



# Town of Sugar Hill

New Hampshire

61st Annual Report

Year Ending  
December 31, 2022



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Sunset Hill House Garden harvest circa 1890's

Photo from the archives of the Sugar Hill Historical Museum

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# **TOWN OFFICERS**

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Margaret Connors, Chair (Term Expires 2025)  
Richard Bielefield (Term Expires 2024)  
Chris Ellms (Term Expires 2023)

### **TOWN OFFICE**

Telephone 603-823-8468

### **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  
Deborah Corey, Deputy

#### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Allan R. Clark (Appointed)

#### **MODERATOR**

James F. Snyder (2024)

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

Russ Gaitskill (2023)  
Michael Claflin (2024)  
Greg Connors (2025)

#### **SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**

Jordan Applewhite (2024)  
John Colony (2026)  
Starcy Branch (2028)

#### **LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Alice Claflin (appointed) (2023)  
Joanna Santilli (2023)  
Jason Tors (2024)  
Teresa Schofield (resigned)(2025)

**CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

	Kathleen Jablonski (2023)		
Elizabeth Warren	(2023)	Lyn Kenerson	(2024)
Larry Sawyer	(2025)	Annette Carbonneau	(2024)

**PLANNING BOARD**

	Robert Hayward, Jr., Chairman (2024)		
James Keefe	(2024)	Mike Valentine	(2025)
David Thurston	(2024)	Margo Connors	(2025)
Steve Monsein	(2023)	Arthur Chase	(2023)
	Amy Venezia, Alt (2025)		
	Chris Thayer, Alt (2023)		

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

	Michael Hern, Chairman (2025)		
Carl Hjelm	(2023)	James Keefe	(2024)
Richard Quintal	(2023)	John Colony	(2024)
	Amy Venezia, Alt. & Secretary (2025)		
	Sarah Pinney, Alt (2024)		

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

	Chris Ellms, Chair (2024)		
Larry Sawyer	(2023)	Timothy Burger	(2025)
Charles Wolcott	(2023)	Judy Sawyer	(2025)
Holly Hayward	(2024)	Claire Von Karls	(2023)
	Tim William, Alt (2023)		

**RECREATION PROGRAM  
SUGAR HILL REPRESENTATIVES**

Matt Steele  
Felicia Hamilton

All 2022 reports from various agencies not printed in this Town Report are on file in the Selectmen’s Office and available upon request.

**TOWN OF SUGAR HILL  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES-RESULTS  
March 8, 2022**

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 16 and Article 3 Sections 304.1 and 304.2 relating to Event Venue 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 and 2 to be passed over until ballots are counted at which time Moderator Snyder will read the results.

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

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

**RESULTS OF ARTICLE 1:**

Selectman, Three Year Term	Margaret J. Connors	77
Selectman, One Year Term	Christopher J. Ellms	81
Moderator, Two Year Term	James F. Snyder	81
Town Treasurer, One Year Term	Amy Venezia	83
Town Clerk, One Year Term	Lissa M. Boissonneault	83
Tax Collector, One Year Term	Lissa M. Boissonneault	82
Library Trustee, Three Year Term	Teresa Fowler	77
Library Trustee, One Year Term	Joanna Santilli	79
Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 Year Term	Gregory Connors	79
Supervisor of the Check List, 6 Year Term	Starcy Branch	81
Zoning Board of Adjustment, 3 Year Term	Mike Hern	73
Cemetery Trustee, 3 Year Term	Lynn Warren	78
Cemetery Trustee, 3 year Term	Larry Sawyer	72

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

To see of the Town will vote to amend Article 16 and Article 3 Sections 304.1 and 304.2 relating to Event Venue. The official copy of the Zoning 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 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 16 (Definitions) by adding a definition of “Event Venue;” amending Article 3, Sections 304.1 and 304.2 to permit Event Venues in GR and RR1 by special exception and with required site plan review; and to require ZBA approval of any amendment to an Event Venue site plan?”

**YES 67 NO 17 ARTICLE 2 PASSES**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town of Sugar Hill will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Six Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand, Thirty-Seven Dollars (\$1,627,037.00) to defray Town charges.

Executive .....	\$65,688.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics .....	27,050.00
Financial Administration .....	25,000.00
Property Revaluation .....	15,000.00
Legal Expenses .....	15,000.00
Payroll Taxes .....	34,000.00
Planning Board .....	2,500.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment .....	1,000.00
General Government Buildings .....	40,250.00
Buildings & Grounds .....	47,036.00
Cemetery.....	15,000.00
Insurance.....	146,309.00
Advertising & Regional Associations.....	7,100.00
North Country Council.....	1,100.00
Franconia Notch Chamber.....	6,000.00
Unemployment.....	100.00
Police Department.....	282,065.00
Ambulance .....	26,420.00
Fire Department .....	102,075.00
Building Inspections .....	3,500.00
Emergency Management .....	2,500.00
Airport.....	687.00
Town Maintenance .....	237,865.00
General Highway Department Expense .....	206,475.00
Street Lighting .....	2,500.00
Highway Block Grant .....	39,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal .....	56,047.00
Health, Hospitals.....	8,759.00
North Country Home Health .....	1,775.00
Grafton County Senior.....	750.00
White Mountain Mental Health .....	692.00
American Red Cross.....	292.00
Ammonoosuc Community Health .....	1,250.00

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	1,150.00	
Parks and Recreation.....		29,274.00
Library .....		39,141.00
Patriotic Purposes .....		2,000.00
Conservation Commission.....		700.00
Interest Expense - Tax Anticipation.....		1,000.00
Long Term Notes.....		59,500.00
Interest Long Term Notes .....		8,000.00
Capital Expense .....		72,496.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS.....		\$1,627,037.00

The Select Board recommends these Appropriations.

Moved by Tim Egan

Seconded by Greg Connors

Discussion

Motion made by Ed Hansalik to amend Article 3 by \$2,000 less with the recommendation to the Select Board that it come off the appropriation to the Boys and Girls Club.

Seconded by Ken Leavitt

It was explained by Moderator Snyder that the amended amount could not come off a specific line item but off the total appropriation.

Discussion

**All in favor of the amendment “Aye”, Opposed, “No” the No’s have it.**

**Back to original article moved and seconded**

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

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Tim Egan

Seconded by Paul Reid

Article addressed by Road Agent Doug Glover

Discussion

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

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be 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 Carl Martland

Road Agent Doug Glover addressed the article

Motion to amend an increase of \$25,000 to Article 5 by Ed Hansalik

Seconded by Greg Connors

Discussion

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

**All in favor of amended Article Five now raised to \$75,000:**

**“Aye”, Opposed, “No”, the Ayes have it.**

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

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Tim Egan

Seconded by Nancy Martland

Fire Chief Allan Clark addressed the article

**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 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 Tim Egan

Seconded by Sarah Pinney

Fire Chief Allan Clark addressed the article

**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 One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) 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 Nancy Martland

Selectperson Margo Connors addressed the article

Discussion

Nick De Mayo made a motion to Zero fund this article

Seconded by Ken Leavitt

Discussion

**All in favor of Amendment to Zero fund the article:**

**“Aye”, Opposed, “No” the No’s have it, amendment failed**

Back to original article as written, moved and seconded

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

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2009.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Tim Egan

Seconded by Sarah Pinney

Road Agent Doug Glover addressed the article

**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 Carolina Crapo Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Richard Bielefield

Seconded by Tim Egan

Selectperson Richard Bielefield addressed article

**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 Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Tim Egan

Seconded by Sarah Pinney

Selectperson Chris Ellms addressed the article

Discussion

**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 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.

Moved by Tim Egan

Seconded by Sarah Pinney

Selectperson Margo Connors addressed the article

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

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of 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 Greg Connors

Selectperson Richard Bielefield addressed the article  
**All in Favor. “Aye”, Opposed, “No”, the Ayes have it.**

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

Tim Egan spoke as a member from Sugar Hill on the Broadband Committee. There is a meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup> to report on the progress of the committee which comprises ten towns, vendors and NH Coop. \$180 million in federal funds will be coming to NH sometime in the future. He urged all interested to please attend.

Carl Martland spoke on the new solar array installation at and for the town garage. He brought an electric bill that showed a zero due balance at the town garage facility. We will be earning a check for credit from unused monies earned from the array and that can be used for town expenses determined by the Selectboard. Richard Bielefield thanked Kitty Bigelow for her, once again, wonderful cover for the Town Report. He also thanked all the election workers that make our election process and Town Meeting go smoothly. Thanks go to Dennis Cote for the sound system setup. He recognized three of our residents and have served the Town of Sugar Hill faithfully for many years: Judy Weisenberger, our Librarian for 11 years, Mike Hern on the Zoning Board of Adjustment for over 30 years, and Irene Amsbary as Library Trustee for 28 years. It was also noted that Sugar Hill has the unique distinction of having police overage 24/7, on duty and on call.

Allan Clark spoke on the Fema monies and the great deal of time and effort that has ensued to try to get this “hard to get” money from the federal government.

Doug Evelyn thanked all the town employees who work hard to make Sugar Hill the wonderful place it is to be a resident of.

There being no further business to transact Moderator Snyder adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Lissa M. Boissonneault, Town Clerk

**BALANCE SHEET**  
(As at December 31, 2022)

**ASSETS**

Current Assets	
Unrestricted Checking	\$240,874.17
Money Market/Roll	2,933.10
Roll (Bank Investment)	807,086.33
ARPA	<u>60,429.57</u>
Total Checking/Savings	1,111,323.17
Other Current Assets:	
Property Taxes Receivable Current Year	111,330.24
Tax Liens Receivable	<u>21,344.49</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>132,674.73</u>
Total Current Assets	1,243,997.90
Taxes Deeded Property	<u>17,183.34</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$1,261,181.24</u></u>

**LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Payroll Liability FICA	-18.96
Payroll Liability MCARE	7.98
School District Tax Payable	564,092.00
Deferred Revenue	<u>60,405.93</u>
Total Liabilities	\$624,486.95
Equity	
Reserved for Tax Deeded Property	17,183.34
Restricted Fund Balance	23,123.65
Reserved for Article Carried Forward	45,065.35
Surplus	563,884.00
Net Income	<u>-12,652.05</u>
Total Equity	<u>636,694.29</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	\$1,261,181.24

**SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS**

Crapo Building

Beginning Balance 1/1/22	\$ 117,379.76
2022 Payment	<u>62,491.26</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/22	<u><u>\$54,888.50</u></u>

## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land Under Current Use (At Current Use Values)	\$ 568,079.00
Land	55,571,700.00
Buildings	106,073,200.00
Public Utilities	<u>4,285,000.00</u>
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	\$166,497,979.00
Elderly and Blind Exemptions	<u>20,000.00</u>
Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate Is Computed for Municipal, County and Local Education	\$166,477,979.00
Less Utilities	<u>\$4,285,000.00</u>
Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate For State Education Tax Is Computed	\$162,192,979.00

## STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

	<u>Amount</u>		<u>Tax Rate</u>
Total Town Appropriations	\$2,034,340.00		
Less: Revenues	(400,238.00)		
Fund Balance Voted surplus	(48,278.00)		
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	(50,000.00)		
Add: Overlay	21,436.00		
War Service Credits	<u>16,400.00</u>		
Net Town Appropriations		\$1,573,660.00	
Municipal Tax Rate			\$ 9.44
Net Local School Budget	0.00		
Regional School Apportionment	1,815,282.00		
Less: Equitable Education Grant	(.00)		
State Education Taxes	<u>(302,615.00)</u>		
Approved School(s) Tax Effort		1,512,667.00	
Local Education Tax Rate			9.09
State Education Taxes	<u>302,615.00</u>	302,615.00	1.87
Due to County	<u>273,885.00</u>		
Net County Tax Assessment		273,885.00	
County Tax Rate			1.65
Combined Tax Rate			22.05
Total Property Taxes Assessed		3,662,827.00	
Less: War Service Credits		<u>(16,400.00)</u>	
Property Tax To Be Raised		\$3,646,427.00	

## 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			25,000.00
Fire Department	98,300.00	91,400.00	1,406,458.00
Police Department			163,085.00
Highway Department		142,100.00	942,323.00
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	\$2,728,725.00
	(1)	(1)	

### TOTALS

Note (1) Based on Assessed Valuation

## 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 2022:

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	\$175,394.00	
Dog Licenses Issued:	425.50	
Other Permits and Fees:	<u>6,396.00</u>	
 Total		 \$182,215.50
 Remittances to Treasurer:		
Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	\$175,394.00	
Local Town Clerk Fees:	2,029.00	
State Town Clerk Fees:	3,099.00	
Title Application Fees:	302.00	
Dog Licenses Issued:	425.50	
Dog License Fees:	100.00	
Dog License Late Fees:	2.00	
Marriage Licenses Issued:	86.00	
Town Clerk Fees:	14.00	
Vital Statistics (First Copy):	96.00	
Vital Statistics (Second Copy)	20.00	
Town Clerk Fees:	104.00	
UCC Filing Fee:	105.00	
Insufficient Fund Fees	60.00	
Filing Fees	4.00	
Sale of Checklist	<u>375.00</u>	
 Total		 \$182,215.50

Respectfully submitted,  
Lissa M. Boissonneault  
Town Clerk

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2022**

**DEBITS**

<b>Uncollected Taxes – Beginning of Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Levies of 2022</b>	<b>Levies of 2021</b>
Property Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$317,747.38
Land Use Change	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	0.00	0.00
Property Tax Credit Balance	(5,179.00)	0.00
<b>Taxes Committed This Year:</b>		
Property Taxes	3,423,280.00	0.00
Land Use Change	63,797.10	0.00
Yield Taxes	1,258.34	0.00
<b>Overpayment Refunds:</b>		
Property Taxes	4,410.00	0.00
Interest & Penalties	<u>572.44</u>	<u>3,544.70</u>
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$3,488,138.88</b>	<b>\$321,292.08</b>

**CREDITS**

<b>Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:</b>		
Property Taxes	\$3,307,161.76	\$ 292,240.13
Land Use Change	63,797.10	0.00
Yield Taxes	1,258.34	0.00
Interest	572.44	2,975.70
Penalties	0.00	569.00
Conversion to Lien	0.00	25,507.25
<b>Abatements Made:</b>		
Property Taxes	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	0.00	0.00
Current Levy Deeded	0.00	0.00
<b>Uncollected Taxes End of Year:</b>		
Property Taxes	125,970.38	0.00
Property Tax Credit Balance	(10,621.14.)	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>\$3,488,138.88</b>	<b>\$321,292.08</b>



**SUMMARY OF LIEN ACCOUNTS**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2022**

**DEBITS**

	2021	2020	2019
Unredeemed Liens			
Balance Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$ 0.00	\$13,254.30	\$6,851.19
Liens Executed	26,856.67	0.00	0.00
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	<u>735.06</u>	<u>2,155.90</u>	<u>604.90</u>
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$27,591.73</b>	<b>\$15,410.20</b>	<b>\$7,456.09</b>

**CREDITS**

	2021	2020	2019
Remittances to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	\$15,118.83	\$3,647.65	\$6,851.19
Interest & Cost	735.06	2,155.90	604.90
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>11,737.84</u>	<u>9,606.65</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$27,591.73</b>	<b>\$15,410.20</b>	<b>\$7,456.09</b>

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

	2021		2020
Caporelli, Mary A. & Patricia	\$ 3,888.68	\$	4,137.70
Hamilton, III, Russell W.	1,025.30		0.00
Staffier, Paul D.	<u>7,892.67</u>		<u>6,180.98</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$12,806.65</b>		<b>\$ 10,318.68</b>

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Year Ending December 31, 2022**  
**Cash Basis**

Beginning Cash Balance Checking January 1, 2022		\$ 250,412.18
Beginning Balance Roll/Money Market January 1, 2022		<u>1,032,989.21</u>
	Total	\$1,283,401.39

**RECEIPTS**

Tax Collector		\$3,727,214.25
Town Clerk		182,215.50
Selectmen		79,848.25
Transfers (Trust & Capital Reserve Funds)		131,508.52
State & Federal Grants		260,444.53
Interest on Money Market & NOW Account		<u>2,172.21</u>
Total Receipts		\$4,383,403.26

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Orders of Selectmen		\$4,615,899.51
Loan Repayments		<u>0.00</u>
Total Disbursements		\$4,615,899.51

Ending Cash Balance NOW Checking, December 31, 2022		240,885.71
Ending Cash Balance Roll/Money Market, December 31, 2022		<u>810,019.43</u>
		\$1,050,905.14

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

Beginning Balance 1/1/22		\$379.04
Deposits		0.00
Withdrawals		<u>0.00</u>
Balance 12/31/22		\$379.04

**POLICE SPECIAL DUTY FUND**

Beginning Balance 1/1/22		\$ 464.77
Deposits		14,658.75
Withdrawals		6,000.00
Interest Earned		<u>1.87</u>
Balance 12/31/22		\$ 9,125.39

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Beginning Balance 1/1/22	\$8,140.54
Deposit	0.00
Withdrawals	2,808.03
Interest Earned	<u>3.64</u>
Balance 12/31/22	\$5,336.15

**CONSERVATION LAND USE FUND**

Beginning Balance 1/1/22	\$85,560.32
Deposit Change Tax	10,000.00
Interest Earned	<u>1,431.98</u>
Balance 12/31/22	\$96,992.30

**RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

Beginning Balance 1/1/22	\$2,016.87
Deposit	20.00
Fees	5.00
Interest Earned	<u>1.01</u>
Balance 12/31/22	\$2,032.88

**RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

Beginning Balance 1/1/22	\$4,145.17
Deposits	115.00
Withdrawals	1,070.76
Fees	<u>36.00</u>
Balance 12/31/22	\$3,153.41

**NORTHERN PASS DEFENSE FUND**

Beginning Balance 1/1/22	\$764.05
Interest Earned	<u>.36</u>
Balance 12/31/22	\$764.41

**ARPA FUNDS**

Beginning Balance 1/1/22	\$30,207.96
Deposits	30,202.97
Interest Earned	<u>18.64</u>
Balance 12/31/22	\$60,429.57

## SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

### Cash Basis

Local Taxes:

Property Taxes, Current Year	\$ 3,336,694.91
Yield Taxes, Current Year	1,258.34
Current Use Change, Current Year	63,797.10
Property Taxes, Prior Year	292,240.13
Lien Redemptions, Prior Years	25,617.67
Interest & Costs	<u>7,606.10</u>

Total Taxes Collected \$3,727,214.25

From Local Sources and Miscellaneous, except Taxes:

Motor Vehicle Permits	175,394.00
Town Clerk Fees	2,029.00
State Fees	3,099.00
Title Application Fees	302.00
Dog Licenses, Fees, Penalty	427.50
Marriage Licenses	86.00
Vital Statistics	116.00
UCC Filing Fees	105.00
Town Clerk Fees	218.00
Insufficient Funds/Wire Transfer	60.00
Checklist	375.00
Filings	<u>4.00</u>

Total Town Clerk \$182,215.50

Building Permits	8,885.60
Driveway Permits	70.00
Planning Board Fees	2,158.00
Zoning Board Fees	510.00
Selectmen	178.58
Highway	594.58
Police (\$6,000.00 from Special Detail Acct)	6,065.00
Cemetery Burials/plot purchases	1,783.00
Cable TV Permit	<u>1,958.10</u>

Total Miscellaneous \$22,202.86

From State:		
Highway Block	96,712.48	
Rooms and Meals	57,245.39	
State Bridge Aid, ARPA	160,244.97	
Retirement	<u>3,487.08</u>	
Total from State		\$317,689.92
Interest on Checking & Savings Account	2,172.21	
Capital Reserve Funds	131,508.52	
Rent of Municipal Property	<u>400.00</u>	
Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue		<u>\$134,080.73</u>
Total Receipts From All Sources		\$4,383,403.26
Cash on Hand, January 1, 2022		1,283,401.39
Grand Total of Receipts		\$5,666,804.65

## SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

General Government:		
Executive	\$ 47,377.85	
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	22,834.02	
Financial Administration	22,828.99	
Revaluation of Property	16,250.00	
Legal Expenses	3,522.48	
Payroll Taxes	33,969.13	
Planning Board	2,985.94	
Zoning Board of Adjustment	684.65	
General Government Buildings	43,046.70	
Buildings & Grounds	47,562.87	
Cemeteries	14,837.61	
Insurance	143,353.39	
Advertising & Regional Associations	7,100.00	
Unemployment	<u>0.00</u>	
Total General Government Expenses		\$ 406,353.63
Public Safety:		
Police Department	307,715.96	
Fire Department	133,447.33	
Ambulance	23,256.00	
Emergency Management	<u>569.01</u>	
Total Public Safety Expenses		464,988.30
Total Building Inspections		10,275.00
Total Airports		687.00
Highway, Streets and Bridges:		
Town Maintenance	240,808.47	
General Expenses of Highway Department	204,161.02	
Highway Block Grant	92,296.92	
Highway Roadwork Non – Lapsing Fund	145,000.00	
Street Lighting	<u>2,424.38</u>	
Total Highways, Streets and Bridges Expenses		684,690.79
Sanitation:		
Solid Waste Disposal	<u>54,199.68</u>	
Total Sanitation		54,199.68
Health:		
Health, Hospitals	<u>8,759.00</u>	
Total Health Expenses		8,759.00
Total Welfare Expenses		2,929.40
Culture and Recreation:		
Recreation	26,198.89	
Library	30,631.32	
Patriotic	<u>1,890.47</u>	
Total Culture and Recreation Expenses		58,720.68

Conservation:		
Conservation Commission	507.62	
Land Use Change Fund	<u>10,000.00</u>	
Total Conservation Expenses		10,507.62
Debt Service:		
Principal Expense – Long Term Notes	62,491.26	
Interest Expense – Long Term Notes	5,008.74	
Interest Expense – TAN	<u>0.00</u>	
Total Debt Service Payments		67,500.00
Transfers to Capital Reserve Funds & Trusts:		
Cemetery Trust	800.00	
Article #5 Highway Equipment	50,000.00	
Article # 7 Fire Department HE	50,000.00	
Article #8 Fire Department Building	10,000.00	
Article #9 Bridge	100,000.00	
Article #10 Highway Dept. Building	5,000.00	
Article #11 Crapo Building	10,000.00	
Article #12 Police	20,000.00	
Article #13 Building & Grounds	7,500.00	
Article #14 Meetinghouse	<u>5,000.00</u>	
Total Capital Reserve Funds & Trusts		258,300.00
Capital Vehicles/Equipment/Buildings/Land:		
Bridges	134,815.36	
Transfer Station	9,201.41	
Crapo Building	2,732.05	
Highway Dept. Building	7,304.34	
Highway Lease	54,972.17	
Fire Department Building	10,930.33	
Solar	<u>17,495.13</u>	
Total Capital Expense		237,450.79
Miscellaneous:		
Taxes Bought by Town	26,856.67	
Property Tax Refund	4,410.00	
Transfer to ARPA Account	30,202.97	
Payroll	<u>10.98</u>	
Total Miscellaneous Expenses		61,480.62
Payments to Other Government Divisions:		
Taxes Paid to County	355,112.00	
Payments to School Districts	<u>1,933,945.00</u>	
Total Payments to Other Government Divisions		<u>2,289,057.00</u>
Grand Total of Expenditures		\$4,615,899.51

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Executive:

Selectmen - Expense	\$	337.58
Administrative Asst - Gaudette		33,415.85
Office Asst- Amy Venezia		575.50
Moderator		300.00
Workshops		247.39
Telephone		1,329.24
Computer Consulting		657.14
Internet		1,319.88
Website		564.00
Computer Equipment		174.99
Program Support		858.60
Mapping		1,900.00
Registry		381.12
Printing/Notices		1,900.00
NHMA Dues & Subscriptions		1,412.00
Office Supplies		1,395.37
Postage		609.19

Total Executive Expenses \$ 47,377.85

Election, Registration & Vital Statistics:

Town Clerk - Boissonneault		6,253.13
Town MV Fees - Boissonneault		2,536.00
State MV Fees - Boissonneault		3,099.00
Title Fees - Boissonneault		302.00
Dog Fees - Boissonneault		97.00
Marriage Fees - Boissonneault		14.00
Vital Fees - Boissonneault		107.00
UCC Fees - Boissonneault		105.00
Supervisors of the Checklist		1,862.50
Ballot Clerks		1,475.00
Computer - Consulting		164.26
Computer - Program Support BMSI		2,668.23
Computer - Equipment		912.34
Telephone		329.29
Supplies/dog tags		244.58
Office Supplies/copier		1,277.18
Postage		407.88
Books		10.00
Printing		232.00
Dues		20.00
Election Food/Supplies		360.63
Vital Statistics		202.00
Dog Licenses		<u>155.00</u>

Total Election, Registration & Vital Statistics 22,834.02



Financial Administration:

Tax Collector - Lissa Boissonneault	5,645.51
Elizabeth Andross -Trust	175.00
Lien Fees - Boissonneault	124.00
Treasurer - Venezia	2,000.00
Auditor	5,500.00
Workshops	70.00
Bank Fees	604.17
Telephone	304.60
Computer - Consulting	164.52
Computer Program & Support-Avitar/QB	5,665.75
Registry	73.48
Research Lien	279.32
Dues	20.00
Office Supplies/copier, checks, tax bills	1,373.72
Postage	<u>828.92</u>

Total Financial Administration Expenses 22,828.99

Total Revaluation 16,250.00

Total Legal Expenses 3,522.48

Payroll Taxes:

Sugar Hill FICA (Town Contribution)	25,690.58
Sugar Hill Medicare (Town Contribution)	<u>8,278.55</u>
Total Payroll Taxes Expense	33,969.13

Planning Board:

Secretary - Salary Amy Venezia	1,810.00
Timber Monitor	200.00
Workshops	70.00
Registry	204.00
Printing/Notices	296.00
Books	95.00
Postage	<u>310.94</u>

Total Planning Board Expenses 2,985.94

Zoning Board:

Secretary - Amy Venezia	424.00
Printing/Notices	132.00
Postage	113.65
Books	<u>15.00</u>

Total Zoning Board Expenses 684.65

Government Buildings:		
James Keefe	15,986.76	
Telephone (Elevator & Meetinghouse)	1,531.16	
Electricity (Crapo & Meetinghouse)	6,173.78	
Heating Oil (Meetinghouse)	4,080.37	
Propane (Crapo)	5,403.39	
Unifirst – Rugs	2,283.22	
Excavator Rental Schofield	200.00	
Elevator Inspections	550.00	
Alarm Monitoring	420.77	
Tri State Extinguisher Inspections	138.75	
Presidential Pest	380.00	
Presby & NC Mechanical	628.98	
Generator	500.00	
Stevenson Services - Clock	2,052.00	
Supplies	2,547.52	
Maint & Repair	170.00	
Total Government Buildings Expenses		43,046.70
Crapo Building Furnace & Generator	2,732.05	2,732.05
Grounds & Maintenance:		
Peter Carbonneau - Salary	30,259.76	
James Keefe	2,215.74	
Telephone	493.24	
Uniforms	121.50	
Supplies	376.54	
Maintenance & Repair	78.76	
Gasoline	2,215.87	
Diesel	1,495.94	
Grounds keeping - New Equipment	719.01	
Vehicle Repair	2,187.23	
Retirement	6,500.28	
MB Tractor – Mower	899.00	
Total Grounds & Maintenance Expenses		47,562.87
Cemeteries:		
Supplies – Flags	113.35	
Johnk Landscaping- Tree Removal	2,500.00	
WTS	2,700.00	
Builtwell Fencing	3,000.00	
Audrey Crowe Landscaping	1,000.00	
Trackside	1,000.00	
Tree Top Products	1,300.05	
Supplies	316.21	
Littleton Monument	2,908.00	
Total Cemeteries Expenses		14,837.61

Insurance:

Health - Highway	71,755.92	
Police Includes Buy Out Chief	14,211.84	
Executive	22,423.68	
Building & Grounds	3,397.01	
Dental	6,581.64	
Property Liability	24,399.08	
Worker's Compensation	14,363.44	
Employee Reimbursed	(10,538.32)	
Healthtrust Credit	<u>(3,240.90)</u>	
Total Insurance Expenses		143,353.39

Total Advertising & Regional Associations Expenses	7,100.00
Total Unemployment Expenses	0.00

Police Department:

Chief Mike Ho-Sing-Loy	96,752.82
Corp. Sarah Donahue	59,409.10
Donahue Special Detail Pay	7,865.00
Officer Kerry Pomeroy	18,343.50
Pomeroy Special Detail Pay	1,911.25
Officer Zack Bushway	451.50
Josh Ashey Mechanic	253.83
Police Retirement	52,907.81
Prosecutor - Town of Littleton	3,500.00
Training	318.00
Community Service	80.60
8123 Line	250.00
Telephone Wireless	1,952.59
Telephone Office/Fax Line added	1,365.81
Body Camera Storage	6,145.02
Computer Consulting	1,639.11
Computer Program Support	210.00
Internet	240.00
Website	468.00
TMDE Calibration	221.00
Dispatch Service	8,418.20
Medical Services	68.00
Uniforms	1,542.66
Firearms	710.30
Dues	200.00
Supplies	187.93
Office Supplies	1,063.38
Postage/Box Rent	229.60
Gasoline	7,898.46
Vehicle Maintenance	2,574.26
Impact Fire	325.00

New Equipment	5,692.83	
Grant*(offset 22,155.75)	<u>24,520.40</u>	
Total Police Department Expenses		307,715.96
Ambulance:		
Littleton Fire	<u>23,256.00</u>	
Total Ambulance Expenses		23,256.00
Fire Department:		
Salaries:		
Aldrich, Clifton	2,850.00	
Amsbary, Douglas	1,545.00	
Beaulieu, Brian	1,310.00	
Burger, Timothy	2,110.00	
Chase, Eric	1,360.00	
Clark, Allan	12,650.00	
Collins, Jeffrey	1,120.00	
Crowe, Nelson	940.00	
Gagel, John	880.00	
Glover, Douglas	2,630.00	
Ireland, Brinson	1,860.00	
Johnk, Gordon	3,210.00	
Johnk, Samuel	2,110.00	
Kenerson, Danforth	2,479.44	
Lax, Nathan	1,180.00	
Quintal, Richard	1,110.00	
Rasmussen, Eric	2,590.00	
Snyder, James	3,410.00	
Talbot, Rusty	1,210.00	
Warren, Michael	540.00	
Warren, Lynne	480.00	
Wilson, Ned	1,670.00	
Training	699.00	
Mileage (Chief Clark)	2,288.63	
Telephone	633.89	
Information Line 8123	250.00	
Internet Provider	825.00	
Program Support	304.70	
Dispatching Services	3,607.80	
Medical Services	713.50	
Fire Prevention	1,004.49	
Electric	2,520.23	
Building Maintenance	2,250.24	
Uniforms & Protective Clothing	18,748.27	
Dues	873.00	
Supplies	484.98	
Postage	17.05	

Medical Supplies	291.74	
Gasoline	114.77	
Diesel Fuel	2,182.19	
Propane	3,497.93	
Vehicle Maintenance	5,891.23	
Equipment Maintenance	1,401.85	
Radio Maintenance	465.00	
Communication Equipment	1,425.60	
New & Replacement Equipment	1,798.43	
Grant (offset 27,079.25)	<u>31,913.37</u>	
Total Fire Department Expenses		133,447.33
Fire Department Building CRF Geargrid & Eaton Electric		10,930.33
Total Building Inspections		10,275.00
Total Emergency Management		569.01
Total Airport		687.00
Town Maintenance:		
Douglas Glover - Salary	82,654.08	
Joshua Ashley	61,332.15	
Todd Nelson	53,103.05	
Peter Carbonneau	15,972.84	
Retirement	<u>27,746.35</u>	
Total Town Maintenance		240,808.47
General Highway Department:		
Engineering - McCarthy	200.00	
Telephone	1,212.13	
Computer Internet	819.40	
Computer Consulting	328.52	
Computer Support	247.84	
Computer Equipment	299.99	
Medical	409.00	
Electricity	194.52	
Heating Oil	1,556.67	
Building Maintenance	2,547.32	
Equipment Rental	5,906.39	
Uniforms	2,631.00	
Dues	30.00	
Supplies	1,492.84	
Office Supplies	292.98	
Shop Supplies	3,353.40	
Diesel Fuel	29,703.37	
Gasoline	171.65	

Propane	342.30	
Vehicle Maintenance	11,215.58	
Equipment Maintenance	11,319.80	
Road Salt	18,717.08	
Crushed Gravel	576.00	
Sand	16,834.00	
Culverts	12,049.16	
Stone	6,324.00	
Cold Patch	7,182.97	
Calcium	1,875.00	
Asphalt	58,671.90	
Non-Lapsing Roadwork WA #4 (offsetting)	145,000.00	
Street Signs	245.00	
Tree Removal	3,300.00	
New Equipment	3,586.21	
Animal Control	<u>525.00</u>	
Total General Highway Department & WA#		349,161.02
Highway Department Building CRF -Canopies, Door Weatherseal		7,304.34
Truck Lease – Final Payment		54,972.17
Bridge CRF – Hoyle & Tanner, William McCarthy		134,815.36
Solar First Payment		17,495.13
Total Street Lighting Expenses		2,424.38
Total Highway Block Grant Expenses		92,296.92
Total Solid Waste Disposal Expenses		54,199.68
Transfer Station CRF		9,201.41
Total Health & Hospitals Agencies Expenses		8,759.00
Total Welfare Expenses		2,929.40
Total Parks & Recreation Expenses		26,198.89
Library:		
Librarian - Irene Amsbary	14,391.00	
Wendy Kern	2,212.00	
Sara Daley	1,336.00	
Anne Hansalik	682.50	
Telephone	1,499.34	
Computer Consulting	2,200.00	
Computer - Dell	1,105.50	
Computer - G Suite	290.00	
Library Supplies, Table Chair, Bookcases	1,228.43	
Office Supplies	140.97	
Postage	60.00	
Books/Movies/Audio	<u>5,485.58</u>	
Total Library Expenses		30,631.32

Patriotic:		
Town Party	<u>1,890.47</u>	
Total Patriotic Expenses		1,890.47
Conservation Commission:		
Dues	50.00	
Mapping - Stonehouse	27.50	
Safety Vests	26.98	
Coffin Bridge	<u>158.14</u>	
Total Conservation Commission		507.62
Land Use Change Fund		10,000.00
Long Term Notes -Principal	62,491.26	
Long Term Notes - Interest	<u>5,008.74</u>	
Total Long Term Notes		67,500.00
Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds:		
Meetinghouse CRF	5,000.00	
Crapo Building CRF	10,000.00	
Highway Department HE	50,000.00	
Fire Department HE	50,000.00	
Fire Department Building	10,000.00	
Bridgework	100,000.00	
Police Department CRF	20,000.00	
Highway Building	5,000.00	
Building & Grounds CRF	<u>7,500.00</u>	
Total Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds		257,500.00
Total Transfer – Cemetery Trust		800.00
Total Taxes Paid - County		355,112.00
Total Taxes Paid - School District		1,933,945.00
Property Tax Refund		4,410.00
Transfer to ARPA		30,202.97
Payroll Liability		10.98
Total Taxes Bought by the Town		<u>26,856.67</u>
Total Detailed Expenses		\$4,615,899.51



## ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

To the 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, 2022, 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 17, 2023

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**CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS**  
**Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2022**

**PRINCIPAL INCOME**

Date Of Creation	NAME OF CRF	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year	Principal & Income at End of Year	Grand Total of
03/12/2019	Energy Efficiency CRF	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.00	126.13	0.00	193.56	7,693.56	
06/19/1976	Highway Dept. CRF	47,094.25	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	97,094.25	1,487.23	0.00	1,487.23	98,581.48	
6/23/1976	Police Department CRF	35,121.75	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	55,121.75	866.49	0.00	878.26	56,000.01	
12/31/1991	Meetinghouse CRF	14,087.11	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	19,087.11	305.02	0.00	305.02	19,392.13	
03/14/2014	Northern Pass Defense	717.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	717.99	12.55	0.00	47.52	785.51	
08/01/2004	Carolina Crapo CRF	6,912.06	10,000.00	0.00	2,478.06	14,434.00	253.99	253.99	0.00	14,434.00	
07/19/1993	Fire Department CRF	156,516.87	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	206,516.87	3,329.27	0.00	4,428.22	210,945.09	
08/09/2006	Highway Bridge	544,507.06	100,000.00	0.00	89,506.02	555,001.04	10,419.08	10,419.08	0.00	555,001.04	
11/20/2008	Fire Department Building	22,969.60	10,000.00	0.00	10,409.39	22,560.21	516.71	520.94	0.00	22,560.21	
03/10/2009	Highway Department Building	14,438.79	5,000.00	0.00	6,997.88	12,440.91	306.46	306.46	0.00	12,440.91	
03/12/2019	Transfer Station CFR	41,892.00	0.00	0.00	9,671.67	32,220.33	695.91	945.03	0.00	32,220.33	
03/13/2012	Building & Grounds	13,396.88	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	20,896.88	328.65	0.00	330.60	21,227.48	
	TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS	\$905,154.36	\$257,500.00	\$0.00	\$119,063.02	\$1,043,591.34	\$18,647.49	\$12,445.50	\$7,670.41	\$1,051,261.75	

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

Respectfully,  
 Chairman, Greg Connors, Russ Cattskill, Mike Clafin  
 Trustees of the Trust Funds

**CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS**  
Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2022

**PRINCIPAL INCOME**

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Income		Expended		Balance End of Year	Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year
							During Year	During Year	During Year	During Year		
10/09/1975	Sunnyside Care Fund (1)	12,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	232.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,208.36	14,208.36
09/21/1973	Louise Leazott Trust (1)	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	18.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	649.88	1,149.88
11/05/1943	Annie Bowles Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	5.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	159.02	309.02
11/03/1937	Frank E. Bowles Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	5.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	159.02	309.02
10/18/1956	J.L. & Gertrude Bowles Trust (1)	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	3.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	89.64	189.64
07/11/1984	Hersom Murray Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	4.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	111.07	261.07
10/09/1975	Anker Trust (2)	2,180.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,180.29	36.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.70	2,230.99
10/09/1975	Sunnyside Cemetery (3)	7,166.00	800.00	0.00	0.00	7,966.00	120.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	131.41	8,097.41
	<b>TOTAL CEMETERY OF TRUST FUNDS</b>	\$22,396.29	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,196.29	\$425.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,559.10	\$26,755.39

(1) Interest only may be used for lot care.<sup>3</sup>

(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 Connors, Russ Gaiskill, Mike Clafim  
Trustees of the Trust Funds

**LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS**  
Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2022

**PRINCIPAL INCOME**

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year		Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year	Principal & Income at End of Year
						End of Year	Beginning of Year				
10/9/1975	Glady's Jessemann Memorial Trust	\$1,841.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,841.23	293.42	35.58	0.00	329.00	2,170.23
9/21/1973	Fredericka Harmes Fund	1,564.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,564.10	639.64	36.73	0.00	676.37	2,240.47
11/5/1943	Alice Smith Fund	903.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	903.50	368.33	21.18	0.00	389.51	1,293.01
1/22/2001	Richardson Memorial Trust	73,984.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	73,984.55	3,617.51	1,293.39	0.00	4,910.90	78,895.45
	TOTAL LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS	\$78,293.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$78,293.38	\$4,918.90	\$1,386.88	\$0.00	\$6,305.78	\$84,599.16

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

**SUGAR HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION FUNDS**  
**PRINCIPAL INCOME**

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year		Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year	Principal & Income at End of Year
						End of Year	Beginning of Year				
06/01/2009	SHIA(communitiy)	\$1,238,294.11	26,241.65	(211,787.99)	28,962.40	1,023,785.37	83,472.05	17,851.95	26,592.29	74,731.71	1,098,517.08
1948	CRAPO(education)	932,016.96	14,439.20	(163,031.69)	16,951.59	766,472.88	28,275.40	12,559.45	7,071.67	33,763.18	800,236.06
	TOTAL SHIA FUNDS	\$2,170,311.07	\$40,680.85	\$(374,819.68)	\$45,913.99	\$1,790,258.25	\$111,747.45	\$30,411.40	\$33,663.96	\$108,494.89	\$1,898,753.14

## SELECT BOARD'S REPORT

We all love living in Sugar Hill! We have beautiful scenery, good neighbors, peace, quiet and a healthy environment. We are privileged to have excellent Administrative, Highway, Police, Fire, Building and Grounds Departments. We all work together to manage the simple and the complex issues that come before the Town. Thank you to our team!

Village life has returned to mostly normal after the lock down of the pandemic. We gathered for Town Meeting, a broadband presentation, the Fourth of July fireworks, concerts, festivals, and the Annual Christmas Party. The Library is busy with adults and children. The playground behind the Crapo Building is well used, especially now that we have a beautiful new gazebo.

And we are growing! The 2021 Census estimate for Sugar Hill was 657 residents. Nine new homes were built in 2021 and twelve in 2022. The cost of a building permit is based on square footage rather than construction value. As of January 1, 2023, there will be a \$50 building permit application fee to help cover the expense of inspections. New septic plans are no longer reviewed by the Town, but go directly to the State for approval.

We hope to have an engineered conceptual design plan this spring, with the help of the North Country Council, to determine how much it would cost to replace the sidewalk through Town. We are also asking for their help to create an obvious center of Town to include the Town Hall, the Museum, Harman's, and the Post Office. Hopefully, this will encourage drivers to slow down through the Village area. NH DOT has given us directions for a new and safer cross walk across Route 117 from the Town Hall to the Post Office.

We plan to paint sections of the Town Hall and Meeting House in 2023.

The solar panels at the Town Garage have been very effective. They produce most of the electric costs of the building except during winter months. Excess energy that is produced during the year will be credited to the Town with an annual payout by Eversource in the month of March.

The **Sugar Hill Broadband Committee** has been working diligently for the past year to attract the right provider to partner with the Town on making high-speed internet a reality for everyone in the community at no cost to the taxpayer. Many thanks to our consultant, Carol Miller, and committee members: Doug Evelyn, Jordan Applewhite, Tim Egan, Nancy Martland, Jeanne Cummings, Steve Naboicheck, and Michael Morley. Dr. Morley has explored options for private citizens to bury electric lines along the viewshed of Route 117.

We would like to thank our Administrative Assistant, Jennifer Gaudette, for capably handling the increased activity in the Selectmen's office. We do not think there has been a busier year. Thanks also to Jen for creating the Sugar Hill Newsletter which she publishes every other week. If you do not receive it, please visit the Town website to sign up at [www.sugarhillnh.org](http://www.sugarhillnh.org).

**Community Power:** The Town is exploring ways to benefit from the state community power law. Community power allows towns to bulk purchase electricity, increasing buying power in order to achieve lower, more stable prices for residents and businesses. To guide us in the process we have joined with the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire, a non-profit joint powers agency made up of over two dozen towns and cities. A community power town committee has been formed to create an electricity aggregation plan and hold public meetings. Both the electricity aggregation plan and participation with the Coalition are non-binding and have no tax impact. If Sugar Hill Community Power is eventually approved and launched by Town vote, individual customers would be able to opt in or out at any time. Community power could only launch if the rates achieved by the Coalition are lower than the default rates offered by the utilities. Utilities would continue to manage the poles, send you a bill, and charge you for the distribution portion of your bill. Community power would only affect the supply cost on your bill.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margo Connors  
Dick Bielefield  
Chris Ellms

## **CRANE HILL BRIDGE REPORT**

The Town has contracted Hoyle Tanner Associates to prepare Plans and Specifications for a new bridge. The present bridge built in the mid 1930's has been "red listed" by NH DOT. It is presently rated as suitable for 8 tons. The abutments and steel superstructure have deteriorated to a point where it is not considered feasible to repair. Hoyle Tanner submitted a Preliminary Design report to NHDOT for review on 13 January 2023.

The report recommends the following:

- \*A prefabricated truss bridge to be located 50 feet upstream of the existing bridge.
- \*The design accommodates the 100-year storm event plus an additional 2' of freeboard to protect against ice jams.
- \*Reconstruct approximately 400' of Streeter Pond Road to accommodate raise in bridge.
- \*The new bridge will be one lane bridge 108' long, have an 18' travel lane and have an average truss height of 11.5'.
- \*The concrete deck will be paved.

The projected total project cost \$4,512,000.

Construction cost including contingencies is estimated to be \$4,092,500. The State has identified our bridge to be fully funded under the infrastructure bill.

The Preliminary Engineering Phase and Right-of-Way Phase will remain funded at 80% State Bridge Aid and 20% local match.

It is projected to advertise the project for bids in March of 2024.

William McCarthy  
Town Engineer

## CEMETERY TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees, along with the Sexton Peter Carbonneau, take great pride in providing a well-tended and peaceful setting for the remains of our loved ones.

We want to thank the Sugar Hill Highway Department for their help in providing labor and equipment for some of the projects to maintain safety and improve access to the two Cemeteries.

On Memorial Day, the VFW provided a service for Veterans interred in our Sunnyside location. If you are not aware, we have Veterans from every major conflict dating from the American Revolution to the present who are annually honored. We want to ensure we have all Veterans' graves marked with an American flag. If you are aware of someone that has been missed, please contact the Town Administrator with the individual's name.

Landscaping plans have been created and plantings begun throughout the Sunnyside property's new section. Watch for more improvements throughout that Cemetery this spring.

The stairs at the Young grave site in Sunnyside Cemetery were renovated and improved for safety reasons. We work each year to clean stones in a section of each Cemetery as well as address major preservation of monuments, roadways and vegetation to enhance the safety and maintenance of the properties.

On the Town of Sugar Hill website, you will find a tab for Boards and Committees. Scroll down to the Cemetery Trustees tab where you will find some important information about purchasing a cemetery plot and the regulations governing our Town's cemetery properties.

An informational pamphlet about policies and procedures has been created by the Board and is available for download from the Town of Sugar Hill website. Click on the Boards and Committee tab.

You will find other informational documents on the Cemetery tab under Boards and Committees:

Right to Inter Application - This form needs to be completed before you purchase a plot and before you can make arrangements for a deceased individual's interment.

Owner's Designation Form - This form will help the Trustees and Town officials know who may be interred in the purchased plots in either Cemetery. We are asking all current plot owners to complete this form and return it to the Town Administrator for the Cemetery files.

2022 Rules and Regulations - Provides guidelines and rules regarding what is allowed and not allowed in our properties to maintain a dignified and peaceful resting place for our loved ones as well as comply with State Cemetery regulations.

There have been inquiries regarding green burials. We are currently researching the RSAs (laws) that pertain to green burials as well as the feasibility of them in our current Cemeteries. We will keep the residents of Sugar Hill informed as we move forward in this research and feasibility study.

The Trustees want to thank you, the citizens of Sugar Hill, for your continued support of maintenance and improvement of our Town’s Cemeteries.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen E. Jablonski, Chair  
Lyn Kenerson, Larry Sawyer,  
Annette Carbonneau,  
Lyn Warren  
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 2022:

Lot Line Adjustment	2
Minor Subdivision	2
Site Plan Review - Event Venue	1

The year began with a public hearing for the adding a definition for event venue to the Zoning Ordinance. The definition was approved at the March Town Meeting and added to the Zoning Ordinance. In 2023, the Board will begin review of the Master Plan.

The Planning Board meets the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30PM at the Town Offices Building and is open to the public. Anyone interested in serving on the Planning Board should write a letter to the Select Board expressing their interest in serving on the Board.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Venezia, Secretary

## **ROAD AGENT'S REPORT**

As we start into 2023, we are very busy cleaning up the mess that mother nature left us over Christmas. We had a huge number of trees come down on the roads and power lines. We were able to hire a truck from Top Notch Tree Experts with a log loader on it to go around Town and pick up all the big wood that had come down in the roads and on the wires. We hauled all this to our stump dump where it will be burned at a later date. Having the truck sped up the process. The task of chipping all the brush is up next.

In February the Gale River freezing over caused a huge ice jam on Streeter Pond Road that flooded Crane Hill Road, and part of Streeter Pond Road. With assistance from Town Engineer Red McCarthy, we put together a plan to bring in a large long reach excavator to dig a channel in the middle of the river to give the water a place to run freely and moved a lot of ice so the water would subside.

As Spring progressed it was on to sweeping and ditch work to get ready for paving. \$190,000 was spent on new hot top that allowed us to pave Crane Hill Road, Blake Road, a major part of Lover's Lane and a short section Peckett's Cross Road, that have need affected by some big trees that had uprooted. There is a short amount of Lover's Lane that is left to do. We will continue to work with the Road Committee to put a plan together for the 2023 season.

The roadside mower was put to good use cutting back the roadsides to eliminate a lot of brush and increasing the line of sight down the roads. New style gravel was also purchased and put down in hope of making mud season travel a little better. Crane Hill Bridge is finally starting to move forward on replacement plans and also the bridge replacement on Indian Creek is moving forward.

I would like to thank the Road Committee for their work in planning and Carl Martland for all his work putting everything together as you can see in their report. The Sugar Hill Police and Fire Departments were also a big help during the storm events. As always thank you to the Select Board for their support and Jennifer for all she does to keep us under budget and all the help with the paperwork that this job requires to stay on track. Please feel free to contact me with any 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

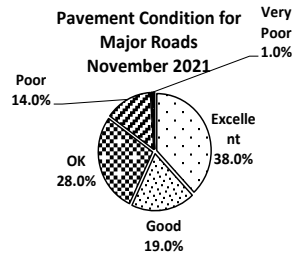
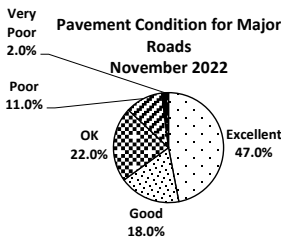
## **SUGAR HILL ROADS COMMITTEE**

Members of the Sugar Hill Road Committee work with Road Agent Doug Glover to identify places most in need of road work and make plans for surfacing and other rehabilitation projects. The town has 22 miles of paved through roads, two miles of other paved roads, and three miles of gravel roads. In 2022, nearly 3 miles of our major



roads were repaved, including large portions of Crane Hill Road, Lovers Lane, and the north end of Blake Road.

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 2022, the pavement on nearly two-thirds of the Town’s major roads was found to be in excellent or good condition, while only 12% were in poor or very poor condition. Center District, Dyke, Jesseman, and Pearl Lake Roads each had about a half-mile with poor or very poor condition. Hadley and Carpenter Roads had two or three such segments, and four other roads had one each. Average pavement conditions improved over the past year, as shown below in pie charts that summarize conditions in 2022 and 2021.



Average ride quality was pretty much the same in driving tests conducted in November 2021 and 2022. It was possible to drive comfortably at the speed limit on nearly two thirds of the paved miles on major roads. Drivers would experience roughness on the remaining roads, but would still be able to drive at the speed limit on most of them. To avoid excessive roughness, drivers would have to slow down on about 10% of our road segments, including the last six segments on Easton Road before the Easton Town Line, four segments each on Dyke and Center District Roads, and three segments on Pearl Lake Road.

In 2023, 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  
 Rick Quintal  
 Mark Mendelsohn  
 Brian Beaulieu

## **SUGAR HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT 2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

It is with great pleasure that I submit to you the Sugar Hill Police Department's 2022 Annual Report. Contained in this report are the details that outline the fine service the members of the Department provide daily. Our Officers understand the importance of public service and their service reflects the values of the community.

This year Officer Kelby Lewis left the Sugar Hill Police Department to move to Arizona and join the Yavapai County Sheriff Department. Officer Lewis was only with our Department a short time, but his contribution left a lasting impression. He will be missed and we wish him the best of luck in his new position.

Joining our Department as a Part-Time Officer is Kerry Pomeroy. Kerry is a retired, 27-year law enforcement veteran who comes to us from Raymond Police Department where he held the position of Sargent (Senior Patrol Supervisor). Some of his other accomplishments are nine years as an instructor/operator on the Southern NH Special Operations Unit, five years as an adjunct Instructor at Sig Sauer Academy, and an adjunct instructor at NH Police Standards and Training. His knowledge and expertise will greatly enhance our Department's capabilities.

Also joining us this year as a Part-Time Officer is Zachary Bushway. Zachary is a Full-Time officer at Bethlehem Police Department where he holds the rank of Corporal. Some of his accomplishments are a trained School Resource Officer, an ALERRT Active Shooter Instructor, Taser Instructor, and a DARE Instructor. His knowledge and expertise will also contribute to our Department's capabilities.

As always, we continue to take advantage of every opportunity made available through local, state, and federal resources. To better serve the community, our Officers must be trained to meet the ever-changing job requirements. Some of the highlights in training this year, Active Shooter Incident Management, Redacting Records, NHDOT Work Zone Training, Adult Sexual Assault Victim Interview Training, Child Sex Trafficking from Suspicion to Disclosure. Additionally, our Officers have completed their annual Firearms, Use of Force, Ethics, and De-escalation training per the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council.

A special thanks to Jennifer Gaudette for making it possible for the Department to replace four portable radios, one base station radio, and add an AED to one of our cruisers. She was instrumental in obtaining the grant that paid for 90% of the total cost which totaled approximately \$22000.00 for the Police Department.

The Department also renewed our contract with Axon for our Tasers and Body Cameras. This new contract will carry us into 2026.

## 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 Sugar Hill Meetinghouse on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 12:00pm am to act on the following subjects:

Polls will open at 12:00 pm. for voting by ballot on Article 1 (the election of Town Officers). Polls will close at 6:30 p.m.

All Articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon starting at 6:00 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 Trustee of the Trust Fund to serve for a term of three (3) years
- A Library Trustee to serve for a term of three (3) years
- A Library Trustee to serve for a term of one (2) year
- Two Board of Adjustment member to serve for a term of three (3) years.
- Two Board of Cemetery Trustees to serve for a term of three (3) years
- And such other Town Officers as may be required by law

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town of Sugar Hill will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Six Hundred Ninety Thousand Forty Three Dollars (\$1,690,043) to defray Town charges.

Executive .....	\$72,020.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics .....	26,000.00
Financial Administration .....	25,890.00
Property Revaluation .....	15,000.00
Legal Expenses .....	15,000.00
Payroll Taxes .....	36,000.00
Planning Board .....	3,000.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment .....	1,000.00
General Government Buildings .....	45,850.00
Buildings & Grounds .....	51,750.00
Cemetery.....	12,788.00
Insurance.....	161,967.00
Advertising & Regional Associations.....	7,100.00
North Country Council.....	1,100.00
Franconia Notch Chamber.....	6,000.00
Unemployment.....	100.00
Police Department.....	306,668.00

Ambulance .....		25,104.00
Fire Department .....		115,425.00
Building Inspections .....		12,000.00
Emergency Management .....		2,500.00
Airport.....		335.00
Town Maintenance .....		259,217.00
General Highway Department Expense .....		209,555.00
Street Lighting .....		2,500.00
Highway Block Grant .....		46,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal .....		75,000.00
Health, Hospitals.....		9,267.00
North Country Home Health .....	1,775.00	
Grafton County Senior.....	1,250.00	
White Mountain Mental Health .....	692.00	
American Red Cross .....	300.00	
Ammonoosuc Community Health .....	1,250.00	
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	1,150.00	
Pantry	1,000.00	
Parks and Recreation.....		28,000.00
Library .....		37,512.00
Patriotic Purposes .....		2,000.00
Conservation Commission .....		1,000.00
Interest Expense - Tax Anticipation.....		1,000.00
Long Term Notes.....		55,000.00
Interest Long Term Notes .....		5,000.00
Capital Expense .....		17,495.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS.....		\$1,690,043.00

The Select Board recommends these Appropriations.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be used for Highway Department Roadwork improvement projects to be chosen at the discretion of the Road Agent and Selectmen. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the fund is expended or in 3 years, whichever is less. (Majority vote required)

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

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

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

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

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 2006.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2009.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

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

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 10:** 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 11:** 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 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund created in 1991.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) for the purpose of Phase One of updating the Town of Sugar Hill Master Plan.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand and One Hundred Thirty-Nine Dollars (\$123,139.00) To be returned to the Highway 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 One thousand Four Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$1,415.00) To be returned to the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund created in 2019 and said sum shall come from the unassigned fund balance.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 16:** Shall the Town of Sugar Hill readopt the ALL VETERANS' TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal to the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Sugar Hill under RSA 72:28? (Majority vote required)

The Select Board recommends this Article.

**ARTICLE 17:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, Two Thousand and Twenty Three

SUGAR HILL SELECT BOARD

Chris Ellms  
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 14, 2023, not counting the day of posting or the day of the Meeting.

SUGAR HILL SELECT BOARD

Chris Ellms

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 27th day of February, 2023.

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

<b>SOURCES OF REVENUE</b>	<b>Estimated 2022</b>	<b>Actual 2022</b>	<b>Estimated 2023</b>
Revised MS-4R			
Taxes:			
Yield Taxes	500.00	\$ 1,258.00	1,000.00
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	10,000.00	7,606.00	10,000.00
Land Use Change Tax	15,000.00	63,797.00	15,000.00
Intergovernmental Revenues - State:			
Highway Block Grant	39,000.00	92,712.00	46,000.00
Rooms & Meals	20,000.00	57,245.00	25,000.00
State Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00
Licenses and Permits:			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	165,000.00	180,824.00	165,000.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	1,000.00	1,287.00	1,000.00
Building, Driveway & Cable Permits	3,000.00	10,914.00	5,000.00
Business Licenses & Permits	0.00	105.00	0.00
From Federal & State Government:	0.00	163,732.00	0.00
Charges For Services:			
Income from Departments	2,500.00	11,289.00	2,500.00
Miscellaneous Revenue:			
Interest on Deposits	1,000.00	2,122.00	1,500.00
Sale of Municipal Property	0.00	0.00	0.00
Income from Trusts	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rent of Town Property	0.00	400.00	0.00
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Refunds & Insurance:			
Reimbursements	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sale of Municipal Property (Cemetery)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Proceeds from Long Term Note	0.00	0.00	0.00
From Capital Reserve Funds:	0.00	131,508.00	0.00
Amount Voted from Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	124,554.00
Fund Balance (unanticipated)	0.00	75,000.00	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>75,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Revenues and Credits</b>	<b><u>\$257,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$799,799.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$396,554.00</u></b>



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

<b>PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>Appropriation 2022</b>	<b>Actual 2022</b>	<b>Estimated 2023</b>
<b>General Government:</b>			
Executive	\$ 65,688.00	47,648.00	72,020.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	27,050.00	22,834.00	26,000.00
Financial Administration	25,000.00	22,529.00	25,890.00
Revaluation of Property	15,000.00	16,250.00	15,000.00
Legal Expenses	25,000.00	3,522.00	15,000.00
Personnel Administration	34,000.00	33,969.00	36,000.00
Planning & Zoning	3,500.00	3,671.00	4,000.00
Gen Gov Buildings & Grounds	87,286.00	90,610.00	97,600.00
Cemeteries	15,000.00	14,838.00	12,788.00
Insurance	146,309.00	143,353.00	161,967.00
Advertising & Regional Association	7,100.00	7,100.00	7,100.00
Unemployment Compensation	100.00	0.00	100.00
<b>Public Safety:</b>			
Police Department*	282,065.00	307,716.00	306,668.00
Ambulance	26,420.00	23,256.00	25,104.00
Fire Department**	102,075.00	133,447.00	115,425.00
Building Inspection	3,500.00	10,275.00	12,000.00
Emergency Management	2,500.00	569.00	2,500.00
<b>Airport:</b>			
Airport Operations	687.00	687.00	335.00
<b>Highways, Streets and Bridges:</b>			
Town Maintenance	237,865.00	240,808.00	259,217.00
General Highway***	206,475.00	349,161.00	209,555.00
Street Lighting	2,500.00	2,24.00	2,500.00
Highway Block Grant****	39,000.00	92,297.00	46,000.00
<b>Sanitation:</b>			
Solid Waste Disposal	56,047.00	54,200.00	75,000.00
<b>Health:</b>			
Health and Hospitals	8,759.00	8,759.00	9,267.00
<b>Welfare:</b>			
Assistance	6,000.00	2,929.00	6,000.00
<b>Culture and Recreation:</b>			
Parks and Recreation and YMCA	29,274.00	26,199.00	28,000.00
Library	39,141.00	30,631.00	37,512.00

Patriotic Purposes	2,000.00	1,890.00	2,000.00
Conservation:			
Conservation Commission	700.00	508.00	1,000.00
Debt Service:			
Principal Long Term Bonds	59,500.00	62,491.00	55,000.00
Interest Long Term Bonds	8,000.00	5,009.00	5,000.00
Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Solar Payment	17,496.00	17,495.00	17,495.00
Capital Expense:			
Highway Lease	55,000.00	54,972.00	0.00
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>\$1,627,037.00</u>	<u>\$1,832,077.00</u>	<u>\$1,690,043.00</u>
Spec Warrant Articles Recommended	307,500.00	307,500.00	422,054.00
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	0.00	0.00	6,000.00

Total Appropriations Recommended		\$2,118,097.00
Less Estimated Revenues and Credits		<u>396,554.00</u>
Amount of Taxes to Be Raised		\$1,721,543.00
(Exclusive of School and County Taxes)		

*Police Grant & SRF	\$ 28,155.75
**Fire Grant	\$ 27,079.25
***Non Lapsing Funds	\$145,000.00
****Actual	\$ 92,297.00

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF  
APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES  
(Year Ending December 31, 2022)**

	<b>Appropriation 2022</b>	<b>Actual 2022</b>	<b>Unexpended or Overdrafts</b>
Executive	\$ 65,688.00	\$ 47,377.85	\$ 18,310.15
Elec, Reg and Vital Statistics	27,050.00	22,834.02	4,215.98
Financial Administration	25,000.00	22,828.99	2,171.01
Revaluation of Property	15,000.00	16,250.00	(1,250.00)
Legal Expenses	15,000.00	3,522.48	11,477.52
Payroll Taxes	34,000.00	33,969.13	30.87
Planning & Zoning (fees paid 2,668)	3,500.00	3,670.59	(170.59)
Government Buildings & Grounds	87,286.00	90,609.57	(3,323.57)
Cemeteries	15,000.00	14,837.61	162.39
Insurance	146,309.00	143,353.39	2,955.61
Advertising and Regional Association	7,100.00	7,100.00	0.00
Unemployment	100.00	0	100.00
Police Department*Grant	282,065.00	307,715.96	(25,650.96)
Ambulance	26,420.00	23,256.00	3,164.00
Fire Department**Grant	102,075.00	133,447.33	(31,372.33)
Building Inspection (fees paid 8,956)	3,500.00	10,275.00	(6,775.00)
Emergency Management	2,500.00	569.01	1,930.99
Airport	687.00	687.00	0.00
Town Maintenance	237,865.00	240,808.47	(2,943.47)
General Highway****Non Lapsing	206,475.00	349,161.02	(142,686.02)
Street Lighting	2,500.00	2,424.38	75.62
Highway Block****Additional Funds	39,000.00	92,296.92	(53,296.92)
Solid Waste Disposal	56,047.00	54,199.68	1,847.32
Health and Hospitals	8,759.00	8,759.00	0.00
Welfare	6,000.00	2,929.40	3,070.60
Parks & Recreation	29,274.00	26,198.89	3,075.11
Library	39,141.00	30,631.32	8,509.68
Patriotic Purposes	2,000.00	1,890.47	109.53
Conservation Commission	700.00	507.62	192.38
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
Solar Payment	17,496.00	17,495.13	.87
	<u>\$1,627,037.00</u>	<u>\$1,832,078.40</u>	<u>\$(205,041.40)</u>
Special Warrant Articles	307,500.00	307,500.00	0.00
***Non Lapsing Highway			145,000.00
Fire & Police Grants			49,235.00
****Highway Block			53,296.92
Grand Total	\$1,934,537.00	\$2,139,578.40	\$42,490.52

## NOTES

***Sugar Hill Police Department  
2022 Activities***

20 Motor Vehicle Accidents (No Fatalities)  
333 Motor Vehicle Stops

**1009 Calls for Service, which included:**

<b>Theft</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Simple Assault</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Fraud</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Narcotic Drug Laws</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Family Offense</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>DWI/DUI</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Public Intoxication/Drunkenness</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Disorderly Conduct</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>All Other Offenses</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Non-Criminal Incidents</b>	<b>256</b>
<b>Fire Related</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Deaths/Suicide</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Lost Found Missing</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Animal Complaints</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Fish &amp; Game Activity Codes</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>MV Crash Investigations</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Traffic Enforcement</b>	<b>333</b>
<b>Parking Enforcement</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Traffic Related Service</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Public Service</b>	<b>125</b>
<b>Assisting Other Agency</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Warrants Locate</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Administrative Duties</b>	<b>134</b>

We look forward to serving the community in 2023. We will continue to foster positive community relations and will look for ways to improve, innovate, and develop best practice for crime reduction, employee wellness, and community engagement.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Chief Michael Ho-Sing-Loy  
Corporal Sarah Donahue  
Officer Kerry Pomeroy (Part-Time)  
Officer Zachary Bushway (Part-Time)

## **SUGAR HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Our emergency calls in 2022 were 71 as compared to 59 in 2021. Our record was 72 in 2020 which was attributable to the large number of seasonal homes occupied full time during the Pandemic. We are seeing an increase in calls as new homes are being constructed and occupied.

Sugar Hill had two significant structure fires within a few days of each other in November. The Department in both cases did a commendable job in stopping the fires from spreading beyond what was burning on their arrival. Both fires had a significant head start before the arrival of the Department. Both were determined to be accidental.

Your Fire Department has been trained in CPR and the use of an AED for many years. Due to the lack of members, the Franconia Life Squad has not been able to respond to medical calls in the two towns that they served during 2022. The Fire Department has been pro-active in formalizing a medical squad that can be initial responders for medical incidents in Sugar Hill. Their role is to get to the patient quickly, perform an initial assessment, be certain that adequate resources are enroute, and provide initial life saving measures prior to Littleton Ambulance arriving on the scene. In addition, they are available to assist in loading the patient, which often requires more than the two Firefighters who respond with the ambulance.

It is anticipated that SHFD Medical Squad will be activated in mid-February. Littleton Fire Department signed a three-year contract with Sugar Hill to provide emergency ambulance transportation. The full Department is trained to deal with overdoses and cardiac arrest. The medical squad carry Narcan, Epi-pens and should someone in Town suffer an anaphylaxis shock and have access to AEDs. AEDs are also located on our apparatus.

Your Fire Department is well equipped, adequately staffed and highly trained. The Department continues to have 22 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.

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. The Department is involved with more than fires; for example, during the Christmas Weather Event the Department worked closely with the Highway Department to clear emergency access for those roads and driveways that were not accessible in case of an emergency. The Department has well-trained sawyers to handle chain saw work. This concentrated effort to provide access became critical because shortly after clearing the road there was a serious medical emergency that 2 hours prior would not have been accessible by the ambulance.

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. Our

Rescue Truck, which is now 20 years old, is likely to be the next truck replaced, but remains in good condition.

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.

Please do not hesitate to call our Dispatch at (603) 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><b>TYPE</b></u>	<u><b>2022</b></u>	<u><b>2021</b></u>	<u><b>2020</b></u>	<u><b>2019</b></u>	<u><b>2018</b></u>
Brush/Grass Fires	1	0	2	1	2
Chimney Fires	0	0	2	1	0
Alarm Activations	18	23	28	19	11
Furnace Problems	0	0	0	0	0
Hazardous Conditions	9	9	9	2	8
Hazardous Materials	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	2	5	5	1
Mutual Aid – Cover	2	1	0	1	2
Mutual Aid – Scene	19	17	12	11	3
Rescues/Medical	5	2	1	8	1
Service Calls	11	3	8	2	2
Smoke Investigations	1	0	5	1	0
Structure Fires	2	0	0	4	0
Vehicle Fires	1	2	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>30</b>

As of December 31, 2022, the Fire Department's active roster of Firefighter's was as follows:

	Chief Allan R. Clark	
Asst. Chief Doug Glover	Captain Gordie Johnk	Captain Brinson Ireland
Lt. Jim Snyder	Lt. Cliff Aldrich	Lt. Jeffrey Collins
Lt. Sam Johnk	Engineer Michael Warren	Engineer Rick Quintal
Engineer Ned Wilson	Engineer Erik Rasmussen	Doug Amsbary
Brian Beaulieu	Tim Burger	Eric Chase
Nelson Crowe	John Gagel	Dan Kenerson
Nathan Lax	Rusty Talbot	Lynne Warren

Sugar Hill is 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. We have the largest active contingent of Firefighters in the area. 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.

This past year Erik Rasmussen, John Gagel and Ned Wilson became nationally certified Firefighters after over 250 hours of course work. Ned Wilson also completed his Firefighter II certification which is an additional 75 hours of course work.

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 21 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 “EMD” 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.

The primary role of the EMD is to be certain that the Town had the necessary resources to deal with a disaster whether it be a weather disaster or a Pandemic. The Christmas storm being a prime example. Due to a variety of reasons neither Eversource nor NH Electric Co-Op prioritized restoring power to Sugar Hill. Utilizing contacts that I developed over my 21-year tenure as EMD in Sugar Hill we were able to expedite the restoration first by Eversource and then NH Electric Co-op.

Through my efforts working with the Director of NH Homeland Security it resulted in the Governor being directly involved including a call from the Governor concerning the status of having our power restored. Although the electric restoration took 5 days for some, a herculean effort by the Highway Department and Fire Department provided emergency access on all roads and driveways. This was critical to provide First responders access in case of a medical emergency or other emergency.

During 2022, the major efforts of the Emergency Management Director (“EMD”) was still working with the NH Homeland Security and FEMA for the reimbursement of approximately \$225,000 spent by the Town on repairing road damage from that storm. We are also seeking approximately \$250,000 to replace the Streeter Pond Road bridge over Indian Creek. It appears that we are making progress, but it is a long and frustrating process.

It is a requirement that the Town update its Hazardous Mitigation plan every 5 years to be eligible for FEMA disaster reimbursement. A grant was obtained to hire the consultant that prepared the prior 4 plans under my supervision. It is anticipated that the current plan will be completed this summer. Although we have a consultant it is a time-consuming exercise for the EMD.

A reminder that your 911 street address sign is a critical component for emergency responses. It is critical that it be able to be read from the road. Should you require a new sign or never received a sign, please contact the Town office.

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.

Respectfully submitted,  
Allan Clark  
EM Director

## REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

This year was another year where wet weather in early spring followed by rapid drying and drought conditions extended through the summer for much of the state. Dry conditions in early May led to large fire growth on numerous fires throughout the State which required multiple days to extinguish and firefighter response from local, state, and federal agencies. Wildfire activity continued through the summer months where dry conditions led to more multi-day fires. Fires burned deep into the ground, requiring firefighters to establish water supplies and to spend days digging out all the hot spots.

Many homes are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Every year New Hampshire sees fires which threaten or destroy structures, a constant reminder that wildfires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent wildfires from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials.

In Sugar Hill we had no significant wildland fires this past year, but there were several significant wildfires in area towns. Please remember to contact the Fire Department 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 at [www.NHfirepermit.com](http://www.NHfirepermit.com). The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility.

**2022 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS**  
(All fires reported as of December 01, 2022)

Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2022	66	217	52
2021	66	86	96
2020	113	89	165
2019	15	23.5	92
2018	53	46	91

\*Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

**State Forestry Director**

**Patrick Hackley**  
603-271-2214

**Deputy Warden**  
**Brinson Ireland**  
603-616-9095

**Warden**

**Allan R. Clark**  
603-494-1491

**Deputy Warden**  
**Doug Glover**  
603-616-8467

**State Forest Ranger**

**Steven Sherman**  
603-788-4157

**Deputy Warden**  
**Jim Snyder**  
603-348-70091

## RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The "Year of Transition" for the Library was a double: Paper to Automated system, and New Librarian. Slowly and cautiously the circulation method transitioned from paper cards to an automated method of scanning an inventory of Library materials for patron use. Most of the hard work had been done the year before, but we (me) are still learning the different benefits of the Apollo system.

In January, the circulation was still recovering from the Covid pattern of reading. As the year progressed, more and more patrons came out and joined the Library. We acquired magazines for our patron's perusal. We have two reading areas- children's adults, with comfortable sofas to sit and read. Our patrons drove the increase in our collections. Those who were willing to tell us what they wanted to read increased the inventory and introduced other topics and writing styles to the Library.

During June and July, the Library participated in the Granite State Summer reading program, which was held at the Lafayette Regional School so that children could attend after participating in the Town Recreation program. For eight weeks, we read books about cleaning up our oceans and created art and crafts around those themes.

This past fall, we started a toddler story on Thursday mornings. Seasonal classics are read to those children in attendance - which is increasing. For the holidays, the Library purchased and wrapped a selection of holiday Christmas books for each resident child under age 12. After the holiday (and the windstorm) we held a weeklong celebration with reading aloud, crafts and puzzles for Sugar Hill children.

I would like to thank the Trustees for their willingness to support any Library program I could dream up, and for their constant suggestions to make the Library better each year. We have added 56 active patrons this year.

Most of all, I would like to thank my predecessor (Judy Weisenberger) for generously supporting the Library in all ways possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Amsbary, Librarian

Trustees:

Jason Tors, Chair

Alice Claflin, Treasurer

Joanna Santilli, Secretary

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Sugar Hill Conservation Commission had another busy year.

### Recreational Areas:

The new footbridge crossing the inlet brook at Coffin Pond was completed. The construction was completed over several weekends by Conservation Commission members and volunteers. A new trail has been cut from the parking lot to the trail running along the Gale River. This has opened up several great views of the pond without neighboring buildings being seen, creating a better opportunity for observing birds and animals. We want to thank the Highway Department for delivering gravel for the project and the Building and Grounds staff for helping us move the larger pieces of the bridge frame. Landscape work was done around the parking areas with stumps being removed, grading and topsoil being added and then seeding. The area is much improved and should make the summer lawn care easier. Commission members continue to clean the area on a weekly basis.

Commission members and volunteers have added another trail within the Phillip Robertson Town Forest and a new trail map has been created. The map can be downloaded from the Town website. In the future a brochure will be created that will include the trail maps for the Town Forest and Coffin Pond. Both locations have been very popular with local residents. The Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust sponsored a walk in the Town Forest this summer. Hopefully this year we can install kiosks at both sites.

The Whipple Field property located behind Polly's Pancake Parlor has seen an increase in visitors also. The mowed trail is a great way to access Peckett's Pond. The pond is home to many seasonal birds and the whole area is home to many animals. We do ask visitors to park in the lower driveway or visit after 3:00PM when Polly's is closed. We thank the Cote's for allowing access through their property.

In April, the Commission sponsored the First Annual Town Spring Roadside Cleanup. With supplies donated by New Hampshire the Beautiful we asked for volunteers and had 15 residents sign up. Many of the town roads were cleaned. Hopefully this will be an annual event going forward. Members of the Commission continue to do the roadside cleanup on Route 117 and have added Route 18.

The Sugar Hill Conservation Commission is now responsible for monitoring the water level at Coffin Pond. Currently we are visually checking the level but will be installing a grade post for a more accurate process. This also will involve adjusting the splash boards between the Gale River and the inlet.

Commission members have started to focus on assisting, from a conservation standpoint, the Planning Board in their preparation of the 2024 Master Plan. This has included having a Commission member attend Planning Board meetings to facilitate communications between the two Boards.

The Conservation Commission continues to assist property owners with issues relating to state permits by reviewing applications for wetlands permits and conducting site visits for Town residents seeking permits. We encourage people to contact the Commission with any questions they might have about completing any of the above applications.

Longtime member Tim Williams has decided to step back from the Commission as a member and now will be an alternate/advisor. Holly Hayward has joined the Commission.

The Sugar Hill Conservation Commission meets on the third Thursday of every month in the Crapo Building. Guests are always welcome. We are always looking for new ideas to help conserve the many environmental assets we have here in our community.

Chris Ellms  
Larry Sawyer  
Charlie Wolcott  
Claire Von Karls  
Judy Sawyer  
Holly Hayward  
Tim William, Alternate  
Margo Connors, Alternate

## COOLEY-JERICHO COMMUNITY FOREST

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 glade skiing. In conjunction with ACT, the Granite Backcountry Alliance (GBA) and many enthusiastic volunteers worked hard over the years to create challenging and inspiring glades and associated trails which are attracting back-country skiing enthusiasts from across the region. 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 existing parking lot on Trumpet Round Road can accommodate 10 vehicles, signage has been updated and is well maintained by the Town of Sugar Hill. Plans are underway to design and eventually build a new parking lot below the old log landing to replace the existing one to better serve the community and be respectful of the neighbors. ACT was successful in applying for grant funds for the parking lot design which is being undertaken by a local civil engineering firm and local surveyor. ACT also has a small grant to update the information kiosk which provides maps and other information to those coming to explore the community forest. ACT continues working with GBA to have a parking host on busy ski weekends to manage the parking lot, and ACT volunteers and staff are checking the site after weekends for trash and any other parking issues.

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

The Stewardship Plan was updated in 2020 and is now available online at [www.act-nh.org/stewardship-plan](http://www.act-nh.org/stewardship-plan). Hard copies can also be made available to the four towns.

The Stewardship Team met this year in Franconia with representatives from all four towns to review the goals in the updated Stewardship Plan and discussed any steps that need to be taken in the next few years such as the improvements of the parking at Trumpet Round Road, refreshing the marking on some of the boundary lines and expanding our volunteer trails management crew. The latter was headed up by our new Trails Program Manager who led several trail work days and organized our wonderful team of volunteers. We also raised funds from local donors to build two bridges across the Salmon Hole Brook in accordance with our NH DES wetlands permit. The bridges were built largely by volunteers in November and December and will be dedicated to Rebecca Brown, ACT's founding Executive Director who was instrumental in the creation of the Community Forest.

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. If anyone is interested in helping out with volunteer workdays, please send an email to us at [volunteer@act-nh.org](mailto:volunteer@act-nh.org).

Please feel free to 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 other programs or check the website at [www.act-nh.org](http://www.act-nh.org).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kimberly Cartwright". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kimberly Cartwright  
Executive Director  
Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust

## TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION

We would like to thank our customers for another great and productive year with consistent participation in our recycling program. We did experience some service interruptions due to mechanical failures and appreciated the patience and understanding shown by our patrons during those times. We were also able to make a number of improvements around the facility; the building was painted this year and LED lighting added. We put in a C&D service ramp, improved the front garden area and installed new gutters on the building. We were fortunate to be awarded grant funds in the amount of \$1,056 through the state's NH the Beautiful program towards the tri-town purchase of a new storage container that was installed in late summer. We are excited that the compactor was rebuilt this year and we replaced the Bobcat skid steer with a new Kubota skid steer.

Below please find information on the positive impact your recycling has had on our environment. The materials listed below were sent to market to be remanufactured into new products through our non-profit recycling organization, the Northeast Resource Recovery Association.

Recyclable Material	2022 Recycled Amounts	Environmental Impact
Glass	126,700 LBS	Conserved the equivalent of about 5,715.38 gallons of diesel being consumed!
Scrap Metal	107,610 LBS	You conserved enough energy to drive a car about 121,160.57 miles!
Paper	175,660 LBS	You conserved enough energy to charge about 9,692,261.85 cell phones!
Tires	11,020 LBS	You conserved the equivalent of about 5,581.15 pounds of coal from being burned!



We also processed 513 fluorescent lamps of various sizes, 573 computers and laptops, 460 flat screen monitors, 794 flat screen televisions, 2,403 microwaves, 1,770 printers, 7,050 televisions and 1,239 miscellaneous electronics for recycling!

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Blake - Manager  
 Kevin Dauphine  
 Laurie Matthews

### ENERGY COMMITTEE

The following graph shows energy use in the Town of Sugar Hill for 2022

Dept.	Electric	Gas	Diesel	#2 Fuel	Propane	Total
MH	1,288.82			4,080.37		5,369.19
Crapo	4,884.96				5,403.39	10,288.35
Fire	2,520.23	114.77	2,182.19	0.00	3,497.93	8,315.12
Highway	194.52	171.65	29,703.37	1,556.67	342.30	31,968.51
Police		7,898.46				7,898.46
Grounds		2,215.87	1,495.94			3,711.81
Streetlight	2,424.38					2,424.38
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,312.91</b>	<b>10,400.75</b>	<b>33,381.50</b>	<b>5,637.04</b>	<b>9,243.62</b>	<b>69,975.82</b>

2021 Total \$48,440.54

## PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

In 2022, Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District continued its cooperative efforts to promote waste reduction, increase recycling, and 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 7<sup>th</sup>, and the other in Plymouth on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. A total of 260 vehicles participated, representing every community in the district. 3,825 gallons of material was collected, which was an 8% increase from 2021. Total expenses for 2022 HHW programming, which includes advertising, setup & disposal, totaled \$28,475, an 11% increase from 2021. The district received a \$5,000 donation from Casella Waste Management and NH Department of Environmental Services granted \$4,958. Net expenditures for the program were \$22,445. 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 43,850 linear feet of fluorescent tubes being properly disposed of and 1,062 PCB containing light ballasts. Other materials collected were 49 fire/smoke detectors and an additional 1,300 specialty bulbs. The total cost for this effort was \$6,410, covered by district dues.

The district voted in favor of extending its waste disposal contract with North Country Environmental Services in Bethlehem, NH. This extension will provide an additional 4 years of waste disposal services through April 30, 2027. The agreement will also see an increase of Casella Waste Management’s HHW support to \$10,000 to help with rising disposal costs.

As always, citizens interested in participating in the development of the district’s programs are welcome to attend the district’s meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at all municipal offices and recycling centers. If at any time an individual community needs assistance regarding their solid waste/recycling program, please contact the district by email.

Respectively Submitted,  
Jim Mahew, Acting Chairman



## **THE WILLING WORKERS SOCIETY**

### **2022 Annual Report**

The Willing Workers Society is a nonsectarian, nonprofit organization that was founded in 1920. Today the organization is comprised of more than 50 women from Sugar Hill and neighboring towns. The mission of the organization is to foster a spirit of helpfulness. Check out our website. You'll find tabs on our work, our online store, our history, and our current events. <https://thewillingworkers.org/>

The year 2022 was no exception for Willing Workers providing services to the community. Our members -new and established- worked side by side to raise funds through Cookies for a Cause, a yard sale and three sales at the Meeting House.

Grandma's Attic had a banner year. Milk is delivered to two food pantries weekly. Merit Awards are given to local graduating high schoolers. In 2022 the Willing Workers gave the Maxine Aldrich Education Merit Awards to five worthy Profile School seniors - Hannah Hodgdon, Quincy Burger, John Kennerson, Lola Kinney, Madison McLaren. The Roger Aldrich Valedictorian was awarded to Mackenzie Craig.

In between all of our serious business, the craft groups met to make products, the cheer committee sent notes to members and community residents and cheer baskets were spread around town. Our meetings all included a time to socialize as we moved out of the pandemic cycle of isolation. In 2023, we look forward to welcoming new members from Sugar Hill and our surrounding towns. Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month and members enjoy getting together to make crafts and do other activities.

Grandma's Attic would love to receive your gently used items. The Mitten Craft Group is accepting donations of wool sweaters and garments to upcycle. The General Craft Group may be looking for some specific items. Watch the Town of Sugar Hill newsletter for updates on requested items.

As always, those families in need should be brought to our attention. We stand at the ready to aide in memorial service refreshments, dinner trains and other ways to support our residents through community acts of caring. Sugar Hill is a great place to live.

Above all, thanks to the Town of Sugar Hill employees and residents who make our public work a success.

Sincerely, the Board and Members of the Willing Workers Claire Von Karls, Vice President, Noreen Watts, Recording Secretary, Karen Bracken, Corresponding Secretary, Sally Beaulieu, Treasurer, Kathy Jablonski and Jody Flescher, Members at Large.

## SUGAR HILL HISTORICAL MUSEUM REPORT

A review of this past summer from the happenings at this museum. The visitor count is beginning to increase each season. 1005 visitors this year. Visitors from 29 different states and 6 foreign countries - Italy, Canada, Germany, England, Switzerland, and Latvia. We are so pleased.

Did you meet Sugar Hill's Lydia Streeter Jesseman (b.1813, d. 1880) and her descendants on your visit last summer? We featured her entire family up to her present generation. Picture frames style changed as time went past. Here in Sugar Hill, there were no Manor Houses or gold rococo frames hanging high!

Also on exhibit were many fascinating examples from local photographers and their styles of framing from the last century. The first exhibit of the Hotel Lobby is in the newly dedicated John E. Bigelow Gallery. This exhibit features Sugar Hill's five major hotels from a bygone era.

Changing our major theme every year gives us a chance to rotate and use the artifacts that are donated. The Carriage Barn, Chicken Coop, Garden Shed, Reid-Burpee House and Sleigh Shed all get annual minor changes. Kudos from our friends and visitors is not to be believed.

Our volunteer team is the best. Over 450 hours have been spent this past season greeting and guiding our visitors. This does not include the gift shop, campus maintenance, or assembling or disassembling the annual display. The gift shop was a success and well displayed. When the weather was nice, we could visit outside. We also enjoy our picnics in between visitors' arrivals.

Foe 2023. mannequins will be brought out of storage for **Lifting the Veil**. Wedding dresses are a special part of our textile collection. These were worn by Sugar Hill brides. Quilts & Baskets will be the new display in the Carriage Barn Gallery. We will be starting our 47th season because of your generosity and support. Be sure not to miss it this year.

Thanking everyone,  
Kitty H. Bigelow  
Director, Curator

## SUGAR HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION 2022

The Sugar Hill Improvement Association was first established in August of 1890 and after 132 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.

We continue to maintain our flags in Sugar Hill, replacements being needed each year due to weather damage. As always, our thanks go to the Sugar Hill Road crew for the putting up and taking down of our flags. They fly from Memorial Day through Columbus Day. During this time, our flags lend a festive and patriotic flair to Sugar Hill.

Our big project this year was the purchase and installation of a gazebo which is located in the back of the Carolina Crapo building adjacent to the playground. This gives patrons of the playground or visitors to the museum a comfortable place to sit out of the sun or the rain. It has even been used for a birthday party. We also purchased a picnic table and a couple of chairs and a small table which are in the gazebo. In addition, we have installed small solar lights which add to the festive look of the gazebo at night. We feel this is a wonderful addition to our town area.

We continue to maintain the tennis court; new signs installed this year as well as new signs at the playground.

We look forward to the new year of 2023 and new projects for the improvements we are able to fund for the Town of Sugar Hill.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lissa Boissonneault, President

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

2022 was a volatile year for all asset classes. For the first time since the 1960's both equities and fixed income classes fell in tandem. The benchmark for the S&P 500 was negative nearly 20% and the fixed income aggregate bond index was negative 11.5%. Investing in those two benchmarks at our current allocation would have resulted in a loss of 17.6%. However, the Sugar Hill Education and Community funds performed at negative 14.93% and negative 14.69%. Obviously, this is not what we wanted, but our relatively conservative and balanced approach was better than most. And, on the brighter side, both funds were up approximately 5% at the end of January 2023.

These accounts are managed by Community Financial Services Group, a local trust and investment firm affiliated with Woodsville Guaranty Savings. Randall Saulnier, a Senior Vice President, and a Franconia resident is the fiduciary and advisor to the accounts. The trustees meet with Randall 2 times a year, or more in volatile times such as 2022, to review performance and strategy.

The Trustees distributed \$17,000 from the Crapo Education Fund and \$46,000 from the Community Improvement Trust Fund in 2022 at the request of their board of directors. The funds ended the year with balances of \$800,236 and \$1,098,517 respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Connors  
Russ Gaitskill  
Mike Claflin

## LAFAYETTE RECREATION

Lafayette Recreation had another successful year of providing a variety of community events for our three towns and the surrounding area. Everything from youth sports to 5k fun runs to breezy summer evening concerts were enjoyed by hundreds of our friends and neighbors.

Youth activities had full participation in all three sports seasons and over the summer. Our spring once again included a full slate of baseball. The older players joined forces with neighboring Bethlehem once again in grades 5 & 6. We were also able to offer Spring sessions of flag football and track and field to children that were interested in exploring different options. The fall yielded another full slate of soccer as well as a successful Halloween cup. And, over the winter all levels of basketball were available.

Our largest and most successful youth event as always is the summer rec program. This past summer was no exception with enrollment at full capacity and children getting a variety of activities from bike riding to swim lessons to canoeing and hiking in our local lakes and trails.

Other events that Lafayette Recreation took part in organizing included the construction of the new Welcome Center and a total resurfacing of the ice rink and parking area to create a much more welcoming space for locals and visitors alike. We once again hosted the North Country Chamber Players concerts as well as other local musical groups at the Dow Park, outdoor movie nights, and Old Home Day with fireworks. The Top Notch Triathlon and Wobble 'n Gobble were again hugely successful and well attended.

As always, 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 and residents are welcome to attend.

Finally, we, the members of the Lafayette Recreation Committee, would like to take a moment to recognize and thank Kim Cowles for her more than 28 years of service to the tri-town community. Throughout her years of service, Kim has been instrumental in:

- the creation and continued development of the Dow fields and park;
- the construction/purchase of the gazebo, new pavilion, and the welcome center;
- the creation and continuous improvement of the Dow playground;
- the formation of the North Country soccer and baseball leagues;
- the Top Notch "Race to the Face" Triathlon;
- the many 5k fun runs through the years including the Triple Crown (Wobble 'n Gobble, The Fire Cracker, and the Dow Derby) and the Color Run etc.;
- the building and maintenance of the Fox Hill trail network;
- creation of the Touch a Truck event for youngsters.

And many more things that are just too numerous to list. It is with heavy hearts that we wish Kim the best as she ends this stage in her career and ventures forward into a new chapter of her life. She will be missed by us all in the Recreation Committee.

Respectfully submitted, Lafayette Committee Members

Franconia: Adam Boyer, Haley Ireland, and Peter Gaudette

Sugar Hill: Felicia Hamilton and Matthew Steele

Easton: Michael McKeever and Kent Butterfield

Lafayette Regional School; Gordie Johnk and Recreation Director: Kim Cowles, Retired

## **FRANCONIA NOTCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2022 REPORT**

Please accept this letter as our request for inclusion for and disbursement of funds from the Town's Annual Appropriations Budget for the Franconia Notch Regional Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$6,000.00. 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 overall economy. Annually, millions of dollars flow into the region, supporting our economy, providing jobs, and enriching the quality of life for all residents. In 2022, the Town of Sugar Hill received \$57,245 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 (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) have continued to be a vital means of reaching out to the public with over forty-five hundred users.

The Information Booth operated from the Memorial Day weekend through Columbus Day. Nearly seventeen-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 on places to go and things to do. Countless parties expressed their gratitude over the availability of the public restrooms which the staff of the Chamber have maintained during the year.

The second annual town-wide yard sale returned with dozens of Franconia/Sugar Hill families listing their locations on our social media platform. The major project was transitioning from our old Information Booth to the new Welcome Center during the month of July. The Chamber continues growing with ten new members joining the ranks and the addition of three new board members.

The upcoming year will see the Chamber focus on two major areas for economic development. First, the increasing popularity of on- and off-road cycling combined with the development of the areas biking resources (Parker Mt./Bethlehem Trail Association/Profile Trails/X-NH Rail Trail) the installation of a state-of-the-art bicycle tuning station (a no cost-grant funded) asset, and the invitation to participate in a regional initiative expending \$350K in grant funding to develop the region's cycling infrastructure will allow the Chamber to promote the region as a destination for the cycling community.

Secondly, the Chamber will be working with our cultural arts members represented by the three theater companies (Weathervane, Jean's Playhouse, and TheaterUP) and the Colonial Theater in working collaboratively to develop more effective channels of communication to the local community and visitors to the region.

Members of the Chamber community will be invited to be actively involved in the celebration of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Old Home Day schedule by hosting performers and/or activities throughout the day.



In the year ahead we will continue to maintain and grow our dedicated membership base; serve as a source of information and resources for the local and traveling communities; work 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 Sugar Hill's residents and the Board of Selectmen.

Sincerely,  
Rusty Talbot, President  
Franconia Notch Regional Chamber of Commerce

## **NORTHERN HUMAN SERVICES WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH**

Northern Human Services-White Mountain Mental Health is one of ten community mental health agencies in the State of New Hampshire providing an array of services to address the behavioral health needs of adults, children and families residing in lower Coos County and Northern Grafton County. As a community mental health center, our mission is to provide responsive and accessible behavioral health services to the residents of lower Coos County and northern Grafton County. Some of our clients are determined by the state of New Hampshire eligibility standards to be “severely and persistently mentally ill” and receive individual therapy, medication management, case management and other functional support services and supports funded through NH Medicaid. Clients that do not have a viable pay source, are uninsured or underinsured are not turned away due to inability to pay. We offer sliding fee scale for clients, and if the client is unable to afford the sliding fee copay, we work with each individual to determine a copay that is affordable. Our target population remains any resident of lower Coos County and northern Grafton County that is struggling with the effects of mental illness with particular focus on residents in need of more than individual therapy. Our services are more of a wraparound model; eligible clients receive therapy as well as the appropriate supportive services to address their mental health needs and support them in achieving goals related to improving their overall functioning and well-being.

We continue to see a huge demand for mental health services in our catchment area that is exceeding clinic capacity. People of all ages are increasingly accessing emergency services, boarding in area hospitals awaiting a psychiatric bed and being added to our growing wait list daily. In the 2019 Community Needs Assessment and Implementation Plan for the northern New Hampshire Region 70% of local experts ranked mental health as a top 5 health concern in the community. This same report noted that suicide is the number 9 leading cause of death in both counties. As the local community mental health center, White Mountain Mental Health continues to offer 24-hour, 7 days a week emergency services for anyone in our service area, regardless of if the person is an established client or not. Although the model has changed a bit with Access Point at times being the initial screener for mental health emergencies, White Mountain Mental Health supports the regional Northern Human Services Rapid Response/Mobil Crisis team by providing emergency follow up appointments and bridge appointments as necessary until the client is able to be added to a clinician’s panel. Providing emergency services is a costly endeavor as it is provided by a clinician with support from a Northern Human Services staff psychiatrist or nurse practitioner offering consultation. Emergency services is arguably our most important service as we are able to support someone in crisis and potentially save a life. Every year we ask the towns for funding to offset what individuals are not able to pay so no one needs to worry about how to pay for necessary treatment.

In 2022, 7 uninsured or underinsured residents of Sugar Hill received services from White Mountain Mental Health. Our cost for these services was **\$3,989.00** of which **\$2,120.00** were fees from Emergency Services. Despite the rising cost of care, we are requesting level funding from the town of Sugar Hill. All funds received from Sugar Hill

go directly to Sugar Hill residents that are uninsured or underinsured and help us to provide needed services to the residents of Sugar Hill.

We appreciate the support that we have received from the Town of Sugar Hill over the years and are thankful to the voters for recognizing the importance of timely access to mental health services for all residents.

Warm Regards,  
Amy Finkle  
Director of Behavioral Health  
White Mountain Mental Health  
Northern Human Services

## AMMONOOSUC COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

Since the pandemic began, ACHS has been operating non-stop with our dedicated team of health care professionals. We've been on the frontlines providing vaccinations, screenings, preventative and follow up care as well as providing behavioral health for residents of all ages - vitally important in these uncertain times. While the ACHS-dental center has been forced to close due to persistent staffing shortages and fluctuations in dental funding, we stand committed to providing affordable dental options. We continue to advocate at the state and national level for affordable dental services in our region and offer a referral voucher program with dentists throughout the state for our patients in need. Your continued investment in ACHS helps us provide **comprehensive primary preventive health care to anyone, regardless of their ability to pay – whether we are in a pandemic or not.**

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 area 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.

### ACHS Services Provided

- Infectious Disease Vaccines, Testing and Treatment
- 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
- 340B Low-Cost Prescription Drug Program
- Patient Navigation and Dental referral & Voucher 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 - 2022

- Number of Unduplicated Clients Served: Medical 9,275, Dental 427, Behavioral 838
- Number of Visits: Medical 29,921, Dental 663, Behavioral 6,840
- Client/Payor Mix: 17.8% Medicaid, 33.3% Medicare, 5.2% Uninsured, 43.7% Insured
- Value of discounts provided in our Prescription Assistance Program: \$233,345
- Value of discounted health care services (Sliding-Fee) provided to our patients: \$512,713 total; Medical & Behavioral Health \$381,414, Dental \$81,037, Pharmacy \$50,262

### Town Statistics – Sugar Hill

- Total # of Patients -202
- Total # of Medicaid Patients - 8
- Total # of Medicare Patients-82
- Total # of Self-Paying Patients – 8
- Total # of Sliding Fee Scale Patients -1

We appreciate your continued support. Be mindful, be active, and be well.

## 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. GCSCC's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

GCSCC 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 senior 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.

From October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022, 24 older residents of Sugar Hill were served by one or more of GCSCC's programs offered through the Littleton Area Senior Center and 29 residents were served through ServiceLink:

- Older adults from Sugar Hill enjoyed 490 prepared by GCSCC employees and volunteers.
- Staff completed 44 wellness calls with homebound Sugar Hill residents.
- Sugar Hill's citizens participated in 222 health, educational, or social activities.
- Sugar Hill residents were transported to medical and other appointments on 9 occasions.
- Sugar Hill residents received assistance with problems, crisis, or issues of long-term care through 5 visits with a trained outreach worker and 97 contacts with ServiceLink.

The cost to provide Council services for Sugar Hill residents in 2021-22 was \$14,909.02.

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. The services 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 GCSCC become even more critical. *Sugar Hill's population over age 60 has increased by 57.6% over the past 20 years, according to U.S. Census data from 1990 to 2010.*

GCSCC would very much appreciate Sugar Hill's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older adults and adults with disabilities. GCSCC enables our community members to meet the challenges of aging, while remaining in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Kathleen Vasconcelos,  
Executive Director

## Annual Report 2022

The mission of **UNH Cooperative Extension** is to strengthen people and communities in New Hampshire by providing trusted knowledge, practical education and cooperative solutions, working in collaboration with county, state and federal government. Some examples of how Extension has been working towards this mission in Grafton County are summarized below in a few highlights of the past year.

Through the Nutrition Connections program, guidance on building raised garden beds, seeds, and nutrition lessons were provided to residents at a housing location who built raised beds for its tenants. In addition, recipe cards, and vegetables grown by Master Gardeners were provided so participants could apply lessons they learned in class. Master Gardeners were also involved in several community gardens that resulted in donations to food pantries.

Food and Agriculture staff conducted the second year of its cucumber variety trial in the high tunnel at the county complex. The trial looks to find marketable varieties while also monitoring yields and pest and disease resistance. Over 800 pounds of cucumbers from the trial were donated.

The Jumpstart to Farm Food Safety program continues to assist farmers in Maine and New Hampshire. This joint initiative aids fruit and vegetable farmers with farm food safety planning and offers them the chance to work individually with an Extension educator, trained in produce safety.

As part of a Building Community Resilience grant, Community and Economic Development staff worked with Mascoma and Greater Haverhill communities, providing technical support and training to build partnerships, identify needs, and develop a more resilient future.

Members of our Natural Resources team secured a Wildfire Risk Reduction grant for a fire management plan and prescribed fire projects at the Grafton County property. This will include education and training for local fire departments, forest rangers, DOC residents, natural resource professionals, and the public.

4-H youth from several counties took part in the Bunny Basics workshop in March, learning about the care of rabbits and how to exhibit them at a show. Many participants went on to demonstrate their knowledge at the Pint-size Pet Showcase at the North Haverhill Fair.

Please visit our website, [extension.unh.edu](https://extension.unh.edu) for more information on programs and upcoming events.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Lee, UNH Extension,  
Grafton County Office  
Administrator

## CENTER FOR NEW BEGINNINGS

Thirty-seven 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 a significant need for both types of services. We both have substantial wait lists and are continuously looking to add more qualified providers.

We are asking for your help to meet the needs of your community. The ever increasing costs of overhead versus stagnant insurance reimbursements result in a continuous budget tightrope.

In 2022, The Center for New Beginnings provided services to 480 individuals. We logged 6400 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.

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

Sincerely,  
Board of Directors  
The Center for New Beginnings

## 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.

In 2022 North Country Council undertook the following activities in the region:  
Coordinated the regional Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and held five (5) meetings to discuss regional transportation issues and identify priority projects for funding opportunities.

Represented the region's transportation needs in the Ten-Year Plan process, including managing the project solicitation process, providing technical assistance to applicants, scoring and prioritizing projects, and promoting public input opportunities to the region's communities.

Secured an on-call engineering firm to support submitting projects for the Ten-Year Plan process and for other regional projects needing conceptual design.

Continued efforts to update the Regional Transportation Plan, which identifies the important transportation corridors in the region and presents the needs, opportunities, and recommendations to improve the region's system.

Supported the work of two (2) Regional Coordinating Councils (Carroll County and Grafton-Coos) to promote the coordination of transportation services for the region's residents and institutions, including facilitating fourteen (14) meetings, updated bylaws, assisted with the submittal of applications to the CDC COVID Disparity grant program, and worked closely with the new regional mobility managers to improve coordination and services. Supported the work of the North Country Scenic Byways Council (NCSBC) to steward and promote the region's scenic and cultural byways, including facilitation NCSBC meetings and submitted an application for Federal funding of a regional byways project.

Participated in statewide efforts such as the Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, Alternative Transportation Planning, and the Complete Streets Advisory Committee and provided input about major statewide processes that benefit our regional communities. Conducted over 150 traffic counts throughout the region for the New Hampshire DOT and local communities through the regional Transportation Data Collection Program.

Worked to develop the Surface Management System (RSMS) data collection and forecasting program to inventory the condition of local roadways and forecast infrastructure budgeting needs for municipalities over the medium and long term.



Community Profile Map Viewer was created to explore the region through demographic data. Each community profile provides information on population, housing, income, workforce, transportation, and more for every municipality in the region.

Coordinated six (6) North Country Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee meetings (CEDS) for the Economic Development District. The meetings focused on connecting resources in the region, learning about innovative strategies for improved economic prosperity, and sharing regional information. The Committee reviewed and placed 3 projects on the CEDS Project Priority List.

Completed the North Country Rising Plan and Business Resource Roadmap with feedback from businesses and employers throughout the region, which provides goals, strategies, and solutions for a collaborative approach to economic and community resilience.

Facilitated collaborative sessions with the food and agriculture industry in an effort to host the first North Country Food and Agriculture Summit, bringing together industry leaders from around the region to discuss food equity, access, training for the next generation of farmers, and the opportunity to develop a North Country Food Council. Continued to implement the Regional Brownfields Program through funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Continued to assist the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) & State of NH Bureau of Economic Affairs (BEA) in providing development assistance to potential and awarded grantees. In 2022 the Council provided pre-project development coaching to over 45 NBRC grantees and potential grantees.

Provided mapping and data services to communities throughout the region in support of project development and funding opportunities. Responded to multiple requests for reviews of Development of Regional Impact, prepared comments corresponded with state and local officials. Provided technical support to communities relating to municipal land use regulations, best practices, planning opportunities, and changes to state land use statutes. Supported four (4) small working groups of employers and housing professionals in identifying and exploring opportunities for employer-assisted housing solutions in the region.

Partnered with NH Office of Planning and Development and all NH Regional Planning Commissions to complete simultaneous Regional Housing Needs Assessments, which document current conditions and forecast housing needs across communities and the region over the coming 20 years. Continued to assist Coos County with the Coos County Broadband Committee, as well as providing technical support to the Carroll County Broadband Committee. Collaborated with other Regional Planning Commissions 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 \$75.00 per book).

## NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE 2022

North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency provides quality services that include Hospice, Home Health, Palliative, and Long-term care. Within these services we also provide nursing, rehabilitation, activities of daily living support, social services, and homemaking in 51 towns. Our territory spans all of Coos County and Grafton County as we now provide services to residents in Plymouth, NH and surrounding towns. **In 2022, for the Town of Sugar Hill, we provided 259 Home Health visits and 57 visits for Hospice care.**

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, advanced nurse practitioners, 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.

Long-Term Care provides home health aide, homemaking, and companion services to those who are unable to perform essential activities of daily living such as bathing, dressing, meal preparation and household tasks independently. The primary reason for these services is to support individuals who have physical, medical, or mental limitations and cannot perform these basic needs any longer on their own. These services play a critical role in assisting the elderly and disabled to remain in their own homes and to avoid re-admissions to the hospital and to prevent long-term institutionalization.

Our Palliative Care Program is a new program that started as a pilot in 2019. The program started with 5 patients and has grown to now include **110** active patients. Our Palliative Care program is primarily home based; meaning, that our APRN/Nurses and Social Workers visit patients in their homes to discuss their serious illness, advanced care planning, goals and wishes and most of all- what is important to them. The target patient is anyone with a serious illness, it does not have to be terminal like Hospice requires. The scope of patients is broad and we have found that Palliative Care services are much needed, especially in our service territories. NCHHA provides Home Health services to patients that are recovering from an illness and are expected to get better and we provide Hospice services to patients with a terminal illness; but there is a gap in between these

two programs and Palliative Care provides a bridge for the patients that have a serious illness, but are not ready for Hospice services yet.

North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency and our Board of Directors are extremely grateful to the **Town of Sugar Hill** for its continued 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 **Town of 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.

Respectfully,  
Tiffany Haynes  
President & CEO

## **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.

BGCNC has been able to return to normal operations, post Covid pandemic, but as with so many businesses in our community, staffing continues to be a challenge and therefore we are serving fewer children than we did pre-Covid, but our numbers continue to climb, as do our expenses. Our community's support has never been more crucial in continuing to provide a fun, safe, positive place for all the children of the North Country. Our team continues to thrive and adapt to the ever-changing challenges the pandemic brought us and to provide critical support to our members and their families that rely on us for academic support, mentoring, snacks, and a safe place for kids.

As we continue to regrow our membership, we were very excited to have been able to bring back our shuttle van to Bethlehem and Lafayette Elementary Schools for After School programming this year. In typical years, we served over 250 children from Bethlehem, Littleton, Lisbon, Landaff, Lyman, Franconia, Easton, and Sugar Hill, 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 66 members in the afterschool program, none of them are from Sugar Hill. Summer camp 2022 saw 62 children, with 4 attendees from Sugar Hill. We continue to only charge \$175 per year for the After School Program and \$175 for Transportation. Camps are \$135 per week and include field trips and summer swimming lessons. Financial aid is provided to all members that need assistance. We are investing \$3,750 this year to transport the Lafayette School members to the Club for the Afterschool program.

As is the case with most organizations that rely on fundraising and donations, raising the approximately \$500,000 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 families need our help now more than ever. Over 40% of our families fall below a \$40,000 income level and over 38% qualify for free/reduced lunch. We are looking to our neighboring communities to help spread the cost of operations 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.

*Sandy Brackett*  
Executive Director

## **MOUNT WASHINGTON REGIONAL AIRPORT COMMISSION**

The Mount Washington Regional Airport experienced a busy year in 2022 despite record-high aviation fuel prices, as pilots eagerly resumed their travel plans after two years of pandemic-related postponements. The inspiring views and outdoor recreation opportunities continue to make Mount Washington Regional a favorite flying destination. The boom in real-estate sales has also grown the number of second-home owners using the airport to get here. Hangar-space is in high-demand and private interest in renting land to build more hangars on the airport is growing. The airport continues to play a role supporting businesses, not only for business travel to the area but also for diverse activities such as aircraft repair, flight training, sightseeing tours and even supporting film crews shooting scenes from helicopters. The Airport Commission continues with its mission of attracting more pilots and private flyers to visit our area so this important piece of local infrastructure can deliver benefits to our local economy. Every small airplane that visits the airport bringing a family of four can easily spend \$1500 in a weekend at our local businesses. A party arriving by business jet might spend five or ten times that amount and bring new investment to the area. Besides the direct benefit to local businesses, a large percentage of the Rooms and Meals Taxes paid by flyers are returned by the state to local town governments providing substantial revenue which offset property taxes for our citizens. These visiting aircraft are a key source of operating income for the airport in the form of fuel sales, transient aircraft parking fees and landing fees for commercial aircraft. We continue to welcome the local Civil Air Patrol squadron's involvement at the airport. CAP is the United States Air Force Auxiliary which provides Aerospace Education, Cadet Programs and Emergency Services support to our communities. Besides teaching leadership skills, character development and STEM/aerospace education for youth ages 12 to 18, the cadet program is getting more young people flying. Two local cadets learned to fly with CAP at our airport and are about to train for careers in aviation. More of the squadron's 19 cadets are hoping to follow. One day perhaps they will join the senior members that use CAP-owned aircraft based at our airport to train for and deliver emergency services in our communities. Both CAP and our airport were involved in the missing hiker search on Mount Lafayette that ended with heart-breaking results this past November. The number one challenge to attracting more aircraft to visit our airport is the lack of ground transportation when they arrive. Most will want to rent a car for several hours to several days to visit our towns, yet their options are very limited. We are grateful to North Country Ford for offering rental cars when their repair business can spare it, but the need is much greater. So far, the only local car rental business within 50 miles has been unwilling to help address the need. We are also grateful for the various taxi and scheduled ride services that serve the airport, however they don't address the primary need. We continue to look for better solutions to keep traffic growing. The Airport Commission deeply appreciates your support as we continue to increase the utilization of the airport to benefit our member towns.

## **REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR JOE KENNEY**

The year of 2022 brought forward a strong economy and a transition back to normalcy from the previous COVID-19 years. State government, as in the private sector, has noticed a strong demand for workforce, housing, and childcare. Additionally, there have been strong trends in the state with the growth of Airbnb to support a growing travel and tourism industry. Furthermore, the state has witnessed a growing homelessness population.

During and after the pandemic, the state of New Hampshire received millions of dollars from the federal government in the form of CARES Act and ARPA funding. In response to this, the State of New Hampshire Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) was created to distribute funds under various programs: Local Restaurant Infrastructure Investment Program; County Emergency Equipment Program; NH Emergency Rental Assistance Program; Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Program; County Nursing Home Infrastructure Program; and the NH Homeowners Assistance Fund.

Other initiatives included federal and state funding for broadband in underserved or not served areas of the state. The initial award of \$50 million went to NH Electric Cooperative to build out broadband in the rural areas of NH. A second round will be awarded in 2023. The Governor's office put forward a \$20 million initiative to create grants for community center projects around the state which will be administered through the Community Development Finance Authority. The Department of Environmental Services received over \$200 million in ARPA funding to support water and sewage projects around the state in the form of grants and low interest loans.

Additionally, the GOFFER team put forward a \$100 million InvestNH Capital Grant Program to assist in gap funding for workforce and affordable housing projects and to assist local municipalities with local grants to support zoning and planning board technical assistance. Through the efforts of GOFFER and federal funding, the state was able to purchase the Hampstead Hospital as a children's inpatient psychiatric facility, a critical need in our state. Lastly, through GOFFER, the state was able to negotiate a contract with Easterseals NH for \$23 million to build a veteran's campus in Franklin to support veterans with mental health, substance misuse treatment and respite beds for short term stays.

Between January to December 2022, the Executive Council conducted 10 separate public hearings concerning the nominations of five Circuit Court judges, one Superior Court judge and four state Commissioners. The Council approved a new Banking Commissioner; new Commissioner of Transportation; new Acting Commissioner of Health and Human Services; and a previous Commissioner of Agriculture. The Council approved the confirmation of a new Director of Motor Vehicle for the Department of Safety; new Director of the Division of Aeronautics under the Department of Transportation; new Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management under the Department of Safety; and new Director of the Child Advocate Office. Three other state Commissioners were reappointed and confirmed at the Departments of Labor, Environmental Services and Natural and Cultural Resources.

The total contract items approved were approximately 2,669 to include late items during 23 meetings. Of the 322 confirmations to serve on board and commissions, 62 were from District 1. On September 7<sup>th</sup>, the District 1 on the road meeting was held on top of Mount Washington inside the Sherman Adams building.

The Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) had completed its work in 2021, and the NH Legislature and Governor approved of its findings in 2022. GACIT directed \$242 million in additional new federal funds for bridges (\$22 million total/\$45 million per year) and electric vehicles charging (\$17 million) as part of the IIJA. Fifteen percent (\$6.75 million annually) of the bridge funds will be allocated to the municipal bridge program, and the remainder, to existing bridge projects to free up funds that have greater spending flexibility. Contact William Watson at NHDOT for any additional details at (603)-271-3344.

As stated in the past, I have made economic development my top priority along with mental health and drug prevention, treatment, and recovery programs. In 2022, the state sold the Route 25 Rest Stop to the Town of Rumney, it continues to work on the transfer of 7 acres to the City Lebanon at Westboro Yard for recreational purposes, it acquired \$55 million of federal funding to upgrade the state's fish hatcheries, and as always, the state continues work on retention and recruitment of old and new businesses.

The Governor and Council are always looking for volunteers to serve on the dozens of state boards and commissions. If you are interested, please send your resume to Governor Chris Sununu, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301 attention Deanna Juris, Director of Appointments/Liaison or call at (603) 271-2121. A complete list of all state boards and commissions are available at the NH Secretary of State website: [www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm](http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm)

My office is open to receive state constitutions, council maps, etc. I periodically email my weekly schedule and Wrap Up Newsletter. If you would like to be included on this list, contact me at [joseph.d.kenney@nh.gov](mailto:joseph.d.kenney@nh.gov). I also have an internship program for college students. My office number is (603) 271-3632. As a reminder, due to redistricting my District has taken me out of Sullivan County and most of Grafton County and pushed me to northern Strafford County. Nonetheless, I am always available to old friends. Please stay in touch.

Serving you,  
Joe Kenney,  
Executive Councilor  
District 1

**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	\$ 800.00	15	\$1,600.00
2006 Motorola Radios Portable (18)	54,000.00	-0-	15	-0-
2007 Motorola Base Radio (1)	8,000.00	-0-	15	524.00
2022 Kenwood Radios	8,762.00	8,178.00	15	584.00
1939 Ford Antique Truck	1,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
2004 Ford Light Rescue Truck	105,000.00	29,400.00	20	4,200.00
2006 Sterling Fire Engine	175,000.00	63,000.00	25	7,000.00
2013 International – Fire Engine	254,000.00	162,560.00	25	10,160.00
2018 International – Fire Engine	375,000.00	300,000.00	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-
12 Sets PPE	36,834.00	33,151.00	10	3,683.00
10 SCBA with Spare Cylinders	50,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
Mobile SCBA Fill Station	10,000.00	-0-	20	-0-
SCBA Cylinders	26,760.00	23,192.00	15	1,784.00
Camera	2,800.00	1,680.00	5	560.00
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	2,000.00	15	400.00
Fire Hose 2.5 – 400’	1,200.00	400.00	15	80.00
Rescue Chain Saw	2,195.00	848.50	10	219.50
Lockers	10,157.00	9,649.15	20	507.85
Miscellaneous Equipment	<u>113,100.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	15	<u>-0-</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,406,458.00</b>	<b>\$634,858.65</b>		<b>\$46,302.35</b>

**POLICE EQUIPMENT**

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2018 Ford Interceptor	\$40,000.00	-0-	4	-0-
2019 Ford Police Responder	28,187.35	10,711.47	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-
Motorola Radios – Portables (4)	10,496.88	8,747.40	6	1,749.48
Motorola Consolette (1)	6,972.15	5,810.12	6	1,162.03
MPH Python 2 (2)	3,200.00	-0-	5	640.00



Radar Trailer	1,000.00	-0-	6	-0-
Axon Body Cameras (3)	2,625.00	-0-	5	525.00
Axon Body Cameras (3)	16,025.90	12,820.72	5	3,205.18
Zoll AED (1)	1,269.70	423.30	3	846.47
Office Equipment	5,684.00	-0-	3	-0-
Glock Handguns w/lights (4)	2,036.00	-0-	6	339.00
Benelli Shotgun (2)	900.00	450.00	10	90.00
Card Access System	4,000.00	1,200.00	10	400.00
Taser (X2) (3)	4,200.00	-0-	5	-0-
Taser (T7) (3)	10,260.00	8,208.00	5	2,052.00
Ruger AR 15 (2)	1,000.00	260.00	8	100.00
Solar Traffic Lights	<u>6,463.00</u>	<u>5,170.40</u>	10	<u>646.30</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$163,084.98</b>	<b>\$53,801.41</b>		<b>\$17,392.93</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	-0-	20	250.00
2019 Sakai TW330 Roller	29,000.00	25,132.00	30	967.00
York Rake	3,000.00	-0-	20	-0-
Cold Patch Trailer	24,000.00	20,640.00	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	1,290.00	20	445.00
2007 Komatsu Excavator	93,500.00	23,400.00	20	4,675.00
1985 Cat 130 Motor Grader	65,000.00	13,004.00	15	4,333.00
2012 John Deere Loader	106,400.00	53,200.00	20	5,320.00
2000 Cat 416C Loader/Backhoe	87,500.00	-0-	15	0.00
2021 International Dump Truck	140,000.00	121,334.00	15	9,333.00
2022 Ford F350 Pickup/sander	72,000.00	54,000.00	8	9,000.00
2017 Chevrolet Dump Truck	50,423.25	12,605.85	5	6,302.90
2018 Inter HV 10 Wheel Dump	180,000.00	120,000.00	15	12,000.00
2016 Fischer Sander	4,500.00	1,350.00	10	450.00
2017 Fischer Sander	<u>4,500.00</u>	<u>1,800.00</u>	10	<u>450.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$942,323.25</b>	<b>\$447,755.85</b>		<b>\$54,005.90</b>

### BUILDING & GROUNDS

2011 Ford F350 Pickup	\$43,000.00	\$ -0-	8	\$ 0.00
2016 JD 935 Pro Mower/ Bag Sys	13,500.00	-0-	5	0.00
2000 PAS 65x14 Trailer	2,750.00	-0-	20	0.00
2020 Ariens 28 Snowblower	1,299.00	744.00	7	185.00
2016 Honda 21" Commercial Mower	660.00	-0-	5	0.00
202 Honda 21" Commercial Mower	<u>650.00</u>	<u>260.00</u>	5	<u>130.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$61,859.00</b>	<b>\$1,004.00</b>		<b>\$315.00</b>

**BIRTHS REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2022**

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father & Name of Mother
None Reported		

**DEATHS REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2022**

Date Of Death	Name Of Deceased	Name & Surname Of Father	Maiden Name Of Mother
03-15-2022	Caitlin Schuele	Norman Schuele	Mary Ward
06-21-2022	Eleanor Davis Howard	Leon Davis	Natalie Wheeler
08-18-2022	Bradford H. Whipple	Ralph Whipple	Catherine Humes
08-28-2022	Brian M. Hanson	Kenneth Hanson	Irene Wilkins
11-27-2022	Matthew G. Colpitts	Charles Colpitts	Irene Pare

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2022**

Date of Marriage	Name and Surname Of Groom & Bride	Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage
11-5-2022	Justin C. Robinson-Miller Brooke A. Dolloff	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-

### **BRADFORD WHIPPLE**

Brad was a life-long resident of Sugar Hill. With his family he spent most of his life living and operating Ledgeland. He served the town as a Selectman, a Fireman and Police Officer. Brad was always one to share the history and stories of our community and he will be missed.

### **SIDNEY REGEN**

Sid passed away in 2021 and we would be remiss not to remember his contributions to our community. Sid was a member of the Sugar Hill Planning Board from 2004 to 2021. He worked to collect all the Sugar Hill Veteran names for historical records. In addition, Sid served as the Treasurer for the Sugar Hill Improvement Association for many years. We will miss his presence and service to Sugar Hill.

## 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 ..... 9:00 AM - 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: [libraryia22@gmail.com](mailto:libraryia22@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 26, 2023 – October 9, 2023

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**

