



**Town
of
Sugar Hill**

New Hampshire

56th Annual Report

**Year Ending
December 31, 2017**

This 2017 Town Report is dedicated to
Chief David Wentworth



*In recognition of his
fourteen years of service
to the Town as an Officer
and Police Chief.*

*We thank him for his service
to our community and
his enduring care
for former Police Chief
Jose Pequeno.*



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TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Richard Bielefield, Chairman (Term Expires 2018)
Margaret Connors (Term Expires 2019)
John J. Strasser, III (Term Expires 2020)

TOWN OFFICE
Telephone 823-8468

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Jennifer P. Gaudette

TOWN CLERK
Lissa Boissonneault

TREASURER
Amy Venezia

TAX COLLECTOR
Lissa Boissonneault
Elizabeth Andross, Deputy

CHIEF OF POLICE
Robert M. Mancini, Jr. (Appointed 9/17)
David D. Wentworth (Retired 9/17)

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
Haley Ireland, Deputy

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Allan R. Clark (Appointed)

MODERATOR
James F. Snyder (2016)

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS
Allan R. Clark (2020)
Gregory Connors (2019)
Ray Dionne (2018)

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST
Starcy Branch (2022)
John Colony (2020)
Edward Cenerizio (2018)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES
Irene Amsbary (2020)
Ann Christoffersen (2019)
Jason Tors (2018)

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

	Beth Perlo (2019)		
Kathleen Jablonski	(2020)	Susan Stith	(2018)
Holly Hayward	(2019)	Meri Hern	(2018)

PLANNING BOARD

	Robert Hayward, Jr., Chairman (2018)		
James Keefe	(2018)	Christopher Thayer, Alt	(2020)
David Thurston	(2018)	Arthur Chase	(2020)
John J. Strasser	(2019)	Amy Venezia, Alt. & Secretary	(2019)
Sidney Regan	(2019)		

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

	Michael Hern, Chairman (2019)		
Rick Christoffersen	(2020)	James Keefe	(2018)
Donald Boissonneault	(2020)	John Colony	(2018)
	Amy Venezia, Alt. & Secretary (2019)		
	Sarah Pinney, Alt (2018)		

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

	Kathie Galligan, Co-Chair (2019)		
	Cathy Strasser (2019)		
Margaret Connors	(2020)	Timothy Burger	(2019)
William Fraser (resigned)	(2020)	Robert Mancini, Alt	(2019)
Timothy Williams	(2020)	Eric Jostrom, Alt	(2020)

**RECREATION PROGRAM
SUGAR HILL REPRESENTATIVES**

Launa Glover
Haley Ireland

All 2017 reports from various agencies not printed in this Town Report are on file in the Selectmen's Office and available upon request.

**TOWN OF SUGAR HILL
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES – RESULTS
MARCH 14, 2017**

Moderator James F. Snyder declared the polls open at 11 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 PM. Moderator Snyder went over his rules of conduct for the meeting. The Moderator asked that all newly elected officers stay after the meeting to get sworn in by the Town Clerk. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Article 1 to be passed over until ballots are counted at which time Moderator Snyder will read the results.

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

- One Select Board Member 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
- One 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	64
Town Clerk, One year term:	Lissa Boissonneault	64
Tax Collector, One year term:	Lissa Boissonneault	64
Town Treasurer: One year term	Amy Venezia	65
Library Trustee: Three year term	Irene Amsbary	56
Trustee of Trust Funds: Three year term	Allan R. Clark	60
Two Board of Adjustment: Three year term	Donald Boissonneault	40
	Rick Christoffersen	44
Cemetery Trustee: Three year term:	Kathleen Jablonski	64

ARTICLE 2: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges and make appropriations of the same as set forth in the following budget:

Executive	49,940
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	20,390
Financial Administration	22,940
Property Revaluation	15,828.
Legal Expense	15,000
Payroll Taxes	30,000
Planning Board	2,000
Zoning Board of Adjustment	500

General Government Buildings		37,450
Buildings & Grounds		29,925
Cemetery		6,000
Insurance		183,233
Advertising & Regional Associations		7,676
North Country Council	1,176.00	
Franconia Notch Chamber	6,500.00	
Unemployment		100
Police Department		192,036
Ambulance		13,730
Fire Department		77,950
Building Inspections		1,500
Emergency Management		1,000
Airport		850
Town Maintenance		197,115
General Highway Department Expense		180,075
Street Lighting		6,500
Highway Block Grant		40,000
Solid Waste Disposal		64,333
Health, Hospitals		6,509
NC Home Health	1,775.00	
Grafton County Senior	200.00	
American Red Cross	292.00	
White Mt. Mental Health	691.53	
Ammonoosuc Com Health	1,250.00	
Burch House	300.00	
Above the Notch	500.00	
Boys & Girls Club	500.00	
Center for New Beginnings	500.00	
Franconia Children's Center	500.00	
Welfare	Tri County Cap	1,300.00
		6,000
Parks & Recreation		24,828
Library		29,995
Patriotic Purposes		2,000
Conservation Commission		750
Interest Expense – Tax Anticipation		1,000
Long Term Notes		37,500
Interest Long Term Notes		30,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		1,334,653

The Select Board recommends these Appropriations.

Moved by Sarah Pinney

Seconded by Jonathan Hall

Explanation of article line by line by Selectperson Richard Bielefield

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 Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Dudley Bailey

Seconded by Beverly Frenkiewich

Explanation of article by Selectperson John Strasser

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

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be used for Highway Department Roadwork improvement projects to be chosen at the discretion of the Road Agent and Selectmen. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the fund is expended or in 3 years, whichever is less. (Majority vote required)

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Beverly Frenkiewich

Seconded by Rick Christoffersen

Explanation of article by Selectperson John Strasser

Discussion

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

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Dan Kenerson

Seconded by Greg Connors

Explanation of article by Fire Chief Allan Clark

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 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2008.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation

Moved by Bev Frenkiewich

Seconded by Dan Kenerson

Explanation of article by Fire Chief Allan Clark

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

Moderator Snyder closed the polls at 7:30 PM

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

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Sarah Pinney

Seconded by Dan Kenerson

Explanation of article by Selectperson Richard Bielefield

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 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2009.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Dan Kenerson

Seconded by Bev Frenkiewich

Explanation of article by Selectperson John Strasser

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

Moderator James Snyder declared the polls closed

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 Carolina Crapo Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by David Thurston

Seconded by Rusty Talbot

Explanation by Selectperson Margaret Connors

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

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Building & Grounds Capital Reserve Fund created in 2012.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

Moved by Sarah Pinney

Seconded by Greg Connors

Explanation of article by Selectperson Margaret Connors

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 Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Select Board recommends this Article.

Moved by Dan Kenerson

Seconded by Sarah Pinney

Explanation of article by Selectperson Richard Bielefield

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 Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the Northern Pass Defense Trust Fund created in 1976.

The Select Board recommends this Article.

Moved by Greg Connors

Seconded by Sarah Pinney

Explanation of article by Selectperson Margaret Connors

Discussion

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

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Highway Department Capital Reserve Roadwork Fund created March 17, 1999. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipalities general fund.

Moved by Sarah Pinney

Seconded by Rebecca Brown

Explanation of article by Selectperson John Strasser

Discussion

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

ARTICLE 14: 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 was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services 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. (Majority vote required)

Moved by Sid Regen

Seconded by Rick Christoffersen

Explanation of article by Selectperson Richard Bielefield

Discussion

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

ARTICLE 15: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Brenda Aldrich noted her appreciation of the Memorial page in the town report honoring residents passed on in the last year who have contributed greatly to the Town of Sugar Hill. Lissa, Town Clerk, acknowledged that Administrative Assistant Jennifer Gaudette created and composed this page.

Cornelia Lorentzen started to read a complaint she has against town Electives and personnel. Moderator Snyder stopped her deeming it inappropriate to the purposes of Article 15.

Selectperson Richard Bielefield thanked all Sugar Hill residents who give of their time and expertise on the various boards and organization during the year. He made mention if anyone would like to serve on a board or volunteer in any way, please let the Select board know. He thanked Kitty Bigelow for her designing of our wonderful town report cover this year. Also, thank you to Sugar Hill Improvement Association for the purchase and installing of new windows for the meeting house, making a great difference in the heating costs for the building. Thank you to Dennis Cote for loaning and setting up of the sound system for the meeting. He made mention that one of Sugar Hill’s former residents, Sylvi Magown, will turn 100 years of age on April 29. Police Chief David Wentworth will be retiring in September after many years of excellent and dedicated service. A hearty round of applause ensued.

Mr. Bielefield brought up that if there are unexpended town monies at the end of the year, 5% is kept in the general fund and the rest is used to help defray taxes. Town Clerk Lissa Boissonneault thanked the election workers for all their hard work in the past year, there

being multiple elections and the laws and regulations that have to be adhered to. She also made mention of the good works of the Sugar Hill Improvement Assn. and the fact that all Sugar Hill residents are members. She thanked Doug Glover and his crew for putting up and taking down of the American flags on the poles along Rt. 117 and Sunset Hill Road.

Thank you to all who braved the extremely stormy weather to participate in the election and town meeting, there being a decent turnout for the conditions.

Moderator Snyder read the results of the election. There being no further business, Moderator Snyder adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM. Newly elected town officials were sworn in by Town Clerk Lissa Boissonneault.

Respectfully submitted:

Lissa Boissonneault, Town Clerk

BALANCE SHEET
(As at December 31, 2017)

ASSETS

Current Assets		
Unrestricted Checking		\$826,407.41
Money Market/Roll		78,303.56
Total Checking/Savings		<u>914,710.97</u>
Other Current Assets:		
Property Taxes Receivable Current Year		111,543.06
Tax Liens Receivable		<u>61,679.07</u>
Total Other Current Assets		<u>173,222.13</u>
Total Current Assets		1,077,933.10
Taxes Deeded Property		<u>17,183.34</u>
Total Assets		<u><u>\$1,095,116.44</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
School District Tax Payable		\$ 686,860.00
Due to Conservation Commission		<u>2,610.00</u>
Total Liabilities		689,470.00
Equity		
Reserved for Tax Deeded Property	17,183.34	
Reserved for Article Carried Forward	55,684.01	
Surplus	341,219.58	
Net Income	<u>-8,440.49</u>	
Total Equity		<u>405,646.44</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		<u><u>\$1,095,116.44</u></u>

SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Crapo Building

Beginning Balance 1/1/17	\$ 392,119.50
2017 Payment	<u>50,333.22</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/17	<u><u>\$ 341,786.28</u></u>
,786.28	

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land Under Current Use (At Current Use Values)	\$ 538,754.00
Land	54,542,400.00
Buildings	88,203,900.00
Public Utilities	<u>3,567,700.00</u>
 Total Valuation Before Exemptions	 \$146,852,754.00
Elderly and Blind Exemptions	<u>20,000.00</u>
 Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate Is Computed for Municipal, County and Local Education	 \$146,832,754.00
Less Utilities	<u>\$3,567,700.00</u>
 Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate For State Education Tax Is Computed	 \$143,265,054.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

	<u>Amount</u>		<u>Tax Rate</u>
Total Town Appropriations	\$1,602,653.00		
Less: Revenues	(293,401.00)		
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	(75,000.00)		
Add: Overlay	19,491.00		
War Service Credits	<u>14,900.00</u>		
 Net Town Appropriations		 \$1,268,643.00	
Municipal Tax Rate			\$ 8.64
 Net Local School Budget	 0.00		
Regional School Apportionment	1,578,109.00		
Less: Equitable Education Grant	0.00		
State Education Taxes	<u>(309,000.00)</u>		
 Approved School(s) Tax Effort		 1,269,109.00	
Local Education Tax Rate			8.64
 State Education Taxes	 <u>309,000.00</u>	 309,000.00	 2.16
 Due to County	 <u>255,460.00</u>		
 Net County Tax Assessment		 255,460.00	
County Tax Rate			1.74
Combined Tax Rate			21.18
Total Property Taxes Assessed		3,102,212.00	
Less: War Service Credits		<u>(14,900.00)</u>	
 Property Tax To Be Raised		 \$3,087,312.00	

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

	Land	Buildings	Equipment
Meetinghouse	\$ 89,500.00	\$210,900.00	\$ 80,000.00
Carolina Crapo	125,100.00	292,600.00	50,000.00
Library			20,000.00
Fire Department	98,300.00	62,500 .00	1,027,045.00
Police Department			74,164.00
Highway Department		144,800.00	849,227.25
Building & Grounds			60,585.00
Parks & Commons			
Coffin Pond-SHCC	45,400.00		
Tennis Court	35,000.00		
Town Forest-SHCC	146,300.00		
Land:			
Cemeteries	187,900.00		
Nason Road	65,900.00		
Creamery Pond	27,600.00		
Creamery Pond-OD	40,700.00		
Pearl Lake Road	24,800.00		
Route 117	3,000.00		
Route 93	4,000.00		
Creamery Pond Corner	42,900.00		
Pearl Lake Road	18,300.00		
	\$ 954,700.00	\$710,800.00	\$2,161,021.25
	(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 2017:

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	\$170,811.66	
Dog Licenses Issued:	491.00	
Other Permits and Fees:	<u>7,062.00</u>	
 Total		 \$178,364.66

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	\$170,811.66	
Local Town Clerk Fees:	2,098.00	
State Town Clerk Fees:	3,189.00	
Title Application Fees:	360.00	
Dog Licenses Issued:	491.00	
Dog License Fees:	110.00	
Dog License Late Fees:	30.00	
Dog License Forfeiture Fees	50.00	
Marriage Licenses Issued:	344.00	
Town Clerk Fees:	56.00	
Vital Statistics (First Copy):	96.00	
Vital Statistics (Second Copy)	25.00	
Town Clerk Fees:	109.00	
UCC Filing Fee:	240.00	
Insufficient Fund Fees/Wire Transfer	45.00	
Fairpoint Pole License Fee	10.00	
Sale of Checklist	<u>300.00</u>	
 Total		 \$178,364.66

Respectfully submitted,
Lissa M. Boissonneault
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2017

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes – Beginning of Fiscal Year:	Levies of 2017	Levies of 2016
Property Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$139,639.61
Land Use Change	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	0.00	0.00
Taxes Committed This Year:		
Property Taxes	3,093,038.00	0.00
Land Use Change	13,610.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	880.30	0.00
Overpayment Refunds:		
Property Taxes	6,520.00	2,314.13
Interest & Penalties	<u>1,619.18</u>	<u>7,124.42</u>
Total Debits	\$3,115,667.48	\$149,078.16

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:		
Property Taxes	\$2,990,424.94	\$ 99,731.99
Land Use Change	8,610.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	880.30	0.00
Interest	1,619.18	6,616.42
Penalties	0.00	508.00
Conversion to Lien	0.00	39,907.62
Abatements Made:		
Property Taxes	2,590.00	2,314.13
Yield Taxes	0.00	0.00
Current Levy Deeded	0.00	0.00
Uncollected Taxes End of Year:		
Property Taxes	106,543.06	0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	5,000.00	0.00
Yield Tax	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Credits	\$3,115,667.48	\$149,078.16

SUMMARY OF LIEN ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2017

	DEBITS		
	2016	2015	2014
Unredeemed Liens			
Balance Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$ 0.00	\$34,854.91	\$33,169.22
Liens Executed			
During Fiscal Year	43,505.68	0.00	0.00
Interest & Costs			
Collected After Lien Execution	<u>943.13</u>	<u>2,681.26</u>	<u>7,494.21</u>
Total Debits	<u>\$44,448.81</u>	<u>\$37,536.17</u>	<u>\$40,663.43</u>

	CREDITS		
	2016	2015	2014
Remittances to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	\$18,533.12	\$10,794.95	\$20,522.67
Interest & Cost	943.13	2,681.26	7,494.21
Abatements of Unredeemed Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unredeemed Liens			
Balance End of Fiscal Year	<u>24,972.56</u>	<u>24,059.96</u>	<u>12,646.55</u>
Total Credits	<u>\$44,448.81</u>	<u>\$37,536.17</u>	<u>\$40,663.43</u>

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

	2016	2015
Caporelli, Mary A. & Patricia	3,846.66	4,448.41
Carpinetti, Dorothy	1,768.28	2,046.65
Moose Realty of Franconia, LLC	896.47	698.32
Staffier, Paul D	7,276.21	8,472.02
Waitkus, Lisa	8,563.80	9,973.84
Young Jr. Gary Gene	129.04	1,840.51
Young Jr. Gary Gene	1,094.12	1,244.22
Young, Estate of Steven M.	1,865.49	2,124.34
Zen Water Company	<u>2,445.02</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Totals	\$27,885.09	\$30,848.31

TREASURER'S REPORT
Year ending December 31, 2017
Cash Basis

Beginning Cash Balance Checking, January 1, 2017		\$248,503.29
Beginning Balance Money Market, January 1, 2017		<u>727,370.50</u>
	Total	<u>\$975,873.79</u>

RECEIPTS

Tax Collector		\$3,209,267.79
Town Clerk		178,364.66
Selectmen		38,037.75
Transfers (Trust & Capital Reserve Funds)		103,576.82
Northern Pass Defense		29,000.00
State & Federal Grants		126,206.74
Interest on Money Market & NOW account		<u>1,065.05</u>
 Total Receipts		 \$3,685,518.81

DISBURSEMENTS

Orders of Selectmen		\$3,756,681.63
Loans Repayments		<u>0.00</u>
 Total Disbursements		 3,756,681.63
 Ending Cash Balance NOW Checking, December 31, 2017		 826,407.41
Ending Cash Balance Money Market, December 31, 2017		78,303.56
		 \$ 904,710.97

CHECKING AND SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

POLICE PERMIT ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance 1/1/17		\$473.70
Deposits		1,945.00
Withdrawals		1,945.00
Interest Earned		<u>.24</u>
Balance 12/31/17		<u>\$473.94</u>

POLICE SPECIAL DUTY FUND

Beginning Balance 1/1/17		1,242.02
Deposits		1,035.00
Interest Earned		<u>.75</u>
Balance 12/31/17		<u>\$2,277.77</u>

CONSERVATION LAND USE FUND

Beginning Balance 1/1/17	\$65,200.47
Withdrawals –Coffin Pond	(8,500.00)
Deposit	7,110.00
Interest Earned	<u>586.27</u>
Balance 12/31/17	\$64,396.74

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Beginning Balance 1/1/17 WGSB	\$7,807.77
Deposits (From Change Use Fund)	8,500.00
Withdrawals Dodge Contracting Coffin Pond	(7,405.00)
Ferguson Waterworks Coffin Pond	(613.20)
NE Bike Association – Trails	(500.00)
Interest Earned	<u>4.03</u>
Balance 12/31/17	\$7,775.60

RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Beginning Balance 1/1/17 WGSB Checking	\$1,195.85
Deposits	200.00
Interest Earned	<u>.56</u>
Balance 12/31/17	\$996.41

RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Beginning Balance 1/1/17 Mascoma Checking	\$206.00
Deposits	1,054.00
Withdrawals	<u>(1,177.10)</u>
Balance 12/31/17	\$82.90

NORTHERN PASS DEFENSE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$10,000.00
Deposits	19,157.00
Withdrawals	29,018.00
Interest	<u>3.82</u>
Balance 12/31/2017	\$142.82

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Cash Basis

Local Taxes:

Property Taxes, Current Year	\$ 2,990,431.29
Yield Taxes, Current Year	880.30
Current Use Change, Current Year	8,610.00
Property Taxes, Prior Year	139,639.61
Lien Redemptions, Prior Years	49,850.74
Interest & Costs	<u>19,855.85</u>

Total Taxes Collected

\$3,209,267.79

From Local Sources and Miscellaneous, except Taxes:

Motor Vehicle Permits	170,811.66
Town Clerk Fees	2,098.00
State Fees	3,189.00
Title Application Fees	360.00
Dog Licenses, Fees, Penalty	681.00
Marriage Licenses	344.00
Vital Statistics	121.00
UCC Filing Fees	240.00
Town Clerk Fees	165.00
Insufficient Funds/Wire Transfer	45.00
Pole Fee	10.00
Checklist	<u>300.00</u>

Total Town Clerk

178,364.66

Building Permits	6,975.44
Driveway Permits	70.00
Planning Board Fees	1,104.00
Zoning Board Fees	670.00
Selectmen	64.00
Police	757.20
Cemetery Burials/plot purchases	1,400.00
Highway Department	25.00
Rent of Town Property	1,025.00
Sale of Municipal Property	24,380.40
Cable TV Permit	<u>1,566.71</u>
Total Miscellaneous	

38,037.75

From State:		
Highway Block	51,054.87	
Special Block	43,644.01	
NH Retirement	1,919.72	
Rooms and Meals	<u>29,588.14</u>	
Total from State		126,206.74
Interest on Checking & Savings Account	1,065.05	
Capital Reserve Funds	73,576.82	
Land Use Fund	0.00	
Temporary Loans (TAN Notes)	0.00	
Trust Funds –Northern Pass	30,000.00	
Donations –Northern Pass	<u>29,000.00</u>	
Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue		<u>133,641.87</u>
Total Receipts From All Sources		\$3,685,518.81
Cash on Hand, January 1, 2017		975,873.79
Grand Total of Receipts		\$4,661,392.60

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

General Government:

Executive	\$ 40,383.82
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	19,530.64
Financial Administration	21,809.93
Revaluation of Property	15,828.00
Legal Expenses	4,557.28
Legal NP	70,770.96
Payroll Taxes	28,349.74
Planning Board	1,443.52
Zoning Board of Adjustment	334.76
General Government Buildings	37,913.63
Buildings & Grounds	30,999.22
Cemeteries	3,866.40
Insurance	170,751.17
Advertising & Regional Associations	7,675.99
Unemployment	<u>0.00</u>

Total General Government Expenses	\$454,215.06
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Public Safety:

Police Department	191,459.67
Fire Department	75,289.85
Calex Ambulance/Franconia Life Squad	13,730.00
Emergency Management	<u>6,880.25</u>

Total Public Safety Expenses	287,359.77
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Total Building Inspections	75.00
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Total Airports	850.00
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Highway, Streets and Bridges:

Town Maintenance	193,128.84
General Expenses of Highway Department	178,429.58
Highway Block Grant	51,054.87
Special Highway Block	43,644.01
Highway Roadwork Non – Lapsing Fund	59,315.99
Street Lighting	<u>6,545.34</u>

Total Highways, Streets and Bridges Expenses	532,118.63
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Sanitation:

Solid Waste Disposal	<u>64,022.00</u>
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Total Sanitation	64,022.00
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Health:

Health, Hospitals	<u>6,508.56</u>
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Total Health Expenses	6,508.56
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Total Welfare Expenses		2,550.00
Culture and Recreation:		
Recreation	19,759.55	
Library	29,915.78	
Patriotic	<u>1,551.90</u>	
Total Culture and Recreation Expenses		51,227.23
Conservation:		
Conservation Commission	496.42	
Land Use Change Fund	<u>7,110.00</u>	
Total Conservation Expenses		7,606.42
Debt Service:		
Principal Expense – Long Term Notes	50,333.22	
Interest Expense – Long Term Notes	17,166.78	
Interest Expense – TAN	<u>0.00</u>	
Total Debt Service Payments		67,500.00
Transfers to Capital Reserve Funds & Trusts:		
Article # 3 Highway Equipment	50,000.00	
Article # 5 Fire Department HE	55,000.00	
Article #6 Fire Department Building	5,000.00	
Article #7 Bridge	50,000.00	
Article #8 Highway Dept. Building	5,000.00	
Article #9 Crapo Building	5,000.00	
Article #10 Building & Grounds	5,000.00	
Article #11 Police	13,000.00	
Article #12 Northern Pass	30,000.00	
Cemetery Lots Purchased	<u>800.00</u>	
Total Capital Reserve Funds & Trusts		218,800.00
Capital Vehicles/Equipment/Buildings/Land:		
Bridges	1,680.00	
Meetinghouse	1,030.00	
Fire Department Building	3,506.05	
Crapo Building	16,937.52	
Highway Dept. Truck	<u>50,423.25</u>	
Total Capital Expense		73,576.82
Miscellaneous:		
Abatements	2,393.46	
Property Tax Refunds/Overpayments	6,520.00	
Taxes Bought by Town	43,505.68	
Motor Vehicle Refund	<u>112.00</u>	
Total Miscellaneous Expenses		52,531.14

Unclassified:		
Payments – Tax Anticipation	0.00	
Total Unclassified Expenses		0.00
Payments to Other Government Divisions:		
Taxes Paid to County	255,460.00	
Payments to School Districts	<u>1,682,281.00</u>	
Total Payments to Other Government Divisions		<u>1,937,741.00</u>
Grand Total of Expenditures		\$3,756,681.63

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Executive:

Selectmen - Salary	\$ 0.00
Administrative Asst. - Gaudette	26,784.29
Office Asst. - Venezia	421.00
Office Asst. - Venezia	503.67
Moderator	300.00
Workshops	29.32
Telephone	1,144.51
Computer Consulting	1,350.00
Internet	1,199.88
Website	773.10
Mapping	1,800.00
Registry	21.49
Printing/Notices	2,311.75
NHMA Dues & Subscriptions	1,220.00
Supplies	504.78
Office Supplies	1,181.97
Postage	640.80
Books & Periodicals	68.00
Water Test	55.00
Retirement	74.26

Total Executive Expenses

\$ 40,383.82

Election, Registration & Vital Statistics:

Town Clerk - Boissonneault	5,842.72
Town MV Fees - Boissonneault	2,622.50
State MV Fees - Boissonneault	3,189.00
Title Fees - Boissonneault	360.00
Dog Fees - Boissonneault	111.00
Marriage Fees - Boissonneault	63.00
Vital Fees - Boissonneault	102.00
UCC Fees - Boissonneault	225.00
Supervisors of the Checklist	360.00
Ballot Clerks	340.00
Computer - Consulting	1,550.00
Computer - Program Support BMSI	2,823.95
Telephone	314.31
Supplies/dog tags	248.75
Office Supplies/copier	264.33
Postage	420.08
Books & Periodicals	9.00
Vital Statistics	121.00
Dog Licenses	220.00
Marriage Licenses	344.00

Total Election, Registration & Vital Statistics

19,530.64

Financial Administration:

Tax Collector - Lissa Boissonneault	5,274.88
Elizabeth Andross	175.00
Lien Fees - Boissonneault	160.00
Treasurer	1,850.00
Auditor	4,950.00
Bank Fees	221.08
Telephone	232.65
Computer - Consulting	1,775.00
Computer Program & Support	4,039.00
Research Lien	254.00
Registry	149.24
Dues	40.00
Office Supplies/copier, checks, tax bills	1,655.43
Postage	<u>1,033.65</u>

Total Financial Administration Expenses 21,809.93

Total Revaluation 15,828.00

Total Legal Expenses 4,557.28

Northern Pass Legal 70,770.96

Payroll Taxes:

Sugar Hill FICA (Town Contribution)	21,132.07
Sugar Hill Medicare (Town Contribution)	6,513.75
Retirement Refund	<u>703.92</u>

Total Payroll Taxes Expense 28,349.74

Planning Board:

Secretary - Salary Amy Venezia	1,300.00
Printing/Notices	90.00
Books	13.00
Postage	<u>40.52</u>

Total Planning Board Expenses 1,443.52

Zoning Board:

Secretary – Amy Venezia	128.00
Printing/Notices	140.00
Postage	53.76
Books	<u>13.00</u>

Total Zoning Board Expenses 334.76

Government Buildings:

James Keefe	16,536.87
Telephone (Elevator & Meetinghouse)	1,239.20
Electricity (Crapo & Meetinghouse)	4,783.49
Heating Oil (Meetinghouse)	2,160.84
Propane (Crapo)	<u>3,714.53</u>

Unifirst – Rugs	1,809.50	
Meetinghouse Clock	760.00	
Elevator and Boiler Inspection	475.00	
Sanitation	540.25	
Cluster Fly Spraying	375.00	
Rug Cleaning	376.00	
Alarm Monitoring	575.00	
Boiler Maintenance & Repair	144.50	
Tri State Extinguisher Inspections	671.75	
Zizza Locks	257.00	
Generator Service	455.95	
Up North Electric	165.00	
Supplies	<u>2,873.75</u>	
Total Government Buildings Expenses		37,913.63
Crapo Building CRF –Doors	16,937.52	
Meetinghouse CRF - Plumbing	1,030.00	
		17,967.52
Grounds & Maintenance:		
Peter Carbonneau - Salary	21,479.20	
James Keefe	3,564.10	
Telephone	431.40	
Supplies	93.56	
Gasoline	1,086.36	
Diesel	835.57	
Grounds keeping - New Equipment	265.26	
Vehicle Repair	<u>3,243.77</u>	
Total Grounds & Maintenance Expenses		30,999.22
Cemeteries:		
Supplies – Flags, Markers	1,466.40	
Tree Removal	<u>2,400.00</u>	
Total Cemeteries Expenses		3,866.40
Insurance:		
Health - Highway	65,921.76	
Police	32,960.85	
Executive	20,600.52	
Building & Grounds	3,397.02	
Retiree	15,664.40	
Dental	7,325.51	
Property Liability	19,283.00	
Worker’s Compensation	15,577.00	
Employee Reimbursed	<u>(9,978.89)</u>	
Total Insurance Expenses		170,751.17
Total Advertising & Regional Associations Expenses		7,675.99
Total Unemployment Expenses		0.00

Ambulance:		
Calex	11,730.00	
Franconia Life Squad	<u>2,000.00</u>	
Total Ambulance Expenses		13,730.00

Police Department:	
Chief David Wentworth	43,258.70
Chief Robert Mancini	21,377.50
Officer Zack Chicoine	46,641.73
Officer Gary Emerson	11,169.00
Officer Ryan Kelly	660.00
Officer Cody MacKay	480.00
Officer Gary Pilotte	140.00
Adm Asst. Jamie Allaire	9,182.40
Police Retirement	19,234.08
Training	414.52
Community Service	35.00
8123 Line	311.62
Telephone	1,571.14
Computer Consulting	1,790.00
Computer Program Support	1,544.98
Computer Equipment	852.26
Internet	311.00
Website	461.00
Dispatch Service	9,836.24
Hiring/Medical Services	585.21
Uniforms	3,503.26
Firearms	994.40
Printing	639.34
Dues	250.00
Supplies	934.42
Office Supplies	1,296.85
Postage/Box Rent	165.65
Gasoline	4,475.63
Vehicle Maintenance	1,694.61
Radio Maintenance	502.74
Books	16.00
New Equipment	4,386.09
Canine Expense	1,859.10
Personal Equipment	<u>885.20</u>

Total Police Department Expenses 191,459.67

Fire Department:	
Salaries:	
Aldrich, Clifton	1,440.00
Amsbary, Douglas	2,142.50
Burger, Timothy	1,140.00

Chase, Eric	697.50	
Clark, Allan	8,552.50	
Collins, Jeffrey	1,335.00	
Crowe, Nelson	772.50	
Gaitskill, Russ	630.00	
Glover, Douglas	2,352.50	
Hodgdon, Jody	607.50	
Ireland, Brinson	2,840.00	
Johnk, Gordon	3,392.50	
Johnk, Samuel	2,605.00	
Kenerson, Danforth	1,012.50	
Low, Kevin	780.00	
Quintal, Richard	1,570.00	
Rasmussen, Eric	2,085.00	
Roussel, Cort	1,275.00	
Snyder, James	3,347.50	
Talbot, Rusty	1,080.00	
Warren, Michael	1,090.00	
Wilson, Ned	1,412.50	
Training	2,016.00	
Mileage	200.00	
Fire Prevention	230.70	
Telephone	466.96	
Information Line 8123	311.62	
Website	270.00	
Internet Provider	540.00	
FF Response System	300.00	
Dispatching Services	4,124.26	
Medical Services	147.00	
Electric	1,713.82	
Heating Oil	2,528.96	
Building Maintenance	536.49	
Uniforms & Protective Clothing	3,895.81	
Dues	569.00	
Supplies	2,080.90	
Medical Supplies	836.98	
Postage	24.05	
Diesel Fuel	1,032.74	
Propane	886.78	
Vehicle Maintenance	6,368.75	
Equipment Maintenance	2,573.63	
Radio Maintenance	134.25	
New & Replacement Equipment	567.65	
Communication Equipment	<u>773.50</u>	
Total Fire Department Expenses		75,289.85
Fire Department Building Capital Reserve		3,506.05

Total Emergency Management		6,880.25
Total Building Inspections – Allan Clark		75.00
Total Airport		850.00
Town Maintenance:		
Douglas Glover - Salary	71,436.53	
Brett Hucksohl	52,531.33	
Todd Nelson	44,275.10	
Peter Carbonneau	5,915.10	
Retirement	18,970.78	
Total Town Maintenance		193,128.84
General Highway Department:		
Engineering - McCarthy	8,900.00	
Tuition Reimbursement	135.00	
Telephone	1,193.28	
Computer Internet	539.40	
Computer Consulting	200.00	
Medical	250.00	
Electricity	2,205.83	
Heating Oil	3,078.54	
Building Maintenance	3,962.75	
Equipment Rental	3,102.50	
Uniforms	2,908.33	
Dues	125.00	
Supplies	1,641.42	
Office Supplies	115.99	
Shop Supplies	9,106.64	
Maintenance & Repair	2,750.00	
Gasoline	69.50	
Diesel Fuel	18,120.35	
Propane	416.85	
Vehicle Maintenance	14,894.88	
Equipment Maintenance	12,439.32	
Radio Maintenance	108.46	
Crushed Gravel	8,074.50	
Hot Top	35,000.00	
Salt	5,727.93	
Sand	17,813.50	
Stone	7,826.00	
Cold Patch	2,584.05	
Non Lapsing Roadwork WA #4	59,315.99	
New Equipment	14,529.56	
Casual Labor	160.00	
Animal Control	450.00	
Total General Highway Department & WA#		237,745.57

Highway Department CRF Truck		50,423.25
Highway Department Bridges Capital Reserve Fund		1,680.00
Total Street Lighting Expenses		6,545.34
Total Highway Block Grant Expenses		51,054.87
Special Highway Block		43,644.01
Total Solid Waste Disposal Expenses		64,022.00
Total Health & Hospitals Agencies Expenses		6,508.56
Total Welfare Expenses		2,550.00
Total Parks & Recreation Expenses		19,759.55
Library:		
Librarian - Judy Weisenberger	11,562.00	
Ingrid Ogren	2,288.00	
Sue Rysanek	275.00	
Telephone	496.07	
Computer Program Support	901.89	
Computer Equipment	643.48	
Dues/Fees	861.99	
Library Supplies	802.90	
Office Supplies	828.95	
Postage	49.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	212.83	
Books/Movies/Audio	<u>10,993.67</u>	
Total Library Expenses		29,915.78
Patriotic:		
Town Party	<u>1,551.90</u>	
Total Patriotic Expenses		1,551.90
Conservation Commission:		
Miscellaneous Expense	240.00	
Supplies	20.42	
Dues	<u>236.00</u>	
Total Conservation Commission		496.42
Land Use Change Fund		7,110.00
Long Term Notes -Principal	50,333.22	
Long Term Notes - Interest	<u>17,166.78</u>	
Total Long Term Notes		67,500.00

Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds:		
Crapo Building CRF	5,000.00	
Highway Department HE	50,000.00	
Fire Department HE	55,000.00	
Fire Department Building	5,000.00	
Bridgework	50,000.00	
Police Department CRF	13,000.00	
Highway Building	5,000.00	
Building & Grounds	<u>5,000.00</u>	
Total Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds		188,000.00
Transfers – Trust Funds		
Northern Pass Defense	30,000.00	
Cemetery Plots Purchased	800.00	
Total Transfers – Trust funds		30,800.00
Total Taxes Paid - County		255,460.00
Total Taxes Paid - School District		1,682,281.00
Motor Vehicle Refund		112.00
Abatements		2,393.46
Property Tax Refunds/Overpayments		6,520.00
Total Taxes Bought by the Town		<u>43,505.68</u>
Total Detailed Expenses		\$3,756,681.63



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ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen,
Town of Sugar Hill:

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of the Town of Sugar Hill, which comprise the balance sheet as of December 31, 2017, and the related statement of revenue, expenditures and fund balance for the year then ended, included in the accompanying prescribed form MS-535. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed form MS-535 nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on the financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed form MS-535.

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

Crane & Bell, PLLC

February 16, 2018

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2017

PRINCIPAL INCOME

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year	Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year
10/09/1975	Sunnyside Care Fund (1)	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$1,189.61	\$122.52	\$0.00	\$1,312.13	\$13,312.13
09/21/1973	Louise Leazott Trust (1)	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	569.93	9.93	0.00	579.86	1,079.86
11/05/1943	Annie Bowles Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	137.48	2.66	0.00	140.14	290.14
11/03/1937	Frank E. Bowles Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	137.48	2.66	0.00	140.14	290.14
10/18/1956	J.L. & Gertrude Bowles Trust (1)	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	76.52	1.63	0.00	78.15	178.15
07/11/1984	Hersom Murray Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	92.97	2.26	0.00	95.23	245.23
10/09/1975	Anker Trust (2)	3,500.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.79	1,432.35	45.82	0.00	1,478.17	4,978.96
10/09/1975	Sunnyside Cemetery (3)	11,185.40	800.00	0.00	0.00	11,985.40	0.00	103.89	0.00	103.89	12,089.29
TOTAL CEMETERY OF TRUST FUNDS		\$27,736.19	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28,536.19	\$3,636.34	\$291.37	\$0.00	\$3,927.71	\$32,463.90

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

Respectfully,
Chairman Allan Clark, Greg Connors, Ray Dionne
Trustees of the Trust Funds

LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS
Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2017

PRINCIPAL INCOME

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year	Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year
9/21/1973	Fredericka Harnes Fund	1,564.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,564.10	19.36	0.00	539.94	2,104.04
11/5/1943	Alice Smith Fund	903.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	903.50	11.18	0.00	310.82	1,214.32
1/22/2001	Richardson Memorial Trust	73,984.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	73,984.55	752.25	0.00	7,748.28	81,732.83
	TOTAL LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS	\$78,293.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$78,293.38	\$801.54	\$0.00	\$8,795.86	\$87,089.24

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

SUGAR HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION FUNDS

December 31, 2017

PRINCIPAL INCOME

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year	Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year
1948	CRAPO (education)	620,006.09	0.00	69,267.12	0.00	689,273.21	17,537.01	0.00	75,510.11	764,783.32
	TOTAL SHIA FUNDS	\$1,327,433.59	\$0.00	\$143,454.62	\$0.00	\$1,470,888.21	\$36,956.27	\$25,000.00	\$126,140.58	\$1,597,028.79

Respectfully,
Chairman Allan Clark, Greg Connors, Ray Dionne
Trustees of the Trust Funds

SELECT BOARD'S REPORT

2017 is over - certainly not to be missed. It brought a series of challenges which will take some time to get past.

First was a snow storm on Town Meeting Day. It led to chastisement from another town when their Town Clerk found we were, indeed, going forward with the meeting. She felt we had no right to expose local residents to the dangers of venturing out in that storm. Nor was she satisfied to be told that we in the "north country" are used to such weather.

Next came July 1 when several inches of rain overwhelmed ditches and culverts resulting in about \$750,000 in road damage. Hopefully at least some of that will be reimbursable by FEMA sometime in the future. Regardless it set our road plans back by a year.

Lastly, October 30 brought wind, rain, downed trees and wires, roads closed, folks without power, and a host of other challenges – some of which are still to be met.

There is however, a bright side to all of this. Our Departments – Police, Fire, Road – worked together solving problems, getting roads passable, assisting citizens, cleaning up debris and whatever else needed to be done. We can all take great pride in their cooperating efforts and will find it difficult to express our appreciation sufficiently. They are a stellar example of the best that is Sugar Hill.

But, there are still needs to be addressed. We must resolve the question of replacement/renovation of the Crane Hill Bridge. It becomes more apparent that replacement may be the best alternative – renovating damaged abutments alone on the current bridge is estimated at \$500,000. However, this all needs further study, and we still need to put additional monies in the capital reserve to cover our portion of the job scheduled for 2022. Costs will be 80% state 20% Town from what we now know.

The Town observed another milestone when Chief David Wentworth determined it was time to retire after serving as part time Police Chief the past several years. We sincerely appreciate his seventeen years of service to the Town of Sugar Hill and wish him the very best in retirement.

Robert Mancini who had served as a New Hampshire Fish and Game Officer became our new Police Chief beginning in September. Bob brings a world of knowledge to his new position, is energetic and hardworking and leads by example. Welcome Bob, and Ruger, too! Best wishes for a long and successful career here in Sugar Hill.

Lastly, we wish to express our deep appreciation to all those who donated to the Northern Pass Legal Defense Fund. Without it legal bills incurred in fighting that plan would have been overwhelming. A total of \$29,000 was received. Thank you most sincerely to all who participated. We really hope it will enable our attorney's efforts to be successful!

CEMETERY TRUSTEES' REPORT

The year 2017 saw a bad storm hit our town on October 30th. That has changed our priorities. The road construction in the new part of Sunnyside has been moved till another year. Road agent Douglas Glover and his crew are very busy with damage to our roads from the July and October storms. John Hanks of Littleton Monument will continue to maintain the monuments as needed at both Sunnyside and Streeter Pond Road Cemeteries. We will need to redo a few monuments this year damaged by the storm. Peter Carbonneau is a wonderful sexton and caretaker and does an outstanding job of maintaining the grounds. He has been very helpful on getting estimates for the work that needs to be done from the storm. It is hoped that one section of the new area will have lots available for sale once the roads are complete.

A special thank you to the Littleton Veterans' of Foreign Wars for their participation at Sunnyside on Memorial Day.

Special thanks to Lorraine Hunt's family for remembering our Veterans with flags for Memorial Day. Additional thanks to Doug Glover and his crew for the road maintenance and assistance with burials as needed.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Perlo, Chairperson
Susan Stith, Holly Hayward
Meri Hern, Kathleen Jablonski
Cemetery Trustees

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board would like to reflect on the growth and desires of the Townspeople. We are always open to constructive ways to improve and keep abreast of current changes. The Planning Board meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30PM at the Carolina Crapo Memorial Building.

The Planning Board saw the following activity for 2017:

Major Subdivision:	0
Minor Subdivision:	1
Lot Line Adjustment:	0
Voluntary Merger:	0
Site Plan Review:	1

Anyone interested in serving on the Planning Board should write the Selectmen a letter expressing their interest for an appointment to the Board as an alternate or regular member. Appreciation is due to all the members who generously volunteer their time and work to maintain the quality and beauty of our Town.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Venezia, Secretary

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

2017 is a year I won't soon forget. Spring started off with the routine sweeping and clean ups. Then we moved on to making a load of cold mix to put on some of our roads that had very bad wheel ruts in them making it difficult to plow. Then it was on to culvert replacements that was going along very well until July 1st. This was the day we got all the heavy rain and flooding. We lost a number of roads, Grand View, Lafayette, Carpenter part of Streeter Pond and some of Hadley Road. The worst of which was Grand View Road. We had two houses that we couldn't get to due to the six-foot trench down the center of the road. The crew worked very hard to fill in other spots so we could keep people moving and most of all make sure Emergency equipment could get through. Steve Santy Logging from Lisbon offered the town his bulldozer for any area that we needed to move a lot of dirt. I took him up on the offer and we were able to open Grand View Road to limited traffic with a day's work. Carpenter Road took a hard hit and we lost three culverts and two hundred feet of road. Town Engineer Red McCarthy was able to expedite some permits so we could put bigger pipes in and hopefully avoid this problem again. We stopped all of our regular maintenance and spent all efforts on cleaning up after this event. Chief Clark had contacted FEMA about helping with expenses that we were paying for out of the regular highway budget. The amount of paperwork to be completed was unbelievable and Chief Clark filed the necessary forms. To date we have not received any money but anticipate some funding in 2018. The State will assist with the repairs to the Indian Creek Bridge on Streeter Pond Road with further work to be completed in 2018.

To the relief of the crew, the last pipe was installed in the middle of October, it didn't last long as the town was hit with high winds and rain four days later. This presented a new problem with hundreds of trees down and no power. Highway, Fire and Police met to establish a plan and everyone went to work. The Highway Department opened roads and cleared trees off wires so we could hopefully speed up the response from the power company. The power remained out for up to a week in some parts of town.

We continued to work on tree clean up and also hauled winter sand until the snow arrived. The winter has been full of weather surprises and the Department is anxiously awaiting spring.

I would like to thank the town taxpayers for all your support and also the Select Board for their continued support. Special thanks to the Fire and Police Departments for all your help during these times. I look forward to a spring meeting with the road committee to see what is next on the list. I can be reached at 823-8788 (shop) or 616-8467 (cell).

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas Glover, Road Agent

SUGAR HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT

In September of 2017, the Sugar Hill Police Department had a change of leadership as Chief David D. Wentworth officially retired and Robert M. Mancini, Jr. was selected as the Town's new Chief of Police. During 2017, the Sugar Hill Police Department continued its focus on community policing and proactive law enforcement, while also placing a major emphasis on motor vehicle enforcement. During two major weather events, the Police Department assisted the Fire Department and Highway Department with checking on residents and damaged roads. Overall, the Department handled 1163 separate incidents, which represents a significant increase in police activity and calls for service from previous years.

I would like to thank Chief Wentworth for his exemplary service to the Town of Sugar Hill. Over the course of the past 14 years, Chief Wentworth was a dedicated resource to the community. In that time, he held positions of Patrolman, Sergeant and most recently Chief of Police. During his tenure, Chief Wentworth made significant improvements to the Sugar Hill Police Department. While focusing on community policing initiatives, Chief Wentworth implemented the Police-Intern Program, Good Morning Program, and Residential House Checks and has provided community members with a variety of educational programs. Chief Wentworth's legacy will continue, as each of these programs will continue to be offered.

On October 27th, 2017, Chief Wentworth was rewarded for his hard work and devotion as he was selected as the 2017 New Hampshire State Grange Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. This award was a great way to cap off a successful law enforcement career. While working for Chief Wentworth as a part-time officer, I was always impressed with how much he truly cared for his "residents." His genuine care and compassion for the Sugar Hill community is truly inspiring. People choose a career in law enforcement for a variety of reasons, Chief Wentworth wanted to make a difference—he certainly accomplished that goal! Congratulations on your retirement Chief Dave!!!

For those of you that I have not met, my wife Amy and I fell in-love with Sugar Hill and purchased our home in 2011. Over the past six years, I have enjoyed getting to know the many people that contribute to the rich fabric that makes Sugar Hill unique. Living in Sugar Hill continues to be an incredible experience and I am looking forward to the times ahead. Thanks to support from the community, I am reminded often as to how fortunate I am to be your Chief.

Going forward, I will ensure that the Sugar Hill Police Department maintains the necessary purpose and influence to achieve the high standards of fairness, professionalism and integrity. I will strive to remain fiscally responsible, while never jeopardizing public safety. Most importantly, I promise to be a dedicated and devoted resource in serving the community so that Sugar Hill can retain its reputation as one of the nicest and safest communities in the area.

In closing, I would like to extend a special thank you to Officer Zach Chicoine, Administrative Assistant Jennifer Gaudette, Administrative Assistant Jamie Allaire, part-time Officer Gary Emerson, Chief Allan Clark and Road Agent Doug Glover for their

unwavering support and assistance over the last few months. Our community is especially fortunate to have Officer Chicoine living and working in town. Officer Chicoine is a true asset to the Sugar Hill Police Department and I am grateful for his tireless work ethic and steadfast dedication. Officer Chicoine embodies the phrase “selfless service” and was recently selected as the 2017 Reserve Blue Jacket Sailor of the Year for the United States Naval Reserve Operational Support Center, which is based in White River Junction, Vermont. When you see him around town, congratulate him. He certainly deserves it!

Sugar Hill Police Department
Police Activity and Calls for Service

	2015	2016	2017
Arrests	3	7	10
911 Hang Up	7	7	14
Abandoned MV	3	3	4
Alarm, Burglar	31	44	46
All Spots Inquiries	24	27	16
Assault	0	1	2
Assist Citizen	16	6	3
Assist Fire/EMS	NA	NA	27
Assist Other Agency	7	1	4
Building Check	5	49	257
Burglary	1	7	3
Civil Stand-By	7	4	0
Disabled MV/Lock Out	17	16	25
Disturbance/Fight/Brawl	0	1	1
Dog Complaint	22	25	29
Domestic Disturbance	2	3	2
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	1	2	2
Drug Issues	2	3	0
Drug Offensive	0	0	4
Fish & Game	4	0	9
Follow Up Investigations	24	29	43
Illegal Dumping	NA	NA	1
Intoxicated Person- Not DWI	NA	NA	1
K-9 Calls For service	NA	NA	5
Lost/Found Property	8	7	0
Mental Person	0	0	0
Missing Person	0	2	1
Motor Vehicle Complaint	6	11	18
Motor Vehicle Citations	2	10	47
Motor Vehicle Stop	194	226	400
Noise Complaint	2	0	3
Paperwork Service	10	18	9
Parking Issues	0	0	0
Police Admin	60	71	72
Road Hazard/Wire or Tree Down	22	36	75

Shots Fired	6	3	5
Special Detail/ Parades	6	5	4
Suicidal Person	0	2	2
Suspicious Person	4	7	6
Suspicious Vehicle	7	10	10
Telephone Harassment	4	4	1
Theft/Fraud	7	11	6
Threats	0	1	2
Traffic Detail	7	5	7
Training	3	6	5
Trespass	4	5	5
Vandalism	5	0	3
Vehicle Collision	12	15	13
Vehicle Repo	0	0	2
Violation of Court Order	1	1	0
VIN Verification	4	5	12
Welfare Check	6	8	21
	556	704	1237

TOWN OF SUGAR HILL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

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

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, will be held at the Meetinghouse on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., to act on the following subjects:

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

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

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

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town of Sugar Hill will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Three Hundred Ninety Nine Thousand, Six Hundred Forty One Dollars (\$1,399,641.00) to defray Town charges.

Executive	\$49,850.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	21,795.00
Financial Administration	22,890.00
Property Revaluation	15,828.00
Legal Expenses	35,000.00
Payroll Taxes	30,000.00
Planning Board	2,000.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment	500.00
General Government Buildings	39,720.00
Buildings & Grounds	33,175.00
Cemetery.....	8,000.00
Insurance.....	172,181.00
Advertising & Regional Associations.....	1,200.00
North Country Council.....	1,200.00
Unemployment.....	100.00
Police Department.....	231,953.00

Ambulance	23,256.00
Fire Department	83,425.00
Building Inspections	1,500.00
Emergency Management	1,000.00
Airport.....	820.00
Town Maintenance	206,584.00
General Highway Department Expense	180,475.00
Street Lighting	6,600.00
Highway Block Grant	40,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal	49,929.00
Health, Hospitals.....	5,909.00
North Country Home Health	1,775.00
Grafton County Senior.....	100.00
American Red Cross	292.00
White Mt. Mental Health.....	692.00
Ammonoosuc Community Health	1,250.00
Burch House	300.00
Above the Notch.....	500.00
Center for New Beginnings	500.00
Franconia Children's Center.....	500.00
Welfare	6,000.00
Tri County Cap	1,300.00
Parks and Recreation.....	26,353.00
Library	32,398.00
Patriotic Purposes	2,000.00
Conservation Commission	700.00
Interest Expense - Tax Anticipation.....	1,000.00
Long Term Notes	37,500.00
Interest Long Term Notes	30,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS.....	\$1,399,641.00

The Select Board recommends these Appropriations.

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

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

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

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

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

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation

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

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

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

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Carolina Crapo Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) for support of the Boys & Girls Club of the North Country. The Boys & Girls Club is a fun, safe, positive place for all children of the North Country under the guidance of caring adults. The Club offers after school care and all-day care during winter & spring vacation weeks and for 9 weeks in the summer.

ARTICLE 12: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 26th day of February, Two Thousand and Eighteen

SUGAR HILL SELECT BOARD

John J. Strasser, III

Richard Bielefield

Margaret Connors

RETURN OF POSTING

We hereby attest that the within Warrant is a true copy of the Warrant for the Town Meeting described therein, and further certify that we have caused to be posted an attested copy of this Warrant at the place of the Meeting and a like copy in one other public place in the Town of Sugar Hill, namely the Sugar Hill Post Office fourteen (14) days before the day of the Meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, not counting the day of posting or the day of the Meeting.

SUGAR HILL SELECT BOARD

John J. Strasser, III

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This Warrant and Return of Posting has been duly recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, this 26th day of February, 2018.

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

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 2017	Actual 2017	Estimated 2018
Revised MS-4R			
Taxes:			
Yield Taxes	\$ 00.00	\$ 880.30	\$ 0.00
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	5,000.00	19,855.85	5,000.00
Land Use Change Tax	0.00	8,610.00	5,000.00
Intergovernmental Revenues - State:			
Highway Block Grant	40,000.00	51,054.87	40,000.00
Special Block	0.00	43,644.01	0.00
Rooms & Meals	27,000.00	29,588.14	27,000.00
State Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Licenses and Permits:			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	140,000.00	176,458.66	150,000.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	1,000.00	1,666.00	1,000.00
Building, Driveway & Cable Permits	2,000.00	8,612.15	2,000.00
Business Licenses & Permits	0.00	240.00	0.00
From Federal Government:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charges For Services:			
Income from Departments	2,500.00	3,220.20	2,500.00
Miscellaneous Revenue:			
Interest on Deposits	500.00	1,065.05	500.00
Sale of Municipal Property	0.00	24,380.40	0.00
Income from Trusts	3,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
Rent of Town Property	500.00	1,025.00	500.00
NP Donations	0.00	29,000.00	0.00
Other Refunds & Insurance:			
Reimbursements	10,120.00	11,898.61	10,000.00
Sale of Municipal Property (Cemetery)	0.00	800.00	0.00
From Capital Reserve Funds:	0.00	73,576.82	0.00
From Land Use Fund:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fund Balance (“Surplus”)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>75,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Revenues and Credits	<u>\$231,820.00</u>	<u>\$590,576.06</u>	<u>\$243,500.00</u>

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

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	Appropriation 2017	Actual 2017	Estimated 2018
General Government:			
Executive	\$ 49,940.00	40,383.82	49,850.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	20,390.00	19,530.64	21,795.00
Financial Administration	22,940.00	21,809.93	22,890.00
Revaluation of Property	15,828.00	15,828.00	15,828.00
Legal Expenses	15,000.00	16,328.24	35,000.00
Personnel Administration	30,000.00	28,349.74	30,000.00
Planning & Zoning	2,500.00	1,778.28	2,500.00
Gen Gov Buildings & Grounds	67,375.00	68,912.85	72,895.00
Cemeteries	6,000.00	3,833.40	8,000.00
Insurance	183,233.00	180,730.06	172,181.00
Advertising & Regional Association	7,676.00	7,675.99	1,200.00
Unemployment Compensation	100.00	0.00	100.00
Public Safety:			
Police Department	192,036.00	191,459.67	231,953.00
Ambulance	13,730.00	13,730.00	23,256.00
Fire Department	77,950.00	75,289.85	83,425.00
Building Inspection	1,500.00	75.00	1,500.00
Emergency Management	1,000.00	6,880.25	1,000.00
Airport:			
Airport Operations	850.00	850.00	820.00
Highways, Streets and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance	197,115.00	193,128.84	206,584.00
General Highway	180,075.00	178,429.58	180,475.00
Street Lighting	6,500.00	6,545.34	6,600.00
Highway Block Grant	40,000.00	51,054.87	40,000.00
Sanitation:			
Solid Waste Disposal	64,333.00	64,022.00	49,929.00
Health:			
Health and Hospitals	6,509.00	6,508.56	5,909.00
Welfare:			
Assistance	6,000.00	2,550.00	6,000.00
Culture and Recreation:			
Parks and Recreation and YMCA	24,828.00	19,759.55	26,353.00
Library	29,995.00	29,915.78	32,398.00
Patriotic Purposes	2,000.00	1,551.90	2,000.00

Conservation:			
Conservation Commission	750.00	496.42	700.00
Debt Service:			
Principal Long Term Bonds	37,500.00	50,333.22	37,500.00
Interest Long Term Bonds	30,000.00	17,166.78	30,000.00
Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Operating Transfers Out:			
Capital & Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00
To Special Revenue Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
To Fiduciary Funds	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$1,334,653.00</u>	<u>\$1,314,908.56</u>	<u>\$1,399,641.00</u>
Spec Warrant Articles Recommended	218,000.00	218,000.00	265,000.00
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	0.00	0.00	0.00

Total Appropriations Recommended		\$1,664,641.00
Less Estimated Revenues and Credits		<u>243,500.00</u>
Amount Of Taxes To Be Raised (Exclusive of School and County Taxes)		<u>\$1,421,141.00</u>

2018 Expenditures Not in Budget	
Special Highway Block Funds Received from State	\$43,644.01
Northern Pass Legal From Trust & Donations	\$59,000.00

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF
APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
(Year Ending December 31, 2017)**

	Appropriation 2017	Actual 2017	Unexpended or Overdrafts
Executive	\$ 49,940.00	\$ 40,383.82	\$ 9,556.18
Election, Registration and Vital Statistics	20,390.00	19,530.64	859.36
Financial Administration	22,940.00	21,809.93	1,130.07
Revaluation of Property	15,828.00	15,828.00	0.00
Legal Expenses	15,000.00	16,328.24	(1,328.24)
Payroll Taxes	30,000.00	28,349.74	1,650.26
Planning & Zoning	2,500.00	1,778.28	721.72
Government Buildings & Grounds	67,375.00	68,912.85	(1,537.85)
Cemeteries	6,000.00	3,833.40	2,166.60
Insurance	183,233.00	180,730.06	2,502.94
Advertising and Regional Association	7,676.00	7,675.99	.01
Unemployment	100.00	0	100.00
Police Department	192,036.00	191,459.67	576.33
Ambulance	13,730.00	13,730.00	0.00
Fire Department	77,950.00	75,289.85	2,660.15
Building Inspection	1,500.00	75.00	1,425.00
Emergency Management	1,000.00	6,880.25	(5,880.25)*
Airport	850.00	850.00	0.00
Town Maintenance	197,115.00	193,128.84	3,986.16
General Highway	180,075.00	178,429.58	1,645.42
Street Lighting	6,500.00	6,545.34	(45.34)
Highway Block	40,000.00	51,054.87	(11,054.87)**
Solid Waste Disposal	64,333.00	64,022.00	311.00
Health and Hospitals	6,509.00	6,508.56	0.44
Welfare	6,000.00	2,550.00	3,450.00
Parks & Recreation	24,828.00	19,759.55	5,068.45
Library	29,995.00	29,915.78	79.22
Patriotic Purposes	2,000.00	1,551.90	448.10
Conservation Commission	750.00	496.42	253.58
Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Long Term Notes & Interest	67,500.00	67,500.00	0.00
*EM Reimbursement \$6,000 pending			
**State Funds Offset	<u>\$1,334,653.00</u>	<u>\$1,314,908.56</u>	<u>\$19,744.44</u>
Special Warrant Articles	218,000.00	218,000.00	0.00
Grand Total	\$1,552,653.00	\$1,532,908.56	\$19,744.44
Special Block Funds Received from State		\$43,644.01	
Additional Legal From Trust & Donations		\$59,000.00	

SUGAR HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

During 2017 your Fire Department continued to be very active in training and with emergency calls. We responded to 91 emergency calls in 2017 substantially more than in the history of the Department. Two of the calls were for significant structure fires. One structure fire on Trumpet Round was quickly contained which minimized the extent of the damage. A significant structure fire occurred in December in the stone house at the intersection of Easton Road and Dyke Road. This fire caused substantial damage, but the structure was saved and much of the house was not damaged.

Both of these fires could have resulted in just cellar holes, but through the efforts of your highly trained firefighters the damage was minimized. Interestingly, both of these fires were caused by woodstove metal chimneys that did not have proper clearance to combustibles. Both stove installations were recent, but the installations were not inspected by the Fire Department. The Fire Department will inspect woodstove installations at no cost.

Fortunately, unlike past years, we had no drug overdose calls in 2017, but do not think that the problem is not here. The Department is trained to deal with them and two members of the Department carry Narcan.

Your Fire Department is well equipped, adequately staffed and highly trained. The Department has 22 dedicated firefighters who are all very active. Although the firefighters are part-time employees, they are committed to providing the Town with the coverage and the services usually found only in full-time departments.

We continued our extensive training by providing drills and training a minimum of two times per month plus a weekend away at Fire School. 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. Your Fire Department is recognized by other departments in the region as highly professional and competent.

The Engine that we purchased during 2017 for \$305,000 will not be delivered until May. We are using bailing twine and duct tape to hold the old Engine together, which is over 40 years old, until we take delivery of the new Engine.

Each year the Town has been placing \$50,000 into our Capital Reserve account to replace our apparatus. In 2017, the Town was asked to increase that to \$55,000 to have adequate funds to purchase the new Engine with the promise that in 2018 we would only request \$45,000. This is what we have done and this year we will perform a detailed review of the Capital Reserve analysis to determine the amount needed in the Capital Reserve to have adequate funds to replace apparatus as they end their useful lives.

Once our new Engine arrives all apparatus bodies are either aluminum or polycarbonate. Our oldest truck will be our Rescue truck which we acquired in 2004 and is in excellent condition although that truck has been plagued with engine defects. We do not anticipate purchasing another fire truck for some time.

We enjoy holding our annual Open House in October where many of the residents stop by and spend a little time looking at our equipment and chatting with the firefighters. We sincerely appreciate all the kind words expressed to the firefighters. Please put October 13, 2018 in your calendar and stop by and observe your equipment, meet your firefighters and enjoy a free lunch.

The Fire Department responded to the following:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Brush/Grass Fires	3	2	1	0
Chimney Fires	0	0	1	0
Alarm Activations	15	12	19	13
Furnace Problems	1	0	2	0
Hazardous Conditions	9	10	5	1
Hazardous Materials	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	4	7	10	12
Mutual Aid – Cover	4	1	3	2
Mutual Aid – Scene	15	11	9	9
Rescues/Medical	12	3	2	5
Service Calls	17	7	1	6
Smoke Investigations	3	2	1	1
Structure Fires	5	1	0	3
Vehicle Fires	3	1	1	0
TOTAL	91	57	55	52

As of December 31, 2017 the Fire Department’s active roster of Firefighters was as follows:

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

Sugar Hill is extremely fortunate to have this number of very active firefighters during a period when many departments are decreasing in size due to the inability to attract new firefighters for a variety of reasons. The commitment in time to be a firefighter is significant and Sugar Hill has been extremely fortunate to have an excellent complement of firefighters willing to make that commitment.

Russ Gaitskill who has been a very active and well trained firefighter chose to retire at the end of this year after serving the Department for over 12 years. Russ could always be counted on to expertly accomplish any task that is asked of him. He is going to especially miss driving the Rescue Truck on ice covered driveways. We wish Russ and his wife Linda the best of health and only good times during their years of retirement.

It is truly an honor to serve such a wonderful community as Sugar Hill as the Fire Chief. Hard to believe, but I have been with the Department now 16 years. 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, without their support we would have no firefighters.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan R. Clark

Allan R. Clark
Fire Chief

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

The responsibility of the Emergency Management Director is to coordinate the efforts of the Town during an emergency towards a unified goal and to prepare the Town for major incidents. Emergency Management in Sugar Hill is a cooperative effort of the Highway Department, Fire Department, and Police Department working together toward a common goal. Sugar Hill is fortunate to have departments that work very well together.

This year we had two significant Federally declared disasters; the July 4th torrential rain which causes significant damage to the Town roads and destroyed the relatively new Streeter Pond Road bridge and the October 31st wind storm which caused hundreds of trees to be knocked over resulting in power loss for most of the residents for many days. We also suffered through the unusually long period of sub-zero weather at the end of December that fortunately did not cause significant safety problems.

Chief Robert Mancini and the Police Department, Highway Superintendent Doug Glover and his crew and the Fire Department are extremely competent and “customer” service oriented and worked numerous hours during the two major disasters. During the extended cold spell; Chief Mancini and I checked on senior residents to be certain that they were doing alright.

The July 1st storm caused approximately \$500,000 of damage to the town road infrastructure and \$108,000 of emergency work to temporarily stabilize the roads and create access to residents that were either stranded or inconvenienced by the road damage. Doug Glover and the Highway Crew worked all summer and into the fall working on repairing storm damage and was unable to perform their normal summer maintenance work. During the July 1st storm Lisbon sent trucks and men to assist Doug in gaining access to stranded residents. Mutual Aid not only exists with Fire and Police, but also with the Highway Department.

We are hopeful that FEMA will reimburse the Town for the emergency work and will pay 75% of the permanent repairs to include the complete replacement of the Streeter Pond Bridge. The FEMA process is slow and complicated normally, but with the major disasters in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico it is even slower.

It is noted that despite initial refusal by the State Department of Environmental Services to allow proper increase in the size of culverts and proper alignment of the Streeter Pond Bridge with the assistance of the Governor and the Director of Homeland Security, the proposed repairs should prevent a reoccurrence.

The Hazardous Mitigation Plan was updated in 2017 and it should not come as a surprised that the most serious hazards identified were wind damage, storm water mitigation and extended power outages. We continue to work to seek grants to pay for the mitigation of these natural hazards.

We continue to work with both the Federal and State government agencies to obtain permission to dredge the Gale River near the Crane Hill Bridge to prevent ice jams. We are hopeful that if we can gain the required approvals that we can obtain a grant to mitigate this hazard.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Allan R. Clark
Emergency Management Director

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

This past year we were fortunate enough to have favorable weather conditions in the spring and summer which limited the amount of wildland fire activity throughout the state. September and October saw fire conditions elevate, and the state was faced with some difficult fires. The Dilly Cliff fire in North Woodstock was one of the most challenging fires we have seen in New Hampshire and Sugar Hill sent crews for three days to assist on that fire. Steep terrain and extreme fire behavior made this fire difficult to fight and it was eventually extinguished by heavy rains.

Sugar Hill Fire Department and the Division of Forests & Lands worked throughout the year to protect homes and the forests. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on high fire danger days. The fire lookouts are credited with keeping many fires small due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire detection efforts were supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high.

As we prepare for the 2018 fire season, please remember to contact the Forest Fire Warden or Deputy Wardens to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Outside burning when a permit is required is only allowed after 5 pm and must be extinguished by 9 am the next morning unless it is actively raining.

Fire permits are available through the wardens or online at www.nhfirepermit.com. The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services (DES). You are encouraged to contact DES at 603-271-3503 or go to their website at www.des.nh.gov for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility.

2017 STATEWIDE WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 2017)

HISTORICAL DATA		
YEAR	NUMBER of FIRES	ACRES BURNED
2017	64	107
2016	351	1090
2015	124	635
2014	112	72
2013	182	144
2012	318	206

**State Forestry Director
Brad Simpkins
271-2214**

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

**Warden
Allan R. Clark
823-5748 – Home
494-1491 - Cell**

**Deputy Warden
Doug Glover
823-7007 – Home
823-8788 - Work**

**Deputy Warden
Jim Snyder
823-7704 – Home
348-7009 - Cell**

FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD

The Franconia Ambulance currently has three members who are certified to provide Advanced Life Support, two of whom are nationally registered paramedics. The Franconia Ambulance at year's end has 11 active members; a membership well prepared to assist our citizens and visitors to our area with quality emergency medical care.

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

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

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

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

Chief Paul Schmucker – EMT

Asst. Chief Mark Taylor – EMT

William Mead – Paramedic

Bill McCarthy – AEMT

Susan Simpson – EMT

Ron Baillargeon – EMR

Capt. Pam Oakman – Paramedic

Allan Clark – EMT

Ned Wilson – EMT

William McCarthy – EMT

Jeffrey Collins – EMT

The Franconia Ambulance responded to 291 calls for assistance during 2017. Of those, 185 required transport.

In 2017, the total operating expenses for the Franconia Ambulance were \$75,022.13. While income obtained from patient billing and subsidies from Sugar Hill totaled \$96,430.53. The net cost for the operation of the Franconia Ambulance to the Town of Franconia being no cost and a surplus of \$21,408.40 was returned to the town.

Your ambulance is currently operating at the Advanced Life Support – Paramedic level.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Paul Schmucker
Franconia Life Squad

RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

2017 saw another substantial shift in patron's needs. Many new families with very small children have joined the Library. Many of our senior patrons are dealing with health issues that require more varied resources. We are receiving more requests for senior programming. At the same time the school-age population is receiving more Library resources at the schools and the Rec program continues to expand its fabulous offerings to include a summer book club. Accordingly, we'll move around the resources in 2018 to meet these current needs.

We end the year with special thanks due to a lot of folks:

To Kay, for 16 Saturdays of her "guidance" to our watercolorists. Sign up next August.

To the Sugar Hill Artist + Crafters (SHAC), for being the first to display their work on our *Local Artist Wall*. We encourage other artists to display their work for a month in the library.

To Liz Quantock, our first Sugar Hill professional to lend her artwork for display and sale. Liz taught stain glass at the Museum of Fine Arts for many years. Six of her beautiful panels hung in our windows this winter. We hope this will be the beginning of highlighting many artists' work at the library through displays, performances, or mini workshops. Email Judy if interested.

To Amy and other puzzle donors who supported our growing Puzzle Club. Come join.

To the Rossell sisters, for their fabulous decorations that added such a special touch.

To the Sugar Hill Museum, for including us in their Children's Hat Exhibit activities and Lafayette second graders for letting us in for a fun workshop on hat decorating. We'll repeat this June.

Kitty for her wonderful book donations, all very special. Look for some in book sale.

To the Willing Workers, for including the library and our children in their **annual** June Tea Party festivities and for their donation to the annual Elaine Burpee speaker event at Lupine Festival.

To Terry and others, for their generous donations of the Play Kitchen "extras". It's well loved!

To all the patrons who donated newer books, CDs, DVDs and other gifts, keep them coming!

And a **huge** personal thank you to all the patrons who took the time to code a "great read" with a smiley face. Weeding each book is a very time-consuming process but patron feedback ensures that our collection remains updated with our favorite books.

2018

We'll continue to collaborate with the Willing Workers, Historical Museum, ACT and the Sugar Hill Improvement Association (SHIA) to work together to bring more programs and activities to adults in the community at the Crapo. We've had requests for Bone Builders, senior exercise programs, garden speakers, cooking classes, movie night, puzzle club, bear safety, computer skills, CPR training, ukulele lessons, quilling, snowshoeing classes, speakers on nature and history topics, and more arts and/or crafts Saturdays, the most requested.

We hope **all** residents support the library in 2018 with their talents, ideas, and presence. To that end we've expanded the open hours to 20 to meet working and over-busy parents by combining 15 patron hours with the 5 administrative hours.

Respectively submitted,
Judy Weisenberger
Director

Statistics for RSA: 202-A:12

NEW HOURS 2018

Monday 1 - 7 pm*
Tuesday 10-12 + 2 – 5 pm
Friday 2 – 6 pm*
Saturday 9 - 2 pm
*We'll close early in poor weather
Phone 823-7001

Wi-Fi: library (P) Guest123

INTERNET

patronrml@gmail.com requests)
LibraryThing.com (online catalog)
Free E-Books/Audios – just sign in
to Sugar Hill then add your code is:
4218 plus your library #

DATA

Population estimate: 724

Patrons: 524 (44 new - 26 withdrawn) Circulation: Adult: 4390 + Children: 3806
Inter Library Loans: 603 borrowed + 22 loaned Visits: 4368 (avg. 4.2 people x 1040hrs)
Total Collection: 12,506 (print, E books+ audios, DVDs, CDs, movies, puzzles, APPs, toys...)

Operating Cost (rounded)

Warrant approved for taxes: \$ 29,995 Money spent: \$ 29,916

Credits: \$ 930. Debits: \$ 1006. Balance: \$ 83

Offsets: spent from non-taxed sources: \$ 1006. **Total funded: \$ 30,922**

RML NOW Trust Account: 1/1/17 \$ 1,196. Credits: \$.56 Debits: \$ 200 End Balance: \$996.

Other Trusts: (see report on Trust Funds page)

*Expenses included in Town's budget: maintenance, accounting, heat, electric, cleaning, etc.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

In 2017, the Conservation Commission completed several projects to benefit the people of the town of Sugar Hill. Conservation Funds from the land use change tax were used to fund most of these projects.

The Coffin Pond Conservation Area and the Cooley Jericho Forest now have signs directing people where to park and directions to the trails and paths. These encourage use and result in safer and more attractive areas.

During the summer, members of the Conservation Commission met with Ben Hudson to evaluate the status of the new trail at the Phillip Robertson Town Forest. The trail itself was planted with grass seed in appropriate areas and mowed during the summer. Thanks to the Highway Department, the parking area was improved and a sign was erected marking the beginning of the trail. The Conservation Commission is working with Profile Trails to include Robertson Town Forest trails with regional trails initiative.

The Sugar Hill Conservation Commission is represented on the Ammonoosuc Regional Energy Team (ARET), which is hosting an Energy Expo on April 7, 2018 at Profile High School in Bethlehem. Admission is free. The theme this year is "Local Energy Solutions". Come hear the experts discuss the latest in efficiency and renewable energy. Learn what your neighbors are doing to save on fuel and money. Take a ride in an electric car! www.ammenergy.org

A member of the Conservation Commission attended the Ammonoosuc River Stream Crossing Assessment Project meeting for updates on information on culvert replacement in the area and funding sources that might be available.

The Conservation Commission made a donation to the Profile Jr./Sr. High School Multi-Purpose Year-Round Community Trail organization, which is working to build an ADA friendly trail to access the school from Franconia.

The Town Forest Management Plan continues to be updated and revised to work toward its goals of conservation and land stewardship.

We would like to acknowledge the many contributions long time member Kathie Galligan made to the Conservation Commission in her years of service.

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

2017 COOLEY-JERICHO COMMUNITY FOREST REPORT

Thanks to the support of Easton, Franconia, Landaff, and Sugar Hill, numerous individuals, and public and private funding, the Cooley-Jericho Community Forest was created in September, 2013. This 843-acre forest offers great public recreational opportunities, includes critical wildlife habitat, protects headwater streams, preserves scenic views, is used by local schools for environmental education, and will provide timber income to the towns over the long term. Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust (ACT) owns the land on behalf of the communities.

Thanks to the energy and dedication of ACT volunteers and others, the Forest is becoming a destination for hikers, cross-country and backcountry skiers, and mountain bikers, and back country skiers. Over the past three years, a trail network of over six miles has been constructed by, maps have been made, a kiosk built, and a parking lot constructed at the end of Trumpet Round Road.

Eagle Scout Asher Merrill of Sugar Hill and his collaborators designed and built the kiosk. There you'll find trail maps and information about the Forest. The town of Sugar Hill built the parking lot and installed signs. ACT volunteers, staff, members of Lisbon Regional School's Panther Adventure Wilderness Society, and Appalachian Mountain Club summer work crews designed, built, and marked the trails, and volunteers continue to improve the trails. You can download a trail map on the ACT website, www.aconservationtrust.org/explore-our-lands.

The Forest has also been used as an outdoor classroom by local schools Lafayette Regional and Bethlehem Elementary.

A Stewardship Team for the Forest has representatives of the four towns and ACT, and is charged with managing this land now and into the future. We know that nature will take its course, and we can't anticipate the unforeseen, such as severe ice storms, wind events, or fire. We nevertheless can and should follow a management strategy based on what the land tells us, and craft our uses to best complement the property's natural features and the interests of our communities in recreation, education, and other goals. The management strategy is in its final stages of drafting and will be presented to the public this spring.

ACT hosts walks and exploration of the Forest throughout the year. For more information e-mail ACT at outreach@aconservationtrust.org or call 823-7777. Volunteer are always needed and welcomed!

Submitted on behalf of the CJCF Stewardship Team,

By Rebecca A. Brown
Executive Director, Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust

TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION

In 2017, the Tri-Town Transfer Station staff recycled nearly 450 tons of various commodities, ranging from paper and plastic products to e-waste and glass. Without your willingness and effort, this would not have been possible.

Personally, I would like to thank the Tri-Town residents and my fellow employees for your friendship and cooperation over the past several years. A special thanks to Kevin, Erik and Tim.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Wells, Manager
Kevin Dauphine
Erik Rasmussen
Timothy Blake

Recyclable Material	2017 Amount Recycled	Environmental Impact
Electronics	9,124 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to power 1.2 houses for one year!
Scrap Metal	36.6 gross tons	Conserved 102,424 pounds of iron ore!
Steel Cans	7.9 gross tons	Conserved enough energy to run a 60 watt light bulb for 461,240 hours, or 52 days!
Tires	3 tons	Conserved 2 barrels of oil!

By recycling the materials above, the Tri-Town Transfer station prevented about 206 tons of carbon dioxide emissions from entering the atmosphere. This is the equivalent of removing 44 passenger cars from the road for an entire year. Thank you for your recycling efforts, Franconia, Easton and Sugar Hill!

ENERGY COMMITTEE

The following graph shows energy use in the Town of Sugar Hill for 2017

Department	Electric	Gas	Diesel	#2Fuel	Propane	Total
Meetinghouse	1109.44			2160.84		3270.28
Crapo	3674.05				3714.53	7388.58
Fire	1713.82		1032.74	2528.96	886.78	6162.30
Highway	2205.83	69.50	18120.35	3078.54	416.85	23891.07
Police		4475.63				4475.63
Build & Grounds		1086.36	835.57			1921.93
Streetlights	6545.34					6545.34
Total	15248.48	5631.49	19988.66	7768.34	5018.16	53655.13

PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

2017 Annual Report

This past year, the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District continued its cooperative efforts to promote waste reduction, increase recycling, and to provide residents with a means of properly "disposing of their household hazardous waste (HHW}.

The District held two (2) one-day HHW collections, one in Littleton and the other in Plymouth. A total of 215 households participated in the program, a smaller turnout than last year. It was estimated that over 10,000 pounds of solid and 1,200 gallons of liquid material was collected. Total expenses for this year's program (disposal costs, advertising, & insurance) were \$25,201. The District was awarded a grant from the State of NH for \$5,055, received a \$5,000 donation from Casella Waste. The net expenditures for the program were \$15,146 (a cost of \$.55 per resident overall).

In 2018, the District will once again hold collections in Littleton (Sunday, August 26th) and in Plymouth (Saturday, September 29th). Individual residents can help to minimize the District's disposal costs and reduce the toxicity of the waste stream 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 may be disposed of in your household trash.

The District also collaborated on fluorescent light bulb and ballast recycling programs. This year we recycled roughly 44-,712 linear feet of straight fluorescent bulbs, 4,177 compact fluorescent bulbs, and 706 "U-tube" bulbs, along with 50 pounds of ballasts, and 116 smoke detectors. The importance of this effort is the fact that these items contain heavy metals such as mercury, cadmium, lithium, and PCBs - all of which are harmful to human health and the environment. The cost for this effort in 2017 was \$5,662.68

Prices for recyclables have been on a roller-coaster ride this year, and are on the downside in general. All interested entities in North America are concerned about pending policy changes coming in 2018 from the historically largest consumer of recyclable materials - China. Policies such as Green Fence, enacted in 2013, and National Sword, enacted this year, have placed heavy restrictions on imports of recyclables - especially plastic - and also imposed tough quality standards for recycled paper and cardboard. The end result of these has been a reduction in the scrap value of recyclable materials, and a backlog of shipments at harbors across the United States.

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 by email at pemibakerswd@yahoo.com.

Respectively Submitted,
Regan Pride, Secretary

THE WILLING WORKERS SOCIETY

The Willing Workers is a nonprofit, nonsectarian organization whose purpose is to foster a spirit of helpfulness throughout the community. Lunch meetings are held the first Thursday of the month and membership is open to women from Sugar Hill and surrounding communities. New members are always welcome (contact co-presidents Wendy Cole or Betsy Fraser for information).

In 2017 the Willing Workers:

- Held successful fundraisers including the Lupine Lunch, Grandma's Attic sales, and the Christmas Sale. We also partnered with the Sugar Hill Historical Museum and Richardson Memorial Library to host an Afternoon Country Tea. Kathy Jablonski generously donated a beautiful quilt for a raffle.
- Presented three Education Merit Awards of \$1000 each to local students pursuing further education.
- Donated \$2500 to thirteen local charitable and municipal service organizations to support their work in the community.
- Applied for and received a grant from an anonymous party for \$25,000 to be used as follows: \$20,000 to enhance the Education Merit Award program, \$3,000 for improvements to the Meetinghouse kitchen equipment, and \$2,000 for improvements in Grandma's Attic.
- Organized the 125th annual Sugar Hill Town Christmas Party. Rose Ellms served as Santa's key elf in making arrangements for the evening. Forty-nine children attended the event. Sixth graders who served as Santa's Helpers were Evie Burger, Cabot McLaren, Tucker Thayer, Molly Derby and Elaine DeMaggio. Many loyal volunteers came together to make the evening a magical event.
- Delivered poinsettias to eight former members and longtime friends during the holidays.
- Continued to welcome new members, growing the society to 35 members.
- There were no memorials held during 2017 that requested Willing Worker support.

We couldn't have done all of this without the generous help of our family members and many friends, our Town officials, and Jim Keefe. We also thank area businesses (Harman's Cheese & Country Store, Shaws, Walmart Littleton, Walmart Woodsville, JAX Jr Cinema, Polly's Pancake Parlor, Sugar Hill Sampler, and Northrop's Market) that donated to our events.

As we anticipate the 100th Anniversary (in 2020) of the official founding of the Willing Workers Society, we honor the women and men who contributed to its earliest foundations. Today we enthusiastically continue their long tradition of hosting community events and helping those in need.

SUGAR HILL HISTORICAL MUSEUM REPORT

Our Hat Trunk opened its lid May 26 and closed October 9. We had the pleasure of greeting 2068 visitors. Our volunteers spent 382 hours welcoming them. Many cold, windy and rainy Fridays and Saturdays at the start of the summer, did not slow down or stop our dedicated team.

Museum visitors, from near and abroad, found all the hats to be great fun and they enjoyed the many styles. They especially loved them hanging from our hat trees in the center of the room. Hat boxes, plain and fancy hat pins, hair combs, military, religious, sports, construction hard hats, an original Sugar Hill fireman's hat, diving helmet, shower cap, trachten-hat with a large Gamsbart decoration, a fez, and even a fascinator delighted the visitors! A unique addition to the exhibit was an authentic Caleche donated to the museum last year. The carriage barn is one of a kind. A must see. The big improvements that happened inside this year cannot be read here. Plan to take time!

Children joined the fun under the guidance of Kathy Jablonski, Amy Roy and Judy Weisenberger who patiently helped the children decorate many hats and caps. Flowers, feathers, ribbons and sequins were available for the young milliner to fashion their creations. Hat decorating sessions for visitors were held during Lupine Festival and Fall Festival. For all ages, but particularly for the youngsters. Wonderful comments and lots of giggles were heard when it was time to model each created style! Seventh Avenue beware!

In 2015, the museum purchased the next door property for the land and for storage. The board knew what repairs were needed and planned to raise money accordingly as well as to engage volunteer help. To raise money, we held a garage sale and auction in 2016. Our first major project removed the two enormous white pine trees. The indoor project cleaned and painted the kitchen. Then, floors on the ground floor were reconditioned to their exquisite 1930s condition. When the weather turned decent this past season, the chicken coop underwent extensive restoration. We are so fortunate to have volunteers like Scott Jesseman paint the exteriors of the buildings.

The next major repair on the must-do list is to replace the leaking roof of the house with a three-tab shingle. The major windstorm this past October did not do the roof any good! Looking forward to 2018" It's About TIME!" will feature ways time controls our daily lives, how we measure it, and what we used and still use to display time... from sundials to clocks, to watches and now the smart phones! The exhibit will feature many instruments that have made their way to Sugar Hill homes and many into our museum. We invite you to meet a challenge which involves a clock that has been given to this museum to help us raise money for those Reid-Burpee House shingles.

Thank you one and all for your support and interest in our projects about Sugar Hill's past.

Our 2018 schedule is May 25th through October 8th, Friday and Saturday, 11am - 3 pm. We would love to have you join us with your membership. Please come and see us at the town's July 4th celebration.

Kitty Bigelow
Director/Curator

SUGAR HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

The Sugar Hill Improvement Association was first established in August of 1890 and after 127 years still remains an active and vital part of our community. This is quite a record in today's world of which Sugar Hill should be proud.

The Association has a Board of Director's and a slate of officers but if you are a resident of Sugar Hill, you are a member and always welcome at our meetings.

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

In the year 2017 we have done ongoing work at the Meetinghouse. Repair work on the steeple was done and the electrical was brought up to date. In the future we will be looking at the acoustics in the main hall and eventually refinish the floor. An ongoing project are the flags which fly from Memorial Day to Columbus Day giving Sugar Hill a patriotic and festive look throughout the season. These have to be replaced as they wear in the weather. We also purchased two new metal picnic tables for the backyard of the Carolina Crapo building. New basketballs and a pump were purchased for the playground. Next year we hope to get the tennis court surface repaired.

Each spring, high school graduating seniors living in Sugar Hill (for two years or more) are sent a letter and asked to apply for the Carolina Crapo Memorial Book Award. This award is a gift from Henry Crapo in honor of his wife, Carolina, to seniors who are going on to further their education at a two or four year institution. The application process is specific, has a time limit but is easily followed by the student. If you have a student, remind them to follow the simple process to apply for this gift. Letters are sent out each May to seniors.

New, is a proposed scholarship being offered to an adult resident of Sugar Hill, same criteria as our seniors to apply. This scholarship is a way of helping a resident who would like to go back to school or take classes that will result in a college/technical school degree, two or four year institution. Any questions can be sent to the SHIA board or specifically to Starcy Branch or Kathie Cote. We will send a letter and application to you.

Sugar Hill is very fortunate to be able to fund these projects through the generosity of our forebears and the ongoing careful management of our trust funds.

Respectfully submitted
Lissa Boissonneault, President

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
SHIA EDUCATION FUND
SHIA CRAPO COMMUNITY FUND
2017

The two funds increased in value before withdrawals, but after management fees of 12.8% for the Education Fund and 12.25% for the Community Fund. This compares unfavorably to the market index for 2017 of 16.9%, but nevertheless was a strong gain.

The Trustees have not yet changed the portfolio investment strategy, but continue to analyze various strategies to enhance the performance to be closer to the market index. Community Financial Services Corporation over the past 6 years have consistently underperformed the market using their current portfolio strategy.

The Education Fund had a starting balance of \$677,979.19 and an ending balance of \$764,783.32. The income which can be distributed had a beginning balance of \$57,973.10 and an ending budget of \$75,510.11 after no requested disbursements to SHIA. The Trustees believe that substantially more should be disbursed each year in scholarships. The Trustees understand that SHIA is reviewing their policy. This year the income generated was \$17,537.01 and SHIA requested no disbursements. Due to the large surplus in the income account it is recommended that at least \$20,000 and possibly more in scholarships be issued each year.

The Community Fund had a starting balance of \$763,638.71 and an ending balance of \$832,245.47 after disbursing \$25,000 to SHIA. The income which can be distributed had a beginning balance of \$56,211.21 and an ending balance of \$50,630.47 after disbursing \$25,000 to SHIA. It is recommended that SHIA continue to request a disbursement in the \$25,000 range each year.

The Trustees continue to manage the portfolio to increase in value and not produce income since there is a significant surplus of undisbursed income in both accounts. Should the surplus be fully distributed, the Trustees may have to alter their investment strategy to produce the income that SHIA would like to distribute each year. Under the trust agreements only income can be distributed. The principal including any market gains cannot be disbursed to SHIA and are utilize to increase the value of the funds..

Should anyone have questions concerning the SHIA trust funds; please contact either myself, Greg Connors or Raymond Dionne who are the Trustees of the Trust Funds.

Respectfully Submitted,
Allan Clark, Chair
603-494-1491

LAFAYETTE RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Lafayette Recreation Committee and staff worked throughout 2017 to provide an array of engaging recreational activities for all ages for our community's three towns: Franconia, Sugar Hill, and Easton.

Over the past year, Lafayette Rec. hosted twice weekly adult basketball and partnered with the Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire to host a variety of events. We also continued our work to make Old Home Day, Earth Day roadside cleanup, and Halloween happenings successful community events. Holiday events included caroling through downtown Franconia, including a stop at the Lafayette Center, and a First Night party with the Ski Hearth Farm.

Our youth programs continue to engage children from all three member towns. We had 39 children involved in our baseball and softball teams last spring, 85 playing soccer, and 34 now involved in basketball. During the summer 55 Lafayette students – about half of the school's enrollment – joined us for the Summer Recreation program, visiting many of our area's fun spots, taking swim lessons, and learning about bike safety.

In addition to these regular programs, the Lafayette Recreation Department, in collaboration with other organizations and with a dedicated corps of volunteers, hosts the annual Top Notch Triathlon, Halloween Cup youth soccer tournament, Wobble-N-Gobble fun run, and the Franconia Scramble Color Run. Proceeds from these events, along with donations for community members, are providing funding for construction of a pavilion on the Dow.

We continue to strive to offer an array of programs and activities for residents of all ages in our communities, and we welcome ideas for enhancing these. The Lafayette Recreation Committee meets the first Thursday of each month in the conference room at Lafayette Regional School, and residents are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Lafayette Committee Members

Franconia: Adam Boyer, Meghan McPhaul, and Cindy Berlack

Sugar Hill: Haley Ireland and Launa Glover

Easton: Matt Koehler and John Hynes

Lafayette Regional School: Gordie Johnk

Kris Kappler, Youth Program Director

Kim Cowles, Parks & Recreation Director

FRANCONIA NOTCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2017 REPORT

Our chamber concentrated on finding a viable location for a combination office and information center on Main Street to better serve our members, communities and the growing amount of tourism; the largest industry in our region. 2017 was a record breaking year for tourism throughout NH due to a fine summer and an extended fall season. The opportunity to lease the former Sports Shop on Main Street became available. The board of directors voted to sign a 6-month lease to determine the viability of our chamber to be able to support the location as a visitor center and much needed office space to be able to sign a long term lease within the 6 months. This location is ideal for providing an Information/Visitors Center directly off I-93 at Exit 38. It provides much needed office space for our chamber operations, so work would be accomplished better in a facility that is open year-round six days a week (seven during peak season) with appropriate staff distributing visitor materials and information needed to fully enjoy our North Country experiences- the best of what we offer to Stay, Play, Dine, Shop and Live. Plans were made to offer Retail services selling souvenirs, maps, discount coupon books from our members, and more, like Visitor Centers up and down I-93. We met with the Franconia Selectmen and Planning Board to obtain support and discuss better ways to serve our tri-towns businesses and residents and ways to attract more visitor and tourists.

We invited the leaders of our state's new BEA Department (Business and Economic Affairs) to share our plans. With the new division of the former NH DRED, Travel and Tourism is now under the new Department. Economic Development and tourism are the 1st and 2nd most income producing departments in our state in that order. Benoit Lamontagne, BEA's North Country Industrial Agent, viewed the site as a great opportunity for an Information Center at Exit 38 and offered his assistance in grant availability and application for economic development grants that other chambers and businesses have been receiving in recent years. BEA Commissioner Taylor Caswell, was the featured speaker at our Annual Dinner Meeting in November speaking to the importance of tourism in economic development. He took part in presenting our Northern Star Award to Dick Hamilton for his 50 plus years of service to tourism throughout New Hampshire.

Dick serves on our oversight committee in developing the visitor Center for his experience. Jayne O'Connor, President of White Mountain Attractions, has been a consultant on our committee for her expertise in developing the complete Visitor Center for WMA in Lincoln. We are grateful for all the assistance from these leaders in our business of fulfilling our chamber's mission and purpose.

Our Old Home Day parade was a huge success this year. Grand Marshal Dick Hamilton road in the lead ahead of grand floats honoring our iconic stated symbol to the theme "Remember the Old Man". Tributes came from all over the state. John DeVivo and crew polished up the huge painting of the Old Man used to market the Memorial Plaza for mounting on Cannon's annual parade entry. The float was enhanced by a huge rock from the Talus slope that JD hauled down from Cannon and gifted it to Dick following the parade. Despite the off and on rain, all went well with the fund-raising events on

Main Street, all the recreational events from the early morning color race to the Dow field activities, including a concert at the gazebo. Fireworks had to be rescheduled but made for a better evening in August.

The Chamber is grateful for the continuing support from our communities, residents and members. We look forward to providing better benefits and service for all as we continue to promote our region's economic growth while providing superb hospitality all four seasons. We can and will continue to promote our region's economic growth, provide welcoming hospitality and continue to develop a visitors Center in Franconia off I-93.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Ashley, Executive Director

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FRANCONIA NOTCH REGION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Profit and Loss

October 2016 through September 2017

	<u>Total</u>
Income	
Advertisements	\$ 3,109.00
Events	14,324.00
Membership Dues	33,745.25
Town Contribution Income	<u>16,900.00</u>
Total Income	<u>\$68,078.25</u>
Gross Profit	<u>\$68,078.25</u>
Expenses	
Advertising	2,181.99
Bank Service Charges	150.51
Dues and Subscriptions	111.00
Insurance	1,642.40
Event Expenses	17,457.44
Operations	2,034.70
Payroll Expenses	34,507.39
Postage and Mailings	761.80
Professional Fees	1,684.16
Rent	1,375.00
Taxes	1,000.00
Utilities	637.83
Welcome Center	<u>120.92</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$63,665.14</u>
Net Operating Income	<u>\$4,413.11</u>
Other Income	
Interest Income	<u>2.50</u>
Total Other Income	<u>2.50</u>
Net Income	\$4,415.61

ANNUAL REPORT EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR JOSEPH KENNEY

2018 will begin my fifth year serving as your District 1 Executive Councilor. I have had the opportunity to work with many great local, county and state officials, but most importantly with the citizens of District 1. I am once again grateful and honored for the opportunity to serve you.

I continue to work with the Governor, Executive Council and Legislature on the important issues impacting the State. The heroin, fentanyl and opioid crisis continues to hit the state hard and the Executive Council continues to support funding for prevention, treatment and recovery programs. The expansion of Friendship House in Bethlehem, the only residential drug-treatment facility in the North Country, will be dedicated in 2018. This will increase the number of beds from 18 to 32 for a 28-day stay for treatment.

Economic development will continue to be a top priority for my office in District 1 and I will work with community and business leaders to assist in the creation of jobs and economic opportunity. I am committed to the redevelopment of the Balsams project in Dixville Notch and I am working with the new Lakeshore Redevelopment Planning Commission in the development of the old State property in Laconia. I will continue to work with the Town of Enfield on the transfer of State property at the Mascoma Beach area as well as the Town of Conway on its 2.8 mile Pathway Project and the Town of Laconia on its Colonial Theatre Project.

Presently, there are over a thousand volunteers who served on 163 boards and commissions in state government. In 2017, 7 new commissioners were nominated and confirmed. Of the 348 nominations and confirmations to boards and commissions, 68 of them were from District 1. The Council confirmed 5 Circuit Court Judges (2 from District 1), 1 part-time Circuit Court Judge and 1 Supreme Court Associate Judge. In 2017 there were \$1.34 billion in expenditures, \$5.7 billion in working capital and the Council passed 1776 contracts.

I join with the NH Congressional Delegation - Senator Jeanne Sheehan, Senator Maggie Hassan, Congresswoman Annie Kuster and Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter in working with them on critical issues and projects to benefit the State of New Hampshire and the Region.

The Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan, working with the Department of Transportation and the Regional Planning Commissions, was completed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor in June. The plan focuses on preservation, maintenance and safety of existing pavement and bridge infrastructure throughout the state. Over \$16 million in federal funds was provided to NH for the Congestion, Mitigation, and Air Quality (CMAQ) program of which 16 grant applications were accepted and funded. Contact William Watson at NH DOT for any additional details at 271-3344.

The 2018 sessions of the NH House and Senate will address legislation that deals with the heroin, fentanyl and opioid crisis, sustainment of Medicaid expansion, business and workforce development, voting and drinking water safety. Again, I will be watchful of the legislation that impacts my district. Stay close to your local state senator and house members.

The Governor and Council are always looking for volunteers to serve on the dozens of state boards and commissions. If you are interested, please send your resume to Governor Chris Sununu, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301, attention Eliot Gault Director of Appointments/Liaison or at (603) 271-8790. A complete list of all state boards and commissions is available at the NH Secretary of State website at:

www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm

My office has available the following informational items: NH Constitutions, tourist maps, consumer handbooks, etc. I periodically email my weekly schedule and other items of note. If you would like to be included on this list, contact me at joseph.kenney@nh.gov. I also have an internship program for college students and other interested ages so please contact my office to discuss this opportunity anytime.

My office number is 271-3632. Please stay in touch!

REPORT FROM YOUR NORTH COUNTRY SENATOR JEFF WOODBURN

Dear Constituent,

It is an honor to serve as your State Senator representing District 1, which includes 58-rural, northern communities, encompassing 28 percent of the state's landmass. It is a region larger than two states and 17 foreign countries and containing fewer than twenty people per square mile.

The North Country, including the White Mountains region, has a uniquely different culture, landscape, economy and history than the rest of the state. It is my focus to ensure that State government understands this and doesn't forget us. Our needs, challenges and opportunities are different. At the top of my priority list is stabilizing our fragile economy while improving the quality of life for all our people. First and foremost, this means advocating for policies and projects that expand business and entrepreneurial opportunities that will raise stagnant wages, lift people out of poverty and instill hope and opportunity in those caught in the hold of the heroin epidemic.

We've made important, bipartisan investments that greatly benefited our region in previous legislative sessions, and I will fight any effort to repeal them. I support our continued efforts to expand access to health care, reduce the burden of uncompensated care at local hospitals, invest in local road and broadband infrastructure and build a budget that reflects the needs of rural areas. But we need to do more; New Hampshire is the wealthiest state in the country, but the North Country's medium income is higher than only two states.

The gap between the affluent and everyone else is growing. And the state continues to underfund important programs that will create an economy that works for all people, especially those in rural, often-forgotten places.

In the Senate, my goal has been to be practical and to work with everyone to get results for our region. But voting is only a part of my work, I have been accessible and available to my constituents, holding town hall meetings, office hours and tours for state leaders. I have tried, when possible and appropriate, to bend state government to meet the needs of rural people and rural communities. Over the course of my time in office, I have assisted thousands of individuals with issues large and small. I consider it a great compliment when someone feels comfortable enough to contact me directly and trusts that I will intercede on their behalf when they are in a time of need.

I love being the voice for the North Country and am constantly inspired by our people and places that make our beloved home so special.

Be in touch, if I can be of assistance to you or your community.

Regards,
Jeff Woodburn
North Country Senator
30 King Square, Whitefield NH 03598
Jeff.Woodburn@leg.state.nh.us
603.271.3207

REPORT FROM HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE BRAD BAILEY

To the Constituents of Sugar Hill:

As you determine your town and school budgets for the next year, I appreciate the opportunity to share with you some of the positive recent accomplishments of the New Hampshire legislature as well as some issues we have been addressing.

A 2 year budget was passed that did not increase taxes and fees and meets the needs of our citizens without any downshifting to towns. Health and Human Services saw an increase in their budget of 7%, more than any prior budget. The increase will provide more mental health services including aid to those struggling with drug addiction. The Business Profits Tax and Business Enterprise Tax were reduced making New Hampshire more competitive in attracting and retaining jobs and growing our economy.

Of particular note, this legislature provided \$36 million to towns in the form of road and bridge aid to help towns address infrastructure needs. Sugar Hill received \$43,644.

After almost eight years a decision is near on whether the proposed Northern Pass will be constructed. From the beginning I, and many legislators, have opposed this project. Members of your community have spent countless hours researching, writing, and testifying as to why this proposal will harm the North Country. I commend and thank the many individuals in your town for all they have done to halt the Northern Pass.

While I do not want to end my letter to you on a down note, it is imperative that all property owners be aware that House Bill 324 is headed to a commission to work out a compromise between towns and utilities. The utilities claim they pay too much in local property taxes which substantially increases electric rates for consumers. I have not seen any evidence of that. Many North Country towns stand to lose revenue if a compromise passes the legislature in 2019, translating into higher property taxes for local taxpayers. Please attend hearings, write letters and support your selectmen and legislators as we work to halt any legislation which would hurt local taxpayers and put pressure on school and town budgets.

As always, it is an honor to serve you in the New Hampshire House of Representatives.

Sincerely,
Brad Bailey
New Hampshire House of Representatives
Grafton 14
Bethlehem, Franconia, Lisbon, Littleton, Lyman, Monroe, Sugar Hill

2017 NORTHERN HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT

White Mountain Mental Health

As the safety net provider of behavioral health services for the twenty-two towns in upper Grafton and lower Coos counties, White Mountain Mental Health strives to assure that everyone in the community, regardless of income or insurance status, has access to high quality services, delivered by caring and well trained mental health professionals. Services include evaluation in crisis situations, short-term, solution-focused counseling offered to adults, children and families, comprehensive life-long supports to persons suffering from severe and persistent mental illness, and treatment focused on recovery from addiction, with a special focus on the high percentage of persons dually diagnosed with mental illness and substance abuse. Our goal is to make mental health treatment an accepted and easily accessible component of general good health.

During their lifetime, most people will experience some form of mental health crisis. As the stigma lessens, more and more people are coming forward to talk about their own experience, or that of their family members, with mental illness. Town funding means that cost will not be a barrier to receiving the care needed to return to good health. The appropriation from your town also enables us to continue to provide 24/7 emergency evaluations from all of our offices and from local hospital emergency departments. This is an expensive and critical service which helps keep the community safe.

The former Attorney General of New Hampshire, John Broderick, has been active this year in "The Campaign to Change Direction". Like nearly one person in five, Attorney Broderick's son suffers from mental illness. This initiative seeks to educate everyone to know the five signs of emotional distress. The goal is to imagine a future where people can ask for help for mental disorders as easily as they seek treatment for a physical illness or injury. We at White Mountain Mental Health stand ready to help you and your family get the support you need in your local community. **This year 540 residents of the towns served by White Mountain Mental Health received 7087 hours of service. Many of these people were in crisis and received services nights or weekends, perhaps preventing a life altering or life ending event.**

In closing, please spread the word: know the five signs which could signal a mental illness and ASK FOR HELP!

- **Personality Change**
- **Agitation**
- **Withdrawal**
- **Poor Self Care**
- **Hopelessness**

We thank you for your support which allows us to continue to provide help when the need is greatest.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jane C. MacKay, Area Director

AMMONOOSUC COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

ACHS has been **providing comprehensive primary preventive health care to anyone, regardless of their ability to pay since 1975**. Support from the **Town of Sugar Hill** is extremely important in our continued efforts to provide affordable health care services to the 26 rural towns in our service area. Our sliding fee scale for payment of services provides a vehicle for uninsured and underinsured patients to get the health care they need in a timely manner. Keeping just one patient out of the ER could save taxpayers \$1,500 -\$2000 (average cost of an ER visit).

Access to affordable dental and oral health care is difficult for many in the North Country who lack the means to pay for these services. Poor oral health can lead to many other serious health issues and often leads to costly hospital ER visits where the actual causes of the problem cannot be addressed. ACHS opened the first community oral health program in northern New Hampshire on the ACHS-Littleton campus in January of 2015. This program is available to all and we offer a sliding fee scale for payment to those who qualify. For more information about this program, please visit our website: www.ammonoosuc.org/services/dental.

Services Provided

- Primary Preventive Medical Care – Family Practice - Prenatal Care through Geriatrics
- Prenatal Care - Childbirth Education, Nurse/Midwife Service and Newborn Care
- Family Planning - Birth Control, STD and HIV Testing and Counseling
- Breast & Cervical Cancer Screening Program
- Behavioral Healthcare - Counseling
- Dental & Oral Healthcare
- Pharmacy Services - In-house Pharmacy, Medication Management, Low-Cost Drug Program
- Financial Services - Sliding Fee Scale for eligible patients
- Affordable Vision Program

ACHS Statistics (FY 2016-2017)

- Number of Unduplicated Clients Served: Medical 9,450, Dental 1,234, Behavioral 539, Enabling 65, Vision 143
- Number of Visits: Medical 32,810, Dental 3,904, Behavioral 3,559, Enabling 95, Vision 160
- Client/Payor Mix: 14.5% Medicaid, 22.8% Medicare, 10.5% Uninsured, 47.2% Insured
- Value of free medications provided to our patients: \$272,371
- Value of discounted health care services provided to our patients: \$1,061,670 total; Medical \$360,166, Dental \$456,205, Behavioral Health \$15,614, Pharmacy \$229,684

Town of Sugar Hill Statistics

- Total # of Patients – 185
- Total # of Medicaid Patients – 7
- Total # of Medicare Patients – 63
- Total # of Self-Paying Patients – 3
- Total # of Sliding Fee Scale Patients – 2

Respectfully Submitted,
Edward D. Shanshala II, MSHSA, MSED
Chief Executive Officer

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.

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

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

During 2016-17, 20 older residents of Sugar Hill were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Littleton Area Senior Center and 10 residents were assisted by ServiceLink:

- Older adults from Sugar Hill enjoyed 71 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.
- Sugar Hill's citizens participated in 341 health, wellness, arts or continuing education activities at the Littleton Area Senior Center.
- Sugar Hill residents received assistance with access to benefits, caregiver support or issues of long-term care through 18 contacts with ServiceLink.
- Sugar Hill's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 472 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Sugar Hill residents in 2016-17 was \$1,126.77.

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

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

Roberta Berner,
Executive Director

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
Annual Report 2017

The 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.

Extension service work was impactful again this calendar year. A few highlights are:

- Jim Frohn enhanced land stewardship by conducting 48 woodlot visits, covering more than 7,000 acres.
- Geoffrey Sewake launched the First Impressions Program. The secret shopper model format engages the public, develops volunteers, creates action plans, and encourages collaboration.
- Janene Robie coordinated over 35 Master Gardeners who hosted “ask the expert” tables at educational events, and taught sessions on invasive plants, beekeeping, and more.
- Donna Lee established 7 new 4-H clubs this year with substantial member representation from Rumney, Lyme, Warren, Bath, and Haverhill.
- Lisa Ford reached over 400 youth with a six-week educational series about food groups, food safety, and physical activity. Youth enjoyed taste tests and cooking.
- Heather Bryant collaborated with colleagues in ME, NH, and VT on a multi-year high tunnel tomato nutrient and pest management study funded by the USDA.
- Michal Lunak continued his research project, funded by Tillotson Charitable Foundation. The project examines feasibility of raising dairy beef using shelled corn as a feed instead of forages.
- Jessica Sprague, Food Safety Field Specialist, left to pursue another opportunity. A search is underway for a new Field Specialist.

Respectfully submitted:
Heather Bryant,
County Office Administrator

CENTER FOR NEW BEGINNINGS

The Center for New Beginnings has been quietly helping local individuals and families around the North Country, some of whom are your friends, family members, neighbors and employees, lead happier, more stable and productive lives for 32 years. The Center was founded with a main focus of services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Today our nonprofit organization is dedicated to improving the lives of people who struggle with depression, anxiety, grief, trauma, marital problems, and many other difficulties. The children and teenagers we see come to us with a myriad of challenges that reflect the social, cultural, and economic struggles of our time. *We are also working hard to answer the need of those suffering with addiction – a widespread problem.*

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

Thankfully, with the Affordable Care Act, more and more of our clients have insurance coverage. However, many of these policies carry high deductibles and co-pays. A deductible of three or five thousand dollars is not unusual - and for many this means getting help is out of their reach. We are asking for your help to meet the needs of your community.

In 2017, The Center for New Beginnings provided services to 475 individuals. We logged 5100 patient appointments. Seven of our clients reside in Sugar Hill.

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

Please contact us if you would like to learn more about the counseling services we provide for individuals and their families, or our Employee Assistance Program, a confidential counseling and referral resource program for employees and their family members to help them deal with personal and work-related issues.

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

Sincerely,
Board of Directors
The Center for New Beginnings

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL

As the Regional Planning Commission serving 51 municipalities and 25 Unincorporated Places of Northern New Hampshire, North Country Council continues to move forward as a proactive resource for our communities, partners and the region, providing professional economic development, community, regional, transportation and solid waste planning services to serve your needs. Here are some of the highlights from the past year:

- Continue to play a key role in the administration and compliance of federal regulations for funding received for infrastructure improvements at the former Wausau paper mill site in Groveton.
- Completed a pedestrian and bicycle improvement plan for the Town of Littleton.
- Assisted the Town of Plymouth with updating their Master Plan.
- Assisted Mountain Lakes with updating their Master Plan.
- Provided grant writing and technical assistance to assist communities, highlight of this work is the awarded \$500,000 CDBG to retain and create jobs at the Friendship House in Bethlehem.
- Administered and provided technical assistance to Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) grants within the region.
- Coordinated household hazardous waste collection events serving 26 towns in the region.
- Assisted NH Fish & Game, Trout Unlimited, and Plymouth State University with an inventory and assessment of stream crossings in the Ammonoosuc watershed. This was the first culvert assessment that gathered data for us by all three state agencies with an interest in road crossings, Department of Transportation, Environmental Services and Fish & Game.
- Administered funds that enabled Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Transport Central, Tri-County Community Action Program and Advance Transit to reimburse volunteer drivers for 5,549 trips provided to the elderly or disabled.
- Completed over 200 traffic counts (183 for NHDOT and 26 locally-requested counts) throughout the region to provide consistent and reliable data for use when planning infrastructure improvements.
- Completed the Corridor Management Plan for the Mountain Road Scenic Byway and assisted with implementing recommendations in four Scenic Byways in the region. Inventoried pavement condition on local roads in three communities.
- Provided member municipalities with guidance on records storage, prime wetlands designation, private development on federal land, bonding, interpretation of local regulations, and to several communities with the process for cell tower review, master plan updates and capital improvement programing. Dues provided match funding to enable some additional hands-on assistance with updates to local land use regulations, zoning amendments, downtown revitalization, and MTAG and hazard mitigation grant applications.
- Facilitated bulk purchase by communities of the NH Planning and Land Use Regulations

All of us here at North Country Council look forward to serving your community. NCC is your organization. We are dedicated to both supporting our individual members and promoting our region's success. We look forward to working with you in the months ahead.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Lacaillade, Board Chair

NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE

North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency provides quality services that include home health, hospice, nursing, rehabilitation, social services, homemaking and long-term care in 48 towns, covering all of Coos County and northern Grafton County. **In 2017, for the Town of Sugar Hill, we provided 190 visits with services to 14 clients (3 of which were Hospice and the remaining were Home Health and Long-Term Care clients).** We are committed to our community in that we provide community health clinics and screenings such as blood pressure checks and foot care clinics, health education programs, and a bereavement support group.

Hospice Care focuses on quality of life and provides support to the patient and their caregivers in achieving their goals and wishes. Our compassionate team, made up of physicians, nurses, social workers, home health aides, spiritual counselors, therapists and volunteers, work with the patient to achieve their goal. Services provided to the patient and their caregivers include: management of pain and symptoms, assisting patients with the emotional, spiritual and psychosocial aspects of dying, and provides needed medications, medical equipment and medical supplies. Also included is family/caregiver education on the provision of care and short-term inpatient treatment for management of symptoms that cannot be managed in the home environment or is needed for caregiver respite. Bereavement counseling for surviving family members and friends is also provided. An individual electing hospice care is not giving up on living, rather, making the decision to focus on quality of life. Hospice care provides a high level of quality medical care with a different focus from the traditional medical model.

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

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

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE NORTH COUNTRY

The Boys & Girls Club of the North Country (BGCNC) has a mission to provide a fun, safe and positive place for all the children of the North Country, under the guidance of caring adults.

The BGCNC serves over 200 members of the community with three programs: a daily afterschool program serving 100+ members annually with an average of 60 daily, all day vacation camps during school vacations, and in partnership with a local school, the children are offered a chance to spend time at the Club as their winter program activity. Some of the programs that we've implemented are:

- ◆ Smart Girls which helps girls develop and adopt healthy attitudes and lifestyles.
- ◆ Triple Play which improves members' knowledge of healthy habits, good nutrition and physical fitness.
- ◆ Power Hour which helps young people develop academic, behavioral and social skills through homework completion. Our goal is to continue offering programs that build character, leadership and life skills.
- ◆ Torch Club which teaches youth leadership skills.
- ◆ We also have several collaborative activities with organizations such as Copper Cannon Camp, Appalachian Mountain Club, Littleton Studio School, North Country Health Consortium, North Country Climbing Center and The White Mountain Science Institute.

Providing a safe, fun and healthy atmosphere are some of our main goals. Throughout the year, staff, volunteers and board of directors work hard to encourage, grow and mold our youth into accomplished individuals. Our facility provides a safe place for children to participate in a program that promotes educational growth, physical development and responsible social behavior – components in long-term healthy growth, development, and success in school and as future adults. The national BGCA slogan is “Great Futures Start Here”. We strongly believe that, and work to give our members a good start.

In a NH statewide survey of Boys & Girls Club alumni:

- ◆ 66% said the Club saved their life.
- ◆ 95% said their participation helped develop a sense of responsibility to give back.
- ◆ 95% believe the Club helped them gain self-confidence.
- ◆ 96% said helping others is a priority.

Working families in our area rely on BGCNC for quality after school care for their children. Because it is our policy to remain affordable, BGCNC is the only child care after-school option for most low-income families in our community.

Without the BGCNC, most families would have no affordable safe alternative for child care. Our capacity to provide care regardless of ability to pay rests on effective community support. As demand grows, we find that we need more resources in order to deliver this essential community service.

**VALUATION OF TOWN EQUIPMENT
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2005 Motorola Radios Mobile (7)	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 8,800.00	15	\$1,600.00
2006 Motorola Radios Portable (18)	54,000.00	14,400.00	15	3,600.00
2007 Motorola Base Radio (1)	8,000.00	2,660.00	15	534.00
1939 Ford Antique Truck	1,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
1998 Freightliner Engine	75,000.00	18,000.00	25	3,000.00
2004 Ford Light Rescue Truck	105,000.00	50,400.00	20	4,200.00
2006 Sterling Fire Engine	175,000.00	98,000.00	25	7,000.00
2013 International – Fire Engine	254,000.00	213,360.00	25	10,160.00
Utility Box Trailer	3,700.00	-0-	20	-0-
4,000 ft. 4” Hose	20,000.00	-0-	15	-0-
Stationary SCBA Air Compressor	20,000.00	-0-	20	-0-
24 Sets of PPE	72,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
10 SCBA with Spare Cylinders	50,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
Mobile SCBA Fill Station	10,000.00	-0-	20	-0-
Infrared Camera	9,000.00	-0-	15	-0-
30 Pagers	11,450.00	-0-	10	-0-
Portable Pump	4,000.00	-0-	15	-0-
Floating Portable Pump	2,500.00	-0-	15	-0-
Honda 6kw Generator	5,000.00	-0-	15	-0-
Light Tower – Rescue Truck	6,000.00	4,000.00	15	400.00
Fire Hose 2.5 – 400’	1,200.00	800.00	15	80.00
Rescue Chain Saw	2,195.00	1756.00	10	219.50
Miscellaneous Equipment	<u>110,000.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	15	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL	\$1,027,045.00	\$412,176.00		\$30,793.50

POLICE EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2016 Chevrolet Silverado	\$33,379.00	22,252.67	5	6,675.80
Misc. Patrol Vehicle Equipment	3,000.00	-0-	5	-0-
Motorola Radio – Patrol Vehicle	2,800.00	-300.00-	6	465.00
Motorola Radios – Portable (5)	12,000.00	-400.00-	6	-0-
Kenwood Radio - Office	965.00	-0-	6	-0-
Kustom Radar Unit – Patrol Vehicle	1,000.00	-0-	5	-0-
Radar Trailer	1000.00	500.00	6	-0-
(New) Body Armor (2)	2,100.00	-1,000.00-	5	420.00
(New) Axon Body Cameras (6)	2,625.00	2,100.00	5	525.00
Office Equipment	5,684.00	-0-	3	-0-
(New) Glock Handguns w/lights (4)	2,036.00	-0-	6	339.00
Mossburg Shotgun	500.00	100.00	10	-0-
Card Access System	4,000.00	3,200.00	10	400.00

Taser (X26) (3)	1,500.00	400.00	5	300.00
Taser (X2) (2)	4,200.00	2,000.00	5	840.00
(New) Ruger AR 15 (2)	<u>1000.00</u>	<u>760.00</u>	8	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$74,164.00	\$32,512.67		\$10,064.80

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
1995 Brush Bandit Chipper	15,000.00	-0-	20	0.00
1996 Motorola Mobile Radio	600.00	-0-	20	0.00
Miscellaneous Mobile Equipment	45,000.00	9,250.00	20	2,250.00
2015 Sakai TW320 Roller	36,000.00	37,400.00	30	1,200.00
York Rake	3,000.00	450.00	20	150.00
Culvert Thawer w/Trailer	4,500.00	-0-	10	0.00
2003 Sweepster Brom for 416 Cat	8,500.00	-0-	15	0.00
2004 Hudson Trailer 10 ton	8,900.00	3,515.00	20	445.00
2005 Sander E2020	14,000.00	1,866.00	15	933.00
2007 Komatsu Excavator	93,500.00	46,750.00	20	4,675.00
1985 Cat 130 Motor Grader	65,000.00	34,669.00	15	4,333.00
2012 John Deere Loader	106,400.00	79,800.00	20	5,320.00
2000 Cat 416C Loader/Backhoe	87,500.00	-0-	15	0.00
2005 Mack Dump Truck	107,543.00	34,810.00	15	7,170.00
2016 Chevrolet 3500 Pick Up	69,436.00	43,397.50	8	8,679.50
2017 Chevrolet Dump Truck	50,423.25	44,120.35	5	6,302.90
2011 Mack Dump Truck	124,925.00	65,704.00	15	8,328.00
2016 Fischer Sander	4,500.00	3,600.00	10	450.00
2017 Fischer Sander	<u>4,500.00</u>	<u>4,050.00</u>	10	<u>450.00</u>
TOTAL	\$849,227.25	\$409,381.85		\$50,686.40

BUILDING & GROUNDS

2011 Ford F350 Pickup	\$43,000.00	\$ 5,375.00	8	\$ 5,375.00
2016 JD 935 Pro Mower/ Bag System	13,500.00	8,100.00	5	2,700.00
2000 PAS 65x14 Trailer	2,750.00	412.50	20	137.50
2016 Honda 21" Commercial Mower	660.00	396.00	5	132.00
2013 Honda 21" Commercial Mower	<u>675.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	5	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL	\$60,585.00	\$14,283.50		\$8,344.50

**BIRTHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH
For the Year Ending December 31, 2017**

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father & Name of Mother
January 9, 2017	Bjorn Jessmen Chicoine	Zachary Chicoine Joy Chicoine

**DEATHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH
For the Year Ending December 31, 2017**

Date Of Death	Name Of Deceased	Name & Surname Of Father	Maiden Name Of Mother
March 15, 2017	Robert Moore, Jr.	Robert Moore, Sr.	Madeleine Majerus
April 2, 2017	Phyllis Crawford	Clarence Ingalls	Alliene Beers
May 12, 2017	Katherine Galligan	Lloyd Kirchman	Mary Jeanquardt
May 22, 2017	James Mason, III	James Mason, Jr.	Mary Clark
October 8, 2017	Roxanne Busch	Morris Busch	Evelyn Marvin

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH
For the Year Ending December 31, 2017**

Date of Marriage	Name and Surname Of Groom & Bride	Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage
June 5, 2017	Natch Greyes Therese M. Smith	Sugar Hill NH Sugar Hill NH
June 23, 2017	Jeffrey S. Clermont Melissa Stephenson	Sugar Hill NH Sugar Hill NH
July 15, 2017	Ethan G. Kuhn Annabel J. Clarence	Sugar Hill NH Sugar Hill NH
August 12, 2017	Leo A. Lavoie, II Dawna M. Ledoux	Bethlehem 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



In Memorium

This page is to honor those no longer with us, who gave their time, their heart, and their energy to our community so that others may benefit.

This year, we said goodbye to-

Katherine Galligan

Kathie served the Town as a member and Chairperson of the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission for eleven years. Kathie was also a staff member at Profile School where she interacted with many Sugar Hill students.

Roxanne Busch

Roxanne was an eager and always ready election worker serving many years as a Ballot Clerk.

**We will miss both Roxanne and Kathie
and their dedication to our community.**

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