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# **TOWN OFFICERS**

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Margaret Connors (Term Expires 2019)  
Richard Bielefield, Chairman (Term Expires 2018)  
John J. Strasser, III (Term Expires 2017)

**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)

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**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 (2018)

**TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS**  
Gregory Connors (2019)  
Ray Dionne (2018)  
Allan R. Clark (2017)

**SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**  
Starcy Branch (2022)  
John Colony (2020)  
Edward Cenerizio (2018)

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES**  
Ann Christoffersen (2019)  
Jason Tors (2018)  
Irene Amsbary (2017)

**CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

	Beth Perlo (2019)		
Kathleen Jablonski	(2017)	Susan Stith	(2018)
Holly Hayward	(2019)	Meri Hern	(2018)

**PLANNING BOARD**

	Robert Hayward, Jr., Chairman (2018)		
James Keefe	(2018)	Christopher Thayer	(2017)
David Thurston	(2018)	Arthur Chase	(2017)
John J. Strasser	(2017)	Rebecca Brown, Alt	(2017)
Sidney Regan	(2019)	Amy Venezia, Alt. & Secretary	(2019)

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

	Michael Hern, Chairman (2019)		
Peter Anderson (resigned)	(2017)	James Keefe	(2018)
Donald Boissonneault	(2017)	John Colony	(2018)
	Amy Venezia, Alt. & Secretary (2019)		
	Sarah Pinney, Alt	(2018)	

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

	Kathie Galligan, Chair (2019)		
Margaret Connors	(2017)	Timothy Burger	(2019)
William Fraser	(2017)	Robert Mancini, Alt	(2019)
Timothy Williams	(2017)	Eric Jostrom, Alt	(2017)
	Cathy Strasser, Alt (2019)		

**RECREATION PROGRAM  
SUGAR HILL REPRESENTATIVES**

Launa Glover  
Haley Ireland

All 2016 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 8, 2016**

Moderator James F. Snyder declared the polls open at 11 AM for the voting by ballot on Article 1 (the election of town officers). Polls will close at 7:30 PM unless the town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour. All other articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon at 7 PM. Moderator Snyder went over his rules of conduct for the meeting. The Moderator asked that all newly elected officers stay after the meeting to get sworn in by the Town Clerk. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Snyder asked that all current or past members of the military remain standing for a round of applause thanking them for their service to our country. 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
- 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
- One Board of Adjustment member to serve for a term of three (3) years.
- Two Board of Cemetery Trustees to serve for a term of three (3) years.
- A Moderator to serve for a term of two (2) years
- And such other Town Officers as may be required by law.

**RESULTS OF ARTICLE 1:**

Selectman, Three Year Term	Margaret Connors	100
Town Clerk, One Year Term	Lissa M. Boissonneault	104
Tax Collector, One Year Term	Lissa M. Boissonneault	104
Town Treasurer, One Year Term	Amy Venezia	105
Library Trustee, Three Year Term	Anne Christoffersen	105
Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 Year Term	Gregory Connors	101
One Board of Adjustment, 3Year Term	Mike Hern	100
Cemetery Trustee, Two Three Year Terms	Holly Hayward	100
	Beth Perlo	92
Moderator, One Two Year Term,	James Snyder	105
Supervisor of the Checklist, One Six Year Term	Starcy Branch	102

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	50,325
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	21,879
Payroll Taxes	21,590
Financial Administration	29,059

Property Revaluation		15,828
Legal Expenses		12,000
Planning Board		2,000
Zoning Board of Adjustment		500
Insurance		173,629
General Government Buildings		37,700
Buildings & Grounds		28,350
Cemetery		5,200
Advertising & Regional Associations		7,459
North Country Council	959.00	
Franconia Notch Chamber	6,500.00	
Police Department		167,087
Fire Department		78,400
Ambulance		13,845
Building Inspections		1,500
Emergency Management		500
Airport		700
Town Maintenance		188,085
General Highway Department Expense		185,383
Highway Block Grant		39,186
Street Lighting		6,000
Solid Waste Disposal		53,043
Health, Hospitals		5,567
NC Home Health	1,775.00	
Grafton County Senior	100.00	
American Red Cross	292.00	
Ammonoosuc Com Health	1,250.00	
Burch House	300.00	
Above the Notch	350.00	
Boys & Girls Club	500.00	
Center for New Beginnings	500.00	
Franconia Childrens Ctr	500.00	
Welfare	Tri County Cap	1,450.00
Unemployment		100
Library		26,975
Parks & Recreation		31,449
Patriotic Purposes		2,000
Conservation Commission		750
Interest Expense – Tax Anticipation		1,000
Long Term Notes		37,500
Interest Long Term Notes		30,000
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>		<b>1,280,589</b>

The Select Board recommends these Appropriations.

Moderator Snyder noted that the Warrant is has two typographical errors. Payroll Taxes should be \$29,059 and Financial Administration should be \$21,590. The bottom line does not change.

Moved by **Richard Bielefield**

Seconded by **Greg Connors**

**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 **John Strasser**

Seconded by **Cathy Strasser**

Explanation of article by Road Agent Doug Glover

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

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be used for Highway Department Roadwork improvement projects to be chosen at the discretion of the Road Agent and Selectmen. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the fund is expended or in 3 years, whichever is less. (Majority vote required)

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by **John Strasser**

Seconded by **Nancy Martland**

Explanation of article by Road Agent Doug Glover

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

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of 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 **John Strasser**

Seconded by **Bev Frenkiewich**

Explanation of article by Fire Chief Allan Clark

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

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2008.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation

Moved by **John Strasser**

Seconded by **Tim Egan**

Explanation of article by Fire Chief Allan Clark

**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 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 2006.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by **Margaret Connors**

Seconded by **Russ Gaitskill**

Explanation of article by Road Agent Doug Glover

**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 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.

Moved by **John Strasser**

Seconded by **Bev Frenkiewich**

Explanation of article by Road Agent Doug Glover

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

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Carolina Crapo Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by **Margaret Connors**

Seconded by **Tim Egan**

Explanation by Margaret Connors. Selectperson

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

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Building & Grounds Capital Reserve Fund created in 2012.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by **Margaret Connors**

Seconded by **Fred Von Karls**

Explanation of article by Margaret Connors, Selectperson

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

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Select Board recommends this Article.

Moved by **Richard Bielefield**

Seconded by **Tim Egan**

Explanation of article by Police Chief David Wentworth

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

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Northern Pass Defense Trust Fund created in 1976.

The Select Board recommends this Article.

Moved by **Richard Bielefield**

Seconded by **Nancy Martland**

Explanation of article by Margaret Connors, Selectperson  
**All in Favor, “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.**

ARTICLE 13: To see if the town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of Police Special Duty. All revenues received for Police Special Duty from associated charges, fees, or donations will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town’s general fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. (Majority vote required)

Moved by **Richard Bielefield**

Seconded by **Greg Connors**

Explanation of article by Police Chief David Wentworth

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

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

Margaret Connors spoke on behalf of the Northern Pass committee. She urged that all concerned Sugar Hill residents attend an upcoming meeting that the Site Evaluation Committee is holding on March 14 for Grafton County at Plymouth State University. This is the chance to voice your opinion to defeat the Northern Pass project. Judy Weisenberger also stressed the importance of this meeting. Even if you do not speak, wear orange the official color of the defeat Northern Pass movement.

Carl Martland inquired about not raising capital reserve money for the Meeting House this year. The Select board informed that no funds were needed this year as the Sugar Hill Improvement Assn. has taken on the Meeting House as their latest project. New windows will be installed this year with an ongoing plan for other improvements in the future, all this at no cost to the taxpayer as trust fund money from the association will be used for all expenses for the upgrades. . Fire Chief Allan Clark gave an update on our former Police Chief Jose Pequeno who was gravely injured in the Iraqi war. He stated that he has improved and spent a good deal of time in NH this past summer, even attending the annual meeting of the North Country Public Safety Foundation which was created after Chief Pequeno was injured and brought home. Allan Clark also thanked our present Police Chief David Wentworth for all his help with Chief Pequeno while in NH.

Nancy Martland asked about how the Carolina Trust Fund monies were invested and Allan Clark, a Trustee of Trust funds committee member gave an explanation of how the funds are handled and invested governed by law. He also made mention of the book award monies that are given out each year to graduating Sugar Hill Students which is ongoing into their college years. Maxine Aldrich made note of this fact also. Kathy Cote also made known that each Sugar Hill student is sent a letter explaining how to apply for the funds but the application for said funds has to be sent to the Sugar Hill Improvement Committee in order to receive a book award.

Richard Bielefield, Selectperson, thanked Katherine Bigelow and Lissa Boissonneault on the photos and layout of this year’s Town Report cover. He also thanked all the volunteers that serve on committees that make Sugar Hill the great town that it is. There is always a need for more volunteers, just ask! Dick made mention of one of Sugar Hill’s



ultimate volunteers, William Pinney who passed way in 2015. He will be greatly missed. Thanks were made to Dennis Cote, who sets up the sound system for the Town Meeting and also to Chef Joe and Nancy Peterson for providing the evening meal for the election workers. Dick also gave sincere thanks to Jennifer Gaudette, Administrative Assistant to the Select board for twenty years of service. John Strasser thanked Richard Bielefield for his ongoing service to the town in many capacities including over twenty years on the Select board, this year's Town Report being dedicated to Dick.

Lissa Boissonneault thanked all the election workers for their dedication to the job and the long hours spent at elections to make them run smoothly and according to the law. Lissa also honored Jennifer Gaudette by saying: This is Jennifer Gaudette's 20<sup>th</sup> year as Administrative Assistant to the Select board. She performs her duties professionally and with great knowledge of the Town of Sugar Hill and its affairs. We are so very fortunate to have her as our advocate and representing us in the many arenas that her position requires. I ask that when you are in the office or on the phone with her or see her out and about to please say thank you and congratulations on her continuing excellent service to the Town of Sugar Hill.

Results of the Town Ballot were read by the Moderator.

Town Officials sworn in at 8:30 PM

There being no further business, Moderator Snyder adjourned the 2015 Sugar Hill Town Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Lissa M. Boissonneault, Town Clerk

**BALANCE SHEET**  
(As at December 31, 2016)

**ASSETS**

Current Assets		
Unrestricted Checking		\$248,503.29
Money Market		727,370.50
Total Checking/Savings		<u>975,873.79</u>
Other Current Assets:		
Property Taxes Receivable Current Year		139,639.61
Tax Liens Receivable		<u>68,024.13</u>
Total Other Current Assets		<u>207,663.74</u>
Total Current Assets		1,183,537.53
Taxes Deeded Property Subject to Resale		<u>31,291.24</u>
Total Assets		<u><u>\$1,214,828.77</u></u>

**LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
School District Tax Payable		\$ 791,032.00
Vendor Payables		9,294.84
Due to Conservation Commission		<u>415.00</u>
Total Liabilities		800,741.84
Equity		
Reserved for Tax Deeded Property	31,291.24	
Reserved for Article Carried Forward	65,000.00	
Surplus	305,816.92	
Net Income	<u>11,978.77</u>	
Total Equity		<u>414,086.93</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		<u><u>\$1,214,828.77</u></u>

**SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS**

Crapo Building

Beginning Balance 1/1/16	\$ 440,335.30
2016 Payment	<u>48,215.80</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/16	<u><u>\$ 392,119.50</u></u>

## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land Under Current Use (At Current Use Values)	\$ 538,799.00
Land	54,226,000.00
Buildings	87,304,100.00
Public Utilities	<u>3,567,700.00</u>
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	\$145,636,599.00
Elderly and Blind Exemptions	<u>20,000.00</u>
Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate Is Computed for Municipal, County and Local Education	\$145,616,599.00
Less Utilities	<u>\$3,567,700.00</u>
Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate For State Education Tax Is Computed	\$142,048,899.00

## STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

	<u>Amount</u>		<u>Tax Rate</u>
Total Town Appropriations	\$1,525,589.00		
Less: Revenues	(269,669.00)		
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	(60,000.00)		
Add: Overlay	20,279.00		
War Service Credits	<u>14,400.00</u>		
Net Town Appropriations		\$1,230,599.00	
Municipal Tax Rate			\$ 8.45
Net Local School Budget	0.00		
Regional School Apportionment	1,609,353.00		
Less: Equitable Education Grant	0.00		
State Education Taxes	<u>(323,694.00)</u>		
Approved School(s) Tax Effort		1,285,659.00	
Local Education Tax Rate			8.83
State Education Taxes	<u>323,694.00</u>	323,694.00	2.28
Due to County	<u>246,266.00</u>		
Net County Tax Assessment		246,266.00	
County Tax Rate			1.69
Combined Tax Rate			21.25
Total Property Taxes Assessed		3,086,218.00	
Less: War Service Credits		<u>(14,400.00)</u>	
Property Tax To Be Raised		\$3,071,818.00	

## 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	1,027,045.00
Police Department			75,153.00
Highway Department		144,800.00	849,687.00
Building & Grounds			60,585.00
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	\$2,162,470.00
	(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 2016:

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	\$147,763.00	
Dog Licenses Issued:	502.50	
Marriage & Civil Union Licenses:	0.00	
Other Permits and Fees:	<u>6,123.00</u>	
 Total		 \$154,388.50
 Remittances to Treasurer:		
Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	\$147,763.00	
Local Town Clerk Fees:	1,958.00	
State Town Clerk Fees:	3,000.00	
Title Application Fees:	264.00	
Dog Licenses Issued:	502.50	
Dog License Fees:	116.00	
Dog License Late Fees:	10.00	
Dog License Penalty Fees	200.00	
Marriage Licenses Issued:	0.00	
Town Clerk Fees:	63.00	
Vital Statistics (First Copy):	72.00	
Vital Statistics (Second Copy)	15.00	
Town Clerk Fees:	15.00	
UCC Filing Fee:	30.00	
Insufficient Fund Fees	30.00	
Sale of Checklist	<u>350.00</u>	
 Total		 \$154,388.50

Respectfully submitted,  
Lissa M. Boissonneault  
Town Clerk

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2016**

**DEBITS**

<b>Uncollected Taxes – Beginning of Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Levies of 2016</b>	<b>Levies of 2014- 2015</b>
Property Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$121,434.52
Land Use Change	0.00	5,390.00
Yield Taxes	0.00	1,156.36
<b>Taxes Committed This Year:</b>		
Property Taxes	3,074,724.00	0.00
Land Use Change	220.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	6,303.97	0.00
<b>Overpayment Refunds:</b>		
Property Taxes	96.27	6,225.54
Interest & Penalties	<u>2,312.60</u>	<u>6,247.57</u>
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$3,083,656.84</b>	<b>\$140,453.99</b>

**CREDITS**

<b>Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:</b>		
Property Taxes	\$2,932,989.66	\$ 74,977.31
Land Use Change	220.00	5,390.00
Yield Taxes	6,303.97	0.00
Interest	2,312.60	5,570.57
Penalties	0.00	677.00
Conversion to Lien	0.00	47,613.57
<b>Abatements Made:</b>		
Property Taxes	0.00	6,225.54
Yield Taxes	0.00	0.00
Current Levy Deeded	2,191.00	0.00
<b>Uncollected Taxes End of Year:</b>		
Property Taxes	139,639.61	0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	0.00	0.00
Yield Tax	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$3,083,656.84</b>	<b>\$140,453.99</b>

**SUMMARY OF LIEN ACCOUNTS**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016**

	<b>DEBITS</b>		
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
Unredeemed Liens			
Balance Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$ 0.00	\$32,664.75	\$32,038.81
Liens Executed			
During Fiscal Year	51,867.07	0.00	0.00
Interest & Costs			
Collected After Lien Execution	116.20	698.11	11,022.77
<b>Total Debits</b>	<u>\$51,983.27</u>	<u>\$33,362.86</u>	<u>\$43,061.58</u>

	<b>CREDITS</b>		
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
Remittances to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	\$12,238.05	\$519.60	\$23,827.00
Interest & Cost	116.20	698.11	11,022.77
Abatements of Unredeemed Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality	4,774.11	4,899.27	2,288.47
Unredeemed Liens			
Balance End of Fiscal Year	<u>34,854.91</u>	<u>27,245.88</u>	<u>5,923.34</u>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<u>\$51,983.27</u>	<u>\$33,362.86</u>	<u>\$43,061.58</u>

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

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Betts, Kendall	6,530.25	7,331.40
Bronson, Stanley	134.09	175.57
Caporelli, Mary A. & Patricia	3,845.35	4,502.76
Carpinetti, Dorothy	1,760.05	1,088.56
DeRham, Anne M.	5,064.99	0.00
Moose Realty of Franconia, LLC	954.47	430.13
Staffier, Paul D	7,285.65	8,695.70
Stephenson, Sam	77.62	0.00
Waitkus, Lisa	8,577.15	10,224.36
Young Jr., Gary G.	1,582.77	0.00
Young Jr., Gary G.	1,069.98	0.00
Young, Steven M.	<u>1,857.19</u>	<u>2,234.12</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<u>\$38,739.56</u>	<u>\$34,682.60</u>

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Year ending December 31, 2016**  
**Cash Basis**

Beginning Cash Balance Checking, January 1, 2016		\$270,907.08
Beginning Balance Money Market, January 1, 2016		<u>653,325.61</u>
	Total	<u>\$924,232.69</u>

**RECEIPTS**

Tax Collector	\$3,124,476.41	
Town Clerk	154,388.50	
Selectmen	102,009.58	
Loan Proceeds (Tax Anticipation Notes)	0.00	
Transfers (Trust & Capital Reserve Funds)	177,054.63	
Interest on Money Market & NOW account	<u>1,156.28</u>	
Total Receipts		\$3,559,085.40

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Orders of Selectmen	\$3,507,444.30	
Loans Repayments	<u>0.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$3,507,444.30

Ending Cash Balance NOW Checking, December 31, 2016		248,503.29
Ending Cash Balance Money Market, December 31, 2016		727,370.50
		\$ 975,873.79

**CHECKING AND SAVINGS ACCOUNTS**

**POLICE PERMIT ACCOUNT**

Beginning Balance 1/1/16		\$373.51
Deposits		100.00
Interest Earned		.19
Balance 12/31/15		<u>\$473.70</u>

**POLICE SPECIAL DUTY FUND**

Account Opened 8/24/16		\$0.00
Deposits		1,500.00
Withdrawals		(238.00)
Interest Earned		<u>.02</u>
Balance 12/31/16		\$1,262.02



### CONSERVATION LAND USE FUND

Beginning Balance 1/1/16	\$59,887.88
Deposits	5,000.00
Interest Earned	<u>312.59</u>
Balance 12/31/16	\$65,200.47

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Beginning Balance 1/1/16 WGSB	\$12,880.08
Deposits	0.00
Withdrawals	(5,078.00)
Interest Earned	<u>5.69</u>
Balance 12/31/16	\$ 7,807.77

### RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Beginning Balance 1/1/16 WGSB Checking	\$1,445.18
Deposits	200.00
Interest Earned	.67
Withdrawals	<u>(450.00)</u>
Balance 12/31/16	\$1,195.85

### RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Beginning Balance 1/1/16 Mascoma Checking	\$1,224.27
Deposits	1,237.00
Withdrawals	<u>(2,255.27)</u>
Balance 12/31/16	\$ 206.00

## SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

### Cash Basis

#### Local Taxes:

Property Taxes, Current Year	\$ 2,932,989.66
Yield Taxes, Current Year	7,460.33
Current Use Change, Current Year	220.00
Property Taxes, Prior Year	121,434.52
Current Use Change, Prior Year	5,390.00
Lien Redemptions, Prior Years	36,584.65
Interest & Costs	<u>20,397.25</u>

#### Total Taxes Collected

\$3,124,476.41

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

Motor Vehicle Permits	147,763.00
Town Clerk Fees	1,958.00
State Fees	3,000.00
Title Application Fees	264.00
Dog Licenses, Fees, Penalty	828.50
Marriage Licenses	0.00
Vital Statistics	87.00
UCC Filing Fees	30.00
Town Clerk Fees	78.00
Insufficient Funds	30.00
Checklist	<u>350.00</u>

#### Total Town Clerk

154,388.50

Building Permits	2,130.00
Driveway Permits	210.00
Planning Board Fees	1,463.00
Zoning Board Fees	450.00
Selectmen	101.47
Police	318.90
Cemetery Burials/plot purchases	1,400.00
Highway Department	30.69
SSA Refund/Unemployment Refund	7,196.73
Rent of Town Property	1,600.00
Sale of Municipal Property	4,501.00
Cable TV Permit	1,435.45
Insurance Refunds/Grant	<u>813.90</u>

#### Total Miscellaneous

21,651.14

From State:		
Highway Block	50,935.74	
Rooms and Meals	<u>29,422.70</u>	
Total from State		80,358.44
Interest on Checking & Savings Account	1,156.28	
Capital Reserve Funds	153,854.63	
Land Use Fund	0.00	
Temporary Loans (TAN Notes)	0.00	
Trust Funds	<u>23,200.00</u>	
Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue		<u>178,210.91</u>
Total Receipts From All Sources		\$3,559,085.40
Cash on Hand, January 1, 2016		924,232.69
Grand Total of Receipts		\$4,483,318.09

## SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

General Government:

Executive	\$ 41,720.28
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	21,307.41
Financial Administration	20,574.29
Revaluation of Property	15,828.00
Legal Expenses	11,608.25
Payroll Taxes	29,317.73
Planning Board	1,490.74
Zoning Board of Adjustment	386.64
General Government Buildings	36,962.02
Buildings & Grounds	26,923.30
Cemeteries	5,187.95
Insurance	170,538.68
Advertising & Regional Associations	7,477.90
Unemployment	<u>0.00</u>

Total General Government Expenses \$ 389,323.19

Public Safety:

Police Department	161,341.67
Fire Department	75,958.01
Calex Ambulance/Franconia Life Squad	13,499.96
Emergency Management	<u>462.50</u>

Total Public Safety Expenses 251,262.14

Total Building Inspections 2,031.36

Total Airports 700.00

Highway, Streets and Bridges:

Town Maintenance	181,727.44
General Expenses of Highway Department	182,710.33
Highway Block Grant	50,935.74
Highway Roadwork Non – Lapsing Fund	30,480.03
Street Lighting	<u>6,380.60</u>

Total Highways, Streets and Bridges Expenses 452,234.14

Sanitation:

Solid Waste Disposal	<u>53,043.00</u>
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Total Sanitation 53,043.00

Health:

Health, Hospitals	<u>5,567.00</u>
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Total Health Expenses 5,567.00

Total Welfare Expenses 1,950.00

Culture and Recreation:		
Recreation	31,580.38	
Library	26,965.68	
Patriotic	<u>1,795.12</u>	
Total Culture and Recreation Expenses		60,341.18
Conservation:		
Conservation Commission	748.60	
Northern Pass CRF	19,500.00	
Land Use Change Fund	<u>5,000.00</u>	
Total Conservation Expenses		25,248.60
Debt Service:		
Principal Expense – Long Term Notes	48,215.80	
Interest Expense – Long Term Notes	19,284.20	
Interest Expense – TAN	<u>0.00</u>	
Total Debt Service Payments		67,500.00
Transfers to Capital Reserve Funds & Trusts:		
Article # 3 Highway Equipment	50,000.00	
Article # 5 Fire Department HE	50,000.00	
Article #6 Fire Department Building	10,000.00	
Article #7 Bridge	50,000.00	
Article #8 Highway Dept. Building	5,000.00	
Article #9 Crapo Building	5,000.00	
Article #10 Building & Grounds	5,000.00	
Article #11 Police	10,000.00	
Article #12 Northern Pass	10,000.00	
Cemetery Lots Purchased	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Total Capital Reserve Funds & Trusts		196,000.00
Capital Vehicles/Equipment/Buildings/Land:		
Bridges	57,313.39	
Fire Department Building	3,986.06	
Crapo Building	4,251.75	
Highway Building	19,768.00	
Meetinghouse	4,092.67	
Building & Grounds	8,600.00	
Highway Dept. Truck	22,106.00	
Police Cruise	<u>34,360.76</u>	
Total Capital Expense		154,478.63
Miscellaneous:		
Abatements	6,316.72	
Property Tax Refunds/Overpayments	96.27	
Taxes Bought by Town	51,867.07	
Motor Vehicle Refund	<u>238.00</u>	
Total Miscellaneous Expenses		58,518.06
Unclassified:		
Payments – Tax Anticipation	0.00	

Total Unclassified Expenses		0.00
Payments to Other Government Divisions:		
Taxes Paid to County	246,266.00	
Payments to School Districts	<u>1,542,981.00</u>	
Total Payments to Other Government Divisions		<u>1,789,247.00</u>
Grand Total of Expenditures		\$3,507,444.30

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Executive:

Selectmen - Salary	\$	0.00	
Administrative Asst - Gaudette		26,009.23	
Office Asst-Venezia		336.00	
Moderator		300.00	
Workshops		60.00	
Telephone		980.73	
Computer Consulting		2,640.00	
Internet		1,199.88	
Website		113.97	
Programs		1,036.83	
Mapping		1,844.55	
Registry		98.94	
Printing/Notices		2,227.00	
NHMA Dues & Subscriptions		1,104.00	
Office Supplies		2,152.11	
Box Rent		134.00	
Postage		994.71	
Books & Periodicals		<u>488.33</u>	
Total Executive Expenses			\$ 41,720.28

Election, Registration & Vital Statistics:

Town Clerk - Boissonneault		6,098.87	
Town MV Fees - Boissonneault		2,849.50	
State MV Fees - Boissonneault		2,598.00	
Title Fees - Boissonneault		264.00	
Dog Fees - Boissonneault		116.00	
Marriage Fees - Boissonneault		0.00	
Vital Fees - Boissonneault		78.00	
UCC Fees - Boissonneault		30.00	
Supervisors of the Checklist		2,082.50	
Ballot Clerks		1,513.00	
Computer - Consulting		900.00	
Computer - Program Support BMSI		2,032.00	
Computer Equipment		492.66	
Telephone		237.98	
Printing/Notices		166.00	
Dues		40.00	
Supplies/dog tags		385.04	
Office Supplies/copier		639.22	
Postage		452.64	
Vital Statistics		87.00	
Dog Licenses		245.00	
Marriage Licenses		<u>0.00</u>	
Total Election, Registration & Vital Statistics			21,307.41

Financial Administration:

Tax Collector - Lissa Boissonneault	5,249.01	
Elizabeth Andross	175.00	
Lien Fees - Boissonneault	162.00	
Treasurer	1,850.00	
Auditor	4,800.00	
Bank Fees	173.34	
Telephone	233.21	
Computer - Consulting	900.00	
Computer Program & Support	4,632.99	
Computer - Yearly Payroll	657.99	
Computer Tax Kiosk	3,975.00	
Research Lien	316.00	
Registry	86.25	
Dues	40.00	
Office Supplies/copier, checks, tax bills	1,168.93	
Postage	<u>787.56</u>	
Total Financial Administration Expenses		20,574.29
Total Revaluation		15,828.00
Total Legal Expenses		11,608.25
Payroll Taxes:		
Sugar Hill FICA (Town Contribution)	23,356.06	
Sugar Hill Medicare (Town Contribution)	<u>5,961.67</u>	
Total Payroll Taxes Expense		29,317.73
Planning Board:		
Secretary - Salary Amy Venezia	1,184.00	
Printing/Notices	50.00	
Grafton County Registry	177.96	
Books	26.00	
Postage	<u>52.78</u>	
Total Planning Board Expenses		1,490.74
Zoning Board:		
Secretary – Amy Venezia	192.00	
Printing/Notices	63.00	
Postage	120.64	
Books	<u>11.00</u>	
Total Zoning Board Expenses		386.64



Government Buildings:

James Keefe	14,110.49	
Telephone (Elevator & Meetinghouse)	858.65	
Electricity (Crapo & Meetinghouse)	5,086.77	
Heating Oil (Meetinghouse)	1,897.70	
Propane (Crapo)	2,302.49	
Unifirst – Rugs	2,100.20	
Meetinghouse Clock	1,520.00	
Elevator and Boiler Inspection	425.00	
Sanitation	450.25	
Cluster Fly Spraying	375.00	
Rug Cleaning	376.00	
Alarm Monitoring/Electrical Repairs	385.61	
Boiler Maintenance & Repair	1,299.41	
Tri State Extinguisher Inspections	677.78	
Septic	445.00	
Hobart	349.95	
Generator Service	582.91	
Locks & Glass PD	1,011.00	
Chimney Repair	73.00	
Supplies	2,541.31	
Newspaper Notice	<u>93.50</u>	
Total Government Buildings Expenses		36,962.02
Meetinghouse CRF -Alarm, Tank Replaced, Electric		4,092.67
Crapo Building CRF – Electrical, Paining, Alarm		4,251.75

Grounds & Maintenance:

Peter Carbonneau - Salary	21,769.02	
James Keefe	1,998.61	
Telephone	415.41	
Supplies	532.35	
Gasoline	976.25	
Diesel	621.77	
Grounds keeping - New Equipment	454.93	
Vehicle Repair	<u>154.96</u>	
Total Grounds & Maintenance Expenses		26,923.30
Grounds & Maintenance CRF – Mower & Bagger		8,600.00

Cemeteries:

Supplies – Flags, Markers	287.95	
Stone Cleaning	<u>1,200.00</u>	
Total Cemeteries Expenses		1,487.95
Trust Fund Expense Mapping		3,700.00

Insurance:

Health - Highway	62,603.64
Police	20,215.74
Executive	19,563.60

Building & Grounds	2,979.47	
Retiree	17,397.48	
Dental	6,782.25	
Property Liability	18,867.06	
Worker's Compensation	26,618.44	
Employee Reimbursed	<u>(4,489.00)</u>	
Total Insurance Expenses		170,538.68
Total Advertising & Regional Associations Expenses		7,477.90
Total Unemployment Expenses		0.00
Ambulance:		
Calex	11,499.96	
Franconia Life Squad	<u>2,000.00</u>	
Total Ambulance Expenses		13,499.96
Police Department:		
Chief David Wentworth	49,250.64	
Sgt. Rick Ball	29,368.68	
Officer Zack Chicoine	22,103.00	
Officer Alan Demoranville	490.00	
Officer Gary Emerson	5,409.00	
Officer Ryan Kelly	1,540.00	
Officer Cody MacKay	750.00	
Officer Robert Mancini	1,935.00	
Adm Asst. Jamie Allaire	9,026.56	
Police Retirement	11,768.41	
Workshops	105.00	
Training	32.66	
Community Service	1,925.43	
8123 Line	219.35	
Telephone	1,389.07	
Computer Consulting	1,275.00	
Computer Program Support	1,220.00	
Computer Equipment	1,434.87	
Website	385.00	
Dispatch Service	8,941.74	
Uniforms	2,271.37	
Firearms	484.44	
Printing	1,728.73	
Dues	250.00	
Supplies	218.49	
Office Supplies	1,600.96	
Postage/Box Rent	136.94	
Gasoline	3,500.70	
Vehicle Maintenance	1,666.80	
Equipment Maintenance	267.45	
Radio Maintenance	150.00	

Books	25.00	
Casual Labor	175.00	
Personal Equipment	<u>296.38</u>	
Total Police Department Expenses		161,341.67
Police Department Capital Reserve		34,360.76

Fire Department:

Salaries:

Aldrich, Clifton	1,489.50
Amsbary, Douglas	2,095.00
Burger, Timothy	936.00
Chase, Eric	689.00
Clark, Allan	7,359.00
Collins, Jeffrey	1,911.00
Crowe, Nelson	884.00
Gaitskill, Russ	858.00
Glover, Douglas	2,173.00
Hodgdon, Jody	682.50
Ireland, Brinson	1,795.00
Johnk, Gordon	2,468.50
Johnk, Samuel	1,488.50
Kenerson, Danforth	559.00
Low, Kevin	559.00
Quintal, Richard	1,066.00
Rasmussen, Eric	942.50
Roussel, Cort	819.00
Snyder, James	2,632.50
Warren, Michael	1,339.00
Wilson, Ned	939.00
Mileage – Chief Clark	1,041.66
Training	2,360.00
Telephone	466.20
Information Line 8123	219.34
Website	250.00
Internet Provider	540.00
FF Response System	300.00
Dispatching Services	3,652.26
Medical Services	559.20
Electric	1,591.48
Heating Oil	1,894.63
Building Maintenance	2,261.07
Uniforms & Protective Clothing	4,793.74
Dues	335.98
Supplies	2,866.07
Office Supplies	57.04
Postage	23.75
Diesel Fuel	506.19
Vehicle Maintenance	4,887.53

Equipment Maintenance	2,778.19	
Radio Maintenance	922.77	
Books & Periodicals	169.00	
New & Replacement Equipment	7,402.66	
Communication Equipment	<u>2,394.25</u>	
Total Fire Department Expenses		75,958.01
Fire Department Building Capital Reserve- Flooring		3,986.06
Total Emergency Management		462.50
Total Building Inspections – Allan Clark		2,031.36
Total Airport		700 .00
Town Maintenance:		
Douglas Glover - Salary	68,746.89	
Brett Hucksohl	48,834.03	
Todd Nelson	40,414.25	
Peter Carbonneau	6,084.54	
Retirement	<u>17,647.73</u>	
Total Town Maintenance		181,727.44
General Highway Department:		
Engineering - McCarthy	3,825.00	
Casual Labor	200.00	
Telephone	1,132.05	
Computer Internet	539.40	
Computer Consulting	400.00	
Medical	385.50	
Electricity	2,132.52	
Heating Oil	2,563.49	
Building Maintenance	1,586.74	
Uniforms	2,791.13	
Dues	145.00	
Supplies	2,439.07	
Office Supplies	18.99	
Shop Supplies	2,978.53	
Gasoline	55.19	
Diesel Fuel	12,985.84	
Propane	47.68	
Vehicle Maintenance	16,417.31	
Equipment Maintenance	4,072.16	
Radio Maintenance	647.70	
Hot Top	100,287.86	
Crushed Gravel	8,060.50	
Sand	14,359.50	
Culverts	702.00	
Stone	700.00	
Cold Patch	138.04	
Non Lapsing Roadwork WA #4	30,480.03	

Street Maintenance	1,734.29	
Street Signs	326.71	
New Equipment	963.13	
Animal Control	<u>75.00</u>	
Total General Highway Department & WA#4		213,190.36
Highway Department Building CRF-paving, boiler , alarm		19,768.00
Highway Department CRF Truck Body		22,106.00
Highway Department Bridges Capital Reserve Fund		57,313.39
Total Street Lighting Expenses		6,380.60
Total Highway Block Grant Expenses		50,935.74
Total Solid Waste Disposal Expenses		53,043.00
Total Health & Hospitals Agencies Expenses		5,567.00
Total Welfare Expenses		1,950.00
Total Parks & Recreation Expenses		31,580.38
Library:		
Librarian - Judy Weisenberger	10,275.00	
Ingrid Ogren	2,959.00	
Telephone	495.31	
Computer Program Support	171.95	
Dues/Fees	710.99	
Library Supplies	214.38	
Office Supplies	396.20	
Postage	6.66	
Book Sale Expense	96.80	
Books/Movies/Audio	<u>11,639.39</u>	
Total Library Expenses		26,965.68
Patriotic:		
Lafayette Lions Parade	200.00	
Town Party	<u>1,595.12</u>	
Total Patriotic Expenses		1,795.12
Conservation Commission:		
Signs	494.60	
Dues	<u>254.00</u>	
Total Conservation Commission		748.60
Land Use Change Fund		5,000.00
Northern Pass Defense Fund		19,500.00

Long Term Notes -Principal	48,215.80	
Long Term Notes - Interest	<u>19,284.20</u>	
Total Long Term Notes		67,500.00
Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds:		
Crapo Building CRF	5,000.00	
Highway Department HE	50,000.00	
Fire Department HE	50,000.00	
Fire Department Building	10,000.00	
Bridgework	50,000.00	
Police Department CRF	10,000.00	
Highway Building	5,000.00	
Building & Grounds	<u>5,000.00</u>	
Total Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds		185,000.00
Transfers – Trust Funds		
Northern Pass Defense	10,000.00	
Cemetery Plots Purchased	1,000.00	
Total Transfers – Trust funds		11,000.00
Total Taxes Paid - County		246,266.00
Total Taxes Paid - School District		1,542,981.00
Motor Vehicle Refund		238.00
Abatements		6,316.72
Property Tax Refunds/Overpayments		96.27
Total Taxes Bought by the Town		<u>51,867.07</u>
Total Detailed Expenses		\$3,507,444.30



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## ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen,  
Town of Sugar Hill:

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of Town of Sugar Hill, which comprise the balance sheet as of December 31, 2016, and the related statement of revenue, expenditures and fund balance for the year then ended, included in the accompanying prescribed form MS-535. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed form MS-535 nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on the financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed form MS-535.

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

*Crane & Bell, PLLC*

February 17, 2017

## CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2016

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	PRINCIPAL					INCOME					Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year
		Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year		
06/19/1976	Highway Dept. CRF	\$41,460.73	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$21,791.87	\$69,668.86	\$0.00	\$314.13	\$314.13	\$0.00	\$69,668.86	
06/23/1976	Police Department CRF	24,620.28	10,000.00	0.00	34,190.71	429.57	22.95	147.10	170.05	0.00	429.57	
12/31/1991	Meetinghouse CRF	16,213.34	0.00	0.00	3,997.20	12,216.14	10.96	84.51	95.47	0.00	12,216.14	
03/17/1999	Highway Dept. Roadwork CRF	690.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	690.45	443.37	5.92	0.00	449.29	1,139.74	
08/01/2004	Carolina Crapo CRF	14,406.66	5,000.00	0.00	3,542.86	15,863.80	0.00	84.89	84.89	0.00	15,863.80	
07/19/1993	Fire Department CRF	192,441.94	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	242,441.94	178.43	1,103.44	0.00	1,281.87	243,723.81	
08/09/2006	Highway Bridge	203,822.08	50,000.00	0.00	56,153.47	197,668.61	0.00	1,159.92	1,159.92	0.00	197,668.61	
11/20/2008	Fire Department Building	260.43	10,000.00	0.00	3,965.11	6,295.32	0.00	20.95	20.95	0.00	6,295.32	
03/10/2009	Highway Department Building	18,138.71	5,000.00	0.00	19,651.75	3,486.96	12.38	103.87	116.25	0.00	3,486.96	
03/13/2012	Building & Grounds	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	8,557.18	1,442.82	7.13	35.69	42.82	0.00	1,442.82	
03/14/2014	Northern Pass Defense	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	19,421.99	578.01	6.76	71.25	78.01	0.00	578.01	
	TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS	\$527,054.62	\$195,000.00	\$0.00	\$171,272.14	\$550,782.48	\$681.98	\$3,131.67	\$2,082.49	\$1,731.16	\$552,513.64	

**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  
Trustees of the Trust Funds



## CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2016

### 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	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year	Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year
10/09/1975	Sunnyside Care Fund (1)	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$68.45	\$0.00	\$1,189.61	\$13,189.61
09/21/1973	Louise Leazott Trust (1)	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	5.54	0.00	569.93	1,069.93
11/05/1943	Annie Bowles Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	1.50	0.00	137.48	287.48
11/03/1937	Frank E. Bowles Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	1.50	0.00	137.48	287.48
10/18/1956	J.L. & Gertrude Bowles Trust (1)	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.92	0.00	76.52	176.52
07/11/1984	Hersom Murray Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	1.27	0.00	92.97	242.97
10/09/1975	Anker Trust (2)	3,500.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.79	25.60	0.00	1,432.35	4,933.14
10/09/1975	Sunnyside Cemetery (3)	13,813.43	1,000.00	0.00	3,628.03	11,185.40	71.97	71.97	0.00	11,185.40
<b>TOTAL CEMETERY OF TRUST FUNDS</b>		\$30,364.22	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,628.03	\$27,736.19	\$176.75	\$71.97	\$3,636.34	\$31,372.53

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

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

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

All Funds Invested 100%

All Funds are deposited in PDIP.

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

# LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2016

## I N C O M E

## P R I N C I P A L

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	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year	Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year
10/9/1975	Gladys Jessiman Memorial Trust	\$1,841.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,841.23	\$10.47	\$0.00	\$178.07	\$2,019.30
9/21/1973	Fredericka Harms Fund	1,564.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,564.10	10.82	0.00	520.58	2,084.68
11/5/1943	Alice Smith Fund	903.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	903.50	6.26	0.00	299.64	1,203.14
1/22/2001	Richardson Memorial Trust	73,984.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	73,984.55	420.26	0.00	6,996.03	80,980.58
	TOTAL LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS	\$78,293.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$78,293.38	\$447.81	\$0.00	\$7,994.32	\$86,287.70

All Funds Invested 100%.

All Funds are deposited in PDPF or CD's.

## P R I N C I P A L

## I N C O M E

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year	Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year
06/01/2009	SHIA (community)	\$668,640.66	\$0.00	\$45,272.98	\$6,486.14	\$707,427.50	\$18,966.61	\$28,000.00	\$56,211.21	\$763,638.71
1948	CRAPO (education)	586,132.55	0.00	39,768.31	5,894.77	620,006.09	16,300.35	10,000.00	57,973.10	677,979.19
	TOTAL SHIA FUNDS	\$1,254,773.21	\$0.00	\$85,041.29	\$12,380.91	\$1,327,433.59	\$35,266.96	\$38,000.00	\$114,184.31	\$1,441,617.90

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

## SELECT BOARD'S REPORT

Sometime during 2017, Sugar Hill will reach the ripe old age of 55! The event gives us an opportunity to reflect on our founding fathers – now almost all gone- and the yeoman work they did to leave us the legacy that is Sugar Hill. It is more than a town, a mindset, way of working together for all our good, and creating a place where we are all comfortable living, and where we all contribute to making Sugar Hill the kind of place we want to live.

As usual 2016 presented the challenges of its predecessors. After five months of late fall passed for winter we went into a several months' drought and now into a winter of ice. So, if you don't like the weather????

The windows in the Meeting House have been replaced with weatherized sashes. There were those who really felt we needed the replace the previous ones with wood replica sash, but the best cost for each was quoted about \$5000 per. Those would have totaled \$60-75,000 installed since \$5K did not include installation, and those figures were difficult to justify. The meeting house is now pretty much draft free and more comfortable during meetings and events. Additionally, lighting was renovated to make it more practical for the kinds of events held at the building. Our very deep appreciation to the Sugar Hill Improvement Association who funded the work. Next will be cosmetics in the meeting room which can begin when a consensus of what is to be done and how is reached. Also there will be work completed on the steeple and clock faces by Stevenson Services.

We continue to work through the complexities that are the Crane Hill Bridge off Streeter Pond Road. The existing bridge is some 90 years old, has had ice beating on it almost every time it went out several times each winter. It has lead paint projected to cost some \$500,000 to remediate. Both abutments are compromised and cracked. Preliminary costs are about \$2 million plus, of which the state will cover 80% and the towns share will be 20%, should renovation prove to be the best solution.

At the same time, we have an estimate of approximately \$2 million to replace the bridge at a location a few yards up river. We studying the potentials of each possibility, and will advise all when something definitive presents itself. This whole situation is not simple. Each possibility seems to present advantages as well as disadvantages making weighing pros and cons complex. Currently, we are considering several possible solutions attempting to define what is best for the town. More later as it clarifies.

Lastly, as in prior years, we would be remiss were we not to express our deep appreciation to all who have worked diligently for our town. It is a special place largely due to the efforts of each of those who have contributed in so many ways. We are endlessly grateful. THANKS!!!

## **CEMETERY TRUSTEES' REPORT**

The year 2016 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 Streater Pond Road Cemeteries. Peter Carbonneau is a wonderful sexton and caretaker and does an outstanding job of maintaining the grounds.

Kellogg Surveying completed the survey of lots and access roads for the cemetery extension. The roads will be constructed by Road Agent Douglas Glover and his Highway Department crew. It is hoped that one section of the new area will have lots available for sale once the roads are complete.

A special thank you to the Littleton Veterans' of Foreign Wars for their participation at Sunnyside on Memorial Day and to NEST of Littleton for providing the red roses.

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  
Susan Stith, Holly Hayward  
Meri Hern, Kathleen Jablonski  
Cemetery Trustees

## **PLANNING BOARD**

The Planning Board meets the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30PM at the Carolina Crapo Memorial Building. The Planning Board approved the following activity for 2016:

Major Subdivisions: 0  
Minor Subdivisions: 2  
Lot Line Adjustments: 2  
Voluntary Merger: 1

Any resident interested in serving on the Planning Board should write a letter of interest to the Select Board. 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

## **ROAD AGENT'S REPORT**

For your Highway Department 2016 was a budget friendly year with not a lot of snow to plow but a fair amount of ice to treat instead. Not plowing constantly means that the paved and gravel roads did not sustain heavy damage. After winter clean up and picking trash on sides of the road, I was able to tour the roads with the road committee and put together a plan to start with no delays. Replacing cross pipes and drainage work led up to paving with hot mix from the Easton and Toad Hill Road intersection up to the Easton and Dyke Road intersection. We were able to make about 1500 tons of cold mix that we used around town in many locations. Next up was Streeter Pond Road where we were able to shim from one end to the other which is paying off this winter with no frost heaves and being able to plow all the snow off. This coming year I look forward to doing some grinding and shim on Pearl Lake Road at least from Route 117 to the top of the hill by the powerline and some cold mix work on Easton Road.

So far this winter the only road that has had a lot of problems is Sunset from the four corners to the top. This was caused by using salt to keep it clear of ice and the cracks in the pavement have let water in which created the pot holes that are there now. The Town of Landaff did a project last summer called a chip seal. This seals the cracks and puts a wearing course on top of liquid asphalt. I believe this would be a very cost effective way to fix the problem on Sunset. In the spring I will have the road committee look at Sunset and also take a trip to Landaff to see how well the process held up.

Again, it has been my pleasure to work for the Town of Sugar Hill and all the taxpayers. I would like to thank the Select Board for all their support and all other agencies that worked with us this past year. In our continuing effort to drain water, if any taxpayers would like some clean solid fill please contact the Highway Garage at 823-8788 and we will be happy to put you on the list.

Respectfully submitted,  
Douglas Glover, Road Agent

## **SUGAR HILL ROADS COMMITTEE**

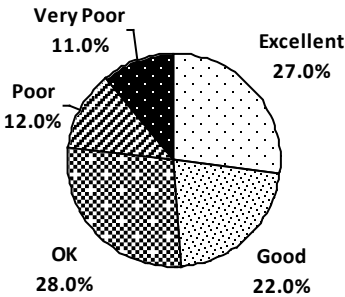
The Select Board created the Roads Committee in 2012 in order to provide input to the Road Department and the Select Board regarding priorities for roadwork. The Committee works with Doug Glover, the Town's Road Agent, to address issues such as the following:

- Is Sugar Hill using the right policies for maintaining roads?
- What are the most efficient and most effective ways to maintain roads?
- How can we develop a better long-term strategy, taking into account options both for maintaining road and for financing road improvements?

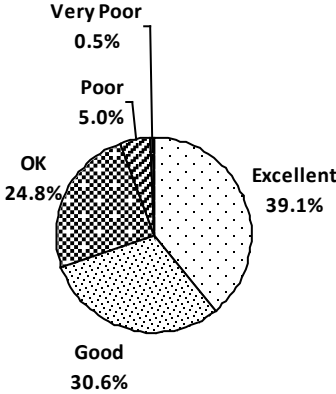
On July 7<sup>th</sup>, members of the Committee traveled through Sugar Hill with Doug Glover to view the places most in need of road work and to review his plans for surfacing and other rehabilitation projects. In November, Carl Martland once again documented conditions on the town's major paved roads by taking photographs at 0.1 mile increments on each

major road and by noting ride quality along each road. Since 2012, the average conditions of the town's roads have improved substantially. In 2016, more than 90% of the paved roads provided a smooth ride for cars traveling at the speed limit, a large increase from 70% at the same time of year in 2012. In 2016, more than two thirds of the town's major roads were in excellent or good condition, and only 5% were in poor or very poor condition, which were also a significant improvement over 2012 (compare the two pie charts shown below).

**Road Condition 2012**



**Road Condition 2016**



In 2017, the committee will continue to work with the Highway Department and Select Board in setting priorities for road work and in examining long-term strategies for maintaining and improving our roads. The first priority for road work will be to repair the damage incurred over the winter.

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

## CRANE HILL BRIDGE TOWN ENGINEER'S REPORT

Under contract to the Town, HEB Engineers of North Conway completed an Engineering Study report for the Crane Hill Bridge on November 1, 2016. Prior to completion of the report, findings and recommendations by the contractor were presented at a public informational session July 18<sup>th</sup>. The Select Board, Road Agent and myself met with the HEB Engineers at a regularly scheduled Select Board Meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss the report. Alternatives recommended for consideration by HEB Engineering were as follows:

Alternate 1	Do Nothing	\$ None
Alternate 2	Bridge Removal	\$ 150,000
Alternate 3	Bridge Rehabilitation without Ice Hazard Mitigation	\$2,150,000
Alternate 4	Bridge Rehabilitation with Ice Hazard Mitigation	\$2,550,000
Alternate 5	Bridge Replacement upstream	\$2,150,000

1. Would allow the bridge to deteriorate until conditions would require closing. This alternative was not recommended.

2. For removal would require dead ending of Crane Hill Road with a turn-around.

3. Would require replacement of some structural steel members, repainting of all remaining steel, replacing the existing deck with a transverse glue laminated timber deck with a paved surface and repairing abutments.

4. Is similar to #3 with the added requirement of raising the bridge by 2' to protect against ice flow damage. This alternative also includes the raising of Streeter Pond road for several hundred feet and the Crane Hill approach to accommodate the raised bridge elevation.

5. Involves a new Two lane 120' span concrete bridge with steel beams approximately 80' upstream of the existing bridge. Due to the structural depth of this bridge and the NH DOT requirements for new bridge construction to be 1 foot above the 50year flood mark, significant raising of Streeter Pond Road would be required for several hundred feet.

After consideration of the cost and impacts of the alternatives a decision was made to temporarily suspend contractual activities. The Town is actively exploring other alternatives that may be less costly and be more environmentally acceptable. One or two precast concrete structures are being investigated for the location 80' above the existing bridge. Our objective is to determine if an equal or less expensive crossing could be constructed with minimizing the raising of Streeter Pond Road and Crane Hill Road. Our activity will be coordinated with NHDOT. Cost incurred will be reimbursed by the State on State/Local 80%/20% cost sharing basis. Present costs are being incurred entirely by the Town of Sugar Hill with reimbursement by the State when construction bidding commences.

William F. McCarthy  
Town Engineer

**SUGAR HILL NORTHERN PASS ACTION COMMITTEE**  
(SNOPAC)

The 2011 Sugar Hill Town Meeting voted to oppose the Northern Pass project as proposed. At the 2014 meeting, the Town established a Northern Pass Legal Fund to use as needed to defend our position.

Northern Pass submitted their project to the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) for approval in October, 2015 and Sugar Hill through its' attorneys Gardner, Fulton & Waugh, petitioned the SEC to allow it to intervene. The project proposal has changed since 2011, but the Town's position has not changed. 1.7 miles of the project would be buried under Route 18 impacting house lots, businesses, Coffin Pond and the Gale River. We are concerned about the possible degradation of our natural resources, as well as road closures and disruption to traffic and emergency services. Sugar Hill is sharing legal expenses with 12 other Towns along the route (including Franconia and Easton), and working with these communities on a comprehensive opposition strategy. The litigation phase of the SEC process begins in April and should last through the end of July. A representative from the Select Board will testify on behalf of the Town. Sugar Hill is also working with a larger group of communities to protect historic sites that would be negatively affected by the HVDC lines.

Contact Nancy Martland or Margo Connors for more information.



## SUGAR HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Welcome to 2017! Last year was a bittersweet year with plenty to talk about:

We said good-bye to Sgt. Rick Ball who left Sugar Hill to become a Sergeant for the Littleton Police Department. He wants everyone to know that leaving Sugar Hill to join the Littleton Police Department wasn't an easy decision; he truly enjoyed working for Sugar Hill and misses the people in our community a great deal. Fortunately, Officer Zach Chicoine was willing to step up to fill his position and was promoted from a part-time Officer to our newest full-time Officer.

We implemented a "Good Morning" program in Sugar Hill; which includes making regularly scheduled contact with citizens who live alone and would benefit from being checked on to make sure they are O.K. We contact them on a regular schedule to say "good morning" and to make sure they are doing well. We have several citizens currently enrolled in the program. If you are a citizen of Sugar Hill, or if you are a family member of someone in Sugar Hill, who would like a little peace of mind knowing that we are looking out for you or your loved one, feel free to contact us to sign up for this awesome program.

We grew out of the small office previously used to house the entire Police Department. In order to resolve this problem in the most economically feasible way, we closed off the landing at the top of the stairs and turned this into storage space. We also expanded the PD into the area formerly used as a foyer and walk-through. This had always been the vision for this space. The best way to access to the Police Department is now through the main entrance into the Carolina Crap Building.

For those of you who haven't already heard, we have a reality TV star on the Sugar Hill Police Department. Animal Planet has initiated a television series called "North Woods Law" that includes Conservation Officer, Bob Mancini, our part-time Sugar Hill Officer, performing his duties as a full-time NH Fish & Game Officer.

In closing, I wanted to let everyone know that I intend to retire as the Sugar Hill Police Chief in September of 2017. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the community of Sugar Hill. Although I will miss you all, I have been involved in Law Enforcement since I was 19 years old and I'm looking forward to starting a new chapter in my life. I have sincerely enjoyed and appreciated the wonderful relationship the Police Department has had with our community and with my coworkers in the Town of Sugar Hill.

Sincerely,  
Chief David D. Wentworth

<b>Calls For Service</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Arrests	3	7
911 Hang Up	7	7
Abandoned MV	3	3
Alarm, Burglar	31	44
All Spots Inquiries	24	27
Assault	0	1
Assist Citizen	16	6

Assist Other Agency	7	1
Be on the Lookout	1	0
Building Check	5	49
Burglary	1	7
Car Break	1	0
Civil Stand-By	7	4
Code Red Training	1	0
Disabled MV/Lock Out	17	16
Disturbance/Fight/Brawl	0	1
Dog Complaint	22	25
Domestic Disturbance	2	3
Drug Issues	2	3
Fireworks Complaint	1	4
Fish & Game	4	0
Follow Up Investigations	24	29
General Info	2	5
Lost/Found Property	8	7
Mental Person	0	0
Missing Person	0	2
Motor Vehicle Complaint	6	11
Motor Vehicle Stop	194	226
Noise Complaint	2	0
Paperwork Service	10	18
Parking Issues	0	0
Pistol Permits	13	19
Prisoner Transports	2	0
Police Admin	60	71
Road Hazard/Wire or Tree Down	22	36
Shots Fired	6	3
Special Details/Parades	6	5
Suicidal Person	0	2
Suspicious Person	4	7
Suspicious Vehicle	7	10
Telephone Harassment	4	4
Theft/Fraud	7	11
Threats	0	1
Traffic Detail	7	5
Training	3	6
Trespass	4	5
Unknown/Other	4	9
Vandalism	5	0
Vehicle Collision	25	15
Vehicle Repo	0	0
Violation of Court Order	1	1
VIN Verification	4	5
Wanted Person	1	5
Welfare Check	6	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>734</b>

## SUGAR HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

During 2016 your Fire Department continued to be very active in training and with emergency calls. We responded to 57 emergency calls in 2016 and fortunately only one was a minor structure fire. The most dramatic fire was 160 bales of hay on a trailer adjacent to a structure on Route 117 at the 5 corners. This was quickly controlled, but took hours to completely extinguish. Fortunately, unlike past years, we had no drug overdose calls in 2016. The Department is trained to deal with them and two members of the Department carry Narcan.

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

We continued our extensive training by training a minimum of two times per month plus a weekend away at Fire School. The skill level of your firefighters is very high for a community our size. Although our call volume is not high, when we do have a structure fire or other serious emergency we must have the training and equipment to professionally handle the fire or emergency. Your Fire Department is recognized by other departments in the region as highly professional and competent.

The Engine that we utilize to provide a water source has a body and pump that is 40 years old and a chassis that is 19 years old. The Engine has a steel body that is rusting away and it is not cost effective to repair. Provided the Town funds our capital reserve this year in the requested amount of \$55,000 we will have adequate funds to replace this Engine. The new Engine will cost \$305,000 which is a lot of money, but is reasonably priced compared to what many communities are spending which is well in excess of \$400,000.

Once this Engine is replaced all of the apparatus bodies are either aluminum or polycarbonate. Our oldest truck will be our Rescue truck which we acquired in 2004 and is in excellent condition. We will continue to request that our capital reserve be funded to be certain that there are adequate funds to replace apparatus after the expected 25 years of service.

The Fire Department responded to the following:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Brush/Grass Fires	2	1	0	1
Chimney Fires	0	1	0	1
Alarm Activations	12	19	13	15
Furnace Problems	0	2	0	0
Hazardous Conditions	10	5	1	12
Hazardous Materials	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	7	10	12	1
Mutual Aid – Cover	1	3	2	7
Mutual Aid – Scene	11	9	9	3

Rescues/Medical	3	2	5	0
Service Calls	7	1	6	7
Smoke Investigations	2	1	1	1
Structure Fires	1	0	3	1
Vehicle Fires	1	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>49</b>

As of December 31, 2016 the Fire Department’s active roster increased from eighteen to twenty-one of your neighbors who are as follows:

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

We are fortunate to have increased the number of active firefighters during a period when many departments are decreasing in size due to the inability to attract new firefighters. In January, we added another excellent firefighter.

The commitment in time to be a firefighter is significant and Sugar Hill has been extremely fortunate to have an excellent complement of firefighters willing to make that commitment. It is nice to see younger members join the Department as several of the firefighters are now quite experienced including Doug Amsbary, Doug Glover, Gordie Johnk, Jim Snyder and Cliff Aldrich who have each committed several decades serving the community.

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 14, 2017 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. Hard to believe, but I have been with the Department now 15 years. 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, Highway Superintendent Doug Glover and his crew and the Fire Department are extremely competent and “customer” service oriented.

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.

Last year, we upgraded the “local” radio system which is utilized by highway, fire and police all on the same channel to utilize a “repeater” which provides communication unit to unit throughout the entire Town unlike prior to the upgrade.

We are currently working with both the Federal and State governments to obtain permission to dredge the river near the Crane Hill Bridge to prevent ice jams. We are hopeful that if we can gain the required approvals that we can obtain a grant to mitigate this hazard. We are also updating the 5-year Hazardous Mitigation plan which is a requirement to obtain Federal grants. This will be the fourth mitigation plan that I have personally been involved with.

Emergency Management is responsible for placing the 911 signs at each property and will be surveying the Town and placing 911 numbers that are missing or are new properties this spring.

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

Emergency Management Director

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

Over the past two years, New Hampshire has experienced its busiest fire seasons since 1989 with 1,090 acres burned during the 2016 season. The White Mountain National Forest experienced its largest fire since becoming a National Forest, burning 330 acres in the town of Albany in November. Fires falling under state jurisdiction burned 759 acres, with the largest fire of 199 acres occurring in Stoddard. The extremely dry summer led to a busy fall fire season with large fires occurring as late as mid-November

The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on high fire danger days. The fire lookouts are credited with keeping many fires small due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire detection efforts were supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high.

Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires within the state during the 2016 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.

As we prepare for the 2017 fire season, please remember to contact the Forest Fire Warden 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. Fire permits are available online at [www.NHfirepermit.com](http://www.NHfirepermit.com). The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental

## 2016 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 2016)

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

<b>Reported Fires</b>			<b>Historical Data</b>	
<b>CAUSES</b>	<b>FIRES</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>Fires</b>	<b>Total Acres</b>
Arson	15	2016	351	1090
		2015	134	661
Debris	85	2014	112	72
Campfire	35	2013	182	144
Children	10	2012	318	206
Smoking	12			
Railroad	2			
Equipment	18			
Lightning	9			
Misc.	148			

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

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

**Warden**  
**Allan R. Clark**  
823-5748 – Home  
494-1491 - Cell

**Deputy Warden**  
**Doug Glover**  
823-7007 – Home  
823-8788 - Work

**Deputy Warden**  
**Jim Snyder**  
823-7704 – Home  
348-7009 - Cell



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2015 CALEX Responses 32**

Another busy year providing Emergency Services in our region. CALEX continues 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. Serving 12 towns in Vermont & New Hampshire – Saint Johnsbury, Waterford, Barnet, Concord, Kirby, Victory, Danville, Peacham, Walden and in New Hampshire – Littleton, Sugar Hill, Easton.

We responded to 32 calls for service in the Town of Sugar Hill, down from 2015 of 57 responses. Our busiest day is Monday and our busiest time is from 0900-1200. Our average response time for our entire service area in our NH operation is little over eight minutes. Overall for our agency both VT & NH we responded to 3,667 up slightly from 2015. CALEX provided 782 inter-facility transports throughout the year, 266 were NH destination transfers. CALEX continues to provide emergent and non-emergency transports from Littleton Regional Hospital to various facilities across the state.

The system creates many challenges as we have overall low volume and a high no transport rate. This financially creates a high cost of readiness, as close to 400 of our NH responses were non-billable.

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! We have also begun an annual EMT/AEMT/Paramedic refresher training program for area folks who need to maintain the requirement for recertification and ongoing training.

As we end 2016, 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 and our dedicated dispatchers 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 three (3) members who are certified to provide Advanced Life Support, two (2) of whom are nationally registered paramedics. The Franconia Ambulance at years' end, has eleven (11) active members. A membership well prepared to assist our citizens and the visitors to our area with quality emergency medical care.

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

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

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

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

Chief Paul Schmucker EMT

Asst. Chief Mark Taylor EMT

Capt. Pam Oakman Paramedic

William Mead Paramedic

Allan Clark EMT

Bill Blackwell AEMT

Ned Wilson EMT

Susan Simpson EMT

William McCarthy EMT

Zach Chicoine EMT

Jeffrey Collins EMT

The Franconia Ambulance responded to 295 calls for assistance during 2016, of those 176 required transport.

In 2016, the total operating expenses for the Franconia Ambulance were \$81,216.89. While income obtained from patient billing and subsidies from Sugar Hill and Easton totaled \$96,482.89. The net cost for the operation of the Franconia Ambulance to the Town of Franconia being no cost and a surplus of \$15,266.35 was returned to the town.

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 in their time of need.

**In closing**, I would like to pay homage to one of Franconia Ambulances' founding fathers Joel Peabody. Who recently passed away at the all too young age of 70. Joel had the vision and foresight to see the need for medically trained residents to respond to calls of assistance from their neighbors in their growing community. And during his life contributed his time and energies toward that goal and the continued growth of that Ambulance service and the idea of neighbor helping neighbor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Schmucker-Chief  
Franconia Life Squad

## RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Thanks you taxpayers and all our patrons for your support. It's rewarding to see more and more patrons getting acquainted and sharing their love of books. Expanding toddler resources, adapting to our changing demographics, and meeting patron's special needs was a budget challenge. We cut some line items and moved the dollars to demands for more books, E-books, audios and movies. We emptied our checking account, reduced the salary dollars, and increased our Inter Library Loans dramatically. We've replaced about sixty percent of the collection via new books and weeding and consider the collection pretty much updated. AMEN to that job I hope!

Without funds however we struggled again to meet patrons' request for programming. But thanks to several generous patrons we did manage to squeeze in a few programs. Our six-week Saturday Watercolor Workshops, mentored by Kay M., were such a great success we will repeat them next year. Kathy J and 4-H fulfilled a request from young patrons to become certified in babysitting. Although we did not meet families' request for a preschool, they enjoyed a cozy place to meet inside as well as outside in SHIA's new sandbox. **We welcome any support to start a new story time program.**

Kitty B. and the Museum have begun working on accessioning our small historic collection and the Library was glad to support the Museum's auction with children's activities. The Willing Workers' funded Edie Clark's speaker's fee at the Elaine Burpee Lupine event. Space has been provided for a puzzle swap and once again, the "Sisters" have added seasonal decorations that were enjoyed by all.

A special invitation to patrons who haven't visited in a while; stop in and see what services are available: individual request honored, loans of E-Readers with extended loans for those in need of large print, printing and copying, Wi-Fi, 3 public computers, thousands of E materials to download for free, an updated cozy corner for the very young, a puzzle swap, and more.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Weisenberger  
Director

Richardson Memorial Library  
1411 Route 117  
Sugar Hill, NH 03586  
**Statistics for RSA: 202-A:12**

**HOURS**

Monday, Tuesday, Friday 2 -5 pm  
Tuesday 10-12 pm  
Saturday 10 - 2 pm  
Phone 823-7001 Wi-Fi ( in + out)

**INTERNET**

[patrons117@gmail.com](mailto:patrons117@gmail.com) (requests)  
[LibraryThing.com](http://LibraryThing.com) (online catalog)  
<https://nh.overdrive.com/> (free E-books +  
E-Audios) - come in for code -

**DATA**

Census Estimated for 2015: Population 665  
Patrons: 506 (85 new - 22 withdrawn) Circulation: Adult: 3899+ Children: 3206  
ILLs: 803 borrowed and 28 loaned Visits: 3120+  
Total Collection: 12,796 - books, cds, dvds, apps, E-books+audio, games, music, puzzles,  
etc.  
Additions 2016: Print 1020 -Movies 120 - Audio books: 48 – E-books: 64- E-Audio: 80  
Music: 36  
Weeded 2016: Books: 980 Movies: 52 - Audiobooks: 36 Other: 42

**OPERATING COST**

Warrant approved for taxes: \$ 26,995. **Tax money spent: \$ 26,965.88**

Checkbook 1/1/16: \$ 1,224.

Credits: \$ 1237.

**Debits: \$ 2255.** (books, movies)

Balance: \$ 206.

RML NOW Trust Account: 1/1/16: \$1,445.

Credits: \$ 200.

**Debits: \$ 450.**

End Balance: \$ 1196.

(Money donated for 1 Scholarship & speaker for Elaine Burpee Lupine Event)

Other Trusts: (see report of the Trust Funds)

2016 Interest balance: \$ 7547. Spent: \$ 0

Offsets: spent from non-taxed sources: **\$ 2705** **Total funded: \$ 29,670.88**

\*Expenses paid by Town and not in Library budget: maintenance, accounting, heat,  
electric, cleaning, etc.

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

In 2016, the Conservation Commission has worked on and completed several major projects that benefit the people of the town of Sugar Hill. These have included the upgrade of the Coffin Pond Conservation Area, a new trail at the Phillip Robertson Town Forest, signage at the Cooley-Jericho Community Forest, and continued updating of the Town Forest Management Plan. Conservation Funds from the land use change tax were used to fund most of these projects.

We completed renovation of the Coffin Pond Conservation area, which now provides signage, improved parking, and boat access to the pond while removing several unauthorized roads and paths. The result is a safer and more attractive area providing recreation and access to both the pond and the trail around the pond. You may have noticed a dramatic drop in the water level of the pond last fall. This was due to blockage of the inlet by rocks and beaver activity. Doug Glover was able to clean it out, but we plan to replace culvert and improve inlet leading to pond this spring.

A Coffin Pond Clean-up Day was completed on November 9<sup>th</sup> by students from Profile High School. The middle school Outdoor Adventure class taught by Sean O'Brien completed a walk around of the pond and collected 2 large bags of trash. Thank you to Mr. O'Brien and class for your help and community spirit!

During the summer, members of the Conservation Commission met with Ben Hudson to commission the building of a new trail at the Phillip Robertson Town Forest. The trail is designed to include several different habitats and forest types. It passes near a vernal pool and wetland, a pond and follows a stream for a section that allows views of a small canyon. The trail was roughed out this fall with markers put in place. Young people in the community who are interested in volunteer activities of trail development or maintenance are encouraged to contact the SHCC.

The Town Forest Management Plan was reviewed and revised with professional forester Ben Hudson of Lyme, NH to continue to work toward its goals of conservation and land stewardship.

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

## TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION

2016, the tragic year we lost Donald "Chippa" Demick. He was a good friend and a credit to this community. He will be greatly missed. Corey Rush also left the Transfer Station. He is now working with the Town's Grounds and Maintenance Department. To fill the void, we have hired Eric Rasmussen and Seth Raynor.

- Cardboard ----- 64.85 tons
- Newspaper ----- 20.86 tons
- Mixed paper --- 63.92 tons
- Aluminum ----- 3.31 tons
- Tin ----- 5.22 tons
- Plastics ----- 13.31 tons
- Scrap Metal----- 39.74 tons
- Glass ----- 109.62 tons
- Textiles----- 6.14 tons
- Electronics----- 5.94 tons
- Tires ----- 1.73 tons
- Flourescent /bulb 7500 ft
- Batteries 123 units

Tri-Town Recycling Rate 43.3%

Respectfully submitted,

Your Transfer Station Crew,  
 Greg Wells, Manager  
 Kevin Dauphine  
 Seth Raynor  
 Eric Rasmussen

## ENERGY COMMITTEE

The following graph shows energy use in the Town of Sugar Hill for 2016

Department	Electric	Gas	Diesel	#2Fuel	Propane	Total
Meetinghouse	1145.66			1897.70		3043.36
Crapo	3941.11				2302.49	6243.60
Fire	1591.48		506.19	1591.48		3689.15
Highway	2132.52	55.19	12985.84	2563.49	47.68	17784.72
Police		3500.70				3500.70
Build & Grounds		976.25	621.77			1598.02
Streetlights	6380.60					6380.60
Total	15195.19	5300.69	20281.15	8816.07	4311.45	42240.15

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

### **2016 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 waste (HHW).

The District held two (2) one-day HHW collections, one in Littleton and the other in Plymouth. A total of 161 households participated in the program – down from last year’s high of 269. It was estimated that over 11,000 tons of material was collected. Total expenses for this year’s program (disposal costs, advertising, & insurance) were \$22,348. The District was awarded a grant from the State of NH for \$5,587, and received a \$5,000 donation from Casella Waste. The net expenditures for the program were \$11,761 (a cost of \$.42 per resident).

In 2017, the District will once again hold collections in Littleton (Sunday, August 27th) and in Plymouth (Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>). Individual residents can help to minimize the District’s disposal costs and reduce the toxicity of the waste stream 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.

The District also coordinated a fluorescent light bulb collection and recycling program, which involved all member towns. This year roughly 41,410 linear feet of fluorescent tubes was collected, as well as 2,785 compact fluorescent bulbs, and 258 pounds of ballasts and batteries. The total cost for this effort was \$2,830.21 covered by district dues.

Prices paid for processed recyclables have been on the upswing over the last few months, so revenues for transfer stations should see some improvement compared to last year; however, they are still below the prices seen a few years ago. The composition of recyclable materials has also been changing. Containers are getting lighter, and many items, such as fruit juices and laundry detergent, are now being packaged in non-recyclable bags rather plastic bottles. So it’s taking more effort to get full loads. When selling your recyclables, be sure to call multiple brokers as prices can vary between brokers. Even small differences can add up to significant dollars over the course of a year. Brokers also can offer a wide array of collection options (single-stream, co-mingled, split loads, etc) to best suit your recycling facility. What works for one town may not work for another, but no matter the circumstances, there are many possibilities for members to decrease waste and increase recycling efforts. We are very fortunate to have some of the best municipal recycling programs in the State as well as a knowledgeable and innovative group of facility operators. If your town has questions, issues, or concerns you would like to address, please use the resources you have available. New Hampshire the Beautiful offers grants to NH communities to help with the purchase of recycling equipment. Grants may total up to one-half of the purchase price of such things as balers, roll-off containers, collections bins, or other equipment

that will assist a town in achieving a higher diversion rate. More information on the grant program is available at [www.nhthebeautiful.org](http://www.nhthebeautiful.org).

As always, citizens interested in participating in the development of the District's programs are welcome to attend the District's meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at all municipal offices and recycling centers. If at any time an individual community needs assistance in regards to their solid waste/recycling program, please contact the District by email at [pemibakerswd@yahoo.com](mailto:pemibakerswd@yahoo.com).

Respectively Submitted,  
Regan Pride, Secretary



## THE WILLING WORKERS SOCIETY

Founded in 1920, the Willing Workers Society is a nonsectarian, charitable organization whose purpose is to foster a spirit of helpfulness throughout the community. Annually, the Willing Workers recognize a graduating senior with a Merit Education Award and make donations to local charities and municipal services. More than 25 women from Sugar Hill and surrounding communities comprise our membership.

Highlights for 2016 include:

- Three college-bound graduating Sugar Hill seniors were selected to receive Education Merit Awards. Merit awards of \$1000 will be awarded following successful enrollment in the sophomore year of college.
- \$1900 was awarded to municipal services and local charities in Sugar Hill, Franconia, Littleton and Bethlehem. A \$1000 Education Merit Award was paid to the 2015 Education Merit Award winner.
- For nearly 100 years, the Willing Workers have provided and served light refreshments at memorial services. During 2016, Willing Workers served as hostesses for 4 memorials, serving refreshments for more than 600 people, collectively.
- The Willing Workers held successful fund raisers including the Lupine Festival Luncheon, Grandma's Attic Sale during the Fall Festival, and the Christmas Sale. Proceeds are used to fund Education Merit Awards and charitable donations.
- The Willing Workers sponsored the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Sugar Hill Christmas Party with 64 children attending. Rose Ellms provided leadership for party organization for her 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. In addition to Rose, this event would not be possible without the help of many local residents and businesses including Dennis and Kathie Cote, the Sugar Hill Chorus, Jim and Marie Snyder, Jim Keefe, Brenda and Maxine Aldrich of Harman's Cheese & Country Store, as well as Shaw's and WalMart which made donations. Mike Warren and Irene Amsbary served refreshments and Elves/Santa's Helpers included Finn Boissonneault, Luke Lorentzen and Brody Tors; with special assistance from Veteran Elves, Madison McLaren, Hannah Hodgdon and Madeline Ellms. As always, Santa Claus was the special guest and magically pulled presents from his sack for each of the 64 children.

The Society meets the first Thursday of most months for a noon luncheon meeting and new members are always welcome. Co-Presidents Wendy Cole and Betsy Fraser can be contacted for more information.

## SUGAR HILL HISTORICAL MUSEUM REPORT

The Sugar Hill Historical Museum staff and members enjoyed a very busy and successful 2016 season. Presenting the **Clothesline** exhibit, hosting a garage sale, featuring an antiques appraisal day, and then ending the season with a grand Autumn Auction. Many necessary repairs were also made to the main building.

The 2016 exhibit, **Clothesline**, dazzled visitors with a vast array of textile exhibits, a vintage wooden washing machine, and wooden clothespins. Victorian ladies,' men's, and children's clothing, bureau scarves, bed and table linens, and the finest details and varieties of white-work and handiwork of the era were featured. Table collections included salt cellars, knife rests, butter dishes, crystal goblets, napkin rings, and an array of silver serving dishes, forks, knives, and spoons. We were reminded of how many people decorated their homes and served their meals to enhance their lives and impress guests.

June: Our **Garage Sale** was a hit! The generosity of our neighbors and friends spread items from the garage tables into the entire first floor of the newly acquired Reid-Burpee House.

September: The museum hosted **Yore Collectibles**, an antique appraisal event. Volunteer and certified appraiser Jim Marquis shared fascinating stories, explained each treasure's origin, use, and current value.

October: **Autumn Auction** – A big white tent was erected on the museum front lawn (see cover) for this long-anticipated event. As visitors waited for the opening of the live auction, they browsed through the rows of attractive items in the silent auction, viewed the live auction items in a balloon-decorated tractor-trailer next to the tent, bought raffle tickets, and visited the lunch counter in the sleigh shed. The live auction was led by volunteer auctioneer Mike Carver of **Ammonoosuc River Auction Company**. The efforts of everybody who donated and/or purchased items, every business that contributed items, and the museum's individuals who managed the event, shaped this overwhelming day into a grand success!

Our hard working crew is busy planning for 2017. Long-range ideas are to retro-fit the 1930s Reid-Burpee House. A lot of work will bring these representative buildings back to life. One surprise we had this past summer was the very generous contribution of museum member Scott Jesseman who painted all the buildings and house trim of the Reid-Burpee House. He also pulled up carpets, cleaned out the cellar, and hauled trash away. How wonderful the property looks now! The main exhibit, there will be a plethora of hats from Our Hat Trunk and a collection of vintage White Mountain Souvenirs. Updates of our progress will be on our *Facebook* and *Constant Contact* pages. Gift Shop will be up and running again with new raffles and a treasure trove of gifts.

Museum 2017 schedule is May 26th through October 9th, Friday and Saturday, 11am - 3 pm.

**Please come and see us at the town's July 4th celebration.**

## 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*

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.

In keeping with Mr. Crapo's Will the association continues to give Book Awards to Sugar Hill residents graduating from High School, who will be furthering their education. This year we gave out a first year Book Award to Allie Butterfield and Marianne Hansalik. It is now our policy to renew for up to four years this award for any student who continues to meet the eligibility guidelines.

This year for the Meeting House we were able to purchase and install new energy efficient windows and storms and upgrade the lighting and electrical. New folding chairs were purchased for the Carolina Crapo Building. Also an additional all weather toy box was purchased for the new sand toys and a practice wall was added to the tennis court. This wall will be painted in the spring.

We are working on developing additional projects for the Founders Room of the meeting house. Our next step will be looking at different wall treatments.

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

**REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS**  
**SHIA EDUCATION FUND**  
**SHIA CRAPO COMMUNITY FUND**  
**2016**

The two funds had a change of value before withdrawals, but after management fees of 7.8% as compared to the comparable market index of 9.5%. The Trustees have performed an analysis of the performance of Community Financial Services Corporation over the past 5 years and they have consistently underperformed the market. The Trustees have voted to invest in index funds to improve performance in the future and are seeking a new investment manager.

The Education fund had a starting balance of \$586,132.56 and an ending balance of \$677,979.19. The income which can be distributed had a beginning balance of \$51,672.75 and an ending budget of \$57,973.10 after disbursing \$10,000 to SHIA. It is recommended that SHIA increase the amount disbursed substantially as this year there was \$16,300 of income and SHIA only distributed \$10,000. It is recommended that at least \$20,000 and possibly more in scholarships be issued each year.

The Community fund had a starting balance of \$668,640.66 and an ending balance of \$763,638.71. The income which can be distributed had a beginning balance of \$65,244.60 and an ending balance of \$56,211.21 after disbursing \$28,000 to SHIA. It is recommended that SHIA continue to disburse in the \$25,000 range as the income earned was \$18,966.61, but there is a balance of \$56,211.21 left to be disbursed.

We are currently managing the portfolio to increase in value and not produce income since there is a significant surplus of undisbursed income. Should the surplus be fully distributed, it may be necessary for the Trustees to alter their investment strategy to produce the income that SHIA would like to distribute each year. This would require communication between SHIA and the Trustees to understand the need for income that can be distributed as principal cannot be disbursed to SHIA.

## LAFAYETTE RECREATION COMMITTEE

Lafayette Recreation had a busy and fun 2016, chockful of events, sports, and activities for 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.

In 2016 Lafayette Recreation hosted twice weekly adult basketball and Zumba programs and partnered with the Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire to host a variety of events. We also continued our work to make Old Home Day, Earth Day roadside cleanup, and Halloween happenings successful community events. Holiday events included caroling through downtown Franconia, including a stop at the Lafayette Center, and a First Night party at the ice rink.

Our youth programs continue to engage children from all three member towns. We had 58 children involved in our baseball and softball teams last spring, 15 in the trail running program, 88 playing soccer, and 55 now involved in basketball. During the summer 60 Lafayette students – more than half of the school's enrollment – joined us for the Summer Recreation program, visiting many of our area's fun spots, taking swim lessons, and learning about bike safety.

In addition to these regular programs the Lafayette Recreation Department, in collaboration with other organizations and with a dedicated corps of volunteers, hosts the annual Top Notch Triathlon, Halloween Cup youth soccer tournament, Wobble-N-Gobble fun run, and the Franconia Scramble Color Run. Proceeds from these events have provided important funding through the years to improve and maintain the skating rink, build and maintain the gazebo at Dow Park, and create countless other positive changes and improvements to our recreational programs and infrastructure.

We continue to strive to offer an array of programs and activities for residents of all ages in our communities and welcome ideas. The Lafayette Recreation Committee meets the first Thursday of each month in the conference room at Lafayette Regional School, and residents are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Lafayette Committee Members

**Franconia:** Adam Boyer, Meghan McPhaul, and Frank Pinter

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

**Easton:** Matt Koehler and John Hynes

**Lafayette Regional School:** Gordie Johnk

Kris Kappler, Youth Program Director

Kim Cowles, Parks & Recreation Director

## FRANCONIA NOTCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2016 REPORT

2016 was a do or die year for the Chamber. Our commitment to find a viable combination of an office and welcome center space from which to build a bigger, better and busier Chamber became increasingly more difficult. The seasonal information center continued to deteriorate in its allotted space, while the business of the community continued to increase, creating a contest for accessibility for community and tourism needs. As a Chamber of Commerce, we needed to show our value to not only our members, but our surrounding communities as well. Through hard work and dedication, our Board of Directors and committees worked hard to refocus, recreate, and rebuild our chamber. The successes have come, or are in process through the following 4 actions:

A: Launching our new state of the art website - our most significant and effective marketing benefit to continually attract visitors, business and families to our four season destinations. Identifying and redefining our brand, mission and purpose: **Gateway to the North Country** at Exit 38 to Main Street Franconia, our unique village and all the routes East, North and West, and through our logo and tag line of **TAKE IT UP A NOTCH and Discover...** the uniqueness of our region, our legends and legacies, all promoting our members, communities and our region as a great place to play, stay, dine, shop and live, plus providing valuable and effective marketing opportunities for our members, and great information for our residents and guests. All residents of our tri-towns should visit [franconianotch.org](http://franconianotch.org) and appreciate and enjoy!

B: Strategic planning sessions to guide the board's action, mapping out where we want to be over the next 1, 3, and 5 years to continue to provide value to our members through great benefits, and to provide our guests, visitors and communities with resources about our area and membership by adequate staffing and developing an office-welcome center in the middle of Main Street Franconia Village which will allow us to do so.

C: Revisiting the pursuit of the former flower shop on Main Street with Sherman V. Allen, Inc. is back on the table with the support of our Main Street owners and members. The site is the most viable one for a complete welcome center and fulfills our mission for economic growth by bringing visitors and guests to the middle of the village where everything is available for needed respite, services and all that visitors and guests need on Main Street coming off Exit 38 - Gateway to the North Country, as well as all the information needed to stop, stay and play. The building will support public toilets, ample parking, walk-in welcome center with amenities, Wi-Fi, ample space for brochures, and all informational vehicles, a walk-up window, and separate office space for a fully staffed office and boardroom with space to hold meetings. Our membership throughout the region is anxious to support this as much as they support the NHDOT welcome centers at other exits throughout the state. Working with NH's Travel and Tourism Division of DRED and the support of its JPP grant program and other initiatives can be utilized for this project.

D: Development and implementation of new and creative marketing items and events showcasing the uniqueness of our communities while continuing to improve our signature events and community involvement.

To further fulfill our chamber’s mission statement and recognizing our welcome center as the Gateway to the North Country, we established the Northern Star Award at our Annual Dinner Meeting this year. The plaque reads: “Presented annually to an individual who has made lasting and significant contributions in the economic development of New Hampshire’s North Country by promoting its natural resources and quality of life while fostering a climate in which commerce, recreation and tourism flourishes”. The award will be hung on the wall of our welcome center and will be presented annually to a deserving individual. The plaque is sponsored in perpetuity by 5 of our members who have made many lasting and significant contributions in the economic development of New Hampshire’s North Country as members of FNRCC and several other chambers and organizations. We are grateful to Bank of New Hampshire, Eames Partnership, Peabody and Smith Realty, Presby Construction and The Raymond S. Burton Legacy Fund for their participation and support.

The Chamber honors the retirement of Maxine Aldrich and sincerely thanks her for her dedicated service to the chamber that touched 3 decades of leadership on our board; serving in many capacities including President and Chair (and founder) of the Fields of Lupine Festival/Lupine Celebration while serving as the steward of the organization’s history and accuracy of its parliamentary procedures. Shannon McKee retired from the board this year after 2 terms as Secretary and we very much appreciate her service in getting us through the tougher years.

The Chamber is grateful for the support from the communities, residents and our members. Thanks to the outstanding dedication of members of our current board, we can and will continue to promote our region’s economic growth, provide superb hospitality and remain attentive stewards of our area’s history and attractions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heidi Tarling, Executive Director

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Chad Stearns, President	Kevin Johnson
Kevin Haynes, Vice President	Sandy Olney
Barbara Ashley, Secretary	Thad Presby
Atty Joseph Garrison	Rusty Talbot
Bob Tortorice	

# FRANCONIA NOTCH REGION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

October 2015 through September 2016

	<u>Total</u>
<b>Income</b>	
Advertisements	2,465.00
Events	8,159.50
General Donations	1,062.90
Membership Dues	29,617.28
Town Contribution Income <sup>1</sup>	16,900.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>\$58,204.68</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<u>\$58,204.68</u>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Advertising	4,075.68
Bank Service Charges	139.25
Dues and Subscriptions	186.00
Insurance	1,477.90
Other Employee Expenses	442.00
Event Expenses	4,738.92
Operations	162.23
Payroll Expenses	27,371.50
Postage and Mailings	179.08
Professional Fees	6,488.05
Rent	750.00
Taxes	3,020.00
Utilities	1,496.25
Welcome Center	<u>1,222.99</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$51,749.85</u>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	6,454.83
<b>Other Income</b>	
Interest Income	<u>23.96</u>
Total Other Income	<u>23.96</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>\$6,478.79</u>



## **ANNUAL REPORT EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR JOSEPH KENNEY**

As I start my 4<sup>th</sup> year of service to you and the State of New Hampshire in Council District I, I am grateful, committed and honored to serve you.

I continue to work with the Governor, Council and Legislature on the important issues impacting the State. The Heroin and Opioid epidemic has been the number one issue. The Council has supported over \$25 million in contracts for prevention, treatment and recovery programs. In addition, the Council supported several millions of dollars for Law Enforcement Operation of Granite Hammer to interdict and prevent drug smuggling.

Economic development is still my top priority for the Northern most Council District and I will work with community and business leaders to assist in the creation of jobs and economic opportunity. I am committed to the Balsams project in Dixville Notch and I worked to form a nine member Laconia State Property Committee to support the Executive Branch with the future sale of that property. Good news stories include the expansion of Vermont NSA manufacturing into Groveton to create over 70 jobs, the expansion of River Valley Community College into the old Lebanon College building in Lebanon and the new addition of the \$7 million Marine Patrol Headquarters Building in Gilford.

I join with the N H Congressional Delegation - Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Senator Maggie Hassan, Congresswoman Annie Kuster and Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter in working with other New England states and our northern Canadian friends to seek economic opportunities and relationships.

The Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan process working with the Department of Transportation and the Regional Planning Commissions was completed upon passage by the Legislature and signature of the Governor in June. The plan focuses on preservation, maintenance and safety of existing pavement and bridge infrastructure throughout the State. The US Congress passed the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, which provides increased federal funding to the State of New Hampshire over the next five years. Contact William Watson at NHDOT for any additional details at 271-3344 or [bwatson@dot.state.nh.us](mailto:bwatson@dot.state.nh.us).

The 2017 session of the N H House and Senate will address legislation that deals with the heroin and opioid crisis, sustainment of Medicaid expansion, federal health care opportunities and funding, business and workforce development. Again, I'll be watchful of proposed legislation passing costs on to the county and local levels of government. Stay close to your local state senator and house members.

The Governor and Council are always looking for volunteers to serve on the dozens of boards and commissions. If you are interested, please send your resume to Governor Chris Sununu, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301 attention Meagan Rose Director of Appointments/Liaison or at (603) 271-8787. A complete list is available at the NH Secretary of State website at:

[www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm](http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm).

My office has available informational items: NH Constitutions, tourist maps, consumer handbooks, etc. I periodically send, via email, a list of my schedule for the week. Send me your email address to be added to the list if you would like at:

[Joseph.Kenney@nh.gov](mailto:Joseph.Kenney@nh.gov).

Contact my office any time I can be of assistance to you.

## **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 all our people. First and foremost, this means advocating for policies and projects that expand business and entrepreneurial opportunities that will raise stagnant wages.

Over the years, we've made important bipartisan investments that disproportionately benefited our region in the previous sessions and I will fight efforts to repeal them. I 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, 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  
North Country Senator  
State House Room 120  
603.271-3207 [Jeff.Woodburn@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:Jeff.Woodburn@leg.state.nh.us)

## 2016 NORTHERN HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### *White Mountain Mental Health*

I am happy to report that there has been a great deal of positive activity this year at Northern Human Services. It has not been a year without challenges, but challenges are opportunities to develop creative, efficient, accountable innovations. Some highlights:

- Very complex and ill people are now being intensively supported, 24/7, using a team-based treatment approach called “Assertive Community Treatment” (ACT). As a result, hospitalizations are avoided and community safety is increased.
- Our telemedicine services have been updated to a totally secure, web-based system. Tele-medicine was adopted several years ago to meet the need for immediate evaluation of people who come to our local hospital emergency rooms in crisis. In partnership with all seven hospitals in the NHS service area, hours of wait time and costly and dangerous travel have been eliminated by this service.
- Children in need of expert evaluation by a Child Psychiatrist are being seen by a psychiatrist from Dartmouth via tele-medicine from our Littleton office. Without this innovative program, children from our area would need to travel to Lebanon and wait months for an appointment.
- People who commit non-violent crimes as the result of mental illness continue to be offered support, resources and treatment through our collaboration with the Grafton County Mental Health Court.
- In this tough economy, employment is a huge challenge for many of our clients. To respond to this need, we have hired an additional Supported Employment Specialist, trained in assisting persons with mental illness to seek, obtain and keep jobs. This is one of the “evidence-based practices” we have implemented, using methods that have been proven to be effective in studies across the country.
- We continue to offer our staff high quality continuing education through a contract with an online learning company, saving substantial money and time and offering our employees a huge array of educational options.

All of these varied activities depend on the support of our towns. This year we served 3 people from the Town of Sugar Hill, providing 6 hours of counseling. Of these hours, 6 were provided to persons in crisis who needed immediate, sometimes life-saving, intervention. Even when a community does not have a large number of uninsured persons seen during the year, your funding helps us maintain our all-important 24/7 emergency services system, with a psychiatrist always on call, which is so costly for us to maintain but so important for the community.

Thank you for your continued support of our services. We want to be here when you need us.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jane C. MacKay, LICSW  
Area Director

## NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL

As the Regional Planning Commission serving 51 municipalities and 25 Unincorporated Places of Northern New Hampshire, North Country Council continues to move forward as a proactive resource for our communities, partners and the region, providing professional economic development, community, regional, transportation and solid waste planning services to serve your needs. Here are some of the highlights from the past year:

- Played key, supportive role in helping to secure \$800,000 in funding for infrastructure improvements at the former Wausau paper mill site in Groveton, as well as \$25,000,000 for construction of the new Morrison Senior Living Community in Whitefield.
- Provided grant writing and technical assistance to assist communities.
- Designated to administer Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) grants within the region.
- Coordinated household hazardous waste collection events serving 26 towns in the region.
- Administered funds that enabled Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Transport Central, Tri-County Community Action Program and Advance Transit to reimburse volunteer drivers for 5,549 trips provided to the elderly or disabled.
- Completed over 150 traffic counts throughout the region to provide consistent and reliable data for use when planning infrastructure improvements.
- Completed the last of four federally-funded scenic byway corridor management plans and staffed North Country Scenic Byways Council to maintain the state byway designation.
- Administered grant for the study of the Mad River to identify options for saving Campton Village water infrastructure from costly streambank erosion.
- Provided member municipalities with guidance on records storage, prime wetlands designation, private development on federal land, bonding, interpretation of local regulations, and to several communities with the process for cell tower review, master plan updates and capital improvement programming. Dues provided match funding to enable some additional hands-on assistance with updates to local land use regulations, zoning amendments, downtown revitalization, and MTAG and hazard mitigation grant applications.
- Assisted Coos County Planning Board with review of Balsams redevelopment plans.
- Facilitated bulk purchase by communities of the NH Planning and Land Use Regulations
- Developed a guide to help cities and towns learn how to better promote sustainable business.
- Partnered with Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association (NNECAPA) to post case studies from ME, NH and VT showcasing successful community development projects in rural communities.

All of us here at North Country Council look forward to serving your community. NCC is your organization. We are here to serve you. We are dedicated to both supporting our individual members and promoting our region's success. We look forward to working with you in the months ahead.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Robinson  
Executive Director

## **AMMONOOSUC COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES, INC.**

In 2015, ACHS celebrated 40 years of **providing 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 efforts 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. Keeping just one patient out of the ER could save taxpayers \$1,000-\$1,500 (average cost of an ER visit).

Access to affordable dental and 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 opened the first community oral health program in northern New Hampshire on the ACHS-Littleton campus in January of 2015. 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**

- Primary Preventive Medical Care – Family Practice - Prenatal Care through Geriatrics
- 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 Healthcare - Counseling
- Dental & Oral Healthcare –The ACHS Dental & Oral Health Center opened full-time in January 2015
- Pharmacy Services - In-house Pharmacy, Medication Management, Low-Cost Drug Program
- Financial Services - Sliding Fee Scale for eligible patients

### **ACHS Statistics (FY 2014-2015)**

- Number of Unduplicated Clients Served: Medical 9,348, dental 1,088 behavioral 488
- Number of Visits: Medical 32,544, dental 3,024, behavioral 3,399
- Client/Payor Mix: 21.% Medicaid, 26.4% Medicare,10.6% Uninsured, 42% Insured
- Value of free medications provided to our patients: \$458,485
- Value of discounted health care services provided to our patients: \$1,060,706 total; Medical \$342,244, Dental \$354,120, Behavioral Health \$11,546, Pharmacy \$352,796

### **Town of Sugar Hill Statistics**

- Total # of Patients – 172
- Total # of Medicaid Patients – 9
- Total # of Medicare Patients – 51
- Total # of Self-Paying Patients – 2
- Total # of Sliding Fee Scale Patients – 4

Respectfully Submitted,  
Edward D. Shanshala II, MSHSA, MSEd  
Chief Executive Officer

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

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2016**

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 2015-16, 24 older residents of Sugar Hill were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Littleton Area Senior Center and 11 residents were assisted by ServiceLink:

- Older adults from Sugar Hill enjoyed 78 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.
- Frail Sugar Hill adults received 16 "Meals on Wheels" delivered to their homes during the year.
- Older adults and adults with disabilities accessed goods and services through 69 rides on the lift-equipped van.
- Sugar Hill's citizens participated in 295 health, wellness, arts or continuing education activities at the Littleton Area Senior Center.
- Sugar Hill residents received assistance with access to benefits, caregiver support or issues of long-term care through 21 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 405 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Sugar Hill residents in 2015-16 was \$2,431.10. 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**  
**Annual Report 2016**

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.

- Here are some of our noteworthy impacts during the past calendar year: Jim Frohn completed the County Forest timber sale. 1,418 cords were harvested for a net revenue of \$36,673 (127% of projected) and \$2,963 in tax revenue for the town of Haverhill.
- Michal Lunak continued work on a three year research project funded by the Tillotson Charitable Foundation looking at the economic feasibility of producing dairy beef in the North Country.
- Lisa Ford taught 350 youth about food groups, food safety, and physical activity.
- Donna Lee received a grant to fund an undergraduate Student Intern to host a Sheep Exploration Day for youth in the county and assist with 4-H activities at the North Haverhill Fair.
- Geoffrey Sewake collaborated on the New Hampshire First Impressions Program in Littleton using a secret shopper model to advance community development and on a multi-partner workforce-focused business outreach program in Lincoln and Woodstock.
- Jessica Sprague presented Safety Awareness in the Food Environment training to over 217 food service employees and volunteers and taught ServSafe® classes to 93 individuals.
- Heather Bryant collaborated with the Grafton County Farm and Conservation District, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service on a cover crop demonstration at the Farm.
- With help from Becky Colpitts, Grafton County welcomed 13 new Master Gardener volunteers.

**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:  
Heather Bryant, 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 30 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 to us with a myriad of challenges that reflect the social, cultural, and economic struggles of our time. *We are also working hard to answer the need of those suffering with addiction – a widespread problem.*

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

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 2016, The Center for New Beginnings provided services to 500 individuals. We logged 6300 patient appointments. Nine of our clients reside in Sugar Hill.

When people are mentally healthy they are better employees, more conscientious parents, and are able to positively contribute to their communities. Healthy children do better in school, control behaviors that are disruptive in class, and grow up to be resilient adults. Individuals who are mentally stable are much less likely to commit crimes or wreak havoc among their families, coworkers, and 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	\$ 10,400.00	15	\$1,600.00
2006 Motorola Radios Portable (18)	54,000.00	18,000.00	15	3,600.00
2007 Motorola Base Radio (1)	8,000.00	3,194.00	15	534.00
1939 Ford Antique Truck	1,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
1998 Freightliner Engine	75,000.00	21,000.00	25	3,000.00
2004 Ford Light Rescue Truck	105,000.00	54,600.00	20	4,200.00
2006 Sterling Fire Engine	175,000.00	105,000.00	25	7,000.00
2013 International – Fire Engine	254,000.00	213,360.00	25	10,160.00
Utility Box Trailer	3,700.00	-0-	20	-0-
4,000 ft. 4” Hose	20,000.00	-0-	15	-0-
Stationary SCBA Air Compressor	20,000.00	-0-	20	-0-
24 Sets of PPE	72,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
10 SCBA with Spare Cylinders	50,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
Mobile SCBA Fill Station	10,000.00	-0-	20	-0-
Infrared Camera	9,000.00	-0-	15	-0-
30 Pagers	11,450.00	-0-	10	-0-
Portable Pump	4,000.00	-0-	15	-0-
Floating Portable Pump	2,500.00	-0-	15	-0-
Honda 6kw Generator	5,000.00	-0-	15	-0-
Light Tower – Rescue Truck	6,000.00	4,400.00	15	400.00
Fire Hose 2.5 – 400’	1,200.00	880.00	15	80.00
Rescue Chain Saw	2,195.00	1,975.50	10	219.50
Miscellaneous Equipment	<u>110,000.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	15	<u>-0-</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,027,045.00</b>	<b>\$432,809.50</b>		<b>\$30,793.50</b>

**POLICE EQUIPMENT**

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2016 Chevrolet Silverado	\$33,379.00	22,252.67	3	11,126.33
Cruiser Equipment	3,000.00	-0-	5	-0-
Cruiser Motorola Radio	2,800.00	-0-	6	465.00
Motorola Portable Radios (5)	12,000.00	-0-	6	-0-
Base Radio Kenwood 2008	965.00	-0-	5	193.00
Radar Kustom	1,000.00	-0-	2	-0-
Body Armor (4)	3,600.00	-0-	2	-0-
Body Camera (6)	2,625.00	2,100.00	5	525.00
Office Equipment	5,684.00	-0-	3	-0-
Glock Handguns (5)	2,400.00	-0-	6	-0-
Mossburg Shotgun	500.00	125.00	20	25.00
Card Access System	4,000.00	3,600.00	10	400.00
Taser (X26)	1,500.00	600.00	5	300.00

AR 15 (Old)	1,200.00	250.00	10	90.00
AR 15 (New)	<u>500.00</u>	<u>380.00</u>	10	<u>120.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$75,153.00</b>	<b>\$29,307.67</b>		<b>\$13,244.33</b>

### HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
1995 Brush Bandit Chipper	15,000.00	-0-	20	750.00
1996 Motorola Mobile Radio	600.00	-0-	20	30.00
Miscellaneous Mobile Equipment	45,000.00	11,500.00	20	2,250.00
2015 Sakai TW320 Roller	36,000.00	38,600.00	30	1,200.00
York Rake	3,000.00	600.00	20	150.00
Culvert Thawer w/Trailer	4,500.00	-0-	10	200.00
2003 Sweepster Brom for 416 Cat	8,500.00	104.00	15	566.00
2004 Hudson Trailer 10 ton	8,900.00	3,960.00	20	445.00
2005 Sander E2020	14,000.00	573.00	15	933.00
2007 Komatsu Excavator	93,500.00	51,425.00	20	4,675.00
1985 Cat 130 Motor Grader	65,000.00	39,002.00	15	4,333.00
2012 John Deere Loader	106,400.00	85,120.00	20	5,320.00
2000 Cat 416C Loader/Backhoe	87,500.00	-0-	15	4,668.00
2005 Mack Dump Truck	107,543.00	41,980.00	15	7,170.00
2016 Chevrolet 3500 Pick Up	69,436.00	52,077.00	8	8,679.50
2008 Chevrolet 3500 Dump Truck	50,483.00	-0-	5	0.00
2011 Mack Dump Truck	124,925.00	74,032.00	15	8,328.00
2012 Fischer Sander	4,700.00	2,350.00	10	470.00
2011 Fischer Sander	<u>4,700.00</u>	<u>1,880.00</u>	10	<u>470.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$849,687.00</b>	<b>\$403,203.00</b>		<b>\$50,637.50.00</b>

### BUILDING & GROUNDS

2011 Ford F350 Pickup	\$43,000.00	\$ 10,750.00	8	\$ 5,375.00
2016 JD 935 Pro Mower/ Bag System	13,500.00	10,800.00	5	2,700.00
2000 PAS 65x14 Trailer	2,750.00	550.00	20	137.50
2016 Honda 21" Commercial Mower	660.00	528.00	5	132.00
2013 Honda 21" Commercial Mower	<u>675.00</u>	<u>159.00</u>	5	<u>160.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$60,585.00</b>	<b>\$22,787.00</b>		<b>\$8,504.50</b>

**BIRTHS REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2016**

<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Name of Child</b>	<b>Name of Father &amp; Name of Mother</b>
January 20, 2016	Aydin Sharif Goldberg	Stephen Goldberg Jessica Abdallah-Goldberg
April 4, 2016	Lillian Rose Robinson	Blakley Robinson Sarah Letourneau

**DEATHS REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2016**

<b>Date Of Death</b>	<b>Name Of Deceased</b>	<b>Name &amp; Surname Of Father</b>	<b>Maiden Name Of Mother</b>
January 1, 2016	Fred Locke	Frank Locke	Marie Delage
April 18, 2016	James McCusker	James McCusker	Katherine Donnelly
April 20, 2016	Letitia Burwell	Sifford Pearre	Angelica Yonge
May 4, 2016	James Cyrs	Preston Cyrs	Julia Connery
May 31, 2016	Harry Reid	Aubrey Reid	Alice Brown
June 24, 2016	Laurence Ring	Laurence Ring, Sr.	Agnes Trachier
July 18, 2016	Spencer Tewksbury	Linwood Tewksbury	Lillian Young
July 18, 2016	Donald Dimick, Jr.	Donald Dimick, Sr.	Joyce March
August 7, 2016	Dorothy Carpinetti	Sidney Corey	Florence Bray
August 16, 2016	Alton Betts	Joseph Betts	Eva Wilder
November 26, 2016	Paul Pfosi, Jr.	Paul Pfosi, Sr.	Lucy Hannah

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2016**

<b>Date of Marriage</b>	<b>Name and Surname Of Groom &amp; Bride</b>	<b>Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage</b>
September 6, 2016	Parker J. Wilson Heather A. Mealey	Sugar Hill NH Sugar Hill 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-

### **James “Jim” Cyrs**

Jim served the Town on both the Sugar Hill Fire and Police Departments. He was a lifelong resident of the community and was known to most residents through his plumbing and heating business as well.

### **James McCusker**

Mr. McCusker served the Town as a Trustee of the Carolina Crapo Trust Fund for many years.

### **Harry Reid**

Harry was born and raised in Sugar Hill and after many years of military service returned to Sugar Hill where he served as Fire Chief, School Board Member, Planning Board Member and Selectman.

### **Laurence “Larry” Ring**

Larry served the Town of Sugar Hill as a member of the Select Board and also as a Cemetery Trustee. The Town is fortunate to have excellent Cemetery records in part because of Larry and his wife Jean’s work in compiling them.

**We will miss these fine gentlemen who have  
given so much to our community.**

## NOTES