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### **TOWN OFFICERS**

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Margo Connors	(Term Expires 2013)
Richard Bielefield	(Term Expires 2012)
John J. Strasser, III	(Term Expires 2011)

### **TOWN OFFICE**

Telephone 823-8468

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Jennifer P. Gaudette

TOWN CLERK
Lissa Boissonneault

TAX COLLECTOR

Lissa Boissonneault

Elizabeth Coombs Andross, Deputy

TREASURER

Amy Venezia

CHIEF OF POLICE

FIRE CHIEF / FIRE WARDEN
Allan Clark (Appointed)

David D. Wentworth (Appointed)

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SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

1-800-564-6911

Non-Emergency 823-8123

### **HIGHWAY AGENT**

Douglas R. Glover

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE
Board of Selectmen

**HEALTH OFFICER** 

Margaret Connors

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT** 

**MODERATOR** 

(2012)

Allan Clark James F. Snyder

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

David F. McPhaul (2013) Starcy Branch (2016) Bruce S. Perlo (2012) John Colony (2014) Richard Gagne (2011) Judith Weisenberger (2012)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Elaine Burpee (2013) Rosemary Ellms (2012) Irene Amsbary (2011)

# **CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

	Beth Perlo	(2013)	
Nancy D. Aldrich	(2012)	Holly Hayward	(2013)
Meri Hern	(2012)	Kathleen Jablonski	(2011)
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	PLANNING		
Rob	•	Chairman (2012)	
James Keefe	(2012)	Christopher Thayer	(2011)
David Thurston	(2012)	Arthur Chase	(2011)
John J. Strasser	(2013)	Gail Clark, Alternate	(2013)
Sidney Regan	(2013)	Amy Venezia, Alt. & Secretary	(2013)
ZON	ING BOARD OI	F ADJUSTMENT	
	Michael Hern, Cha		
Peter Anderson	(2011)		(2012)
Donald Boissonneault	(2011)	John Colony	(2012)
Amy Venezia, Alt. & Secretary (2013)			
CONSERVATION COMMISSION			
N	Margaret Connors	(2011)	
Peter Carbonneau, Co-Chair	(2012)	Kathie Galligan, Co-Chair	(2013)
Luther Kinney	(2013)	=	(2011)
Timothy Williams	(2011)	Eric Jostrom	(2011)

# RECREATION PROGRAM SUGAR HILL REPRESENTATIVES

Gordon Johnk Cynthia McLaren

All 2010 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 9, 2010

Moderator, James F. Snyder, declared the polls open at 11:00 AM for the voting by ballot on Article 1 (the election of town officers) and Article 2 (to see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 known as SB2). Polls will close at 7:30 PM unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour. All other Articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon at 7:30 PM. Per request of Nick DeMayo and approved by the majority of those present, the Annual Town Meeting began with The Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

One Town 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

An Overseer of Public Welfare to serve for a term of one (1) year

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

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

One Supervisor of the Checklist to serve for a term of six (6) years

One Supervisor of the Checklist to serve for a term of four (4) years

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

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

And such other Town Officers as may be required by law.

### **RESULTS OF ARTICLE 1:**

Selectman, Three Year Term	Margaret Connors	208
Town Moderator, Two Year Term	James F. Snyder	202
Town Treasurer, One Year Term	Amy Venezia	198
Town Clerk, One Year Term	Lissa Boissonneault	211
Tax Collector, One Year Term	Lissa Boissonneault	206
Overseer of Public Welfare, One Year Term	Margaret Connors	4
	Lissa Boissonneault	4
Library Trustee, Three Year Term	Elaine Burpee	210
Trustee of Trust Funds, Three Year Term	David McPhaul	198
Supervisor of the Checklist, Six Year Term	Starcy Branch	200
Supervisor of the Checklist, Four Year Term	John D. Colony	199
Zoning Board of Adjustment, Three Year Term	Michael Hern	196
Two Cemetery Trustees, Three Year Term		
	Beth Perlo	

### **ARTICLE 2:** (To vote by official ballot)

To see if the Town of Sugar Hill will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (Known as SB2). The following question is on the ballot:

"Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (Known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Sugar Hill on the second Tuesday of March?" (3/5 majority ballot vote is required for passage)

This Article by petition.

### YES VOTE: 45 NO VOTE: 173 Article 2 fails

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town of Sugar Hill will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, One Hundred Sixty Three Thousand, Three Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars (\$1,163,338) to defray Town charges.

Executive	\$47,200,00
Executive	
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	
Payroll Taxes	
Financial Administration	
Property Revaluation	
Legal Expenses	
Planning Board	
Zoning Board of Adjustment	
Insurance	,
General Government Buildings	
Buildings & Grounds	
Cemetery	
Advertising & Regional Associations	
Police Department	
Fire Department	
Ambulance	
Emergency Management	500.00
Town Maintenance	
General Highway Department Expense	
Highway Block Grant	
Street Lighting	
Solid Waste Disposal	
Health, Hospitals	
North Country Home Health	
Grafton County Senior	
American Red Cross	
White Mountain Mental Health	
Littleton Hospital	
Ammonoosuc Community Health	
Burch House	
Welfare	
Tri County Cap	*
Unemployment	
Library	
Parks and Recreation	
North Country YMCA	
Patriotic Purposes	
Conservation Commission	
Interest Expense-Tax Anticipation Notes	
Long Term Notes	
Interest Long Term Notes	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$1,163,338.00
The Selectmen recommend these Appropriations.	\$1,103,336.00
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Moved by Bruce Perlo

Seconded by David Thurston

Discussion

All in Favor "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to withdraw the accumulated income from the Cemetery Trust Funds.

Moved by Bruce Perlo

Seconded by Jim Cyrs

Discussion

All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976 and vote to name the Selectmen as agents of the Town to carry out the objectives designated by the Town in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Beverly Frenkiewich

Seconded by Douglas Evelyn

Discussion

All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of 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 Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Bruce Perlo

Seconded by Jason Kern

Discussion

All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976 and vote to name the Selectmen as agents of the Town to carry out the objectives designated by the Town in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Beverly Frenkiewich

Seconded by Jim Cyrs

Discussion

All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

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

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Jim Cyrs

Seconded by Gregory Connors

Discussion

All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund created in 1991.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Coralie Thurston

Seconded by Bruce Perlo

Discussion

All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Carolina Crapo Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004 and vote to name the Selectmen as agents of the Town to carry out the objectives designated by the Town in the Carolina Crapo Building Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Bruce Perlo

Seconded by Beverly Frenkiewich

Discussion

All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2008.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Douglas Glover

Seconded by Dan Kenerson

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

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Bruce Perlo

Seconded by Dan Kenerson

Discussion

All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2009.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Coralie Thurston

Seconded by David Thurston

Discussion

All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000) to purchase a Commercial Mower for the Building & Grounds Department.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Howard Mitz

Seconded by Don Boissonneault

Discussion

All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$13,500) to purchase a thermal imaging camera, with Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Five Dollars (\$12,825.00) to come from a federal grant and the remaining Six Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$675.00) to come from taxation.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

### Moderator James F. Snyder presented an amended Article 15 as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000) to purchase a thermal imaging camera, with Eight Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$8,550.00) to come from a federal grant and the remaining Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$450.00) to come from taxation.

Moved by Bruce Perlo

Seconded by Jim Cyrs

Discussion

All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to update as mandated every five years the Emergency Management Plan for the Town of Sugar Hill.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

### Moderator James F. Snyder presented an amended Article 16 as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to update as mandated every five years the Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Town of Sugar Hill. This amendment is due to an error in the naming of the Plan in the original Article.

Moved by Beverly Frenkiewich

Seconded by Coralie Thurston

Discussion

All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Two Hundred (\$4,200) to purchase an easement for the purpose of dredging the fire pond and installing a hydrant on Map 219, Lot 27.111.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

### Moderator James F. Snyder presented an amended Article 17 as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Two Hundred (\$4,200) to dredge the existing fire pond and install a dry hydrant on Map 219, Lot 27.111 provided an easement from the owner satisfactory to the Selectmen be obtained.

Moved by Kathleen Jablonski

Seconded by Jim Cyrs

Discussion

All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500) to have Cartographic Associates, Inc., complete Phase One of the two part process to prepare Digital Parcel Maps for the Town of Sugar Hill.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Bruce Perlo

Seconded by Douglas Evelyn

Discussion

All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town of Sugar Hill will vote to adopt the 2010 Amendment to the Mount Washington Regional Airport Intermunicipal Agreement. Copies of the 2010 Amendment, as well as the existing Agreement, are available for review at the Town Clerk's office, and will also be available the day of the meeting.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

Moved by Carl Martland

Seconded by Bruce Perlo

Discussion

All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Twenty Two Dollars (\$422.00) for the support of operations of the Mt. Washington Regional Airport.

Moved by Carl Martland

Seconded by Elaine Burpee

Discussion

All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 21: Shall we modify the elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Sugar Hill, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$10,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$15,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$20,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$20,000 or, if married, a

combined net income of less than \$30,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$50,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

Moved by Amy Mitz

Seconded by Stephen Hunt

Discussion

All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

**ARTICLE 22:** Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen under the provisions of RSA 31:19 to accept and hold in trust gifts, legacies, and devises? This authority will remain in effect until rescinded. Majority vote.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

Moved by Bradford Whipple

Seconded by Coralie Thurston

Discussion

All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representative(s), our State Senator, the Speaker of the House and the Senate President.

Resolved: The citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines "marriage".

This Article by petition.

Roger Aldrich moved to pass over Article 23

Seconded by Don Boissonneault

All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

Roger Aldrich moved to restrict consideration of Article 23 at a later time during the meeting.

Seconded by Don Boissonneault

All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.

**ARTICLE 24:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Roger Aldrich recognized the passing of one of Sugar Hill's long time citizens, Lauren Howard, and noted that Mr. Howard was the next to the last founder of our Town.

Linda Gaitskill reminded everyone of the upcoming Lafayette School District meeting and the importance of attending and voting.

Joseph Cushing asked the Selectmen to commit their energies to working with the NH Corps of Engineers and DES to develop a strategy to help prevent serious flooding in the river near Crane Hill Bridge. Richard Bielefield, Selectman, reassured Mr. Cushing that the Board and Highway Department will be following up on this.

Douglas Evelyn commended the work done on the Meeting House in the summer of 2009. He also commended all the Town of Sugar Hill Departments on the fine job they do in keeping our Town in good order.

Eileen Regen spoke on behalf of the Sugar Hill Museum, explaining the new 2010 exhibit on quilts and the "Door We Use" project which will culminate in a photo album of all Sugar Hill residents. This book will be debuted in 2012, Sugar Hill's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Mrs. Regen went over membership plans available this season. She also recognized Kitty Bigelow for her tireless work on behalf of the Museum.

Richard Bielefield asked what everyone thought of moving future Town Meetings from commencing at 7 PM rather than 7:30. The majority thought this was a good idea. He also made mention of this year's Town Report being dedicated to Harry Reid for his many years of dedication to the Town as Selectman, Fire Chief and various boards on which he served. Mr. Bielefield remembered the late Dr. John Rowbotham and his many years of service to our Town in many capacities. Richard thanked Meri and Mike Hern for once again providing a delicious dinner for the election workers, this being the 26<sup>th</sup> year the Hern's have done this. Dennis Cote was thanked for providing the sound system for the meeting, Bill Pinney for his service for auditing the Town's books and Police Sgt. Rick Ball for his photograph which graced our Town Report cover.

Selectman Bielefield also recognized everyone in the various Town departments and all those who serve on the many boards that do such a fine job. Lissa Boissonneault thanked all the election workers who put in long hours to help run our elections smoothly.

Moderator Snyder moved to recess the meeting at 9:15 until the ballot count was done. Meeting was reconvened at 9:55, voting on Article 1 and 2 read.

Motion was made to adjourn
Moved by Gregory Connors
Seconded by Cathy Strasser
All in Favor, "Aye", opposed "No", the "Ayes" have it.
Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Lissa M. Boissonneault Town Clerk

# **BALANCE SHEET**

(As at December 31, 2010)

# **ASSETS**

ASSEIS		
Current Assets		
Cash - Unrestricted Checking		\$ 464,498.52
Cash - Restricted Savings Conservation Fund		72,794.02
Cash – Unrestricted Savings		800.48
Cash – Police Acct		34.66
Total Checking/Savings		538,127.68
Taxes Receivable:		ŕ
Levy of 2010	245,077.00	
Reserve for Uncollected, etc.	(19,829.00)	
Total Property Taxes Receivable CY	, , ,	225,248.00
Yield Tax Receivable		158.64
Unredeemed Taxes Receivable		86,389.02
Total Current Assets		849,923.34
Taxes Deeded Property Subject to Resale		6,172.58
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Total Assets		\$856,095.92
LIABILITIES AND FU	IND EQUITY	
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Accounts Owed by the Town: School District Tax Payable	-	
Accounts Owed by the Town:	\$512,897.00	\$512,897.00
Accounts Owed by the Town: School District Tax Payable	-	\$512,897.00
Accounts Owed by the Town: School District Tax Payable	-	\$512,897.00 \$512,897.00
Accounts Owed by the Town: School District Tax Payable Total Current Liabilities  Total Liabilities	<u>\$512,897.00</u>	·
Accounts Owed by the Town: School District Tax Payable Total Current Liabilities  Total Liabilities  Reserved for Tax Deeded Property	\$512,897.00 6,172.58	·
Accounts Owed by the Town: School District Tax Payable Total Current Liabilities  Total Liabilities	\$512,897.00 6,172.58 72,794.02	·
Accounts Owed by the Town: School District Tax Payable Total Current Liabilities  Total Liabilities  Reserved for Tax Deeded Property Reserved for Conservation Fund Reserved for Article Carried Forward	\$512,897.00 6,172.58 72,794.02 20,000.00	·
Accounts Owed by the Town: School District Tax Payable Total Current Liabilities  Total Liabilities  Reserved for Tax Deeded Property Reserved for Conservation Fund	\$512,897.00 6,172.58 72,794.02 20,000.00 194,143.24	·
Accounts Owed by the Town: School District Tax Payable Total Current Liabilities  Total Liabilities  Reserved for Tax Deeded Property Reserved for Conservation Fund Reserved for Article Carried Forward Surplus	\$512,897.00 6,172.58 72,794.02 20,000.00	·
Accounts Owed by the Town: School District Tax Payable Total Current Liabilities  Total Liabilities  Reserved for Tax Deeded Property Reserved for Conservation Fund Reserved for Article Carried Forward Surplus Net Income	\$512,897.00 6,172.58 72,794.02 20,000.00 194,143.24	\$512,897.00

# SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

# Crapo Building

Beginning Balance 1/1/10	\$690,293.66
2010 Payment	37,500.00
Ending Balance 12/31/10	\$652,793.66

# SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land Under Current Use (At Current Use Values)	\$ 975,278.00
Land	64,925,700.00
Buildings	82,163,400.00
Public Utilities	1,286,535.00
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	149,350,913.00
Elderly and Blind Exemptions	65,000.00
Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate Is Computed for Municipal,	
County and Local Education	149,285,913.00
Less Utilities	1,286,535.00
Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate	
For State Education Tax Is Computed	\$147,999,378.00

# STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

	Amount		Tax Rate
<b>Total Town Appropriations</b>	\$ 1,467,460.00		
Less: Revenues	(323,280.00)		
Less: Shared Revenues	(0.00)		
Add: Overlay War Service Credits	19,829.00 5,700.00		
		1 160 700 00	
Net Town Appropriations Municipal Tax Rate		1,169,709.00	7.84
Net Local School Budget	0.00		7.04
Regional School Apportionment	1,309,436.00		
Less: Equitable Education Grant	, ,		
State Education Taxes	(357,334.00)		
Approved School(s) Tax Effort		952,102.00	
Local Education Tax Rate		,	6.38
State Education Taxes			
Equalized Valuation (no utilities)	x \$2.19		
163,166,271		357,334.00	
Divide by Local Assessed Valuat	ion (no utilities)		2.41
147,999,378			
Excess State Education  Taxes to be Remitted to St.	ate	0.00	
		0.00	
Due to County Less Revenue and Credits	200,423.00 (0.00)		
	(0.00)	200 422 00	
Net County Tax Assessment County Tax Rate		200,423.00	1.34
County Tax Rate  Combined Tax Rate			17.97
Total Property Taxes Assessed		2,679,568.00	17.57
Less: War Service Credits		(5,700.00)	
Property Tax To Be Raised		\$2,673,868.00	

# SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

	Land	Buildings	Equipment
Meetinghouse	\$110,700.00	\$ 275,600.00	\$ 80,000.00
Carolina Crapo	130,000.00	595,100.00	50,000.00
Library			20,000.00
Fire Department	127,500.00	101,300.00	833,600.00
Police Department			79,850.00
Highway Department	95,700.00	165,800.00	679,321.00
Parks & Commons			
Coffin Pond	50,400.00		
Tennis Courts & Land	173,000.00		
Land:			
Cemeteries	208,500.00		
Creamery Pond	33,600.00		
Pearl Lake Road	24,800.00		
Route 117	6,000.00		
Route 93	4,000.00		
Creamery Pond	6,500.00		
Pearl Lake Road	23,900.00		
	\$994,600.00	\$1,137,800.00	\$1,742,771.00
	(1)	(1)	(2)

**TOTALS** 

Note (1) Based on Assessed Valuation

Note (2) Depreciated

# **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

To the Voters of the Town of Sugar Hill:

I herewith submit my report of the financial doings of my office for the year 2010:

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	\$125,787.00
Dog Licenses Issued:	537.00
Marriage & Civil Union Licenses:	291.00
Other Permits and Fees:	4,954.00

Total \$131,569.00

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	\$125,787.00
Local Town Clerk Fees:	1,019.00
State Town Clerk Fees:	3,012.00
Title Application Fees:	318.00
Dog Licenses Issued:	537.00
Dog License Fees:	121.00
Dog License Late Fees:	14.00
Marriage Licenses Issued:	291.00
Town Clerk Fees:	49.00
Vital Statistics (First Copy):	123.00
Town Clerk Fees:	48.00
Vital Statistics (Second Copy):	28.00
Town Clerk Fees:	12.00
UCC Filing Fee:	180.00
Insufficient Funds Fees:	30.00

Total \$131,569.00

Respectfully submitted, Lissa M. Boissonneault

Town Clerk

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

# Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2010

# **DEBITS**

Uncollected Taxes –		
Beginning of	Levies of	Levies of
Fiscal Year:	2010	2009 & 07
Property Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$180,512.27
Land Use Change	0.00	8,843.50
Yield Taxes	0.00	353.89
Taxes Committed This Year:		
Property Taxes	2,675,088.83	0.00
Land Use Change	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	11,159.04	0.00
Overpayment Refunds:		
Property Taxes	1,105.01	11,155.91
Interest		1,123.85
Costs before Lien	0.00	828.75
Interest Late Tax	1,763.56	8,622.89
Total Debits	\$2,689,116.44	\$211,441.06
	CREDITS	
Remittances to Treasurer		
<b>During Fiscal Year:</b>		
Property Taxes	\$2,430,188.00	\$ 105,405.25
Land Use Change	0.00	2,283.50
Yield Taxes	11,000.40	353.89
Interest	1,763.56	8,622.89
Conversion to Lien	0.00	82,336.52
Costs Not Liened	0.00	159.25
Abatements Made:		
Property Taxes	928.04	11,155.91
Interest	0.00	1,123.85
merest	0.00	1,123.03
Uncollected Taxes End of Year:		
Property Taxes	245,077.80	0.00
Yield Taxes	158.64	0.00
Total Credits	\$2,689,116.44	\$211,441.06

# **SUMMARY OF LIEN ACCOUNTS**

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2010

# **DEBITS**

	2009	2008	2007
Unredeemed Liens			
Balance Beginning	Φ 0.00	ΦΑΑ 520 52	Φ 0 02 4 55
of Fiscal Year Liens Executed	\$ 0.00	\$44,538.53	\$ 9,934.55
	88,554.49	0.00	0.00
During Fiscal Year	00,334.49	0.00	0.00
Interest & Costs			
Collected After			
Lien Execution	1,354.90	6,614.36	3,951.19
Total Debits	\$89,909.39	\$51,152.89	\$13,885.74
	<u>CREDIT</u>	<u> </u>	
	2009	2008	2007
Remittances to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	\$22,889.96	\$23,814.04	\$9,934.55
Interest & Cost			
After Lien Execution	1,354.90	6,614.36	3,951.19
Abatements of			
Unredeemed Liens	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unredeemed Liens			
Balance End of			
Fiscal Year	65,664.53	20,724.49	0.00
Total Credits	\$89,909.39	\$51,152.89	\$13,885.74

# UNREDEEMED PROPERTY TAXES FROM TAX LIEN

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

	2009	2008
Caporelli, Mary A. & Patricia	\$ 1,983.08	\$ 2,208.63
Ekblom, Melissa	10,143.00	12,231.85
Hayward, Paul	12,416.15	0.00
Kendall, Fred W.	4,595.32	0.00
Ledgeland, Inc.	8,259.96	0.00
Moose Realty of Franconia, LLC	4,376.88	0.00
Saunders, Maria Rose	1,889.36	996.31
Staffier, Paul D	4,799.40	5,287.70
Waitkus, Lisa	5,809.31	0.00
Young, Gary G., Jr.	2,459.56	0.00
Young, Steven M.	8,932.51	0.00
Totals	\$65,664.53	\$20,724.49

# TREASURER'S REPORT

# Year Ending December 31, 2010 Cash Basis

Beginning Cash Balance Checking, January 1, 2010		\$502,334.05
Beginning Cash Balance Savings, January 1, 2010		736.56
	Total	\$503,070.61

# **RECEIPTS**

Tax Collector	\$2,710,672.26
Town Clerk	131,569.00
Selectmen	93,961.93
Loan Proceeds (Tax Anticipation Notes)	350,000.00
Transfers (Trust & Capital Reserve Funds)	202,796.97
State & Federal Grants	13,550.00
Interest on Savings & NOW Account	374.56
Uncashed Checks	105.90

Total Receipts \$3,503,030.62

# **DISBURSEMENTS**

Orders of Selectmen Loan Repayments	\$3,190,802.23 <u>350,000.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$3,540,802.23
Ending Cash Balance NOW Checking, I Ending Cash Balance Savings, December Total	*	\$464,498.52 800.48 \$465,299.00

# **CHECKING AND SAVINGS ACCOUNTS**

# POLICE PERMIT ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance 1/1/10	\$34.66
Deposits	0.00
Withdrawals	0.00
Interest Earned	0.00
Balance 12/31/10	

# **CONSERVATION LAND USE FUND**

Beginning Balance 1/1/10	\$72,643.28	
Deposits	0.00	
Interest Earned	150.74_	
Balance 12/31/10		\$72,794.02

# RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Beginning Balance 1/1/10	\$927.94	
Deposits	0.00	
Interest Earned	.89	
Withdrawals		
Pinder	(300.00)	
Scholarship: Cushing	(100.00)	
Balance 12/31/10		\$528.83

# RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Beginning Balance 1/1/10	\$3,144.98	
Deposits	1,060.00	
Interest Earned	6.81	
Withdrawals	(410.60)	
Service Charge	(1.05)	
Ending Balance 12/31/10		\$3,800.14

Respectfully submitted, Amy M. Venezia Treasurer \$34.66

# **SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS**

# **Cash Basis**

Local Taxes: Property Taxes, Current Year Yield Taxes, Current Year Property Tax Interest and Cost, Current Year Property Taxes, Prior Year Current Use Change, Prior Year Yield Tax Prior Year Yield Tax Interest Property Tax Interest and Costs, Prior Year Lien Redemptions, Prior Years Lien Interest & Penalties, Prior Years Total Taxes Collected	\$2,430,188.00 11,000.40 1,763.56 180,512.27 8,843.50 353.89 32.81 7,499.86 56,638.55 13,839.42	\$2,710,672.26
From Local Sources and Missellaneous, expent To	avag.	
From Local Sources and Miscellaneous, except Ta Motor Vehicle Permits	125,787.00	
Town Clerk Fees	1,019.00	
State Fees	3,012.00	
Title Application Fees	318.00	
Dog Licenses, Fees, Penalty	672.00	
Marriage Licenses	340.00	
Vital Statistics	211.00	
Insufficient Fund Fees & Bank Error	30.00	
UCC Filing Fees	180.00	
Total Town Clerk		131,569.00
Building Permits	600.00	
Driveway Permits	155.00	
Police Department Revenue	263.00	
Zoning Board Fees	280.00	
Planning Board Fees	1,615.00	
Selectmen	1,721.44	
Cemetery	2,350.00	
Fire	87.96	
Highway Department	936.58	
Rent of Town Property	1,250.00	
Insurance Reimbursements	5,486.36	
Donation	50.00	
Uncashed Checks	105.90	
Cable TV Permit	1,044.33	
Total Miscellaneous		15,945.57

From State:		
Highway Block	49,358.81	
Moose Plate Grant	5,000.00	
Rooms and Meals	28,63.45	
State & Federal Grants	8,550.00	
Total From State & Federal Grants		91,672.26
Interest on Checking & Savings Account	374.56	
Capital Reserve Funds	202,796.97	
Temporary Loans (TAN Notes)	350,000.00	
Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue		553,171.53
Total Receipts From All Sources		\$3,503,030.62
Cash on Hand, January 1, 2010		503,070.61
Grand Total of Receipts		\$4,006,101.23

# **SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS**

General Government:		
Executive	\$ 42,069.95	
Mapping Warrant Article	12,500.00	
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	18,173.31	
Financial Administration	22,132.09	
Revaluation of Property	14,199.45	
Legal Expenses	19,697.59	
General Government Buildings	41,145.65	
Grounds and Maintenance	39,225.62	
Mower – Warrant Article	9,300.00	
Planning Board	2,852.76	
Zoning Board of Adjustment	468.31	
Advertising & Regional Associations	7,432.17	
Cemeteries	4,053.56	
Insurance	164,348.64	
Unemployment	0.00	
Payroll Taxes	22,611.50	
Total General Government Expenses		\$420,210.60
Public Safety:		
Police Department	158,776.24	
Fire Department	64,894.52	
Fire Grant	9,000.00	
Franconia Life Squad/ Ross Ambulance	3,930.00	
Emergency Management	1,383.62	
Total Public Safety Expenses		237,984.38
	422.00	201,501.00
Airports Tatal Airports	422.00	422.00
Total Airports		422.00
Highway, Streets and Bridges:		
Town Maintenance	149,105.25	
General Expenses of Highway Department	128,462.92	
Highway Block Grant	49,358.81	
Highway Roadwork Non – Lapsing Fund	55,000.00	
Street Lighting	<u>8,596.25</u>	
Total Highways, Streets and Bridges Expenses		390,523.23
Sanitation:		
Solid Waste Disposal	43,688.00	
Total Sanitation		43,688.00
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Health:	4 205 00	
Health, Hospitals	4,305.00	4 205 00
Total Health Expenses		4,305.00
Welfare:		
Assistance	4,884.08	
Total Welfare Expenses		4,884.08

Culture and Recreation: Library Recreation	14,951.26 23,522.11	
Patriotic	1,008.77	
Total Culture and Recreation Expenses	1,000.77	39,482.14
Conservation: Conservation Commission	615.25	
Total Conservation Expenses		615.25
Debt Service:		
Principal Expense – Long Term Notes	37,500.00	
Interest Expense – Long Term Notes	30,164.56	
Interest Expense – TANS Total Debt Service Poyments	1,066.76	69 721 22
Total Debt Service Payments		68,731.32
Transfers to Capital Reserve Funds & Trusts:	<b>50,000,00</b>	
Article # 5 Highway Equipment	50,000.00	
Article # 7 Police	12,000.00 50,000.00	
Article # 8 Fire Department HE Article # 9 Meetinghouse	5,000.00	
Article #10 Crapo Building	5,000.00	
Article #11 Fire Department Building	10,000.00	
Article #12 Bridge	50,000.00	
Article #13 Highway Dept. Building	5,000.00	
Total Capital Reserve Funds		187,000.00
Transfers to Cemetery Trust Funds:		
Lots Purchased	2,400.00	
Total Cemetery Trust Funds	,	2,400.00
Capital Vehicles/Equipment/Buildings/Land:		
Bridges (Indian Brook)	93,714.21	
Police Cruiser	27,764.76	
Highway Dept. Truck	81,318.00	
Total Capital Expense		202,796.97
Miscellaneous:		
Abatements	12,279.76	
Property Tax Refunds	1,105.01	
Taxes Bought by Town	88,554.49	
Total Miscellaneous Expenses		101,939.26
Unclassified:		
Payments – Tax Anticipation	350,000.00	
Total Unclassified Expenses		350,000.00
Payments to Other Government Divisions:		
Taxes Paid to County	200,423.00	
Payments to School Districts	1,285,397.00	
Total Payments to Other Government Divisions		1,485,820.00
Grand Total of Expenditures		\$3,540,802.23

# **DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS**

Executive:  Selectmen – Salary Administrative Asst - Gaudette Office Asst Andross Moderator Workshops Telephone Computer Services, Internet, Equipment Mapping Registry Printing/Notices Dues & Subscriptions Office Supplies Postage Books & Periodicals Professional Services – Shoreland Review Property Refund	\$ 4,800.00 21,750.17 1,797.75 287.50 463.16 1,027.73 3,848.79 1,775.00 16.44 1,993.63 1,132.68 1,518.25 371.60 405.35 522.50 359.40	\$ 42.000.05
Total Executive Expenses		\$ 42,069.95
Warrant Article #18 Mapping		12,500.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics:  Town Clerk - Boissonneault Checklist Ballot Clerks Workshops/Dues Computer - Programs, Training, Equipment Telephone Printing/Notices Books Supplies/Dog Tags Office Supplies Postage MV Fees Town State MV Fees Title Fees Vital Statistics Vital Fees UCC Fees Dog Licenses Dog Fees Marriage Licenses Marriage Fees Miscellaneous Expense	5,920.72 635.00 735.00 125.00 2,525.09 464.25 205.50 9.00 173.88 744.99 685.47 1,528.50 3,012.00 318.00 189.00 60.00 157.50 121.00 253.00 42.00 88.41	

18,173.31

Total Election, Registration & Vital Statistics

Financial Administration:		
Tax Collector - Lissa Boissonneault	4,897.88	
Deputy Tax Col/ Trusts/Office Asst Andross	5,803.00	
Treasurer	1,750.00	
Auditor	1,200.00	
Bank Fees	231.60 461.49	
Telephone Computer - Program, Training & Equipment	4,886.20	
Research Lien	371.00	
Registry	180.96	
Dues	40.00	
Office Supplies	1,253.82	
Postage	838.14	
Lien Fees	218.00	
Total Financial Administration Expenses		22,132.09
Total Revaluation		14,199.45
Total Legal Expenses		19,697.59
Payroll Taxes:		
Sugar Hill FICA (Town Contribution)	17,173.26	
Sugar Hill Medicare (Town Contribution)	5,438.24	
Total Payroll Taxes Expense		22,611.50
Planning Board:		
Secretary - Salary	1,486.25	
Workshops	55.00	
Legal Review	480.00	
Books	20.00	
Grafton County Registry	202.88	
Printing/Notices	99.00	
Office Supplies	66.99 442.64	
Postage	442.04	
Total Planning Board Expenses		2,852.76
Zoning Board:		
Secretary	253.75	
Postage	61.56	
Printing	74.25	
Books	13.75	
Hearing Refund	65.00	4.60.04
Total Zoning Board Expenses		468.31
Government Buildings:		
Eleonore Card	3,377.25	
James Keefe	6 15/15/1	
Marc Venezia	6,154.50 2,310.00	

Telephone (Elevator)	737.17	
Medical	55.00	
Electricity (Crapo & Meetinghouse)	5,240.95	
Heating Oil (Crapo & Meetinghouse)	7,856.99	
Maintenance – Crapo Back Door	528.80	
Meetinghouse Floor Refinished	768.00	
Furnace Annual x 2	551.50	
Meetinghouse Repairs	1,119.32	
Unifirst – Rugs	1,332.80	
Meetinghouse Clock	1,520.00	
Elevator Inspection & License & Repair	815.00	
Sanitation	429.00	
Rug Cleaning	366.00	
Lighting Changes, Emergency Light Repairs	1,791.81	
Cluster Fly Spraying	375.00	
Fire Extinguisher Inspection	592.25	
Alarm Monitoring & batteries	1,006.00	
Supplies	3,284.22	
Maintenance & Repair	842.09	
MH Historic Signs	92.00	
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Total Government Buildings Expenses		41,145.65
Grounds & Maintenance:		
Lloyd Card - Salary	29,356.08	
Marc Venezia	2,039.50	
James Keefe	4,346.00	
Gasoline	2,525.61	
Diesel	13.29	
Playground Signs	73.40	
Groundskeeping-Equipment Maint	570.99	
Vehicle Repair	300.75	
Total Grounds & Maintenance Expenses		39,225.62
Warrant Article #14 Mower		9,300.00
Cemeteries:		
Flags & Markers	248.56	
New Signs	1,305.00	
Stone Cleaning	2,500.00	
•	2,300.00	40.50.56
Total Cemeteries Expenses		4,053.56
Insurance:		
Health - Building & Grounds	15,961.20	
Highway	51,075.72	
Police	37,508.76	
Executive (partial reimbursement)	21,547.56	
Dental	7,680.36	
Property Liability	17,651.90	
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Worker's Compensation	12,923.14	
Total Insurance Expenses		164,348.64
Total Advertising & Regional Associations Expe	enses	7,432.17
Ambulance:		
Ross Ambulance	1,930.00	
Franconia Life Squad	2,000.00	
Total Ambulance Expenses		3,930.00
Police Department:		
Chief David Wentworth	58,542.64	
Sgt. Rick Ball	41,687.13	
Officer Philip Blanchard	1,050.00	
Officer Greg Bryar	1,562.50	
Officer Cody MacKay	2,058.00	
Detail Pay (Reimbursed)	520.00	
Police Retirement	14,248.18	
Prosecutor	2,000.00	
Training	131.55	
8123 Line	233.00	
Telephone	2,429.16	
Computer Services	2,557.49	
Dispatch Service	13,628.00	
Medical Services	350.00	
Photo Lab	59.88	
Uniforms	1,935.21	
Firearms	1,359.48	
Dues	2,700.00	
Supplies	300.20	
Office Supplies	419.00	
Postage	92.00	
Gasoline	7,041.14	
Radio Maintenance	215.92	
Vehicle Maintenance	3,010.76	
New Equipment	75.00	
Books	30.00	
Dog Control	540.00	
Total Police Department Expenses		158,776.24
Police CRF 2010 Tahoe		27,764.76
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Fire Department: Salaries	26.710.00	
	26,710.00	
Mileage	917.95	
Training Talanhana	3,899.31	
Telephone	796.24	
Information Line 8123	232.99	

Computer Services	594.20	
Dispatching Services	3,623.00	
Electric	1,402.69	
Heating Oil	4,921.73	
Building Maintenance	852.02	
<b>Uniforms &amp; Protective Clothing</b>	3,136.59	
Dues	340.00	
Supplies	984.82	
Diesel Fuel	1,986.27	
Propane	275.00	
Vehicle Maintenance	3,691.84	
Equipment Maintenance	1,119.79	
Radio Maintenance	274.65	
Books & Periodicals	415.70	
New & Replacement Equipment	6,718.30	
Communication Equipment	1,801.43	
Fire Prevention	200.00	
T-4-1 Fine Demonstrate Francisco		(4.904.53
Total Fire Department Expenses		64,894.52
Fire Department Grant Article #15		9,000.00
Total Emergency Management		1,383.62
Airport		422.00
Town Maintenance:		
Douglas Glover - Salary	61,068.13	
Brett Hucksoll	47,482.93	
Wes Griffith	30,441.60	
James Keefe	181.50	
Retirement	9,931.09	
Total Town Maintenance		149,105.25
General Highway Department:		
Telephone	1,320.24	
Computer & Internet	854.40	
Electricity	2,629.81	
Heating Oil	3,207.05	
Building Maintenance	2,487.33	
_	1,868.00	
Equipment Rental Uniforms	3,286.88	
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Dues	20.00	
Supplies	2,208.51	
Office Supplies	110.54	
Shop Supplies	2,897.62	
Gasoline	144.01	
Propane	91.65	
Diesel Fuel	20,851.25	
Vehicle Maintenance	7,353.67	

Equipment Maintenance	8,191.92	
Radio Maintenance	691.63	
Street Maintenance Road Salt	200.00	
Road Oil	4,682.20 68,088.20	
Hot Top	30,747.72	
Crushed Gravel	2,433.89	
Street Signs	780.23	
New Equipment (Two Wing Assemblies)	18,316.17	
Total General Highway Department & Non-Laps		183,462.92
Highway Equip CRF		81,318.00
Bridge CRF		93,714.21
Total Street Lighting Expenses		8,596.25
Total Highway Block Grant Expenses		49,358.81
Total Solid Waste Disposal Expenses		43,688.00
Total Health & Hospitals Agencies Expenses		4,305.00
Total Welfare Expenses		4,884.08
Total Parks & Recreation Expenses		23,522.11
Library:		
Librarian - McGuigan	2,969.39	
Librarian - Weisenberger	3,674.00	
Telephone	351.25	
Computer	315.00	
Postage	92.00	
Books & Periodicals Miscellaneous Expanse	7,479.62 70.00	
Miscellaneous Expense		
Total Library Expenses		14,951.26
Patriotic:	4.50.00	
Lafayette Lions Parade	150.00	
Town Party Total Patriotic Expanses	858.77	1 009 77
Total Patriotic Expenses		1,008.77
Conservation Commission:		
Dues/Subscriptions	175.00	
Printing	95.25	
Culvert	345.00	
Total Conservation Commission Expenses		615.25
Long Term Notes -Principal	37,500.00	
Long Term Notes - Interest	30,164.56	

Total Long Term Notes		67,664.56
Temporary Loan (TAN) TAN Interest	350,000.00 1,066.76	
Total Temporary Loan		351,066.76
Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds: Meetinghouse Highway Department HE Fire Department HE Fire Department Building Police Department Bridgework Highway Building Crapo Building	5,000.00 50,000.00 50,000.00 10,000.00 12,000.00 50,000.00 5,000.00	
Total Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds		187,000.00
Transfers - Cemetery Trust Funds: Lots Purchased Total Transfers - Trust Funds	2,400.00	2,400.00
Total Taxes Paid - County		200,423.00
Total Taxes Paid - School District		1,285,397.00
Abatements		12,279.76
Property Tax Refunds		1,105.01
Total Taxes Bought by the Town		88,554.49
Total Detailed Expenses		\$3,540,802.23

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS
Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2010

PRINCIPAL

INCOME

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

Respectfully, David McPhaul Chairman, Trustee of the Trust Funds

Report of the Trust Funds - December 31, 2010 CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

# PRINCIPAL

INCOME

Chairman, Trustees of the Trust Funds Respectfully, David McPhaul

<sup>(1)</sup> Interest only may be used for lot care.
(2) Funds may be used at discretion of Cemetery Trustees.
(3) Funds may only be used for Sunnyside Maintenance.
All Funds Invested 100%
All Funds are deposited in PDIP.

LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS
Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2010

PRINCIPAL

INCOME

Grand Lotal of	Principal &	Income at	End of Year		\$2,003.41	2,068.35	1,195.75	82,311.71	\$87,579.22	
	Balance	End	Year		\$162.18	504.25	292.25	8,327.16	\$9,285.84	
	Expended	During	Year		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	
	Income	During	Year		\$3.75	3.99	3.19	172.05	\$182.98	
	Balance	Beginning	of Year		\$158.43	500.26	289.06	8,155.11	\$9,102.86	
	Balance	End	of Year		\$1,841.23	1,564.10	903.50	73,984.55	\$78.293.38	
			Withdrawals		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	
Gains or	(LOSSES)	Sale of	Securities		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	
	New	Funds	Created		0.00	0.00	0.00		\$0.00	
	Balance	Beginning	of Year		\$1,841.23	1,564.10	903.50	73,984.55	\$78.293.38	
			NAME OF TRUST	Gladvs Jesseman	Memorial Trust	Fredericka Harmes Fund	Alice Smith Fund	Richardson Memorial Trust	TOTAL LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS	
	Date	ō	Creation		10/9/1975	9/21/1973	11/5/1943	1/22/2001		

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

Respectfully, David McPhaul Chairman, Trustees of Trust Funds

### AUDITOR'S REPORT

This year the Selectmen asked me to once again work with the Administrative Assistant Jennifer Gaudette, the Town Clerk/Tax Collector Lissa Boissonneault and Deputy Tax Collector Elizabeth Andross who also handles the Trust Funds. It's a pleasure to report that because of the automation of all the town books we completed our audit by the end of January, well ahead of former years.

Ralph Brigida of North Country Financial Services did the final audit work and filing of State forms which was a great help and I want to thank him for his help.

As a result of our joint work we have been able to eliminate some forms and everything is much more streamlined. It's been a pleasure to help out and I wish to report that in this area the Town is in good and conscientious hands. Helping out keeps me off the streets while my sweet wife is zooming down Cannon Mountain

Respectfully submitted, William Pinney Volunteer Town Auditor

### **CEMETERY TRUSTEES' REPORT**

The year 2010 saw the continuation of projects the Trustees had approved. John Hanks of Littleton Monument continued the work of cleaning and repairing the older monuments in Sunnyside Cemetery. He is now in the oldest part of the cemetery and it takes more time and therefore more money to do this part. We will continue this project in 2011 until all of Sunnyside's older monuments are in good condition. We will then start work on Streeter Pond Cemetery. We also had new signs made for the Sunnyside Cemetery and they will go up in the spring.

We would like to once again thank Lloyd Card for his Department's outstanding maintenance of the grounds. Additional thanks to Doug Glover and his crew for the road maintenance and to Lorraine Hunt for remembering our Veterans with flags for Memorial Day.

Respectfully submitted, Beth Perlo, Chairman Nancy Aldrich Holly Hayward Meri Hern Kathleen Jablonski Cemetery Trustees

### SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Select board would like to thank those who work for the Town, whether as paid employees, in appointed or elected positions, or as volunteers. Our experienced and talented employees go out of their way to make it easy and pleasant for members of the community to complete their town business.

This year saw an increased use of both the Crapo Building and the Meetinghouse. We are fortunate to have two wonderful facilities for the community to utilize whether it's a wedding, funeral, dance, dinner, concert, or market. It seems that there is always something going on in Sugar Hill.

2010 began with a nearly two mile jam on the Gale River, flooding the Turtle Ridge Farm area of Streeter Pond Road. We had some tense hours until the river raised enough to lift the ice over the gravel bars to disperse the blockage (A bar in a river is an elevated region of sand or gravel that has been deposited by the flow). We are currently working with the NH Department of Environmental Services and the US Army Corp of Engineers to obtain the necessary permits to remove the bars this summer and eliminate this hazard.

Developing the town budget has become increasingly complex due to so many areas of cost fluctuation - particularly the cost of oil. We are increasing fuel expenses by 10% for all departments and buildings to prevent any shortfall. January and February of this year have been snowy months. The road crew has been working overtime and with some winter remaining we want to ensure that we have enough money to maintain the roads through next December.

In an effort to keep overall costs as close to 2010 as possible, we have eliminated the capital reserve requests for the Crapo Building and Meeting House for this year to make it possible for the Fire Department to replace a 27 year old pumper truck. Despite this warrant article request for \$100,000, the total budget for 2011 is \$262,000 - exactly the 2010 amount and only \$25,000 more than 2009. Increases in this year's taxes are primarily due to principal & interest payments on the Crapo Building (\$75k), increased money for road maintenance (up \$25k at 2010 Town Meeting vote) and an increase in legal expenses.

Legislation enacted in 2010 now requires us to maintain sidewalks on town roads, or have a plan to do so. After much consideration, we have decided to remove the sidewalk on Sunset Hill Road and replace it with a four foot wide asphalt apron. The present sidewalk is in poor condition, uneven, blocks have heaved or dropped and it is not wide enough for two people to walk abreast. Its replacement will make it possible to have a smooth, clear area for people to stroll or ride bikes that can be taken care of with equipment we already have. The Select board is committed to working with residents and business owners on the south side of Sunset Hill Road to create a walking area that is attractive and blends well with the natural landscape.

It would be remiss not to note here that it was possible to replace the Indian Brook "bridge" on Streeter Pond Road for just under \$100,000 versus the \$494,000 the state would have charged. Work was done and overseen by Doug Glover and the Road

Department and we applaud their results. The new bridge is a vast improvement over its predecessor and should serve the town well for generations.

This year the Town continues its membership in the Coalition Communities. It is important that we have a group voice in fighting the donor community status in regard to the State School Tax. We have also spent 2010 negotiating with Northern Community Investment Corporation on leasing property located at the Fire Station on Route 117 for a broadband tower. Lack of internet service is one of the major complaints that we hear at the office.

As many of you know, The Northern Pass, a partnership between Hydro Quebec and Northeast Utilities, is the name of a project of a direct current (DC) transmission line that will link Hydro Quebec's hydroelectric system with New England's electricity grid. Its 140 mile high voltage direct current power line would bisect the Connecticut River watershed, starting in Pittsburg and running south through Coos county, then depending on the route chosen, into Littleton or Bethlehem, Sugar Hill, Landaff or Easton, and beyond to Franklin. The towers for the new right-of-way, which could run through approximately 7 miles of Sugar Hill, would range from 95 to 135 feet in height and its width would vary between 125 to 400 feet. The Selectmen are opposed to this project as it is currently presented in that it will impact scenic views, property values, wildlife and natural resources in the town with no foreseeable benefit to our community. For more information about this project, please look online http://burynorthernpass.blogspot.com and http://northernpass.us or contact infonorthcountrypowerline@gmail.com to be added to their mailing list.

> Respectfully Submitted, Sugar Hill Select Board

### SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

This year John Colony was elected to complete the term of our beloved Chairman, Dr. John Rowbotham, who passed away the previous fall.

This year is an important year for the Supervisors as we are mandated by law (RSA 654:39) to complete a 10 year purge of the checklist. Our goal is to have this work done by the end of August 2011. With support from the Selectman, we will be mailing every registered voter in and out of town a new form.

### • IF,

- (A) You have voted in the last 5 years in Sugar Hill and
- (B) Your name is on the checklist as of January 31 and your residence, license # (or other photo ID), birth date, party or first and last name has **not** changed, you should complete the form and mail it back or drop it off with Lissa, the Town Clerk or Judy Weisenberger, the Librarian and Supervisor of the Checklist.

### • IF

Your residence, license # ( or other photo ID), birth date, party or first and last name has **changed**, **by law** you must present proof of the change to either the Town Clerk or a Supervisor of the Checklist. Every time you changed any of the above you need to verify change and complete a new form.

### IF

You have not voted in the past 5 years, you are automatically purged from the checklist and must bring proof of residence and a photo ID (or sign an affidavit under penalty of perjury) along with the form to the Town Clerk or Supervisor of the Checklist.

Respectfully submitted:
Judith Weisenberger
Starcy Branch
John Colony
Supervisors of the Checklist

### TOWN OF SUGAR HILL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

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

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, will be held at the Meetinghouse on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., to act on the following subjects:

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

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

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

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

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

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

An Overseer of Public Welfare to serve for a term of one (1) year

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

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

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

One Board of Cemetery Trustee 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, One Hundred Eighty Two Thousand, Six Hundred Nine Dollars (\$1,182,609) to defray Town charges.

Executive	\$45,850.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	
Payroll Taxes	25,000.00
Financial Administration	23,015.00
Property Revaluation	
Legal Expenses	
Planning Board	
Zoning Board of Adjustment	
Insurance	
General Government Buildings	
Buildings & Grounds	
Cemetery	5,000.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	
North Country Council	1,056.00
Chamber of Commerce	6,500.00
Police Department	
Fire Department	

Ambulance	3,960.00
Emergency Management	500.00
Airport	
Town Maintenance 17	
General Highway Department Expense	,
Highway Block Grant5	
Street Lighting	
Solid Waste Disposal	
Health, Hospitals	*
North Country Home Health1,613.00	
Grafton County Senior100.00	
American Red Cross289.00	
White Mountain Mental Health692.00	
Littleton Hospital525.00	
Ammonoosuc Community Health500.00	
Burch House300.00	
Welfare	6,000.00
Tri County Cap875.00	
Unemployment	100.00
Library	5,000.00
Parks and Recreation	8,331.00
North Country YMCA150.00	
Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00
Conservation Commission	750.00
Interest Expense-Tax Anticipation Notes	1,000.00
Long Term Notes	7,500.00
Interest Long Term Notes	0,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS\$1,18	2,609.00
The Selectmen recommend 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 and vote to name the Selectmen as agents of the Town to carry out the objectives designated by the Town in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend 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 Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976 and vote to name the Selectmen as agents of the Town to carry out the objectives designated by the Town in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 6:** 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 Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 7:** 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 Selectmen recommend 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 Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 2006.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

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

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to purchase 4,000' of 4" Hose for the Sugar Hill Fire Department with Nineteen Thousand Dollars (\$19,000.00) to come from a federal grant and the remaining One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to come from taxation.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to update as mandated every five years the Hazardous Mitigation Plan for the Town of Sugar Hill.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500) to have Cartographic Associates, Inc., complete Phase Two of the two part process to prepare Digital Parcel Maps for the Town of Sugar Hill.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and, on behalf of the Town, to enter into an agreement with Northern Community Investment Corporation to lease land owned by the Town located at 1141 Route 117 (Map 219 Lot 58), to this corporation for the purpose of erecting and maintaining a telecommunication facility at this site, for a period of up to 30 years. RSA 41:11-a, II, "requires town meeting ratification of any lease of town property for more than 1 year." The Selectmen recommend this Article.

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to support the following resolution: WHEREAS the Northern Pass Power Transmission Project as presently proposed would pass through the Town of Sugar Hill, and WHEREAS this project would blight the

landscape and devastate the values of properties within its transmission corridor and adversely impact fragile wildlife habitat and wetlands, and WHEREAS this project would make the area less attractive for outdoor recreational activities and tourism, now be it RESOLVED that the Town strongly opposes this project as presented, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to: our Governor, State and National Senators and Representatives and to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission. The Selectmen are authorized and urged to attend, in person or by designee, the proceedings of the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Committee or other relevant regulatory bodies to oppose this project on behalf of the Town.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the optional elected position of Overseer of Public Welfare per RSA 669:17-b. Said elected position will be terminated effective March 13, 2012.

The Selectmen recommend this Article

**ARTICLE 16:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 21st day of February, Two Thousand and Eleven.

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

#### **RETURN OF POSTING**

We hereby attest that the within Warrant is a true copy of the Warrant for the Town Meeting described therein, and further certify that we have caused to be posted an attested copy of this Warrant at the place of the Meeting and a like copy in one other public place in the Town of Sugar Hill, namely the Sugar Hill Post Office fourteen (14) days before the day of the Meeting on Tuesday, March 08, 2011, not counting the day of posting or the day of the Meeting.

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

This Warrant and Return of Posting has been duly recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, this 21st day of February, 2011.

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

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 2010	Actual 2010	Estimated 2011
Taxes:	2010	2010	2011
Yield Taxes	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,159.00	\$ 2,500.00
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	13,000.00	23,136.00	5,000.00
Land Use Change Tax	8,800.00	0.00	5,000.00
Intergovernmental Revenues - State:			
Highway Block Grant	49,539.00	49,359.00	54,952.00
Rooms & Meals	28,763.00	28,763.00	20,000.00
State Grants	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Licenses and Permits:			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	120,000.00	130,136.00	120,000.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	1,000.00	1,253.00	0.00
Building Permits	500.00	1,799.00	500.00
Business Licenses & Permits	1,000.00	180.00	1,000.00
From Federal Government:	8,550.00	8,550.00	19,000.00
Charges For Services:			
Income from Departments	5,000.00	7,254.00	5,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue:			
Interest on Deposits	200.00	525.00	500.00
Sale of Municipal Property	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Refunds & Insurance:			
Reimbursements	5,500.00	6,892.00	5,870.00
Interfund Operating Transfers In:			
Withdrawals - CRF	0.00	1,262.00	0.00
Other Financing Sources: Fund Balance ("Surplus")	65,428.00	65,428.00	0.00
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Total Revenues and Credits	<u>\$323,280.00</u>	<u>\$340,696.00</u>	<u>\$244,322.00</u>

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

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	Appropriation 2010	Actual 2010	Estimated 2011
General Government:			
Executive	\$ 59,700.00	\$ 54,570.00	\$ 45,850.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	17,840.00	18,173.00	18,855.00
Financial Administration	26,445.00	22,132.00	23,015.00
Revaluation of Property	15,000.00	14,199.00	15,000.00
Personnel Administration	29,335.00	22,612.00	25,000.00
Legal Expenses	10,000.00	19,698.00	15,000.00
General Government and			
Building and Grounds	91,950.00	89,671.00	77,326.00
Cemeteries	7,500.00	4,054.00	5,000.00
Planning & Zoning	3,800.00	3,321.00	3,650.00
Insurance	164,177.00	164,349.00	166,033.00
Advertising & Regional Association	7,500.00	7,432.00	7,556.00
Unemployment Compensation	100.00	0.00	100.00
Public Safety:			
Police Department	159,621.00	158,776.00	165,313.00
Fire Department	78,250.00	73,894.00	68,500.00
Ambulance	3,885.00	3,930.00	3,960.00
Emergency Management	5,500.00	1,384.00	500.00
Emergency Management	2,200.00	1,501.00	200.00
Airport:			
Airport Operations	422.00	422.00	423.00
Highways, Streets and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance	166,303.00	149,105.00	175,859.00
General Highway	207,898.00	183,463.00	133,377.00
Highway Block Grant	49,374.00	49,359.00	54,952.00
Street Lighting	8,500.00	8,596.00	8,800.00
Survey Eighning	<b>0,2</b> 0 0.0 0	0,270.00	2,200.00
Sanitation:			
Solid Waste Disposal	43,688.00	43,688.00	44,940.00
Health:			
Health and Hospitals	4,305.00	4,305.00	4,019.00
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Welfare:			
Assistance	6,000.00	4,884.00	6,000.00
Culture and Recreation:			
Library	15,000.00	14,951.00	15,000.00
Parks and Recreation and YMCA	26,945.00	23,522.00	28,331.00
Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00	1,009.00	1,000.00
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Conservation: Conservation Commission	750.00	615.00	750.00
Debt Service:			
Principal Long Term Bonds	37,500.00	37,500.00	37,500.00
Interest Long Term Bonds	31,172.00	30,165.00	30,000.00
Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	1,000.00	1,067.00	1,000.00
Capital Outlay:			
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	0.00	502.00	0.00
Improvements other than Buildings	0.00	760.00	0.00
Grand Total	\$ <u>1,280,460.00</u>	\$ <u>1,212,108.00</u>	\$ <u>1,182,609.00</u>
Special Warrant Articles Recommende	ed		262,000.00
Individual Warrant Articles Recomme			37,500.00
Total Appropriations Recommended			\$1,482,109.00
Less Estimated Revenues and Credits			244,322.00
Amount Of Taxes To Be Raised (Exclusive of School and County Taxes)			\$1,237,787.00

# COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

(Year Ending December 31, 2010)

	Annranriation	ı Actual	Unexpended
	Appropriation 2010	2010	or Overdrafts
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Executive	\$ 47,200.00	\$42,069.95	\$ 5,130.05
Election, Registration and Vital Statistics	17,840.00	18,173.31	(333.31)
Financial Administration	26,445.00	22,132.09	4,312.91
Revaluation of Property	15,000.00	14,199.45	800.55
Payroll Taxes	29,335.00	22,611.50	6,723.50
Legal Expenses	10,000.00	19,697.59	(9,697.59)
Government Buildings	41,250.00	41,145.65	104.35
Buildings and Grounds	39,700.00	39,225.62	474.38
Cemeteries	7,500.00	4,053.56	3,446.44
Planning Board	2,500.00	2,852.76	(352.76)
Zoning Board	1,300.00	468.31	831.69
Insurance	164,177.00	164,348.64	(171.64)
Advertising and Regional Association	7,500.00	7,432.17	67.83
Police Department	159,621.00	158,776.24	844.76
Fire Department	65,050.00	64,894.52	155.48
Ambulance	3,885.00	3,930.00	(45.00)
Emergency Management	500.00	1,383.62	(883.62)
Town Maintenance	166,303.00	149,105.25	17,197.75
General Highway	132,898.00	128,462.92	4,435.08
Highway Block	49,374.00	49,358.81	15.19
Street Lighting	8,500.00	8,596.25	(96.25)
Solid Waste Disposal	43,688.00	43,688.00	0.00
Health and Hospitals	4,305.00	4,305.00	0.00
Welfare	6,000.00	4,884.08	1,115.92
Unemployment	100.00	0.00	100.00
Library	15,000.00	14,951.26	48.74
Parks & Recreation	26,945.00	23,522.11	3,422.89
Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00	1,008.77	(8.77)
Conservation Commission	750.00	615.25	134.75
Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	1,000.00	1,066.76	(66.76)
Long Term Notes & Interest	68,672.00	67,664.56	1,007.44
Long Term Proces & Interest			1,007.44
	\$ <u>1,163,338.00</u>	\$ <u>1,124,624.00</u>	\$38,714.00
Special Warrant Articles	262,000.00	242,000.00	20,000.00*
Individual Warrant Articles	42,122.00	31,222.00	10,900.00
Grand Total	\$1,467,460.00	\$1,397,846.00	\$69,614.00
*Non Lapsing Fund Balance	, , , , , , , , , , , ,	. , ,- , <del>-</del>	, ,

#### PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

In 2010 the District continued its cooperative efforts to promote waste reduction, increase recycling, and to provide residents with a means of properly disposing of their household hazardous waste (HHW). The District's 2010 HHW collections were very successful. Two collections were held, one in Littleton and the other in Plymouth. Over 250 vehicles were tallied at the two events, an increase of over 30% from 2009. In addition to the waste brought by residents, a number of communities were able to dispose of waste that had been collected at their facilities over the past year. Total costs for the program were \$26,756. The District was awarded a grant from the State of NH for \$5,230 and received \$768 from non-residents and small businesses to cover their participation costs. This brought the net expenditure for the two collections to \$20,758 (a cost of \$.67 per resident). A table highlighting HHW collection data since 2006 is below.

In 2011, the District will once again hold collections in Littleton and Plymouth. Dates are tentatively set for Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> in Littleton and Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup> in Plymouth. The District takes great effort to provide these collection programs in a cost effective means, but the reality is that they are very expensive to hold (over 80% of our 2011 budget is targeted for HHW expenditures). At the same time, the State of NH's HHW grant program is under increasing funding pressure and there is no guarantee grants funds will be available in this or future years. Individual residents can help keep our disposal costs down, save themselves a few dollars, and reduce the toxicity of the environment by remembering a few of these helpful tips; Buy only what you need. If you have leftover product, properly store it so it will last. Use biological controls and organic products for pests and diseases in the garden when feasible. Apply chemical pesticides only as a last resort and be sure to follow the directions on the label. Lastly, air-dry your leftover latex paint. When completely dried, latex paint maybe disposed of in your household trash.

It cannot be stated enough how fortunate the District is to have some of the best recycling programs in the State along with some of the most knowledgeable and innovative facility operators and committee members. If at any time an individual community needs assistance in regards to their solid waste/recycling program, please contact the District at 838-6822 or by email at <a href="mailto:dwoods@ncia.net">dwoods@ncia.net</a>. If towns need financial assistance for making improvements to their recycling program they should contact NH the Beautiful. NH the Beautiful offers grant opportunities to NH communities to help with the purchase of recycling equipment. Grants may total up to one-half of the purchase price on such things as balers, roll-off containers, collections bins, or other equipment that will assist a town in achieving a higher diversion rate. More information on the grant program is available at www.nhthebeautiful.org.

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.

Respectively submitted, Robert Berti, Chairman Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District

### TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION

Market prices for recyclables have shown a slow but steady increase from late 2009 through most of 2010. This has contributed to an increase in revenue, and should continue throughout 2011. The recycling included:

Newspaper-- 56.8 tons Cardboard -- 74.1 tons Mixed paper-- 34.1 Aluminum -- 3.9 tons Tin -- 6.3 tons #1 Plastic -- 3.4 tons #2 Plastic -- 6.8 tons Scrap Metal -- 22 tons Glass -- 75 tons Textiles -- 9 tons Electronics -- 12 tons

The staff of the Transfer Station would like to thank the residents of the Tri-Town area for their cooperation and recycling efforts

Respectfully submitted, Greg Wells, Manager Tri-Town Transfer Station

#### SUGAR HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Sugar Hill Police Department has had another good year. The Department has added two new part-time Officers; Gregary Bryar and Erik Vaun Hefflyunn. Both Officers will be working part-time for the Town of Sugar Hill, and will be attending the full-time Police Academy. The Town is responsible for the cost to outfit the Officers, i.e. uniform and "duty gear", and for the hours they work in Town. There is no cost to the Town for the Officers to attend the Police Academy. Since both Officers have agreed to attend the Police Academy without pay, they will receive the benefit of obtaining a full-time police certification and we will have the benefit of having certified Officers. For those of you who have not yet had the pleasure of meeting the newest additions to our Police Department, I hope you will have the opportunity to meet them soon.

Again this year we would like to thank the Sugar Hill Fire Department as well as the Sugar Hill Highway Department, both of whom not only work very hard, putting in long hours to provide excellent services to the community but also go out of their way to assist the Police Department whenever we need them.

In closing Sgt. Ball and I would like to once again let you know how much we truly appreciate having the privilege to work for such an outstanding community. We sincerely appreciate the continued support we receive for the work that we do.

Respectfully submitted, Chief David D. Wentworth

### **Calls For Service**

	2009	2010
Arrests	16	5
911 Hang Up	15	14
Abandoned MV	1	3
Alarm, Burglar	65	51
All Spots Inquiries	30	23
Assault	2	0
Assist Citizen	16	12
Assist Other Agency	6	5
Building Check	8	3
Burglary	2	2
Child Abuse	0	0
Civil Stand-By	6	5
Directions	$\overset{\circ}{0}$	1
Disabled MV/Lock Out	24	19
Disturbance/Fight/Brawl	7	3
Dog Complaint	44	44
Domestic Disturbance	7	5
	39	35
Follow Up Investigations	0	33
Intoxicated Person (Not DWI) Juvenile Offenses		
	0	0
Lost/Found Property	2	5
Missing Person	2	0
Motor Vehicle Complaint	16	10
Motor Vehicle Crash	17	20
Motor Vehicle Stop	537	204
Noise Complaint	2	0
Paperwork Service	10	8
Police Admin	158	170
Road Hazard/Wire or Tree Down	23	37
Shots Fired	4	2
Suicidal Person	2	0
Suspicious Person	1	1
Suspicious Vehicle	21	10
Telephone Harassment	2	4
Theft/Fraud	9	5
Threats	5	0
Traffic Detail	1	3
Trespass	5	5
Unknown/Other	17	51
Vandalism	5	4
VIN Verification	10	3
Wanted Person	5	5
Welfare Check	9_	9_
TOTAL	1151	789

#### SUGAR HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

During 2010 your Fire Department continued to be very active in training and with emergency calls. Our calls dropped during 2009, but increased to 62 in 2010 which is more consistent with the recent past. Fortunately, there were no serious structure fires.

Your Fire Department is well equipped, adequately staffed and highly trained. The Department has added 2 firefighters this year and lost 3 firefighters; two to retirement and one to leaving the area. The Department has 22 dedicated firefighters who are well trained and active.

The firefighters are your neighbors who give freely of their time and make significant sacrifices for a small stipend that often does not cover the expenses associated with serving the Town. Although the firefighters are part-time, they are committed to providing the Town with the coverage and the services usually found only in full time Departments.

We continue our extensive training a minimum of two times per month. We continued to concentrate on the basics. The skill level of your firefighters is very high for a community our size. This year, 16 of the firefighters were involved in Emergency Vehicle Driving Training taught by the State Fire Academy.

The training consisted of 8 hours of classroom, 8 hours of practical driving skills and an additional 10 hours of driving time. Many of you have seen the trucks on the road a lot this fall while the Firefighters were getting their driving time. This was excellent training for a most important skill.

We also had 5 firefighters take a 55 hour emergency medical course to increase the capabilities of the firefighters to handle medical emergencies. Your Department is recognized as one of the best equipped, trained, and professional Fire Departments in the region.

Due to a variety of reasons we were not able to install dry hydrants on Toad Hill Road, Hadley Road, and Streeter Pond Road. The wetland permits are in process for that work and the materials needed have been purchased. At Town meeting the Town approved the warrant article to dredge the pond at the church on Birches Road and install a dry hydrant. Unfortunately, the owner of the pond was not able to grant the Town an easement for the work and accordingly no work was done as without the easement it would result in the expenditure of Town funds on private property.

As was discussed last year, we are facing the need to replace one of our fire engines this year. There is never a good time to have a major expenditure and certainly this is true in the current economy. The Town has been wise and has been setting funds aside in a reserve for the eventual replacement of the fire apparatus. Last year, the Town set aside \$50,000 and we now have approximately \$155,000 set aside. We would normally raise another \$50,000, but this year we are requesting \$100,000 be placed in the reserve so that we have sufficient funds to replace Engine 3.

That will result in reserves of approximately \$255,000 which we believe is sufficient to purchase a new truck. There are several reasons why it is important to set aside \$100,000 this year. First, due to the economy, Fire Trucks are not being purchased and pricing is down, but as the economy recovers, prices will go up. Second, federally mandated less polluting diesel engines that are now required add \$20,000 to \$30,000 to the cost of a fire

truck. There are still "old" diesel engines in inventory that can be utilized, however the inventory is not likely to last much longer. Third, Engine 3 is now 27 years old, has ongoing brake and pump issues and parts are getting hard to find.

Engine 3 has served the Town well for many years, but it does not even come close to meeting current standards or the needs of the Department. The reliability is lacking and safety is a concern. Our Engine 1 has a body and pump that is in excess of 34 years old on a chassis that is 13 years old. In order to provide adequate protection to the Town a new fire truck is needed.

We have continually applied for grant money to replace one of our trucks with no success. Receiving another grant for a truck is not likely, because we received a grant for one fire truck already and the funds are becoming less and less available.

Through the program of improving our equipment, increasing our training and developing good water supplies, we continue to work to lower the insurance protection class for the Town. We are confident that we will lower the insurance protection class and as a result your property insurance cost.

The Fire Department responded to the following:

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>2010</b>	2009	2008	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	2005
Brush/Grass Fires	0	1	0	1	0	0
Chimney Fires	0	1	2	1	1	2
Dumpsters	0	0	0	1	0	0
Fire Alarm Activations	12	10	17	10	9	9
Furnace Problems	1	1	2	3	0	0
Hazardous Conditions	12	2	15	10	13	15
Hazardous Materials	2	0	0	5	0	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	7	5	5	9	7	8
Mutual Aid – Cover	9	2	4	8	7	3
Mutual Aid – Scene	9	11	30	6	14	11
Rescues	1	2	0	1	1	1
Service Calls	2	0	5	1	3	2
Smoke Investigations	5	2	4	5	2	0
Structure Fires	1	2	0	8	1	4
Vehicle Fires	0	1	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	62	40	85	69	58	56

As of December 31, 2010 the Fire Department's active roster consisted of twenty-two of your neighbors who are as follows:

	Chief Allan R. Clark	
Asst. Chief Doug Glover		Asst. Chief Doug Amsbary
Captain Gordi Johnk	Lieutenant Jim Snyder	Lieutenant Cliff Aldrich
Engineer Peter Szawlowski	<b>Engineer Brinson Ireland</b>	Engineer Ned Wilson
Eric Chase	Richard Christofferson	Bruce Cole
Amy Cyrs	Russell Gaitskill	Jody Hodgdon
Andrew Howe	Sam Johnk	Zach Johnk
Dan Kenerson	Jason Kern	Luther Kinney
	Tim Leighton	

We enjoyed holding an open house where many of the residents of the Town stopped by and spent a little time looking at our equipment and chatting with the firefighters. We

sincerely appreciate all of the kind words that those who stopped by had for the firefighters.

We were proud to be able to send off our past Chief, Bert Aldrich in a fitting manner. Bert was an important part of the Department for many years, and as evident at the funeral service well liked by many. His brother, Harold Aldrich retired this year from the Department after 60 years of service to the Town and Barry Bernstein retired after serving for many years.

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

Respectfully submitted, Allan R. Clark Fire Chief

#### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

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.

It seems that every year there is a major incident due to natural causes that has a significant detrimental effect on the Town. In prior years we have had significant wind storms, ice storms and torrential rain storms. Last year, we had the ice dam issue on the Gale River and this year we had the significant flooding on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

We have worked hard to identify the hazards the community can face and developed a plan and the infrastructure necessary to mitigate those hazards. The largest natural disaster threat that we face in Sugar Hill is the loss of power for an extended period of time. A plan was developed to address this hazard which has been fully implemented and was detailed in last year's report. In case of an extended power outage, the Crapo Building will be established as a staffed emergency warming center, which will be capable of providing a warm environment and limited meals. The Crapo Building can also be utilized as an emergency shelter with cots for overnight accommodations, if the need arises. A group of volunteers have been identified who are willing to assist in staffing the Crapo Building during an emergency.

Since we have identified and mitigated the Town's greatest natural disaster hazard we are in the process of updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Emergency Operations Plan. We have received a grant in the amount of \$5,000 to accomplish this task. Once the Hazard Mitigation Plan is updated it will identify the natural hazards and what can be done to mitigate the hazards. Federal funding in the past has been available to assist with the mitigation.

Should you have a generator at your home be certain that it is properly connected to the house wiring and that the generator is located outside in a well ventilated area. It is of critical importance to have a carbon monoxide detector in your home.

During the past year's flood we observed many people not paying attention to the signage that closed roads. In Sugar Hill we do not close roads unless they are a significant hazard. During flooding portions of roads can erode away such as Crane Hill Road and you cannot tell looking at the surface of the water. We do not want you or our emergency personnel placed at risk because someone disregards road closings. Please honor road closings for the safety of all.

Please do not hesitate to contact your emergency services by calling 823-8123 should you require any assistance. It does not need to be a true emergency. The Fire Department, Highway Department and the Police Department are willing to help the citizens and visitors to Sugar Hill during a time of need.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan R. Clark Emergency Management Director

#### FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

The Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. Under State law a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste at all times. Outdoor burning is only allowed after 5 p.m. and must be out the following morning by 9 a.m. unless it is raining.

Permits are obtained from the Warden or his Deputies. Prior to any outdoor burning, regardless of time of year, our dispatch should be called at 823-8123 to advise them that you will be burning. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfl.org

Sugar Hill burn permits can be obtained utilizing our web site at <a href="www.sugarhill.com">www.sugarhill.com</a> and going to the permit section and following the directions. The Warden will either issue the permit or deny the permit by email. Permits may be denied due to weather conditions or what is intended to be burnt.

This past fire season had a slightly lower number of fires statewide, as well as lower number of acres burned than the 5 year average. What made this fire season somewhat unusual was that it lasted most of the summer. New Hampshire typically has a fairly active spring fire season and then the summer rains tend to dampen fire activity later in the season. This year virtually all areas of the State had fires throughout the summer due to the periodic dry spells throughout the season.

As has been the case over the last few years, State budget constraints have limited the staffing of our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers to Class III or higher fire danger days. Despite the reduction in the number of days staffed, our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting was supplemented by contracted aircraft and the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high.

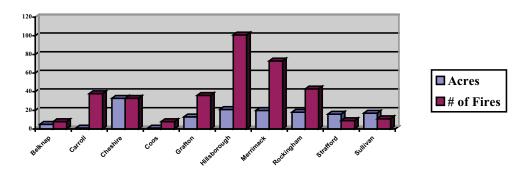
The largest fire for the season was a 10.3 acre fire in Charlestown. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2010 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at <a href="https://www.firewise.org">www.firewise.org</a>. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

#### **2010 FIRE STATISTICS**

(All fires reported as of November 2010)

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

COUNTY STATISTICS			
County	Acres	# of Fires	
Belknap	5	8	
Carroll	1	38	
Cheshire	33	33	
Coos	1	8	
Grafton	13	36	
Hillsborough	21	101	
Merrimack	20	73	
Rockingham	18	43	
Strafford	16	9	
Sullivan	17	11	



CAUSES O	F FIRES REPORTED	Total	Fires	<b>Total Acres</b>
Arson	3	2010	360	145
Debris	146	2009	334	173
Campfire	35	2008	455	175
Children	13	2007	437	212
Smoking	13	2006	500	473
Railroad	0			
Equipment	18			
Lightning	4			
Misc.*	128 (*Misc.: power lines, fire	eworks, electric fo	ences, etc.)	

State Forest Ranger Brad Simpkins		District Forest Ranger Steven Sherman
271-2214		788-4157
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Allan R. Clark	Douglas Glover	Jim Snyder
Warden	Deputy Warden	Deputy Warden
823-5748	823-7007	823-7704
376-4579 (Pager)	823-8788 (Work)	

# FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD 2010 Annual Report

The Life Squad membership is recruited from the towns of Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton. Each member is dedicated to providing the highest quality emergency care to the communities we serve.

All members are Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technicians. They are continually training and improving their skills. Each member must have a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education each year plus every two years must take a 24 hour refresher course and an extensive practical exam.

Currently, six (6) of our members are certified to provide advanced Life Support, three (3) of which are nationally registered paramedics. The Franconia Life Squad at years' end had sixteen (16) active members and a paramedic advisor, for a total of seventeen (17) members. A membership well prepared to assist our citizens and visitors to our area with quality emergency medical care.

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

Active members of the Franconia Life Squad at year end were:

#### Chief Paul Schmucker – EMT-B

Asst. Chief Steve Czarneck	i – EMT-P	Capt. Bill Mead – EMT-P
Ned Wilson – EMT-B	Mark Taylor – EMT-B	Bill Blackwell – EMT-I
Flo Place – EMT-I	Allan Clark – EMT-B	Pam Oakman – EMT-B
John Ireland – EMT-B	Zach Mangione – EMT-B	Linda Mordhorst – EMT-B
Jon Place – EMT-B	Gareth Slattery – EMT-B	Luke Harvey – EMT-I
Susan Simpson – First Responde	er	Jeff Stewart – EMT-P

The number of calls that the Life Squad responded to in 2010 decreased from 197 to 187 a decrease of five (5) percent. The number of transports to hospital decreased in 2010 from 92 to 87, a decrease of five (5) percent.

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	Calls	<b>Transports</b>	Calls	<b>Transports</b>	Calls	<b>Transports</b>
Total	187	87	197	92	151	62

In 2010, the operating expenses were \$48,688 and income obtained from patient billing and Sugar Hill and Easton subsidies totaled \$44,626 with the net cost for the operation of the Franconia Life Squad to the Town of Franconia being \$4,062.

The new ambulance that was put into service in 2008 is currently operating at the Advanced Life Support paramedic level.

Again, I sincerely thank the townspeople for their continued support. And I especially thank the members of the Life Squad for their countless hours of dedication, to serving others, in their community.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Schmucker - Chief Franconia Life Squad

#### ROSS AMBULANCE SERVICE

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Town of Sugar Hill in 2010. Ross Ambulance Service answered 1167 calls for service in 2010, 952 of which were emergency requests. Of the 952 emergencies 19 were in Sugar Hill. Our average response time in Sugar Hill from dispatch to responding was 1 minute. We responded to all emergencies with providers trained at the ALS (Advanced Life Support) level. Through our mutual aid agreements we responded to assist other ambulance services 55 times and received assistance 3 times. We also transferred 160 patients from Littleton Regional Hospital other hospitals or healthcare facilities.

In addition to responding for people who require transport to the hospital we standby for firefighters at major fires and assist people in their homes when called. We also provided a stand-by ambulance for the Littleton Crusaders football team home games.

Ross Ambulance Service also serves as a ride site for EMT & Paramedic students as well as provides job shadowing opportunities for students at the Hugh J. Gallen Vocational Center, allied health program.

Respectfully submitted, Adam Smith

#### ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

2010 has been a good year for the department to make great strides in bringing the Town road system up to a point that makes road travel safe for all. We were able to complete the Indian Creek Bridge this past summer in short order and without a lot of inconvenience to the residents of Streeter Pond Road. Working with Michie Corporation of Henniker who built the precast bridge and Dodge Contracting of Littleton who helped us put in the bridge and completed the earthwork with their skill and bigger equipment the project went as planned and on time and budget. Some of the other projects we were able to complete included the shimming of all of Toad Hill Road, and partial shimming on Easton Road, Crane Hill Road and Streeter Pond Road. A small section of Streeter Pond Road was repaired with hot mix near the intersection of Valley Vista. Ditch work and shimming was completed on Hadley Road.

In October the Town suffered minor losses in the hard rains that came. Grandview Road had some washouts in the hill due to the inability to turn the water out of the road. We have lined the ditchline with erosion stone in hopes that this will slow the water down and keep it in the ditch. The Highway Department has taken delivery of its new truck equipped with a side wing and new innovative sander body. This truck allows us to clear the road to full width and sand all in one cycle around. This has cut man hours and wear and tear on equipment by this unit being much more productive with its time. As always I would also like to thank the Fire Department and all its members as well as our Police Department for all their help in weather related emergencies that we had in 2010. I would also like to thank the Selectmen and office staff for all their help and support this past year.

Respectfully submitted, Douglas Glover, Road Agent

#### PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board saw the following activity for 2009:

Major Subdivision: 1Lot Line Adjustment: 4

The Planning Board saw an increase in the number of Lot Line Adjustments and a decrease in Major Subdivision this past year. Overall the Board brought in approximately \$2400.00 in fees this past year.

With the Subdivision Regulations updated and approved the Board moved on to reviewing the Site Plan Regulations and is currently in the process of making revisions which will be completed in the Spring of 2010.

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

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

Respectfully submitted, Amy Venezia, Secretary

#### RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

This has been a year of transition for our library as Sharyn McGuigan retired after 11 years of loving, dedicated service.

The Town owes Sharyn a large dose of gratitude for many reasons but foremost for creating our "feels-like-family" atmosphere so many patrons enjoy. In 10 years Sharyn increased the number of patron visits from 768 to 2503, adult books loaned from 1108 to 2403, Inter Library Loans from 50 to over 400 and children's books loaned from 167 to 701. For 10 years Sharyn accomplished these amazing increases on a budget that increased from \$ 13,000 to \$ 15,000. All this and more Sharyn quietly and humbly accomplished for us by combining 11 hours of paid service with hundreds of hours of community service, many of them done at her home. We wish Sharyn joy and peace in her retirement and hope many of her former patrons, young and old, will drop her a note in Franconia now and again.

It will be my responsibility to merge Sharyn's legacy with a modernization of operations and an expansion of services using increased community involvement. In spite of increased cost, replacement needs of an aging collection and growing patron needs, we will maintain Sharyn's budget of the past five years at \$ 15,000. We hope to be able to accomplish this by establishing a Friends of the Library group, fundraising, grants, book sales, program charges, revitalizing the "Late Jar", and donations of money and newer materials.

Thanks to all who supported the June Book Sale that raised \$1000. The money helped support purchases from the Junior Library Guild, and for the entire 2010 Great Stone Face and Ladybug Awards programs, and other children's projects.

Last summer we collaborated with the Historical Museum and the 4-H to run a wildly successful week-long Quilting Camp. The entire week ran on volunteer power with materials supplied by 4-H, the Library and the Museum. Thanks also to the Museum for funding our 4<sup>th</sup> of July activity with the littlest quilters.

Recently we joined the State Library's Consortium. This means any patron will be able to download for free both audio books and e-books. You'll need a code number from the library, free software for your computer and a visit to **nh.lib.overdrive.com** to select your titles. Patrons are finding this is great for traveling or long waits at the doctors.

We are looking for help in building our own web page but in the meantime patrons can send e-mail to <a href="mailto:rmlibrary@sugarhillnh.org">rmlibrary@sugarhillnh.org</a> with questions or book requests and visit the Town's web site to check on closings and special events.

WI-FI is available and is accessible inside and outside the building. Patrons also have access to two computers and a printer.

Thanks for all the new and slightly used books that some of you have donated. We have also received some wonderful older books that will be added to our very aging non-fiction section that is undergoing an aggressive weeding. New books or gift certificates given in memory or celebration of a loved one are welcomed additions. And thanks to

those who remember once in a while to contribute to the "conscience jar" when overly late. All these donations will help keep our budget low.

New to the collection includes a small choice of movies for all ages, a larger selection of inspirational romance, paperbacks of notable books, read-alongs for the pre-k and primary crowd, a few toys, puzzles, & educational games, more current books for the 5th-8th graders and a few computer tutorials for those in need. We also have a donated array of newer magazines and newspapers.

A huge shout out to all the volunteers who kept the library open in November when I took a planned leave. We stayed on budget and patrons still had access to their library thanks to those generous patrons that exemplify the meaning of community service. Finally, a personal thank you to all the librarians at Abbie Greenleaf in Franconia for your endless support.

Our goals for the coming year:

1. **SURVEY:** Conduct a town wide survey to assess citizen's needs and priorities.

#### 2. Our Collection:

Develop one reliable online data base. For \$25.00 (vs. \$10,000) we are currently installing our collection at www.librarything.com. Join for free then you can find us under MEMBERS at richardsonmemorial.

Develop strategies for increasing and replacing outdated collections in consultation with experts. This year we'll focus on the Juvenile section to replace most books that are 20 - 50 years old.

Continue to buy the latest books driven by patrons' preferences.

- 3. Inter Library Loan: Increase its use to compensate for a reduced materials budget.
- 4. **Community Support:** Support the development of a 30+ members *Friends of the Library* group. Please consider joining. Any amount of time, even 15 minutes here and there will help.
- 5. **Technology:** Develop short and long term goals based on an analysis of need and input from patrons. Develop a web page. Upgrade the printer.
- 6. **Redesign:** Form a small working group to redesign the children's corner then raise money to complete it. Consult with State Library consultants on Use of Space issues.
- 7. **Programming:** Schedule a pre-K reading time for this expanding age group. After consulting with parents, recreation committee and school determine if there is time, support or a need to offer programming to school-age students.
- 8. **Collaboration:** Continue the successful collaborations with the Historical Museum and 4-H. Develop connections with other North Country libraries. Work with State Library consultant on assessment and repair of aging books.
- 9. **Outreach:** Continue to find ways to support patrons who are house bound or in need of specialized services.

<u>Library Trustees</u> Irene Amsbary Elaine Burpee Rose Ellms

> Respectfully submitted, Judith Weiseinberger Librarian

#### CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

Your Conservation Commission continues to assist taxpayers with construction and development projects, and helps them work within established town and state environmental guidelines. These guidelines increase property values by ensuring a healthy and scenic environment and protecting the natural resources of our community. Compliance with the New Hampshire Comprehensive Shorelands Protection Act (CSPA) has been an issue for some taxpayers in the Town this year, especially on Streeter Pond. To improve understanding of the CSPA, we mailed a letter this spring highlighting some parts of the CSPA relevant to our Town. We also mailed a state brochure summarizing the CSPA to all owners of shoreland property. We endeavored to alert shoreland owners individually of possible problems they might have with state regulations.

We review applications for construction which might affect wetlands in any area of the Town. We do not grant permits or enforce regulations but are happy to make suggestions to expedite the review process and reduce costs if we are contacted early in the planning process. This year we had several projects aimed at improving the recreational use of natural lands in the Town: we maintained and improved the Cushing Bridge Trail; this trail now provides a pleasant stroll or bike ride along the quiet wooded banks of the Gale River. We provided partial funding for a parking lot to allow improved access to the Foss Forest recreation area. We assumed responsibility for the Crapo Forest area behind the Town Hall, which was recently acquired by the Town, and assessed the recreational and revenue potential of that land. We also continued to clean trash from a section of Route 117 from the Town line to Sunset Hill Road twice a year.

We work on long range conservation issues for the Town and the Town Master Plan: we have held meetings with the Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust, have sent representatives to meetings in the State, and have explored ways in which the Graphic Information Systems data which we have for all lands within the Town might be used by the Planning Board and other Town officers. At the end of the year we discussed the impact of the proposed Northern Pass power line through the Town and considered how best to assist the Town in further study of this major project.

The Conservation Commission has limited funds available for grants to individuals or groups proposing projects that would benefit the Town as a whole. Applications are available in the Town Office and we encourage informal discussions with the Conservation Commission before application. We meet the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Town Building; all are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted, Katherine Galligan Peter Carbonneau Co-Chairs, Conservation Commission

#### THE WILLING WORKERS SOCIETY

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

Last year there were no applicants for the annual scholarship so this year an exception was made to our bylaws and two awards given. Cory Snyder and Vincent Hansalik, Profile Seniors were this year's recipients. Both seniors had high grades and extensive community service.

To conserve the heat in the Meeting House we did not meet in January and February. Regular luncheons and business meetings will resume in March at noon on the first Thursday of the month.

Nicki Richey a devoted member retired in March and has since moved to Concord with her husband Charles. She will be missed.

We are waiting for the SHIA playground committee to update the Crapo playground plan so that we can make a donation in memory of long time member Dorothy MacEwan.

When Sharyn McGuigan retired from the library the Willing Workers were there to provide refreshments for the festivities.

Thank you to George Hartman for taking care of the Meetinghouse flower boxes in memory of Edna Glaessel.

A big thank you to all members and townspeople for donations of food, work and items for the July and November sales. A special thank you to Carol Young for calling and soliciting items, Kitty Bigelow for printing posters and Brenda Aldrich for getting the word out about the sales. Without the additional help from volunteers who carry all the items up and down the stairs and set up the tables we would not be able to have our twice yearly sales. We thank them.

We donated and served food after the memorial service for Mark Young and in October we served food after the memorial service for Albert "Bert" Aldrich. Thanks to all the helpers and long time friends and business associates that contributed food that was enjoyed by so many.

In February Sylvia Hutchinson hosted a Valentine's Day Tea at her home and in December we had our potluck and Christmas gift exchange at the home of Kitty Bigelow, as usual a delicious meal and good time was had by all.

Plants were given to 6 shut-ins for Christmas and 66 children received gifts at the 118<sup>th</sup> year of the Sugar Hill Children's Christmas Party. Thanks to Rose & Chris Ellms for their donation and Ann Hartman for her donation in memory of her mother Edna Glaessel toward the purchase of the gifts. Also thanks to Rose Ellms and Tricia Coyle for their work in purchasing and wrapping all the gifts.

Donations were made to help the Hoyt family upon the sudden death of Chris Hoyt. Chris had worked in many Sugar Hill homes and will be missed. We were very pleased to receive a nice thank you note from the Hoyt family.

We also donated to the victims of the Haiti earthquake. 2010 donations were made to the following groups: North Country Home Health, Littleton Senior Center, Bancroft House, David's House and the Franconia Life Squad.

Respectfully submitted, Sylvia Hutchinson, President

2011 Officers

President: Sylvia Hutchinson

Vice President & Publicity: Elaine Burpee Treasurer: Ann Kristofferson/Edith Aldrich

Secretary: Maxine Aldrich

Hospitality & Food Contributions: Carol Young

#### SUGAR HILL HISTORICAL MUSEUM REPORT

#### Recent Deaths - Friends of Sugar Hill Historical Museum

<u>Ellsworth Hubbard</u> died July 25, 2010. "Zeke" was road agent when Sugar Hill became a town in 1962. He was a master stonemason. He designed and built the brick oven and fireplace in the Cobleigh Tavern, and the native slate patio. The stonewall in the parking lot is also a product of his fine skills.

Albert A. Aldrich died September 29, 2010. When he retired from Harrison Publishing House, Bert, Harold Aldrich and Joe Lange (urged by the late Don Jesseman) restored Mr. Crapo's 1938 Ford farm truck. The truck was previously converted to No.2 especially for the Sugar Hill Fire Department. Bert was responsible for making that truck appear as if by magic on our front lawn every weekend during our open seasons.

#### Museum Attendance up 17% in 2010

1536 in 2009 1789 in 2010

Several groups visited and/or participated in museum activities this year: Copper Cannon Camp, Mystic River Railroad Club, Franconia Museum, Quilt Camp and the Aldrich Reunion.

For the second year in a row, we offered a guide book for our visitors to use during their visit to all of the museum exhibits.

#### Quilts

We owe our 2010 success and thanks to our crew and to Everett Aldrich.

"Ties that Bind" brought together 40 Aldrich family quilts, Aldrich genealogy and Family Reunion Albums of minutes and photographs since 1938. Sharon and Kenny Bouchard, (also an Aldrich) loaned toy sewing machines, a hand-crank machine and a treadle machine with a cabinet. Sharon's quilting skills were evident in the Aldrich Genealogy Quilt with the houses. Seventy family members attended the annual Aldrich Reunion was held at the Crapo Memorial Building and Museum August 8, 2010. The last newsletter had many photographs.

**Visitors' Choices** – **Quilts** The quilt favorite selected by 504 people was Everett's *Red Square* (21) as #1, his *Penguins*, (17) #2, representing his seven brothers. The third visitors' choice was Barbara Lusk's, *From the Heart* (24). Barbara is Bert and Maxine's Aldrich's Niece.

#### **Apron Exhibit**

In the Carriage Barn, visitors viewed 63 aprons, 23 from the museum collection and 40 on loan from the community members.

#### **Visitor's Choices-Aprons**

First choice was a tie between a tie between red work apron (2) (museum collection, donor unknown) and the blue and white gingham (25) sent directly from California by Ann Hartmann. Second favorite was a dotted Swiss and lace long white apron that belonged to Jenny Ranlett Belknap, Kitty Bigelow's great-grandmother. Third choice was (24) flowers embroidered in multi-colored threads. This sweet apron belonged to Kay Whipple, owner of Ledgeland. Over 350 visitors participated in the apron voting.

#### Sugar Hill Historical Museum

The museum in Sugar Hill boasts forty-eight hard workers led by the officers and trustees. Just a *few* names:

- Maxine Aldrich, Chairman
- Brenda Aldrich, Treasurer
- Nancy and Roger Aldrich, Historians
- Dottie Bailey, Membership
- John Bigelow-Organizer and Engineer of Project Code Correct under ground electrical pipes for telephone line and future cable line. Jim Keefe operated the trencher loaned to the museum by EXIT 41. Don Boissonneault assisted.
- Don Boissonneault Benjamin Morrill Clock Winder
- Ellie Card- Volunteer Gatherer
- Martha Evelyn- Co-Curator Recorder of 203 artifacts recently donated and those not yet accessioned.
- Ann Hartmann- Gift Shop
- Scott Jesseman- Jean Goehlen, George Hartmann, and John Bigelow- Staining the Carriage & Sleigh Shed- Workers earned a special dinner at the Bigelows' and many compliments from summer visitors.
- J C Plumbing & Heating Co– Water System
- Nancy Martland-Co-Curator, Co-Education Program Developer. Nancy brought the Cranston Print Works quilt and basket of fat squares for the raffle. The quilt was won by Sue Meader. The fat square collection was won by Danny Kenerson. Nancy and Martha set up the Carriage Barn exhibit.
- Jane McIllwaine-Rug Weaver & Clothing Labeler.
- Amy Mitz sons Aden and Jack-Outdoor Flower boxes.
- Eileen Regen, Editor
- Judy Weisenberger- Photographer of, <u>The Door We Use</u> book and Co- Education Program Developer.
- To the dedicated volunteers who take care of sweeping the green rugs, scrubbing the lavatory, turning the lights on and off, putting the signs in and out and –
- To the cheerful volunteers who welcomed 1789 guests June 6 to October 11, our heartful thanks!

#### **Education**

Co-Directors: Nancy Martland and Judy Weisenberger

#### Quilt Camp

Nancy and Judy organized the museum's first Quilt Camp, a collaboration of the 4H Club, Richardson Memorial Library and Sugar Hill Historical Museum. Children ages 8-18 met the week of August 11-16. With Kathy Jablonski, 4H Leader, this program was a 100% success for 17 youngsters. Everett Aldrich spent his day off from work to join this group and help with the sewing.

#### Museum Treasure Hunts

Hunt &Seek: For the entire season, youngsters were encouraged to enjoy the museum displays with a pictorial hunt and seek puzzle designed by Judy and Nancy. Stickers were included so that the children could apply them to the photographs of the items they found. Sugar Hill Treasures: Judy continues to upgrade the Sugar Hill Treasures program. Boxes were checked and replaced many times during the summer, and at the end of the

season, boxes were collected, cleaned and stored for the winter. The box by St. Matthew's Church is the one most often missing!

#### **Basket program**

In July, Linda Lomasney guided six students through the puzzle of weaving ash strips into a 10" x 19" x 12 basket. One was presented to Everett at the end of the season.

#### **Curators' Notes**

An estimated 4797 photographs and articles have been scanned, filed and stored in Sentry safe boxes. Research for everyone is getting easier and easier! Much more to be done.

#### **Door We Use**

The *Door We Use* project is well underway. Please be sure to contact Judy Weisenberger to have your picture taken for this book which will be a gift from the museum to the Town of Sugar Hill on the occasion of its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2012.

Kitty Bigelow, Director Sugar Hill Historical Museum

#### SUGAR HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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

All members of legal voting age are members of the association. Our new bylaws were passed and are available for anyone who has an interest in reading them. Please forward your request to <a href="mailto:sugarhillimprovementassociation@yahoo.com">sugarhillimprovementassociation@yahoo.com</a>. An e-copy will be sent unless you include a mailing address.

Our new by-laws changed the annual meeting date from August to January of each year. This year we were pleased to announce that in keeping with Mr. Crapo's will the association has continued to give awards to Sugar Hill Residents to help in their educational endeavors. This year they included Cory Synder, Sam Johnk, Aquene Kenerson, and Vincent Hansalik. We also gave a second year award to Samantha Branch.

We are currently working on formulating an application to request funds for projects that would benefit the citizens and/or improve and beatify the town. Projects already approved and waiting for the weather to break include reattaching the slate to the top of the parking lot stone wall and adding toddler friendly swings to the playground.

We would like to urge everyone to come out to our meetings. If you would like an email notification sent to you of upcoming meetings please send your request to the e-mail address listed above. Public Notices of our meeting are posted at Town Hall, the post office and at Lafayette Regional School. Notice of the Annual meeting is published in the newspaper.

Respectfully submitted, Beverly A. Frenkiewich, President

# FRANCONIA/EASTON/SUGAR HILL RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Tri-Town Recreation Department has had another great year. A huge THANK YOU goes out to all who made this happen.

We started with a wonderful winter for skating and cross country skiing. The weather cooperated. We had Family Skate Nights on Wednesdays and skiing on Sunday mornings throughout the winter. This will all happen again so be sure to check the Town website for updates and details; <a href="www.franconianh.org">www.franconianh.org</a>.

Trails are abundant in the three towns and we are in the process of inventorying, maintaining, mapping and making signs with trail information. We have organized a group of trail enthusiasts for this purpose, called the "Franconia Area Trails" group or FAT for short. A map is available at local stores.

The Old Home Day, Franconia Scramble, Hayseed Bluegrass Festival, Halloween Cup Soccer Tournament, Pumpkin Festival and Summer Concert Series were all very successful bringing people and money to Town. We hope to improve upon all the above and add new events when possible. The money raised from the Top Notch Triathlon and the Halloween Cup Soccer Tournament are in a fund to help with improvements to the rink.

Soccer had excellent attendance and successes along the way. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders were not fans of basketball, baseball or softball; therefore we modified the schedule to include a hodgepodge of activities, such as skating, field hockey, lacrosse, tennis, golf, frisbee, etc. These programs rely totally on volunteers. Both parents and people without children who just love the game make it all work.

Kris Kappler has done another outstanding job of organizing all the youth teams, and the summer program. Without her dedication and organizational skills our heads would spin. A good leader brings out the best in the staff and our team of recreation counselors proved just that.

The Tri-Town Recreation Committee meets the first Thursday of every month the location to be announced. Check the Town website <a href="www.franconianh.org">www.franconianh.org</a> for more details.

Watch for next summer's concert schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

**Tri-Town Committee Members** 

Franconia: Jeff Malcolm & Beth Horan Sugar Hill: Gordie Johnk & Cindy McClaren Easton: Tom Palmer & Ashley Garrison Kris Kappler, Youth Program Director Kim Cowles, Park & Recreation Director

#### FRANCONIA NOTCH REGION - CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank you for your support of the Chamber of Commerce. Through your annual support we are able to market our area, the Franconia Notch Region, as a premiere place to nurture business, enjoy recreation, and as a preferred place to reside.

We continued to grow our Chamber membership in 2010 and are currently at an all time high of 200+ members, while expanding our involvement in our communities by supporting community events in order to enhance the presence and work of the Chamber. This year, the Chamber made contributions to the Franconia Recreation Department to help fund the concerts and such on the Dow field and worked together with the Recreation Department to bring back the holiday decorating contest throughout the three communities and other areas of our members. We contribute to "Old Home Day" events via the Lafayette Lions and hope we can continue to do so in the coming years. We've expanded our vision to include marketing our "Region" of New Hampshire and all area Towns which are rich in history, legends, and legacies. We have added 7 major attractions to our membership role and all three premiere ski mountains, Cannon, Loon, and Bretton Woods. This enhances our ability to market one great place to come and stay and experience the best skiing in New Hampshire, all within minutes of each other.

As President of the Franconia Notch Chamber, I am very proud of our Strategic Plan which has clear and innovative goals and objectives. Our Team structure is run on the hard labor of volunteer hours. Literally hundreds and hundreds of combined volunteer hours went to forming and implementing the strategic plan and implementation of its goals and objectives as the Chamber continues to grow. Phase I and Phase 2 are complete and now we are moving on to Phase 3.

We have once again been able to keep the number of our FNCC brochure to 60,000 with a distribution to every corner of the State of New Hampshire. FNCC successfully obtained matching grant funding for premier marketing pieces such as Ski NH Magazine, White Mountain Attraction Visitors Guide and a web presence on each that is sure to attract more guests, family and friends to our region of the White Mountains. Successful grant funding and hard work is showing returns to our communities and area businesses through the "Rooms and Meals Tax" R3352, returned to the Towns which have seen a significant increases over the last five years. This is a good indication that the Chamber marketing strategy and collaborative efforts are very successful.

The FNCC website (www.franconianotch.org) is being kept fresh and contains all the latest technology possible and it is packed with useful information and itineraries for things to do, scenic drives, places to go, and things you must see. Folks who usually request paper information are now viewing and making their reservations and travel plans on the web at an even greater rate. Our online presence and the number of unique monthly hits is impressive, and will be even more so due to upgrade search engine optimization and integrated events calendars with Littleton Area Chamber and Lincoln/Woodstock Chamber. There is now so much to do on the calendars that folks are more inclined to extend their stay to take in all that our region of New Hampshire has to offer. As more and more travelers make their travel plans by visiting our website, the site will continue to transform to meet the demands of the future and take advantage of newer and better technology.

FNCC continued to maintain display racks at Peabody Lodge, Notch View building and Tramway building on Cannon Mountain. This allowed every business the opportunity to display their business information directly in front of every visitor to Cannon Mountain Ski area for the winter months. We stock and replenish our FNCC brochures and our area

businesses in these areas weekly, year round, and more often in peak season weeks to meet the demands for information for our area and all that we offer.

We had approximately 3900 visitors who came to our Welcome Center on Main Street seeking information about our area. 2010 showed an average 15% increase in the number of visitors and as much as 25% in peak times over the statistics for 2009 despite marginal economic conditions. Another 2,700 requests for information by phone and internet were also handled during the Welcome Center open season of mid-May through the end of October. Your continued support helps to provide folks who are visiting with the latest information and directions to area attractions and retail businesses as well as the services available and/or provided. This keeps visitors here to explore and rediscover all the great and beautiful things our area has to offer. This year we maintain the Welcome Center into the winter months for the first time ever in an effort to provide information to the winter folks who traverse our region.

Other significant services provided at the Welcome Center are to the residents of all our surrounding Towns. Information on all Town services is readily available by calling the Chamber, stopping at the Welcome Center for information from the staff directly, from postings on the bulletin board or from all the business rack cards and brochures that are available. New and established residents of our area need this service when making vacation plans for families, guests and their own seasonal visitors.

The free wireless hotspot WiFi at the Welcome Center continues to support access to guests and locals who need high speed access to web mail or social networking while on vacation or visiting or area and WiFi allows folks to browse our website to find information on our lodgings, dining, local services, shopping and calendar of events pages- whatever other area attraction or service they may need, including our community websites. This is especially useful during the time of year when the Welcome Center is not open or after hours. WiFi is accessible within a 950-foot radius around the Welcome Center as we have upgraded our router to an "N-300" type router.

With our Collaborative Team leading the way, we've been able to reach out to neighboring communities, businesses, and chambers of commerce to work together whenever feasible. Working with area chambers allows us to improve the marketing and distribution of vital information on events and business offerings in and around the Franconia Notch Region and in the North Country. DTTD has mentioned the Franconia Notch Region Chamber of Commerce as a prime example of how working together as a Region can benefit Tourism all around the State of New Hampshire.

Our strategy is to continue to inspire folks to return and forever cherish our Franconia Notch Region of New Hampshire. Again this year, with seasoned, successful, and well planned events, such as the "Lupine Festival" and "The Antique Show", "Old Home Day", Littleton Regional Hospital's "Outdoor Wellness Expo", "Top Notch Triathlon", "Hayseed Festival", "Inn's and Arts Tour" as well as "Christmas Around the Franconia Notch Region", Bethlehem and Franconia's Main Street experience and Wren Outdoor marketplace and Concert series, some of which enhance tourism during those "shoulder" seasons when tourism is usually at a low point. By incorporating area Towns and all they have to offer, we have marketed this area successfully for the good of the entire region.

Your support is greatly appreciated by every member of the Franconia Notch Region Chamber of Commerce, by every resident, and by every guest who has come to love the Franconia Notch Region of New Hampshire.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank P. Grima, President, Franconia Notch Region - Chamber of Commerce

## FRANCONIA NOTCH REGION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

### October 2009 through September 2010

### **INCOME**

Antique Show	1,645.00
Auction	2,736.00
Brochure Ads	4,800.00
Business Discount Cards	957.65
Chamber Annual Dinner	3,240.00
Christmas Ad	25.00
Event Income	8,758.80
Franconia Village Committee	273.00
General Donations	35.00
Lupine	11,608.60
Membership Dues	24,003.51
Miscellaneous Income	35.00
News Letter Ads	553.50
Reimbursed Expenses	10,113.50
Town Contribution Income	16,900.00
Web Site Ads	2660.40
Other Income	134.20
Total Income	88,479.16
EXPENSES	
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Advertising	25,728.49 3,450.00
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#### NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL

We would like to thank all of you for your support of the North Country Council this past year. We have made a number of positive changes and completed a number of projects throughout the region. Once again, we reaffirmed the Council's commitment to serve community and regional needs.

We continued to deliver planning and economic development services throughout the region. We have continued with our traditional programs in master planning, natural resource planning, Brownfields Assessments and transportation planning, and these will continue to be a focus of North Country Council.

As many of you have seen, there is also a renewed emphasis on energy planning and in partnership with the Office of Energy and Planning; we have offered technical assistance to a number of communities in regards to energy efficiency. We have developed and published regional guidelines for the North Country to assist them in identifying developments of regional impact in their communities.

We continue to be very active in transportation planning and partnering with the Department of Transportation and help in developing projects for the Transportation Enhancement funds as well as helping communities develop projects for the Safe Route to School funds. Next year we will begin the process of updating the Transportation Ten Year Plan and hope that many of you will be able to participate.

In economic development, we continue our strong relationship with the Department of Commerce and the Economic Development Administration (EDA) in bringing funding and project development to the region. Two projects that we are very involved with is the reuse of the Groveton Mill and the natural gas and methane pipeline to the Gorham Paper Mill. We also continue to help in the development of incubators in Mount Washington Valley and Grafton County. These, along with other economic opportunities, will continue to be a focus in the coming year.

Again, thank you for all of your support for the Council. I hope that my staff and I can continue to be of service to your community. The Council is here to serve you. It is your organization. Our staff and Board are committed to responding to community needs. If there is a project or a need in your town, please call us. We are dedicated to both supporting our individual towns and promoting regional unity in the North Country.

Respectfully submitted; Michael King Executive Director

#### 2010 REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF DISTRICT ONE

By Raymond S. Burton, Executive Councilor

Writing this report to the citizens of District One is always an interesting undertaking to try to condense on one page a quick look at where your NH State Government might be headed in 2011 and the years ahead.

There have been significant changes in the membership of the Legislature and Executive Council at the NH State House. This coupled with a serious lack of money to accomplish basic needs as currently being delivered will certainly present challenges for the NH House and Senate members. My suggestion is to stay in close touch with your local Senators and House Members. To find your local State Senator and House Members go to: <a href="http://gencourt.state.nh.us/house/members/wml.aspx">http://gencourt.state.nh.us/house/members/wml.aspx</a>. Another good source for information is your library or Town/City Clerks Office.

This is the planning year for the 10 year transportation plan. Highway, rail, aviation and public transportation projects are all a part of the hearing process that the five Executive Council members will be holding. Hearings are held in each of our Districts. Local information from the area regional planning commissions is key to having successful projects included in the proposed plan which is delivered by law to the Governors desk by December 15, 2011 and then by law to the NH House and Senate by January 2012.

I cannot emphasize enough the urging of local citizens to volunteer for the dozens of volunteer boards and commissions which the Governor and Council are required to find individuals to serve on. For a list of those commissions go to: <a href="http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm">http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm</a>. If you are interested in serving, send your letter of interest and resume to Jennifer Kuzma, Governors Office, 107 North Main Street, Concord NH 03301. Tel: 603-271-2121

There are three District Health Councils in District One that meet 3 times a year to hear directly from the Commissioner of Health and Human Services. If you are interested in being added to this list send your email address to me a <a href="mailto:ray.burton@myfairpoint.net">ray.burton@myfairpoint.net</a>.

As always, my office has a supply of NH Constitutions, official tourist maps and other information about the Executive Council. I am always available to speak with local groups.

It is an honor to represent your region.

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# WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH AND COMMON GROUND - 2010 Director's Report

In a difficult financial environment for human service organizations, I am happy to report that there has been a great deal of positive activity this year at Northern Human Services. Both our mental health and our developmental services programs have been able to look upon the challenges of the past year as opportunities to develop creative, efficient, accountable innovations. Some highlights:

- Telemedicine expanded to serve local hospital emergency rooms. In partnership with all seven hospitals in the NHS service area, we have begun offering emergency mental health evaluations via video. Hours of wait time and costly and dangerous travel will be eliminated by this service, made possible by a federal HRSA grant.
- Children in need of expert evaluation by a child psychiatrist continue to be seen by a Dartmouth Child Psychiatrist, via video, from our Littleton office.
- Grafton County, in collaboration with our organization and others, has been awarded a federal grant for initiating a Mental Health Court. This means that people who commit non-violent crimes as a result of mental illness will be offered support, resources and treatment.
- We have hired a supported employment specialist who is specially trained in assisting persons with mental illness to seek, obtain and keep jobs.
- Common Ground hosted the director of an organization in Adelaide, Australia. This is the latest in a series of visits from agencies around the world. These organizations have been referred to visit us due to the quality of our services and our individualized approach to meeting people's needs.
- We have implemented training via the internet for our staff, saving substantial money and time and offering our employee's a huge array of educational options.
- Our student services program continues to provide extensive supports to schoolaged children whose families and schools want them to remain in the community. This service prevents costly and disruptive placements away from family and friends.
- Our Woodsville Common Ground office, located at St. Luke's Hall, has grown substantially this year, with three service coordinators, a nurse and a housing specialist providing services in the southern part of our service area.

All of these varied activities depend on the support of our towns. This year our mental health offices served 3 people from the Town of Sugar Hill, providing 6 hours of counseling. Our developmental services program, Common Ground, serves 102 throughout the area.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jane C. MacKay, LICSW
Area Director

# NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE AGENCY, INC.

North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency has been meeting the home health and hospice needs of the North Country since 1971.

North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency provides skilled services such as nurses, therapists, home health aides, medical social workers, and homemakers. Under our hospice program we also pay for medications for symptom relief, medical supplies and equipment, short term hospitalization and in-patient respite care, counseling and pastoral support. Hospice volunteers provide valuable support to those living with a life-limiting illness. Our Compassionate Care program provides limited amounts of skilled care, at no cost, to those who are not eligible for traditional hospice services. In 2010, we traveled 221,820 miles to provide 23,315 visits to the residents in our 21-Town service area.

North Country Home Health and Hospice relies on Town support and individual donations to help underwrite the cost of providing home health and hospice care to residents who are uninsured or underinsured. The Board of Directors and Staff of North Country Home Health & Hospice are well aware of the fiscal concerns facing most North Country Towns and are most grateful for your continued support during these challenging economic times.

Type of Care	# of Visits
Nursing	111
Physical/Occupational /Speech Therapy	61
Home Health Aide/Homemaker	<u>79</u>
Total	251
Miles Driven	2,838 Miles

Respectfully submitted, Gail Tomlinson Executive Director

### 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 community's older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

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

During 2010, 17 older residents of Sugar Hill were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Littleton Area Senior Center and 6 residents were assisted by ServiceLink:

- Older adults from Sugar Hill enjoyed 38 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.
- Eight rides were provided to Sugar Hill residents in 2010.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 11 visits with a trained outreach worker and 14 contacts with ServiceLink.
- Sugar Hill's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 55 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Sugar Hill residents in 2010 was \$917.09.

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

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

Roberta Berner, Executive Director

## UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension's mission is to provide New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information, to enhance their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy.

Four full-time Extension Educators, Deborah Maes, Consumer and Family Resources, Kathleen Jablonski, 4-H Youth Development, Heather Bryant, Agricultural Resources, and David Falkenham, Forestry and Wildlife Resources are joined by Arianne Fosdick, Volunteer Management Program Assistant and Michal Lunak, State Dairy Specialist. Lisa Ford, Nutrition Connections, is housed at Whole Village Family Resource Center in Plymouth. Our staff are supported in the office by Kristina Vaughan, Teresa Locke and Donna Lee.

Volunteers in 4-H Youth Development, Forestry Coverts and Master Gardeners programs are an important asset to our outreach work. The volunteers who serve on the Grafton County Extension Advisory Council provide support and guidance for our programs. Recent council members include David Keith from North Haverhill; Rebecca Page, Haverhill; Martha McLeod, Franconia; Frank Hagan, Bethlehem; Cheryl Taber, Littleton; Luther Kinney, Sugar Hill; Mary Ames, Bath; Pauline Corzilius, Pike; Annemarie Godston, North Haverhill; and Emilie Shipman, Enfield. They are joined by State Representative Kathleen Taylor and County Commissioners, Raymond Burton, Michael Cryans and Martha Richards.

- \*The Dairy and Agricultural Resources programs focus on the educational needs of dairy and commercial farmers and growers.
- \*A SARE grant and county funding supported a pepper variety trial on county land.
- \*A series of workshops targeting commercial growers included starting seedlings, small fruit production and apple pruning.
- \*Master Gardeners helped develop a parallel series of gardening workshops targeting youth that were offered throughout the summer. Topics included pressing flowers, fiber arts, and creating a habitat with compost.
- \*Dairy Farmers attended workshops focusing on developing sustainability in tough economic times.
- \*Food Safety classes provide education for food service workers and school food service personnel.
- \*A collaboration between UNHCE and Child and Family Services helped provide parenting education classes to county residents.
- \*The Nutrition Connections program focuses on the needs of families with limited resources.
- \*The County Forestry Management Plan covering the 515 acres of county owned land was completed.

- \*The County Woodlands Tree Farm was successfully audited, and received renewed certification.
- \*In collaboration with the Natural Resources Conservation Service/USDA office, cost share projects were started or facilitated on privately owned lands.
- \*Our youth development program provides leadership to adult leaders of 4-H clubs and training for after-school program staff.
- \*NPASS (New Practices in After School Science) has trained staff in three school districts. This project seeks to foster an interest in science careers.
- \*Over 100 leaders worked with 230+ youth to help stage 20 county events as well as assist in regular club meetings.
- \*An Afterschool orientation session, based on new credentialing guidelines enacted by the state legislature, was presented around the state by 4-H Youth Development staff.

All staff members contribute to a weekly column that is sent to papers county-wide. We have expanded internet presence on our county web page and on Facebook.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah B Maes, Extension Educator,
Family & Consumer Resources & County Office Administrator

## VALUATION OF TOWN EQUIPMENT

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2005 Motorola Radios Digital (6)	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	15	\$1,600.00
2006 Motorola Radios Digital (18	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	54,000.00	15	3,600.00
2007 Motorola Base Radio (1)	8,000.00	8,000.00	15	534.00
1939 Ford Antique Truck	1,000.00	1,000.00	10	-0-
1984 GMC Engine	82,000.00	10,000.00	25	3,280.00
1990 Chevrolet Pickup	13,400.00	3,000.00	5	2,680.00
1998 Freightliner Engine	75,000.00	55,000.00	25	3,000.00
2004 Ford Light Rescue Truck	105,000.00	105,000.00	20	4,200.00
2006 Sterling Fire Truck	175,000.00	175,000.00	25	7,000.00
4,000 ft. 4" Hose	20,000.00	-0-	15	-0-
Stationary SCBA Air Compressor	20,000.00	-0-	20	-0-
22 Sets of PPE	66,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
10 SCBA with Spare Cylinders	50,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
Mobile SCBA Fill Station	10,000.00	-0-	20	-0-
Infrared Camera	9,000.00	-0-	15	-0-
25 Pagers	9,700.00	-0-	10	-0-
Portable Pump	4,000.00	-0-	15	-0-
Floating Portable Pump	2,500.00	-0-	15	-0-
Honda 6kw Generator	5,000.00	-0-	15	-0-
Miscellaneous Equipment	100,000.00	-0-	15	-0-
TOTAL	\$833,600.00	\$435,000.00		\$25,894.00

## POLICE EQUIPMENT

	Purchase	Book	Life in	Depreciation
Equipment	Price	Value	Years	For Year
2010 Chevy Tahoe	\$33,000.00	\$15,000.00	3	\$11,000.00
Cruiser Equipment	3,000.00	1,000.00	5	600.00
Digital Ally Cruiser Video System	4,000.00	2,400.00	5	800.00
Motorola Mobile Radio	2,500.00	1,500.00	5	500.00
Motorola Portable Radios (4)	24,000.00	10,000.00	6	4,000.00
Radar Equipment	1,000.00	500.00	5	200.00
Radar Kustom	1,000.00	1,000.00	2	500.00
Body Armor (3)	2,700.00	-0-	2	-0-
Office Equipment	3,650.00	2,175.00	5	730.00
Sig 40mm Handguns (4)	2,400.00	1,200.00	6	400.00
Mossburg Shotgun	500.00	250.00	20	40.00
AR 15	900.00	800.00	10	90.00
AR 15	1,200.00	1,200.00	10	120.00
TOTAL	\$79,850.00	\$37,025.00		\$18,980.00

## HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

	Purchase	Book	Life in	Depreciation
Equipment	Price	Value	Years	For Year
1993 Motorola Mobile Radio	\$ 300.00	\$ 50.00	20	\$ 15.00
1993 Motorola Portable Radio	600.00	50.00	20	30.00
1995 Brush Bandit Chipper	15,000.00	7,500.00	20	750.00
1996 Motorola Mobile Radio	600.00	50.00	20	30.00
Miscellaneous Mobile Equipment	45,000.00	25,000.00	20	2,250.00
Rosco Hydropac Hot Top Roller	10,000.00	2,000.00	10	1,000.00
York Rake	3,000.00	1,500.00	20	150.00
Culvert Thawer w/Trailer	4,500.00	2,000.00	10	450.00
2003 Sweepster Brom for 416 Cat	8,500.00	3,500.00	15	566.00
2004 Hudson Trailer 10 ton	8,900.00	2,500.00	20	445.00
2005 Sander E2020	14,000.00	6,000.00	15	933.00
2007 Komtsu Excavator	93,500.00	70,000.00	20	4,675.00
1981 John Deere Grader	20,000.00	10,000.00	20	1,000.00
1993 Ford Tractor	12,000.00	7,500.00	20	600.00
2000 Cat 416C Loader/Backhoe	87,500.00	28,000.00	15	5,833.00
2002 Ford F550 Truck	44,100.00	3,500.00	5	8,820.00
2005 Mack Dump Truck	107,543.00	85,000.00	15	7,170.00
2006 Chevy Pickup Truck	28,870.00	22,000.00	5	5,774.00
2008 Chevrolet 3500 Dump Truck	50,483.00	35,000.00	5	10,096.00
2011 Mack Dump Truck	124,925.00	124,000.00	15	8,328.00
TOTAL	\$679,321.00	\$435,150.00		\$58,915.00

### BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH For the Year Ending December 31, 2010

Date	Name	Name of Father &
of Birth	of Child	Name of Mother
February 18, 2010	Hunter Cray Hall	Jeremy Hall Kylea Hall

### DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH For the Year Ending December 31, 2010

Date Of Death	Name Of Deceased	Name & Surname Of Father	Maiden Name Of Mother
September 29, 2010	Albert Aldrich	Harold Aldrich	Edith Ginn
October 13, 2010	Donald Godbout	Donat Godbout	Clara Oday

### MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH For the Year Ending December 31, 2010

Date of Marriage	Name and Surname Of Groom & Bride & Spouses	Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage
January 4, 2010	Kirk D. Wilson Jonathan R. Halpern	Sugar Hill, NH Sugar Hill, NH
April 4, 2010	James J. Walsh Jennifer R. Brown	Sugar Hill, NH Sugar Hill, NH
June 14, 2010	Karl C. Stone Elizabeth B. McPhaul	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH
September 5, 2010	Justin M. Kline Elizabeth A. Puliti	Sugar Hill, NH Sugar Hill, NH

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

Lissa Boissonneault, Town Clerk



## State of New Hampshire

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCORD

February 3, 2011

Dear Selectmen:

At last year's town meeting in Lincoln, I spoke of a growing deficit that would, by many estimates reach \$600M. It has become more apparent that the figure was an underestimation of what the actual gap would be. Thanks to the overspending (25%) over the past four years and the overly optimistic revenue estimates, we now find ourselves facing a budget deficit that is nearing the \$1 Billion mark, which represents \$700 for every man, woman and child in New Hampshire.

There is no easy fix to this problem. The economic crisis that we face affects every citizen, perhaps the impact is felt even more so here in the North Country of New Hampshire, where we rely so heavily on the tourism industry.

In the coming season, it is important that we restore the New Hampshire Advantage that we have enjoyed within the region for many years – one of less government, lower taxes, and a business-friendly environment.

Over the next two years, I intend to help put the "open for business" sign back out in the Granite State. I will continue to vote against tax and fee increases and for reducing taxes whenever possible. I intend to oppose any attempt to downshift more expenses onto our communities that would have a negative impact on our property taxes.

I have sponsored a bill that will permit certain county governments to access certified competitive retail electric supply markets. I am also sponsoring legislation that will repeal the State enforcement of OBD II requirements for motor vehicles. I am also a strong supporter of gambling as a means of not only bringing more revenue to the North Country and greatly reducing or completely eliminating the State wide property tax, while creating hundreds of jobs at the same time.

The task at hand is monumental, but I believe we are headed in the right direction in Concord, with a leadership team that is focused on reducing spending, promoting economic development, fixing the State retirement system, and focusing on making New Hampshire a great State once again.

Respectfully, Edmond Gionet State Representative Grafton Country, District 3

## **NOTES**