

Annual Reports

Of the Selectmen and Other Town Officers



of the Town of

Langdon, N.H.

For the year ending December 31st

2018

**Town Meeting
March 12th, 2019**

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Notice of Town Hours

All meetings are held at the Langdon Municipal Building unless otherwise noted.

Board of Selectmen

October through May: Every Monday night at 7:00 P.M.

June through September: 1st, 3rd and 5th Mondays of the month at 7:00 P.M.

The Selectboard does not meet on federal holidays.

Selectmen's Office

Mondays and Wednesdays: 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Town Clerk

Mondays: 1:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.

Thursdays: 4:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

First Saturday of the month: 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Planning Board

3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

4th Thursday of the month as needed at 7:00 P.M.

Cemetery Trustees

2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M.

Heritage Commission

1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. (March through December Meetings held at the Meeting House)

Contact Information

Town Office: 603-835-2389 **Tax Collector:** 603-835-6260
603-835-6055 (fax) langdntaxcollector@yahoo.com

Town Web Site: www.langdonnh.org **email:** townoflangdon@yahoo.com

Building Inspector: 603-835-6032 **Zoning Board:** 603-835-2138

Planning Board: 603-835-2376 **Highway Garage:** 603-835-2882

Police Department: **Fire Department:** 603-835-6353
Dispatch: 603-355-2000 Emergencies: **911** or 352-1100
Emergencies: **911** **Forest Fire Warden:** 603-835-6959

Transfer Station Town of Alstead Facility
Wednesday and Saturday 7 A.M. to 5 P.M. 603-835-2425

Shedd-Porter Library Wednesday: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday: 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Alstead, NH Friday: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to Noon
835-6661

Elected Officers

MODERATOR FOR 2 YEAR TERM

Jeffrey Holmes

Term Expires 2020

SELECTMEN FOR 3 YEAR TERM

George "Bud" Ross
Lucien Beam
Nathan Chaffee

Term Expires 2019
Term Expires 2020
Term Expires 2021

TOWN CLERK FOR 3 YEAR TERM

Jessica Jarvis

Term Expires 2021

TAX COLLECTOR FOR 3 YEAR TERM

Andrea Cheeney

Term Expires 2019

TREASURER FOR 3 YEAR TERM

Kathleen A. Beam

Term Expires 2020

SEXTON FOR 1 YEAR TERM

Curtis Barnes

Term Expires 2019

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND

Hayes Stagner
Tina Christie
Daniel Reagan

Term Expires 2021
Term Expires 2020
Term Expires 2019

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

Douglas Beach
Ronald Batchelder
Diane Holmes

Term Expires 2019
Term Expires 2021
Term Expires 2020

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST FOR 6 YEAR TERM

Ruth Kemp
Myrna Harrington
Robert Cunniff

Term Expires 2021
Term Expires 2019
Term Expires 2023

FIRE CHIEF FOR 1 YEAR TERM

Gregory Chaffee

Term Expires 2019

FALL MOUNTAIN SCHOOL BOARD FOR 3 YEAR TERM

Mary Henry

Term Expires 2020

Appointed Town Officers

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK: Tina Christie

DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR: Tina Christie

DEPUTY TREASURER: Linda Campbell

HEALTH OFFICER: Lisa Robichaud

POLICE CHIEF: Raymond L'abbe

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Everett Adams

FOREST FIRE WARDEN: Curtis Barnes

DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS:

Greg Chaffee, Greg Cheeney, Curtis Barnes, Virginia Foote

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR: Virginia Foote

PLANNING BOARD

(7 members)

Robert Polcari, Chair
J. Pat Breslend, Vice Chair
Lucien Beam
Michael Holmes
Helen Koss, secretary pro tem

Term Expires 2021
Term Expires 2020
Ex Officio
Term Expires 2020

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

(5 members)

Virginia Foote, Chair
Greg Chaffee, Vice Chair
Ray L'abbe
Kenneth Hart, Secretary
Ronald Batchelder
Mike Kmiec, Alternate

Term Expires 2021
Term Expires 2019
Term Expires 2020
Term Expires 2021
Term Expires 2020

RECREATION BOARD

Andrea Cheeney, Kim Mastrianni, Jessi Dussault. Jess Jarvis

HERITAGE COMMISSION
(7 members)

Dennis McClary, Chair	Term Expires 2019
Mike Sweeney (Alternate)	Term Expires 2020
Cliff Oster	Term Expires 2020
Bud Ross	Ex-Officio
Andrea Cheeney	Term Expires 2021
Lorraine Chaffee (Alternate)	Term Expires 2019
Laura Rheume	Term Expires 2021
Kathie Beam, Treasurer	

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY
As of December 31st, 2018
(Assessed Values)

5408	Town Hall, Lands & Buildings	\$252,450
	Town Hall Furniture & Equipment	500
5404	Old Fire Department Land & Buildings	109,700
5305	Highway Department Land & Buildings	168,120
	Highway Department Vehicles & Equip	340,000
5427	Municipal Building & Land	429,800
	Municipal Building Contents	100,000
	New Fire Station	174,460
	Fire Department Vehicles & Equipment	436,000
	Police Department Vehicles & Equipment	80,000
5408.1	Town Common	5,000
5401	Village Road	3,000
5414	Tory Hill Road	400
3414.1	Cheshire Turnpike	8,500
TOTAL		\$ 2,107,930

Town of Langdon
213th Annual Meeting
Langdon Town Hall
Tuesday March 13th, 2018

Moderator, Jeff Holmes, commenced the meeting at 7:18pm. Jeff mentioned that the Town Report, this year, is dedicated to Dorothy Campbell. Mrs. Campbell will be celebrating her 100th birthday this year.

Lucien Beam, Selectman, discussed that the Boston Post Newspaper had distributed canes to surrounding Towns in 1909 to be given to the eldest resident in each town. Langdon had received a cane. That cane, unfortunately, has been missing for years. Lou mentioned that the Selectboard had decided to restart the tradition and had ordered a replica. On April 14th there will be a birthday celebration for Mrs. Campbell from 1-2pm for the family and 2-4 for the Townspeople. Lou noted that as Mrs. Campbell could not make it to the meeting tonight due the weather, the cane would be presented to her at the celebration. He also mentioned that there will be a plaque made noting each recipient.

Jeff Holmes went over the ground rules for the meeting.

Article 1:

To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Selectman (3 years): Nathan Chaffee

Trust Fund Trustee (3 years): J. Hayes Stagner

Sexton (1 year): Curtis Barnes

Fire Chief (1 year): Greg Chaffee

Moderator (2 years): Jeff Holmes

Supervisor of the Checklist (6 years): Myrna Harrington

Town Clerk (3 years): Jessica Jarvis

Article 2:

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Five Hundred and Forty-Four Dollars (\$562,544) for the general operating expenses of the Town. This article does not include special or individual articles addressed.

Selectman Lou Beam spoke to the article stating the Town had kept expenses down to \$518, 757 and in doing do so added \$54,000 back to the general fund. Lou mentioned that the School's impact on taxes will be less this coming year. The estimated is down \$1.05 and if the teacher salary increase passes it will go down to \$0.88. Lou said with this budget and the decrease in School taxes the tax rate will go down. Don Martin moved and Shelly Barnes seconded; Article 2 passed by voice vote, unanimous.

Article 3:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Fire Rescue Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Selectman Ron Batchelder spoke to the article. He said that the fund has \$97,532 prior to the \$10,000 this year if passed. Ron mentioned that the Fire Department may start looking for a rescue truck this year and the Capital Reserve Fund monies will almost cover the cost. Mr. Clough asked what the price would be. Greg Chaffee, Fire Chief, responded that the price in 1999 was just under \$80,000. Mr. Clough asked if they would take a trade in. Greg said that the Fire Department was planning on turning current truck into a brush truck. Shelly Barnes moved and Steve Holmes seconded, no discussion, passed by voice vote, unanimous.

Article 4:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to be added to the SCOTT air tank Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Selectman Ron Batchelder spoke to the article. Ron mentioned that the Fire Department needed \$20,000 by the year 2020 to replace the SCOT packs. He said they are also looking into grants to help with the cost. Ken Urbanski asked what they were. Ron said that they are the tanks and masks used by firefighters. Greg Chaffee said that this is something that must be replaced and they had received a grant 20 years ago. Mike Roentsch asked if the Capital Reserve Fund was limited to the tanks. Greg replied that, yes, it is for the tanks only. Shelly Barnes moved and Steve Holmes seconded, passed by voice vote, unanimous.

Article 5:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be used for an addition to the old Sand Shed located at the Highway Garage. The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Ron Batchelder spoke to this article. Ron said that the Road Agent had informed him that they would be knocking out a wall and building a new one to open it up. Ron said that the price of a new building would have run the town \$26,000 just for the cement work. Lou mentioned that Todd had been covering the sand with plastic tarps that needed replacing twice a year and had cost the town \$1000 per year. Donny Martin moved and Shelly Barnes seconded, passed by voice vote, unanimous.

Article 6:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Lou spoke to the article. He noted that in years past the Town had added \$15,000 to the fund. He said that the big truck would need to be replaced and by adding extra, the difference between cost and funds reserved will be reasonable. Steve Holmes asked how much a new truck would be. Ron mentioned that it would be approximately \$80,000 and Lou noted that the capital reserve fund now held \$15,640 but the purchase is still two to three years out.

Shelly Barnes moved and Steve Holmes seconded, passed by voice vote, unanimous.

Article 7:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$19,800) for the purpose of repairing the swing table on the Highway Department Grader. All Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$19,800) will come from the unassigned Fund Balance. The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Ron Batchelder spoke to this article. He said that the swing table that carries the blade on the grader needed work. This work should extend the life of the grader by 10 years. He noted that a new grader could cost \$300,000. Steven Holmes asked about the unassigned fund balance. Ron said that it is unspent money from the prior years and that Langdon has \$100,000 over what the state requires us to keep. Lou mentioned that the Town had generated more money than expected from Timber Tax and had not spent \$54,000 from last year's budget. He said that there is \$429,000 kept in case of any catastrophic event.

Shelly Barnes moved and Donny Martin seconded, passed by voice vote, unanimous.

Article 8:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Thirteen Thousand (\$113,000) for the purpose of shimming the front half of Hemlock Road; the Langdon Portion of Drewsville Road; and the front of Comstock Road from Old Drewsville Road to the Alstead town line. Seventy Thousand (\$70,000) to come from the unassigned Fund Balance and the remaining Forty Three Thousand Dollars (\$43,000) to come from general taxation.

Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Lou spoke to the article. Lou said that the Road Agent put together a 5 year paving plan. He noted that Comstock had drainage and mud issues and that Hemlock would be shimmed and another 500' or so of pavement added. Steven Holmes asked what the difference between shimming and paving was. Lou responded that the pavement would be like that of Crane Brook Road and not Cheshire Turnpike. Griffin Dussault brought up that Russell Road could use some care, perhaps grading or the York rake. Lou mentioned that the Road Agent was behind last year due to some severe wash outs and weather events and did not get to everything as planned.

Ray L'abbe moved and Kim Mastrianni seconded, passed by voice vote, unanimous.

Article 9:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Ron Batchelder spoke to the article. He noted that they had a plan to replace a cruiser every five years at which time the cruiser would be ten years old. Lou mentioned that Ray L'abbe is again the Police Chief, but temporary. He said the goal of the Selectboard was to start looking at the Police Department in general and seeing if a collaboration with Alstead is possible. He said that they will discuss updates next year. Mr. Clough asked if constables from the State could be a resource. Ray L'abbe noted that there weren't any in New Hampshire.

Ray L'abbe moved and Greg Chaffee seconded the article, passed by voice vote, unanimous.

Article 10:

Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and (2) was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from service and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$500.00, the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28.

Lou spoke to the article. He noted that it will not have a major impact on the budget. Andrea Cheeney said that it opened up the dates of service to Veterans.

Bob Cunniff moved and Curt Clough seconded, passed by voice vote, unanimous.

Article 11:

To see if the Town will vote to close three accounts overseen by the Trustees of the Trust Fund. Those accounts are the Capital Reserve Town Hall Foundation Repair (\$136.18), Capital Reserve Cemetery Fence (\$12.36) and Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund (\$13.48). All monies will be withdrawn by the Trustees of the Trust Fund and deposited into the general fund for a total of One Hundred and Sixty Two Dollars and Two Cents (\$162.02).

Ron spoke to the article. He mentioned that the bank is charging fees since the balance is so low. Mike Kmiec asked about the next reval. Ron noted that the revaluations are broken down over the five years to keep yearly costs down.

Article 12:

To see if the Town will vote to increase the yearly salary of the Tax Collector to seven thousand (\$7,000).

Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Lou spoke to the article. He mentioned that the increase had no impact on the budget as the funds were already there. He also mentioned that Andrea had not received a raise in ten years. Marilyn Martin asked if it was a flat salary. Lou said yes. Shelly Barnes asked if there was a time study done. Lou replied that last year Andrea had tried to keep track of her hours but does do a lot of work on her own time and from home. The residents discussed if Andrea was okay with the raise, she mentioned she had discussed it with the Selectboard. It was noted that a review should be more frequent.

Kim Mastrianni moved and Andrea Cheeney seconded, unanimous, passed by voice vote.

Article 13:

To allow accounts.

Ron Batchelder – Services as Selectman Chair \$2,500

George “Bud” Ross – Services as Selectman \$2,200

Lucien Beam – Services as Selectman \$2,200

Shelly Barnes moved and Andrea Cheeney seconded, unanimous, passed by voice vote.

Article 12:

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

Lou mentioned that over the next year they would like to come up with some ideas for the Town Common. He said that the Extension Service had come in to view the trees and noted that many of them are diseased and could be replaced. Lou brought up the Old Salt Shed and what the Town would like to see happen with it. Dennis McClary has already asked someone to come in to determine the historical value and estimated cost to repair it. Lou also mentioned the Old Fire Station and should it be resided or painted or left alone. Dianne Holmes asked if grants were available. Spraying costs for the trees could average over \$500 per year and Bob Cunniff said that his son thought it wouldn't pay to save them. Kim Mstrianni thought to ask the Highschool. Starting a committee for the renovations and restructuring of the common was brought up. The residents discussed the Old Salt Shed. Temporary fixes were done last year and it had housed supplies for the Fire Department and Fall Festival. It was noted that it is part of a historical town compound. The electric situation was also discussed. Displaying the hearse in it was brought up. The residents also discussed the Old Fire Station. It was mentioned that there had been some opposition to putting up siding in prior years and was maintenance free right now. Marilyn Martin asked if the Highway department had thought to put up guardrails near their house. Ray L'abbe adding that there had been many people off the road there. Andrea Cheeney noted that Fall Festival is scheduled for September 22nd this year. Clean up Day will be set when Bud returns. Lou said it is usually the 1st or 2nd Saturday in May. Palm Sunday at the church will be at 1:00 with refreshments after. The Easter Egg Hunt will be on March 31st. Lou recognized: The Community Club for donating the chair rack; Doug and Gina Beach for donating the Flagpole at the Meetinghouse; and the Heritage Commission and Fall Festival Committee.

Lou also recognized Ron Batchelder for his nine years of service as a Selectman. Ron was given a clock in thanks.

Gina Beach won the Community Club Quilt.

Adjourn:

Shelly Barnes moved and Steve Holmes seconded a motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Jarvis, Town Clerk

The State of New Hampshire

Town of Langdon

Town Warrant

To the inhabitants of the Town of Langdon, County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:
You are hereby notified to meet at the Municipal Building in said Langdon on Tuesday, the 12th day of March, 2019 at ten of the clock a.m. until seven p.m. Regular business meeting will commence at seven-fifteen p.m. at the Town Hall.

Article 1: To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of the following to the Langdon Building Code as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:

4 C, ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS as defined in NH RSA 674:71 – 73

Definition

1. As used in this subdivision, “accessory dwelling unit” means a residential living unit that is within or attached to a single-family dwelling, and that provides independent living facilities for one or more persons, including provisions for sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation on the same parcel of land as the principal dwelling unit it accompanies.

To increase housing alternatives while maintaining neighborhood aesthetics and quality, one accessory dwelling is permitted on any property containing an owner-occupied single-family dwelling.

Accessory Dwelling shall be permitted only on properties containing an owner-occupied single-family dwelling.

2. There shall be not more than one accessory dwelling unit per lot.
3. An accessory dwelling unit shall not be considered to be an additional dwelling unit for the purpose of determining minimum lot size or development density of the property.
4. The owner if a property containing an accessory dwelling unit shall reside in either the principal or the accessory dwelling.
5. The accessory dwelling shall contain a fully self-sufficient living quarters, consisting of adequate sleeping, bathing, and eating accommodations.
6. The maximum size of an accessory dwelling shall not exceed 50% of the living area of the principal dwelling, and shall include no more than two bedrooms. The minimum size for an accessory dwelling shall be 300 sq. ft.
7. The accessory dwelling shall be subsidiary in size and function to the principal dwelling and be consistent with the principal dwelling in appearance, design, colors and materials.
8. The accessory dwelling may be located within or added to the principal structure, or attached to an accessory structure such as a free-standing garage, or may itself be a free-standing accessory structure.
 - A. If contained within or added to the principal structure, exterior entry to the accessory dwelling shall not face the street as a second door.
 - B. If a free-standing structure or attached to a free-standing structure, the accessory dwelling shall be located only in the side or rear yard of the property within 100ft of the primary structure.
9. All required setbacks shall be complied with.
10. Water and septic provisions shall comply with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services regulations, but separate systems shall not be necessarily required for the principal and accessory dwelling units.
11. There shall be one parking space in the rear or side yard for the accessory dwelling and no additional curb cut.
12. The structure and lot shall not be converted to a condominium or any other form of legal ownership distinct from the ownership of the principal single-family dwelling.
13. Both the accessory dwelling unit and the primary residence shall comply with the state and town Building Code and Fire Code regulations for construction, minimum living space, fire exits and smoke alarms.
14. An interior door shall be provided between the principal unit and an attached accessory dwelling unit. There is no requirement for said door to remain unlocked.
15. Accessory dwelling units are not intended for individual ownership. The title shall be inseparable from the primary dwelling.

Article 3: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Eighty Two Thousand Six Hundred and Fifteen Dollars (\$582,615) for the general operating expenses of the Town. This article does not include special or individual articles addressed.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Fire Rescue Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established.
The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to be added to the Scott Air Tanks Reserve Fund previously established.
The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to redo the Town Common. The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established.
The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Five Thousand Dollars (\$105,000) for the purpose of paving the lower half of the existing dirt section of Holden Hill with base and top layers. Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) to come general taxation and the remaining Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to come from the unreserved Fund Balance.
The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Police cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$13,320) to repair and revitalize the Salt shed behind the Meetinghouse. The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$4,150) to paint the Old Fire Department. The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Five Dollars (\$5,375) to update three chapters of the Langdon Master Plan. This sum is to come from the unassigned fund balance with no amount to be raised by taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Article 13: On petition of 14 registered voters, to see if the Town will vote to adopt the following resolution or take any action thereon:

We call upon the United States to lead the global effort to prevent nuclear war by:

*Renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first

*End the president's sole, unchecked authority to launch a nuclear attack

*Taking U.S. nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert

*Canceling the plan to replace its entire arsenal with enhanced weapons

*Actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals

The Town Clerk is directed to send copies of this resolution, if adopted, to the two New Hampshire U.S. Senators and to the U.S. Representative for this district, and to the President of the United States, and the Secretary of State.

Article 14: To allow all accounts.

Acct. #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuig FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuig FY (Not Recommended)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
4130-4139	Executive (Town Officers Salaries)		29,000	28,626	29,500	
4140-4149	Election, Reg & Vital Statistics		1,000	1,734	1,000	
4150-4151	Financial Admin (Town Officers Exp.)		34,500	32,710	34,500	
4152	Revaluation of Property		10,500	1,566	16,000	
4153	Legal Expense		5,000	1,124	4,000	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		2,000	1,680	2,000	
4194	General Government Buildings		25,000	73,391	32,000	
4195	Cemeteries		10,650	12,387	10,650	
4196	Insurance		24,092	24,092	23,216	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		1,040	1,100	1,100	
4199						
PUBLIC SAFETY						
4210-4214	Police		45,000	34,411	45,000	
4210-4214	School Resource Officer		72,000	70,139	72,000	
4215-4219	Ambulance		8,424	8,424	8,424	
4220-4229	Fire		31,500	30,668	31,989	
HIGHWAYS & STREETS						
4312	Highways & Streets		177,000	176,387	198,519	
SANITATION						
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		40,000	40,000	40,000	
HEALTH						
4414	Pest Control (Dogs)		1,000	754	1,000	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		500	0	3,500	
WELFARE						
4441-4442	Admin. & Direct Assistance		2,500	627	1,500	
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		4,500	2,850	500	
CULTURE & RECREATION						
4550-4559	Library		5,100	5,100	5,100	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		225	225	225	
	Fall Mtn. Food Shelf Donation		0	0	3,000	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		1,200	532	1,200	
DEBT SERVICE						
4711	Principal Long Term Bonds & Notes		25,313	25,066	14,872	
4721	Interest Long Term Bonds & Notes		2,500	2,284	1,820	
CAPITAL OUTLAY						
4902	Highway Paving	#8	113,000	71,431	105,000	
4902	Food Shelf Donation		3,000	3,000	0	
4902	Old Fire Department	#11	0	0	4,150	
4902	Town Common	#6	0	0	5,000	
4902	Old Salt Shed	#10	0	0	13,320	
4902	Master Plan Updates	#12	0	0	5,375	
4902	Grader Repairs		19,800	19,654	0	
4902	Sand Shed		5,000	3,583	0	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT						
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund					
	Highway Equipment	#7	20,000	20,000	20,000	
	SCOTT Packs	#5	4,000	4,000	4,000	
	Police Dept. Cruiser	#9	5,000	5,000	5,000	
	Rescue Vehicles	#4	10,000	10,000	20,000	
	Refunds:		0	0	0	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS			739,344	712,545	764,460	
LESS REVENUES			411,525	502,427	406,750	
TAXES TO BE RAISED			327,819	210,118	357,710	

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	Source of Revenue	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES					
3120	Land Use Change Tax		0	0	0
3185	Timber Taxes		1,000	14,137	2,500
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		10,000	22,272	12,000
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		100	234	100
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES					
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		0	0	0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		140,000	147,606	140,000
3230	Building Permits		250	775	250
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		1,000	1,531	1,200
	Forest Fire Reimbursement		0	191	0
OTHER GOVERNMENTS					
3379	From FMRSD (School Resource Officer)		72,000	59,577	72,000
FROM STATE					
3351	Shared Revenues		0	0	0
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		30,000	35,671	30,000
3353	Highway Block Grant		46,000	61,174	60,000
3355	Misc. State Revenues		100	450	100
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		300	347	300
3379	From Other Governments (Court Fines)		0	125	0
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
3401-3406	Income from Departments (Police)		0	0	0
3401-3406					
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		0	10,550	0
3502	Interest on Investments		450	2,012	700
3503-3509	Other (Copies, Maps, Histories)		25	50	25
3503-3509	Others (Refunds & Insurance Payment)		100	3,201	100
3503-3509	Reimbursement from Food Shelf		0	2,229	1,500
3503-3509	Other (Reimbursement from Heritage)			29,632	0
3503-3509	Other (Rent of Property)		19,400	19,583	19,400
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN					
3916	Cemetery Perpetual Care		1,000	725	700
3915	Paving (Fund Balance)		70,000	70,000	60,000
3915	Grader Repairs		19,800	19,800	0
3915	Master Plan (Fund Balance)		0	0	5,375
3915	Gravel Crushing (Fund Balance)		0	0	0
3916	Cemetery Fund (Winch)		0	556	500
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		0	0	0
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
3394	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		0	0	0
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			411,525	502,427	406,750

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

	Jan. 1 st , 2018	Dec. 31 st , 2018
Current Assets:		
Cash and equivalents:	\$ 948,974	\$ 736,575
Taxes Receivable:	\$ 147,110	\$ 143,436
Liens Receivable:	\$ 43,594	\$ 94,942
Accounts Receivable:	\$ 10,994	\$ 18,750
Total Assets:	\$ 1,150,672	\$ 993,703
Liabilities and Fund Equity		
Due to School District:	\$621,288	\$ 490,926
Warrants and Accounts Payable:	\$ 10,994	\$ 18,750
Total Liabilities:	\$ 632,282	\$ 509,676
Fund Equity:		
Unassigned:	\$ 443,711	\$ 484,027
Total Fund Equity:	\$ 443,711	\$ 484,027
 Total Liabilities and Fund Equity:	 \$ 1,150,672	 \$ 993,703



Summary of Inventory Valuation 2018

<u>Land Type</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
Current Use	8,130.91	\$ 831,273
Residential	1,283.29	\$ 15,410,900
Commercial/Industrial	155.64	\$ 1,213,100
Total of Taxable Land:	9,571.31	\$ 17,569,228
Tax Exempt and non-taxable	581.38	\$ 1,370,100
<u>Value of Buildings Only:</u>		
Residential		\$ 35,957,580
Manufactured Housing		\$ 896,870
Commercial / Industrial		\$ 1,650,350
Total of Taxable Buildings:		\$ 38,295,590
Tax Exempt and Non Taxable		\$ 7,918,900
<u>Public Utilities:</u>		\$ 1,532,810
Total Valuation before Exemptions:		\$ 57,492,883
Less Elderly Exemptions		\$ 250,000
Net Value for Municipal Tax Rate:		\$ 57,242,883
Less Utilities		\$ 1,532,810
Net Value for State Education Tax Rate		\$ 55,710,073

**REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018**

Cash Balance on hand on January 1, 2018		\$948,819.26
Remittance from the Tax Collector	1,674,924.76	
Remittance from the Town Clerk	149,770.70	
Total - Town of Langdon		1,824,695.46
Remittance from State of NH		
Highway Block Grant	59,345.55	
Rooms & Meals Tax	35,560.68	
Reimbursement State Forest Land	363.17	
Total - State of New Hampshire		95,269.40
Miscellaneous Receipts		
School Resource Officer Reimbursement	60,537.32	
Permits	825.00	
Rent: Municipal Bldg	13,223.00	
Interest Income	1,363.97	
Copying and Tax Maps	50.00	
Forest Fire Reimbursement	191.07	
Cemetery	355.60	
Food Shelf Reimbursement for expenses	7,629.37	
Checklist	200.00	
Fines	125.00	
Sale of Town Property - River St.	10,550.00	
Heritage Comm. reimbursement to Town	29,632.00	
Donation for use of Meetinghouse	350.00	
Refunds	2,235.19	
UCC Filings	450.00	
Misc.	5.00	
Total Miscellaneous		127,722.52
Total Income		\$2,047,687.38
Paid on Selectmen's Orders	2,104,231.35	
Police, Highway, and Town Officer Payroll Acct	155,000.00	
Misc Bank adj.	700.00	
Total Expenditures		\$2,259,931.35
Balance on Hand December 31, 2018		\$736,575.29

Respectfully Submitted, Kathleen A. Beam, Treasurer

2018 Tax Rate Calculation

Gross Town Appropriations	\$ 739,344	
Less Revenues	(\$ 351,127)	
Less Fund Balance Used:	(\$ 99,800)	
Add overlay	\$ 24,807	
Add War Service Credits	\$ 20,000	
Net Town Appropriation:		\$ 333,224
Regional School Apportionment	\$ 1,436,719	
Less Adequate Education Grant	(\$ 324,505)	
Less State Education Taxes	(\$ 121,781)	
Net Local School Appropriation:		\$ 990,433
State Education Tax		\$ 121,781
County Tax		\$ 176,331
Total Property Taxes Assessed:	\$ 1,621,769	
Less War Service Credits	(\$20,000)	
Total Property Tax Commitment:		\$1,601,769

2018 Tax Rate:

Town	\$ 5.82
School	\$ 17.30
State Education	\$ 2.19
County	\$ 3.08
TOTAL RATE:	\$28.39

Report of the Langdon Tax Collector Fiscal Year 2018

This year will mark my 12th year serving as your Tax Collector that has gone by very quickly. I will continue with my Monday hours and scheduled appointments as needed.

Payment options: mail to; Langdon Tax Collector PO Box 335 Alstead NH 03602; I accept the **postmark** as the payment date. There is also a secure **payment drop box** on the outside of the municipal building for collection of check or money order payments. For security reasons I **do not** accept payments at my home and the Town Clerk is not authorized to accept tax payments.

I am also available by appointment; call 603-835-6260 or email Langdntaxcollector@yahoo.com, to arrange an appointment.

2019 Tax Year Important Dates

February –Mail Notice of Arrearage (unpaid taxes and interest for 2018)

March – Notice of Arrearage Due (unpaid taxes and interest for 2018)

April – Lien Notices issued (unpaid taxes and interest for 2018)

May – Lien Notice due (if 2016 taxes and interest are unpaid lien issued with the Sullivan County Registry of Deeds and additional fees are added to balance)

2019 1st issue tax bills are mailed.

June – Deed notices mailed for 2016 taxes, fees and interest

July – 2019 1st issue tax bills due

Deed notice due for 2016. taxes, fees and interest are due.

October – Receive new tax rate from NH Department of Revenue Administration

November – 2019 2nd issue tax bill

December – 2019 2nd issue tax bill due

Interest Rates for Late Payments:

Current Years Tax bills – 12%

Taxes currently in the Lien or Deed process – 18% (also subject to additional fees and costs for filing and research)

Land Use Change Tax (Current Use Changes) – 18%

Yield Tax (Timber Tax) – 18%

Excavation Tax (Gravel Tax) – 18%

***Due to HB 1673 beginning April 1st 2019 tax interest rates will be 8% on delinquent taxes and 14% on tax liens.**

Tax Exemptions and Help: The Veteran's credit has changed and now applies to anyone honorably discharged from the military, regardless of your time of service. The Low to Moderate Income forms and Elderly Exemptions forms are also available at the town office.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea J. Cheeney

Tax Collector

“I don't suppose we will ever get to the point where people are pleased to pay taxes, but we owe it to them to see that the collection is done as efficiently as possible, as courteously as possible, and always honestly.”

-Lyndon B. Johnson

Langdon Town Clerk Report 2018

January 1st, 2018 – December 31st, 2018



Town Clerk Hours

Mondays: 1:00pm to 2:30pm

Thursdays: 4:00pm to 6:30 pm

The First Saturday of the Month

8:00am to 11:00am

Fees Collected 2018

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	
Total Registration & Title Fees Collected	\$ 148,033.20
Vital Records Fees	\$ 200.00
Dog Licenses and Fines	\$ 1,460.50
Dog License Fees remitted to State	\$ (347.50)
Other Deposits	\$ 77.00
Total	\$ 149,423.20

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Jarvis
Town Clerk

2019 Dog License Information

Puppies (4-7 Months)	\$7.50
Neutered or Spayed	\$7.50
Unaltered	\$10.00
Senior discount	\$3.00

(Owner who is 65 years of age or older, for their first dog only)

New Hampshire Law requires that all dogs must be registered by APRIL 30TH of each year. Please remember to bring a valid rabies certificate for each animal.

If all else fails, hug your dog

Report of the Selectboard 2018

Another year has passed by. It was, all in all, a good year for the Town of Langdon.

Nate Chaffee replaced Ron Batchelder on the Selectboard. This was a tall order to fill, but Nate has done so flawlessly. A significant amount of time has been spent by the Selectboard on addressing Langdon's police needs. Ray L'abbe would like to permanently retire. To that end, the Selectboard has explored several models including State Police coverage, Sheriff Department services, merging with the Alstead police force and continuing with our present model. Cost and coverage were debated; the result being a decision to continue with the present model. We are interviewing candidates during February and hope to have a new chief by Town Meeting. Coffee hours on the first Wednesday of the month continue to grow and are very informative. Thank you to our hosts Kathie and Lou Beam.

We are also happy to report that the town revenues are significantly higher this year due to increased timber tax collection and the sale of a town owned property on Route 123.

Finally a huge "THANK YOU" to all the Board members and department heads for their efforts this past year. You have all been truly amazing with your high standards of dedication and responsibilities. You are the key to the Town of Langdon running smoothly and efficiently.

Respectfully Submitted,

George "Bud" Ross

Selectboard Chair

Police Chief's Report 2018

As we enter 2019 this looks like this is my last report as Police Chief. I'm going to make another attempt at retirement. It is time for someone else to take over the helm. I'm now in my 30th year in law enforcement. I hope that whoever is hired will be afforded the same support from the taxpayers as I have received over the last 20 years as Chief.

The Police Department has had a fairly normal year. Motor vehicle accidents have been down due, in part, to the Highway Department keeping the roads in great shape. Most of the accidents have occurred on state roads. I'd like to take this opportunity to explain one of the most important functions of any department (not just Langdon) is patrols. The more visible any police department is, the fewer accidents and burglaries a town experiences. Visibility is a key part of crime prevention in general. It is much easier and cheaper to prevent something from happening rather than investigating an accident after it happens.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ray L'abbe

Police Chief

Langdon Fire Chief's Report 2018

The Langdon Fire and Rescue responded to 97 calls in 2018.

Rescue Calls	53	Fire Alarm	2
Mutual Aid	15	Brush Fire	1
Tree and Wires down	17	Wire arching on pole	1
Tree down	7	Permit burn	1

We continue to train and update certifications to keep personnel current.

We hold our fire training and drills on the first and third Thursdays of the month. Rescue training is held every second Thursday of the month. We are always looking for new membership. Please call Greg Chaffee if you are interested in becoming a member. #603-835-6418

We attended fire training in area towns for the following:

- *Live car fire drill held in Alstead.
- *Arson Investigation class in Charlestown.
- *Auto extrication training held in Alstead.

In addition to our weekly in house drills, we also hosted a drill with Cota and Cota for propane emergencies.

Our members attended a state IS907 class at Fall Mountain to educate Fall Mountain Regional School District employees on an emergency response plan.

We participated in CAT Shock at F.M.R.H.S. last May with other district towns.

CAT Shock is a simulated car accident involving high school students before prom.

The following people took EMR and EMT refreshers in June:

Emergency Medical Responders Curt Barnes, Shelly Barnes, Ken Hart and Greg Chaffee.

Emergency Medical Technician Nate Chaffee and Virginia Foote.

Matt Barnes is a newly certified EMT.

We continue to stay active in our community.

- *Provided personnel for the Langdon Fishing Derby.
- *Provided fire safety education to teach students at Sarah Porter School and Early Learning Center. Each child received fire safety packets and enjoyed a visit from Smokey Bear.
- *Provided assistance with the F.M.R.H.S. Homecoming Weekend.
- *Provided candy, doughnuts and hot beverages on Halloween in the village.
- *We attended the Claremont Fire Parade.

The fundraisers that we held in 2018 were very successful. We held our annual Mother's Day Breakfast at our fire station. We provided a food booth at the Langdon Fall Festival. Proceeds from our fundraisers help us buy needed equipment.

I would like to thank all the members of the Langdon Fire and Rescue for unselfishly giving their valuable time to our community fire and rescue department. The commitment and dedication shown by our members is something to be proud of. I would also like to thank the Langdon Police Department, Selectman Office and the Highway Department for working so closely with us.

To report an emergency, you may dial **911 or 352-1100**

Respectfully Submitted,
Greg Chaffee, Langdon Fire Chief

Langdon Forest Fire Warden's Report 2018

I would like to start this year's report by recognizing Fred Roentsch for his many years of service as a Forest Fire Warden. He became a Deputy Warden in 1974 and a Warden in 1979. The state honored Fred by presenting him with Warden Emeritus at the June Forest Fire Warden's meeting in Surry.

I was appointed Forest Fire Warden by the selectman and state in June. I am very happy to fill this position and know I have big shoes to fill.

Langdon had a quiet brush fire season this year. We provided mutual aid to Charlestown and we had one smoke investigation.

You can contact me at my home (603) 835-6959 or my cell (603) 209-6918 for a burn permit.

To report an emergency, you may dial 911 or 352-1100

Respectfully Submitted,

Curtis Barnes

Langdon Forest Fire Warden



Road Agent's Report 2018

Here we are ending another year (2018) and beginning a new (2019). Here is a quick look at what we have accomplished and what still needs to be addressed as we look into the future.

Mellish and Cold River roads received a total of 1,260 yards of new crushed gravel this year. Unfortunately, we were unable to do the lower halves of Comstock road and Winch Hill this year, so we are projected to do them in 2019.

We were able to complete the replacing of 240ft of culvert on lower half of Holden Hill along with 500ft of ditching and stoning to prepare the road to be paved in 2019. The Winch Hill project slated for last year, of 40feet of culvert, will also have to be done in 2019 in addition it's going to require another 60feet of culvert.

Crack sealing was done this year on Crane Brook and Cheshire Turnpike roads. For 2019 we are planning on Hemlock, Old Drewsville and Comstock roads.

The roadside mowing project was completed this year thanks to Ron Batchelder.

Equipment repairs on the 2010 International have been higher than normal this year as the equipment is getting older and falling apart more often; it will be in need of replacement within the next 2 to 3 years. The two F550's and John Deere Backhoe have been running exceptionally well and have required minimal repairs.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the townspeople, the Selectboard, Fire Department, Police Department, Porter and Sons Construction, Keith Short Trucking, Pelton Contruction and my part-time help Kevin Beal for all their continued support over the past and future years.

Respectfully submitted,
Todd A. Porter
Langdon Road Agent

Building Inspector's Report 2018

Building Permits this year were mostly for Sheds, Pole Buildings and Accessory Buildings.

Also, four investigations for code violations.

Total Permits Issued:

1-commerical permit:

1-resident-garage pole barn permit:

1-accessory building-shed permit:

1-addition to barn permit:

1-foundation permit-pole barn:

4-code violations-investigations:

5 Total Permits issued.

Respectfully Submitted,
Everett L. Adams
Langdon Building Inspector

2018 Report of the Zoning Board of Adjustment

After a couple years of inactivity, the Zoning Board reorganized. In 2018, we held three public hearings. One for a variance on the size of a sign on Cheshire Turnpike, one for a variance on setback requirements for installation of a new septic system on Village Road, and one for a variance on setback requirements for expansion of a structure on Lower Cemetery Road. We are also working to set more clear guidelines of operation. Right now, we are meeting on an as needed basis. If you have any questions, or would like to request a meeting, please contact any member of the Zoning Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Foote
Chair, Zoning Board of Adjustment
603-504-8013
footev@yahoo.com

Langdon Planning Board

Annual Report 2018

This past year the board was primarily involved in the writing of a Vision Statement for our Master Plan based on our current master plan, the most recent town survey, and a lot of help from the Southwest Regional Planning Commission, also creating the Langdon version of the state mandated allowance for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's), and currently working with Cold River Materials on their earth excavation permit. We held public hearings for the vision statement and the ADU's, and will hold a public hearing for Cold River soon.

We also try to keep up with current events in town, e.g. the police situation, the changing of hands in a few of the small businesses, trying to boost internet service, and various other matters. If you're curious, our meetings are open to the public.

We welcomed Mark Collins to the board this past year. Mark is skilled in productive meetings, documentation, organization, and communication. All of which help us get where we want to go.

Curt Barnes gave us his notice this past year. He sets the bar high for volunteer work in town and is a valuable asset to any town organization. Thanks, Curt.

Thanks to Helen for being our recording secretary as well as board member. We could use a recording secretary.

We missed two meetings last year due to lack of quorum. Please consider becoming active in town organizations by volunteering.

Respectfully submitted,

Chops Polcari, chair
Pat Breslend, vice chair
Lou Beam, ex officio
Mike Holmes
Helen Koss, secretary pro tem
Mark Collins

Langdon Cemetery Trustee 2018

2018 was a year of continued progress on the cemeteries for the town. There was very little mowing done in the middle of the year but the spring and fall were very good grass growing seasons.

The major project that was done was to build a new equipment shed in the lower cemetery. The shed was built with a poured concrete floor, native local wood, and a metal roof for longevity. The trustees wish to thank the following volunteers, Rodney and Linda Campbell, Rick Beach, Ron Batchelder, Wayne Amsden, Peter Burke, Mike Monahan, Kevin Beal, Todd Porter, Curt and Matt Barnes, Woodell and Daughters, and Griffin Construction. It is this part of a small town, that makes it all function, as people make time to give back to their town.

This shed gives us the room to store all of the mowing equipment in a much better environment. It will help reduce the damage done by critters building nests in the equipment.

The cemetery trustees also have continued to cut trees that have failed and will cause damage to fences or grave stones in the future.

Please attend a trustees meeting if you would wish to have a plot in the town cemeteries or if you have questions regarding the cemeteries. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month in the Selectboard conference room at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Beach, Chairman





Vital Records 2018

Births

Markham, Seeger William born 05/24/2018 to Rafe Markham and Elizabeth Tucker
Holmes, Colby Allen born 07/12/2018 to Joshua Holmes and Brittany Chambers Clough
Sanctuary, Clairia May born 09/10/2018 to Justin and Stephanie Sanctuary
Dempsey, Justin Allen Jr. born 09/23/2018 to Justin Dempsey and Giselle Barton
Kniczly, Sawyer David born 09/28/2018 to Michael Kniczly and Suzannah Rhoades

Marriages

Bingham, Debora to Porter, Christopher 07/09/2018
Gay, Chelsea to Brown, Devin 10/06/2018

Deaths

Campbell, Dorothy 05/09/2018
Holmes, Joseph 05/28/2019
Knicz, John Jr. 08/02/2018
Heath, Anthony 10/04/2018

Heritage Commission Annual Report for 2018

We lost the “Dean” of the Heritage Commission, Caroline Porter Cross this year. She was universally loved. Her always positive presence, her ever present smile, her unfailing memories of all that is good about her childhood home which she continued to love, will be missed.

Our job is to preserve, protect and promote the heritage of our town. We must then congratulate the members of the Langdon Congregational Church. Their building has been recognized by the State of NH as an important historical structure. It is now on the NH Register of Historical Places. The members are developing plans to rehabilitate the building by making it structurally sound, handicap accessible, fire code compliant, and able to meet all requirements as a public meeting place. They have also won a matching grant from LCHIP to help pay for engineering and architectural assessments with schematic drawings, septic planning, archaeological inspection, and a historic structure survey. We hope the entire town will get behind this effort to preserve and make more useable the **only church in our town**. Plans are to make it available for non-denominational as well as increased secular uses such as art shows, speakers, films etc. Donations to help match this \$9646 grant can be sent to; Congregational Church, C/O Tina Christie, Co-Chair, 85 Jewett Rd, Langdon, NH 03602. Her email address is wdfpnh@gmail.com.

With the help of another LCHIP grant the Town was able to hire Griffin Construction to selectively replace or repair the clapboards on the Meetinghouse. It was historically important not to remove clapboards that were still serviceable. Some of them are as old as the building itself! Nearly the entire building was also painted at this time.

A historic documents expert and Langdon resident, Richard Casella has volunteered to put together an application for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Buildings. It appears we have a good chance of the application succeeding.

We voiced our support of the Selectboard’s decision to repair the Salt Shed (Originally the Tool Shed back in 1905). A \$500 grant was awarded to the Heritage Commission for Historic Structures Specialist, Brian J. Gallien of Ironwood Restoration, LLC to offer an assessment and rough quote for the stabilization of the building. We have also found some hidden treasures in the Salt Shed. Several meetinghouse style benches and a few lantern globes were discovered. These items will be cleaned and repaired by volunteers of the LHC.

Lu Beam is repairing the LANGDON sign which will be reinstalled the next time Griffin’s high-lift is working in the area.

Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/langdonheritagecommisson/>

For more information on the Heritage Commission go to our web site at www.langdonheritage.org. We have updated our web page which is also accessible directly from the Town’s web site.

We meet the first Wednesday of each month except for January and February at 7:00 at the Meetinghouse. The public is welcome. We’d also welcome more alternate commissioners join us!

We thank the townspeople for their support of our work.

Heritage Commission Members: Laura Rheume, Lorraine Chaffee; Recording Secretary, Cliff Oster, Mike Sweeney, Andrea Cheeney; Corresponding Secretary, Kathy Beam; Treasurer, Dennis McClary, Chairman.

Stokes Committee

The 2018 Selection Meeting of the Langdon Stokes Scholarship Committee was held June 13, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the Langdon Municipal Building. The following committee members were in attendance; Kathleen Beam, Robert Cunniff, Kristen Gesick, Jeffrey Holmes, Richard Morrison, Fred Roentsch, Linda Simoneaux.

Motions were made, and agreed to unanimously, to elect Jeffrey Holmes committee chair and Kristen Gesick recording secretary. The committee discussed making the application more readily available to applicants and online friendly to both facilitate submission for applicants and review by committee members. Guidelines for first year applicants were reviewed and past practice of giving preference to nursing students and returning students with GPAs above 3.0 was concurred with.

The funds letter from Bank of America indicated \$67,000 available for 2018 disbursement. The committee received 12 applications this year and made the following recommendation to Bank of America.

McKenna Bingham	Norwich University (VT)	\$5,000
Haley Christie	Morrisville State College (NY)	\$4,000
Brandon Leonard	NH Technical Institute	\$3,000
Mason Leonard	UMass Dartmouth	\$6,000
Isabella Comeau	Husson University (ME)	\$7,000
Morgan Mastrianni	Wellesley College (MA)	\$7,000
Ethan Stewart	Bentley University (MA)	\$5,000
Jacob Andrzyczyk	UNH	\$6,000
Dehlia Comeau	Anderson University (SC)	\$6,000
Mary Henry	Granite State College	\$6,000
Jediah Plumley	RIT (NY)	\$5,000
Keanna Bingham	Castleton University (VT)	\$7,000

The above recommendation was moved by Kathy Beam, seconded by Bob Cunniff and approved unanimously by the committee. No lineal descendents of any committee member received an award. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25.

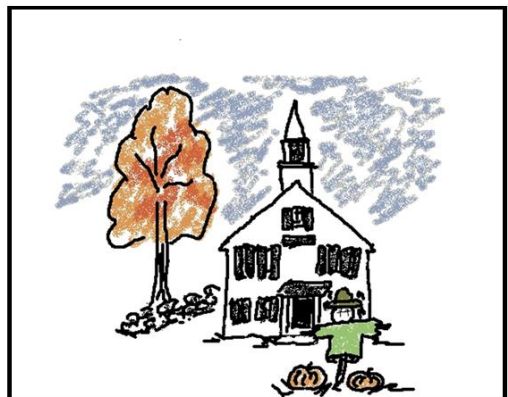
Congratulations and best of luck to all recipients!

Jeffrey Holmes, Kathleen Beam, Robert Cunniff, Kristen Gesick, Richard Morrison, Fred Roentsch, Linda Simoneaux

PAYROLL - WAGES PAID BY TOWN IN 2018

Adams, Everett	Building Inspector	\$1,000
Barnes, Curtis	Sexton	\$2,393
Barnes, Michelle	Cemetery Labor	\$2,450
Batchelder, Ron	Selectman	\$2,500
Beal, Kevin	Highway	\$22,874
Beam, Kathleen	Treasurer	\$2,000
Beam, Lucien	Selectman	\$2,200
Campbell, Linda	Dep. Treasurer	\$500
Chaffee, Greg	Fire Chief	\$1,000
Cheaney, Andrea	Tax Collector	\$7,000
Christie, Tina	Dep. Town Clerk	\$278
Cunniff, Robert	Checklist Supervisor	\$556
DeLisle, Jonathan	Police Officer	\$3,066
Holmes, Jeffrey	Moderator	\$335
Howard, Adam	Police Officer	\$1,205
Jarvis, Jessica	Administrative Asst and Town Clerk	\$16,726
Kemp, Ruth	Checklist Supervisor	\$445
L'Abbe, Raymond	Police Chief	\$17,317
Moore, Jesse	Animal Control Officer	\$700
Porter, Todd	Road Agent	\$56,892
Ross, George	Selectman	\$2,200
Wade, Joshua	Police Officer	\$1,068

Langdon Fall Festival Committee Report 2018



The 12th annual festival was such a fun day for the Fall Mountain Area and our Town! Hope you were able to make it. We look forward to seeing you again this year. What makes the festival a success is the support the committee receives from family members, the Town of Langdon, local businesses and the folks who visit every year. Visiting the festival has become a family tradition. A special thanks you to Kathie Beam and Marilyn Martin for putting together a beautiful quilt show and for the quilters who loan us their beautiful quilts to display. We had several sponsors again this year the Town of Langdon, AEBI New England, Inc., Northern Lights Credit Union, Holmes Farm and Woodell and Daughters Forest Products. If

your company is interested in sponsoring the festival, please contact Andrea at 603.835.6999.

The festival keeps growing every year. Here is a list of some of the local non-profits that participate : *Langdon Fire & Rescue, Fall Mountain Food Shelf, Langdon Heritage Commission, Langdon Community Club, Langdon Recreation Committee: Kids Fishing Derby, Vilas School, Antioch University- Glover's Ledge, Kroka, FMRHS : Hospitality Club, Sophomore Class, Junior Class, Volleyball, Interact and students fundraising for educational or sports trips.*

If you would like a booth for the 2019 festival, please contact the festival committee for information. The festival committee must approve all booth spaces. Also, if you have a quilt you would like to display please let us know.

For festival updates follow us on facebook : Langdonfallfestival

Please save the date for this year's festival: **September 21th from 10am-3pm.**

We really need your help! We had a lot of new volunteers in 2018 and look forward to adding more in 2019. If you are interested in helping out please contact Andrea Cheeney at 603.835.699 or Kim Mastrianni 603.835.6488 or email Langdonfallfestival@gmail.com



Thank you again for your help and supportsee you at the festival:
Andrea J Cheeney | Kim Mastrianni
Katie Gallagher | Jess Jarvis | Kathie Beam

Shedd-Porter Memorial Library Librarian's Report 2018

2018 was a year of transition at The Shedd-Porter Memorial Library. My name is Alyson Montgomery, and it is both an honor and a privilege to be your new Director. I've enjoyed getting to know patrons, and have been thrilled to work in this beautiful, vibrant library! Despite transitions and necessary building upgrades such as the restoration of the library steps, our circulation remained robust. Many patrons are using New Hampshire Downloadables (sometimes known as Overdrive), a free service that allows patrons to borrow digital content like ebooks and audiobooks. In fact, our Overdrive circulation increased by 6.5% over 2017!

We have been busy at the library! During 2018, we:

- Circulated 15,490 items. This marks a 65% increase in our circulation since 2010, a year in which the library circulated 10,039 items.
- Patrons downloaded 3,267 loans from the New Hampshire Downloadable Books site, <http://nh.lib.overdrive.com/>
- Added 846 items to the shelves.
- Enjoyed 8,232 patron visits.
- Welcomed 75 new patrons.
- Provided computer access to 932 visitors
- Utilized the state interlibrary loan network to borrow 858 items from other libraries and to loan 482 of our books to libraries across the state.

We were supported by members of the community in many ways, and I am so very grateful.

- Jeff Smull was a huge help to the library by working during the transition period before I began work at Shedd-Porter.
- Volunteers of all ages gave freely of their time in 2018 - working 200+ hours for the library. Regular volunteers from Fall Mountain Regional High School, as well as Cynthia Phippen and Margaret Perry were immensely helpful. We could not do it without you!
- An anonymous donor provided funds for a subscription to the *New York Times*.
- I am grateful to members of Marion K. Holmes' family for their continued support of the Summer Reading Club.
- We received several monetary donations from patrons. All tax-deductible donations are used to purchase new materials and/or to support our programming budget.

In 2018, we hosted many events, often presented by local volunteers. To name a few:

- A Tree Identification program run by the Student Conservation Association volunteer rangers.
- An art show "The Matisse Challenge" and reception organized by Nicole Telaar.
- Presentations by Jeff Littleton about his Alstead Wetlands Evaluation – co-hosted by the Alstead Conservation Commission.
- Cinnamon Bun Saturday is always on the final Saturday of each month. This is a great chance to catch up with neighbors or meet someone new! Come enjoy coffee, conversation, and sublime cinnamon buns. Everyone is welcome!
- Civil Conversations are on the third Saturday of each month, moderated by Joel McCarty.

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The library was a busy place for local children in 2018. We were pleased to offer:

- Storytimes at Alstead Primary School and Sarah Porter School.
- Weekly Storytime at the library with Jessi Dussault – Fridays at 3:30, September through June
- 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten – we offer ongoing enrollment to promote early literacy

- Frankentoys – a storytime STEM activity
- Wildlife Encounters – Summer Reading kickoff event
- A visit from Adam Howard of the Alstead Police Department and Mario Checci of the Bellows Falls Police Department, along with Mario’s K9 partner, Caesar. We were thrilled to learn what it takes to become a police dog, what Caesar’s job entails, and we got to see a demonstration!
- “Treasure Island” presented by The Hampstead Stage Company.
- Betsy Stacey, of our Cold River Local Advisory Board led A River Exploration. What a fun, hands-on way to learn about our river – complete with some precipitation from above at the end!
- Summer readers were fascinated by an exploration of rocks and gems with Dick Holmes.
- Marion K. Holmes Summer Reading Club – 58 children tracked their summer reading at the library. 1,287 books were read by those that tracked books, and 5,910 minutes were read by those that tracked minutes read. Marvelous!
- An Ice Cream Party to celebrate all the reading done over the summer.
- A Scarecrow Party in October provided fun decoration for the front of the library.
- We made Gingerbread Houses in December. I am grateful to Gendron Fisher Auto and Griffin Construction for making this yummy tradition a success.

There will be new and exciting things in the library in 2019! For example, we will be starting a book club for children ages 7-9 led by Jessi Dussault, as well as expanding our digital resources. I’m happy to report that we have added Ancestry.com already! Come to the library on the 1st or 3rd Thursday of the month for tutorials by Sharon Phennah. Thank you Sharon!

I would like to thank especially assistant librarians Gaale Klein and Jessi Dussault – I am so very glad to have you both as teammates. Laura LaMears takes wonderful care of our building – thank you Laura! Our library trustees: Matt Saxton, Susan Norlander, Karn McShane, Jeff Smull, and Heather Jasmin devote countless hours to the support and governance of the library. The Shedd-Porter Library is so fortunate to have them as stewards of this thriving community resource.

I look forward to seeing you at the library in 2019!

Respectfully submitted,

Alyson Montgomery, Director



2018 Fall Mt. Friendly Meals Annual Report

2018 was our wonderful 31st year of providing full course home cooked meals every Tuesday and Thursday at the Alstead Town Hall and delivering meals on wheels to shut-ins, chronically ill, handicapped, and elderly residents in all area towns. We provided at least 27,683 meals. We also provided bones on wheels to the wonderful furry companions of our shut-ins. They love getting bones on wheels.

We are an all volunteer organization and are so blest to have so many caring people who give so much of themselves each meal day. Our volunteers plan the menus, order food and serving supplies, bring food to the kitchen and town hall, cook the meals, set up the town hall, prepare all the meals on wheels items, serve the meals, then prepare and bag all the meals on wheels, clean up pots and pans etc, and deliver all the meals on wheels. We averaged 210 to 220 meals delivered each Tuesday and Thursday in 2018. We are blest to have high school students who volunteer and learn many skills. They are such a gift. The people love having the young people there. It brightens the days.

We receive no state or federal money. We are supported by our local towns, local individuals and families, businesses, churches, local organizations and some out of state donors. The proceeds from Helen's Haven Thrift Shop at the Alstead Transfer Station all go to the program. We are grateful for all the support. It means so much for the folks to have a wonderful nutritious meal that is home cooked and delivered with our special ingredient, love. We are grateful for all the fresh veggies in the growing season. People love to get the garden veggies. We get fresh delicious bread from Panera for each meal.

We will have a \$10,000 matching grant for the meals from July 4th to Labor Day. We pray we reach our goal. It helps so much and helps so many people.

We thank you all for your support these 31 years. You have been a blessing to so many people.

2018 Annual Report Fall Mt. Emergency Foodshelf

2018 was a wonderful, heartwarming year at the Foodshelf. We who volunteer and those we serve experienced the generosity, love, caring of the local communities. All of the donors were so generous this year. We had awesome amounts of food and monetary donations to purchase needed food for the Foodshelf. Everyone who came for help with food had a warm happy feeling inside that people care about them, their family, and their well being. 112,476 times families came to us for help with food. These families included 47,975 individuals. We were able to provide them with at least 1,516,066 meals that provided them with nutritious food for three meals a day. We were so blest to be able to provide so much good food. No one left the Foodshelf hungry or without plenty of food. (and a hug if they needed one).

We are so grateful for all the food and monetary donations given by individuals, families, all of our towns, local businesses, and churches (some do monthly food and monetary collections). The Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4 H groups, our local schools, teachers, and many students do food drives and monetary collections for us. We appreciate Fresh Rescue donations and bread and food donations from local stores and bakeries. We get a good amount of food from the NH Food Bank at a low cost. It is so heartwarming to have such awesome community support and so many donors dedicated to helping others. We will have our annual \$10,000 matching grant from March 1st until April 30th. It is a huge blessing and it is used to purchase needed food.

We are grateful for the wonderful crew of dedicated loving volunteers that make the Foodshelf possible. They are so giving of their gifts and make people welcome and well cared for. They work so hard to see that everyone gets what they need. We welcome people who would like to volunteer. Just come by.

Our 11th year GROW A ROW FOR THE FOODSHELF was a tremendous success. We are so grateful for the wonderful produce so generously donated by local farm stands, local farmers, gardeners, and families. The people who come to the Foodshelf love the fresh fruits and vegetable. Children come in with their parents and get excited to have a fresh carrot, apple, or cucumber to munch on. This, our 12th year of GROW A ROW will be another great year. Families love to freeze and can veggies for the winter too. We are very blest.

We thank the towns and the people who have so lovingly supported the Foodshelf all these 40 years. The caring and love for the well being of others is such a blessing to our people. We are thankful we live in such a part of our world where people have such loving hearts. May you all be blest with a wonderful, happy year.

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COLD RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE COLD RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CRLAC) functions to advise the towns of Acworth, Alstead, Langdon, Lempster, and Walpole, New Hampshire on the protection and enhancement of the Cold River and its tributaries and maintain the health of the river environment.

Activities during 2018 included:

Membership: effort to add members from Lempster, Langdon, and Acworth have not been successful.

Website: In 2018 the CRLAC totally revised our website (through the help of an Antioch New England student, Jennie Friedman). The site can be visited at the following web address: coldrivernh.weebly.com. The committee hopes that the site will be shared with both locals and visitors. Please contact the committee with suggestions on content or ways to spread the word about the website.

Water Quality: This year the LAC recommitted our effort to accurately test six sites along the Cold River. The LAC received training on site from Andrea Hanson VRAP/DES in the spring. The group also did a second testing in August. Five tests are conducted at each site including temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, turbidity, and conductivity. The results are sent to DES to be added to the Clean Water Act report written every two years. All indications are that the Cold River is very healthy.

The CRLAC co-sponsored a library presentation in Alstead that allowed adults and children to explore the Cold River while learning about the complex ecosystem and its inhabitants. It was a wonderful time with about 30 children and adults joining us.

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services' Instream Flow Program has announced that the Cold River and Warner Brook will be the next designated rivers for protected instream flow development.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shawn Bowman (Acworth), Dick Aikin, Mitch Harrison, Betsy Stacey, Shawn Stevens (Alstead), Catherine MacDonald (Langdon), Fred Ernst (Chair), Gary Speed (Walpole).