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# **TOWN OFFICERS**

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

John J. Strasser, III (Term Expires 2014)  
Margo Connors, Chairperson (Term Expires 2013)  
Richard Bielefield (Term Expires 2012)

**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**  
David D. Wentworth (Appointed)

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

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

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

**HIGHWAY AGENT**  
Douglas R. Glover

**OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE**  
Board of Selectmen

**HEALTH OFFICER**  
Margaret Connors

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**  
Allan Clark

**MODERATOR**  
James F. Snyder (2012)

**TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS**  
Allan R. Calrk (2014)  
David F. McPhaul (2013)  
Bruce S. Perlo (2012)

**SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**  
Starcy Branch (2016)  
John Colony (2014)  
Judith Weisenberger (2012)

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES**  
Irene Amsbary (2014)  
Elaine Burpee (2013)  
Rosemary Ellms (2012)

**CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

	Beth Perlo	(2013)	
Nancy D. Aldrich	(2012)	Holly Hayward	(2013)
Meri Hern	(2012)	Kathleen Jablonski	(2014)

**PLANNING BOARD**

	David Thurston, Chairman	(2012)	
James Keefe	(2012)	Christopher Thayer	(2014)
Robert Hayward, Jr.	(2012)	Arthur Chase	(2014)
John J. Strasser	(2013)	Gail Clark, Alternate	(2013)
Sidney Regan	(2013)	Amy Venezia, Alt. & Secretary	(2013)

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

	Michael Hern, Chairman	(2013)	
Peter Anderson	(2014)	Janet Anderson	(2012)
Donald Boissonneault	(2014)	John Colony	(2012)
	Amy Venezia, Alt. & Secretary	(2013)	
	Sarah Pinney, Alt	(2012)	

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

	Margaret Connors	(2014)	
Peter Carbonneau, Co-Chair	(2012)	Kathie Galligan, Co-Chair	(2013)
Luther Kinney	(2013)	Janel Lawton	(2014)
Timothy Williams	(2014)	Eric Jostrom	(2014)

**RECREATION PROGRAM  
SUGAR HILL REPRESENTATIVES**

Gordon Johnk  
Cynthia McLaren

All 2011 reports from various agencies not printed in this Town Report are on file in the Selectmen’s Office and available upon request.





**First Officers Picture:** (Courtesy of Roger & Nancy Aldrich)

Front Row~

Edith Aldrich, Town Clerk, Mary Peckett, Overseer of Public Welfare,  
Gertrude Parker, Tax Collector, Arthur Hunt, Police Officer

2nd Row~

Joseph Cushing, Jr., Selectman, Enzo Serafini, Moderator,  
William Norton, Auditor, Roger Aldrich, Selectman

Back Row~

Ellsworth Hubbard, Road Agent, Ross Coffin, Selectman, Harold Smith, Treasurer

**2012 Original Officers:**

Edith Aldrich

Joe Cushing

Roger Aldrich (Insert)





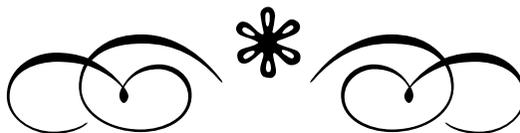
**Current Officers:** (Courtesy of Anne M. deRham)

Front Row~

Richard Bielefield, Selectman, Lissa Boissonneault, Town Clerk/Tax Collector,  
James Snyder, Moderator, Margaret Connors, Selectwoman,  
David Wentworth, Police Chief

Back Row~

Douglas Glover, Road Agent, John Strasser, Selectman, Amy Venezia, Treasurer,  
William Pinney, Auditor



**TOWN OF SUGAR HILL  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES – RESULTS  
MARCH 8, 2011**

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). 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 7:00 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
- 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 Trustees to serve for a term of three (3) years
- And such other Town Officers as may be required by law.

**RESULTS OF ARTICLE 1:**

Selectman, Three Year Term .....	John J. Strasser III.....	107
.....	NicholasL.DeMayo.....	16
Town Treasurer, One Year Term.....	Amy Venezia .....	120
Town Clerk, One Year Term .....	Lissa Boissonneault .....	119
Tax Collector, One Year Term .....	Lissa Boissonneault .....	118
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Library Trustee, Three Year Term.....	Irene Amsbary.....	118
Trustee of Trust Funds, Three Year Term .....	Allan Clark.....	114
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.....	Donald Boissonneault .....	102
One Cemetery Trustees, Three Year Term .....	Kathleen Jablonski.....	115

**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 .....	18,855.00
Payroll Taxes .....	25,000.00
Financial Administration .....	23,015.00
Property Revaluation .....	15,000.00
Legal Expenses.....	15,000.00
Planning Board .....	2,500.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment .....	1,150.00
Insurance .....	166,033.00
General Government Buildings .....	39,000.00
Buildings & Grounds.....	38,326.00
Cemetery .....	5,000.00
Advertising & Regional Associations.....	7,556.00

Police Department .....	165,313.00
Fire Department .....	68,500.00
Ambulance .....	3,960.00
Emergency Management .....	500.00
Airport .....	423.00
Town Maintenance .....	175,859.00
General Highway Department Expense .....	133,377.00
Highway Block Grant .....	54,952.00
Street Lighting .....	8,800.00
Solid Waste Disposal .....	44,940.00
Health, Hospitals .....	4,019.00
North Country Home Health .....	1,613.00
Grafton County Senior .....	100.00
American Red Cross .....	289.00
White Mountain Mental Health .....	692.00
Littleton Hospital .....	525.00
Ammonoosuc Community Health .....	500.00
Burch House .....	300.00
Welfare .....	6,000.00
Tri County Cap .....	875.00
Unemployment .....	100.00
Library .....	15,000.00
Parks and Recreation .....	28,331.00
North Country YMCA .....	150.00
Patriotic Purposes .....	1,000.00
Conservation Commission .....	750.00
Interest Expense-Tax Anticipation Notes .....	1,000.00
Long Term Notes .....	37,500.00
Interest Long Term Notes .....	30,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS .....	\$1,182,609.00

The Selectmen recommend these Appropriations.

Moved by John Strasser  
 Seconded by Bruce Perlo  
 Discussion

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

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

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Bruce Perlo  
 Seconded by Don Boissonneault  
 Discussion

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

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be used for Highway Department Roadwork 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 Sarah Pinney  
 Seconded by Mary Sturtevant

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 Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Nick DeMayo

Seconded by Bruce Perlo

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 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Russ Gaitskill

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 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 Bruce Perlo

Seconded by Beverly Frenkiewich

Discussion

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

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

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Greg Connors

Seconded by Beverly Frenkiewich

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 Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to purchase a 4,000’ of 4” Hose for the Sugar Hill Fire Department with Nineteen Thousand Dollars (\$19,000) to come from a Federal grant and the remaining One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to come from taxation.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Gordie Johnk

Seconded by Mary Sturtevant

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 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to come from a State Grant to update as mandated every five years the Hazardous Mitigation Plan for the Town of Sugar Hill.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Richard Bielefield

Seconded by Bruce Perlo

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 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.

Moved by Richard Bielefield

Seconded by Greg Connors

Discussion

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

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town of Sugar Hill 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, more than 1 year.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

Moved by Bruce Perlo

Seconded by Russ Gaitskill

Discussion

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

**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.

Moved by Jason Kern

Seconded by Mary Sturtevant

Discussion

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

**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.

Moved by John Strasser

Seconded by Starcy Branch

Discussion

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

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

Selectboard Chairman, Richard Bielefield noted that this year’s Town Report was dedicated to Albert Aldrich, Sugar Hill native and long time resident, for his tireless dedication to the town in many capacities and his love of Sugar Hill. Mention was made and thanks given to Valerie Hill for her Town Report cover photo and to the Sugar Hill Museum for the back cover photo. Sincere thanks to Meri and Mike Hern for providing the delicious meal for the election workers and to Bill Pinney for his services as Sugar Hill’s volunteer auditor. Finally, thanks to all the Sugar Hill resident volunteers on the various Boards and organizations that help to make our town a truly special place in which to reside. Mr. Beilefield brought up the fact that Sugar Hill will be celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2012 and a committee will be forming to plan this special event. Thanks also goes to Fire Chief Allan Clark for his tireless efforts in getting Sugar Hill federal grant monies to offset major purchases for our town and all the time he donates to keep our Fire Department trained and up to date. Police Chief David Wentworth talked on our two new part time officers and the training they are completing to better serve Sugar Hill. Nancy Martland thanked our new Librarian, Judy Weisenberger for all her work to keep Sugar Hill’s excellent library an exciting place for patron’s to visit. Roger Aldrich made mention that Sugar Hill residents should be happy that we are not an SB2 town, as our neighboring town, Littleton, is with all their budget woes they are now facing.

**Upon completion of Town business, Moderator James F. Snyder adjourned the 2011 Sugar Hill Town Meeting at 8:30 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted:**

**Lissa M. Boissonneault**

**Town Clerk**



**BALANCE SHEET**  
(As at December 31, 2011)

**ASSETS**

Current Assets		
Cash - Unrestricted Checking		\$ 537,015.44
Cash - Restricted Savings Conservation Fund		82,246.75
Cash – Unrestricted Savings		802.46
Total Checking/Savings		620,064.65
Taxes Receivable:		
Due from State of NH		1,300.00
Levy of 2011	251,790.87	
Reserve for Uncollected, etc.	(24,320.96)	
Total Property Taxes Receivable CY		227,469.91
Land Use Change Receivable		5,000.00
Unredeemed Taxes Receivable		140,180.41
Total Current Assets		994,014.97
Taxes Deeded Property Subject to Resale		<u>6,172.58</u>
 Total Assets		 \$1,000,187.55

**LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Accrued Payroll	5,975.19	
School District Tax Payable	<u>\$620,256.00</u>	
Total Current Liabilities		\$ 626,231.19
 Total Liabilities		 626,231.19
 Reserved for Tax Deeded Property	 6,172.58	
Reserved for Conservation Fund	82,246.75	
Reserved for Article Carried Forward	30,000.00	
Surplus	224,779.59	
Net Income	<u>30,757.44</u>	
Total Equity		<u>373,956.36</u>
 Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		 <u>\$1,000,187.55</u>

**SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS**

Crapo Building

Beginning Balance 1/1/11	\$652,793.66
2011 Payment	<u>38,945.00</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/11	\$613,848.66

## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land Under Current Use (At Current Use Values)	\$ 971,503.00
Land	64,349,600.00
Buildings	82,600,700.00
Public Utilities	<u>1,311,948.00</u>
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	149,249,051.00
Elderly and Blind Exemptions	<u>45,000.00</u>
Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate Is Computed for Municipal, County and Local Education	149,204,051.00
Less Utilities	<u>1,311,948.00</u>
Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate For State Education Tax Is Computed	\$147,892,103.00

## STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
Total Town Appropriations	\$ 1,482,109.00	
Less: Revenues	(368,542.00)	
Add: Overlay	24,952.00	
War Service Credits	<u>5,400.00</u>	
Net Town Appropriations	1,143,919.00	
Municipal Tax Rate		7.67
Net Local School Budget	0.00	
Regional School Apportionment	1,391,997.00	
Less: Equitable Education Grant	0.00	
State Education Taxes	<u>(341,275.00)</u>	
Approved School(s) Tax Effort		1,050,722.00
Local Education Tax Rate		6.38
State Education Taxes		
Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x	\$2.325	
146,784,876		341,275.00
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		2.31
147,892,103		
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State	0.00	
Due to County	<u>240,726.00</u>	
Net County Tax Assessment	240,726.00	
County Tax Rate		1.61
Combined Tax Rate		18.63
Total Property Taxes Assessed	2,776,642.00	
Less: War Service Credits	<u>(5,400.00)</u>	
Property Tax To Be Raised	\$2,771,242.00	

## 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	699,051.00
Building & Grounds			54,600.00
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	\$1,817,101.00
	(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 2011:

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	\$122,602.00	
Dog Licenses Issued:	599.00	
Marriage & Civil Union Licenses:	281.00	
Other Permits and Fees:	<u>4,901.00</u>	
Total		\$128,383.00
Remittances to Treasurer:		
Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	\$122,602.00	
Local Town Clerk Fees:	1,017.00	
State Town Clerk Fees:	3,051.00	
Title Application Fees:	262.00	
Dog Licenses Issued:	599.00	
Dog License Fees:	128.00	
Dog License Late Fees:	9.00	
Marriage Licenses Issued:	281.00	
Town Clerk Fees:	49.00	
Vital Statistics (First Copy):	121.00	
Town Clerk Fees:	44.00	
UCC Filing Fee:	<u>195.00</u>	
Total		\$128,383.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Lissa M. Boissonneault  
Town Clerk

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2011**

**DEBITS**

<b>Uncollected Taxes – Beginning of Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Levies of 2011</b>	<b>Levies of 2010</b>
Property Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$245,077.80
Land Use Change	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	0.00	158.64
Taxes Committed This Year:		
Property Taxes	2,771,241.22	0.00
Land Use Change	28,000.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	6,373.90	0.00
Overpayment Refunds:		
Property Taxes	504.90	0.00
Interest	0.00	0.00
Costs before Lien	0.00	970.50
Interest Late Tax	<u>1,202.98</u>	<u>9,108.44</u>
Total Debits	\$2,807,323.00	\$255,315.38

**CREDITS**

<b>Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:</b>		
Property Taxes	\$2,519,482.05	\$ 141,683.09
Land Use Change	23,000.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	6,373.90	71.92
Interest	1,202.98	9,108.44
Conversion to Lien	0.00	104,317.93
Costs Not Liened	0.00	134.00
Abatements Made:		
Property Taxes	473.20	0.00
Interest	0.00	0.00
Uncollected Taxes End of Year:		
Property Taxes	251,790.87	0.00
Land Use Change	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Credits	\$2,807,323.00	\$255,315.38

**SUMMARY OF LIEN ACCOUNTS**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2011**

	<u><b>DEBITS</b></u>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Unredeemed Liens			
Balance Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$ 0.00	\$65,664.53	\$ 2,0724.49
Liens Executed			
During Fiscal Year	110,427.42	0.00	0.00
Interest & Costs			
Collected After Lien Execution	239.95	5,069.87	7,258.31
Total Debits	<u>\$110,667.37</u>	<u>\$70,734.40</u>	<u>\$27,982.80</u>
	<u><b>CREDITS</b></u>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Remittances to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	\$19,760.04	\$16,151.50	\$20,724.49
Interest & Cost			
After Lien Execution	239.95	5,069.87	7,258.31
Unredeemed Liens			
Balance End of Fiscal Year	<u>90,667.38</u>	<u>49,513.03</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Credits	<u>\$110,667.37</u>	<u>\$70,734.40</u>	<u>\$27,982.80</u>

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

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Caporelli, Mary A. & Patricia	\$ 2,167.83	\$ 1,983.08
Eklblom, Melissa	11,073.37	2,192.06
Fadden, Aaron	18.60	0.00
Hayward, Paul	13,578.29	6,104.95
Henderson Holdings at Sugar Hill	23,335.64	0.00
Kendall, Fred W.	5,040.72	4,595.32
Moose Realty of Franconia, LLC	7,642.10	3,436.20
Proestakes, James A.	3,096.50	0.00
Saunders, Maria Rose	86.67	0.00
Staffier, Paul D	5,253.46	4,799.40
Waitkus, Lisa	6,346.02	5,809.31
Whipple, Bradford H.	8,824.89	8,259.56
Young, Gary G., Jr.	2,799.66	2,459.56
Young, Steven M.	<u>1,403.63</u>	<u>8,932.51</u>
Totals	<u>\$90,667.38</u>	<u>\$48,572.35</u>

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Year Ending December 31, 2011**  
**Cash Basis**

Beginning Cash Balance Checking, January 1, 2011		\$464,498.52
Beginning Cash Balance Savings, January 1, 2011		<u>800.48</u>
	Total	\$465,299.00

**RECEIPTS**

Tax Collector		\$2,874,578.47
Town Clerk		128,383.00
Selectmen		94,527.79
Loan Proceeds (Tax Anticipation Notes)		350,000.00
Transfers (Trust & Capital Reserve Funds)		97,720.40
State & Federal Grants		7,493.25
Interest on Savings & NOW Account		<u>474.17</u>
Total Receipts		\$3,553,177.08

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Orders of Selectmen		\$3,130,658.18
Loan Repayments		<u>350,000.00</u>
Total Disbursements		\$3,480,658.18
Ending Cash Balance NOW Checking, December 31, 2011		\$537,015.44
Ending Cash Balance Savings, December 31, 2011		802.46
Total		\$537,817.90

## CHECKING AND SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

### POLICE PERMIT ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance 1/1/11	\$34.66	
Deposits	<u>10.00</u>	
Balance 12/31/11		\$44.66

### CONSERVATION LAND USE FUND

Beginning Balance 1/1/11	\$72,794.02	
Deposits	10,000.00	
Withdrawal ACT	(600.00)	
Interest Earned	<u>52.73</u>	
Balance 12/31/11		\$82,246.75

### RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Beginning Balance 1/1/11 WGSB Checking	\$528.83	
Deposits	2,095.00	
Interest Earned	1.94	
Withdrawals		
Renovations	(1,030.00)	
Wire Fee	<u>(5.00)</u>	
Balance 12/31/11		\$1,590.77

### RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Beginning Balance 1/1/11 CRB Savings	\$3,800.14	
Deposits	64.00	
Interest Earned	3.41	
Service Charge	<u>(.15)</u>	
Closed Savings 06/09/11		\$3,867.40
Open Checking CRB	3,867.40	
Deposits	325.00	
Withdrawals	(3,394.34)	
Bank Fee (checks)	<u>(23.00)</u>	
Balance 12/31/11		\$775.06

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy M. Venezia  
Treasurer

## SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

### Cash Basis

#### Local Taxes:

Property Taxes, Current Year	\$2,622,876.76
Yield Taxes, Current Year	6,373.90
Current Use Change, Current Year	23,000.00
Property Tax Interest and Cost, Current Year	2,173.08
Yield Tax Interest, Current Year	.40
Property Taxes, Prior Year	141,683.09
Yield Tax Prior Year	158.64
Yield Tax Interest	21.14
Property Tax Interest and Costs, Prior Year	9,327.25
Lien Redemptions, Prior Years	56,636.03
Lien Interest & Penalties, Prior Years	<u>12,328.18</u>

Total Taxes Collected \$2,874,578.47

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

Motor Vehicle Permits	122,602.00
Town Clerk Fees	1,017.00
State Fees	3,051.00
Title Application Fees	262.00
Dog Licenses, Fees, Penalty	761.00
Marriage Licenses	330.00
Vital Statistics	165.00
UCC Filing Fees	<u>195.00</u>

Total Town Clerk 128,383.00

Building Permits	1,100.00
Driveway Permits	145.00
Police Department Revenue	1,679.00
Zoning Board Fees	320.00
Planning Board Fees	947.00
Selectmen	638.00
Cemetery	1,205.00
Fire	190.00
Highway Department	643.53
Rent of Town Property	825.00
Insurance Reimbursements	5,469.76
Donation	50.00
Cemetery Lots Purchased	1,200.00
Cable TV Permit	<u>1,118.17</u>

Total Miscellaneous 15,530.46

From State:		
Highway Block	53,481.28	
Other - Retirement	381.64	
Rooms and Meals	25,134.41	
State & Federal Grants	<u>7,493.25</u>	
Total From State & Federal Grants		86,490.58
Interest on Checking & Savings Account	474.17	
Capital Reserve Funds	97,720.40	
Temporary Loans (TAN Notes)	<u>350,000.00</u>	
Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue		<u>448,194.57</u>
Total Receipts From All Sources		\$3,553,177.08
Cash on Hand, January 1, 2011		465,299.00
Grand Total of Receipts		\$4,018,476.08



## SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

General Government:		
Executive	\$ 37,731.30	
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	18,216.85	
Financial Administration	20,285.82	
Revaluation of Property	10,495.00	
Legal Expenses	19,193.33	
General Government Buildings	37,351.76	
Buildings & Grounds	41,868.80	
Planning Board	2,520.02	
Zoning Board of Adjustment	272.61	
Advertising & Regional Associations	7,555.73	
Cemeteries	3,681.63	
Insurance	161,705.23	
Unemployment	395.74	
Payroll Taxes	<u>22,746.61</u>	
Total General Government Expenses		\$384,020.43
Public Safety:		
Police Department	158,846.19	
Fire Department	68,677.81	
WA Hazardous Mitigation	5,000.00	
Franconia Life Squad/ Ross Ambulance	3,960.00	
Emergency Management	<u>114.80</u>	
Total Public Safety Expenses		236,598.80
Airports	<u>423.00</u>	
Total Airports		423.00
Highway, Streets and Bridges:		
Town Maintenance	163,718.42	
General Expenses of Highway Department	126,904.41	
Highway Block Grant	52,632.82	
Highway Roadwork Non – Lapsing Fund	65,000.00	
Street Lighting	<u>9,011.03</u>	
Total Highways, Streets and Bridges Expenses		417,266.68
Sanitation:		
Solid Waste Disposal	<u>44,940.00</u>	
Total Sanitation		44,940.00
Health:		
Health, Hospitals	<u>4,019.00</u>	
Total Health Expenses		4,019.00
Welfare:		
Assistance	<u>1,798.82</u>	
Total Welfare Expenses		1,798.82
Culture and Recreation:		
Library	14,824.88	

Recreation	22,609.11	
Patriotic	<u>1,002.91</u>	
Total Culture and Recreation Expenses		38,436.90
Conservation:		
Conservation Commission	360.00	
Land Use Revenue Fund	<u>10,000.00</u>	
Total Conservation Expenses		10,360.00
Debt Service:		
Principal Expense – Long Term Notes	38,944.78	
Interest Expense – Long Term Notes	28,555.22	
Interest Expense – TANS	<u>1,036.62</u>	
Total Debt Service Payments		68,536.62
Transfers to Capital Reserve Funds & Trusts:		
Article # 3 Highway Equipment	50,000.00	
Article # 5 Police	12,000.00	
Article # 6 Fire Department HE	100,000.00	
Article #7 Fire Department Building	10,000.00	
Article #8 Bridge	10,000.00	
Article #9 Highway Dept. Building	<u>5,000.00</u>	
Total Capital Reserve Funds		187,000.00
Transfers to Cemetery Trust Funds:		
Lots Purchased	<u>1,200.00</u>	
Total Cemetery Trust Funds		1,200.00
Capital Vehicles/Equipment/Buildings/Land:		
Grader	54,000.00	
Highway Equipment	9,756.00	
Highway Dept. Truck	27,050.00	
Highway Building	2,534.15	
Crapo Building	<u>4,380.25</u>	
Total Capital Expense		97,720.40
Miscellaneous:		
Abatements	1,891.21	
Property Tax Refunds	504.90	
Taxes Bought by Town	110,427.42	
MV Refund	<u>150.00</u>	
Total Miscellaneous Expenses		112,973.53
Unclassified:		
Payments – Tax Anticipation	<u>350,000.00</u>	
Total Unclassified Expenses		350,000.00
Payments to Other Government Divisions:		
Taxes Paid to County	240,726.00	
Payments to School Districts	<u>1,284,638.00</u>	
Total Payments to Other Government Divisions		<u>1,525,364.00</u>
Grand Total of Expenditures		\$3,480,658.18

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Executive:

Selectmen - Salary	\$	0.00	
Administrative Asst - Gaudette		22,000.16	
Office Asst. - Andross & Marquis		2,565.00	
Moderator		157.50	
Workshops		209.11	
Telephone		1,022.64	
Computer Services, Internet, Equipment		1,844.40	
Mapping		1,835.00	
Registry		82.20	
Printing/Notices		2,132.63	
Dues & Subscriptions		1,195.56	
Supplies		501.90	
Office Supplies		2,121.49	
Postage		561.77	
Books & Periodicals		451.94	
Miscellaneous		1,050.00	
		1,050.00	
<b>Total Executive Expenses</b>			<b>\$ 37,731.30</b>

Election, Registration & Vital Statistics:

Town Clerk - Boissonneault		5,687.72	
Checklist		854.00	
Ballot Clerks		260.00	
Workshops/Dues		86.00	
Computer - Programs, Training, Equipment		3,331.61	
Telephone		469.81	
Printing/Notices		224.00	
Dues		20.00	
Books		9.00	
Supplies/Dog Tags		117.68	
Office Supplies		1,102.03	
Postage		176.00	
MV Fees Town		1,525.50	
State MV Fees		3,051.00	
Title Fees		262.00	
Vital Statistics		121.00	
Vital Fees		44.00	
UCC Fees		195.00	
Dog Licenses		222.50	
Dog Fees		128.00	
Marriage Licenses		281.00	
Marriage Fees		49.00	
		49.00	
<b>Total Election, Registration &amp; Vital Statistics</b>			<b>18,216.85</b>

Financial Administration:

Tax Collector - Lissa Boissonneault	4,897.88
Deputy Tax Col/ Trusts/Office Asst. - Andross	2,809.25
Treasurer	1,750.00
Auditor	1,275.00
Bank Fees	208.46
Telephone	464.82
Computer - Program, Training & Equipment	5,526.78
Research Lien	371.00
Registry	137.28
Dues	40.00
Office Supplies	1,189.33
Postage	1,076.10
Lien Fees	475.39
Misc Expense	<u>64.53</u>

Total Financial Administration Expenses 20,285.82

Total Revaluation 10,495.00

Total Legal Expenses 19,193.33

Payroll Taxes:

Sugar Hill FICA (Town Contribution)	17,259.76
Sugar Hill Medicare (Town Contribution)	<u>5,486.85</u>

Total Payroll Taxes Expense 22,746.61

Planning Board:

Secretary - Salary	1,319.50
Legal Review	701.12
Books	20.00
Grafton County Registry	164.20
Printing/Notices	108.00
Postage	<u>207.20</u>

Total Planning Board Expenses 2,520.02

Zoning Board:

Secretary	130.50
Postage	29.61
Printing	82.50
Books	<u>30.00</u>

Total Zoning Board Expenses 272.61

Government Buildings:

James Keefe	10,119.00
Marc Venezia	891.00
Telephone (Elevator)	719.35
Electricity (Crapo & Meetinghouse)	4,389.60
Heating Oil (Crapo & Meetinghouse)	9,588.57



Property Liability	18,173.81	
Worker's Compensation	<u>14,301.02</u>	
Total Insurance Expenses		161,705.23
Total Advertising & Regional Associations Expenses		7,555.73
Total Unemployment Expenses		395.74
Ambulance:		
Ross Ambulance	1,960.00	
Franconia Life Squad	<u>2,000.00</u>	
Total Ambulance Expenses		3,960.00
Police Department:		
Chief David Wentworth	59,093.84	
Sgt. Rick Ball	43,522.26	
Officer Philip Blanchard	350.00	
Officer Greg Bryar	125.00	
Officer Cody MacKay	3,528.00	
Officer Erik Vaun Hefflyunn	1,531.25	
Police Retirement	18,272.45	
Prosecutor	2,000.00	
Training	300.38	
8123 Line	215.66	
Telephone	2,256.96	
Computer Services	1,955.00	
Dispatch Service	8,810.76	
Photo Lab	18.68	
Uniforms	613.09	
Firearms	849.92	
Dues	2,700.00	
Supplies	558.87	
Office Supplies	550.72	
Postage	96.00	
Gasoline	9,696.24	
Radio Maintenance	212.69	
Vehicle Maintenance	1,333.42	
New Equipment	225.00	
Books	<u>30.00</u>	
Total Police Department Expenses		158,846.19
Fire Department:		
Salaries	26,085.00	
Mileage	1,205.19	
Training	1,969.89	
Telephone	917.64	
Information Line 8123	215.66	
Computer Services	513.00	

Dispatching Services	4,146.24	
Electric	1,520.77	
Heating Oil	6,093.93	
Building Maintenance	4,166.26	
Uniforms & Protective Clothing	2,335.97	
Dues	340.00	
Supplies	523.73	
Postage	29.33	
Gasoline	16.65	
Diesel Fuel	951.57	
Propane	279.89	
Vehicle Maintenance	3,646.71	
Equipment Maintenance	3,901.91	
Radio Maintenance	1,349.95	
Books & Periodicals	150.70	
Miscellaneous Expense	85.00	
New & Replacement Equipment	6,903.82	
Communication Equipment	<u>1,329.00</u>	
Total Fire Department Expenses		68,677.81
Total Emergency Management Hazardous Mitigation Plan		5,114.80
Airport		423.00
Town Maintenance:		
Douglas Glover - Salary	61,643.12	
Brett Hucksoll	48,164.45	
Wes Griffith	40,388.45	
James Keefe	55.00	
Retirement	<u>13,467.40</u>	
Total Town Maintenance		163,718.42
General Highway Department:		
Engineering	4,840.00	
Telephone	1,291.97	
Computer & Internet	854.40	
Medical	244.50	
Electricity	2,333.12	
Heating Oil	5,420.98	
Building Maintenance	1,335.80	
Equipment Rental	1,207.50	
Uniforms	2,877.81	
Dues	25.00	
Supplies	2,585.43	
Office Supplies	79.46	
Shop Supplies	2,787.27	
Gasoline	157.28	
Propane	80.51	
Diesel Fuel	29,443.73	

Vehicle Maintenance	10,202.68	
Equipment Maintenance	9,186.02	
Radio Maintenance	2,020.13	
Hot Top	89,836.12	
Crushed Gravel	9,021.32	
Sand	595.00	
Culverts	7,121.60	
Stone	2,040.25	
Tree Removal	4,175.00	
Street Signs	864.00	
New Equipment (Two Wing Assemblies)	<u>1,277.53</u>	
Total General Highway Department & Non-Lapsing Roadwork WA#4		191,904.41
Highway Equip CRF		90,806.00
Highway Building CRF		2,534.15
Total Street Lighting Expenses		9,011.03
Total Highway Block Grant Expenses		52,632.82
Total Solid Waste Disposal Expenses		44,940.00
Total Health & Hospitals Agencies Expenses		4,019.00
Total Welfare Expenses		1,798.82
Total Parks & Recreation Expenses		22,609.11
Library:		
Librarian - Judy Weisenberger	4,264.00	
Telephone	369.37	
Computer	434.99	
Supplies	100.49	
Postage	96.00	
Books & Periodicals	9,552.09	
Office Supplies	<u>7.94</u>	
Total Library Expenses		14,824.88
Patriotic:		
Lafayette Lions Parade	150.00	
Town Party	<u>852.91</u>	
Total Patriotic Expenses		1,002.91
Conservation Commission:		
Dues/Subscriptions	360.00	
Total Conservation Commission Expenses		360.00
Land Use Change Fund		10,000.00
Long Term Notes - Principal	38,944.78	
Long Term Notes - Interest	<u>28,555.22</u>	

Total Long Term Notes		67,500.00
Temporary Loan (TAN)	350,000.00	
TAN Interest	<u>1,036.62</u>	
Total Temporary Loan		351,036.62
Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds:		
Highway Department HE	50,000.00	
Fire Department HE	100,000.00	
Fire Department Building	10,000.00	
Police Department	12,000.00	
Bridgework	10,000.00	
Highway Building	<u>5,000.00</u>	
Total Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds		187,000.00
Transfers - Cemetery Trust Funds:		
Lots Purchased	1,200.00	
Total Transfers - Trust Funds		1,200.00
Total Taxes Paid - County		240,726.00
Total Taxes Paid - School District		1,284,638.00
Abatements		1,891.21
Property Tax Refunds		504.90
Motor Vehicle Refunds		150.00
Total Taxes Bought by the Town		<u>110,427.42</u>
Total Detailed Expenses		\$3,480,658.18

## **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Each year I examine all of the financial statements for the Town of Sugar Hill. The Auditors Instructions from the Municipal Services Division of the Department of Revenue have been followed. All financial forms for the State have been completed by Ralph Brigida, CPA. The MS-60 Auditor's Report has been submitted to the Select Board and the Department of Revenue in a timely fashion.

In my opinion, the Select Board, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Library Trustees, and Trustees of the Trust Funds have maintained good records and good control over the Town's financial affairs.

It is my pleasure to once again complete this process for the Town of Sugar Hill.

Respectfully submitted,  
William Pinney  
Volunteer Town Auditor

**CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS**  
**Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2011**

**PRINCIPAL INCOME**

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year	Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year
06/19/1976	Highway Dept. CRF	\$ 41,843.26	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$90,769.60	\$ 1,073.66	\$ 0.00	\$ 36.40	\$ 36.40	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,073.66
06/23/1976	Police Department CRF	24,666.37	12,000.00	0.00	0.00	36,666.37	0.00	19.62	0.00	19.62	36,685.99
12/31/1991	Meetinghouse CRF	11,279.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,279.31	16.71	8.00	0.00	24.71	11,304.02
03/17/1999	Highway Dept. Roadwork CRF	690.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	690.45	442.42	0.00	0.00	442.42	1,132.87
08/01/2004	Carolina Crapo CRF	14,506.08	0.00	0.00	4,345.58	10,160.50	24.02	10.65	34.67	0.00	10,160.50
07/19/1993	Fire Department CRF	153,963.27	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	253,963.27	6,283.06	129.54	0.00	6,412.60	260,375.87
08/09/2006	Highway Bridge	110,050.49	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	120,050.49	0.00	81.08	0.00	81.08	120,131.57
11/20/2008	Fire Department Building	30,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	40,000.00	106.71	23.30	0.00	130.01	40,130.01
03/10/2009	Highway Department Building	10,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	2,505.22	12,494.78	20.87	8.06	28.93	0.00	12,494.78
	TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS	\$396,999.23	\$187,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$97,620.40	\$486,378.83	\$ 6,893.79	\$316.65	\$100.00	\$7,110.44	\$493,489.27

**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

**CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS**  
**Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2011**

**PRINCIPAL INCOME**

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year
10/09/75	Sunnyside Care Fund (1)	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 1,081.96	\$ 9.36	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,091.32	\$ 13,091.32
09/21/73	Louise Lezott Trust (1)	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	563.60	0.00	0.00	563.60	1,063.60
11/05/43	Annie Bowles Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	135.79	0.00	0.00	135.79	285.79
11/03/37	Frank E. Bowles Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	135.79	0.00	0.00	135.79	285.79
10/18/56	J. L. & Gertrude Bowles Trust (1)	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	75.49	0.00	0.00	75.49	175.49
07/11/84	Hersom Murray Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	91.55	0.00	0.00	91.55	241.55
10/09/75	Anker Trust (2)	3,500.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.79	1,392.93	3.60	0.00	1,396.53	4,897.32
10/09/75	Sunnyside Cemetery Fund (3)	20,448.09	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	21,648.09	5,315.85	18.68	0.00	5,334.53	26,982.62
TOTAL CEMETERY											
TRUST FUNDS		\$ 36,998.88	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 38,198.88	\$ 8,792.96	\$ 31.64	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,824.60	\$ 47,023.48

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

Respectfully,  
David McPhaul  
Chairman, Trustee of the Trust Funds

## LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2011

### P R I N C I P A L

### I N C O M E

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Grand Total of Principal & Income End of Year
10/09/75	Gladys Jesseman Memorial Trust	\$ 1,841.23	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,841.23	\$ 162.18	\$ 1.48	\$ 0.00	\$ 163.66	\$ 2,004.89
09/21/73	Fredericka Harmes Fund	1,564.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,564.10	504.25	1.51	0.00	505.76	2,069.86
11/05/43	Alice Smith Fund	903.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	903.50	292.25	0.00	0.00	292.25	1,195.75
1/22/2001	Richardson Memorial Trust	73,984.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	73,984.55	8,327.16	59.05	2,000.00	6,386.21	80,370.76
	TOTAL LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS	\$ 78,293.38	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 78,293.38	\$ 9,285.84	\$ 62.04	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 7,347.88	\$ 85,641.26

All Funds Invested 100%.

All Funds are deposited in PDIP or CD's.

### Sugar Hill Improvement Association (SHIA)

#### Carolina Crapo Trust

NAME OF TRUST	Value Beginning of Year	Dividends Interest	Fiduciary Fees	Value End of Year
SHIA	\$550,342.59	\$14,346.55	\$4,906.28	\$566,041.23
Crapo	\$493,073.93	\$15,143.05	\$4,477.92	\$505,865.69

Respectfully,

David McPhaul

Chairman, Trustee of the Trust Funds

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

We have a wonderful team of employees and volunteers in Sugar Hill who ensure that town business runs smoothly. The Select Board is most appreciative of their dedication, creativity and spirit.

We would like to thank Lloyd Card for his many years of service to the town as head of Building and Grounds. He (and for many years with his wife, Ellie) were the friendly, reliable, hard-working individuals who always kept the town buildings and grounds looking beautiful. We wish them well in their new life in Florida and hope to see them when they come back to visit their family.

We have restructured and split the Building and Grounds position this year. James Keefe is responsible for buildings and snow removal at the Crapo Building, the Meeting House and the Fire Station in the winter. Peter Carbonneau will be in charge of Grounds during the spring through fall months. We are lucky to have them both join our excellent crew. We have also re-aligned all job descriptions for consistency.

In collaboration with North Country Council, we were able to perform an energy audit on the town buildings. We made several cost effective adjustments to the heating operations in order to become more energy efficient and to save fuel. We have joined Our Town Energy Alliance and will be working with the town of Franconia to look at a possible group purchase of heating oil for 2012.

The Board appointed the Sugar Hill Northern Pass Advisory Committee in September, 2011. This group has been working steadfastly to determine how best our Town can oppose the installation of huge DC transmission towers through the center of our community. The Select Board is regularly updated on their activities and fully supports their efforts. We have collaborated with them on the proposed Rights Based Ordinance Warrant Article.

New twenty-five and thirty mile speed limit signs have been posted on many of the roads in Town on the recommendation of the Police and Highway Departments.

In 2011, the Select Board contracted with Trumble Associates - John Trumble - to provide assessing services for the Town. Mr. Trumble assessed 25% of the Town last year and will continue assessing 25% of the Town for the next three years. In 2014, the entire Town will be reevaluated.

Last year, the voters authorized the Select Board to enter into an agreement with the Northern Community Investment Corporation (NCIC) to lease land adjacent to the Fire Station on Route 117 for the purpose of erecting a broadband pole at this site. After diligently working with NCIC for almost 9 months to iron out various issues, we were notified that there was no longer funding for this portion of the project. NCIC will continue to seek grants and funding for further expansion of their network and hopefully we will get the tower in the near future.

After consulting with the Town engineer and residents, the Select Board has decided to remove the sidewalk on Sunset Hill Road except the portion in front of the Sunset Hill House. The walkway is in disrepair, dangerous for pedestrians and difficult to maintain. The sidewalk will be replaced by a wide grass path that can be mowed on a weekly basis. It will not be maintained during the snowy months. The Town will repair the sidewalk in front of Sunset Hill House and put in a curb.

We have a new tree cutting policy which states that the expense of tree removal along town roads will be shared, when appropriate, with landowners.

As you may have noticed, we replaced the damaged walkway in front of the Carolina Crapo Building in the fall. We will continue to repair along the back of the building as needed.

Jennifer Gaudette, our Town Administrative Assistant, regularly updates the Town website [www.sugarhillnh.org](http://www.sugarhillnh.org). Please consult this site for information on any procedural questions you may have. Building permits are required for renovations and additions. If you are unsure whether or not you need a building permit for a project, don't hesitate to call the office before starting work.

We look forward to celebrating with all of you the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sugar Hill on July 4 2012

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret J. Connors  
John J. Strasser  
Richard Bielefield

## **SUGAR HILL NORTHERN PASS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Appointed by the Select Board in September, 2011, the Committee has extensively researched the various means of opposition to Northern Pass that could be taken at the Town level. Committee members attended workshops, training sessions, and informational meetings to learn about Northern Pass and strategies to oppose it, and reported to the Select Board on its findings. The Committee worked with the board to examine strategies and to identify actions that the Town could take to oppose Northern Pass. These included direct communication with Governor Lynch, a new ordinance to be placed on the Town Warrant, and communication with other Town Select Boards on this issue.

## 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

Sugar Hill will turn 50 years old on July 16, 2012! Please join us as we celebrate our Town's birthday at our annual potluck dinner on the evening of July 4<sup>th</sup> at the Carolina Crapo Building. This is always a special evening, where you meet new people in Town and reconnect with old friends. Following dinner, there will be a short program on the front lawn, honoring special guests. The Sugar Hill Historical Museum will also be open, and activities are planned for children at the museum, as well as on the playing fields. As always, the evening will end with a special display of fireworks, under the guidance of the Sugar Hill Fire Department.

The Celebration Committee members, Nancy Aldrich, Kitty Bigelow, Lissa Boissonneault, Allan Clark, and Rose Ellms, welcome all Sugar Hill residents to participate in this historical event.



## CEMETERY TRUSTEES' REPORT

The year 2011 saw the continuation of projects the Trustees had approved. John Hanks of Littleton Monument finished the work of cleaning and repairing the older monuments in Sunnyside Cemetery. In 2012 we will begin work on repairing the iron work and fencing at Sunnyside Cemetery and will also start work on Streeter Pond Cemetery.

We hope that all have seen the new signs that were installed in the spring of 2011.

The Trustees would like to share the following letter:

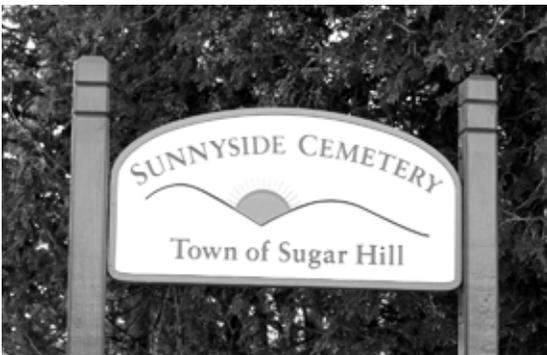
*Each year about this time, my husband Don and I make the trip to Lincoln and Sugar Hill from Raymond, NH to visit the graves of our parents and other relatives. We have found over the last couple of years that both Cemeteries have been mowed and appear to be kept in excellent condition. I could not let this year pass, however, without sitting down and writing a note to the community of Sugar Hill.*

*This year as we drove into the Cemetery, I thought how bright and clean the stones at the entrance appeared as we passed, and thought the families must have come and cleaned them. When we walked over to my family stones that dated back to the 1800's I was amazed! The stones are absolutely gorgeous! One of our stones has scroll work on it that I didn't even know existed, you could not see it before. I could not believe how beautifully restored they are, and in general how great so many of the stones looked as we wandered through the rows.*

*I just wanted to say thank you, and tell you how wonderful the Cemetery looks. I don't know who did the restoration work, but what a fantastic job*

*Thank you,  
Jessie Whipple Foster*

We would like to once again thank Lloyd Card for his Department's outstanding maintenance of the grounds. We will miss Lloyd and Ellie's attention to all the details at both Cemeteries. 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, Chairperson  
Nancy Aldrich  
Holly Hayward  
Meri Hern  
Kathleen Jablonski  
Cemetery Trustees

## ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

2011 started off as one of our busiest years with snow removal at an all time high. The crew spent many hours trying to keep up with the snow that fell. It was lucky for us spring came fast and went off without a hitch. The thawing waters and muddy roads seemed to last just a short time this year. The summer months saw Hurricane Irene and a few serious rain storms but only minor damage was incurred by the Town. All the ditch work was put to the test and paid off. During the summer we were able to replace a number of large culverts that had been problem areas in the past. Our paving projects were completed on Jericho Road, Trumpet Round Road, Dyke Road, Nason Road and an additional piece of Crane Hill Road. For the summer of 2012 barring any winter damage our paving would likely be, more on Dyke Road, all of Blake Road and a short section of Streeter Pond Road from the Lisbon town line to Streeter Pond Drive.

As always we would like to express our thanks to the people of Sugar Hill for being patient during road work delays and winter operations. We also would like to thank the Sugar Hill Police Department for their assistance throughout the year and the Sugar Hill Fire Department for their willingness to assist at any time. Last but not least the Sugar Hill Select Board for making our jobs easier with their help with equipment needs and support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Douglas Glover, Road Agent

## PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board meets the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30PM at the Carolina Crapo Memorial Building.

The Planning Board approved the following activity for 2011:

Major Subdivisions:	0
Minor Subdivisions:	1
Lot Line Adjustments:	1
Voluntary Mergers:	5

The Board began the review process of the Site Plan Review Regulations and submitted it to the Town Attorney Waugh and North Country Council for comments and advisement. It is the goal of the Board this year to review the comments and finalize an updated version of these regulations by year end.

In 2011, Board Chairman Chris Thayer stepped down and David Thurston was elected Chairman. We would like to thank Chris for his time and dedication to the Board as Chairman and are pleased to have him remain as a member of the Board. We also welcomed Rebecca Brown as our newest member in November. Any resident interested in serving on the Planning Board should write a letter of interest to the Select Board.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Venezia, Secretary

## SUGAR HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Sugar Hill Police Department has gone through some changes. The two new part-time Officers I told you about last year were not able to complete the Police Academy. In addition, our much beloved part-time Officer Cody MacKay, was able to accept a position as a full time Police Officer in the Town of Littleton. He will still be working for Sugar Hill part-time though, so if you happen to see him “on the street” please take the opportunity to join us in congratulating him for meeting his goal to become a full-time Police Officer.

Our goal for the year 2012 is to begin presenting information to the community on a monthly basis. During our first presentation we will talk about how you can help keep your home safe from Burglary. In these uncertain economic times, crime inevitably increases. Sugar Hill has been fortunate, however the surrounding Towns have had an increase in burglaries and we would like to provide our community with information to help you keep your home safe. We are also interested in providing information about keeping you safe, to include some simple self-defense techniques for those of you who are interested. It is our hope that all of you will attend and provide us with more ideas for information you would like to receive from your Police Department, so come on out and enjoy learning and spending time with us.

As is our custom, 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 have needed them.

In closing, as we have done every year since becoming Police Officers for this wonderful community, we would like to continue to let you know how much we truly appreciate having the privilege to work for such an outstanding group of citizens. We sincerely appreciate the continued support we receive for the work that we do.

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



## Calls For Service

	2010	2011
Arrests	5	16
911 Hang Up	14	18
Abandoned MV	3	1
Alarm, Burglar	51	51
All Spots Inquiries	23	17
Assault	0	1
Assist Citizen	12	14
Assist Other Agency	5	3
Building Check	3	4
Burglary	2	5
Child Abuse	0	0
Civil Stand-By	5	3
Directions	1	2
Disabled MV/Lock Out	19	21
Disturbance/Fight/Brawl	3	2
Dog Complaint	44	39
Domestic Disturbance	5	6
Follow Up Investigations	35	57
Intoxicated Person (Not DWI)	3	1
Juvenile Offenses	0	0
Lost/Found Property	5	1
Missing Person	0	1
Motor Vehicle Complaint	10	8
Motor Vehicle Crash	20	15
Motor Vehicle Stop	204	281
Noise Complaint	0	0
Paperwork Service	8	2
Police Admin	170	170
Prisoner Transport	0	0
Road Hazard/Wire or Tree Down	37	27
Shots Fired	2	6
Suicidal Person	0	1
Suspicious Person	1	2
Suspicious Vehicle	10	3
Telephone Harassment	4	2
Theft/Fraud	5	5
Threats	0	3
Traffic Detail	3	2
Trespass	5	3
Unknown/Other	51	17
Vandalism	4	7
VIN Verification	3	9
Wanted Person	5	4
Welfare Check	9	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>834</b>

## SUGAR HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

During 2011 your Fire Department continued to be very active in training and with emergency calls. Your Department responded to 60 calls, which represents an average year. We did have one potentially serious structure fire at one of our inns, however a quick stop was made and damage although significant was significantly less than what could have occurred. This fire was started due to an electrical problem.

Your Fire Department is well equipped, adequately staffed and highly trained. The Department has added 1 Firefighter this year and lost 2 Firefighters due to leaving the area. The Department has 21 dedicated Firefighters who are well trained and active. 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. Although our call volume is not high, when we do have a structure fire or other serious emergency we must have the training and equipment to professionally handle the fire or emergency.

We were successful in purchasing a new engine to replace Engine 3 which is now 28 years old. We had approximately \$260,000 in our reserves and were able to purchase a new engine for \$254,000 which meets the unique needs of Sugar Hill. We expect that the new engine will be delivered this summer. We note that area Towns have paid as much as \$100,000 more for a truck of similar qualities. It is anticipated that this new engine will serve Sugar Hill for the next 25 years or a cost of approximately \$10,000 per year.

The Fire Department responded to the following:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Brush/Grass Fires	1	0	1	0	1	0
Chimney Fires	2	0	1	2	1	1
Dumpsters	0	0	0	0	1	0
Alarm Activations	24	12	10	17	10	9
Furnace Problems	2	1	1	2	3	0
Hazardous Conditions	5	12	2	15	10	13
Hazardous Materials	0	2	0	0	5	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	7	5	5	9	7
Mutual Aid – Cover	5	9	2	4	8	7
Mutual Aid – Scene	11	9	11	30	6	14
Rescues	1	1	2	0	1	1
Service Calls	4	2	0	5	1	3
Smoke Investigations	1	5	2	4	5	2
Structure Fires	1	1	2	0	8	1
Vehicle Fires	1	0	1	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>58</b>

As of December 31, 2011 the Fire Department's active roster consisted of twenty-one 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	Engineer Brinson Ireland	Engineer Ned Wilson
Tim Burger	Eric Chase	Richard Christofferson
Amy Cyrs	Russell Gaitskill	Jody Hodgdon
Tim Leighton	Sam Johnk	Dan Kenerson
Jason Kern	Luther Kinney	Michael Warren

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.

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 and flooding. Fortunately in 2011 we avoided the torrential rain that caused so much damage in other parts of the White Mountain Region.

Since I have become the Director of Emergency Management we have worked hard to identify the hazards the community can face and developed a plan and the infrastructure necessary to mitigate those hazards. This past year through the efforts of many we formally updated the Hazard Mitigation Plan which was submitted to and approved by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Having a current approved plan allows the Town to receive hazard mitigation grants.

We are currently exploring a grant to dredge the gravel bars in the Gale River downstream of the Crane Hill Road Bridge in order to minimize ice dams. We have also applied for an \$86,000 grant to upgrade culverts throughout Town in an effort to minimize road side flooding and washouts.

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. 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.

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

Your 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 (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Outdoor burning is only allowed after 5 p.m. and must be out the following morning by 9 a.m. unless it is raining or the ground is covered by snow. Permits are always required unless the ground is covered with snow. Permits in Sugar Hill can be obtained from the Warden or Deputy Wardens. It is asked that you contact our dispatch at 823-8123 if burning when the ground is covered by snow. Sugar Hill burn permits can be obtained utilizing our web site at [www.sugarhill.com](http://www.sugarhill.com) 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.

Both in terms of the number of fires, as well as the number of acres burned, this past fire season was the smallest statewide since records have been kept. Extensive rainfall virtually all season long kept the fire danger down. When fires did start they were kept very small. The largest fire for the season was only 5.4 acres which occurred in Littleton on May 2nd. There was however a small window of high fire danger in the northern third of the state during July when little rainfall was recorded. During this time there were a number of lightning started fires which are fairly unusual in New Hampshire.

As has been the case over the last few years, state budget constraints have limited the staffing of the statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers to Class III or higher fire danger days. Despite the reduction in the number of days staffed, State 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.

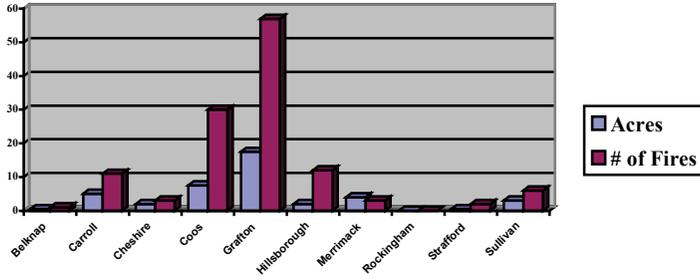
Several of the fires in the State during the 2011 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home by maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Please help Smokey Bear, your fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

### 2011 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 2011)

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

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	.5	1
Carroll	5	11
Cheshire	2	3
Coos	7.5	30
Grafton	17.5	57
Hillsborough	2	12
Merrimack	4	3
Rockingham	0	0
Strafford	.5	2
Sullivan	3	6



**CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED**

Cause	Count	Total	Fires	Total Acres
Arson	7	2011	125	42
Debris	63	2010	360	145
Campfire	10	2009	334	173
Children	2	2008	455	175
Smoking	9	2007	437	212
Railroad	1			
Equipment	1			
Lightning	3			
Misc.	29	(power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)		

State Forest Ranger  
 Brad Simpkins  
 271-2214

District Forest Ranger  
 Steven Sherman  
 788-4157

Deputy Warden  
 Allan R. Clark  
 823-5748  
 376-4579 (Pager)

Deputy Warden  
 Douglas Glover  
 823-7007  
 823-8788 (Work)

Deputy Warden  
 Jim Snyder  
 823-7704

## FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD

The Ambulance Service continues to seek its membership by recruiting from the towns of Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton, the same communities it provides service to. 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 an additional 24 hour of classroom refresher and an extensive practical exam, where members must demonstrate their proficiency to State examiners.

Currently, five (5) of our members are certified to provide Advanced Life Support, three (3) of which are nationally registered paramedics. The Franconia Ambulance at year's end had fourteen (14) active members and a paramedic advisor, for a total of fifteen (15) 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 Czarnecki – EMT-P

Capt. Pam Oakman – EMT-I

Ned Wilson – EMT-B

Mark Taylor – EMT-B

Bill Blackwell – EMT-I

Ryan O'Hara – EMT-B

Allan Clark – EMT-B

William Mead – EMT-P

John Ireland – EMT-B

Zach Mangione – EMT-B

Linda Mordhorst – EMT-B

Susan Simpson – EMT - B

Gareth Slattery – EMT-B

Jeff Stewart – EMT - P

The Franconia Ambulance responded to 185 calls for assistance during 2011, of those 101 required transport.

In 2011, the operating expenses were \$48,688 and income obtained from patient billing and subsidies from Sugar Hill and Easton totaled \$31,267 with the net cost for the operation of the Franconia Ambulance to the Town of Franconia being \$15,704.

Your Ambulance that went 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 2011. Ross Ambulance Service answered 1125 calls for service in 2011, 856 of which were emergency requests. Of the 856 emergencies 26 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 47 times and received assistance 2 times. We also transferred 193 patients from Littleton Regional Hospital other hospitals or healthcare facilities and transferred 29 patients from other healthcare facilities, not in our immediate coverage area.

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



## RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Families are back! For me, this has been our most important success this year. Giving our whole community more opportunities to interact can only lead to a Sugar Hill even better than our first 50 years.

Attendance, membership, Inter Library Loans, internet use, e-book circulation and book requests, have all increased. Children's book circulation has exploded. Movies, magazine swaps, children's puzzles, and a start at replacing worn classics were all welcomed additions. Rose's upgrade to the computer area meant patrons had more privacy and comfort. Patron demand however is outpacing our outdated technology systems.

Monies from the book sale and overdue books are down. However, a large donation of gently used children's books, a shift to less expensive vendors and a shift in the budget more than made up for the expense of replacing much of the juvenile section and adding more adult non-fiction, biography and "gentle" romance books. Donations of newer mysteries, fiction, cookbooks and gardening books for the book sale are down but thanks to those who have donated some very worthwhile additions to the library. Very welcomed.

Children's programming which included: Amy Roy's "Horse Crazy Mondays", Sewing Week, Gardening Club, Scarecrows and other activities was a huge success. Thanks to the Museum, 4-H's Kathy Jablonski for their collaboration and support. A special thanks to our loyal volunteers who make children's programming possible.

Thanks to Leanza & Jennifer the scanning of our titles into LibraryThing.com is nearly finished. HUGE!

The weeding and reorganizing of most of the collection has been very time consuming. Attending workshops, consultations with the NHSL and lots of conversations with patrons is leading to a much needed upgrade.

Thanks to the Village Book Store for their donation of five fabulous bookcases. enabled us to find space to save more of our much loved mystery and fiction series as well as space for book sale donations. Also, thanks to Madeline H. for helping with our ongoing "Old Classics" reorganization.

Our goals for the coming year:

1. SURVEY: Conduct a March 13th survey at Town Meeting to determine patron preferences for increased hours and services and support for a Friends of RML group.
2. COLLECTIONS: Continue to drive a majority of the book budget based on patron's requests and collection needs. Replace books for 1-4 year olds with cleaner copies and new stock via grant opportunities. Continue aggressive weeding of non-fiction and older books. Develop a section of collectables to keep after consultation with NHSL & explore ways to fund their upkeep.

3. TECHNOLOGY: Form a committee to write a technology plan with short term and long term goals that include a web site and a much needed upgrade of our systems to meet increasing demands. FURNITURE: Add more comfortable seating in the children's section shelving for series collections.
4. PROGRAMMING: Continue the collaborations with the Museum, 4-H and Amy Roy for children's programs that compliment and not supplant the Recreation Programs. Continue the focus on Sugar Hill children but explore possible collaborations with Abbie Greenleaf Library. Apply for opportunities to fund adult programming.

Thanks once more to the community and the Crapo staff for their continued support and patience as we continue updating our wonderful library.

Library Trustees

Irene Amsbary  
Colleen Foley  
Rose Ellms

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith Weisenberger  
Director

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Sugar Hill Conservation Commission is made up of town volunteers who work to study and protect our natural resources. We would like to thank Luther Kinney, who recently resigned from the Commission, for over 10 years of service. Luther was knowledgeable, insightful and creative in his approach to local conservation efforts. We will miss his energy, ideas and expertise. We welcome new members Janel Lawton, Ron Cole and Tim Burger.

The Commission is currently working with the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension to develop a Sugar Hill Conservation Plan to ensure that special places in our community are protected. The conservation of water, land, and other natural features and resources is a priority for our Commission. The Conservation Plan will be a vision for the future ecological health of Sugar Hill and a guide for implementing conservation projects in a manner that protects what our community values most. This plan will aid us in helping with private voluntary land conservation, documenting conservation priorities, recommending policies to the town master plan, as well as suggesting protection for some features and resources. In writing this plan we will use our existing natural resource inventory maps, the NH Wildlife Action Plan and the Department of Environmental Services Drinking Water Resource Maps and, most importantly, input from community members.

As of July, 2011, there have been some changes in the 2008 New Hampshire Comprehensive Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act. We encourage property owners near the Gale River, Streeter Pond and Bowen Dam who need help sifting through these regulations to contact the Conservation Commission. Maintaining these waters will discourage foreign invasive plants and animals including those that cause disease, keep waters clear. Safe and attractive, maintain drinking and agricultural water sources (including wells), and protect fish and wildlife.

Energy conservation is an area of interest to the Conservation Commission. We are part of the Ammonoosuc Regional Energy Team which Promotes awareness, understanding and the practice of energy conservation and the use of sustainable energy resources by our towns, businesses, organizations, and residents

The Commission posted trail signs to mark both ends of the Cushing Bridge Trail located near the bridge, across the street/river from Turtle Ridge Farm on Streeter Pond Road. We sent a letter to all landowners informing them about Northern Pass and its potential impacts on our community. The Commission continues to perform regular trash pick-up along Route 117 from Sunset Hill Road to Route 18.

The Conservation Commission has limited funds available for Sugar Hill residents to implement land or water conservation projects. Applications are available in the Town Office and we encourage informal discussion with the Commission before application.

We are planning to do some landscaping and plant additional shrubs and trees in front of the Crapo Building to commemorate the town's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Conservation Commission meets the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm in the Crapo Building; all are welcome to attend.

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

**TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION**

2011 recycling in the Tri –Town area showed a moderate gain over 2010. This increase brings our recycle rate to 44 percent, which is well above the State average.

- Newspaper -- 53.8 tons
- Cardboard -- 73.1 tons
- Mixed paper -- 34.1 tons
- Aluminum -- 3.7 tons
- Tin -- 6.3 tons
- #1 Plastic -- 4.1 tons
- #2 Plastic -- 8.1 tons
- Scrap Metal -- 19.5 tons
- Glass -- 94.1 tons
- Textiles -- 14 tons
- Electronics -- 13.2 tons

On behalf of your employees Kevin, Nate, Troy and myself, Thank You.

Respectfully submitted,  
Greg Wells  
Transfer Station Manager

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

In 2011 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 held two (2) one-day collections, one in Littleton and the other in Plymouth. 136 vehicles were tallied at the two events. The decline in participation numbers from 2010 can be attributed to Tropical Storm Irene. The conditions during the collection were miserable and obviously had a major impact on turnout. In addition to the wastes dropped off by residents, a number of communities disposed of wastes that had been collected at their recycling facilities over the past year. Total costs for the program were \$17,028. The District was awarded a grant from the State of NH for \$6,223 and received \$80 from UNH Cooperative Extension to cover the cost of waste they brought to the collection. The net expenditure for the program was \$10,725 (a cost of \$.35 per resident).

The District also coordinated the pickup of fluorescent light bulbs, antifreeze, and oily/water wastes that were collected at individual recycling facilities in the District. Over 43,000 feet of straight fluorescent tubing, 1,100 compact fluorescents, and 2,300 gallons of antifreeze/oily water wastes were properly disposed of through this program.

In 2012, the District will again hold collections in Littleton and Plymouth. Dates are tentatively set for Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> in Littleton and Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> in Plymouth. Watch for more information and concrete dates in the spring. 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. 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 the District's disposal costs down 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.

As always, citizens interested in participating in the development of the District's programs are welcome to attend the District's meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at all municipal offices and recycling centers. If at any time an individual community needs assistance in regards to their solid waste/recycling program, please contact the District at 838-6822 or by email at [pemi\\_bakerswd@yahoo.com](mailto:pemi_bakerswd@yahoo.com)

Respectively submitted,  
Milton Ouelette, Jr., Chairman  
Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District

## THE WILLING WORKERS SOCIETY

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

We had a special get together in February at the home of Sue Rysanek and we were very happy to welcome three new members.

There is a new granite plaque donated by Larry O'Toole between the flower boxes on the Meetinghouse in memory of Edna Glaessel. The boxes were planted this spring with flowers, in the fall Jim Keefe filled them with gourds. Evergreens and berries fill them for the winter season.

A big thank you to all the members and townspeople for their donations of food, work, and items for the July and November sales. Thanks to Carol Young for calling and soliciting food and Kitty Bigelow for printing our posters and to Brenda Aldrich for faxing and getting the word out about our sales. We thank all the men who volunteered to carry items both up and down the stairs and for setting up the tables. Without them we could not have done it.

The 2011 Willing Worker's Scholarship was awarded to Profile Senior Elizabeth Gaitskill.

In November we sadly lost another member, Kay Lipson, who was an active member for many years.

In December we again enjoyed our Christmas potluck luncheon at the home of Kitty Bigelow. Christmas plants were given to 8 shut-ins and sixty nine children received gifts at the 119<sup>th</sup> Sugar Hill Christmas Party. Thanks to Rose Elms and Tricia Coyle for buying and wrapping gifts and to Ann Hartman for her donation in memory of her mother Edna Glaessel who for many years purchased the children's gifts and enjoyed the annual town party. The flowers that were donated by Floradale for the party were given to a senior Willing Worker member for her enjoyment.

The Willing Workers are supposed to help individual people but this year we donated LED Christmas lights for the evergreen on the lawn of the Sugar Hill Historical Museum for the enjoyment of everyone, those in town and those passing through. A new battery operated clock was purchased for the kitchen at the Meetinghouse.

2011 Donations were made to the Franconia Food Bank, North Country Home Health, Littleton Senior Center, Bancroft House, David's House, Franconia Life Squad, and the Franconia-Sugar Hill area fuel assistance program.

### 2012 Officers

President: Sylvia Hutchinson

Vice President & Publicity: Elaine Burpee

Treasurer: Ann Kristofferson

Secretary: Maxine Aldrich

Hospitality & Food Contributions: Carol Young

Respectfully submitted,  
Sylvia Hutchinson, President

## SUGAR HILL HISTORICAL MUSEUM REPORT

The Sugar Hill Historical Museum is all put away for the winter. Our 2011 *Sweet Peas to Maple Trees* exhibit was a huge success. Visitors came from all over, including Europe and Canada. We welcomed folks who make a point of a return every year, and enjoyed meeting new visitors. Many compliments came our way! The behind-the-scenes crew, the ones who create the magic - Martha Evelyn, Nancy Martland and Amy Mitz - started to meet in February. Don Kantor, proprietor of **Roberts Flowers of Hanover** donated and arranged the sweet pea table centerpiece, tussie mussies, bridal bouquet and large floral spray for the horse-drawn hearse. Everett Aldrich loaned his vast collection of vases, and frog collection, glass hat pillars, and bobeches. He waved his wand and put the artistic finishing touches throughout both buildings.

Our behind-the-scenes crew outdid themselves to accomplish a great clean-up and reorganization which included labeling and identifying all the tools and other historic items in the Carriage Barn. This year we could tie the exhibit from one building to the other. We actually recorded 1567 visitors this 2011 summer season

April brought a re-design of part of the attic storage space. John Bigelow designed and hung chain combined with pipe to hold our quilts. Quilts are now individually rolled. No more folds in those delicate textiles.

All year, curators have been very busy accessioning many personal collections that have been placed in our trust. Accessioning is complete after some repairs, cleaning, scanning, and data base entry on the computer. In 2011, 967 items from 27 donors have been added to the museum collection. We are very fortunate to archive artifacts of Sugar Hill history. Each object has its own story, and it is our job to preserve and share these stories.

We rely on these objects to support our future exhibitions. Donations to the museum are tax deductible for full market value of the object donated. Donors are responsible for obtaining appraisals for tax purposes. Thank you to those who approve of what we have done.

Scott Jesseman and his family helped us again this year with museum repairs. We had a great deal of rotten siding on the front and back of the main building. A job is always nastier than it appears, and in addition to the clapboards, we ended up replacing rotten parts of the main windows, scraping and replacing putty and paint. Don Boissoneault, Tim Brown, Jean Goehlen, Jeannie Munro, and Judy Weisenberger volunteered to get the job done. Scott very kindly donated all materials as well as his time. An unexpected treat of landscaping happened compliments of Scott. Trees and shrubs all over the museum campus were trimmed and cleaned up.

The main telephone line was replaced last year. It now runs underground from the street power pole to the museum building. This summer during the siding repairs, the telephone line was continued and installed inside the building. The alarm system was upgraded. Jim Keefe and John Bigelow spent two long sessions in the attic, moving many artifacts in order to accomplish their mission. Thank you to all who volunteered and worked so hard to upgrade equipment and to continue to support the improvements for this museum to make it the best it can possibly be.

Museum board members spent hours reviewing, updating and re-writing our museum by-

laws. It has finally been brought up-to-date.

Roger Aldrich gave the Sugar Hill Historical Museum the rights to his book, *Secession*. We had it reprinted for 2012 celebration of Sugar Hill's fiftieth birthday. An excellent read.

This year, 2012, we will examine the underpinnings of the Carriage Barn. An appraisal and estimate for repairs will be conducted. Since its construction in 1980, it is slowly being absorbed by the soil of Sugar Hill. It will be repaired. We must have a fundraising campaign before we start raising a hammer. We already have wonderful new shingles on that roof, and last year the staining project was completed. We plan to join with the 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Town of Sugar Hill, and hope one and all will celebrate with us at the super-special 4th of July Town party.

This museum is all about Sugar Hill. We have an excellent gift shop. We change our exhibits each year. Come in this summer and see that we are NOT a stuffy museum! Membership is also very important.

Thank you one and all.  
Kitty Bigelow, Director & Curator

## **SUGAR HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION**

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

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

In keeping with the Mr. Crapo's Will the association gives Book Awards to Sugar Hill residents graduating from High School, who will be continuing their education. This year we gave out a first year Book Awards to Libby Gaitskill. Second Year awards are given when the students show evidence that they will continue with their education and they have met the grade level requirement.

This year we made repairs to the playground and purchased two new pieces of equipment for the five year old and under population. The Willing Workers also donated one piece in memory of a past member. Repairs were made to the two seesaws. This spring new playground mulch will be applied so our playground will be ready for the town's birthday celebration on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Our other project this year was to have the top of the parking lot wall of the Crapo Building repaired. We are working on having the two iron antique road signs refurbished. These are located at Route 117 and the intersection of Easton Road and at the intersection of Route 117 and Sunset Hill Road.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beverly A Frenkiewich

## LAFAYETTE 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; [www.franconianh.org](http://www.franconianh.org).

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 [www.franconianh.org](http://www.franconianh.org) 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 2011 while expanding our involvement in our communities by supporting community events in order to enhance the presence and work of the Chamber. We contributed 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 9 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 the six years I have served as President. I have assembled a team that is second to none. The 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.

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](http://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 4200 visitors who came to our Welcome Center on Main Street seeking information about our area. 2011 showed an average 20% increase in the number of visitors and as much as 35% in peak times over the statistics for 2010 despite continued marginal economic conditions. Another 3000 requests for information by phone and internet were also handled during the Welcome Center open season which is another milestone. We are open 12 months per year! 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.

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. This year we will be launching an area business directory to highlight serviced based businesses in our region. This will support visitors and folks looking to relocate.

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 our 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.

This being my last report, I wish to say “Thank you” to the three Selectmen Secretaries that have made my job so much easier over the last three years. It has been a pleasure working with you.

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**  
**January to December 2011**

**INCOME**

Brochure Ads	\$ 6,625.00
Business Discount Cards	1,459.00
Chamber Annual Dinner	7,740.00
Dues	7,886.67
Event Income	6,794.75
Lupine	11,453.51
Membership Dues	29,153.33
News Letter Ads	875.00
Public Mailer Ad	250.00
Town Contribution Income	16,500.00
Web Site Ads	1,380.00
Other Income	<u>101.23</u>
Total Income	90,218.49

**EXPENSES**

Advertising	18,565.94
Bank Service Charges	308.92
Chamber Annual Dinner Event	6,175.00
Charitable Contributions	1,750.00
Dues and Subscriptions	248.00
Event Expenses	5,820.71
Insurance	1,335.00
Lupine Expenses	13,350.75
Miscellaneous	1,171.00
Payroll Expenses	35,735.89
Petty Cash	467.17
Postage and Mailings	990.44
Professional Fees - Accounting	960.00
Utilities	2,537.41
Welcome Center	<u>2,891.68</u>
Total Expense	92,307.91
Net Ordinary Income	\$-2,089.42

## NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL

I would like to thank all of you for your support of the North Country Council this past year. It has been a difficult year for the Council and for our region. Cuts in the State and Federal Government have made it a challenge to continue to provide a high quality of support for our region and the communities. However, we once again affirmed the Council's commitment to serve community and regional needs.

The Council continued to deliver planning and economic development services throughout the region. We have and will continue to adjust our capacities to respond to the needs of the communities and you will see this in the programs that we will be introducing in the coming years. We have continued with our traditional programs in master planning, natural resource planning, Brownfields Assessments, energy planning and transportation planning, and these will continue to be a focus of North Country Council. We applied with eight other planning commissions in the State for funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Sustainable Communities Initiative which will provide additional resources to help the region and communities in the development of regional and community plans. Unfortunately we did not receive the award; however we have reapplied this year and are more confident that ever we will receive the award.

In economic development we continue our strong relationship with the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) in bringing funding and project development to the region. We were awarded a grant to develop a reuse plan for the Groveton Mill and will be spending next year working with the community, the owner and the regional leaders to develop a use that will bring robust economic development to the region, and most importantly, jobs. Construction for an addition to the Dartmouth Regional Technology Center (DRTC) started this year and will be completed in 2012. DRTC has been and continues to be a wonderful economic driver for the state and is a national model for incubators. These along with other economic opportunities will continue to be a focus in the coming year.

Again, thank you for all your support for the Council. I hope that I and my staff 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. Thank you for the privilege of allowing me to serve as your Executive Director.

Respectfully submitted;  
Michael King  
Executive Director

## **2011 REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF DISTRICT ONE**

**By Raymond S. Burton, Executive Councilor**

The Governor and Council have had a busy year since being sworn in to office on January 6, 2011. We meet approximately every two weeks to dispose of official business brought to us from the Governor's Office and the Departments of NH State Government.

The Governors Advisory Commission in Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) submitted our recommendations for the 10 year transportation plans for air, rail, highway and other public transportation to Governor Lynch on December 15, 2011. The Governor will review it and submit his recommendations to the NH House and Senate by January 15, 2012. It is now up to the NH House and Senate Committees to come to conclusions by July 12, 2012 on what our roads, bridges, airports, rail systems, and public transportation will be for the next ten years. Find your local state Senator and Representative by going to <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/members/wm1.aspx>. Another valuable resource is your local library and town/city clerks. Speak up and let them know what you believe should be done to maintain and improve our public transportation.

Hurricane Irene caused millions of dollars worth of damage to not only town and state road systems, but also cause major river/stream bank erosion. One of the best sources for FEMA and related matters is Chris Pope, Emergency Management Director, at NH Dept. of Safety. His direct line is 545-5842. NH DOT and NH Environmental Services, Depts of Safety and local town/city agencies coupled with private construction companies deserve lots of credit for putting back together roads and bridges for safe and timely travel.

A very important function and duty of the Governor and Executive Council is to find citizens to volunteer on the dozens of State boards and Commissions. If you are interested please send your letter of interest and resume to Jennifer Kuzma, Governors Office, 107 North Main Street, Concord NH 03301. Tel: 603-271-2121.

2012 is an election year. The NH Secretary of State has a very valuable political calendar with all appropriate dates for filing for office, financial reports, and election dates plus much more. Call NH Secretary of State at 271-3242 or my office for a copy or go to <http://www.sos.nh.gov/polcal2012-13forwebpdf>.

District Health Councils offer a lively forum to discuss health issues- federal, state and local. If you would like to serve on one of the three District Health Councils in Council District One please send me your names and contact information.

My office has NH Constitutions, official tourist maps, and other information. I always enjoy speaking and participating in local events.

I am at the service of this District. It is an honor to hear from you.

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Bath, NH 03740  
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## **WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH AND COMMON GROUND - 2011 Director's Report**

This year Northern Human Services/White Mountain Health has provided 25.52 hours of outpatient mental health services to 10 residents of Sugar Hill who were either uninsured or un-insured. In addition Common ground, our program for persons living with a developmental disability, has provided a comprehensive array of supports to 90 residents of Grafton County.

The numbers above only tell part of the story. Access to mental health treatment is important, but the availability of a Community Mental Health Center in an emergency situation is equally crucial. Our 24/7 crisis service, staffed by experienced, master's level clinicians and supported by board certified psychiatrists, means that any resident or visitor can receive competent assessment, day or night, in the event of a suicidal or homicidal crisis. This year we have made these services available with no waiting, even in the middle of the night, through the use of video equipment at all local hospital emergency rooms.

As every town makes hard choices about how to allocate scarce resources, human service organizations are often "on the chopping block". Sadly this is exactly the time when mental health care is most needed and least afforded, as individuals and families face job loss, relationship disruption and depression. Mental illness can be a fatal disease and the rate of suicide is on the rise. In addition to the terrible impact of a suicide, the cost of untreated mental illness to local towns in terms of police involvement, town welfare and public safety is significant.

Support from our towns has allowed us to continue to offer treatment on a sliding fee scale to anyone who comes to our door. Your support also allows us to intervene without any fee to tragic incidents in any of our communities – in schools, places of business or scenes of natural disaster. We also respond, without cost, to situations of concern to local residents or law enforcement, both by providing emergency services and by providing consultation and support.

As always, we thank you for continuing to help us make these services available.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane C. MacKay  
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 2011, we traveled 183,450 miles to provide 18,376 visits to the residents in our 20-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.

<u>Type of Care</u>	<u># of Visits</u>
Nursing	101
Physical/Occupational /Speech Therapy	70
Medical social Service	4
Home Health Aide/Homemaker	<u>106</u>
Total Visits	281
Miles Driven	3,146 Miles

### Hospice Volunteer Support

# of Clients	1
# of Hours	2

Respectfully submitted,  
Elaine Bussey  
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 2011, 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 2 residents were assisted by ServiceLink:

- Older adults from Sugar Hill enjoyed 29 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.
- Two rides were provided to Sugar Hill residents in 2011.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 3 visits with a trained outreach worker and 2 contacts with ServiceLink.
- Sugar Hill's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 64 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Sugar Hill residents in 2011 was \$396.47.

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.

Five full-time educators are based out of our North Haverhill office: Heather Bryant, Dave Falkenham, Kathleen Jablonski, Michal Lunak and Deborah Maes are supported by Rebecca Colpitts and Administrative Assistants Kristina Vaughan, Teresa Locke and Donna Lee. Lisa Ford, Program Associate, is located at the Whole Village Family Resource Center in Plymouth.

Trained volunteers support our programs in agriculture, forestry and youth development. Another group of volunteers serves on the Grafton County Extension Advisory Council and provide support and direction for our programs. Check our Grafton County website to see a current list of members <http://extension.unh.edu/Counties/Grafton/Grafton.htm>.

Grafton County has 26 Master Gardener volunteers who work in 25 communities. Last year they contributed a total of 994 hours of education and service. These volunteers work on projects such as the Memorial Garden at the County Nursing Home and the Gardening Empowerment Project at the Whole Village Family Resource Center in Plymouth.

Our Nutrition Connections program at Whole Village in Plymouth uses the on-site gardens to teach nutrition to adults and children and uses the teaching kitchen to show adults and children how to make healthy food choices and stretch their food dollar. Almost 350 youth and adults participated in programming during the past year. Interns from Plymouth State University also support the program.

Our Agricultural program hosts multiple workshops each year for commercial agriculture and back yard food producers. In addition, a Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education grant supported a pepper trial in collaboration with the County Farm. Over 1,000 pepper plants representing 13 varieties resulted in a donation of approximately 2,000 pounds of peppers to local food banks and senior centers. Additionally, valuable data on yield, quality and consumer preference was obtained.

Our Forestry program works with professional loggers and foresters to improve local forest management. During the past year \$250,000 in logging contracts by licensed foresters and loggers resulted in over \$120,000 being paid directly to landowners for timber cut on their land. Educational workshops reached communities on such topics as selling timber, tree identification, wildlife management and Current Use regulations.

Our Statewide Dairy program coordinates and conducts programming and site visits year round to educate farmers on risk management programs, business management, livestock care and herd management. The program supports the 134 statewide commercial dairy farms that produced over 290,000,000 pounds of milk in 2010. Gross milk and livestock sales accounted for \$60,000,000 in New Hampshire last year.

Our 4-H Youth Development program coordinates training for the 103 volunteers who contributed over 9,300 hours of time in supporting numerous club events and over 15 county wide events each year. The economic value of this time is almost \$200,000. The 4-H program also offers technical support and training for after-school students and staff on the topics of healthy living and science education.

Our Family & Consumer Resources program has offered over 150 foods safety classes since 2,000 targeting food service workers. Over 1,000 food service workers have attended locally taught national certification classes in food safety. Eighty-eight percent have received certification.

Our office uses social media as well as weekly news columns, resource notebooks at local public libraries and an electronic calendar to reach a larger county audience. Find us on Facebook under UNH Cooperative Extension - Grafton County.

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	\$ 14,400.00	15	\$1,600.00
2006 Motorola Radios Digital (18)	54,000.00	36,000.00	15	3,600.00
2007 Motorola Base Radio (1)	8,000.00	5,864.00	15	534.00
1939 Ford Antique Truck	1,000.00	0.00	10	-0-
1984 GMC Engine	82,000.00	0.00	25	-0-
1990 Chevrolet Pickup	13,400.00	0.00	5	-0-
1998 Freightliner Engine	75,000.00	36,000.00	25	3,000.00
2004 Ford Light Rescue Truck	105,000.00	75,600.00	20	4,200.00
2006 Sterling Fire Truck	175,000.00	140,000.00	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	<u>100,000.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	15	<u>-0-</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$833,600.00</b>	<b>\$307,864.00</b>		<b>\$19,934.00</b>

### POLICE EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2010 Chevy Tahoe	\$33,000.00	\$11,000.00	3	\$11,000.00
Cruiser Equipment	3,000.00	1,800.00	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	12,000.00	6	4,000.00
Radar Equipment	1,000.00	600.00	5	200.00
Radar Kustom	1,000.00	-0-	2	500.00
Body Armor (3)	2,700.00	-0-	2	-0-
Office Equipment	3,650.00	1,460.00	5	730.00
Sig 40mm Handguns (4)	2,400.00	800.00	6	400.00
Mossburg Shotgun	500.00	250.00	20	25.00
AR 15	900.00	720.00	10	90.00
AR 15	<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>1,080.00</u>	10	<u>120.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$79,850.00</b>	<b>\$33,610.00</b>		<b>\$18,965.00</b>

## HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
1993 Motorola Mobile Radio	\$ 300.00	\$ 30.00	20	\$ 15.00
1993 Motorola Portable Radio	600.00	60.00	20	30.00
1995 Brush Bandit Chipper	15,000.00	3,000.00	20	750.00
1996 Motorola Mobile Radio	600.00	150.00	20	30.00
Miscellaneous Mobile Equipment	45,000.00	22,750.00	20	2,250.00
Rosco Hydropac Hot Top Roller	10,000.00	1,000.00	10	1,000.00
York Rake	3,000.00	1,350.00	20	150.00
Culvert Thawer w/Trailer	4,500.00	1,550.00	10	450.00
2003 Sweepster Brom for 416 Cat	8,500.00	2,934.00	15	566.00
2004 Hudson Trailer 10 ton	8,900.00	5,785.00	20	445.00
2005 Sander E2020	14,000.00	5,598.00	15	933.00
2007 Komtsu Excavator	93,500.00	74,800.00	20	4,675.00
1985 Cat 130 Motor Grader	65,000.00	60,667.00	15	4,333.00
1993 Ford Tractor	12,000.00	6,900.00	20	600.00
2000 Cat 416C Loader/Backhoe	87,500.00	22,167.00	15	5,833.00
2005 Mack Dump Truck	107,543.00	77,830.00	15	7,170.00
2011 Ford F350 Pick Up	43,000.00	37,625.00	8	5,375.00
2008 Chevrolet 3500 Dump Truck	50,483.00	24,904.00	5	10,096.00
2011 Mack Dump Truck	124,925.00	115,672.00	15	8,328.00
2011 Fischer Sander	4,700.00	4,230.00	10	470.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$699,051.00</b>	<b>\$469,002.00</b>		<b>\$53,499.00</b>

## BUILDING & GROUNDS

2006 Chevy Pickup Truck	\$ 28,870.00	-0-	5	-0-
2010 JD Pro Mower/ Bag System	10,650.00	8,520.00	5	2,130.00
2006 JD 21" Commercial Mower	780.00	0.00	5	0.00
2002 JD JX85 Commercial Mower	800.00	0.00	5	0.00
2001 JD F375 Commercial Mower	10,000.00	1,000.00	10	1,000.00
2000 PAS 65x14 Trailer	2,750.00	1,237.50	20	137.50
2000 JD 21" Commerical Mower	750.00	0.00	5	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$54,600.00</b>	<b>\$10,757.50</b>		<b>\$3,267.50</b>

**BIRTHS REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2011**

<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Name of Child</b>	<b>Name of Father &amp; Name of Mother</b>
April 11, 2011	Asger Lee Hansen Brown	Shaw Brown Tine Brown
August 6, 2011	Cooper Brinson Ireland	John Ireland III Haley Ireland
October 16, 2011	David Lawrence Walsh	James Walsh Jennifer Walsh

**DEATHS REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2011**

<b>Date Of Death</b>	<b>Name Of Deceased</b>	<b>Name &amp; Surname Of Father</b>	<b>Maiden Name Of Mother</b>
January 4, 2011	Charles Chase	James Chase	Mary Devanna
March 13, 2011	Raymond Martin	William Martin	Jenny Washburn

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2011**

<b>Date of Marriage</b>	<b>Name and Surname Of Groom &amp; Bride</b>	<b>Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage</b>
May 14, 2011	Fred J. Hunt Jr. Paulina J. Garceau	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