



**Town of Sugar Hill**  
New Hampshire

**59th Annual Report**

**Year Ending  
December 31, 2020**

*When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, “Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.”*

*– Fred Rogers*

We would be remiss not to thank all the helpers this year: The Willing Workers, Rose Ellms and James Snyder for making sure that the children of Sugar Hill would not be disappointed and a long tradition not broken when Santa and his elves magically appeared at the Meetinghouse. The Willing Workers for their assistance with the food pantry. Brenda Aldrich and a large group of volunteers for the weekly Grocery Box Program. The many election workers who persevered through four different elections. Larry and Judy Sawyer who work tirelessly to keep our roadsides clear of litter. All the Town employees who went above and beyond during a difficult time and to any helpers that we may have missed, thank you.



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# **TOWN OFFICERS**

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

John J. Strasser, III, Chairman (Term Expires 2023)  
Margaret Connors (Term Expires 2022)  
Richard Bielefield (Term Expires 2021)

**TOWN OFFICE**  
Telephone 823-8468

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
Jennifer P. Gaudette

**TOWN CLERK**  
Lissa Boissonneault  
Marie Snyder, Deputy

**TREASURER**  
Amy Venezia

**TAX COLLECTOR**  
Lissa Boissonneault  
Marie Snyder, Deputy

**CHIEF OF POLICE**  
Michael Ho-Sing Loy

**FIRE CHIEF / FIRE WARDEN**  
Allan R. Clark (Appointed)

**TO REPORT AN EMERGENCY**  
**911**  
**EMERGENCY ONLY**

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**  
**1-800-564-6911**  
**Non-Emergency 823-8123**

**HIGHWAY AGENT**  
Douglas R. Glover

**OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE**  
Board of Selectmen

**HEALTH OFFICER**  
Margaret Connors

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

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

**TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS**  
Russ Gaitskill (2023)  
Greg Connors (2022)  
Raymond Dionne (2021)

**SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**  
John Colony (2026)  
Edward Cenerzio (2024)  
Starcy Branch (2022)

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES**  
Irene Amsbary (2023)  
Teresa Schofield (2022)  
Jason Tors (2021)

**CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

	Beth Perlo (2022) resigned (12/20)		
Holly Hayward	(2022)	Lyn Kenerson	(2021)
Kathleen Jablonski	(2023)	Meri Hern (resigned 10/20)	(2021)

**PLANNING BOARD**

	Robert Hayward, Jr., Chairman (2021)		
James Keefe	(2021)	Searle Redfield	(2023)
David Thurston	(2021)	Arthur Chase	(2023)
John J. Strasser	(2022)	Sidney Regan	(2022)
	Amy Venezia, Alt (2022)		
	Chris Thayer, Alt (2023)		

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

	Michael Hern, Chairman (2022)		
Carl Hjelm	(2023)	James Keefe	(2021)
Donald Boissonneault	(2023)	John Colony	(2021)
	Amy Venezia, Alt. & Secretary (2022)		
	Sarah Pinney, Alt (2021)		

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

	Cathy Strasser, Chair (2022)		
Margaret Connors	(2023)	Timothy Burger	(2022)
Charles Wolcott	(2023)	Chris Ellms	(2021)
Timothy Williams	(2023)		
	Robert Mancini, Jr. Alt (2022)		

**RECREATION PROGRAM  
SUGAR HILL REPRESENTATIVES**

Launa Glover  
Nicole Mackay

All 2020 reports from various agencies not printed in this Town Report are on file in the Selectmen’s Office and available upon request.

**TOWN OF SUGAR HILL  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES-RESULTS  
MARCH 10, 2020**

Moderator James F. Snyder declared the polls open at 11 AM for the voting by ballot on Article 1 (the election of town officers), Article 2 amending Article 3 Section 309 of the Zoning Ordinance and Article 3 to add a solar ordinance to the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance. Polls will close at 7:30 PM unless the town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour. All articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon at 7 PM. Moderator Snyder went over his rules of conduct for the meeting. The Moderator asked that all newly elected officers stay after the meeting to get sworn in by the Town Clerk. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Article 1, 2 and 3 to be passed over until ballots are counted at which time Moderator Snyder will read the results. Moderator Snyder introduced our new Chief of Police, Michael Ho Sing Loy. Chief Ho Sing Loy expressed his pleasure to serve the Town of Sugar Hill and to continue to meet residents over the months to come.

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

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

**RESULTS OF ARTICLE 1:**

Selectman, Three Year Term	John J. Strasser, III	77
Town Treasurer, One Year Term	Amy Venezia	80
Town Clerk, One Year Term	Lissa M. Boissonneault	77
Tax Collector, One Year Term	Lissa M. Boissonneault	77
Moderator, Two Year Term	James Snyder	79
Supervisor of the Check List, Six Year Term	John Colony	79
Library Trustee, Three Year Term	Irene Amsbary	73
Trustee of Trust Funds, Three Year Term	Russell Gaitskill	76
Two Board of Adjustment, Three Year Term	Donald Boissonneault	61
	Carl Hjelm	75
Cemetery Trustee, Three Year Term	Kathleen Jablonski	80

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

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 3 Section 309 of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance relating to Performance Standards. The official copy of the

amendment is on file and available to the public at the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display the day of the meeting. The following question is on the Official Ballot:

*“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the planning board for the Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance as follows: To amend Article 3 Section 309 relating to Performance Standards by prohibiting and defining nuisances and adding junk, stagnant water, and certain sewage conditions to the list of prohibited property conditions?”*

**YES 70 NO 13 ARTICLE 2 PASSES**

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

To see if the Town will vote to add a solar ordinance to the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance. The official copy of the Solar Ordinance is on file and available to the public at the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display the day of the meeting. The following question is on the Official Ballot:

*“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the planning board for the Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance as follows: To amend the Ordinance by adding a new section addressing solar energy collection systems and distributed generation resources, regulate and permit residential and roof mounted solar collection systems by right, and regulate and permit commercial solar by right or special exception depending upon district?”*

**YES 72 NO 11 ARTICLE PASSES**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town of Sugar Hill will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Four Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars (\$1,497,748.00) to defray Town charges.

Executive .....	\$63,750.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics .....	26,935.00
Financial Administration .....	25,740.00
Property Revaluation .....	15,000.00
Legal Expenses .....	25,000.00
Payroll Taxes .....	32,000.00
Planning Board .....	2,500.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment .....	750.00
General Government Buildings .....	42,150.00
Buildings & Grounds .....	35,750.00
Cemetery .....	15,000.00
Insurance .....	164,041.00
Advertising & Regional Associations .....	7,245.00
North Country Council .....	1,245.00
Franconia Notch Chamber .....	6,000.00
Unemployment .....	100.00
Police Department .....	243,738.00

Ambulance .....	25,256.00
Fire Department .....	89,975.00
Building Inspections .....	1,500.00
Emergency Management .....	2,500.00
Airport.....	665.00
Town Maintenance .....	221,950.00
General Highway Department Expense .....	194,075.00
Street Lighting .....	3,500.00
Highway Block Grant .....	45,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal .....	56,774.00
Health, Hospitals.....	5,604.00
North Country Home Health .....	1,775.00
Grafton County Senior.....	500.00
American Red Cross.....	292.00
Ammonoosuc Community Health .....	1,250.00
Burch House .....	287.00
Above the Notch.....	500.00
Center for New Beginnings .....	500.00
Franconia Children’s Center.....	500.00
Welfare .....	6,000.00
Tri County Cap .....	1,750.00
Parks and Recreation.....	31,670.00
Library .....	42,380.00
Patriotic Purposes .....	2,000.00
Conservation Commission .....	700.00
Interest Expense - Tax Anticipation.....	1,000.00
Long Term Notes .....	52,500.00
Interest Long Term Notes .....	15,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS.....	\$1,497,748.00

The Select Board recommends these Appropriations.

Moved by Richard Bielefield

Seconded by Tim Egan

**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 Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Tim Egan

Seconded by John Strasser

**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 One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) 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 Tim Egan

Seconded by Margo Connors

Discussion

**All in favor “Aye”, Opposed “No”, the “Ayes have it**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FiftyThousand 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 Mike Warren

Seconded by Greg Connors

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

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation

Moved by Rusty Talbot

Seconded by Mike Warren

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

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Tim Egan

Seconded by Kathleen Jablonski

Discussion

**All in favor “Aye”, Opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2009.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by John Strasser

Seconded by Tim Egan

Discussion

**All in favor “Aye”, Opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TenThousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Carolina Crapo Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Cathy Strasser

Seconded by Margo Connors

**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 Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by John Strasser

Seconded by Greg Connors

Discussion

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

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum Twenty-Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be placed in the Building and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund created in 2012.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Margo Connors

Seconded by Tim Egan

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

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund created in 1991.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Tim Egan

Seconded by Mike Warren

Discussion

**All in favor “Aye”, Opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it**

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be placed in the Energy Efficiency Capital Reserve Fund created in 2019.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Tim Egan

Seconded by Cathy Strasser

Discussion

**All in favor “Aye”, Opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it**

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a three year lease agreement in the amount of One Hundred Ninety Six Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Six Dollars (\$196,356) for the purpose of leasing a 10 Wheel Truck, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) for the first year’s payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required.)

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation

Moved by Tim Egan

Seconded by Launa Glover

John Strasser made an amendment to change the two amounts to \$168,000 for the lease and \$56,000 for the first year’s payment

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation

Moved by Tim Egan

Seconded by Brenda Aldrich

Discussion

**All in favor of the article as amended “Aye”, Opposed “No, the “Ayes” have it**

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$24,097) to be placed to be placed in the Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 2019 said sum shall come from unassigned fund balance.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation

Moved by Margo Connors

Seconded by Cathy Strasser

Discussion

**All in favor “Aye”, Opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it**

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) for the purpose of purchasing automated software for the Richardson Memorial Library with Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to come from the Library Trust Funds and the remaining Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to come from taxation.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation

Moved by Howard Mitz

Seconded by Launa Glover

Discussion

**All in favor “Aye”, Opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it**

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for support of the Boys & Girls Club of the North Country. The Boys and Girls Club is a fun, safe, positive place for all children of the North Country under the guidance of caring adults.

Moved by Tim Egan

Seconded by Gail Clark

Discussion

**All in favor “Aye”, Opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it**

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

Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director Allan Clark gave an updated report of monies collected and not collected from FEMA for storm damage in Sugar Hill. \$160,000 has been received with \$100,000 to come yet and bridge issues to be dealt with, an ongoing project. It has been extremely difficult dealing with the FEMA Agency. Chief Clark also addressed the Covid 19 outbreak and what to look for and what to do to keep yourself safe from contracting the virus. He is only a call away from any help Sugar Hill residents might need.

Greg Connors recognized Allan Clark for all his years of service on the Board of the Trustees of Trust Funds.

John Strasser read a Proclamation honoring the Willing Workers Society of Sugar Hill for their 100 plus years of being an active and very valuable organization, doing good works in many areas of our town life.

Betsy Fraser, President of the Willing Workers, presented a plaque honoring Edith Aldrich, Sugar Hill's first Town Clerk and Tax Collector serving for 36 years in that capacity and for being a loyal member of the Willing Workers. It will be hung at the Town Office along with other important town photos.

Selectboard member Richard Bielefield gave thanks to the many people that help to make Sugar Hill and the running of the Town and the Town Meeting possible.

Kitty Bigelow for once again creating the outstanding cover for the Town Report

Sugar Hill Improvement Assn. for the renovations done in the meeting hall at the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse. Thank you to Dennis Cote for the sound system for the meeting. Thanks to former Police Chief Bob Mancini for his time in Sugar Hill and to Brett Hucksohl for his dedicated 15 years on the Road Department. Mr. Bielefield also asked that any person that is interested in serving on a board or other volunteer services, to please let the Select Board know.

Starcy Branch spoke on the survey she had at the meeting for the SHIA organization for ideas or interests for speakers that SHIA can sponsor that residents would be interested in. She also spoke about the book awards that are sponsored by SHIA to Sugar Hill graduating seniors and for ongoing education.

Cornelia Lorentzen asked to be recognized and proceeded to read a list of grievances from three years ago against the Town and or Town Representatives. Moderator Snyder questioned the fact that it was not appropriate for the purpose of this Article. A motion was made and seconded for her to desist, and passed. She continued and finished her rant.

Brenda Aldrich announced that she will no longer chair the Fall Festival for lack of volunteers and that she is getting too old to keep it up. She said she would help anyone that would want to take on the task.

Gary Young thanked the Cemetery Trustees for getting the new area of the Cemetery up and ready for use.

Moderator Snyder read the results of the election. Town Clerk, Lissa Boissonneault, will swear in the newly elected officials.

There being no further business to transact, Moderator Snyder adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully, submitted:

Lissa M. Boissonneault, Town Clerk

**BALANCE SHEET**  
(As at December 31, 2020)

**ASSETS**

Current Assets		
Unrestricted Checking		\$ 268,246.75
Money Market/Roll		2,848.72
Roll (Bank Investment)		<u>1,003,367.95</u>
Total Checking/Savings		1,274,463.42
Other Current Assets:		
Property Taxes Receivable Current Year		161,814.23
Tax Liens Receivable		<u>33,638.32</u>
Total Other Current Assets		<u>195,452.55</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>1,469,915.97</u>
Taxes Deeded Property		
Total Assets		<u><u>\$1,487,099.31</u></u>

**LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
School District Tax Payable		<u>\$987,012.00</u>
Total Liabilities		\$987,012.00
Equity		
Reserved for Tax Deeded Property	17,183.34	
Reserved for Article Carried Forward	65,000.00	
Surplus	335,952.81	
Net Income	<u>81,951.16</u>	
Total Equity		<u>500,087.31</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		\$1,487,099.31

**SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS**

Crapo Building

Beginning Balance 1/1/20	\$ 234,393.50
2020 Payment	<u>57,230.34</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/20	<u><u>\$ 177,163.16</u></u>

## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land Under Current Use (At Current Use Values)	\$ 568,657.00
Land	55,310,100.00
Buildings	104,368,900.000
Public Utilities	<u>4,570,700.00</u>
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	\$164,818,357.00
Elderly and Blind Exemptions	<u>20,000.00</u>
Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate Is Computed for Municipal, County and Local Education	\$164,798,357.00
Less Utilities	<u>\$4,570,700.00</u>
Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate For State Education Tax Is Computed	\$160,227,657.00

## STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

	<u>Amount</u>		<u>Tax Rate</u>
Total Town Appropriations	\$1,911,345.00		
Less: Revenues	(288,163.00)		
Fund Balance Voted surplus	(24,097.00)		
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	(100,000.00)		
Add: Overlay	19,784.00		
War Service Credits	<u>17,400.00</u>		
Net Town Appropriations		\$1,536,269.00	
Municipal Tax Rate			\$ 9.32
Net Local School Budget	0.00		
Regional School Apportionment	1,730,746.00		
Less: Equitable Education Grant	(.00)		
State Education Taxes	<u>(292,156.00)</u>		
Approved School(s) Tax Effort		1,438,590.00	
Local Education Tax Rate			8.73
State Education Taxes	<u>292,156.00</u>	292,156.00	1.82
Due to County	<u>281,015.00</u>		
Net County Tax Assessment		281,015.00	
County Tax Rate			1.71
Combined Tax Rate			21.58
Total Property Taxes Assessed		3,548,030.00	
Less: War Service Credits		<u>(17,400.00)</u>	
Property Tax To Be Raised		\$3,530,630.00	

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

	Land	Buildings	Equipment
Meetinghouse	\$ 89,500.00	\$231,300.00	\$ 80,000.00
Carolina Crapo	125,100.00	309,340.00	50,000.00
Library			20,000.00
Fire Department	98,300.00	91,400.00	1,330,145.00
Police Department			113,697.35
Highway Department		142,100.00	939,759.25
Building & Grounds			61,859.00
Parks & Commons			
Coffin Pond-SHCC	45,400.00		
Tennis Court	34,560.00		
Town Forest-SHCC	129,300.00		
Land:			
Cemeteries	171,900.00		
Nason Road	65,900.00		
Creamery Pond	27,600.00		
Creamery Pond-OD	40,700.00		
Route 117	3,000.00		
Route 93	4,400.00		
Creamery Pond Corner	42,900.00		
Pearl Lake Road	18,300.00		
	\$ 896,860.00	\$774,140.00	\$2,595,460.60
	(1)	(1)	(2)

### TOTALS

Note (1) Based on Assessed Valuation

Note (2) Depreciated

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

To the Voters of the Town of Sugar Hill:

I herewith submit my report of the financial doings of my office for the year 2020:

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	\$171,651.00	
Dog Licenses Issued:	515.00	
Other Permits and Fees:	<u>6,921.00</u>	
 Total		 \$179,087.00

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	\$171,651.00	
Local Town Clerk Fees:	2,004.00	
State Town Clerk Fees:	3,015.00	
Title Application Fees:	302.00	
Dog Licenses Issued:	515.00	
Dog License Fees:	113.00	
Dog License Late Fees:	5.00	
Dog License Fines:	50.00	
Marriage Licenses Issued:	215.00	
Town Clerk Fees:	35.00	
Vital Statistics (First Copy):	136.00	
Vital Statistics (Second Copy)	205.00	
Town Clerk Fees:	324.00	
UCC Filing Fee:	150.00	
Insufficient Fund Fees	90.00	
Sale of Checklist	275.00	
Filing Fee	<u>2.00</u>	
 Total		 \$179,087.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Lissa M. Boissonneault  
Town Clerk

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2020**

**DEBITS**

<b>Uncollected Taxes – Beginning of Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Levies of 2020</b>	<b>Levies of 2019</b>
Property Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$125,555.45
Land Use Change	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	0.00	0.00
Property Tax Credit Balance	(1,216.14)	0.00
<b>Taxes Committed This Year:</b>		
Property Taxes	3,532,880.00	0.00
Land Use Change	3.75	0.00
Yield Taxes	5,063.49	0.00
<b>Overpayment Refunds:</b>		
Property Taxes	2,052.44	0.00
Interest & Penalties	<u>1,484.73</u>	<u>4,227.33</u>
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$3,540,268.27</b>	<b>\$129,782.78</b>

**CREDITS**

<b>Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:</b>		
Property Taxes	\$3,371,643.17	\$ 68,606.37
Land Use Change	3.75	0.00
Yield Taxes	5,063.49	0.00
Interest	1,484.73	3,583.58
Penalties	0.00	643.75
Conversion to Lien	0.00	55,176.90
<b>Abatements Made:</b>		
Property Taxes	258.90	1,772.18
Yield Taxes	0.00	0.00
Current Levy Deeded	0.00	0.00
<b>Uncollected Taxes End of Year:</b>		
Property Taxes	167,814.23	0.00
Property Tax Credit Balance	(6,000.00)	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>\$3,540,268.27</b>	<b>\$129,782.78</b>

**SUMMARY OF LIEN ACCOUNTS**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2020**

**DEBITS**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Unredeemed Liens			
Balance Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$ 0.00	\$25,186.03	\$14,186.68
Liens Executed			
During Fiscal Year	58,363.32	0.00	0.00
Interest & Costs			
Collected After Lien Execution	<u>1,677.91</u>	<u>3,684.81</u>	<u>4,788.60</u>
Total Debits	<u>\$60,041.23</u>	<u>\$28,870.84</u>	<u>\$18,975.28</u>

**CREDITS**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Remittances to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	\$39,096.69	\$10,814.34	\$14,186.68
Interest & Cost	1,677.91	3,684.81	4,788.60
Abatements of Unredeemed Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unredeemed Liens			
Balance End of Fiscal Year	<u>19,266.63</u>	<u>14,371.69</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Credits	<u>\$60,041.23</u>	<u>\$28,870.84</u>	<u>\$18,975.28</u>

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

	<b>2019</b>		<b>2018</b>
Caporelli, Mary A. & Patricia	\$ 3,538.51	\$	4,311.06
Staffier, Paul D.	7,178.00		3,639.10
Waitkus, Lisa	8,245.92		9,703.42
Young, Adam	618.78		0.00
Young, Jr. Gary G.	156.26		0.00
Young, Jr. Gary G.	1,011.80		0.00
Young, Jr. Miranda & Gary	89.86		0.00
Young, Jr. Miranda & Gary	<u>359.63</u>		<u>0.00</u>
Totals	\$21,198.76		\$ 17,653.58

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Year Ending December 31, 2020**  
**Cash Basis**

Beginning Cash Balance Checking January 1, 2020		\$ 285,772.67
Beginning Balance Roll/Money Market January 2, 2020		<u>780,131.51</u>
	Total	<u>\$1,065,904.18</u>

**RECEIPTS**

Tax Collector		\$3,580,454.77
Town Clerk		179,087.00
Selectmen		17,795.00
Transfers (Trust & Capital Reserve Funds)		43,108.87
State & Federal Grants		124,409.59
Interest on Money Market & NOW Account		<u>1,191.30</u>
Total Receipts		\$3,946,046.53

**DISBURSEMENTS+**

Orders of Selectmen		\$3,737,487.29
Loan Repayments		<u>0.00</u>
Total Disbursements		\$3,737,487.29
Ending Cash Balance NOW Checking, December 31, 2020		268,246.75
Ending Cash Balance Roll/Money Market, December 31, 2020		<u>1,006,463.42</u>
		\$1,274,463.42

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

Beginning Balance 1/1/20		\$254.04
Deposits		<u>25.00</u>
Balance 12/31/20		\$254.04

**POLICE SPECIAL DUTY FUND**

Beginning Balance 1/1/20		\$139.77
Interest Earned		<u>0.00</u>
Balance 12/31/20		\$139.77

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Beginning Balance 1/1/20	\$7,113.37
Deposit	1,414.00
Withdrawals	(1,414.00)
Interest Earned	<u>3.37</u>
Balance 12/31/20	\$7,136.74

**CONSERVATION LAND USE FUND**

Beginning Balance 1/1/20	\$76,483.55
Deposit Change Tax	3.75
Withdrawal	(1,414.00)
Interest Earned	<u>1,532.56</u>
Balance 12/31/20	\$75,544.61

**RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

Beginning Balance 1/1/20	\$ -104.66
Deposits	8,120.00
Withdrawals	(6,000.00)
Interest Earned	<u>.52</u>
Balance 12/31/20	\$2,015.86

**RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

Beginning Balance 1/1/20	\$ 640.21
Deposits	9,864.00
Withdrawals	<u>(6,293.53)</u>
Balance 12/31/20	\$4,218.68

**NORTHERN PASS DEFENSE FUND**

Beginning Balance 1/1/20	\$763.33
Interest Earned	<u>.36</u>
Balance 12/31/19	\$763.69

## SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

### Cash Basis

Local Taxes:

Property Taxes, Current Year	\$ 3,369,849.63
Yield Taxes, Current Year	5,063.49
Current Use Change, Current Year	3.75
Property Taxes, Prior Year	125,555.45
Lien Redemptions, Prior Years	64,097.71
Interest & Costs	<u>15,884.74</u>

Total Taxes Collected \$3,580,454.77

From Local Sources and Miscellaneous, except Taxes:

Motor Vehicle Permits	171,651.00
Town Clerk Fees	2,004.00
State Fees	3,015.00
Title Application Fees	302.00
Dog Licenses, Fees, Penalty	570.00
Marriage Licenses	215.00
Vital Statistics	341.00
UCC Filing Fees	150.00
Town Clerk Fees	472.00
Insufficient Funds/Wire Transfer	90.00
Checklist	275.00
Filing Fee	<u>2.00</u>

Total Town Clerk \$179,087.00

Building Permits	3,798.65
Driveway Permits	175.00
Planning Board Fees	634.00
Zoning Board Fees	165.00
Selectmen	89.80
Police	95.00
Fire	855.46
Cemetery Burials/plot purchases	5,900.00
Sale of Town Property	207.45
Cable TV Permit	<u>1,850.14</u>

Total Miscellaneous \$ 13,770.50



## SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

General Government:		
Executive	\$ 45,730.99	
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	25,023.32	
Financial Administration	22,551.49	
Revaluation of Property	15,000.00	
Legal Expenses	2,835.04	
Payroll Taxes	31,415.26	
Planning Board	1,670.50	
Zoning Board of Adjustment	200.50	
General Government Buildings	32,833.85	
Buildings & Grounds	31,323.98	
Cemeteries	14,222.13	
Insurance	156,103.46	
Advertising & Regional Associations	7,742.54	
Unemployment	<u>0.00</u>	
Total General Government Expenses		\$386,653.06
Public Safety:		
Police Department	240,712.22	
Fire Department	78,762.89	
Ambulance	24,771.50	
Emergency Management	<u>16,042.23</u>	
Total Public Safety Expenses		360,288.84
Total Building Inspections		2,772.50
Total Airports		665.00
Highway, Streets and Bridges:		
Town Maintenance	213,612.12	
General Expenses of Highway Department	189,456.23	
Highway Block Grant	50,359.43	
Highway Roadwork Non – Lapsing Fund	90,000.00	
Street Lighting	<u>3,453.90</u>	
Total Highways, Streets and Bridges Expenses		546,881.68
Sanitation:		
Solid Waste Disposal	<u>42,152.64</u>	
Total Sanitation		42,152.64
Health:		
Health, Hospitals	<u>8,104.00</u>	
Total Health Expenses		8,104.00
Total Welfare Expenses		5,112.34
Culture and Recreation:		
Recreation	27,965.50	
Library	48,250.86	
Patriotic	<u>270.25</u>	
Total Culture and Recreation Expenses		76,486.61

Conservation:		
Conservation Commission	275.00	
Land Use Change Fund	<u>3.75</u>	
Total Conservation Expenses		278.75
Debt Service:		
Principal Expense – Long Term Notes	57,230.34	
Interest Expense – Long Term Notes	10,269.66	
Interest Expense – TAN	<u>0.00</u>	
Total Debt Service Payments		67,500.00
Transfers to Capital Reserve Funds & Trusts:		
Article #5 Highway Equipment	25,000.00	
Article # 7 Fire Department HE	50,000.00	
Article #8 Fire Department Building	5,000.00	
Article #9 Bridge	75,000.00	
Article #10 Highway Dept. Building	10,000.00	
Article #11 Crapo Building	10,000.00	
Article #12 Police	15,000.00	
Article #13 Building & Grounds	2,500.00	
Article #14 Meetinghouse	5,000.00	
Article #15 Energy Efficiency	2,500.00	
Article #17 Transfer Station	24,097.00	
Cemetery Lots purchased	<u>5,600.00</u>	
Total Capital Reserve Funds & Trusts		229,697.00
Capital Vehicles/Equipment/Buildings/Land:		
Bridges	4,880.00	
Fire Building	15,800.00	
Crapo Building	3,067.00	
Highway Dept. Building	3,396.87	
Highway Lease	54,972.17	
Building & Grounds Truck	5,925.00	
Highway Roller	<u>8,000.00</u>	
Total Capital Expense		96,041.04
Miscellaneous:		
Abatements	3,019.51	
Taxes Bought by Town	<u>58,363.32</u>	
Total Miscellaneous Expenses		61,382.83
Unclassified:		
Payments – Tax Anticipation	0.00	
Total Unclassified Expenses		0.00
Payments to Other Government Divisions:		
Taxes Paid to County	281,015.00	
Payments to School Districts	<u>1,572,456.00</u>	
Total Payments to Other Government Divisions		<u>1,853,471.00</u>
Grand Total of Expenditures		\$3,737,487.29

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Executive:

Selectmen - Salary	\$ 0.00
Administrative Asst - Gaudette	29,074.76
Office Asst- Amy Venezia	793.50
Moderator	600.00
Workshops	130.00
Telephone	1,179.86
Computer Consulting	1,167.50
Internet	1,319.88
Website	212.97
Computer Equipment	2,535.00
Program Support	1,210.82
Mapping	1,908.70
Registry	112.90
Printing/Notices	2,100.00
NHMA Dues & Subscriptions	1,800.00
Office Supplies	1,158.25
Postage	926.85

Total Executive Expenses	\$ 46,230.99
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Election, Registration & Vital Statistics:

Town Clerk - Boissonneault	5,842.72
Deputy Clerk- Snyder	192.00
Town MV Fees - Boissonneault	2,505.00
State MV Fees - Boissonneault	3,015.00
Title Fees - Boissonneault	302.00
Dog Fees - Boissonneault	105.00
Marriage Fees - Boissonneault	35.00
Vital Fees - Boissonneault	332.00
UCC Fees - Boissonneault	150.00
Supervisors of the Checklist	2,609.36
Ballot Clerks	2,370.00
Computer - Consulting	736.25
Computer - Program Support BMSI	2,435.00
Computer – Equipment	655.00
Telephone	259.11
Workshops	75.00
Supplies/dog tags	627.25
Office Supplies/copier	1,258.53
Postage	734.10
Books	19.50
Vital Statistics	376.00
Dog Licenses	217.50
Marriage Licenses	<u>172.00</u>

Total Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	25,023.32
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CARES Grant \$1,430.34 Elections

Financial Administration:

Tax Collector - Lissa Boissonneault	5,274.88
Elizabeth Andross -Trust	175.00
Lien Fees - Boissonneault	176.00
Treasurer - Venezia	2,000.00
Auditor	5,250.00
Bank Fees	396.66
Telephone	281.35
Computer - Consulting	736.25
Computer Program & Support-Avitar/QB	5,434.87
Research Lien	420.70
Registry	113.10
Dues	40.00
Office Supplies/copier, checks, tax bills	976.98
Postage	<u>1,275.70</u>

Total Financial Administration Expenses 22,551.49

Total Revaluation 15,000.00

Total Legal Expenses 2,835.04

Payroll Taxes:

Sugar Hill FICA (Town Contribution)	23,894.31
Sugar Hill Medicare (Town Contribution)	7,496.19
Psyroll Other	<u>24.76</u>

Total Payroll Taxes Expense 31,415.26

Planning Board:

Secretary - Salary Amy Venezia	1,320.00
Registry	102.00
Printing/Notices	190.00
Books	18.00
Postage	<u>40.50</u>

Total Planning Board Expenses 1,670.50

Zoning Board:

Secretary – Amy Venezia	132.00
Printing/Notices	30.00
Postage	20.50
Books	<u>18.00</u>

Total Zoning Board Expenses 200.50

Government Buildings:

James Keefe	15,253.90
Telephone (Elevator & Meetinghouse)	1,342.27

Electricity (Crapo & Meetinghouse)	4,576.54	
Heating Oil (Meetinghouse)	1,832.29	
Propane (Crapo)	2,757.63	
Unifirst – Rugs	1,104.69	
Rick Erwin Piano Maint	380.49	
Alarm Monitoring	324.00	
Tri State Extinguisher Inspections	651.21	
NC Mechanical Boiler	587.50	
Zizza Locksmith	279.00	
WTS – Granite	1,500.00	
Up North Electric	123.00	
Supplies	<u>2,121.33</u>	
Total Government Buildings Expenses		32,833.85
Crapo Building CRF –Able Security	3,067.00	
		3,067.00
Grounds & Maintenance:		
Peter Carbonneau - Salary	23,098.50	
James Keefe	2,206.66	
Telephone	611.24	
Uniforms	129.99	
Builtwell Fencing – Tennis Courts	165.00	
Supplies	846.07	
New Equipment (snow blower)	1,523.95	
23098.50Gasoline	611.22	
Diesel	532.01	
Grounds keeping - New Equipment (mower)	1,073.42	
Vehicle Repair	<u>525.92</u>	
Total Grounds & Maintenance Expenses		31,323.98
CRF- Truck Repair		5,925.00
Cemeteries:		
Supplies – Flags Holders	216.75	
Top Notch Tree Removal	2,250.00	
Fencing	485.00	
Littleton Monument	3,000.00	
WTS Co	3,750.00	
Presby Construction – Road	4,200.00	
Supplies	<u>320.38</u>	
Total Cemeteries Expenses		14,222.13
Insurance:		
Health - Highway	70,803.94	
Police	33,958.80	
Executive	22,932.48	
Building & Grounds	3,397.02	
Dental	7,550.55	
Retiree HT Reimbursed	1,444.60	
COBRA	2,579.90	

Property Liability	21,733.00	
Worker's Compensation	14,939.23	
Employee Reimbursed	(16,749.91)	
Healthtrust Refund	<u>(6,486.15)</u>	
Total Insurance Expenses		156,103.46
Total Advertising & Regional Associations Expenses		7,242.54
Total Unemployment Expenses		0.00
Police Department:		
Chief Mike Ho-Sing-Loy	77,773.74	
Corp. Zack Chicoine	59,872.12	
Officer Gary Emerson	9,108.75	
Officer Cody MacKay	1,060.50	
Officer Ryan Jarvis	84.00	
Officer Teighlar Carney	2,849.36	
Officer Sarah Donahue	1,743.00	
Adm Asst. Jamie Allaire	2,373.80	
Police Retirement	37,719.54	
Prosecutor – Town of Littleton	3,500.00	
Workshop	125.00	
Training	300.00	
8123 Line	250.00	
Telephone Wireless	1,807.66	
Telephone Office/Fax Line added	1,307.52	
Body Camera Storage	1,872.00	
Computer Consulting	1,272.50	
Computer Program Support	3,232.80	
Internet	240.00	
Website	458.00	
Active 911	14.00	
Dispatch Service	12,935.30	
Uniforms	3,069.93	
Firearms	734.00	
Dues	175.00	
Supplies	12.73	
Office Supplies	1,464.40	
Books	36.00	
Postage/Box Rent	241.43	
Gasoline	3,656.56	
Vehicle Maintenance	4,079.06	
New Equipment	<u>7,343.52</u>	
Total Police Department Expenses		240,712.22
Stipend Wage reimbursement \$6,214.28		
Ambulance:		
Golden Cross	22,771.50	
Franconia Life Squad	<u>2,000.00</u>	
Total Ambulance Expenses		24,771.50

Fire Department:

Salaries:

Aldrich, Clifton	1,564.29
Amsbary, Douglas	2,072.29
Burger, Timothy	1,927.29
Chase, Eric	1,264.29
Clark, Allan	13,171.71
Collins, Jeffrey	2,511.86
Crowe, Nelson	1,026.29
Glover, Douglas	2,514.29
Hodgdon, Jody	1,434.29
Ireland, Brinson	2,672.29
Johnk, Gordon	3,440.29
Johnk, Samuel	2,210.29
Kenerson, Danforth	1,298.29
Low, Kevin	618.29
Quintal, Richard	1,888.29
Rasmussen, Eric	2,772.29
Roussel, Cort	1,077.29
Snyder, James	3,618.29
Talbot, Rusty	1,366.29
Warren, Michael	1,361.29
Warren, Lynne	102.00
Wilson, Ned	2,699.86
Training	300.00
Telephone	533.15
Information Line 8123	250.00
Internet Provider	815.00
FF Response System	300.00
Dispatching Services	5,543.70
Medical Services	147.00
Electric	1,762.58
Heating Oil	1,605.88
Building Maintenance	3,412.60
Uniforms & Protective Clothing	1,246.47
Dues	955.00
Supplies	830.93
Medical Supplies	75.88
Gasoline	6.17
Diesel Fuel	620.75
Propane	2,486.30
Vehicle Maintenance	3,191.67
Equipment Maintenance	681.85
Radio Maintenance	663.18
Reimbursed Expense	126.00
New & Replacement Equipment	<u>597.13</u>

Total Fire Department Expenses

78,762.89

Stipend Wage Reimbursement \$12,428.65

CRF – Fire Department Propane Furnace Install		15,800.00
Total Building Inspections – Allan Clark		2,772.50
EMD – Allan Clark	6,818.50	
Pantry	885.61	
Office Windows	1,050.00	
COVID Precautions	1,513.12	
Crapo Shower Installation	5,575.00	
MAPS EM Plan	<u>200.00</u>	
Total Emergency Management		16,042.23
GOFERR Reimbursement \$13,779		
Total Airport		665.00
Town Maintenance:		
Douglas Glover - Salary	78,528.68	
Brett Hucksoll	11,109.48	
Joshua Ashe	44,348.40	
Todd Nelson	49,246.47	
Peter Carbonneau	9,645.44	
Jim Keefe	266.40	
Retirement	<u>20,467.25</u>	
Total Town Maintenance		213,612.12
General Highway Department:		
Engineering - McCarthy	480.00	
Telephone	1,268.83	
Computer Internet	719.40	
Computer Consulting	592.50	
Computer Support	60.00	
Medical	555.25	
Electricity	2,393.31	
Heating Oil	2,468.96	
Building Maintenance	3,284.55	
Equipment Rental	2,030.00	
Uniforms	4,150.38	
Dues	55.00	
Supplies	3,554.74	
Office Supplies	233.60	
Shop Supplies	1,182.34	
Diesel Fuel	14,146.79	
Gasoline	46.22	
Propane	75.00	
Vehicle Maintenance	13,892.46	
Equipment Maintenance	8,378.83	
Radio Maintenance	1,454.50	
Road Salt	9,935.63	

Crushed Gravel	8,812.00
Sand	14,841.50
Culverts	414.35
Stone	4,033.00
Cold Patch	18,783.73
Calcium	2,940.00
Asphalt	65,000.00
Non-Lapsing Roadwork WA #4	90,000.00
Street Signs	448.36
Tree Removal	3,000.00
Animal Control	<u>225.00</u>

Total General Highway Department & WA#	279,456.23
Highway Department Building CRF	3,396.87
Highway Department Equipment – Roller	8,000.00
Truck Lease	54,972.17
Bridge CRF	4,880.00
Total Street Lighting Expenses	3,453.90
Total Highway Block Grant Expenses	50,359.43
Total Solid Waste Disposal Expenses	42,152.64
Total Health & Hospitals Agencies Expenses	8,104.00
Total Welfare Expenses	5,112.34
Total Parks & Recreation Expenses	27,965.50
Library:	
Librarian - Judy Weisenberger	15,426.00
Wendy Kern	3,420.00
Ann Hansalik	2,236.00
Amy Venezia	495.00
Training	65.00
Telephone	556.60
Computer Program Support	290.83
Computer Equipment	689.96
Consulting Contract	495.00
Computer – Other	320.44
Automation Equipment	5,932.92
Automation Materials	454.88
Dues/Fees	119.00
Library Supplies	702.83
Office Supplies	593.88

Postage	55.00	
Programs	276.95	
Books/Movies/Audio	<u>16,120.57</u>	
Total Library Expenses		48,250.86
Patriotic:		
Town Party	<u>270.25</u>	
Total Patriotic Expenses		270.25
Conservation Commission:		
Dues	<u>275.00</u>	
Total Conservation Commission		275.00
Land Use Change Fund		3.75
Long Term Notes -Principal	57,230.34	
Long Term Notes - Interest	<u>10,269.66</u>	
Total Long Term Notes		67,500.00
Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds:		
Meetinghouse CRF	5,000.00	
Crapo Building CRF	10,000.00	
Highway Department HE	25,000.00	
Fire Department HE	50,000.00	
Fire Department Building	5,000.00	
Bridgework	75,000.00	
Police Department CRF	15,000.00	
Highway Building	10,000.00	
Building & Grounds CRF	2,500.00	
Energy Efficiency CRF	2,500.00	
Transfer Station CRF	<u>24,097.00</u>	
Total Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds		224,097.00
Transfers Trust Funds		
Cemetery		5,600.00
Total Taxes Paid - County		281,015.00
Total Taxes Paid - School District		1,572,456.00
Abatements		3,019.51
Total Taxes Bought by the Town		<u>58,363.32</u>
Total Detailed Expenses		\$7,737,487.29



## 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, 2020, and the related statements of revenue and expenditures for the year then ended, included in the accompanying prescribed form MS-535. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed form MS-535 nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on the financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed form MS-535.

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

*Cohos Advisors PLLC*

February 15, 2021



# CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2020

## PRINCIPAL INCOME

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year
10/09/1975	Sunnyside Care Fund (1)	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$1,885.54	\$87.01	\$0.00	\$1,972.55	\$13,972.55
09/21/1973	Louise Leazott Trust (1)	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	623.75	7.04	0.00	630.79	1,130.79
11/05/1943	Annie Bowles Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	151.94	1.89	0.00	153.83	303.83
11/03/1937	Frank E. Bowles Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	151.94	1.89	0.00	153.83	303.83
10/18/1956	J.L. & Gertrude Bowles Trust (1)	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	85.39	1.15	0.00	86.54	186.54
07/11/1984	Hersom Murray Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	105.21	1.59	0.00	106.80	256.80
10/09/1975	Anker Trust (2)	2,180.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,180.29	0.00	13.66	0.00	13.66	2,193.95
10/09/1975	Sunnyside Cemetery (3)	1,566.00	5,600.00	0.00	0.00	7,166.00	0.00	9.82	0.00	9.82	7,175.82
<b>TOTAL CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS</b>		\$16,796.29	\$5,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,396.29	\$3,003.77	\$124.05	\$0.00	\$3,127.82	\$25,524.11

(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 Greg Commors, Ray Dionne, Russ Gattskill  
Trustees of the Trust Funds

# LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2020

## PRINCIPAL

## INCOME

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year	Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year
10/09/1975	Gladys Jesseman Memorial Trust	\$1,841.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,841.23	\$279.64	\$13.31	\$0.00	\$292.95	\$2,134.18
09/21/1973	Fredericka Harmes Fund	1,564.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,564.10	625.45	13.72	0.00	639.17	2,203.27
11/05/1943	Alice Smith Fund	903.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	903.50	360.18	7.91	0.00	368.09	1,271.59
01/22/2001	Richardson Memorial Trust	73,984.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	73,984.55	11,069.99	531.38	8,000.00	3,601.37	77,585.92
	<b>TOTAL LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS</b>	\$78,293.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$78,293.38	\$12,335.26	\$566.32	\$8,000.00	\$4,901.58	\$83,194.96

All Funds Invested 100%.

All Funds are deposited in PDIP or CD's.

# SUGAR HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION FUNDS

December 31, 2020

## PRINCIPAL

## INCOME

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year	Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year
06/01/2009 1948	SHIA(communit) CRAPO(education)	\$843,948.94 742,644.73	\$21,324.38 18,150.87	\$225,455.61 66,437.39	\$20,058.90 30,886.39	\$1,070,670.03 796,346.60	\$90,865.10 40,803.89	\$13,404.22 9,291.58	\$21,437.10 18,250.28	\$82,832.22 31,845.19	\$1,153,502.25 828,191.79
	<b>TOTAL SHIA FUNDS</b>	\$1,586,593.67	\$39,475.25	\$291,893.00	\$50,945.29	\$1,867,016.63	\$131,668.99	\$22,695.80	\$39,687.38	\$114,677.41	\$1,981,694.04

Respectfully,  
Chairman Greg Connors, Ray Dionne, Russ Gaitskill  
Trustees of Trust Funds

## SELECT BOARD'S REPORT

Well, 2020 is a year that all of us will unfortunately remember. In so many ways the normal life that we have all come to expect in Sugar Hill was, and continues to be, drastically changed during this pandemic. However it is amazing how the Town's employees and volunteers *have* found ways to continue their work while keeping infection protocols in place. So the Select Board would like to show its appreciation.

In 2020 we were fortunate to hire Michael Ho-Sing-Loy to fill the Police Chief vacancy and bring his considerable experience to our Town. Chief Mike has a really great attitude toward his position and he has been a pleasure to work with. Welcome!

We do want to thank Corporal Zachary Chicoine for acting as Officer in Charge for a few months while we searched for a new Chief. We also appreciate the part time Police Officers who add to the Town's protection.

Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director Allan Clark certainly had his hands full during this COVID pandemic. The entire Town owes him an enormous thank you for all his efforts. Chief Clark was able to keep his fire and rescue personnel as safe as possible and well equipped with PPE, while supplying other Town Departments with similar gear. So thank you Allan for all your time and work! And thank you to Chief Clark and all our volunteer firefighters who always answer the call.

The Sugar Hill Highway Department continues its invaluable work, keeping our roads clear and safe. Road Agent, Doug Glover, is constantly looking for ways to squeeze the maximum benefit out of his budget. We are so fortunate to have excellent Highway Department personnel.

A very special THANK YOU has to go out to Brenda Aldrich and her Harman's crew. Throughout these difficult times Brenda has gone above and beyond, not only with the usual store business but also with the "Grocery Box" to keep homes supplied with essential food items. The Selectman's office extends its sincere thanks to Brenda for her efforts. Please be sure to do the same yourself.

We hear many comments of appreciation for how well Jim Keefe and Peter Carbonneau take care of our Town buildings, grounds and cemeteries. Many of the actual Meeting House and Crapo building improvements have been funded by our Sugar Hill Improvement Association for which we are all very grateful.

The Willing Workers need to be recognized for all their behind the scenes efforts in making Sugar Hill a great little Town. A very special thank you goes out to

Rose Ellms and her Christmas helpers. They didn't let a pandemic interfere with an event that made the holiday season special for Sugar Hill kids.

Throughout all these trying times our Town Offices have continued to function, so we need to thank our Town Clerk/Tax Collector Lissa Boissonneault, the Select Board's Administrative Assistant Jennifer Gaudette and Treasurer Amy Venezia. Also Judy

Weisenberger and her Library Assistants who went above and beyond to supply us with reading material to let us temporarily escape Covid.

We would be remiss if we didn't also show our gratitude towards the Supervisors of the Checklist, the Zoning Board of Adjustment, the Conservation Commission, the Planning Board, all the Trustees plus all the various volunteers who continue to make Sugar Hill a really great place to live.

Finally we extend a thank you to Beth Perlo for her service on the Planning Board and Cemetery Trustees over all these years. And to Meri Hern for her service to the Cemetery Trustees and Don Boissonneault for his service to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

On the business side, we continue planning for the Streeter Pond Road and Crane Hill bridge projects. The Select Board has also been studying solar electric power for the Town Buildings and improving internet service for the entire Town.

## **CEMETERY TRUSTEES' REPORT**

The year 2020 saw the work completed by Sexton Pete Carbonneau and Mike Warren on the granite wall. Peter located the granite that had been buried at the Meetinghouse and with Mike's assistance they removed and relocated the beautiful large pieces to the Cemetery. Top Notch Tree came in and removed trees, and Builtwell Fences erected additional fencing.

The upper portion of the Cemetery is open for the sale of lots. If you are interested in purchasing a lot, please contact the Select Board office.

In October, Meri Hern resigned from the trustees and we thank her for her years as trustee.

Peter Carbonneau does an outstanding job of maintaining the grounds. A special thank you to the Littleton Veterans' of Foreign Wars for their participation at Sunnyside on Memorial Day. Additional thanks to Doug Glover and his Crew for the Road Maintenance and assistance with burials as needed.

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

## **PLANNING BOARD**

The Planning Board is always open to constructive ways to improve and keep abreast of current changes. The Planning Board saw the following activity for 2020:

Minor Subdivision            1

We started and ended 2020 with Public Hearings. In January, we started the year with a Public Hearing for proposed addition to the zoning ordinance for Noise and Solar. We ended 2020 with another proposed change for the Zoning Ordinance for the maximum height restrictions for outdoor storage and recreational equipment to be changed to 13'6" to be voted on at the 2021 Town Meeting.

The Planning Board meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30PM at the Town Office. Anyone interested in serving on the Planning Board should write a letter to the Select Board expressing their interest for an appointment to the Board as an alternate or regular member

Appreciation is due to all the members who generously volunteer their time and work to maintain the quality and beauty of our town.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Venezia, Secretary

## ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

As 2020 comes to a close and we start into 2021 we can only hope things get a little more normal. We did manage to get a lot of things done this last year to include miles of ditch work along many of the roads in Town. We also took down many dead trees that were deemed to be safety hazards to the traveling public. With the installation of an outdoor wood boiler at the Town Garage we have been heating the building with the wood we have collected from blowdowns and to date, have not used any heating oil.

During the summer we put the top coat of hot top on Lafayette Road. Now complete, we are hoping the funding from FEMA comes through to reimburse the project costs. We also cleaned ditches on Pearl Lake Road and paved it from Route 117 up to Post Road. Shim work was done on Pearl Lake Road, Lover's Lane and Toad Hill Road.

As winter approached we prepped our equipment for snow removal. In December we took delivery of our new 10 wheel dump truck that replaced the 15 year old Mack. In anticipation of being able to do more shim work by ourselves next year we traded in the hot top roller for a larger one.

I have been working with Town Engineer Red McCarthy on the Indian Creek Bridge replacement plan and Emergency Management Director Clark is working on the funding for the project. The Crane Hill Bridge Project is still in the works as we await State Funding and we appreciate all the residents who took the time to respond to the bridge survey. Most of you were in favor of rehabilitation of the existing bridge and that continues to be an option we are exploring.

As always, I would like to thank the Sugar Hill Fire and Police Departments for their assistance during storm events and also the Select Board for their continued assistance.

To the residents of this great Town, please feel free to call any time with questions or concerns at the shop between 6:00am and 2:30 pm at 823-8788 or my cell anytime 616-8467.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Douglas Glover, Road Agent

**TOWN OF SUGAR HILL  
TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

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

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting Ballot Voting of the Town of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, will be held at the Carolina Crapo Building on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 11:00 am to act on the following subjects:

Polls will open at 11 a.m. for voting by ballot on Articles 1-2 (the election of Town Officers and Zoning Amendment). Polls will close at 7:00 p.m.

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, will be held at the Sugar Hill Fire Station on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., to act on the following subjects:

All Articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon starting at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

One Board of Adjustment member to serve for a term of one (1) year.

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

One Board of Cemetery Trustee to service for a term of one (1) year

And such other Town Officers as may be required by law

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

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 3 Section 311.1C of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance relating to Performance Standards. The official copy of the amendment is on file and available to the public at the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display the day of the meeting. The following question is on the Official Ballot:

*“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the planning board for the Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance as follows: To amend Article 3 Section 311.1C relating to Accessory Uses by changing the height from (10) feet to (13.6) feet for recreational equipment parked or stored in the side or rear yard.*

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town of Sugar Hill will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Five Hundred Ninety Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars (\$1,601,362.00) to defray Town charges.

Executive .....	\$65,750.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics .....	25,825.00
Financial Administration .....	25,340.00
Property Revaluation .....	15,000.00
Legal Expenses .....	15,000.00
Payroll Taxes .....	33,000.00
Planning Board .....	2,500.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment .....	750.00
General Government Buildings .....	38,900.00
Buildings & Grounds .....	45,816.00
Cemetery .....	10,000.00
Insurance .....	153,406.00
Advertising & Regional Associations .....	7,180.00
North Country Council .....	1,180.00
Franconia Notch Chamber .....	6,000.00
Unemployment .....	100.00
Police Department .....	267,686.00
Ambulance .....	25,256.00
Fire Department .....	103,450.00
Building Inspections .....	2,000.00
Emergency Management .....	2,500.00
Airport .....	687.00
Town Maintenance .....	233,962.00
General Highway Department Expense .....	207,775.00
Street Lighting .....	3,500.00
Highway Block Grant .....	36,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal .....	61,463.00
Health, Hospitals .....	8,796.00
North Country Home Health .....	1,775.00
Grafton County Senior .....	500.00
White Mountain Mental Health .....	692.00
American Red Cross .....	292.00
Ammonoosuc Community Health .....	1,250.00
Burch House .....	287.00
Above the Notch .....	500.00
Center for New Beginnings .....	500.00
Franconia Children's Center .....	500.00
Boys & Girls Club of the North Country .....	2,500.00
Welfare .....	6,000.00
Tri County Cap .....	1,750.00
Parks and Recreation .....	32,340.00
Library .....	42,380.00
Patriotic Purposes .....	2,000.00
Conservation Commission .....	700.00
Interest Expense - Tax Anticipation .....	1,000.00
Long Term Notes .....	52,500.00
Interest Long Term Notes .....	15,000.00
Capital Expense .....	55,000.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS..... \$1,598,562.00

The Select Board recommends these Appropriations.

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be used for Highway Department Roadwork improvement projects to be chosen at the discretion of the Road Agent and Selectmen. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the fund is expended or in 3 years, whichever is less. (Majority vote required)

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FiftyThousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2008.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 2006.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

**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 Highway Department Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2009.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

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

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum Seventy Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) to be placed in the Building and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund created in 2012.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

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

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$48,277.67) to be placed in the Highway Department Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 2006 said sum shall come from unassigned fund balance.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Three Thousand Dollars \$(83,000) for the Installation of a Solar Array at the Sugar Hill Highway Garage, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$83,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; And further raise and appropriate (\$17,000)Seventeen Thousand Dollars for the first years payment. Recommendations required (3/5 ballot vote required).

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to urge that the New Hampshire General Court, which is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state following the federal census, will ensure fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voters without gerrymandering. Additionally, these voters ask the Town of Sugar Hill, NH to urge the NH General Court to carry out the redistricting in a fair and transparent way through public meetings, not to favor a particular political party, to include communities of interest, and to minimize multi-seat districts. The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the Selectmen to Sugar Hill, NH's state legislators, informing them of the demands from their constituents within 30 days of the vote.

Warrant Article is by signed petition

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the select board to participate in a communications district planning committee under RSA Chapter 53-G to study the potential formation of a communications district with one or more other towns in the region for the purpose of facilitating the provision of fiber optic internet service to residents and businesses that will be needed for future growth in the region. The planning committee would consist of at least two people appointed by the select board from each participating town. A future town meeting vote would be required to formally create a communications district or to enter into contracts with any supplier.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 18:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 22nd day of February, Two Thousand and Twenty One

SUGAR HILL SELECT BOARD

John J. Strasser, III  
Richard Bielefield  
Margaret Connors

RETURN OF POSTING

We hereby attest that the within Warrant is a true copy of the Warrant for the Town Meeting described therein, and further certify that we have caused to be posted an attested copy of this Warrant at the place of the Meeting and a like copy in one other public place in the Town of Sugar Hill, namely the Sugar Hill Post Office fourteen (14) days before the day of the Meeting on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, not counting the day of posting or the day of the Meeting.

SUGAR HILL SELECT BOARD

John J. Strasser, III  
Richard Bielefield  
Margaret Connors

This Warrant and Return of Posting has been duly recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, this 22nd day of February, 2021.

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

<b>SOURCES OF REVENUE</b>	<b>Estimated 2020</b>	<b>Actual 2020</b>	<b>Estimated 2021</b>
Revised MS-4R			
Taxes:			
Yield Taxes	1,000.00	\$ 5,063.49	1,000.00
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	10,000.00	15,884.74	10,000.00
Land Use Change Tax	0.00	3.75	0.00
Intergovernmental Revenues - State:			
Highway Block Grant	45,000.00	50,359.43	39,000.00
Rooms & Meals	27,000.00	29,501.38	5,000.00
State Grants	6,000.00	3,500.00	0.00
Municipal Aid	0.00	7,196.51	0.00
GOFERR/CARES ACT	0.00	15,209.34	0.00
Stipends Fire & Police	0.00	18,642.93	0.00
Licenses and Permits:			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	160,000.00	176,972.00	160,000.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	1,000.00	1,965.00	1,000.00
Building, Driveway & Cable Permits	2,000.00	5,823.79	2,500.00
Business Licenses & Permits	0.00	150.00	0.00
From Federal Government:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charges For Services:			
Income from Departments	2,500.00	7,739.26	2,500.00
Miscellaneous Revenue:			
Interest on Deposits	500.00	1,191.30	750.00
Sale of Municipal Property	0.00	207.45	0.00
Income from Trusts	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Rent of Town Property	500.00	0.00	0.00
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Refunds & Insurance:			
Reimbursements	0.00	4,024.50	0.00
Sale of Municipal Property (Cemetery)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Proceeds from Long Term Note	0.00	0.00	83,000.00
From Capital Reserve Funds:	0.00	40,108.87	0.00
From Land Use Fund:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fund Balance (unanticipated)	<u>24,097.00</u>	<u>24,097.00</u>	<u>48,278.00</u>
Total Revenues and Credits	<u>\$282,597.00</u>	<u>\$410,640.74</u>	<u>\$353,028.00</u>

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

<b>PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>Appropriation 2020</b>	<b>Actual 2020</b>	<b>Estimated 2021</b>
<b>General Government:</b>			
Executive	\$ 63,750.00	46,230.99	65,750.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	26,935.00	25,023.32	25,825.00
Financial Administration	25,740.00	22,551.49	25,340.00
Revaluation of Property	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Legal Expenses	25,000.00	2,835.04	15,000.00
Personnel Administration	32,000.00	31,415.26	33,000.00
Planning & Zoning	3,250.00	1,871.00	3,250.00
Gen Gov Buildings & Grounds	77,900.00	64,157.83	84,716.00
Cemeteries	15,000.00	14,222.13	10,000.00
Insurance	164,041.00	156,103.46	153,406.00
Advertising & Regional Association	7,245.00	7,242.54	7,180.00
Unemployment Compensation	100.00	0.00	100.00
<b>Public Safety:</b>			
Police Department	243,738.00	240,712.22	267,686.00
Ambulance	25,256.00	24,771.50	25,256.00
Fire Department	89,975.00	78,762.89	103,450.00
Building Inspection	1,500.00	2,772.50	2,000.00
Emergency Management	2,500.00	16,042.23	2,500.00
<b>Airport:</b>			
Airport Operations	665.00	665.00	687.00
<b>Highways, Streets and Bridges:</b>			
Town Maintenance	221,950.00	213,612.12	233,962.00
General Highway**	194,075.00	279,456.23	207,775.00
Street Lighting	3,500.00	3,453.90	3,500.00
Highway Block Grant	45,000.00	50,359.43	36,000.00
<b>Sanitation:</b>			
Solid Waste Disposal	56,774.00	42,152.64	61,463.00
<b>Health:</b>			
Health and Hospitals	8,104.00	8,104.00	8,796.00
<b>Welfare:</b>			
Assistance	6,000.00	5,112.34	6,000.00
<b>Culture and Recreation:</b>			
Parks and Recreation and YMCA	31,670.00	27,965.50	32,340.00
Library	48,380.00	48,250.86	42,380.00

Patriotic Purposes	2,000.00	270.25	2,000.00
Conservation:			
Conservation Commission	700.00	275.00	700.00
Debt Service:			
Principal Long Term Bonds	37,500.00	57,230.34	52,500.00
Interest Long Term Bonds	30,000.00	10,269.66	15,000.00
Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Capital Expense:			
Highway Lease	55,000.00	54,972.17	55,000.00
Operating Transfers Out:			
Capital & Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00
To Special Revenue Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
To Fiduciary Funds	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$1,561,248.00</u>	<u>\$1,551,864.00</u>	<u>\$1,598,562.00</u>
Spec Warrant Articles Recommended	349,097.00	349,097.00	335,778.00
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	0.00	63,500.00	100,000.00
Total Appropriations Recommended			\$2,034,340.00
Less Estimated Revenues and Credits			<u>353,028.00</u>
Amount of Taxes to Be Raised			\$1,681,312.00
(Exclusive of School and County Taxes)			
**Non Lapsing Funds	90,000.00		

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF  
APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES  
(Year Ending December 31, 2020)**

	Appropriation 2020	Actual 2020	Unexpended or Overdrafts
Executive	\$ 63,750.00	\$ 46,230.99	\$ 17,519.01
Elec, Reg and Vital Statistics (\$1,430.34)	26,935.00	25,023.32	1,911.68*
Financial Administration	25,740.00	22,551.49	3,188.51
Revaluation of Property	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
Legal Expenses	25,000.00	2,835.04	22,164.96
Payroll Taxes	32,000.00	31,415.26	584.74
Planning & Zoning	3,250.00	1,871.00	1,379.00
Government Buildings & Grounds	77,900.00	64,157.83	13,742.17
Cemeteries	15,000.00	14,222.13	777.87
Insurance	164,041.00	156,103.46	7,937.54
Advertising and Regional Association	7,245.00	7,242.54	2.46
Unemployment	100.00	0	100.00
Police Department (Stipend \$6,214.28)	243,738.00	240,712.22	3,025.78*
Ambulance	25,256.00	24,771.50	484.50
Fire Department (Stipend \$12,428.65)	89,975.00	78,762.89	11,212.11*
Building Inspection	1,500.00	2,772.50	(1,272.50)
Emergency Management (\$13,779.00)	2,500.00	16,042.23	(13,542.23)*
Airport	665.00	665.00	0.00
Town Maintenance	221,950.00	213,612.12	8,337.88
General Highway (\$90,000)	194,075.00	279,456.23	(85,381.23)*
Street Lighting	3,500.00	3,453.90	46.10
Highway Block	45,000.00	50,359.43	(5,359.43)
Solid Waste Disposal	56,774.00	42,152.64	14,621.36
Health and Hospitals	8,104.00	8,104.00	0.00
Welfare	6,000.00	5,112.34	887.66
Parks & Recreation	31,670.00	27,965.50	3,704.50
Library	48,380.00	48,250.86	129.14
Patriotic Purposes	2,000.00	270.25	1,729.75
Conservation Commission	700.00	275.00	425.00
Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Long Term Notes & Interest	67,500.00	67,500.00	0.00
Capital Expense Truck Lease	55,000.00	54,972.17	27.83
	<u>\$1,561,248.00</u>	<u>\$1,551,863.84</u>	<u>\$9,384.13</u>
Special Warrant Articles	349,097.00	349,097.00	0.00
*Highway FEMA, Non-lapsing, Stipends, GOFERR, CARES Income			123,852.27
Grand Total	\$1,910,345.00	\$1,900,960.84	\$133,236.43

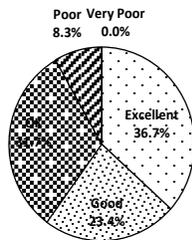
## NOTES

## SUGAR HILL ROADS COMMITTEE

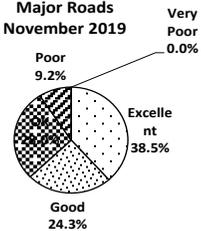
Members of the Sugar Hill Road Committee work with Doug Glover to identify places most in need of road work and make plans for surfacing and other rehabilitation projects. In recent years, maintenance efforts have concentrated on repairing damage incurred in major storms, which caused some projects to be deferred.

Pavement conditions on the Town's major paved roads are documented by analyzing photographs taken at 0.1 mile increments and noting the extent of cracking, pot holes and other problems. In 2020, as in 2019, nearly two thirds of the Town's major roads were in excellent or good condition, fewer than 10% were in poor condition, and none were in very poor condition, as shown in these pie charts.

Pavement Condition for Major Roads  
November 2020



Pavement Condition for  
Major Roads  
November 2019



Because of the lingering impact of storm damage on problems such as rutting, average ride quality has declined. In drive tests conducted in November 2020, people could drive comfortably at the speed limit on just over half of the paved miles on major roads in Sugar Hill, which was below the average for 2012-2019 and much below the 90% documented for 2016. In 2020, 20% of the road segments (a total of 4.2 miles) were judged to be rough enough that people would have to slow down in order to avoid excessive bumpiness. Only two roads had more than one segment that had poor pavement condition as well as rough ride quality: Pearl Lake Road (six segments, 0.6 miles total) and Crane Hill Road (4 segments, 0.4 miles total). Blake, Carpenter, Center District, Jesseman and South Roads each had at least five 0.1-mile segments with rough ride quality, but nearly all of these segments had acceptable pavement condition.

In 2021, the committee will continue to work with the Highway Department and Select Board in setting priorities for road work and in examining long-term strategies for maintaining and improving our roads.

Sugar Hill Roads Committee  
Carl Martland  
Jody Hodgdon  
Rick Quintal

# **SUGAR HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **2020 ANNUAL REPORT**

The mission of the Sugar Hill Police Department is to provide quality service, and to protect the moral and welfare of the Town of Sugar Hill. We are dedicated to the harmonious growth of our community, through a determined and cooperative partnership. We strive to help our fellow citizens make Sugar Hill a better place to live through education, enforcement and community preservation.

It's an honor to be presenting my first annual report. The information in the report will offer an overview of the commendable work the Department has done to ensure public safety throughout Sugar Hill.

Two thousand twenty has been a very challenging year. COVID-19 Pandemic has greatly affected the way we perform our duties. Our social community events have been cancelled due to the necessity to social distance, wear masks and limit all social contacts. We continue to patrol, make motor vehicle stops and answer calls for service.

Training continues to be a priority of the Department. With the ever-changing criminal activities, changes in the laws, mental health issues, and other statutory requirements it is important to ensure our officers are properly trained to better serve the community. Some of the topics Officers received training in Protocol for Law Enforcement Response to Domestic Violence, Lethality Assessment Protocol for Domestic Violence, Communicable Disease Isolation and Quarantine, Stop the Bleeding Course, Active Attack Emergency Communication, Active Attack Event Response Leadership, Swiftwater Awareness, and Site Protection through Observation Techniques. We hope to continue to train at a high level in the coming year to meet the ever-growing requirements of the job.

### **Sugar Hill Police Department**

#### **2020 Activities**

8	Motor Vehicle Accidents (No Fatalities)
205	Motor Vehicle Stops
2	Crimes Against Persons (Up)
3	Crimes Against Property (Up)
1	Crimes Against Society – Drug Related Arrests (Down)
3	Other Crimes – DWI/MIP (Down)

**922 calls for service, which included:**

<b>911 Hang up/Abandoned</b>	14	<b>Abandoned MV</b>	1
<b>Alarm/Burglar/Hold-Up/Police</b>	27	<b>Assault</b>	2
<b>Assist Other Agency</b>	8	<b>Fire-Brush/Grass/Forest</b>	1
<b>Burglary</b>	6	<b>Permitted Burn</b>	129
<b>Building Ck/Open Door-Window</b>	24	<b>Civil Standby</b>	2
<b>Unattended Death (All Types)</b>	3	<b>Disabled MV &amp; Lockouts</b>	24
<b>Disturbance/Fight/Brawl</b>	6	<b>Dog/Dom Animal Complaints</b>	30
<b>Domestic Disturbance</b>	6	<b>Drug Issues (All)</b>	2
<b>DWI</b>	2	<b>All Ems Admin Calls</b>	1
<b>All FD Admin Calls</b>	11	<b>All FG Calls</b>	19
<b>Fire</b>	64	<b>Follow up/Investigation</b>	46
<b>Foot patrol/Walkthrough</b>	1	<b>Intoxicated Person-Not DWI</b>	1
<b>Juvenile Offenses</b>	3	<b>Medical</b>	54
<b>Mental Persons Excluding IEA's</b>	1	<b>Motor Vehicle Complaint</b>	7
<b>Motor Vehicle Stop</b>	205	<b>Noise Complaint</b>	1
<b>Notifications (Death, Etc.)</b>	1	<b>OHRV Incidents/Complaints (All)</b>	3
<b>All Pd Admin Calls</b>	51	<b>Telephone Harassment</b>	3
<b>Found/Lost Property</b>	7	<b>Road Hazard/Wire/Tree Down</b>	33
<b>Paperwork Service (All)</b>	6	<b>Shots Fired</b>	1
<b>Special Details/Parades</b>	4	<b>All Spots Inquires</b>	23
<b>Suspicious Person</b>	4	<b>Suspicious Vehicle</b>	11
<b>Theft/Fraud/Gas Drive Off</b>	5	<b>Threats (All Except Bomb)</b>	2
<b>Training</b>	4	<b>Trespass (All)</b>	1
<b>Unknown/Other</b>	8	<b>Vandalism/Criminal Mischief</b>	3
<b>Vehicle Collision</b>	8	<b>Vin Verification</b>	8
<b>Violation of Any Court Order</b>	1	<b>Wanted Person</b>	2
<b>Welfare Check</b>	5		

We look forward to serving the community 2021. The Department will continue to develop processes that enhance the mission of the Department. We will continue to maximize our resources to meet the ever-changing needs of our community. Moreover, we will continue to focus on the mission and core values of the Department, so we can do our part to ensure that Sugar Hill is a safe place to live, work, visit and raise a family.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Michael Ho-Sing-Loy  
Corporal Zachary Chicoine

## **SUGAR HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT**

During 2020, our call volume increased substantially due primarily to our seasonal properties being occupied due to COVID-19. Our call volume was 72 calls in 2020 compared to 55 calls last year. We did not have a structure fire this year, but there were several structure fires and serious brush fires in adjacent towns. The increase in alarm activations was directly related to COVID-19.

Your Firefighters placed key roles in two significant structure fires in Lisbon, a two-day Forest Fire in Lisbon and a two-day Forest Fire in Bethlehem. Fortunately, we had no significant fires in Sugar Hill in 2020.

We had no drug overdose calls in 2020 which was common during the Pandemic for reasons hard to explain. The Department is trained to deal with overdoses and three members of the Department carry Narcan. They also carry epi-pens should someone in Town suffer an anaphylaxis shock. All members are trained annually in CPR and the use of the Department's AEDs.

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

We continued our training despite COVID-19 by training in person when it was safe to do so and by on-line training. The Governor recognizing that First Responders were putting themselves at greater risk than normal provided a stipend to the Firefighters. The skill level of your Firefighters is very high for a community our size. When we do have a structure fire or other serious emergency, we must have the training and equipment to professionally handle the fire or emergency.

We spent significantly less than our approved Operating Budget in 2020 due to COVID-19 limiting non-emergency activities. We budgeted 2021 based on a "normal" year and will only spend funds as necessary.

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

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

We cancelled our annual Open House in October due to COVID-19 and were disappointed not to have the opportunity to meet with the many residents who stop by and spend time looking at our equipment and chatting with the Firefighters. Please put

October 9, 2021 in your calendar as we are hopeful that the Pandemic will not be as much of a concern as it has been.

Please do not hesitate to call our Dispatch at 823-8123 if you require assistance even if not a true emergency. We are happy to serve our friends and neighbors any time of day or night. Should you desire to install a solid fuel heating appliance such as a wood stove or pellet stove, please contact us and we will gladly inspect at no cost to be certain it meets current codes.

The Fire Department responded to the following:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Brush/Grass Fires	2	1	2	3	2
Chimney Fires	2	1	0	0	0
Alarm Activations	28	19	11	15	12
Furnace Problems	0	0	0	1	0
Hazardous Conditions	9	2	8	9	10
Hazardous Materials	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	5	5	1	4	7
Mutual Aid – Cover	0	1	2	4	1
Mutual Aid – Scene	12	11	3	15	11
Rescues/Medical	1	8	1	12	3
Service Calls	8	2	2	17	7
Smoke Investigations	5	1	0	3	2
Structure Fires	0	4	0	5	1
Vehicle Fires	0	0	0	3	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>57</b>

As of December 31, 2020. The Fire Department’s active roster of Firefighter’s was as follows:

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

Sugar Hill is extremely fortunate to have this number of very active Firefighters during a period when many Departments are decreasing in size due to the inability to attract new Firefighters for a variety of reasons.

The commitment in time to be a Firefighter is significant and Sugar Hill has an excellent complement of Firefighters willing to make that commitment. We have very little turnover and accordingly, you have a stable and well-trained Fire Department.

It is truly an honor to serve such a wonderful community as Sugar Hill as the Fire Chief. Hard to believe, but I have been with the Department now 19 years. I am working on making sure that there is a smooth transition when I retire in a few years. Thank you for your support, the support of the Selectmen, Police and Highway Crew and of course the Firefighters.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Allan R. Clark  
Fire Chief

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

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.

During 2020, the major efforts of the Emergency Management Director (“EMD”) was dealing with the Covid-19 Pandemic which resulted in a significant change in our lives. The primary role of the EMD is to be certain that the Town had the necessary resources to deal with the Pandemic. Due to prior planning, there were adequate masks, gloves and eye protection to protect First Responders and Town Employees from the very beginning of the Pandemic and continuing through the day I am writing this report.

Fortunately, at least to date, the Pandemic has not come close to meeting the dire predictions, especially in the North Country. The most critical number that I watch is the number of hospitalizations at Littleton Regional Hospital. Despite projections that indicated that the hospital would be overwhelmed with patients the hospital has not had more than a handful of patients at any given time.

The number of Sugar Hill Residents that likely had contracted the virus is in the 25-30 range, but the official number based on actual positive tests is 5. The Town was well prepared for the worse case and a team of Department Heads and the Board of Selectmen were continually given updates concerning the virus. Contingency plans were in place to meet the needs of the Townspeople and they remain in place.

Residents of Sugar Hill rallied to take care of neighbors, a list of residents that were at a higher risk than the normal populations and they were contacted by volunteers on a regular basis. Volunteers delivered groceries and Brenda Aldrich developed a bit of a cottage industry of providing a source of obtaining groceries without going into a store and volunteers delivered groceries to those that were not able or did not want to pick up their boxed groceries. Kathy Jablonski created medical gowns as our supply was low.

Procedures are in place to expand those efforts if needed. It is hoped as the population becomes vaccinated that the number of cases will continue to drop and the Pandemic Emergency will end. Do not think that the Covid-19 virus will simply disappear as I suspect that like influenza and the common cold, we will learn to deal with it. A positive factor is that due to wearing masks, keeping a reasonable distance from others and improved hygiene that the number of cases of influenza and common colds have dropped significantly.

As I write this, those 65 and over are being scheduled for the vaccines. The process has been less than smooth, but it is getting better especially when the State manages the scheduling software and not the Feds. Should you have difficulty scheduling a vaccine, please contact me and I will do my best to have you scheduled.

Dealing with FEMA is hard to describe, all I can hope is that it is the most bureaucratic, dysfunctional and difficult Federal agency in the Federal Government, however that is not likely true. I continue to actively seek reimbursement for the July 1, 2017 severe storm that caused substantial damage to the Town roads and storm water system. This money has been spent and we are waiting on reimbursement so that the Road Crew could perform work that was anticipated to be completed years ago. We have jumped through all hoops and are simply waiting on FEMA to fund the State who will promptly fund the Town. The Governor assures me that we will see those funds soon.

I continue to fight over the cost of replacing the bridge on Streeter Pond Road that was destroyed by the storm. FEMA believes that it should be replaced as it was prior to the storm at a cost of \$200,000. If replaced as it was the new bridge will also fail. Rebuilding the bridge knowing it will fail is only something a FEMA bureaucrat can think is the correct thing to do.

We were asked to obtain new quotes for replacing the bridge correctly and the cost is now approximately \$400,000. I am told that FEMA is tired of dealing with me and we should be approved to repair the bridge this summer. Time will tell.

It was observed that the dam that creates Coffin Pond is in danger of catastrophic failure. The Highway Crew blocked the inlet to limit the flow into the pond to alleviate the stress on the dam. It is anticipated that the State will repair the outlet this summer.

I express sincere appreciation to the Selectmen, Jennifer Gaudette, the Police Department, and the Highway Department for working together cooperatively in the best interest of the residents and visitors to the Town.

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

Respectfully submitted,

**Allan R. Clark**

Allan R. Clark  
EM Director

## REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

This year we experienced challenging wildfire conditions which led to deep burning fires in remote locations that were difficult to extinguish. Your Fire Department and the Division of Forests & Lands worked throughout the year to protect homes and the forests including significant fires in Lisbon and Bethlehem. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on high fire danger days. The towers' fire detection efforts are supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger is especially high.

Between COVID-19 and the drought conditions, 2020 was a unique year. The drought conditions led to the need to have a Proclamation from the Governor, which banned much of the outdoor burning statewide. This, along with the vigilance of the public, helped to reduce the number of serious fires across New Hampshire. However, the fires which we did have burned deep and proved difficult to extinguish due to the lack of water. Fortunately, the drought conditions have improved significantly in the North Country.

**As we prepare for the 2021 fire season, please remember to contact the Fire Department** or the Town Fire Wardens to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are available online by visiting [www.NHfirepermit.com](http://www.NHfirepermit.com) which is the preferred method of obtaining a permit or by calling one of the Town's Forest Wardens.

### 2020 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 01, 2020)

Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2020	113	89	165
2019	15	23.5	92
2018	53	46	91
2017	65	134	100
2016	351	1090	159

\*Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

**State Forestry Director**  
Patrick Hackley  
271-2214

**Warden**  
Allan R. Clark  
494-1491

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

**Deputy Warden**  
Brinson Ireland  
616-9095

**Deputy Warden**  
Doug Glover  
616-8467

**Deputy Warden**  
Jim Snyder  
348-70091

## FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD

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

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

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

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

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

Chief Paul Schmucker EMT	
Asst. Chief Mark Taylor EMT	Capt. Pam Oakman Paramedic
William Mead Paramedic	Allan Clark EMT
Bill McCarthy AEMT	Ned Wilson EMT
Jeffrey Collins AEMT	Nate Hanson Paramedic
Evelyn Collins Paramedic	Patrick Griffin EMT
Stephen Schmucker EMT	Colleen Steele AEMT

The Franconia Ambulance responded to 280 calls for assistance during 2020, of those 147 required transport.

In 2020, total operating expenses for the Franconia Ambulance were \$87,233.15. Income obtained from patient billing and subsidies from Sugar Hill and Easton totaled \$126,846.05, providing a return of \$39,612.90 to the Town of Franconia.

Your Ambulance is currently operating at the Advanced Life Support- paramedic level.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Schmucker-Chief  
Franconia Life Squad

## RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

**Jan - Feb, 2020:** We started out on a positive note. Our Select Board, Tax Payers and Trustees agreed to support automation. We received extra funds from Warrant Articles, interest from the Library Trust account and many donations. Twelve patrons had volunteered to help enter data in summer, weekly arts and exercise programs for seniors continued, activities to continue with the **Community Stories** project were planned and funded, a part time position for technology issues was approved, the satellite Library and storytelling program at Franconia Children's Center continued, circulation of thematic learning kits for preschoolers began, and the telescope and E-Readers were in circulation. Our only major problem continues to be the internet and wi-fi speed.

**March to Present:** It was a year with constant changes. **COVID19**, need I say more? We faithfully followed the Town, State and CDC guidelines. This meant we bounced between curbside pickup only to curbside and a 3 person limit on inside browsing with appointments. As patrons inside visits plummeted, circulation skyrocketed.

Sanitizing of materials, finding books patrons had not read, and no access to ILL was a strain on the budget and work schedule. We met this need by converting the tech position to a temporary assistant librarian for automation and other duties. This freed up some time for us to finally begin the long process of automating starting with barcoding 10,000 items.

In September our media budget was maxed out. But book sale profits, will bequests, Willing Worker's gifts, generous patron donations of new books and cash as well as support from Trust interest saved the day.

By Thanksgiving patron requests via phone messages, email or curbside pickup were now the norm again. From late November to the present we operated with only one staff person in the library at a time for the most part. The holidays saw a decrease in circulation except for puzzles, which gave us more time to devote to automation. Except for a brief period dealing with health issues, we processed most requests within a day or two, seven days a week.

In January we began the next step of scanning all the ISBN and barcodes into Apollo. We estimate that by the end of February we will have completed step 2 for automation for all the adult fiction, board books and non-fiction. Still a long way to go under restrictions.

**2021: Who knows!** Our focus will be on automating, being able to use Inter Library Loans again, improving our online presence with better internet service, recruiting a part time tech person this summer, and bringing back programming. But our first priority is getting back to normal as soon as possible. We will get back to inside visits as soon as we can. Keep checking the websites for the latest information.

On a personal note, I need to finish up my goals to retire again, but mainly, it's boring here without patrons, especially the little ones.

Missing you,  
Miss Judy

PS: Feel free to donate all those new books you bought or received as presents. We especially need audio books.

## Statistics for RSA 202-A:12

\*Complete 135 data entries due to State by March 2021 and posted in Sept on N.H. State Library website. Data reports will be posted at the library as usual.

### Operating Cost 2020 from Taxes

Allocated taxes: \$ **42,380**. Spent: \$ **42,250.86**

Warrant Article 3/20 (1x) towards automation **\$3000**. SPENT: \$ **3,000**.

Interest from RML Building Trust \$ **3000** for automation SPENT: \$ **3000**.

**TOTAL from taxes:** \$ 42,330. + \$ 6,000 (2020 only) was \$ **48,330**.

**\*\* 2021** We are asking for level funding of \$ 42,330 from taxes

### Offset Dollars Credit + Debit

**Library checking:** 1/1/20 (648), **Deposits:** 1 book sale (850), fees (280), Printer (34), donations/will bequests (2,700) Trust Interest for media shortfall and two air conditioners (\$3000.) **Balance: \$4,218.68**

**Scholarship acct:** 1/1/20 \$ 15.34 Deposit from Trust \$2,000 **Balance: \$2,015.34**

**Operating Budget spent: \$48,330 (from taxes) + \$3,293.32 = \$51,623.32**

\*Expenses in Town's budget: maintenance, accounting, utilities, cleaning - Estimated at \$7,000.

## LIBRARY INFORMATION

**HOURS:** see websites for current hours + restrictions

**Phone:** 603-823- 7001 (leave a message anytime)

**Wi-Fi:** guest - (P) guest123

**Email:** [rmlibrary117@gmail.com](mailto:rmlibrary117@gmail.com)

**Programs:** in person currently not allowed (2/1/21)

**Overdrive.com: (P) 4218 + (your card number)**for free e-books, audios and magazines

**Websites:** [sugarhillnh.org](http://sugarhillnh.org) (link to library)

Library: [richardson-memorial-library.org](http://richardson-memorial-library.org)

<https://sugarhillnh.biblionix.org/catalog/> automation will be functional this summer

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

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

As has been true for most of the community, 2020 has not been a typical year for the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission. While meetings were curtailed due to the pandemic, work continued in an outdoors and socially distanced way on a number of projects to benefit the people of the town of Sugar Hill.

The Phillip Robertson Town Forest, thanks to the Ellms family, added some trails leading to scenic vistas, water features and other interesting geological structures. The trails are clearly defined, well-marked and highlight the beauty and diversity of this property. Seating is available at intervals on both natural rock formations and more traditional wooden benches. Thanks to Paula Wolcott and Gardner Kellogg, there is a very nice map of the Town forest trails on the Town website or you can pick up a copy of the map at the Town Offices.

The Sugar Hill Conservation Commission has continued to maintain contact with the Friends of Streeter Pond through email, to discuss issues and provide support and information as needed for questions or concerns about the pond.

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

An outdoor meeting was held at Coffin Pond with Peter Carbonneau and local landowners whose property abuts the pond. Peter proposed adding trimming and maintenance of the shrubs and bushes surrounding the parking area to increase viewing options of the pond and surrounding areas. It was also decided that the boundaries between town land and private land would be more clearly marked.

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

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

## 2020 COOLEY-JERICHO COMMUNITY FOREST REPORT

The Cooley Jericho Community Forest was created in 2013 and is a collaborative effort of the Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust (ACT) and the towns of Easton, Franconia, Landaff and Sugar Hill. ACT owns the 840-acre property on behalf of these communities.

CJCF offers a plethora of wonderful outdoor recreation opportunities including hiking, mountain biking, bird watching, hunting, snowmobiling and now glade skiing. In conjunction with ACT, the Granite Backcountry Alliance (GBA) and many enthusiastic volunteers have worked hard over the last two years to create challenging and inspiring glades and associated trails which are attracting back-country skiing enthusiasts this winter. In addition to the glades, new trails have been completed, providing a total of 6 miles of trails to enjoy including a connection that now links ACT's trail system to the WMNF Jericho trail.

The parking lot on Trumpet Round Road can now accommodate 10 vehicles, signage has been updated and is well maintained by the town of Sugar Hill. A gate prevents unauthorized motorized access and information kiosk provides maps and other information to those coming to explore the community forest.

Additional gates have now been installed on Dyke Road and Merrill Mountain Road in Landaff. The gates will hopefully better control unauthorized motorized access to the forest from these areas and in turn better protect the trails from erosion and degradation.

Work continues on marking the boundaries of the forest with blazes and/or signs. The Management Plan was updated in 2020 and is now available online at [act.org/cjcf](http://act.org/cjcf). Hard copies will also be made available to the four towns.

Due to the COVID pandemic, group hikes and educational workshops have been postponed, but a hardy group of volunteers, socially distanced, carefully completed some trail maintenance in 2020. The Stewardship team hopes to meet this year to review the goals in the updated Management Plan, and discuss any steps that need to be taken in the next few years.

ACT is honored to be involved with this wonderful example of people working together for a common long-term community benefit and is grateful to all four towns for sharing the vision of a community forest that is open to all.

Please contact ACT's Outreach & Member Services Director, Gal Potashnick at 603-823-7777 or [outreach@act-nh.org](mailto:outreach@act-nh.org) for information on volunteering, programs or check the website at [act-nh.org](http://act-nh.org).

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalind C. Page  
Interim Executive Director  
Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust

## TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION

The beginning of the year was tumultuous due to the pandemic. For a short time, we were unable to accept recycled materials but did our best to rectify the situation as soon as possible.

The pandemic posed other challenges as well: slowed traffic, PPE requirements and less contact with the residents we serve. We would like to thank everyone for their patience with the lines, traffic, and wearing your masks this year. We also welcomed a new full-time employee this year, Alyssa Murphy, and are grateful to have her on board.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tim Blake - Supervisor  
Kevin Dauphine  
Alyssa Murphy

## ENERGY COMMITTEE

The following graph shows energy use in the Town of Sugar Hill for 2020

Dept.	Electric	Gas	Diesel	#2 Fuel	Propane	Total
MH	1,143.48			1,832.29		2,975.77
Crapo	3,433.06				2,757.63	6,190.69
Fire	1,762.58	6.17	620.75	1,605.88	1,878.51	5,873.89
Highway	2,393.31		14,146.79	2,468.96	75.00	19,084.06
Police		3,656.56				3,656.56
Grounds		611.22	532.01			1,143.23
Streetlight	3,453.90					3,453.90
Total	12,186.33	4,273.95	15,299.55	5,907.13	4,711.14	42,378.10

## PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

2020 Annual Report In 2020, Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District continued its cooperative efforts to promote waste reduction, increase recycling, and to provide residents with a means of properly disposing of their household hazardous waste (HHW). The District held two (2) one-day HHW collections, one in Littleton on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> and the other in Plymouth on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. A total of 253 households participated in the program and over 5,665 gallons of material was collected. The total expenses for 2020 HHW programming, which includes disposal costs, advertising, & insurance, totaled at \$20,121.

The District has submitted a grant to the State of New Hampshire for \$5,072, received a \$5,000 donation from Casella Waste Management, and received over \$1,850 in cash from businesses for disposal. The expected net expenditures for the program are \$8,199.00 (a cost of \$0.29 per resident.) The district also coordinated two (2) fluorescent light bulb collections in the spring and fall, where all member towns were able to dispose of their bulbs and ballast. This year, fluorescent light bulb collections resulted in over 27,891 linear feet of fluorescent tubes being properly disposed of; as well as 842 bulbs; 2,327 units of ballasts and batteries. The total cost for this effort was \$3,020.69 covered by district dues.

When selling your recyclables, be sure to call multiple brokers to ensure you receive the best price. Brokers also can offer a wide array of collection options (single-stream, co-mingled, split loads, etc) to best suit your recycling facility. What works for one town may not work for another, but no matter the circumstances, there are many possibilities for members to decrease waste and increase recycling efforts.

We are very fortunate to have some of the best municipal recycling programs in the State as well as a knowledgeable and innovative group of facility operators. If your town has questions, issues, or concerns you would like to address, please use the resources you have available. New Hampshire the Beautiful offers grants to NH communities to help with the purchase of recycling equipment. Grants may total up to one-half of the purchase price of such things as balers, roll-off containers, collections bins, or other equipment that will assist a town in achieving a higher diversion rate. More information on the grant program is available at [www.nhthebeautiful.org](http://www.nhthebeautiful.org).

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

Respectively Submitted,  
Derrick Carruthers, Secretary

# THE WILLING WORKERS SOCIETY

## 2020 Annual Report

The Willing Workers Society of Sugar Hill ([www.thewillingworkers.org](http://www.thewillingworkers.org)) is a nonprofit, nonsectarian organization whose purpose is to foster a spirit of helpfulness throughout the community. In 2020, the Society celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the official founding of the organization. Membership is open to women from Sugar Hill and surrounding communities and new members are always welcome. Anyone interested should contact Betsy Fraser, President, at 603-823-8502.

Covid 19 was a challenge, but stimulated the organization to find innovative and creative ways to conduct society activities. As a result, the Willing Workers achieved record income and consequently gave more donations toward scholarships and local worthy causes than in any other year. Specifically, the society was proud to award \$5,000 in scholarships, donated over \$9,500 to worthy local causes, and purchased more than \$2,600 of milk that was donated to local food pantries. Additionally, many new members joined our ranks and we now number over 50 active members. What a year!

Here are highlights:

- **Fundraisers** – Gary Young provided guitar music at our Valentine Festival. When Covid struck, our members baked over 1000 chocolate chip cookies for our “Cookies for a Cause” fundraisers; we held Country Markets in July and October as part of the festivals sponsored by Harman’s Cheese; we transformed our traditional Christmas Fair into highly successful on-line events including silent auctions and holiday sales; and also held a silent auction featuring a handcrafted quilt generously donated by member Linda Finn.
- **Maxine Aldrich Education Merit Awards** – These awards have been given since 1987 to Sugar Hill students. In 2020, Willing Workers granted awards to Madeline Ellms and Kesley Venezia to aid in their continued education. As part of our Centennial Year, we reached out to all former recipients of the award and we were pleased to hear from a number of them and also appreciated their donations as they “paid it forward” toward future awards.
- **Donations to Worthy Causes** – 2020 donations were largely targeted to address food insecurity and we donated to local food pantries, meals on wheels, and backpack food programs for children; we supported children’s needs by donating to the Boys & Girls Club of the North Country; donations were made to aid the homeless as well as those in need of fuel assistance; donations were also made to the local humane organization to aid animals. Mid-year we made donations to several local libraries to aid them in safely offering library services to their communities. Donations were given to Richardson Memorial Library and the Sugar Hill Historical Museum to help them in a unique year.
- **Milk Program** – When we learned that Hatchland Dairy in North Haverhill had to dispose of milk because of Covid-related supply chain disruption, member Dolly McPhaul took action. Dolly established a weekly program whereby the Willing Workers purchase milk from Hatchland Dairy and deliver it to local

food pantries. The program was started in May 2020 and each week a Willing Worker member makes the 70-mile round trip to pick up and deliver the milk to the pantries. The program received significant publicity including recognition on WMUR TV and in local newspapers. Thanks to the publicity many generous donations were received for the program. Over \$2,600 worth of milk was purchased and delivered in 2020 and the program will continue in 2021 with weekly milk deliveries to local food pantries.

- **Centennial Cook Book** – Members contributed recipes and Kitty Bigelow applied her graphic design and printing skills to publish the 2020 Cook Book. This is the third cook book that the Willing Workers have created in our 100-year history. Proceeds from the cook book are split between the Willing Workers and the Sugar Hill Historical Museum which is featuring an exhibit about the Willing Workers. Cook book sales will continue in 2021.
- **CHEER** – Members of the Cheer Committee reached out during the year raising spirits by sending handcrafted cards. In December, committee members made “socially distanced” visits and delivered thoughtful gifts, receiving warm smiles in return.
- **Town Christmas Party** – In its 128<sup>th</sup> year, Covid could not stop the Sugar Hill Christmas Party and the annual visit by Santa Claus. As she has done for 18 years, Willing Worker member Rose Ellms worked with town officials and Santa to arrange the event. This year it was a magical drive-through held at the Meetinghouse on a bitter cold December evening with fresh snow that created North Pole conditions. Nearly 60 children participated in 29 cars that drove through. Three sixth grade elves (Caiyu DeMaggio, Sadie Harold, and Rita Walsh) delivered gifts to children in the cars. Parents expressed gratitude that even in a year of Covid, the Willing Workers were able to arrange for Santa’s visit to the town. Many town members worked behind the scenes to address outdoor decorations, traffic management, music, and more. Local and state newspapers carried wonderful articles and photos about the event and noted its long history and the sponsorship by Willing Workers.

We could not have done all of this without the generous help of our family members, many friends, town officials, and Jim Keefe. Brenda Aldrich was instrumental in providing opportunities for Willing Workers to hold fundraisers, both as “Cookies for a Cause” and Country Markets. We thank area businesses for their generous donations and support including Harman’s Cheese & Country Store, Littleton Shaw’s, Polly’s Pancake Parlor, Sugar Hill Inn, Sunset Hill House, Cherry Blossom Florist, Chef Joe, Von Karls Photography, and Margaret LaBarge of Margaret@BoldEverything for her computer support. We also thank the many people who supported the Willing Workers’ 2020 events and fundraisers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betsy Fraser  
President

## SUGAR HILL HISTORICAL MUSEUM REPORT

Since our start in 1976, this was the first closed season of the Sugar Hill Historical Museum. Attendance was 23 for this year, as I had a few special “masked” visitors!

Our theme changes every year. Again, our fantastic crew worked extremely hard to set up the display for the **Willing Workers of Sugar Hill Centennial** and **Grassroots Victory over Northern Pass**. Even the Reid-Burpee House received many different artifacts to co-ordinate with the theme.

May 23, 2021, is the opening date if all goes well. Even the gift shop is ready to go. This is just fine as long as we all keep healthy. We can wait.

Curator stays busy just the same. An unexpected opportunity was used to reorganize artifacts in storage.

With the passing of our Chairman, John E. Bigelow, I welcome Wendy C. Cole as our new Chairman and Martha M. Evelyn as Vice Chairman. Three new board members are anxious to help. I am so lucky and thankful to have such support from such great happy people and friends to work with at this museum. We will make sure that our visitors continue to learn about the history of Sugar Hill.

With a bit of dusting and chasing cob webs in the Carriage Barn, we are ready to open. I have the keys. I am ready to unlock the doors.

Thank you all!  
Kitty H. Bigelow  
Director, Curator

## **SUGAR HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION 2020**

The Sugar Hill Improvement Association was first established in August of 1890 and after 130 years still remains an active and vital part of our community. The SHIA has a Board of Directors and a slate of officers but if you are a resident, you are automatically a member and are welcome to attend any of our meetings.

We have two trust funds, one for educational purposes and one for monies to be expended for projects for the benefit of the residents of Sugar Hill. An application is available if you have an idea for a worthy project that the Association could consider for funding. We have legal guidelines for approval of any project.

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

A special thank you to both Sid Regen and Beth Perlo for all the years that they served faithfully on our Board. We will miss their wonderful input and work while they served and were such valuable members of the Sugar Hill Improvement Association.

Due to the Covid 19 crisis in 2020, we have had few meetings but still have sponsored projects during the year. We had acoustical panels installed at the Meetinghouse to improve the sound for the many events usually scheduled for the public and private functions too. After Town Meeting, the building was closed until further notice. We also purchased eight new folding tables for use either at the Meetinghouse or the Carolina Crapo building. As always, we replaced flags that were weather worn. These flags, put up every season from Memorial Day through Columbus Day, by our Road Department crew, keep our town looking festive and patriotic. We were able to have the main hall, front entry and stairs refinished at the meetinghouse. It actually was a good time to get it done as nothing was scheduled due to Covid. 2020 was certainly a challenging and difficult year for us all in our little corner as well as worldwide. I am happy we were able to still accomplish and sponsor the good things we did for Sugar Hill.

Respectfully submitted:

Lissa Boissonneault  
President

## **REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS SHIA EDUCATION FUND & COMMUNITY FUND**

In a difficult year, packed with COVID related disruptions and uncertainties, the SHIA trust funds managed to do well. The SHIA Community Trust ended 2020 with a balance of \$1,153,502 versus a 2019 year-end balance of \$913,489. This represents a 26% increase after accounting for all income and expenses. This includes a favorable adjustment of \$50,000 to correct an inter fund clerical error in 2019 mentioned in last year's annual report. (i.e. \$50,000 was moved **from** the SHIA Crapo Education Trust **to** the SHIA Community Trust in 2020). Before accounting for that \$50,000 inter fund correction, the SHIA Community Trust was still up by 21% in 2020.

The SHIA Crapo Education Trust ended the year with a balance of \$828,191 versus a 2019 year-end balance of \$765,297, an 8.2% increase after accounting for all income and expenses including the \$50,000 adjustment **from** the Crapo Trust **to** the Community Trust. Before adjusting for that inter fund transfer the SHIA Crapo Trust would have been up 14.7%.

In 2020 the Trustees, in consultation with our advisors at Community Financial Services Group (CFSG), decided to move the funds from individually selected equities and bonds to a diversified and highly rated group of managed funds. Doing so helped to reduce expenses and provide a layer of protection against any specific market disruptions. We think that this approach will continue to serve us well. The Trustees met with CFSG on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for a review. The market value of both funds is up by approximately 5% in 2021 through 2/9/21. Notwithstanding that good news, the global economic difficulties and uncertainties are far from over. The Covid pandemic is, unfortunately, not yet in our rear-view mirror.

Respectfully submitted,  
Greg Connors  
Russ Gaitskill  
Ray Dionne

## LAFAYETTE RECREATION COMMITTEE

Like everyone else, the Lafayette Recreation Department faced several curveballs in 2020. Our normally full slate of annual events and fundraisers was largely postponed until 2021, although throughout the warmer months we were able to host some safe and socially distanced events at the Dow. Likewise, our youth programs looked different in 2020.

The pandemic hit just as we were planning spring events and youth baseball season. Although spring events and sports were a wash, summer was a successful season! Under the leadership of Recreation Director Kim Cowles and Summer Program Director Gillian Cahill, we were able to offer two Summer Rec sessions, with 32 children from our Towns participating in the first, and 40 children participating in the second. Thanks to partnerships with Copper Cannon Camp and Tamarack Tennis Camp (both closed for the year), along with the Dow and other local outdoor venues, our Summer Rec kids had a fun, safe, and engaging season.

One new favorite activity last summer was paddling around Coffin Pond, close enough to town that the kids could bike there. Canoeing was such a big hit that the Department has added six canoes – all donated – to its fleet. Because we had to cap Summer Rec enrollment for safety reasons, we applied for and received a Cares Act grant of \$18,000 helped to offset the decrease in revenue.

Although we cancelled the Top Notch Triathlon and other fundraising events in 2020, the Dow was hopping with activity, from disc golf players on the course to the North Country Chamber Players making music in the pavilion. We also hosted movie nights and an evening of dancing to the Wicked Smart Horn Band. We're all looking forward to returning to our familiar slate of activities in 2021!

During the fall we were able to offer a soccer season for children from kindergarten through sixth grade. Although we didn't compete against teams from other Towns, our Lafayette kids worked on their skills and had a chance to play together throughout the fall.

Trunk or Treat was a huge hit! So much so, we will add it to our normal Halloween celebration every year. Thank you to the Safety Service peeps and everyone else who participated.

Just before Christmas, Santa rode through town on a fire engine, waving to kids along the way. Since then, the weather has proved tricky for maintaining the ice at the rink, but we continue to make ice whenever the weather allows, and skating continues to be a popular activity. We're also looking ahead to planning for a warming hut at the rink, which would be part of the welcome center and public restrooms in Town.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lafayette Committee Members

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

**Sugar Hill:** Launa Glover and Nicole McKay

**Easton:** Michael McKeever and Kent Butterfield

**Lafayette Regional School:** Gordie Johnk

**Recreation Director:** Kim Cowles

## **FRANCONIA NOTCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2020 REPORT**

The efforts of Chambers of Commerce throughout New Hampshire are instrumental in promoting a strong and vibrant tourism economy, which in Sugar Hill, contributes greatly to our economy. Annually, millions of dollars flow in to the region, supporting our economy, providing jobs, and enriching the quality of life for all residents. In 2019, the town of Sugar Hill received \$29,623 from the disbursement of the Rooms & Meals Tax.

The Chamber's website continues to promote our region with over twenty-one thousand visitors seeking information about the region. In addition, our social media platforms (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram) have continued to realize steady growth year after year.

The Information Booth operated from Memorial Day weekend through Columbus Day. A public rest room was provided during July & August as the warming hut rest room was limited to the Franconia Recreation summer program. Over eleven-hundred individuals visited the information booth during our hours of operation, with countless others stopping by to pick up information when the booth was closed. The kiosk continues to be a focal point for folks seeking directions, suggestions and ideas on places to go and things to do.

The Franconia Notch Regional Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with other Chambers of Commerce in the White Mountain region, sponsored a variety of initiatives in response to the Covid19 pandemic. Over \$3000 of Personal Protective Equipment (masks, gloves, hand and aerosol sanitizer, alcohol wipes, & spray disinfectant) were distributed to Chamber members; a White Mountain region job portal for employers to post, and local residents to search out job listings was developed; a "100-mile Challenge" scavenger hunt throughout the region served as an incentive to bring visitors to the area; and a social media public awareness campaign marketed the White Mountains and educated potential visitors on safe practices during the pandemic.

In the year ahead we aim to maintain and grow our dedicated membership base; continue serving as a source of information and resources during the pandemic; work diligently to strengthen our regional economy; and welcome visitors to the region through a dynamic campaign of promoting the very best the region has to offer. As ever, we are grateful for the support of the residents of the Town of Sugar Hill and the Board of Selectmen.

Kevin Johnson  
Franconia Notch  
Regional Chamber of  
Commerce

## **AMMONOOSUC RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Ammonoosuc River Local Advisory Committee (LAC) represents the Towns of Carroll, Bethlehem, Littleton, Landaff, Lisbon, Bath, Haverhill, and Sugar Hill. At present five Towns have representation, including: Bath (Rick Walling), Bethlehem (Sue McClain), Landaff (Errol Peters), Littleton (Connie McDade), and Sugar Hill (Dennis McFadden).

The LAC held two regular meetings in 2020. Four addition meetings were held by Conference Call under the \*emergency provisions of RSA 91-A, New Hampshire Right-to-Know law, as allowed by Emergency Order 11 under Executive Order 2020-04 in light of Covid-19 outbreak.

During 2020, the LAC members reviewed and commented on sixteen applications, four of which were sign offs on expedited minimum impact projects to facilitate the process, taking place, as soon as possible. The LAC continued to support NHDES VRAP water quality testing, coordinated by Leslie Bergum of Carroll. Water quality protection and storm water management have continued to be the main issues for the LAC this year. Protection of ground water from runoff is vital for safe drinking water and for preserving the aesthetic values of the river.

Waste management is currently at the forefront of local concerns with the recent approval of expansion of the landfill in Bethlehem at the same time that Casella is seeking to get approval for construction of an additional new landfill in Dalton. Considering factors of topography, natural resources, socio-economics and safety, the LAC members are in accord the selection of landfill location should be based on criteria related to the environmental and hazardous material management. The selection of these upstream locations for landfills is at odds to the protection of the water quality and quantity in the Ammonoosuc River, which is a designated river in NH Rivers Management and Protection Program. The designation was based on the values and characteristics of the river resources in these locations.

People assume they can safely enjoy being in these natural surrounds and not be exposed to environmental hazards, as there are no signs warning of number of fish that are safe to consume that are caught, wading along the shoreline downstream of the landfill.

Sincerely,  
Richard Walling, Chairman  
Ammonoosuc River Local  
Advisory Committee

## NORTHERN HUMAN SERVICES WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH

This year has been an extremely challenging one. The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has been extremely stressful for people. Fear and anxiety about a new disease and what could happen has been overwhelming and has caused strong emotions in both adults and children. Public health actions, such as social distancing (although crucial), can make people feel isolated and lonely and can increase stress and anxiety. The pandemic has created an environment where people are under constant stress. This can build up and cause Anxiety and Depression in people who might otherwise be able to manage those symptoms; when that happens it is important that *everyone* has the ability to reach out for help and receive quality supports and services.

Accurate, early diagnosis and timely treatment saves lives. This is true for most physical illnesses like cancer, heart disease and diabetes and is *equally true* for mental illnesses like depression, anxiety and other mood and thought disorders. *Anyone* can suffer from mental illness (even during the best of times); over 44 million Americans have a diagnosed mental illness and many more are undiagnosed. It is safe to say that *at least* 1 in 4 people in our communities suffer from a mental disorder. Unidentified and untreated illness may escalate to a life threatening condition. According to the latest data from the CDC, New Hampshire has the second highest suicide rate in New England, and the 19th highest in the U.S. In 2016 (the most recent year of data available), there were 244 suicides in New Hampshire, a rate of 17.2 per 100,000 residents. Northern New Hampshire suicide rates are among the highest in our State. Sadly, this is a clear indication that untreated mental illness in both adults and young people can be fatal, and mortality is rising dramatically in our communities.

White Mountain Mental Health is the Northern Human Services location of Northern Human Services – the Community Mental Health Center serving residents of the 22 towns in upper Grafton and lower Coos County. Each year we ask the towns we serve to contribute a small amount toward the keeping our communities healthy and safe through supporting access to treatment for local residents who are uninsured or under-insured and unable to pay for the professional services we offer. Our most expensive and perhaps more critical service is 24/7 emergency assessment. This service is provided by mental health clinicians, supported by a consulting psychiatrist or psychiatric nurse practitioner. We provide this service via video to allow rapid response to every corner of our service area. This quick attention to crisis situations can and does prevent the loss of life. Town funding also enables residents of our service area to receive outpatient treatment, hopefully beginning before symptoms advance to a crisis. Early treatment saves lives.

In 2020, 2 residents of Sugar Hill received services from White Mountain Mental Health. This number does not count the residents whose services were fully paid by Medicaid or another health insurance. Most importantly, even if the reported number of persons in your, community this year is low, your funding supports the availability of crisis services whenever needed.

We are thankful to the voters in all of our communities for recognizing the crucial role that the mind plays in overall health and the importance of access to mental health care for all.

Warm Regards,  
Amy Finkle  
Director of Behavioral Health

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

This year has been especially difficult for those in health care, as we face unprecedented challenges while assisting the community in the testing for and preventions of COVID19. Early in the pandemic ACHS saw a swift decline in patient visits resulting in a significant loss of patient revenue. We quickly pivoted to telehealth allowing us to provide primary, behavioral, and dental care via tele-medicine during quarantine. This also prevented costly visits to hospital Emergency Departments. As we continue to navigate these uncharted waters, we need your help more than ever! Your investment in ACHS helps us provide **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 your residents, and to those in the 26 rural towns in our service area. ACHS's sliding fee scale for payment of services ensures patients in need will still get affordable healthcare in a timely manner – especially important in today's unsettled health care climate. For more information about this program, please visit: [www.ammonoosuc.org](http://www.ammonoosuc.org).

### **ACHS Services Provided**

- COVID 19 Antibody & Antigen Testing
- Primary Preventive Medical Care- Family Practice – Prenatal Care through Geriatrics
- Breast & Cervical Cancer Screening Program
- Behavioral Healthcare – Counseling, Substance misuse Disorder Assistance – In school K-12 services
- Dental & Oral Healthcare – Affordable Dental care for all ages
- 340B Low-Cost Prescription Drug Program
- Low Cost Vision Plan – Discounted Eye Exam and Glasses for those who qualify
- Financial Services – Sliding Fee Payment Scale for eligible patients

### **ACHS Statistics Calendar Year - 2020**

- Number of Unduplicated Clients Served: Medical 9,998, Dental 1,492, Behavioral 728
- Number of Visits: Medical 32,944, Dental 4,532, Behavioral 5,279
- Client/Payor Mix: 21.0% Medicaid, 25% Medicare, 9.1% Uninsured, 44.9% Insured
- Value of discounts provided in our Prescription Assistance Program: \$175,985
- Value of discounted health care services (Sliding-Fee) provided to our patients: \$698,540.00 total; Medical & Behavioral Health \$260,782, Dental \$339,338, Pharmacy \$44,420

### **Town Statistics – Sugar Hill**

- Total # of Patients-214
- Total # of Medicaid Patients - 8
- Total # of Medicare Patients-83
- Total # of Self-Paying Patients – 6
- Total # of Sliding Fee Scale Patients -3

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

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

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

During 2019-20, 37 older residents of Sugar Hill were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Littleton Area Senior Center and 13 residents were assisted by ServiceLink:

- Older adults from Sugar Hill enjoyed 45 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.
- Frail adults received 630 meals delivered to their homes through Meals on Wheels.
- Sugar Hill's citizens participated in 275 health, wellness, arts or continuing education activities at the Littleton Area Senior Center.
- Sugar Hill residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 20 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- Sugar Hill residents received assistance with access to benefits, caregiver support or issues of long-term care through 30 contacts with ServiceLink or and Outreach Counselor,
- Sugar Hill's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 327 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Sugar Hill residents in 2017-18 was \$11,831.35.

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

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

Kathleen Vasconcelos,  
Executive Director



## Annual Report 2020

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

A few highlights of our impacts are:

- Judith Hull continued her work supporting the Grafton County Master Gardeners in their efforts to bring science-based gardening education to community members.
- Mary Choate presented four S.A.F.E. classes (Food Safety in the Food Environment), arranged and monitored Chinese and Spanish language ServSafe classes and participated in seven farm food safety reviews.
- Heather Bryant completed an eggplant variety trial at the Grafton County Complex, in collaboration with a larger project carried out at UNH's Woodman Farm. After data was collected, 342 lbs. of eggplants were donated to area senior centers and food banks.
- Sue Cagle joined our office just as NH was moving to remote work due to COVID-19. She, along with the rest of the Community and Economic Development team, immediately began to work on providing resources and training to NH communities. They also created web resource pages for Remote Meetings and Main Street Responses to COVID-19.
- Jim Frohn conducted 55 woodlot visits covering 8588 acres, and referred 27 landowners, owning 2755 acres, to consulting foresters. Although in-person workshops were limited, he continued to work with Extension colleagues and partners to develop online content.
- Under the guidance of Donna Lee 72 screened leaders worked with 165 youth (ages 5 to 18) across the county on projects which enhanced their personal development and increased their life-skills. A notable highlight was the Food & Essentials Collection Project. 4-H youth, leaders, and families generously donated 2182 items to this endeavor.
- Lisa Ford completed five, multi-lesson nutrition series with 67 participants. Twenty-one series with 235 youth and adults were in progress when in-person learning was cancelled, due to the pandemic. In order to adapt to changing needs of agencies and participants, Lisa developed a one-page teaching resource for a curriculum.

Respectfully submitted:  
Donna Lee, County  
Office Administrator

## CENTER FOR NEW BEGINNINGS

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

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

Although most of our clients have insurance coverage many of these policies carry high deductibles and co-pays, which climbing are climbing higher and higher. A deductible of three, five or even seven thousand dollars is not unusual - and for many this means getting help is out of their reach. Many businesses and non-profits have been adversely impacted by COVID 19, and many of our clients have felt this impact directly with loss or change of insurance coverage, or worse, through loss of employment.

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

In 2020, The Center for New Beginnings provided services to 550 individuals. We logged 5800 patient appointments. Eight of our clients reside in Sugar Hill. We are requesting \$500 from the town for the upcoming year. When we do have extra funds available, such as these town donations, we have the flexibility to assist our clients who have difficulty meeting their high deductibles or o-pays or a loss of insurance coverage.

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

Sincerely,  
Board of Directors  
The Center for New Beginnings

## NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL

North Country Council Regional Planning Commission and Economic Development District is one of nine regional planning commissions in New Hampshire established by RSA 36:46. The Commission's region consists of serving 50 communities and 25 unincorporated places in the northern third of New Hampshire. The Council serves in an advisory role to local governments in order to promote coordinated planning, orderly growth, efficient land use, transportation access, and environmental protection. The Council's professional staff provides transportation, land use, economic development, community and environmental planning services; geographic information services (GIS); data collection and analysis; grant writing; grant administration; facilitation; and project management.

To date in 2020, North Country Council undertook the following activities:

- Completed stream culvert assessments in Hart's Location as part of a Saco River watershed project which aims to better understand flood vulnerability and aquatic habitat barriers.
- Facilitated four meetings of the North Country Council Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) to discuss regional transportation issues and identify priority projects for funding opportunities, including the Ten-Year Plan.
- Supported the work of two Regional Coordinating Councils (Carroll County and Grafton-Coos) to promote coordination of transportation services for the region's residents, including facilitating six RCC meetings, updating service directories, and assisting with federal grant applications to support transportation services for senior and limited-mobility residents.
- Represented the transportation needs of the region in the Ten-Year Plan process, including participation in public hearings and promoting public input opportunities to the region's communities.
- Supported the work of the North Country Scenic Byways Council (NCSBC) to steward and promote the region's many scenic and cultural byways, including facilitating two NCSBC meetings and developed a website to provide information on scenic touring along the byways.
- Represented the region as an at-large member to the NH Complete Streets Advisory Committee, providing a regional perspective on the development of the NH Statewide Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan.
- Continued the effort to develop an updated Regional Transportation Plan, which will identify the transportation-related needs, and opportunities of the region in the support of the development of transportation projects and reference for communities.
- Completed over 150 traffic counts to meet federal requirements and provide up-to-date information on traffic volumes across the region.
- Supported and participated in the White Mountain National Forest Alternative Transportation Working Group to address issues of overflow parking and promote safe transportation access to National Forest destinations.
- Created Community Profiles which provide demographic data on each community that include travel patterns, income, education, natural resources.

- Created community planning guidance documents to support local efforts in their transportation planning tasks.
- Provided mapping and data services to communities throughout the region in support of project development and funding opportunities.
- Responded to multiple request for reviews of Development of Regional Impact, prepared comments corresponded with state and local officials.
- Continued to assist Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) in providing development assistance to potential and awarded grantees. In 2020 the Council provided pre-project development coaching to over 15 potential NBRC grantees.
- Convened three full Commission meetings and facilitated discussions on – Solid Waste in the North Country, Broadband 101 and Forest Society North.
- Participated in local, state and regional level in initiatives (3-6) of various topics: housing, land use regulations, workforce development, economic resiliency and the outdoor economy.
- Provided technical support to communities relating to municipal land use regulations, best practices and planning opportunities.
- Assisted Coos County with the newly formed and ongoing Broadband Committee to better understand and implement broadband networks in under and unserved areas of Coos.
- Collaborated with other Regional Planning Commission's through the NH Association of Regional Planning Commissions and Director meetings in Concord.
- Supported efforts and attended the NH Planners Conference and NH Municipal Association Conference.
- Bulk ordered and distributed New Hampshire Planning and Land Use Regulation books to local land use boards (estimated savings of \$70.00 per book).
- Continued the efforts of the North Country Council Brownfield Program through funding from the United States Environmental protection Agency (EPA).
- Updated the North Country Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Economic Development District.
- Staff attended over 15 workshops, info sessions to increase Council capacity to better serve communities.
- Responded to various requests from communities for technical assistance and data research.
- Hosted four Solid Waste Roundtable for municipal officials and transfer station operators.
- Facilitates two household hazardous waste drop off day removing 2,235 gallons of hazardous material from the waste stream.

## **NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE 2020**

North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency provides quality services that include home health, hospice, nursing, rehabilitation, social services, homemaking and long-term care in 48 towns, covering all of Coos County and northern Grafton County.

In 2020, for the Town of Sugar Hill, we provided 205 visits with services to 15 clients (4 of which were Hospice and the remaining were Home Health and Long-Term Care clients). We are committed to our community in that we provide community health clinics and screenings such as blood pressure checks, health education programs, and a bereavement support group.

Hospice Care focuses on quality of life and provides support to the patient and their caregivers in achieving their goals and wishes. Our compassionate team, made up of physicians, nurses, social workers, home health aides, spiritual counselors, therapists and volunteers, work with the patient to achieve their goal. Services provided to the patient and their caregivers include: management of pain and symptoms, assisting patients with the emotional, spiritual and psychosocial aspects of dying, and provides needed medications, medical equipment and medical supplies. Also included is family/caregiver education on the provision of care and short-term inpatient treatment for management of symptoms that cannot be managed in the home environment or is needed for caregiver respite.

Bereavement counseling for surviving family members and friends is also provided. An individual electing hospice care is not giving up on living, rather, making the decision to focus on quality of life. Hospice care provides a high level of quality medical care with a different focus from the traditional medical model.

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

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

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

In preparation for the annual Town Meeting, the Boys and Girls Club of the North Country (BGCNC) respectfully requests that the Board include a warrant article for \$2,500 on the Town's ballot to help cover our operating budget for the services we provide to your community and the North Country.

In our fifteen years of operation, we have never seen a crisis of this magnitude and scale. The pandemic has forced BGCNC to implement huge programming, facility, and operational changes. With social distancing and capacity restrictions, we are serving fewer children with more expenses than ever before. Our community's support has never been more crucial in continuing to provide a safe place for the children of the North Country. Over the past year, our team has continued to thrive and adapt to the ever changing challenges COVID-19 brought us. We continue to provide critical support to our members and families, who need us most, knowing that there are hundreds of families that rely on us for academic support, mentoring, snacks, and a safe place for kids. Our innovative responses include food distributions, virtual homework help, daily "check ins" with our caring Youth Development Professionals, and more. Because of capacity restrictions, our numbers look a bit different this year.

Once COVID is behind us, we look forward to returning to and growing our membership. In typical years, we serve over 250 children from Bethlehem, Littleton, Lisbon, Landaff, Lyman, Franconia, Easton, Sugar Hill, and Bath, as well as several other North Country communities. BGCNC's afterschool programs and vacation camps are, in many cases, the key to the development of these children and we strongly believe that we are both preparing them for a happy and productive future and, in some cases, literally saving their lives. Of the 168 members we had during the last, abbreviated school year, 8 of them were from Sugar Hill. Last year's vacation camps saw 210 children, with 11 of those from Sugar Hill. We have also invested \$7,425/year to transport the Sugar Hill members to the Club for the Afterschool program.

As is the case with most organizations that rely on fundraising and donations, raising the approximately \$345,500 per year required to operate the Club has become increasingly difficult, with COVID putting an additional strain on this already enormous task. We recognize that many of your taxpayers are feeling the same pressures that the Club is. However, it is important to keep in mind that the current economic times have most affected those very people who need the services that BGCNC provides. These parents and children need our help now more than ever. Over 40% of our families fall below the national poverty level and over 50% qualify for free/reduced lunch. Since it costs us approximately \$1,825 to provide services to each child annually, we are looking to our neighboring communities to help spread the cost of operation over the wider population, as the children we serve are the future of the North Country.

Your support on this issue will be greatly appreciated and, although it cannot be specifically quantified, we strongly believe that a commitment by the Town represents an investment in the healthy future of Sugar Hill and the North Country at large. Thank you for your consideration. If you would like to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,  
Sara Shovlin, Executive Director

**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	\$ 4,000.00	15	\$1,600.00
2006 Motorola Radios Portable (18)	54,000.00	3,600.00	15	3,600.00
2007 Motorola Base Radio (1)	8,000.00	1,058.00	15	534.00
1939 Ford Antique Truck	1,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
2004 Ford Light Rescue Truck	105,000.00	37,800.00	20	4,200.00
2006 Sterling Fire Engine	175,000.00	77,000.00	25	7,000.00
2013 International – Fire Engine	254,000.00	182,880.00	25	10,160.00
2018 International – Fire Engine	375,000.00	330,000.00	25	15,000.00
Utility Box Trailer	3,700.00	-0-	20	-0-
4,000 ft. 4” Hose	20,000.00	-0-	15	-0-
Stationary SCBA Air Compressor	20,000.00	-0-	20	-0-
24 Sets of PPE	72,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
10 SCBA with Spare Cylinders	50,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
Mobile SCBA Fill Station	10,000.00	-0-	20	-0-
Infrared Camera	9,000.00	-0-	15	-0-
30 Pagers	11,450.00	-0-	10	-0-
Portable Pump	4,000.00	-0-	15	-0-
Floating Portable Pump	2,500.00	-0-	15	-0-
Honda 6kw Generator	5,000.00	-0-	15	-0-
Light Tower – Rescue Truck	6,000.00	2,800.00	15	400.00
Fire Hose 2.5 – 400’	1,200.00	560.00	15	80.00
Rescue Chain Saw	2,195.00	1,097.50	10	219.50
Miscellaneous Equipment	<u>113,100.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	15	<u>-0-</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,330,145.00</b>	<b>\$640,795.50</b>		<b>\$42,793.50</b>

**POLICE EQUIPMENT**

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2018 Ford Interceptor	\$40,000.00	10,000.00	4	10,000.00
2019 Ford Police Responder	28,187.35	16,912.41	5	5,637.47
Misc. Patrol Vehicle Equipment	3,000.00	-0-	5	-0-
Motorola Radio – Patrol Vehicle (2)	2,800.00	-0-	6	-0-
Motorola Radios – Portable (5)	12,000.00	-0-	6	-0-
Kenwood Radio - Office	965.00	-0-	6	-0-
MPH Python 2 (2)	3,200.00	1,280.00	5	640.00
Radar Trailer	1,000.00	-0-	6	-0-
Body Armor (2)	2,100.00	-0-	5	-0-
Axon Body Cameras (3)	2,625.00	525.00	5	525.00
Office Equipment	5,684.00	-0-	3	-0-
Glock Handguns w/lights (4)	2,036.00	680.00	6	339.00
Benelli Shotgun (2)	900.00	630.00	10	90.00

Card Access System	4,000.00	2,000.00	10	400.00
Taser (X2) (3)	4,200.00	-0-	5	320.00
Ruger AR 15 (2)	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>460.00</u>	8	<u>100.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$113,697.35</b>	<b>\$32,487.41</b>		<b>\$18,051.47</b>

### HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
1995 Brush Bandit Chipper	15,000.00	-0-	20	0.00
1996 Motorola Mobile Radio	600.00	-0-	20	0.00
Miscellaneous Mobile Equipment	45,000.00	2,500.00	20	2,250.00
2019 Sakai TW330 Roller	29,000.00	27,066.00	30	967.00
York Rake	3,000.00	-0-	20	150.00
Cold Patch Trailer	24,000.00	21,600.00	20	480.00
Culvert Thawer w/Trailer	4,500.00	-0-	10	0.00
2003 Sweepster Brom for 416 Cat	8,500.00	-0-	15	0.00
2004 Hudson Trailer 10 ton	8,900.00	2,180.00	20	445.00
2007 Komatsu Excavator	93,500.00	32,750.00	20	4,675.00
1985 Cat 130 Motor Grader	65,000.00	21,670.00	15	4,333.00
2012 John Deere Loader	106,400.00	63,840.00	20	5,320.00
2000 Cat 416C Loader/Backhoe	87,500.00	-0-	15	0.00
2021 International Dump Truck	140,000.00	140,000.00	15	9,333.00
2016 Chevrolet 3500 Pick Up	69,436.00	17,359.00	8	8,679.50
2017 Chevrolet Dump Truck	50,423.25	25,211.65	5	6,302.90
2018 Inter HV 10 Wheel Dump	180,000.00	144,000.00	15	12,000.00
2016 Fischer Sander	4,500.00	2,250.00	10	450.00
2017 Fischer Sander	<u>4,500.00</u>	<u>2,700.00</u>	10	<u>450.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$939,759.25</b>	<b>\$503,126.65</b>		<b>\$55,835.40</b>

### BUILDING & GROUNDS

2011 Ford F350 Pickup	\$43,000.00	\$ -0-	8	\$ 5,375.00
2016 JD 935 Pro Mower/ Bag Sys	13,500.00	-0-	5	2,700.00
2000 PAS 65x14 Trailer	2,750.00	-0-	20	137.50
2020 Ariens 28 Snowblower	1,299.00	1,114.00	7	185.00
2016 Honda 21" Commercial Mower	660.00	-0-	5	132.00
202 Honda 21" Commercial Mower	<u>650.00</u>	<u>520.00</u>	5	<u>130.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$61,859.00</b>	<b>\$1,634.00</b>		<b>\$8,659.50</b>

**BIRTHS REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2020**

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father & Name of Mother
04/28/2020	Ava Grace Mancini	Robert Mancini, Jr. Amy Mancini

**DEATHS REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2020**

Date Of Death	Name Of Deceased	Name & Surname Of Father	Maiden Name Of Mother
03/05/2020	Jerome A. Segal	Sydney Segal	Harriet Goldberg
03/28/2020	Steve J. Allen	Bernard Allen	Ethel Eber
04/20/2020	Earle H. Burt	Harley Burt	Sylvia Elliot
05/20/2020	Jeffrey M. Bolton	William Bolton	Dorothy Brennan
09/14/2020	Leatrice K. Progin	Reino Kinnunen	Beatrice Padula
09/27/2020	John E. Bigelow	Elton Bigelow	Doris Elliot
10/04/2020	Peter A. Poole	William Poole	Carolyn Clarke
10/17/2020	Samuel L. Kerr	Charles Kerr	Mary Kiskaddon
11/19/2020	Herbert H. Hunt	George Hunt	Mattie Pearson
11/22/2020	Alden N. Crawford	George Crawford	Annie Porter
12/23/2020	Dawna M. Lavoie	John Ledoux	Myrtle Corliss

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2020**

Date of Marriage	Name and Surname Of Groom & Bride	Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage
06/10/2020	Michael F. Coyle Joy E. Marino	Sugar Hill Sugar Hill

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-

### **JOHN BIGELOW**

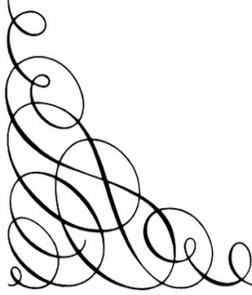
John was Chairman and longtime member of the Sugar Hill Historical Museum Board of Directors. John's gentle demeanor and chuckle will forever be with us when we think of him. A great loss to the community and the museum.

### **HERBERT H. HUNT**

Herbie was a lifelong resident of Sugar Hill. Herbie served the Town as a member of the Sugar Hill Fire Department.

### **EARLE BURT**

Earle was a lifelong resident of Sugar Hill and some may remember him from his employment at the transfer station.



## NOTES

**TOWN HOURS  
SELECTMEN’S OFFICE  
823-8468**

**Website: [www.sugarhillnh.org](http://www.sugarhillnh.org) E-mail: [selectmen@sugarhillnh.org](mailto:selectmen@sugarhillnh.org)**  
Monday ..... 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
Tuesday and Thursday ..... 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**TOWN CLERK’S OFFICE  
823-8516**

Monday ..... 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
Tuesday and Thursday ..... 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**PLANNING BOARD**

First Wednesday of each month ..... 5:30 PM

**ZONING BOARD**

As needed ..... 5:30 PM

**TRANSFER STATION  
823-5311**

(Closed on legal Holidays)

Sunday ..... 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Monday ..... 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday ..... CLOSED  
Friday ..... 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Saturday ..... 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
823-7001**

See website for current hours and restrictions.

[richardson-memorial-library.org](http://richardson-memorial-library.org)

Email: [rmlibrary117@gmail.com](mailto:rmlibrary117@gmail.com)

**SUGAR HILL HISTORICAL MUSEUM  
823-5336**

Friday ..... 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Saturday ..... 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

TENTATIVE SEASON: May 28, 2021 – October 11, 2021

Opening to be announced.

**FIRE, POLICE, LIFE SQUAD — EMERGENCY ONLY 911**

**Non-Emergency Police**  
**823-8725** - Office  
**823-8123** - Dispatch

**Non-Emergency Fire Department**  
**823-8415** - Station  
**823-8123** - Dispatch

**Highway Department**  
**823-8788**  
**616-8467**

**Meetinghouse**  
**823-7011**

