to follow the directions on the label. Lastly, air-dry your leftover latex paint. When completely dried, latex paint may be disposed of in your household trash.

This past year the District supported legislation that would have placed a fee on oil and latex based paints sold in New Hampshire. The money generated by the fee would have been used to create an infrastructure that would have expanded the opportunity for residents to properly dispose/recycle their unwanted paint and to cover the cost of managing the collected paint. Simply stated, the legislation would have shifted the cost of disposal/recycling from the tax payer to the individual consumer. The proposed legislation passed the House of Representatives, but unfortunately failed in the Senate.

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 at 838-6822 or by email at [pemibakerswd@yahoo.com](mailto:pemibakerswd@yahoo.com)

Respectively Submitted,  
Dan Woods, District Coordinator



## THE WILLING WORKERS SOCIETY

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

A get well basket from Harman's was sent to Fire Chief Allan Clark after a ski accident and flowers to member Betsy Fraser who had fallen on the ice. A very nice thank you note was received from Don Boissonneault for his get well food basket that we had sent. In June get well flowers were sent to Elaine Burpee and Jeanne Ring.

Betsy Fraser and Alice Hunt were in charge of the June Lupine Luncheon with help from four members and volunteer Scott Hunt. Members brought in bread, sandwich fillings, cookies, bars, chips and assorted beverages. Sue Rysanek made tomato bisque soup and we were given sheet cake from Polly's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary to serve. Sue Rysanek and Tina Shores were in charge of "Gramma's Attic" held upstairs and it was quite a successful venture.

Floradale planted the flower boxes and Amy Mitz and sons Aiden and Jack kept them watered and they looked great. Thank you!!

We lost long time member Jeanne Ring July 16<sup>th</sup>, Jeanne made endless sewing projects for our sales and generously donated lots of materials and supplies. The members made sandwiches and desserts that were delivered to her home for the after graveside services for the family. On July 28<sup>th</sup> another member left us when Elaine Burpee passed. She was the Vice President for 13 years and we had a good time working together especially putting the covers on the tables prior to our sales and going to Littleton for lunch. She always made pies and delicious pea soup for our sales. For Elaine's memorial Alice Hunt and Sylvia Hutchinson helped Meri Hern keep the platters full and clean up after the service. Both will be missed and have not only been members but friends as well. Donations were made to North Country Home Health, in memory of Jeanne and to Franconia & Sugar Hill Heating Association in memory of Elaine.

Thank you to all volunteers that carried the sale items down and back up the stairs for the November sale, aprons made by Lorraine Hunt were donated by her daughter Alicia. Carol Young called parents of children that receive gifts at the Town Christmas party to donate baked goods for the annual Christmas Sale. The sale helps raise money for the annual scholarship fund and we appreciate the parents that bake for the sale. Perhaps one year your child will be the one to receive our award. This year's scholarship was given to Emma Williams. Thank you to all the willing workers who worked and baked for the sale and to Scott Hunt for assistance in the kitchen and Mike Warren as cashier. Some of the attic treasures that didn't sell were given to the Littleton Senior Center and Director Carol Angela was very grateful, these will be sold at the center.

We had our Christmas get together at Kitty Bigelows again this year and enjoyed a delicious potluck and gift exchange. Thank you Kitty.

This was the 122nd year of the Town Christmas Party. 56 children received gifts given by six elves assisting Santa. Thanks to Irene Amsbary, Kathy Jablonski, and Mike

Warren for their assistance with refreshments and Dennis & Kathie Cote, the Sugar Hill Choir and Chief Wentworth for entertainment.

Poinsettias were given to four shut-ins and Harman's cheese to two gentlemen.

In December, there was a memorial service for Roger Aldrich. The Willing Workers were asked to do the beverage service at the memorial. Kitty Bigelow, Betsy Fraser and Sylvia Hutchison served coffee and cider and cleaned up dishes as the reception was catered. A donation was given in his memory to the Lions Club Scholarship Fund.

Donations were made this year to Littleton Senior Center -Meals on Wheels, North Country Home Health, Richardson Memorial Library, SHFD, Bancroft House, Burch House, Franconia Life Squad and Franconia & Sugar Hill Heating Association. Nonperishable items were collected and given to the Good Neighbor Food Kitchen.

I am grateful to everyone who continues to support the Willing Workers.

2015 Officers

President: Sylvia Hutchinson

Vice Presidents: Alice Hunt

Treasurer: Sue Rysanek

Secretary: Maxine Aldrich

Hospitality & Food Contributions: Carol Young

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Hutchinson

President

## SUGAR HILL HISTORICAL MUSEUM REPORT

Once Upon a Time ..., the 2014 exhibit of children's clothing and toys at the Sugar Hill Historical Museum, was well worth days of digging in storage boxes in the museum's attic. As guests exclaimed over the displays, the oooh-h-h's and aaah-h-h's told us that we had selected the best of the best for the displays which included twenty-six summer outfits and fifteen christening dresses. During the planning and summer months, more beautiful examples of children's clothing were donated to the collection.

Visitors were amazed by the tiny handmade details of laces, insets, crocheting, bias work and embroidery embellishing the tiny garments alongside tiny hand-knit mittens and booties, bonnets of all descriptions, nappies and nappy covers, silver cups, rattles and precious toys on display. The long white starched christening dresses were the stars of the show. Fine linens with handcrafted waffle weaves, open work, inserts, and tiny buttonholes, tucks and pleats confirmed reasons to pass these treasured gowns from generation to generation. All of these gowns have been donated to the museum for safe storage and exhibits. Sylvia Hutchinson's christening gown, voted Best of Show, was custom-made in 1850 in England and used in her family for five generations.

**Museum Schedule & Guests.** From Memorial Day through Columbus Day, the museum was open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays. During this five-month season, the museum greeters welcomed 1466 guests from Canada, Australia, Germany, Japan, several of our states, and local towns. Since we change our exhibit every year, we welcome friends who return annually to see what's new.

***Sugar Hill Treasures.*** We flourish in a unique spot in New Hampshire. ***Sugar Hill Treasures***, a comprehensive letterboxing book published by the museum in 2008, guides explorers through three 'loops' in the area. This best-selling book provides driving directions and indicates places to stop and learn what was important at each location.

Visitors discover where Sugar Hill's five grand hotels were located, names of famous summer people, and many other facts of historical significance and interest. At the beginning of every museum season, the letterboxes are placed around the loops; and at the end of the season, they are gathered to be cleaned, refreshed, and stored.

***Constant Contact Expands Museum Communications.*** Would you like to find out what's going on behind the scenes at the museum each month of the year? Though the museum buildings are cold (or frozen!) and closed in the winter, everyone is busily preparing for the 2015 season. Photographs of our acquisitions, activities and preps will be exclusive to all who elect to be on the museum's Constant Contact mailing list.

In January 2015, the museum launched its first electronic monthly newsletter. We hope it will be especially interesting to members who live too far away to visit and to all Sugar Hill residents. We are now ready to expand our list to include not only members, but visitors and all Sugar Hill residents as well. Sign-up is required to be placed on the mailing list. You may contact Eileen Regen, the museum-assigned administrator, at 603-823-7711 or [e.sregen@roadrunner.com](mailto:e.sregen@roadrunner.com) to sign up for this monthly newsletter.

**Curator-Director Notes.** This year we entered 776 artifacts into the system and are fortunate to have enough storage space for everything! Every artifact's physical description is entered into our database along with a photograph.

**Flash Back: A Photographic Exhibit of Sugar Hill Featuring the Work of Reverend Samuel Stickney Nickerson** is the long-anticipated museum exhibit for 2015. Museum hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, May 22 to October 12.

## **SUGAR HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION**

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

In keeping with the Mr. Crapo's Will the association continues to give Book Awards to Sugar Hill residents graduating from High School, who will be continuing their education. This year we gave out Book Awards to Ross Branch, Emma Williams, and Mora Peterson. They will be eligible to continue to receive this award for the next three years upon showing evidence that they will continue with their education and have met the grade level requirement.

This year we were able to see many projects get finalized that we have been talking about for some time.

For the Meeting House we: purchased more folding tables, folding chairs, and a picnic table, replaced the refrigerator and repaired the Hobart dishwasher.

For the Carolina Crapo Building we: purchased more benches and picnic tables, a weather proof box for the outside toys and material for new hand rails out front.

For the Town we: purchased more American Flags to fly during the summer months and have a new tennis net being installed for spring.

At our Annual Meeting last month it was suggested that this year we should consider a long term project to refurbish the Meeting House auditorium to its former glory in honor of our beloved citizen Roger Aldrich. Roger was one of the driving forces behind the formation of the Town and a former President of this Association.

All residents of Sugar Hill of legal voting age are members of the association. We meet downstairs in the Crapo Building quarterly or more often if necessary. Please consider coming out and joining us. The Officers of the Board of Directors include Beverly Frenkiewich, President- Lissa Boissonneault, Vice President- Kathie Cote, Secretary and Sid Regen, Treasurer.

We are always open to new ideas for things that will benefit the people of Sugar Hill if you have an idea you would like us to think about please speak to one of our officers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beverly A Frenkiewich  
President

## LAFAYETTE RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Lafayette Recreation Committee saw a 2014 filled with events, activities, and sporting fun for residents of all ages. The Committee works hard to provide recreational opportunities to the residents of Franconia, Sugar Hill, and Easton, and we're continually striving to expand our activities in ways that engage our communities.

Lafayette Recreation sponsors or assists with several events each year: Old Home Day in July, the Top Notch Triathlon in August, the Fox Hill 5K Trail Run in September, and the Wobble-n-Gobble in November. We are continuing work to inventory, maintain, map, and sign the many trails in our three towns. Anyone interested in adopting a trail may email [recreation@franconianh.org](mailto:recreation@franconianh.org). We also sponsor Earth Day activities in the spring, Old Home Day Fireworks, a series of summer concerts on the Dow, the Halloween bonfire, and the Community Holiday Party in December.

These events throughout the year bring our communities and residents together to visit and celebrate the beautiful place we call home. This year's holiday party was expanded to include downtown Franconia businesses and activities for all ages, including caroling at the Lafayette Center and a visit by Santa at the Village Store.

The Triathlon, Wobble-n-Gobble and Fox Hill Trail Run are also fundraisers for Lafayette Recreation. These, along with the annual Halloween Cup soccer tournament – which had its biggest year ever in 2014, with 44 teams – have allowed the Committee to incorporate several positive changes over the past few years, including improvements to the skating rink in town, the addition of a much-needed storage shed at the Dow fields, and last year's purchase of an 14-passenger van.

The van has been used quite a bit in its first year, including outings by the Summer Rec program offered to children of our communities, as adult transportation to a bowling alley, a hockey tournament, the Littleton Rotary Club's Lobster Dinner, fire training, and to carry fans to a Profile School playoff soccer game.

Largely through the efforts of our Recreation Director Kim Cowles, we are continually expanding our adult recreational offerings. Beyond the concerts and community events listed above, this year also saw curling on the Franconia ice rink, swimming at Evergreen Gym, and dancing in the Franconia Town Hall with the Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire.

Youth Programs Director Kris Kappler oversees our summer Recreation program of 97 enrolled campers and 13 counselors and orchestrates school-year sports through Lafayette Regional School. From fall soccer (including the hugely successful Annual Halloween Cup) to winter basketball and spring T-ball, baseball, and softball, these programs engage almost 95% of the Lafayette Regional School children with the essential assistance of over 20 dedicated volunteer coaches and officials. Information about our youth programs can be found at [www.LafayetteRecreation.weebly.com](http://www.LafayetteRecreation.weebly.com)

For 2015, we're looking into the possibility of grooming a Nordic ski loop around the Dow and potentially through town and planning a June 21<sup>st</sup> "The Longest Day" event.

This will be a day of community, wellness, and Alzheimer's awareness. Stay tuned for details! Also, making its return this spring is the Snap Shot Challenge. Visit [www.franconianh.org](http://www.franconianh.org) to find the pictures and see how well you know our communities.

Finally, the Lafayette Recreation Committee meets the first Thursday of each month in the conference room at the Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank; residents are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Lafayette Committee Members

**Franconia:** Beth Horan, Adam Boyer, & Meghan McPhaul

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

**Easton:** Sue Ford & Matt Koehler

**Lafayette Regional School:** Gordie Johnk

Kris Kappler, Youth Programs Director

Kim Cowles, Park & Recreation Director

## **FRANCONIA NOTCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2014 REPORT**

Last year has been the precursor for change at the Chamber. Our Executive Director, Barbara Ashley, left to pursue a different avenue, and we thank her for her dedication and work at the Chamber. She has been a tremendous help to me with my transition into the ED position, as well as our bubbly Information Booth attendant, Tinker Stevenson. Thanks to you both!

Our committees have been gaining momentum this year with the Marketing Committee introducing a new logo and rebranding for the Chamber. We have also been more active on our Facebook page and introduced new Twitter, Pinterest, and Instagram profiles. The committee and Chamber's major project for 2015 is re-creating our website for clarity, ease of use, and to accommodate the growing reliance on mobile devices as a source of Internet access.

The Membership Committee has been updating our membership packet and evaluating the current benefits our Chamber offers, while the Events Committee was hard at work revamping the Lupine Celebration and planning other events such as the Old Home Day Parade and Simmer 'N Brew, both of which were highly successful in 2014. From the Committee's work, we have a significantly higher net income than we had in previous years. The Finance Committee has been working with this to allot necessary funds to our new website and other marketing endeavors in the budget.

We decided to close our Main Street location and move back to the Information Booth for budgetary purposes. It is closed for the winter, but we are hoping to either weatherize it in the future or find a year-round location. The bulletin board will continue to be maintained and the brochure supply replenished.

This year, we were pleased to collaborate with four local chambers on the White Mountains Young Professionals group. The WMYP is geared towards keeping young people staying, working, and playing in the White Mountains by offering opportunities to learn and network. Our first summit in November was a huge success! We look forward to continuing our collaboration with area chambers as well as with Lafayette Recreation and the Towns of Franconia, Easton, and Sugar Hill.

We thank our communities for their continued support of the Chamber, and are proud to represent this beautiful area that we live in.

Respectfully submitted,  
Meg Brown, Executive Director

# FRANCONIA NOTCH REGION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

October 2013 through September 2014

## INCOME

Membership Dues	\$37,602.42
Town Contribution Income	16,900.00
Ads (Brochures / Newsletter / Mailers / Website)	5,490.00
Business Discount Cards	20.00
Interest Income	3.03
Services	-125.00
Event Income	<u>14,724.12</u>

### TOTAL INCOME

**\$74,614.57**

## EXPENSES

Office Expense, postage, dues, fees	\$1,186.12
Bank Service Charges	203.87
Parade Expense	-40.00
Unapplied cash bill payment	-44.63
Advertising	17,793.20
Payroll Wages	33,367.87
Payroll Tax Expense	2,788.27
Rent	2,450.00
Utilities/Welcome Center/Business Office	6,481.16
Insurance	<u>1,875.79</u>

### TOTAL EXPENSES

**\$66,061.65**

### NET INCOME

**\$ 8,552.92**



## REPORT FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE REBECCA BROWN

We start another biennium (two-year session) of the NH General Court in familiar territory: facing an enormous state budget deficit.

NH is hardly unique in this – many other states face large deficits as their spending on retirement, health care, and infrastructure outpaces what they raise in revenue. But NH is in the company of just a handful of states that do not have broad-based taxes. I am NOT endorsing a broad-based tax. I AM suggesting that unless and until we confront what it is we want our state government to do, how we raise the revenue to achieve it, and how we know that we are getting what we pay for, we will simply repeat this scenario over and over again.

By the time this Town Report is published the House Finance Committee will likely have scheduled public listening sessions around the state. Usually there is one in Whitefield. It's worth going to witness the range of people who show up and the interests they represent. I challenge you to find any that are "unworthy." This budget challenge is very, very difficult.

So expect some smoke and mirrors budget manipulation, heavy spending cuts, renewed calls for casino gambling, and various tax schemes this spring. The House of Representatives, Senate, and governor all need to agree on and approve a new balanced budget by the end of June. For that reason, House leaders strongly suggest to the rest of us that we keep bills with no fiscal effect to a minimum this year. But as usual, that has not prevented nearly 1,000 bills (potential new laws and regulations!) from being filed. One way to save the State a lot? Cut that number at least by half!

One of those bills, which I co-sponsored, is to make the Governor's term four years. That would give a Governor time to make some genuine attempt at addressing the policy questions I pose above. It would make the focus, at least for a little while, on governing and not re-election. It might even attract a smart, bold leader who is actually content with a four-year term and would commit to trying to answer the hard questions without always applying a political calculus. I think Governor Hassan has done a very good job, although I disagree with her on using casino gambling as a revenue fix, and, of course, she felt she had to take "the pledge" to get elected. In order to address the toughest challenges of how we run an effective, efficient government in this era, we need to drop the pledge and be willing to put our Chinese menu of various fees and taxes under the microscope and determine if this is really the system that works best for NH families, businesses, and communities. We can't pre-suppose the answers, but we have to be bold enough to ask the questions.

As always, I invite you to be my guest in Concord and spend part of a day enjoying the political theater that is the NH House in action. Sessions are on Wednesdays starting at 10 a.m. You can reach me on any issue – I count on hearing from you! My cell is 728-5557, or write me at [Rebecca.brown@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:Rebecca.brown@leg.state.nh.us). It is my honor to represent you.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rep. Rebecca A. Brown

## **REPORT FROM YOUR NORTH COUNTRY SENATOR JEFF WOODBURN**



Dear Constituent,

It is an honor to serve as your State Senator representing District 1, which includes 58-rural, northern communities, encompassing 27 percent of the state's landmass. It is a region larger than two states and 17 foreign countries and containing fewer than twenty people per square mile.

The North Country, including the White Mountains region, has a uniquely different culture, landscape, economy and history than the rest of the state. It is my focus to ensure that State government understands this and doesn't forget us. Our needs, challenges and opportunities are different. At the top of my priority list is stabilizing our fragile economy while improving the quality of life for our people. First and foremost, this means advocating for policies and projects that expand business and entrepreneurial opportunities that will raise stagnant wages.

We've made important bipartisan investments that disproportionately benefited our region in the previous session and I will fight efforts to repeal them. I will support our continued efforts to expand access to health care, reduce the burden of uncompensated care at local hospitals, invest in local road and broadband infrastructure and build a budget that reflects the needs of rural areas.

In the Senate, my goal has been to be practical and to work with everyone to get results for our region. But voting is only a part of my work; in the tradition of my mentor, the late Executive Councilor Ray Burton, I have been accessible and available to my constituents, holding town hall meetings, office hours and tours for state leaders. I have tried when possible and appropriate to bend state government to meet the needs of rural people and rural communities.

I love being the voice for the North Country and am constantly inspired by our people and places that make our beloved home so special.

Be in touch, if I can be of assistance to you or your community.

Regards,  
Jeff Woodburn

524 Faraway Road, Dalton, NH 03598  
Jeff.Woodburn@leg.state.nh.us  
603.271.3207

## NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL

There were many changes at North Country Council this past year. In March a new Executive Director was hired. Shortly thereafter an administrative assistant was hired in order to ensure the efficient use of public dollars by organizing the office. There have been numerous administrative changes to reduce costs including small contracts that produced an \$800 per month reduction for the photocopier lease, new strategy for health insurance which will save almost \$20,000 a year and investments in information technology that will enable staff to provide better service to the region. Four new part-time employees were hired in order to increase the organization's capacity to serve member communities and new foundation and private funding sources were obtained to provide match for federal dollars; this allows more of the member dues to be used for direct services back to communities.

Governance of North Country Council also has seen some changes. The Representatives, that your community appoints, met to discuss and approve the budget and workplan that is carried out over the year. They asked many great questions and appreciated the meeting separated from the traditional Annual Meeting. As we move forward the Representatives will play a key role in assisting with defining the methodology used for.

Beginning in February/March the staff of North Country Council will be holding remote office hours once a month in Plymouth, Colebrook, Albany and Berlin. Questions about Board roles, services of the NCC, land use issues, transportation process and other issues will be addressed by staff in more convenient locations.

The workplan can be viewed at [www.nccouncil.org](http://www.nccouncil.org). Additionally you at this site you can find numerous work products and a list of services and Board and Representative information.

The North Country Council Board meets regularly on the Second Wednesday of each month at 9:30. Please check the website or call 603-444-6303 for changes or weather related cancellations.

Respectfully submitted  
Christine Frost  
Executive Director

## **NORTHERN HUMAN SERVICES**

### **WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH - 2014**

North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency provides quality home health care that includes nursing, rehabilitation, hospice, social services and homemakers, companion and respite care programs in 21 towns of Grafton and Coos County. This past year in Sugar Hill we provided services to 15 clients, 4 of which was for Hospice care, and provided 784 visits in the town. We are committed to our community in that we provide many community health clinics and screenings such as free blood pressure, blood sugar, and health education programs as well as immunization, foot care, and wound care clinics. Our agency has expanded our community clinics in which over 1 individual from Sugar Hill have attended. North Country Home Health and Hospice also provides Tele-health monitoring to our clients at no cost. These monitors are placed in the client's home to collect data such as blood pressure and other vital signs which are transmitted via the client's telephone line to our office. This allows for daily monitoring of our clients for improved outcomes.

Our Hospice program provides a comprehensive and holistic approach to end of life care that includes a skilled, multidisciplinary team of caregivers and volunteers. Hospice includes medications for symptom relief, medical supplies and equipment, short term hospitalization and in-patient respite care, counseling and pastoral support. Hospice volunteers provide valuable support to those living with a life-limiting illness. Our Compassionate Care program provides skilled care, at no cost, to those who are not eligible for traditional hospice services.

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. Home Health Care is critical to serving the growing health care needs of this community. Our skilled clinical team is able to monitor health problems and provide disease management within the home setting that helps prevent more costly health care such as hospitalization and long term institutional care. North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency is committed to provide services in Sugar Hill to support clients and their families to remain in the comfort of one's home in a safe and supportive environment to improve overall health outcomes in the community.

## AMMONOOSUC COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

ACHS has been a vital part of the community since 1975 and **provides comprehensive primary preventive health care to anyone, regardless of their ability to pay.** Support from the Town of Sugar Hill is extremely important in our continued effort to provide affordable health care services to the 26 rural towns in our service area. Our sliding fee scale for payment of services provides a vehicle for uninsured and underinsured patients to get the health care they need in a timely manner, preventing a possible costly emergency room visit or, worse yet, hospitalization because they could not afford to go to the doctor prior to the emergent episode. Keeping just one patient out of the ER could save taxpayers \$1,000-\$1,500 (average cost of an ER visit). Access to affordable oral health care is difficult for many in the North Country who lack the means to pay for these services. Poor oral health can lead to many other serious health issues and often leads to costly hospital ER visits where the actual causes of the problem cannot be addressed. ACHS has been working diligently over the past several years to address this problem and we are very happy to report that we have opened the ACHS Dental & Oral Health Center – the first community oral health program in northern New Hampshire on the ACHS-Littleton campus. This program is available to all and we offer a sliding fee scale for payment to those who qualify. For more information about this program, please visit our website: [www.ammonoosuc.org/services/dental](http://www.ammonoosuc.org/services/dental).

### Services Provided

- Comprehensive Primary Preventive Medical Care - Wellness Screening, Pediatrics, Chronic Disease Management, Geriatrics, Acute Illness Care
- Prenatal Care - Childbirth Education, Nurse/Midwife Service and Newborn Care
- Family Planning - Birth Control, STD and HIV Testing and Counseling
- Breast & Cervical Cancer Screening Program
- Behavioral Health - Counseling
- Oral Health Referrals and Voucher Program (**The ACHS Dental & Oral Health Center in now open**)
- Pharmacy Services - In-house Pharmacy, Medication Management, Low-Cost Drug Program
- Financial Services - Sliding Fee Scale for eligible patients

### ACHS Statistics

- Number of Unduplicated Medical Clients Served: 9,670
- Number of Medical Visits: 35,978
- Client/Payor Mix: 15.9 % Medicaid, 20.9% Medicare, 14.4% Uninsured, 48.87% Insured
- Value of free medications provided to our patients: \$731,148
- Value of discounted health care services provided to our patients: \$1,679,505 (Sliding Fee Scale)

### Town of Sugar Hill Statistics

- Total # of Patients – 176 Sugar Hill
- Total # of Medicaid Patients – 6
- Total # of Medicare Patients – 45
- Total # of Self-Paying Patients – 7
- Total # of Sliding Fee Scale Patients – 14

Respectfully Submitted,  
Edward D. Shanshala II, MSHSA, MSED  
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 and the Volunteer Center. Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, community dining programs, transportation, outreach and counseling, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2013-13, 28 older residents of Sugar Hill were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Littleton Area Senior Center and 7 residents were assisted by ServiceLink:

- Older adults from Sugar Hill enjoyed 93 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.
- The received 69 hot, nutritious meals delivered to their homes.
- The Senior Center buses provided transportation to medical appointments, Shopping, or other services, including the daily meal and activities at the Center , on 138 occasions.
- Sugar Hill residents received assistance with access to benefits, caregiver support or issues of long-term care through 12 contacts with ServiceLink or the GCSCC outreach worker.
- Sugar Hill's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 124 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Sugar Hill residents in 2013-14 was \$3,630.42.

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.

Roberta Berner,  
Executive Director

## **UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension's mission is to provide New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information to enhance their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy. Based in the Grafton County office in North Haverhill, we reach our audiences through a combination of traditional and modern methods, including Facebook and Twitter.

A cross section of our impacts during the past year is listed below.

- A unique memorandum of understanding between the Division of Forests and Lands and the UNH Cooperative Extension Natural Resources Program was renewed for the seventh time since 1925.
- Deb Maes worked with a group of volunteers in the Plymouth/ Holderness area to protect the Livermore Falls section of the Baker River.
- Dave Falkenham assisted private landowners with understanding and management of forest dynamics on 5,700 acres of private forest in Grafton County.
- Heather Bryant completed an overwintering onion trial, a small winter greens trial, a tomato fertility trial and a disease resistant outdoor tomato trial.
- Donna Lee initiated two SPIN (Special Interest) 4-H groups; Sign Language and GPS Navigation in the Woods.
- Michal Lunak Coordinated state-wide day-long workshops for producers on Improving Milk Quality, improving forage quality and working effectively with slaughterhouses.
- Kathy Jablonski, 4-H Healthy Living, has sponsored Choose Health: Food, Fun and Fitness in three locations in the state. 4-H Healthy Living now has a web presence. Check out the resources and information at: <http://extension.unh.edu/4-HYouth-Family/4-H-Healthy-Living>
- Lisa Ford has been engaging parents, youth, and seniors to learn healthy eating and physical activity practices.

**Be sure to look for us on Facebook and Twitter and on-line at [www.extension.unh.edu](http://www.extension.unh.edu)**

Respectfully submitted:

David Falkenham

County Office Administrator

## CENTER FOR NEW BEGINNINGS

The Center for New Beginnings has been quietly helping local individuals and families around the North Country, some of whom are your friends, family members, neighbors and employees, lead happier, more stable and productive lives for over 25 years. The Center was founded with a main focus of services 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 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 a substantial need for both types of services and currently we both have waiting lists.

Thankfully, with the Affordable Care Act, more and more of our clients have insurance coverage. However, many of these policies carry high deductibles and co-pays. A deductible of three or five thousand dollars is not unusual - and for many this means getting help is out of their reach.

**In 2014, The Center for New Beginnings logged 6523 patient appointments. *Eight of our clients reside in Sugar Hill.***

When people are mentally healthy they are better employees, more conscientious parents, and able to positively contribute to our community. 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 acquaintances. Everyone benefits from a population that is mentally healthy.

Please contact us if you would like to learn more about the counseling services we provide for individuals and their families, or our Employee Assistance Program, a confidential counseling and referral resource program for employees and their family members to help them deal with personal and work-related issues.

Good works have always relied upon the generosity of good people. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
Board of Directors  
The Center for New Beginnings



## 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	\$ 13,600.00	15	\$1,600.00
2006 Motorola Radios Portable (18)	54,000.00	25,200.00	15	3,600.00
2007 Motorola Base Radio (1)	8,000.00	4,262.00	15	534.00
1939 Ford Antique Truck	1,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
1990 Chevrolet Pickup	13,400.00	-0-	5	-0-
1998 Freightliner Engine	75,000.00	27,000.00	25	3,000.00
2004 Ford Light Rescue Truck	105,000.00	63,000.00	20	4,200.00
2006 Sterling Fire Engine	175,000.00	119,000.00	25	7,000.00
2013 International – Fire Engine	254,000.00	233,680.00	25	10,160.00
Utility Box Trailer	3,700.00	3,700.00	20	-0-
4,000 ft. 4” Hose	20,000.00	-0-	15	-0-
Stationary SCBA Air Compressor	20,000.00	-0-	20	-0-
22 Sets of PPE	66,000.00	-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-
25 Pagers	9,700.00	-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	5,200.00	15	400.00
Fire Hose 2.5 – 400’	1,200.00	1,040.00	15	80.00
Miscellaneous Equipment	<u>110,000.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	15	<u>-0-</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,030,500.00</b>	<b>\$495,682.00</b>		<b>\$30,574.00</b>

### POLICE EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2013 Ford Interceptor	\$28,686.00	\$9,562.00	3	\$9,562.00
Cruiser Equipment	3,000.00	0.00	5	-0-
Cruiser Motorola Radio	2,800.00	1,399.00	6	467.00
Digital Ally Cruiser Video System	4,000.00	-0-	5	-0-
Motorola Mobile Radio	2,500.00	-0-	5	-0-
Motorola Portable Radios (4)	12,000.00	-0-	6	-0-
Base Radio Kenwood 2008	965.00	386.00	5	193.00
Radar Equipment	1,000.00	-0-	5	-0-
Radar Kustom	1,000.00	-0-	2	-0-
Body Armor (3)	2,700.00	-0-	2	-0-
Office Equipment	4,684.00	588.00	3	588.00
Glock Handguns (5)	2,400.00	-0-	6	-0-

Mossburg Shotgun	500.00	175.00	20	25.00
Taser	950.00	570.00	5	190.00
Taser	1,500.00	1,200.00	5	300.00
AR 15	900.00	450.00	10	90.00
AR 15	<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>720.00</u>	10	<u>120.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$70,785.00</b>	<b>\$15,050.00</b>		<b>\$11,535.00</b>

### HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
1995 Brush Bandit Chipper	15,000.00	750.00	20	750.00
1996 Motorola Mobile Radio	600.00	60.00	20	30.00
Miscellaneous Mobile Equipment	45,000.00	16,000.00	20	2,250.00
2012 Stone Roller Roller	12,500.00	12,500.00	5	2,500.00
York Rake	3,000.00	900.00	20	150.00
Culvert Thawer w/Trailer	4,500.00	200.00	10	450.00
2003 Sweepster Brom for 416 Cat	8,500.00	1,236.00	15	566.00
2004 Hudson Trailer 10 ton	8,900.00	4,450.00	20	445.00
2005 Sander E2020	14,000.00	2,439.00	15	933.00
2007 Komtsu Excavator	93,500.00	60,775.00	20	4,675.00
1985 Cat 130 Motor Grader	65,000.00	47,668.00	15	4,333.00
2012 John Deere Loader	106,400.00	95,760.00	20	5,320.00
2000 Cat 416C Loader/Backhoe	87,500.00	4,668.00	15	5,833.00
2005 Mack Dump Truck	107,543.00	56,320.00	15	7,170.00
2011 Ford F350 Pick Up	43,000.00	21,500.00	8	5,375.00
2008 Chevrolet 3500 Dump Truck	50,483.00	-0-	5	4,712.00
2011 Mack Dump Truck	124,925.00	90,688.00	15	8,328.00
2012 Fischer Sander	4,700.00	3,290.00	10	470.00
2011 Fischer Sander	<u>4,700.00</u>	<u>2,820.00</u>	10	<u>470.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$799,751.00</b>	<b>\$422,024.00</b>		<b>\$54,760.00</b>

### BUILDING & GROUNDS

2006 Chevy Pickup Truck	\$28,870.00	\$ -0-	5	\$ -0-
2010 JD Pro Mower/ Bag System	10,650.00	2,130.00	5	2,130.00
2006 JD 21" Commercial Mower	780.00	-0-	5	-0-
2002 JD JX85 Commercial Mower	800.00	-0-	5	-0-
2000 PAS 65x14 Trailer	2,750.00	825.00	20	137.50
2000 JD 21" Commerical Mower	750.00	-0-	5	-0-
2013 Honda 21" Commercial Mower	<u>675.00</u>	<u>479.00</u>	5	<u>160.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$45,275.00</b>	<b>\$3,434.00</b>		<b>\$2,427.50</b>

**BIRTHS REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2014**

<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Name of Child</b>	<b>Name of Father &amp; Name of Mother</b>
August 25, 2014	Leila Sharif Goldberg	Stephen Goldberg Jessica Abdallah-Goldberg

**DEATHS REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2014**

<b>Date Of Death</b>	<b>Name Of Deceased</b>	<b>Name &amp; Surname Of Father</b>	<b>Maiden Name Of Mother</b>
July 16, 2014	Jeanne Ring	Andrew Aldrich	Helen Hibbard
July 28, 2014	Elaine Burpee	Aubrey Reid	Alice Brown
August 24, 2014	Hugh McLean	George McLean	Mary Perry
November 6, 2014	Janet Williams	H. Grout	Emily Cornell
November 20, 2014	Margaret Peckett	Phillip Kittel	Unknown
November 28, 2014	Roger Aldrich	Homer Aldrich	Dorothy Berry
December 1, 2014	Karen Harland	Arthur Smith	Evelyn Coleburn
December 23, 2014	Dennis Sullivan	Albert Sullivan	Dolly Hurder

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2014**

<b>Date of Marriage</b>	<b>Name and Surname Of Groom &amp; Bride</b>	<b>Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage</b>
April 12, 2014	Shamus P. Carberry Laura D. Howland	Bethlehem NH Sugar Hill NH
June 14, 2014	William A. Norton Tammy L. Edwards	Sugar Hill NH Sugar Hill NH
October 29, 2014	Peter A. Poole Alice B. Baldwin	Sugar Hill NH Lancaster NH

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 —

### — Roger Aldrich —

Much has been written this year about Roger and his dedication to our community. Selectman, Fire Department member and Moderator were just some of the many hats he wore. Roger's vast knowledge of NH law and his understanding of the workings of a small town will be greatly missed. Without his guidance and help Sugar Hill would not be the unique town it is today. May the Cannon blast every July 4th in his honor.

### — Elaine Burpee —

Elaine was an active member of the main street community in Sugar Hill and long time supporter of the Richardson Memorial Library, serving as a Trustee for ten years. Elaine was also a member of the Willing Worker's Society and served as an officer for many years.

### — Hugh McLean —

Hugh was a long time resident of Sugar Hill. He will always be remembered for his pleasant demeanor and smile when delivering flowers for Floradale to homes in and around Sugar Hill.

### — Margaret Peckett —

Margaret quietly served the community as the volunteer Health Officer for more than 25 years. She also served as a member of the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission.

### — Jeanne Ring —

Jeanne was an active member of the Willing Worker's Society and spent many hours on sewing projects for the annual sales. Jeanne served the community as a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and also as a Cemetery Trustee.

### — Janet Williams —

Janet was active with the Pine Hill Singers and supported community conservation efforts as an alternate with the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission.