Eighth Annual Report
of the
TOWN OF SUGAR HILL
Year Ended December 31, 1969

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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR — Enzo Serafini

TOWN CLERK — Edith Aldrich 823-5301

SELECTMEN
   Ross N. Coffin, 1970 823-5252
   Joseph Cushing Jr., 1971 823-5205
   Roger H. Aldrich, Chairman, 1972 823-5937

TAX COLLECTOR — Gertrude Parker 823-7735

TREASURER — Raymond C. Martin

HIGHWAY AGENT — Harold Aldrich 823-5301

POLICE CHIEF — Gary Young 444-5953 823-5327

FIRE CHIEF
   Albert Aldrich 823-5927
   To Report Fire 823-8412

AUDITOR — William A. Norton

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST
   Philip Robertson, 1970 823-5354
   Robert Hayward, 1972 823-5564
   Dorothy MacEwan, 1974 823-5602

LIBRARY TRUSTEES
   Rosalie Robertson, 1970
   Gladys Jesseman, Chairman, 1971
   Lucy Oakes, 1972

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
   Benton Moyer, Jr., 1970
   Marshall Wilcox, Chairman, 1971 - Resigned
   James Branch, 1971 - Appointed
   Raymond Dickinson, 1972

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE — Mary E. Peckett

HEALTH OFFICER — Carolyn Grass

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
   Harold Aldrich, 1970
   Enzo Serafini, 1971
   Marshall Wilcox, 1972 - Resigned
   Gregory Ball, 1972 - Appointed
   Donald Jesseman, 1973
   Harry Reid, 1974

PLANNING BOARD
   Esther Serafini, 1970
   Juna Grass, 1971
   Joseph Cushing, Jr., 1971
   Eugene Foss, 1972
   Harry Reid, 1973
TOWN MEETING WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

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 to meet at the Meeting House, Sugar Hill, N.H., Tuesday the tenth day of March, 1970, A.D. at seven-thirty (7:30) P.M. to act on the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Town Clerk, a Selectman for a term of three years, a Town Treasurer, a Collector of Taxes, an Auditor, an Overseer of Public Welfare, a Library Trustee for a term of three years, a Constable, a Trustee of Trust Funds for a term of three years, a member of the Board of Adjustment for a term of five years and three persons for a term of one year each to act as appointing authority to appoint temporary members of the Board of Adjustment in case of disqualification, resignation, death, or absence of any permanent member or members.

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:

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<td>Town Road Maintenance - Winter</td>
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Cemeteries 600.00
Advertising and Regional Association 1,591.40
Recreational Program 400.00
Interest on Temporary Loans 200.00
Lisbon Bridge Payment 2,767.86
Interest on Serial Notes 800.00
Principal Payment of Serial Notes 4,000.00
$60,510.18

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,500.00 for the Sugar Hill Fire Department.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a new highway grader and to raise and appropriate the sum of $23,500.00 for the same: $15,000.00 of this to be withdrawn from the Equipment Reserve Fund and the balance ($8,500.00) to be raised by taxation in the current year.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a 1,000 gallon tank and a gasoline pump with funds from the Highway Department General Expense Account.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint the Constable under the provisions of R.S.A. 245:6, said appointment to begin in 1971.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to direct a discount of one per cent (1%) to be made to those persons who shall pay their taxes within a period of three (3) weeks from the date of the tax bill.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a police cruiser through the State contract and to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,000.00 for same.

ARTICLE 10. If the above article is passed to see if the Town will decide whether to raise the sum of $3,000.00 from current taxation or to authorize the Selectmen to borrow on the credit of the Town the sum of money so raised and appropriated and for this purpose authorize the issue of serial notes or bonds of the Town under and in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act or any other enabling authority, delegating to the Board of Selectmen the discretion of fixing the date, maturities, denominations, the interest rate, or discount rate in the case of notes, the place of payment, the form and other details of said bonds or notes, and of providing for the sale thereof; and to see if the Town will vote to accept any State or Federal monies available toward the purchase of the same.
ARTICLE 11. To hear reports of Committees previously chosen and pass any vote in relation thereto and to see if the Town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint such committees as seem necessary.

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

Given under our hands and seals this sixteenth day of February, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy.

ROGER H. ALDRICH
JOSEPH CUSHING, JR.
ROSS N. COFFIN

Selectmen of Sugar Hill
BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL,

Estimate of the Revenue for the Year 1970 Compared with
Actual Revenue for the Year 1969

**SOURCES OF REVENUE**

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<td>Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds</td>
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<td>From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES</strong></td>
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<td><strong>$99,535.18</strong></td>
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# NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR THE YEAR 1970

Estimate of Expenditures for the Year 1970 Compared with the Actual Expenditures for the Year 1969

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**Interest:**

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**Land, Buildings, and New Equipment:**

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<td>New Equipment - Grader $23,500, Cruiser $3,000</td>
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**Payments on Principal of Debt:**

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**County Taxes:**

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<td>Wht. Mt. Reg.</td>
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**TOTAL EXPENDITURES**

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* Town has a credit of $964.08 with State
** Littleton Hospital $300.00, Wht. Mt. Com. Services $300.00
  District Nursing Assoc. $152.00
* Ski 93 $100.00, Wht. Mt. Reg. $411.40, Franconia
  Information Booth $1,080.00
FROM THE SELECTMEN'S POINT OF VIEW

As we predicted in our message last year we had a substantial tax increase in 1969. Since we had predicted it, not only in our message, but also at both the Annual Town Meeting and the Annual School Meeting, it came as quite a shock to us to find so many people surprised by the size of their tax bills. Obviously, a great number of our people neither read nor listen, or maybe they just don't believe what they read or hear.

Since the most frequent criticisms received by the Selectmen are about taxes, we think that some basic tax information would be helpful to some of you. Those of you who already understand how a tax rate is determined may find this dull stuff, but we feel that all voters should be armed with this knowledge.

To begin with, a tax rate is a per-centage figure. It tells you what per-cent of the value of your property you must pay in taxes. In New Hampshire the tax rate is officially expressed in dollars per one hundred dollars of valuation. Our 1969 tax rate was $3.25 per $100.00 of valuation. This can also be expressed as $32.50 per $1,000.00 or $.0325 per dollar. All of these expressions mean the same thing - 3.25% of the assessed valuation of your property. If your valuation happened to be $10,000.00 your taxes would be 3.25% of that figure: $10,000.00 multiplied by .0325 equals $325.00.

Your valuation added to all of the other valuations in town adds up to the total assessed valuation of the town upon which the tax rate is determined. At the Annual Town Meeting we, the voters, decide how much money we want to appropriate for the coming year. From this amount the Selectmen have to subtract the actual and estimated income (revenue other than taxes) of the town. The balance is the amount to be raised by taxation. The amount to be raised by taxation (let's call this A) divided by the total valuation of the town (let's call this B) determines the tax rate (let's call this C). So A divided by B equals C. Using the example expressed above, if we decide to appropriate $400.00 and have $75.00 income the amount to be raised by taxation will be $400.00 minus $75.00 or $325.00. (A) If the total valuation is $10,000.00 (B) we determine the tax rate (C) by dividing $325.00 by $10,000.00 which equals .0325. The last amount can be expressed as 3.25% or 3.25 cents per dollar or $3.25 dollars per one hundred dollars or $32.50 dollars per one thousand dollars.

By using the above described simple arithmatic it is an easy matter to come up with a reasonably accurate estimate of the new tax rate by adding the amount to be raised by taxation at the Annual School Meeting to the amount to be raised by taxation at the Annual Town Meeting, then dividing this sum by the total valuation of the town.
Another reasonably accurate method of estimating our tax rate is to determine how much it costs us in taxes to raise $1,000.00. We do this by dividing $1,000.00 by the latest assessed valuation. Usually we round off the valuation to the nearest 100,000 to avoid complicating the arithmetic. In the present case we divide $1,000 by $4,100,000.00 which gives us .000244 which we again round off for easy figuring to .00025. This is our percentage figure and means the same as .025% or .025 cents per dollar or $.025 per one hundred dollars or $.25 per $1,000. What this means is that for each $1,000.00 we raise by taxation at the town or school meeting we must add 2 1/2 cents to the tax rate. If we raise $50,000.00 by taxation for town purposes then 50 multiplied by .025 equals $1.25 per $100.

Please remember that these are only reasonably accurate estimates or educated guesses. The final figure must be determined by accurate and actual valuation, appropriations and income. We seldom have accurate valuation figures to work with until June or July. Our income figures can't be arrived at until late July or early August and our County tax rate usually comes in late August. We have had and will continue to have a policy of showing your total assessed valuation on your tax bill. If this figure remains the same, from one year to the next but your taxes have increased the answer is in the increase in the tax rate, which means that the voters have decided to spend more and you have no grounds for complaint to the Selectmen. If your valuation changes, find out why it changed by asking the Selectmen; maybe we made a mistake, we have before.

There you have it. We've initiated you into the mysteries of determining tax rates. We've told you all we know (notice that it didn't take us long). We expect you all to be experts at the school and town meetings.

The major project this year was the Meetinghouse renovation. Everyone seems to have been highly enthusiastic about it. We found it necessary to depart somewhat from the Building Committee's recommendations for the basement due to increased costs since the 1967 estimates. The heating room is small but it fills the needs and we can always expand when we find it necessary and want to spend the money. Two heating units were installed, one for the auditorium and one for the rest of the building. They seem to be doing the job well. The upstairs was finished by September 1st., and we moved our office then. We have enjoyed being able to spread out and leave a place we could call home. We hope those of you who haven't seen our new quarters will do so at the Annual Meeting.

You will notice in the financial sections that despite the bad winter and continually rising costs, we managed to stay within the total appropriations. We have no cash surplus to fall back on this year, however, due to non-payment of last years taxes.
We are asking that the Town vote to purchase a new grader. The one we are presently using is 25 years old and is due for major repairs on the order of $4,000.00 to $5,000.00 if we keep it. Since the trade-in allowance is up to this amount, we feel that purchase of a new one is the wiser course of action.

If the budget is adopted as presented with no increases, we think that there will be no increase in the Town tax rate; if there is it will be slight. There will be an inevitable increase in the County tax rate as they are in the midst of a building program. There will also be an increase in the School tax rate no matter what road the voters follow on the proposed district combination. Therefore the only effect that our Town budget can leave is one of “lessening the blow”. Our net increase in valuation in 1969 was small due to some disastrous losses, however, we expect a sizeable gain in 1970 which will help somewhat.
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<td>Neat Stock - Dairy Cows (151)</td>
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<td>- Other Cattle (47)</td>
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<td>Road Building Machinery</td>
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**Total Valuation before Exemptions Allowed**: $4,083,318.00

**Neatstock Exemptions**: 5,300.00

**Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed**: $4,078,018.00
### Statement of Appropriations and Taxes Assessed

1969

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<td>Add: Overlay</td>
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<td><strong>Property Taxes to be Raised</strong></td>
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**Taxes to be Committed to Collector:**

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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>$130,987.59</td>
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1969 Tax Rates:

- Town $1.03
- County .23
- School 1.99

$3.25 per Hundred or $32.50 per Thousand
Town of Sugar Hill

Assets

Cash $46,915.17
Equipment Reserve Fund 16,730.09
Social Security Credit with State 964.08
Uncollected Taxes:
  Levy of 1968 5,181.13
  State Head Taxes - Levy of 1969 75.00

Total Assets 69,865.47

Excess of Liabilities over Assets (Net Debt) 11,549.48

Grand Total $81,414.95

Surplus, December 31, 1968 - $ 4,568.23
Net Debt, December 31, 1969 11,549.48
  Increase of Debt - $ 6,981.25
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### Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures, Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1969

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$45,439.29 $86,497.50 $2,574.26 $224,703.76 $157,830.67 $2,983.18 $1,437.24 $65,339.95

Net Unexpended Bal. - $1,545.94
TREASURER'S REPORT

1969

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand January 1, 1969 $39,229.15

Gertrude Parker, Tax Collector $126,727.48
Edith Aldrich, Town Clerk 6,106.98
State of New Hampshire 25,250.52
Littleton National Bank (Temporary Loans) 20,000.00
Littleton National Bank (Long Term Notes) 16,000.00
Interest on 30 day Bank Certificates 187.50
Highway Department Revenue 1,277.31
Trustees of Trust Fund (Capital Res. Fund) 2,500.00
School District Refund (Blower-Plow) 628.50
Insurance Premium Refund 24.00
Richardson Memorial Library (social security) 47.56
Accident Report Fees 12.50
Meeting House Donation 75.00
Gifts 2.00

Total Receipts 198,839.35
Total Available $238,068.50

PAYMENTS

Orders of Selectmen:
Payment of Accounts $191,153.33
Purchase of Bank Certificate 30,000.00 221,153.33

In Treasurer Account:
Cash on Hand December 31, 1969 236.22
Checking Account Balance 16,678.95
30 Day Bank Certificate 30,000.00 46,915.17

Respectfully Submitted

Raymond C. Martin, Treasurer

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## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

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<td>Equipment</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

To the voters of the Town of Sugar Hill:

I herewith submit my eighth annual report of the financial doings of my office for the year 1969.

- Auto Tax Permits issued for 1968: 56.16
- Auto Tax Permits issued for 1968: $56.16
- Auto Tax Permits issued for 1969: 5,869.42
- Dog Licenses sold for 1969: 181.40

**Total Receipts:** $6,106.98

The sum of the total receipts was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith Aldrich
Town Clerk
TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT

Summary of Warrant

Property, Poll and Yield Taxes, Levy of 1969

DEBITS

Taxes Committed to Collector
Property taxes $130,585.59
Poll taxes 352.00
National Bank Stock 64.00

Total Warrant $131,001.59

Yield Taxes 418.54

Added Taxes
Property Taxes 1.62
Poll taxes 2.00

3.62

Interest collected 1.08

$131,424.83

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer
Property taxes $124,455.85
Poll taxes 322.00
National Bank stock 64.00
Interest collected 1.08

$124,842.93

Discount Allowed 738.16

Abatements:

Property taxes 240.07
Poll taxes 4.00

Uncollected Taxes as Per Collector’s list.
Property taxes 5,153.13
Poll taxes 28.00
Yield taxes 418.54

$131,424.83
SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Property, Poll and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1968

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - as of January 1, 1969

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Interest Collected During Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1969

7.82

Total debits $411.46

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year, Ended December 31, 1969

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$411.46

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
STATE HEAD TAX
LEVY OF 1969

DEBITS

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector

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Penalties Collected

$1,035.00

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer

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$951.00

Abatements

10.00

Uncollected Head Taxes - as Per Collector's List

75.00

Total Credits $1,036.00
SUMMARY OF WARRANT
State Head Tax
Levy of 1968

DEBITS
Uncollected Taxes - as of January 1, 1969 $65.00
Penalties Collected during 1969 6.00

TOTAL DEBITS $71.00

CREDITS
Remittances to Treasurer during 1969
Head Taxes $65.00
Penalties 6.00

TOTAL CREDITS $71.00

SUMMARY OF TAX SALE ACCOUNTS
As of Dec. 31, 1969

Tax Sale on Account of Levies of ---

DEBITS
Taxes sold to town during current fiscal year
1968 1967 1966 $212.28
Balance of unredeemed taxes, Jan. 1, 1969 86.92 96.07
Interest collected after sale 11.93 10.83 16.89
Redemption costs .73 3.48 7.68

Total Debits $224.94 $101.23 $120.64

CREDITS
Remittances to Treas. during year.
$224.94 $101.23 $120.64

Total Credits $224.94 $101.23 $120.64

Total $446.81
Town of Sugar Hill

**RECEIPTS AND CURRENT REVENUE:**

### From Local Taxes:
- **Property Taxes, Current Year - 1969:** $124,455.85
- **Poll Taxes, Current Year - 1969:** 322.00
- **National Bank Stock Taxes - 1969:** 64.00
- **State Head Taxes at $5.00 - 1969:** 950.00

**Total Current Year’s Taxes Remitted:** $125,791.85

- **Property Taxes - Previous Years:** 367.64
- **Poll Taxes - Previous Years:** 26.00
- **State Head Taxes at $5.00 - Previous Years:** 65.00
- **Interest Received on Taxes:** 34.98
- **Penalties on State Head Taxes:** 7.00
- **Tax Sales Redeemed:** 435.01

### From State:
- **For Town Road Aid:** 2,592.43
- **Interest and Dividends Tax:** 21,160.18
- **Savings Bank Tax:** 207.04
- **Reimbursement a/c State Head Tax Expense:** 8.02
- **Fighting Forest Fires - Equipment:** 15.00
- **Reimbursement a/c Gas Tax:** 286.09
- **Meals and Rooms Tax:** 981.76

**Total from State:** 25,250.52

### From Local Sources, Except Taxes:
- **Dog Licenses:** 181.40
- **Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees:** 12.50
- **Interest Received on Deposits:** 187.50
- **Highway Department Income:** 1,277.31
- **Motor Vehicle Permits:** 5,925.58

**Total Current Revenue Receipts:** $159,562.29
PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:
- Town Officers' Salaries $1,500.00
- Town Officers' Expenses 1,832.03
- Expenses of Town Buildings 959.05
- Reappraisal of Property 389.52

Protection of Persons and Property:
- Police Department 8,880.29
- Fire Department 5,079.36
- Insurance 1,181.00
- Bounties 2.00

Health:
- Health Department including Hospitals 752.00
- Vital Statistics 9.00
- Town Dump 442.00

Highways and Bridges:
- Town Road Aid 3,092.69
- Town Maintenance - Summer $12,026.44
- Town Maintenance - Winter 18,624.35
- Street Lighting 2,617.97
- General Expense of Highway Department 4,761.77

Libraries 2,000.00

Public Welfare:
- Old Age Assistance 309.75

Patriotic Purposes:
- Memorial Day and Town Anniversary Day 213.92

Recreation:
- Town of Franconia Recreation Program 400.00

Public Service Enterprises:
- Cemeteries 595.25

Unclassified:
- Damages and Legal Expenses 400.00
- Advertising and Regional Associations 1,485.00
- Discounts, Abatements and Refunds 14.51

Total Current Maintenance Expenses $55,541.46
Receipts (continued)

Total Receipts Brought Forward $159,562.29

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:
- Temporary Loan in Anticipation of Taxes $20,000.00
- Long Term Notes During Year $16,000.00
- Insurance Adjustments $24.00
- Refund - Sugar Hill School District $628.50
- Gifts - For Meetinghouse $77.00
- Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds $2,500.00
- From Library Trustees - Librarians S.S. $47.56  
  **Sub-Total** $198,839.35

Credit Employees F.I.C.A. $194.60

**Total Receipts from All Sources** $199,033.95

Cash on Hand January 1, 1969 $39,229.15

**Grand Total** $238,263.10

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**STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT**

**December 31, 1969**

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**Total** $16,000.00
Payments (continued)

Interest

New Equipment and Buildings:
   Buildings 19,442.70
   Highway Equipment 2,520.00 21,962.70

Indebtedness:
   Payments on Temporary Loans 20,000.00
   Payments to Capital Reserve Funds 10,000.00 30,000.00

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:
   State Head Taxes 992.00
   County Taxes 9,065.74
   Town of Lisbon, Bridge Payment 2,854.00
   School District 70,311.35 83,223.09
   Total Payments for all Purposes 70,311.35 83,223.09 191,347.93

Cash on Hand December 31, 1969 46,915.17

Grand Total $238,263.10
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND
(For acquiring and replacing equipment)

Cash on Hand January 1, 1969 $ 8,863.14

RECEIPTS

Town Appropriation for 1969 $10,000.00
Interest on Trust Funds 366.95 10,366.95
$19,230.09

PAYMENTS

Purchase of GMC Truck $ 2,500.00 $ 2,500.00
Cash on Hand December 31, 1969 $16,730.09

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Benton L. Moyer, Jr.
Raymond C. Dickinson
James Branch

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I certify that I have examined the accounts of the town clerk, tax collector, town treasurer, selectmen, trustees of trust funds, and library trustees and found them correct and properly vouched.

WILLIAM A. NORTON
Town Auditor
February 2, 1970
Many people ask how Sugar Hill got its name. This is how.
of former Lookoff Hotel, looking west.
Mountain wagon of Sunset Hill House, we count 12 passengers and driver, one passenger seems to be equal to two others.

Looking west from the church, 1890 or thereabout.
TOWN OFFICERS’ SALARIES

Roger Aldrich, Selectman Chairman $300.00
Joseph Cushing, Jr., Selectman 200.00
Ross Coffin, Selectman 200.00
Raymond Martin, Treasurer 200.00
Mary Peckett, Overseer of Public Welfare 25.00
William Norton, Auditor 25.00
Enzo Serafini, Moderator 50.00
Gertrude Parker, Tax Collector 300.00
Edith Aldrich, Town Clerk 200.00

$1,500.00

TOWN OFFICERS’ EXPENSES

N.H. Municipal Association, dues $50.00
N.H. Assessors Association, dues 5.00
N.H. City & Town Clerks Association, dues 6.00
N.H. Tax Collectors Association, dues 5.00
Courier Printing Co., notices 45.32
Harrison Publishing House, printing 101.18
Harrison Publishing House, Town Reports 127.50
Sugar Hill School District, office rent 166.80
Edith Aldrich, clerical work for selectmen 312.00
Branham Publishing Co., books 9.40
Franconia Insurance Agency, bonds 221.00
Edson C. Eastman Co., supplies 37.45
Postmaster, Lisbon, N.H., stamps 14.70
Edith Aldrich, fees & expense 532.72
Charles A. Wood, Register of Deeds 19.22
Northern Office Supply, supplies 11.05
Equity Publishing Co., books 25.00
Gertrude Parker, fees & expense 86.28
Raymond Martin, supplies 10.28
Brown & Saltmarsh Inc., supplies 21.75
Anna Proctor .30
Roger Aldrich 24.08

$1,832.03

TOWN HALL AND OTHER TOWN BUILDINGS

Public Service Co., electricity at Town Hall $166.49
Public Service Co., electricity at Town Garage 100.56
Sugar Hill Fire Department, fire extinguishers (Town Hall) 125.84
New England Telephone 67.04
Franconia Hardware, supplies 17.87
F.E. Aldrich & Son, supplies 5.27
Prescott Lumber Co., supplies 103.18
James Cyrs, care of Town Clock 104.00
B.R. McCullock, fuel 212.80
Clifford Hall, repair & tuning piano 20.00
John Aldrich, lawn mowing at Meeting House 36.00

$959.05
APPRAISAL OF PROPERTY
N.H. Treasurer of State $389.52

POLICE DEPARTMENT
Gary Young, Constable, Salary $6,164.00
Gary Young, mileage 2,414.60
Gary Young, telephone 10.99
Franconia Hardware, supplies 7.85
Harrison Publishing House, printing 10.80
Ralph A. Parker, M.D., call 6.00
James Cyrs, police officer 11.50
Mark Young, Jr., police officer 157.90
Leon Uniform Co. 96.65
$8,880.29

FIRE DEPARTMENT
Fire Department, appropriation $3,500.00
Fire Department, payroll
Albert Aldrich $ 82.00
Harold Aldrich 66.00
Homer Aldrich 10.00
Roger Aldrich 76.00
Charles Casey 22.00
Virgil Coffin 78.00
Durand Cooley 78.00
James Cyrs 38.00
Edgar deSantos 14.00
Herbert Hunt 56.00
Robert Hayward 36.00
Selden Hunter 34.00
Theodore Koffman 6.00
David McPhaul 36.00
Neil McLaughlin 8.00
Newell Murray 84.00
Donald Jessee 76.00
William Norton 34.00
David Presby 26.00
Harry Reid 80.00
James Stewart 86.00
Fred Spidell 12.00
Harold Smith 24.00
Robert Ward 56.00
Robert Wutzdorff 34.00
Ralph Whipple 58.00
Frank Zuk 48.00
Lauren Howard 8.00
Francis Kidder 64.00
Donald Eastman 34.00
Fred Nowe 26.00
David Shepard 10.00
Gary Young 42.00
Donald Jessee 24.00 $1,472.00
$107.36 $107.36
$5,079.36

N.H. State Treasurer, Forest Fire equipment $ 66.66
Albert Aldrich, Forest Fire Training 30.30
Harold Aldrich, Deputy Warden Training 10.40

$5,079.36
BOUNTIES

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INSURANCE

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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<td>White Mts. Community Services, appropriation</td>
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$752.00

VITAL STATISTICS

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TOWN DUMP

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<td>Churchill &amp; Brown, bulldozing</td>
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<td>Harold Aldrich</td>
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$442.00
TOWN ROAD MAINTENANCE — SUMMER

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<td>John Aldrich</td>
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<td>William Presby, trucks</td>
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<td>Marro Tree Experts, removing stumps</td>
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<td>Howard Lipson, culverts &amp; bands</td>
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<td>Campton Sand &amp; Gravel</td>
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$12,026.44

TOWN ROAD MAINTENANCE — WINTER

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<td>International Salt Co.</td>
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$6,597.91

TOWN ROAD AID

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<td>Town of Landaff, truck, T.R.A.</td>
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$3,092.69
STREET LIGHTING

Public Service Co. of N.H., street lights $2,617.97

GENERAL EXPENSE OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Champlain Oil Co., gasoline $1,515.54
Del Chemical Corp., supplies 64.90
Oxygen & Welding Supply Co. Inc., cylinders 22.98
Franconia Hardware Inc., supplies 51.21
Agway, loader tire service & supplies 54.50
B.R. McCullock, fuel oil 202.42
B.R. McCullock, motor oil 48.52
Chemical Corp. 151.50
Franconia Garage, repairs & supplies 144.85
Reed Supply Co. Inc., cable 11.67
McLarens, loader chains, supplies & repairs 277.64
Mt. View ESSO, tire repair 2.00
Jessemans Garage, center bolt & windshield wiper motor 48.80
Johnsons Chevron, grader battery, blades & gas 39.35
Montgomery Ward, posts 64.50
Montgomery Ward, repairs 290.00
McKenzie Auto Parts, parts & supplies 65.70
Whitefield Hardware, dynamite 24.50
Bartlett Auto, Title & supplies 15.12
Steel Products Co. of America, grader & plow blades & chains 697.60
R.C. Hazleton Co., Inc, sander parts, blade & hose 79.44
Jordon-Milton Machinery 468.18
Campton Sand & Gravel, cold patch 50.77
Community Oil 40.83
Sanel Industrial 183.76
Goldbergs Auto Service 47.08
Hunts Auto Center 94.46
Ross Express 3.95

$4,761.77

LIBRARIES

Richardson Memorial Library, appropriation $2,000.00

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

State Treasurer of N.H. $308.75
N.H. Division of Welfare, OASI Fund 1.00

$309.75

MEMORIAL DAY AND OTHER CELEBRATIONS

Lorraine Hunt, flags for Memorial Day $13.92
Atlas Display Fireworks, Town Celebration 200.00

$213.92
RECREATION

Town of Franconia $400.00

CEMETERIES

Sunnyside Cemetery Association, appropriation $500.00
Herbert Hunt, care of Streeter Pond Cemetery 95.25

$595.25

DAMAGES & LEGAL EXPENSE

Wyman, Bean & Tefft, retainer fee $400.00

ADVERTISING & REGIONAL ASSOCIATION

White Mts. 93 Association, appropriation $100.00
White Mountain Regional Association, appropriation 305.00
Town of Franconia, Information Booth 1,080.00

$1,485.00

DISCOUNTS, ABATEMENTS, REFUNDS

Francis Corbett, refund $14.51

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Littleton National Bank $30,000.00

INTEREST

Littleton National Bank 220.68
Temporary
Long Term 400.00

$ 620.68

LANDS, BUILDINGS, NEW EQUIPMENT

Littleton Sand & Gravel, Town garage $ 50.01
Harry T. Andross, wiring, Town Garage 150.00

$ 200.01

Bartlett Auto, GMC Truck $ 2,500.00
E.O. Ott, lettering Town Truck 20.00

$ 2,520.00
MEETINGHOUSE

Harry T. Andross, lights & wiring $209.06
Pilgrim Furniture, chairs 514.35
Edward Lauderbaugh 10,464.71
Taskers' Well Co. 1,141.70
Whitneys' Weatherproofing Co., Inc. 848.70
Franconia Gas Corp., heating 3,748.88
Franconia Gas Corp., plumbing, well & hot water heater 902.00

Montgomery Ward, ladder 52.29
N.H. State Treasurer, Town Safe 130.00
Clifton Dexter, moving safe & stones 36.00
Sears Roebuck & Co., tractor 1,195.00

$17,829.40

TEMPORARY LOANS

Littleton National Bank $20,000.00

CAPITAL RESERVE — EQUIPMENT

Trustees of Trust Fund, equipment reserve $10,000.00

STATE & COUNTY

Grafton County Tax $9,065.74
Treasurer, State of N.H., Head Tax 992.00

$10,057.74

TOWN OF LISBON

Town of Lisbon, bridge payment $2,560.82
Town of Lisbon, interest 293.18

$2,854.00

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sugar Hill School District, appropriation $70,311.35
SUGAR HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

1969

Balance on Hand January 1, 1969 $ 483.31

RECEIPTS

Town Appropriation $3,500.00
Donations 125.00
Use of Grill 20.00
Town of Easton (Kenney fire) 55.00
Twin Mt. Fire Dept. (Litters & Freight) 34.90
Sales of fire extinguishers 211.34

Total Receipts $3,946.24

PAYMENTS

Insurance Premiums $ 619.19
Fuel Oil 296.25
Electricity 72.26
Telephone 321.65
Supplies 103.96
Hunts Auto Center 139.50
Blanchard Associates 2,106.28
Leonard Joseph Co. 59.00
Franconia Hardware 31.06
Lancaster Services 69.21
Fred Locke 100.00
Del Chemical 29.05
Training School 25.00
Harry Andross 137.00
Albert Aldrich (Plowing 68-69) 50.00
Twin State Firemens Ass’n. dues 23.00
N. H. State Firemens Ass’n dues 29.00
Flowers and Gifts 26.39
Bank Service Charges 2.10

Total Payments $4,239.90

Balance on Hand December 31, 1969 $ 189.65
SUGAR HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Active Members

Aldrich, Albert - Chief
Aldrich, Harold
Aldrich, Homer
Aldrich, Roger - Clerk
Casey, Charles
Coffin, Virgil
Cooley, Durand
Cyr, James
deSantos, Edgar
Hayward, Robert
Hunt, Herbert - Assistant Chief
Hunter, Seldon
Jeseman, Donald
Kidder, Frances
Koffman, Ted
Lyndes, Russell

McLaughlin, Neil
McPhaul, David
Murray, Newell
Norton, William
Nowe, Fred
Presby, David
Reid, Harry - Assistant Chief
Smith, Harold - Treasurer
Spidell, Fred
Stewart, James
Ward, Robert
Whipple, Ralph
Wutzdorff, Robert
Zuk, Eric
Zuk, Frank

The department belongs to the Twin State Firemen's Association which consists of about 15 towns. The purpose of the Association is to promote cooperation among the several towns in fire fighting through mutual aid without cost. The Association also seeks to promote efficiency in fire-fighting through firemen's schools to be held from time to time, and to promote harmony and friendship among the several departments and their members.

Several members belong to the Ammonoosuc Fire Wardens Association which regulates outdoor burning. This is a strong organization and anyone interested in fire prevention may join.

Several members have attended fire training schools at Meadow Wood Drill Field in Fitzwilliams and at the Civil Defense Training Center in Gilford.

Last year the department installed a dry hydrant at the park, the first of its kind in town. If this proves successful, we hope to be able to install several more. A committee, Harry Reid, chairman, has with the cooperation of the Soil Conservation Service made a study with recommendations for future sites.

We have a Building Committee which is planning a bigger meeting room and a separate boiler room. The boiler room is now behind our trucks and is supposed to be a separate fire-proof room. The committee consists of Ralph Whipple, Charles Casey and Frank Zuk. The Building Fund consists of about $3,000; plans are to get started this summer on the building.
During the year 1969 we had 15 calls, 12 in town and 3 outside. Five of these were major fires with considerable property loss.

The department wishes to express thanks to the ladies in town for their response with coffee and refreshments at the fire sites. The department also extends thanks to everyone who has supported and assisted the department in any way. Special thanks go to the staff at Donovan’s Nursing Home for making announcements over the radios and being ready to accept and relay all fire calls.

New equipment bought this year includes smoke ejector, Jet X Foam generators plus 20 gallons foam, 2 1/2 in. cellar nozzle, 1 1/2 in. Bayonet Piercing Applicator, 2 1/2 in. line shut off, 2 1/2 in. Turbojet nozzle, 1 lightweight basket type stretcher kit, replaced 150 g.p.m. pump in the Chevrolet. We would be glad to show and demonstrate this equipment to anyone interested; we meet on the first Tuesday of each month.

The Chevrolet Tank Truck will need replacing in the near future, probably in 1972 at a cost of $20,000. If the Reserve Equipment Fund is in order, it shouldn’t be too heavy a burden on the taxpayer.

Chief Albert Aldrich
REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND DISTRICT CHIEF

The 1969 fire season was a quiet one in this area. Frequent rains kept the danger to a minimum and there were few violations. Your Forest Fire Warden's job would be easier if everyone understood the State laws that govern the kindling of outdoor fires. A synopsis of these laws follow:

Fire Permit

A fire permit is needed for all outdoor fires in or near woodland anytime the ground is not covered with snow. This includes household waste burning, even if in an incinerator, grass burning, garden trash as well as brush burning. Such burning is restricted by regulation to be prior to 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.

Exceptions

Commercial or industrial burning is allowed anytime under normal conditions with permission of the District Chief and a permit from the Fire Warden.

Camp or cooking fires are allowed on your own property with permission of the Fire Warden. On another's property with written permission of the landowner and permission of the Fire Warden. The Warden can forbid such fires if in a hazardous area. Permits for cooking fires in the White Mountain National Forest can be obtained from the Laconia Office or at the Ranger Stations. Permits are not required in public camp or picnic grounds where fireplaces have been built for this purpose.

Penalties

1. For kindling a fire without a permit. Maximum of $200.00 fine; or imprisonment for not more than 60 days.

2. For kindling a fire by any means wilfully or recklessly that shall endanger woodlands the maximum fine is $500.00 or one year's imprisonment.

3. For failure to totally extinguish a camp or cooking fire before leaving it the same penalties as in (1) above.

4. For dropping inflammable material in or near woodland maximum fine of $25.00.

Fire prevention is a personal matter and a good habit. Keep our town free from smokes in 1970.

Fires reported - State 453

Fires reported - District 6

Forest Fire Warden, Albert Aldrich
District Chief, John Q. Ricard
This annual report is respectfully submitted upon the completion of our third year with a full time Police Department.

Through the course of the year of 1969, the Department made 101 arrests. Of these, there were 22 arrests for violations of a criminal nature, the remainder being for motor vehicle violations.

Hampered by recent Supreme Court rulings which made procedures in regards to the law of arrest, Rules of Evidence, and Search and Seizure much more difficult, we were unable to act in time on certain criminal cases upon which we spent considerable time investigating.

With these New Rulings in mind, we shall continue to fight the National trend for Lawlessness which was once centralized mainly in the cities and is now quite evident in the smaller towns as is partly illustrated by the following:

The Arrests for Criminal Violations are as follow:
- 7 Arrests for Larceny
- 2 Arrests for Possession of a Narcotic Drug
- 2 Arrests for Assault on an Officer
- 2 Arrests for Lewd and Lascivious Behavior
- 2 Arrests for being present where a Narcotic Drug was knowingly being kept.
- 2 Arrests for Derisive Words
- 1 Arrest for Failure to Answer a Summons
- 1 Arrest for Reckless Operation, Death Resulting
- 1 Arrest for Threatening an Officer
- 1 Arrest for Assault and Battery

The Arrests for Motor Vehicle Violations are as follow:
- 21 Arrests for speed, ranging as high as 120 miles per hour in a 60 miles per hour zone.
- 13 Arrests for Defective Equipment
- 13 Arrests for an Uninspected Vehicle
- 7 Arrests for an Unregistered Vehicle
- 7 Arrests for Operating without a License
- 5 Arrests for Crossing Solid Yellow Line
- 2 Arrests for Failure to Display Proper Registration
- 2 Arrests for Failure to Produce a License
- 3 Arrests for Operating under the Influence of Alcohol
- 2 Arrests for Reckless Operation
- 1 Arrest for Allowing an Improper Person to Operate
- 1 Arrest for Operating After Revocation
- 1 Arrest for Operating without Corrective Lenses
- 1 Arrest for Following to Close
REPORT OF POLICE COMMITTEE

January 5, 1970

MEMBERS: (Appointed by the Town Moderator.)
Mr. Donald Jesseman, Chairman
Mrs. Howard Lipson
Mr. Robert Hayward
Mr. Fred Hunt
Mr. Lauren A. Howard

OBJECTIVE:
To assist the Selectmen in an evaluation of police department requirements for the Town of Sugar Hill.

The committee met numerous times throughout the summer and fall. During the interviews with the Selectmen, Police Chief and interested parties it was necessary to ask the participants many personal and direct questions. We feel that their answers were objective, honest and cooperative.

Selectman, Roger Aldrich, informed the committee of the necessity for the temporary appointment of Police Chief, Gary Young.

The present law requires that an elected official must be a legal resident of the town in which the election is authorized. Chief Young was not able to find suitable housing in Sugar Hill prior to last September. It is necessary that his legal residency be re-established six months before the 1970 annual election to be eligible for office.

To retain the present police chief, the Selectmen could insert an article in the annual warrant requesting authority to appoint the police chief, in lieu of continuing the present method of election. If the Town votes affirmatively the elective process is relinquished, temporarily by the townspeople. The Selectmen then have the authority to renew, or deny appointment, or appoint an individual of their choice. The appointment system has good, as well as undesirable features. The Town may revert to the elective system in the future through proper legal procedure.

The Sugar Hill police department is presently staffed by one officer, Chief Gary Young. The total appropriation raised for the department in 1969 was $9000. (Salary - $6500 --- Expenses - $2500)

The Town does not own the equipment used by Chief Young. He owns the radio, special lights and cruiser now in use.

The Town owns one gasoline pump which provides regular gasoline only. This is used jointly by the Fire and Highway Departments. Chief Young's cruiser uses hi-test gasoline which he purchases privately.

Hi-test gasoline purchased locally costs approximately 41¢ per gallon. The yearly mileage of the cruiser, for Town purposes, has been approximately 30,000 miles. It is obvious that the gasoline expense is about double what it could be if the Town furnished the hi-test gasoline at approximately 20¢ per gallon. Oil and tires are also more expensive when procured privately.

Radio contact with the Lancaster Highway Maintenance Office has proved invaluable for police work in Sugar Hill. Police Chief Young purchased his radio equipment from personal funds and at considerable sacrifice to his family budget. The total cost of the radio was approximately $900. It appears that the Town could have purchased the same equipment for approximately half this amount.
A seventy to ninety hour work week is not unusual for Chief Young. By law he is entitled to a day of rest per week; however he is on 24 hour call and this rest period is used often in response to emergency calls.

Since as an official, elected by the Town, he has not been eligible for Social Security and other benefits enjoyed by officials who are duly appointed for the position.

Every summons issued to an offender must be followed by a session in the Littleton Municipal Court. This work is exacting, tiring, and requires much administrative detail with reports, etc. The committee found that few people realize the extent of time required in pursuing a case in court. Chief Young is respected by police and court officials for his diligent and determined approach to these problems.

The New Hampshire State Police are available to cover during any temporary absence of the Chief from Sugar Hill. This reciprocal agreement allows for Chief Young's participation in emergencies when the State Police can use assistance. Accidents require close cooperation between these officials.

Duties of the Chief vary from traffic and property patrol, surveillance, court work to truant officer. There are many related duties which require courage, patience, steady nerves, a trained sense of timing, and a working knowledge of the applicable laws.

FINDINGS

The committee is in agreement that the Sugar Hill Police Department, staffed by Chief Young, on temporary appointment, is being handled effectively and well. We consider the Town fortunate in having a low percentage of automobile accidents, thefts, property damage, cases of drug abuse, and other criminal actions. Much of the credit for this low percentage can be attributed to the courageous and diligent efforts of Chief Young in behalf of the Town.

The committee compared the current police problems of Sugar Hill with those of surrounding towns and found ours to be relatively stable.

Municipal court records show a marked increase, however, in cases of motor vehicle violations, as well as more serious infractions involving traffic in drugs, etc. We feel the need for maintaining a small, experienced, full time police department is more and more evident.

Chief Young possesses above average training level and experience for a small town police department. He has attended the thirty week (one night per week) course at the Lebanon College of Law Enforcement, a two week full-time course at the New Hampshire Police Training School, and seminars sponsored by the State Police on drugs and narcotics, as well as motor vehicle violations. His record for court cases processed is substantial.

Since the temporary appointment became effective, the police department has been under the direct control of the Selectmen. Chief Young was instructed to submit a weekly report of activities which is being accomplished. This report provides for better understanding for all parties concerned.

While holding control, the Selectmen have allowed Chief Young to run his department without interference. Pressures do build up occasionally and friction is visible; however, this committee is convinced that the appointment arrangement is workable.

The committee chairman has checked with automobile agencies who might lease cars for cruiser duty. It appeared unlikely that any local agency was interested at a cost that would be economical.
The Town could purchase a suitably equipped cruiser at much less than list price. (A recent State bid is attached.) It appears that a price of under $3000. -- is feasible for a radio-equipped cruiser. The Town could assume the insurance, operating maintenance, and reserve for replacement costs. A trade and replacement could be accomplished every two years. The mileage would be approximately 60,000 miles in two years. It is desirable to keep the condition and value of the cruiser as high as possible without excessive maintenance costs.

As we see the facts unfold, it is clear to us, that Town ownership of the cruiser and its equipment is mandatory. Chief Young is continually acquiring personal obligations to keep the police department operational. Payment of these obligations must be drawn from his personal earnings so Chief Young's generosity is commendable. The Town cannot continue to allow this.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Town support the continuance of an effective police department, and provide the approval and the funds to accomplish the following:

   a. The Selectmen's appointment of Police Chief Gary Young in accordance with applicable laws and proper elective procedure.

   b. Approve the Police Department budget for 1970 as follows:

      1. Salary (same as 1969) $6500.00
      2. Operating expense 2500.00
      3. Appropriation for purchase of radio equipped cruiser. 3000.00
      4. Yearly Reserve for cruiser replacement. 500.00
      5. Appropriation for Social Security and other benefits authorized by law.
      6. A token reimbursement to Chief Young for six years use of equipment -- and a payment for expenses, assumed personally, which were in excess of the authorized operating expense budget. 1000.00

   c. The Selectmen consider the feasibility of purchasing hi-test gasoline for use in all town equipment. The regular pump could be used. Other alternatives are to purchase a cruiser which uses regular gasoline or install another tank and pump for hi-test gasoline.

   d. The Selectmen take appropriate steps to minimize the costs of police department equipment, operating supplies, and parts if purchase of cruiser is authorized.

   e. The Town authorize a higher hourly rate of pay to persons used by the Selectmen or the Police Chief as a deputy to be available for emergency. It is hoped this feature may encourage local individuals to become more interested in part time police work.

   f. That the Town be encouraged to be more conscious of the dedication to duty of its fine public officials. People in public office need the reassurance and an occasional thank you for a job well done. It is hoped that this encouragement could be disseminated in the Annual Report.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Jesseman, Chairman
Mrs. Howard Lipson
Robert Hayward
Fred Hunt
Lauren A. Howard
REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

In these times of population expansion, especially in the State of New Hampshire, it is imperative that we as a Town look after our natural resources.

Your committee is in the process of setting up a map with the outstanding natural resources marked, giving us a basis with which to work.

We are also in the process of making a map of Coffin Pond, with the idea in mind of developing it as an Educational Nature Study Area, also in improving the environment for wild life, in the planting of fruit producing shrubs, etc.

This is being done in conjunction with the Grafton County Soil Conservation Office in Woodsville.

To anyone who wishes to contribute to the Town either of money or land, the Commission has the authority to accept such contributions for the Town.

This committee would be very pleased to receive constructive ideas.

Respectfully submitted,

Aubrey K. Reid, Chairman
Balance March 1969  $ 156.05

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Balance December 31, 1969  $ 245.77

Donald Jesseman, Treas.
Our library continues to grow in service to our community being open a total of 8 hours per week. Many adults and high school students find the Thursday evening hours 7-9 especially convenient.

Mrs. Loretta Brown, our librarian and Mrs. Reta Presby, assistant librarian are always willing to give assistance and accept recommendations for new books.

During the spring the library was closed a week while the floors were refinished and several "work bees" were held for general cleaning and hanging of the new curtains. This coming year we hope to make needed repairs to the reading room.

The Sugar Hill Grange gave a gift of money and several people contributed for the new curtains.

For the first time a Summer Reading Program for the school children was conducted which was very worth while.

During Book Week in the fall the school children in kindergarten, grades 1 and 2 visited the library.

Mr. Ralph Riley, the district consultant has visited the library several times giving helpful assistance.

In October we had a 4-H Exhibit and in December the prize winning exhibit of the N.H. Republican Women's Club. The latter made us aware of the colorful history of our state.

To make it easier to choose books and records, three new bookcases and a record cabinet have been added.

The Bookmobile visits quarterly. This year 952 books were borrowed from it compared with 389 in 1968.

During the year the N.H. State Library discontinued its Cooperative Book Buying Dept. which means our book money does not go quite so far as formerly.

We purchase new books regularly and have had many books and records donated this year by the Sugar Hill Grange, R.C.A., P. Chesley, E. Brummer, R. Brummer, Miss Ruth Bowles, Miss Rebecca Bowles, Mrs. Rosalie Robertson, Orrie Jesseman, Mrs. Betty Elliot Leitch, Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Coffin, Mrs. Deborah Theis, and Mrs. J.H. Devereux.

A trust fund has been established by Mr. and Mrs. Bradshaw Langmaid in memory of Miss Ethel (Aunt Jane) Osborne, a former librarian of Richardson Memorial Library.

Mrs. Brown's report for 1969

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(1,943 in 11 mo. of 1968)
No. Volumes Beginning of year 3545 458 4003
No. Volumes added 130 103 233
No. Volumes discarded 56 42 98
Total no. at end of year 3619 519 4138

No. of recordings owned 121 22 143
No. magazines received 5 0 5

Total attendance was 1291 compared with 872 in 1968.

Gladys A. Jesseman, Chrm.
Rosalie Robertson
Lucy Oakes

RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Balance Jan. 1, 1969 $ 288.64

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WHITE MT. COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.
11 Cottage Street
Littleton, New Hampshire 03561

ANALYSIS OF EXPENSE AND INCOME

July 1, 1969 - December 31, 1969

INCOME

Private Contributions $12,470.00
Grant from State of New Hampshire 24,525.00
Local Town Governments 15,257.00
Spaulding Potter Charity Fund 1,000.00
Other 8,844.00 $62,096.00

EXPENSES

Clinical Services $33,884.00
salaries and expenses of
clinical personnel
Administration 7,776.00
Equipment, maintenance and supplies 2,014.00 43,674.00 $43,674.00

CASH ON HAND, December 31, 1969 $18,422.00

January 1, 1970 - June 30, 1970

INCOME

All other sources $11,875.00
Borrow from Contingency Fund 11,377.00 23,252.00 $41,674.00

EXPENSES

Clinical services $32,754.00
Administration 6,988.00
Equipment, maintenance and supplies 1,932.00 41,674.00 41,674.00

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR FULL YEAR $85,348.00
## BIRTHS - 1969

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The Village sometime after 1893. First view looking up the street, second looking down.
The Franconia Iron Mine

In 1805 a deposit of iron ore was opened and mined in Lisbon, New Hampshire. Within several years a furnace was built in nearby Franconia and a small industry was started in what was a wilderness. The mines and furnace directly employed fifty men full time, and an additional fifty for just half year. I do not know which season the additional fifty worked but I would guess it was in the winter, as there is less farm work then. Other men were employed gathering wood and reducing it to charcoal for the furnace. The entire labor force in the small village of Franconia was large enough to warrant eleven saloons and a dance hall.

According to C. T. Jackson (1842, P.198) the first years of the mine and the furnace were not profitable.

"It should be remembered that in the early stages of this enterprise, the Franconia iron company expended vast sums of money in learning the business, and in researches for iron ores; and if they have since made their works profitable, it has been by their own enterprise, industry and acquired skill."

By the year 1838 the mine was profitable as the following account indicates.

131,649 bushels coal, * at 4 1/2 c., $5,924.20
690-17-1-21 lbs. ore, at $6.50 4,490.20
77-17-0-0 lbs. limestone, at 1.25 97.31
8 loads clay at 1.00 8.00
labor and board of hands 2,297.97
blacksmith's bill 85.48
moulding sand for blast 40.00
use of flasks and patterns 25.00
hearth drawings and laying same 100.00
agency and clerks 500.00
26-10-0-0 lbs. shot iron, at $20 530.00
Net, 7,775.47 21,904.10
729,749 lbs. pig and scrap, at 2c., 14,594.98
182,728 lbs. castings, at 4c., 7,309.12 21,904.10

* probably charcoal

(Ibid, p.198)

In addition to pig and bar iron the furnace produced ox chains, andirons, and huge box stoves which were famous for their size and known as Franconia Stoves.

The operation stopped for the last time after the Civil War. A lack of wood for charcoal, competition from Europe and Pittsburg, the mine petering out, and a fire have been given as reasons for the closing. A fire in 1880, that may have been started as a prank, destroyed the wooden buildings which were with the furnace. The furnace still stands on the property of Mrs. Frank Casey in Franconia.
The mines were located a mile south of the town of Sugar Hill and three miles south-west of the town of Franconia at an area known as Ore Hill. Ore Hill is actually three hills which form a triangle. Two large hills are in the north-east of the area and a small one at the south-west. Between the two large hills is a small pond which was used as a reservoir. Between the large hills and the small one there is a swamp which is crossed from west to east by a raised road. There is also a road leading around the western side of the hills. The relief of the area is from 1350 to 1980 feet.

Glacial till covers most of the area of the mines. On the south-east and the south sides of the larger hills there is a talus slope. There is also another on the eastern side of the smaller hill.
Local woods operation prior to the Yield Tax.

The "Old Timer's" will remember Issac "Ike" Cole. The stories about him are legion. He is remembered by "Cole Hill".