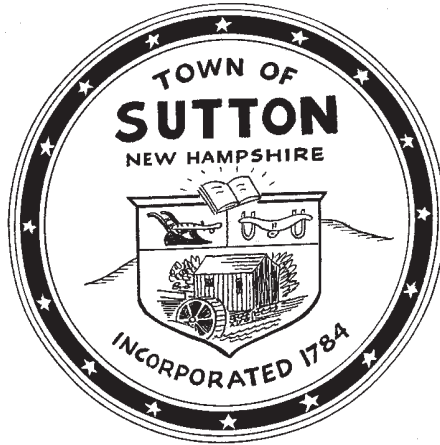


A watercolor illustration of a two-story town building with a red facade and white trim. The building features three arched openings on the ground floor and a central window on the second floor. A flagpole with an American flag stands in front of the building. The scene is set in a lush green landscape with trees and a fence in the background.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

**2014 ANNUAL REPORT**

*Photo Credit: This year's Town Report features an original water color done by local artist Joanna White. Joanna has been painting for about 10 years in water color and oils. Joanna has taken some lessons but is largely self-taught. Joanna's lovely paintings reflect her interest in detail, light, and composition. Sometimes she paints from photos but only places with which she is very familiar such as Sutton village or Muster Field Farm where she has worked for 20 years. We thank Joanna for her wonderful contribution to this year's Town Report.*



# Annual Report and Vital Statistics

*for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2014*

Population (NHOSP)..... estimated 1,847

Registered Voters .....1,425

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# SUTTON DIRECTORY

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police Department (non-emergency 927-4422).....	911
Fire (non-emergency 927-4740) .....	911
Sutton Rescue Squad (New London Ambulance).....	911

### OTHER INFORMATION

- TOWN CLERK – Linda Ford**.....927-4575  
*Tuesday and Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.*  
*Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.*  
*Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - Noon*
- TAX COLLECTOR – Jennifer Call**.....927-4809  
*Tuesday and Thursday 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.*  
*First Saturday of the month from 9:00 – noon*
- DEPUTY TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR – Jennifer Carson**  
**SELECTMEN’S OFFICE – Elly Phillips, Lynn King and Lorri Himes ..** 927-4416  
*Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.*  
*Selectmen’s Meetings – Mondays at 5:00 p.m.*  
*All items for the agenda must be submitted to the Selectmen’s Office by noon the Wednesday before. Appointments only at meetings.*
- BUILDING INSPECTOR – Matthew Grimes** .....927-4321
- CONSERVATION COMMISSION – Betsy Forsham**.....927-4279  
*The Commission meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.*
- FIRE WARDEN – Bud Nelson**.....927-2727
- HEALTH OFFICER – David Burnham** .....927-4416
- HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Steven Bagley, Road Agent**.....927-4411
- SOLID WASTE/TRANSFER/RECYCLING – John Godkin** .....927-4475  
*Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. / Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.*
- LIBRARY – Heidi Thoma, Librarian** .....927-4927  
*Library Hours:*  
*Monday 10:00 a.m. - noon and 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.*  
*Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - noon and 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.*  
*Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.*
- PLANNING BOARD – Laurie Hayward, Land Use Coordinator** 927-4115  
*Land Use office hours are:*  
*Tuesday through Thursday noon until 4:00 p.m.*  
*Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.*  
*The Board meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.*
- WELFARE OVERSEER – Alison Jones** .....927-4416  
*Meetings by appointment Monday evenings*
- ZONING BOARD – Laurie Hayward, Land Use Coordinator**.....927-4115  
*Land Use office hours are :*  
*Tuesday through Thursday noon until 4:00 p.m.*  
*Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.*  
*The Board meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month*

# TOWN OFFICERS/EMPLOYEES

## For the Year Ending December 31, 2014

*\* Is an elected position*

### MODERATOR\*

Gregory Gill ..... Term Expires 2017

### SELECT BOARD\*

Walter Baker, Jr..... Term Expires 2017

Daniel Sundquist..... Term Expires 2016

Patricia McMahon..... Term Expires 2015

### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Elly Phillips

### ASSISTANT/BOOKKEEPER

Lynn King/Lorri Himes

### LAND USE COORDINATOR

Laurie Hayward

### TREASURER

Lorri Himes ..... Term Expires 2015

### DEPUTY TREASURER

Robert Wright, Jr.

### TOWN CLERK\*

Linda Ford ..... Term Expires 2015

### TAX COLLECTOR\*

Jennifer Call ..... Term Expires 2015

### DEPUTY TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Jennifer Carson

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Steven Bagley, Road Agent

Frederick Burbee, Eugene Cote, John Csutor, Adam Hurst, Loring Ford, Richard Wright, Jr.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Jonathan Korbet, Police Chief  
Valerie Crone, Sergeant, Duncan Domey, Police Officer  
Philip Buteau, Robert D. Nelson, Part-time Police Officers  
Jennifer Rowe, Administrative Assistant

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Matthew Grimes, Director

**SOLID WASTE TRANSFER/RECYCLING CENTER**

John Godkin, Solid Waste Supervisor  
David Ellis, Loring Ford, Edward Herrmann, Diego Solimine

**OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE\***

Alison Jones ..... Term Expires 2015  
Daniel Sundquist, Deputy Health Officer

**BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Matthew Grimes

**ENVIRONMENTAL CODE RESOURCE OFFICER**

Jeffrey Evans

**HEALTH OFFICER**

David Burnham  
Barbara MacDonald, Deputy Health Officer

**LIBRARIAN**

Heidi Thoma

**BUILDING & GROUNDS**

Robert "Bud" Nelson, Lorri Himes

**TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS\***

Beth Renzulli (Appointed)..... Term Expires 2017  
James Lowe ..... Term Expires 2016  
Sara Blake ..... Term Expires 2015

**BUDGET COMMITTEE\***

John Silverberg, Chair ..... Term Expires 2017  
Richard Benson..... Term Expires 2017  
George Wells, III..... Term Expires 2016  
Tom Paul..... Term Expires 2016  
Lynn King..... Term Expires 2015  
Robert DeFelice ..... Term Expires 2015



Patricia McMahon/Walter Baker, Jr., Ex-officio ..... Term Expires 2015  
Laurie Hayward/Jane Williamson, Committee Assistant

**PLANNING BOARD**

Carrie Thomas, Chair ..... Term Expires 2017  
Carole O'Connell..... Term Expires 2017  
(Alternate Vacant) ..... Term Expires 2017  
Julie McCarthy ..... Term Expires 2016  
Robert DeFelice ..... Term Expires 2016  
Pete Blakeman..... Term Expires 2015  
Roger Wells ..... Term Expires 2015  
Daniel Sundquist, Ex-Officio ..... Term Expires 2015  
Laurie Hayward, Land Use Coordinator

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS**

Dane Headley ..... Term Expires 2017  
Douglas Sweet ..... Term Expires 2017  
Derek Lick ..... Term Expires 2016  
William Hallahan, Chair ..... Term Expires 2016  
SueEllen Reel (Alternate)..... Term Expires 2016  
Ed Canane ..... Term Expires 2015  
Carla Krajewski (Alternate) ..... Term Expires 2015  
Laurie Hayward, Land Use Coordinator

**CEMETERY COMMISSION\***

Jack Noon ..... Term Expires 2017  
Vacant..... Term Expires 2016  
Marilyn Thompson ..... Term Expires 2015

**SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST\***

Kathleen Gill ..... Term Expires 2020  
Marilyn Thompson, Chair ..... Term Expires 2016  
Kathleen Stowell ..... Term Expires 2018

**TRUSTEES, SUTTON FREE LIBRARY\***

Carrie Thomas ..... Term Expires 2016  
Yvonne Howard (Appointed) ..... Term Expires 2015  
Lynne Chadwick ..... Term Expires 2015  
Shannon Storm ..... Term Expires 2015  
Angela Gosselin (Appointed)..... Term Expires 2015

**TRUSTEES, OLD STORE MUSEUM**

Sheila Wilcox, Alternate ..... Term Expires 2017  
Donald Davis, Jr. .... Term Expires 2016  
Robert O’Neil..... Term Expires 2015  
Frederick Pratt ..... Term Expires 2015  
Marcia Harrison, Chair ..... Term Expires 2015

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Ben Dobrowski ..... Term Expires 2017  
Henry Howell ..... Term Expires 2017  
Betsy Forsham, Chair..... Term Expires 2017  
Gerry Putnam ..... Term Expires 2016  
Jane Williamson, Alternate and Recording Secretary Term Expires 2016  
Donald Davis, Jr. .... Term Expires 2015  
Jean LaChance ..... Term Expires 2015  
Chris Ashton (Alternate)..... Term Expires 2015  
Walter Baker Jr., Select Board Representative ..... Term Expires 2015

**ROAD COMMITTEE**

Douglas Sweet, Chair ..... Steven Bagley, Road Agent  
Peter Blakeman..... Carroll “Pete” Thompson

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

Matthew Grimes

**SUPERVISOR – HIGHWAY NOTIFICATION PROGRAM**

Charles F. Whittemore

**SUTTON REPRESENTATIVE TO KRSD SCHOOL BOARD\***

Emilio Cancio-Bello ..... Term Expires 2016

**SUTTON REPRESENTATIVE TO KRSD BUDGET COMMITTEE\***

Robert DeFelice ..... Term Expires 2016

# Round Room Report

Capital equipment and capital improvements dominated this year's accomplishments. The Fire Department began the fabrication process of their new pumper, and the highway department received their new grader. Our town offices benefitted from a computer file server and network copier/printer. The Town Clerk's office was enhanced with a safety barrier, furnishings and their outdated computer system was replaced with new computer work stations and a new means of communicating with the State through a Virtual Private Network (VPN).

The Highway Department completed road improvements on Birch Hill Road which included extensive tree removal and ledge removal as well as widening sections of roadway. These efforts increased safety for both local residents using the road and the highway staff during winter plowing and maintenance activities. Ledge was removed and ditching work was performed on North Road to eliminate ice buildup. Maintenance activities to enhance safety on North Road will continue in 2015.

In August, we had several inches of rain in a very short period of time which resulted in many road washouts and caused significant damage on Newbury Road. Consequently, there was a shift in priorities for highway department blacktop improvement funds. We were fortunate that funds that were previously encumbered for blacktop upgrade were used to offset this unanticipated expense incurred by Mother Nature.

In addition to much work performed on local roads, a major section of Route 114 was rebuilt and repaved. We credit Emilo Cancio-Bello and Selectwoman Ricia McMahon with keeping this project at the top of the priority list for NH DOT.

The outdated and failed septic system at the library was replaced this year, and we were pleased that the project came in under budget. Selectman Baker oversaw repairs at the Old Store Museum which included a new roof. We anticipate that the Old Store will require more TLC, including an update of the electrical system, in 2015.

Work began on the town-wide revaluation as approved at the 2014 Town Meeting. Staff from the assessing firm of Commerford, Nieder, Perkins (CNP) began measuring the exterior of structures on all Sutton properties. Staff appraisers ask to perform interior inspections of main buildings. Staff appraisers wear picture id's and have provided the police department and town hall with vehicle information. The appraisers are seeking data regarding the quality of construction, year built, functional utility, condition, number of bedrooms and bathrooms,

as well as the types of floors, interior walls and heat. These efforts will continue in 2015 which is when our town-wide revaluation will be completed.

Town-wide revaluations are required by the State of New Hampshire Constitution. Periodic revaluations not only help to ensure that assessed evaluations are in line with market evaluations but also to ensure that you, the taxpayer, pay your fair share, and only your fair share, of property taxes. Your input in this process is important, especially if you have information that may not be readily apparent to the appraisers such as a crack in the foundation or leaking roof. Information about the revaluation is posted on the home page of our website. If you have questions regarding the ongoing revaluation, please do contact our office.

A Municipal Records Committee (MRC) was convened this year pursuant to NH RSA 33-A. The committee membership is comprised of the Select Board, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer, and a representative for the Assessor. We thank Linda Ford, Town Clerk, for getting this important committee charged. Dan Sundquist served as Chair of the Committee and Walter Baker, Jr., Patricia McMahon, Linda Ford, Jennifer Call, Lorri Himes, and Elly Phillips served on the Committee. Laurie Hayward, Land Use Coordinator, was also an active participant. The Committee worked on record inventory and their associated retention or disposition schedules. Public records, including historical papers, deemed important enough to be added to be the town inventory were also discussed. Lorri Himes did much of the heavy lifting (literally). About 50 boxes of outdated records were disposed of or recycled pursuant to the retention schedule. Other records were identified for future disposal/recycling. All historical records will be reviewed by historians to determine their value to the Town. A great deal of storage area was freed up behind the stage. The committee's next efforts will include digitizing and posting on the town's website certain historic records as well as records frequently used.

In 2014, Sutton's Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved by Homeland Security. This approval makes Sutton eligible to apply to New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management for mitigation grants administered by FEMA. Continuing update of the plan's assessment of vulnerability and adherence to our maintenance/implementation schedule will occur on an annual basis. Our next major plan update will be in 2019.

The Town also got a clean bill of health from the New Hampshire Department of Labor. All the deficiencies identified in 2013 were abated in 2014, and our written safety plan was updated. The inspection process was overall a positive experience resulting in a safer workplace for our employees.

The number of Planning Board site plan reviews and subdivisions and Zoning Board appeals was noticeably slower in 2014, allowing the Planning Board to shift their focus to work on the Master Plan and Capital Improvement Plan. The Zoning Board focused on review of local ordinances.

This year we received several letters of concern regarding pedestrian/vehicular conflicts on Keyser Street and Penacook Road. One resident counted more than 150 walkers passing on one summer day. Several near miss-accidents were reported such as a little boy on a bicycle who was injured when he panicked due to oncoming traffic (fortunately he's ok). We conducted a public hearing which was well attended. The matter was carefully reviewed and based on public input and recommendations from Chief Korbet, the Board has devised a public safety plan for the walking route around Kezar Lake to include new educational signage, posting lower speed limits and additional traffic control signage. Selectman Sundquist was instrumental in developing mapped safety plans and signage language. Since it became apparent during the public hearings that many are not aware of pedestrian and cyclist regulations, for safety purposes, we wanted to remind you of these important regulations, which will be posted, as follows:

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**Walk to the left, facing traffic. Cross roadway safely.**

Where a sidewalk is not available, any pedestrian or group of pedestrians walking along and upon a way shall walk only on a shoulder, as far as practicable from the edge of the roadway. Where neither a sidewalk nor a shoulder is available, any pedestrian walking along and upon a way shall walk as near as practicable to an outside edge of the roadway, and if on a two-way roadway, shall walk only on the left side of the roadway.

- Any pedestrian upon a roadway shall yield the right of way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

**Crossing at Other Than Crosswalks.**

- Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right of way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

**Emergency Vehicles.**—Upon the immediate approach of an emergency vehicle making use of an audible or visual signal, every pedestrian shall yield the right-of-way to the authorized emergency vehicle.

**Cyclists Observe State Laws While on Roadways**

Persons riding bicycles 2 or more abreast shall not impede the normal

and reasonable movement of traffic and, on a laned roadway, shall ride within a single lane.

- A person propelling a bicycle upon a way and at a speed less than the normal speed of traffic moving in the same direction at that time and place shall remain on the right portion of the way as far as practicable except when it is unsafe to do so.
- A bicyclist shall wear at least one item of reflective outerwear apparel, such as a reflective vest, jacket, or helmet strip, during the period from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise.

### **All Dogs Must Be on Leash at All Times While on the Roadway**

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We were delighted by the community-wide event, Celebrate Sutton/Old Home Day. Among the events occurring during the week were a scavenger hunt, square dance, whiffle ball tournament, activities at the library, vaudeville show and hikes, culminating with Muster Field Farm Days. Selectwoman McMahon has already begun planning for the upcoming Celebrate Sutton and our 100<sup>th</sup> Old Home Day event in 2015 and is seeking citizen involvement in the research and development of information to prepare a media presentation for the purpose of informing, educating and entertaining the public.

In closing, we were saddened by the death of Beth Cernek, a long-time library trustee. With her passing, we lost a valued public servant and good friend and neighbor. We also said goodbye to Courtney Haase, our beloved Welfare Officer. Courtney began her public Service in 1992 as Deputy Town Clerk. Courtney served as Welfare Officer for over two decades from 1991 through 2014. She also served on the Select Board from 1996 through 1998. Courtney has moved to Maine and is pursuing her spiritual goals. Courtney's devotion to this community through both body and soul will be missed. Dennis "Grader-Man" Stevens chose to retire this year. Dennis began his tenure with the Town in 1986, working for the Highway Department-- that is a whopping 28 years of service to this community. Dennis was known for both his good nature and his skill grading roads town-wide. He also served as our Assistant Highway Foreman. We wish Dennis all good things in his retirement.

Our thanks go out to our staff, our fellow town officials, volunteer fire fighters and rescue squad for all that you accomplished during 2014. We especially would like to express our gratitude to the citizens of Sutton – thank you for your participation in your local government. We look forward to hearing your concerns and ideas in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Baker, Jr., Chair  
Patricia McMahon, Selectwoman  
Daniel Sundquist, Selectman

P.S. One more thing . . .

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **Division of Involuntarily Merged Lots (NH RSA 674:39-aa)**

Lots or parcels involuntarily merged prior to September 18, 2010, shall at the request of the owner, be restored to their premerger status and all zoning and tax maps shall be updated to identify the premerger boundaries of said lots or parcels as recorded at the appropriate registry of deeds, provided:

(a) The request is submitted to the Board of Selectmen prior to December 31, 2016.

(b) No owner in the chain of title voluntarily merged his or her lots. If any owner in the chain of title voluntarily merged his or her lots, then all subsequent owners shall be estopped from requesting restoration. "Voluntarily merged" means a merger under NH RSA 674:39-a, or any overt action or conduct that indicates an owner regarded said lots as merged such as, but not limited to, abandoning a lot line.

The restoration of the lots to their premerger status shall not be deemed to cure any non-conformity with existing local land use ordinances.

## Town History – Pike’s Ledge

Stevens’ Brook, named after early East Sutton settler Jonathan Stevens, flows down along the North Road for about a mile and a half in Sutton before it crosses the Warner town line. For nearly six decades after the town’s first settlers had arrived in 1770, my house lot at the junction of East Sutton Road and North Road had remained about the same as it had been for centuries –no houses, no North Road, and Stevens Brook flowing unobstructed on its way to the Warner River. As shown on a Sutton map of 1771, the Province Road (from Fort No. 4 in Charlestown to another fort on the Merrimack River at Boscawen) passed through South Sutton and roughly along the route of today’s Eaton Grange Road as far as Potash Corner. Then it slabbed downhill towards Stevens Brook and eventually crossed the brook right at the Warner town line.

Apparently this section of the Province Road from Potash Corner to the Warner line was soon abandoned because no one lived there and because other developing roads were more useful. From crossings of the Connecticut River at today’s Cornish-Windsor covered bridge and near the Hanover-Lebanon town line, two major roads converged at Muster Field Farm. The regional highway southward next passed through the future site of North Sutton village, by the east side of Gile Pond, and down to the North Road beyond today’s high school. For about half the distance to the Warner town line it followed today’s route, but then crossed Stevens Brook and swung uphill to join the Province Road at Potash Corner. South of that the locally developed Eaton Grange Road through East Sutton and down to about where Market Basket is today became part of this regional highway, which continued on down to Boston as it merged with other such roads along the way.

In Sutton at least two taverns sprang up in the 1780s to take advantage of the travelers, drovers, and teamsters passing through town –the Harvey Tavern at Muster Field Farm and the Kimball Tavern at Eaton Grange atop Kimball Hill in East Sutton. Within a couple of decades additional taverns would join them: one on Old Newbury Road, a couple others in South Sutton, one at Potash Corner, and at least two in the heart of downtown East Sutton. Of course the families running these taverns wanted the main travel routes to stay right where they were. After the War of 1812, however, New London and especially Warner wanted to relocate major highways.

New London in 1822 objected to the steepness of the road up and over Kimball Hill and suggested a new route to the east of the hill and along Stevens Brook but on the opposite side of the brook from where the North Road is today. State or county officials endorsed



the idea along with a majority of Sutton voters, but it was opposed by those who would lose business. At least some effort was made to clear the new road, but records have yet to be found to show if it was completed satisfactorily. The modern day route of the North Road wasn't even considered because it was blocked by a steeply sloping ledge that descended right into Stevens Brook a hundred yards or so towards the high school from the junction of East Sutton Road and North Road. This so-called Pike's Ledge is the spot where last fall Road Agent Steve Bagley directed the project of widening the road by hammering away more of the ledge.

Warner back in 1817 had petitioned the Sutton selectmen to lay out a road from Warner's Waterloo section to connect with the highway in East Sutton. At Sutton town meeting in 1818 the vote was to lay out a route "as a bridle road and not as a public highway," and that was the origin of the East Sutton Road section past the cemetery. Thereafter, Warner's ambitious businessmen, through their desire to have stagecoach routes through Warner, twice undercut Sutton's advantage.

Warner in 1821 succeeded in getting stagecoach traffic by having some Warner townsmen lay out and clear a new road between Newbury village and Bradford village, effectively killing the regional traffic through Sutton on the old Province Road. Sutton on its own in 1824 had to improve the "bridle road" of 1818 into a "public road" to connect with that new important highway passing through Waterloo.

In 1830 Warner abruptly lost its stagecoach route when the town of Henniker completed, north and south from its center, good highways to Bradford and Weare, which provided long distance travelers with a more direct route towards Nashua and Lowell. Another batch of equally ambitious Warner businessmen almost immediately set to work to see what they could do to make downtown Warner part of a contemplated improved highway that would make possible one-day stagecoach travel between Hanover and Lowell. Ten of these go-getters offered to build 209 rods of a new road, including the Pike's Ledge section and the other worst spots, if Sutton would build the rest. A majority of Sutton voters, despite some predictable fierce opposition, approved building this south section of the North Road.

During the snow-free months of 1831, men attacked Pike's Ledge by whacking plug drills with sledgehammers until they'd made holes they judged deep enough to pack with black powder and touch off. After they'd cleared away the fragments left in the aftermath of each explosion, they attacked the newly exposed surface of solid ledge by drilling, blasting, and clearing anew. When all the blast-

ing was eventually finished, they built a tall rock retaining wall at brookside, packed blasting debris and gravel inside it atop the remaining ledge, and completed it as a level and flat section of the emerging stagecoach road. In 1832 stagecoaches began rolling over the remarkably flat route between North Sutton village and Warner village and could indeed complete a trip between Hanover and Lowell in a single day. The new road over Pike's Ledge took on the name of "North Road" because it had been built largely by Warner businessmen. If Sutton alone had built it, the name probably would have been "South Road."

Immediately there were petitions for another road to connect East Sutton village with the North Road, but fierce local resistance blocked it until 1838, when Sutton voters were bypassed and it was built at county expense. The opposition had come from anyone who would lose business because of local or regional traffic using the new route.

Others, however, found new opportunities for business. Edward Ordway, Jr., and Samuel Ordway, both living in East Sutton, were assessed for a mill tax in 1834, 1835, and 1836. The mill was probably a sawmill and stood either just down the brook from Pike's Ledge or else several hundred yards further down. There are mill foundation stones at both locations. John Redington must have bought the mill from the Ordways after the annual valuation on the first of April in 1836. He shows up in 1837 being taxed for a mill, and the Ordways are gone from the list. John Redington built my house and the Redington Tavern next door and ran both a sawmill and a turning mill for manufacturing woodenware and perhaps some of the Redington elm hubs for spoked wheels. The 1858 map of town clearly shows his mill pond by Pike's Ledge and the location of his turning mill. His son would later run an expanded hub business at an enormous mill on the Warner River.

A lot of traffic passed over Pike's Ledge at least until the railroad arrived in Warner in 1849 and in Bradford in 1853. After that this part of Sutton became a rural backwater. Business at the Redington Tavern faded, just as it had earlier at Matthew Harvey's tavern at Muster Field Farm and Caleb Kimball's tavern at Eaton Grange.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jack Noon*

# TOWN OF SUTTON STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE TOWN WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sutton in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at Pillsbury Memorial Town Hall in said Sutton on Tuesday, the 10th day of March, 2015 next at eight of the clock in the forenoon (Polls to be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) to act on Article 1. You are further notified to meet at the Kearsarge Regional High School, North Road in said Sutton on Wednesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015 at seven of the clock in the evening, to act upon the remaining Articles.

**Article 1:** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

**Article 2:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee recommended sum of \$2,089,215 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

4130	Executive	153,282
4140	Election & Registration	2,850
4150	Financial Administration	60,529
4150	Executive Financial Administration	21,270
4152	Revaluation of Property	8,000
4153	Legal Expense	28,000
4155	Personnel Administration	136,253
4191	Planning Board and Zoning	42,500
4194	General Government Buildings	26,250
4195	Cemeteries	14,000
4196	Insurance	74,000
4197	Regional Planning Commission	2,032
4210	Police Department	430,041
4215	Ambulance	43,027
4220	Fire Department	56,325
4240	Building Inspection	8,900
4290	Emergency Management	1,300
4299	Dispatching Services	24,608
4312	Highway Department	649,100
4313	Bridges	3,000
4316	Street Lighting	8,000
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	146,100

4411	Health Administration	2,100
4415	Health Agencies	5,339
4443	Welfare Admin. & Direct Assistance	19,613
4520	Culture & Recreation	11,863
4550	Library	41,485
4583	Patriotic Purposes	1,000
4611	Conservation Commission	3,232
4721	Debt Service	65,216

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$260,250 to be added to various Capital Reserve Funds previously established as follows:

Conservation Land	\$ 7,000
Highway Equipment Trucks	85,000
Solid Waste Facility	3,000
Forest Fire Equipment	250
Fire Equipment Replacement	25,000
Rescue Vehicle	10,000
Property Revaluation	22,000
Cemetery	5,000
Library Building Maintenance	3,000
Highway Facility Shed	10,000
Highway Pickup Truck	5,000
Fire Department Addition	25,000
Legal Fees	5,000
Highway Backhoe	50,000
Records Preservation	2,000
Pillsbury Memorial Hall	3,000

**Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

**Article 4:** To see if the town will vote to establish a Corporation Hill Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for engineering, permitting and repairs for Corporation Hill Road and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

**Article 5:** To see if the town will vote to establish a Cemetery Fence and Tombstone Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for purpose of repairs to fences and tombstones and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

**Article 6:** To see if the town will vote to establish an Old Fire House

Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repair or demolition of the Old Fire House and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of upgrading gravel town roads.

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 for the purpose of upgrading blacktop town roads.

**Article 9:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of engineering, design and permitting for the Hominy Pot Bridge and to authorize the withdrawal of \$50,000 from the Town Bridges Capital Reserve Fund established in 1959 for that purpose. No amount to be raised by general taxation.

**Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,000 for the layout and upgrade of Fox Chase Road as a Town Road conforming to current standards and requirements over existing private rights-of-way pending the outcome of a betterment assessment. Pursuant to RSA Chapter 231, Laying Out Highways, Sections 28-33, a petition to conditionally layout this road has been submitted to the Board of Selectmen and this project will be subject to betterment assessments and will have no impact on the tax rate.

**Article 11:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000 for the purpose of buying a one-ton truck equipped and further to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$40,000 from the Highway Equipment Fund established in 1993 for that purpose. The total amount to be raised by general taxation is \$45,000

**Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

**Article 12:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of masonry repairs to the Pillsbury Memorial Hall.

**Article 13:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for the purpose of activities celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of Old Home Day in Sutton.

**Article 14:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for the purpose of repairs to the Old Store Museum.

**Article 15:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 for the purpose of a municipal boundary survey of the Sutton/Warner town line.

**Article 16:** Petitioned I support a warrant article to be added to the 2015 Ballot for the Town of Sutton asking for \$1,250.00 to support Sutton Athletic Fields. **This is a Petitioned Warrant Article. Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,808 for Library improvement projects. The Library received \$10,808 in unanticipated donations during the 2014 fiscal year which were not expended. This money has been earmarked for library improvement projects delayed in 2014 due to building maintenance issues. The Library requests permission to spend the funds during 2015. No amount is to be raised by general taxation.

**Article 18:** To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to enter into a four (4) year lease agreement for \$32,000 for the purpose of leasing a police cruiser and to raise and appropriate \$17,000 which includes \$8,000 for the first year's payment, \$8,500 for equipping the vehicle and \$500 for decaling it. Should this article pass the \$8,000 lease payments will be added to the police operating budget for the next three (3) years. This agreement contains an escape clause. **This is a Petitioned Warrant Article. The Budget Committee does not recommend. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

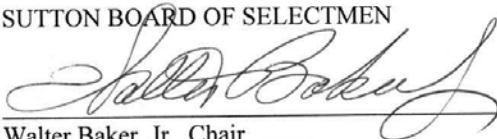
**Article 19:** To see if the Town will vote to rescind the ordinance adopted in 1982 requiring a licensing for certain public functions and to adopt an ordinance to Regulate Large Public Gatherings as proposed by the Board of Selectmen.

**Article 20:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Noise Ordinance as proposed by the Board of Selectmen.

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

Given under our hands and seal, this 10th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Fifteen.

SUTTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

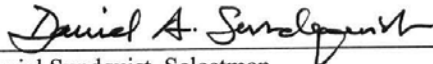


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Walter Baker, Jr., Chair

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Patricia McMahan, Selectwoman



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Daniel Sundquist, Selectman



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## Budget of the Town of Sutton

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### BUDGET COMMITTEE CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Budget Committee Members	
Printed Name	Signature
THOMAS PAUL	<i>[Signature]</i>
WALTER BAKER JR	<i>[Signature]</i>
Robert DeFelic	<i>[Signature]</i>
George G Wells	<i>[Signature]</i>
YAD A KING	<i>[Signature]</i>
RICHARD BENSON	<i>[Signature]</i>
JOHN SILVERBERG	<i>[Signature]</i>

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# Appropriations

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DKA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectman's Appropriations Enacting FY (Recommended)	Commissioner's Appropriations Enacting FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Enacting FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Enacting FY (Not Recommended)
<b>General Government</b>								
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	02	\$143,523	\$143,385	\$153,282	\$0	\$153,282	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	02	\$5,000	\$4,795	\$2,850	\$0	\$2,850	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	02	\$85,787	\$85,239	\$81,799	\$0	\$81,799	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	02	\$92,929	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$0	\$8,000	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	02	\$22,500	\$23,937	\$28,000	\$0	\$28,000	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	02	\$143,297	\$112,982	\$136,253	\$0	\$136,253	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	02	\$36,950	\$34,266	\$42,500	\$0	\$42,500	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	02	\$25,340	\$23,054	\$26,250	\$0	\$26,250	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	02	\$14,000	\$12,790	\$14,000	\$0	\$14,000	\$0
4196	Insurance	02	\$69,600	\$72,543	\$74,000	\$0	\$74,000	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	02	\$2,026	\$2,026	\$2,032	\$0	\$2,032	\$0
4199	Other General Government		\$25,340	\$10,468	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Public Safety</b>								
4210-4214	Police	02	\$444,200	\$376,529	\$430,041	\$0	\$430,041	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance	02	\$42,334	\$41,134	\$43,027	\$0	\$43,027	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	02	\$55,325	\$54,982	\$56,325	\$0	\$56,325	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection	02	\$11,000	\$4,765	\$8,900	\$0	\$8,900	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	02	\$1,300	\$300	\$1,300	\$0	\$1,300	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)	02	\$20,684	\$20,684	\$24,608	\$0	\$24,608	\$0
<b>Airport/Aviation Center</b>								
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Highways and Streets</b>								
4311	Administration	02	\$640,461	\$598,657	\$649,100	\$0	\$649,100	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets		\$0	\$25,897	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4313	Bridges	02	\$33,000	\$9,325	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	02	\$7,700	\$6,826	\$8,000	\$0	\$8,000	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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<b>Sanitation</b>								
4321	Administration	02	\$142,200	\$132,473	\$146,100	\$0	\$146,100	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326-4329	Sewage Collection, Disposal and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment</b>								
4331	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Electric</b>								
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Health</b>								
4411	Administration	02	\$2,000	\$1,825	\$2,100	\$0	\$2,100	\$0
4414	Pest Control		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	02	\$5,339	\$5,339	\$5,339	\$0	\$5,339	\$0
<b>Welfare</b>								
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	02	\$19,025	\$12,079	\$19,613	\$0	\$19,613	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>								
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation		\$11,663	\$11,663	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4550-4559	Library	02	\$39,755	\$36,184	\$41,485	\$0	\$41,485	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	02	\$1,000	\$540	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	02	\$5,000	\$0	\$11,863	\$0	\$11,863	\$0
<b>Conservation and Development</b>								
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	02	\$3,110	\$2,158	\$3,232	\$0	\$3,232	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Debt Service</b>								
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	02	\$20,882	\$20,882	\$39,258	\$0	\$39,258	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	02	\$20,489	\$20,489	\$22,208	\$0	\$22,208	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	02	\$2,000	\$723	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service	02	\$1,000	\$821	\$1,750	\$0	\$1,750	\$0
<b>Capital Outlay</b>								
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$640,000	\$518,019	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$18,000	\$14,300	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>								
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Agency Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Proposed Appropriations</b>			<b>\$2,853,759</b>	<b>\$2,448,079</b>	<b>\$2,089,215</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,089,215</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Special Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectman's Appropriations Enacting FY (Recommended)	Commissioner's Appropriations Enacting FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Enacting FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Enacting FY (Not Recommended)
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	03	\$0	\$0	\$22,000	\$0	\$22,000	\$0
		<b>Purpose:</b> Appropriate to Capital Reserves						
4153	Legal Expense	03	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
		<b>Purpose:</b> Appropriate to Capital Reserves						
4312	Highways and Streets	09	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
		<b>Purpose:</b> Hominy Pot Bridge Engineering						
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	16	\$0	\$0	\$1,250	\$0	\$1,250	\$0
		<b>Purpose:</b> Petitioned Sutton Athletic Fields						
4901	Land	03	\$0	\$0	\$7,000	\$0	\$7,000	\$0
		<b>Purpose:</b> Appropriate to Capital Reserves						
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	03	\$0	\$0	\$178,250	\$0	\$178,250	\$0
		<b>Purpose:</b> Appropriate to Capital Reserves						
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	11	\$0	\$0	\$85,000	\$0	\$85,000	\$0
		<b>Purpose:</b> Highway Truck						
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	18	\$0	\$0	\$17,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
		<b>Purpose:</b> Police Cruiser						
4903	Buildings	03	\$0	\$0	\$41,000	\$0	\$41,000	\$0
		<b>Purpose:</b> Appropriate to Capital Reserves						
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	03	\$0	\$0	\$7,000	\$0	\$7,000	\$0
		<b>Purpose:</b> Appropriate to Capital Reserves						
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	04	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
		<b>Purpose:</b> Corporation Hill						
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	05	\$0	\$0	\$3,500	\$0	\$3,500	\$0
		<b>Purpose:</b> Cemetery Repairs						
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	06	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
		<b>Purpose:</b> Old Fire House						
<b>Special Articles Recommended</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$477,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$460,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Individual Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectman's Appropriations Enacting FY (Recommended)	Commissioner's Appropriations Enacting FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Enacting FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Enacting FY (Not Recommended)
4130-4139	Executive	15	\$0	\$0	\$3,500	\$0	\$3,500	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Town Instrument Survey							
4194	General Government Buildings	12	\$4,500	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Pillsbury Memorial Hall							
4194	General Government Buildings	14	\$0	\$0	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Old Store Museum							
4312	Highways and Streets	08	\$100,000	\$0	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Blacktop Upgrade							
4312	Highways and Streets	07	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Gravel Upgrade							
4312	Highways and Streets	10	\$0	\$0	\$38,000	\$0	\$38,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Fox Chase Road							
4550-4559	Library	17	\$0	\$0	\$10,808	\$0	\$10,808	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Library to Spend Funds							
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	13	\$0	\$0	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Old Home Day Activities							
<b>Individual Articles Recommended</b>			<b>\$134,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$172,308</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$172,308</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## Revenues

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
<b>Taxes</b>					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	02	\$34,914	\$25,000	\$25,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	10	\$0	\$36,000	\$36,000
3187	Excavation Tax		\$21	\$42	\$42
3189	Other Taxes	02	\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	02	\$57,746	\$60,000	\$60,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees</b>					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	02	\$340,284	\$320,000	\$320,000
3230	Building Permits	02	\$2,456	\$2,000	\$2,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	02	\$4,181	\$4,000	\$4,000
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>State Sources</b>					
3351	Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	02	\$89,045	\$89,045	\$89,045
3353	Highway Block Grant	02	\$95,184	\$94,000	\$94,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	02	\$11	\$1	\$1
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3379	From Other Governments	02	\$693	\$35,000	\$35,000
<b>Charges for Services</b>					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	02	\$58,121	\$50,000	\$50,000
3409	Other Charges	02	\$27	\$100	\$100
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	02	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000
3502	Interest on Investments	02	\$339	\$350	\$350
3503-3509	Other	02, 17	\$18,972	\$32,808	\$32,808

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<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In</b>					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	09, 11	\$655,861	\$90,000	\$90,000
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds	02	\$7,436	\$863	\$863
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$83,362	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance		\$0	\$0	\$0
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	02	\$156,500	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>Total Estimated Revenues and Credits</b>			<b>\$1,605,153</b>	<b>\$956,209</b>	<b>\$956,209</b>

## Budget Summary

Item	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Selectman's Recommended Budget	Budget Committee's Recommended Budget
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$2,048,490	\$2,089,215	\$2,089,215
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	\$971,679	\$477,000	\$460,000
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	\$164,000	\$172,308	\$172,308
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$3,184,169	\$2,738,523	\$2,721,523
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$1,626,280	\$956,209	\$956,209
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$1,557,889	\$1,782,314	\$1,765,314



# TOWN OF SUTTON, STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE TOWN MEETING MARCH 11, 2014

*The Sutton town Moderator, Greg Gill opened the doors at 8:00 a.m., showed the empty ballot box and announced to the public that voting is in session.*

Robert Wright, Jr. closed the polls at 7:00 p.m. There were:

Out of 1454 already registered voters, there were 483 ballots cast (which included 24 absentee ballots and 17 same day newly registered voters) to choose all necessary Town Officers (and Kearsarge Regional School Officers) for the ensuing year as well as voting on the KRSD ballot articles.

**Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.**

Moderator

**Greg Gill – 418**

Selectmen

Benjamin F. Saxon - 43

Daniel Baker - 48

**Walter Baker, Jr. - 232**

Richard Deschenes – 132

Town Clerk

**Linda Ford - 261**

Rosalyn Brooks – 26

Jen Call – 165

Tax Collector

Rosalyn Brooks - 14

**Jennifer Call - 244**

Linda Ford – 204

Supervisors of the Checklist

**Kathleen Gill – 427**

Overseer of Public Welfare

**Courtney Haase – 430**

Cemetery Commission

**Jack Noon – 436**

Budget Committee

**John Silverberg - 345**

**Richard Benson – 352**

Trustees of the Trust Funds

**To be appointed by Selectmen**

Trustees, Sutton Free Library

**Sara Blake – 427**

Article 2

**Yes - 293**

No - 162

Article 3

**Yes - 271**

No – 199

**Write In's for each office were:**

Moderator

Jack Noon – 1

Bud Nelson – 1

Selectmen

Jack Noon – 1

Brian Tilton – 1

Roger Lamson – 1

Scott Palmer – 1

Harold Rowe – 1

Betsy Forsham – 1

Bob DeFelice – 2

Town Clerk

Jen Call – 165

Tax Collector

Jen Call – 1

Supervisor of the Checklist

Linda Ford – 1

Kathleen Gill – 1

Becky Harrington – 1

Overseer of Public Welfare

Norma Burns – 1

Diane Sullivan – 1

Cemetery Commission

Brian Thompson – 1

Nate Byfield – 1

Pete Thompson – 1

Gerry Gagnon – 1

William O'Donnel – 1

Budget Committee

Ernie Brake – 1

Bruce Kokowski – 1

Ben Butler - 1

Kevin Rowe – 1

Brian Tilton – 1

Lois Palmer - 1

Terri Peyton – 1

Rosalyn Brooks – 1

Darrel Palmer - 1

Al Donati – 1

Loring Ford – 1

Knicole MacPherson - 1

R. Deschenes – 1

Larry Ford – 1

Bob DeFelice -

Bruce Kozokowski – 1

Kathleen Lamson – 1

Jennifer Carson - 1

Steven King – 1

Larry Harper – 1

Tom Brooks – 1

Tom Sullivan – 1

R. Deschenes – 1

Trustees of the Trust Funds

Melina Cochran – 1	Larry Ford – 2
Tom Paul – 6 (not interested)	
Ben Saxon – 1	Greg Gill – 2
Russell Gross – 1	Roslyn Brooks - 2
Jack Frost – 1	Fritz Pratt - 2
Will O’Connel – 1	Jim Lowe - 2
Marge Friel – 1	Linda Ford - 2
Terri Peyton – 1	
Kathy Gill – 1	
Sandy Nelson – 1	
John Jones – 1	
Charles Whittemore – 1	
Lois Palmer – 1	
John Silverberg – 1	
George Wells – 1	
Courtney Haase – 1	
Shelley Boucher – 1	
Elmo – 1	
Roger Lamson – 1	
Jen Call – 1	
David Hurst – 1	
Marne Thompson – 1	
Sara Blake – 1	
Joanne Silverberg – 1	
Tom Brooks – 1	
Jack Dyer – 1	
Katherine Gill – 1	
Richard Benson – 1	
Pete Thompson – 1	

**Article 2:** Are you in favor of amending the Town of Sutton Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, as follows: to delete the current provisions of Article III, E regarding the regulation of the use of signs and replace it with language regulating the use of signs to include reducing size, clarifying the lighting and placement of signs, the use of temporary signs, prohibiting the use of off-premises signs, and further to amend provisions of Article XIV, Definitions, by deleting and inserting definitions consistent with the proposed changes to Article III, E.

**Yes - 293**

**No - 162**

**Article 3:** Are you in favor of having the office of town clerk combined with the office of tax collector, thereby creating a new office of town clerk-tax collector to be held by one individual for a three-year term. RSA 41:45-a. **This article was submitted by petition.**  
**Yes - 271**  
**No - 199**

New officers for the ensuing year were sworn in at this time.

The moderator commented on the fact that some of the school ballots were not turned back in on voting day. Due diligence needs to be taken to make sure that all ballots are returned during the elections.

**School Ballot Results are as follows:**

Question 1 – To see if the School district will vote to raise and appropriate the Municipal Budget Committee’s recommended amount of \$38,967,815 for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the District. The School Board recommends \$38,967,815. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles. This warrant article asks the voters to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, the salaries of School District Officials and Agents, and for the statutory obligations of said District, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State sources, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the Selectmen of each of the Towns of Bradford, New London, Newbury, Springfield, Sutton, Warner and Wilmot, the amount to be raised by taxation by said towns. (School Board Recommends 6-0) (Municipal Budget Committee 8-1)

- A. \$38,967,815 for the proposed Operating Budget recommended by the School Board. **A received 249 votes**
- B. \$38,967,815 for the proposed Operating Budget recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee. **B received 158 votes**

Question 2:

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund, established in 2008 within the provisions of RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of emergency funding for unforeseen Special Education costs incurred by the District, with such amount to be funded from surplus funds remaining on hand as of June 30, 2014. (School Board Recommends 8-0) (Municipal Budget

Committee 8-0)

**Yes received 304 votes**

**No received 155 votes**

Question 3:

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the School Building Maintenance Fund for the purpose of repair, unanticipated utility costs, and maintaining the school building and equipment, with such amount to be funded from surplus funds remaining on hand as of June 30, 2014. (School Board Recommends 8-0) (Municipal Budget Committee 8-0)

**Yes received 313 votes**

**No received 155 votes**

For Moderator for 1 Year

Brackett L. Scheffy received 397 votes

Write Ins were:

Greg Gill – 5

Walter Baker – 1

Norma Burns – 1

Yvonne Howard – 1

Knicole MacPerson – 1

John Heiden – 1

Jonathan Dever – 1

Micky Mouse – 1

***ADJOURN TO WEDNESDAY MARCH 12, 2014 AT 7:30 P.M***

Moderator Greg Gill opened the meeting at around 7:30 p.m. by welcoming all attendees to the Town of Sutton's Town Meeting. The pledge of allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was recognized. Recognition was given to the men and women in the armed services, Beth Cernek, Alex McKinnon, Walt Simonds, Buzz Call and other members of the community to whom we lost in 2013-2014.

The rules of procedure for town meeting were explained.

Mr. Gill asked that all electronic devices be turned off with the exception of those in safety services (Fire/Police/Rescue).

Mr. Gill went over the no tobacco and chewing tobacco free zone and asked that all who chew please do not.

Mr. Gill reported on the results of the Town vote on March 11, 2014.  
(Results Above)

Recognition given to Matt Grimes and Chris Rowe who retired from the Sutton Volunteer Fire Department. Plaques were given out to both gentlemen for their outstanding service as officer/chief of the Sutton Volunteer Fire Department.

Carrie Thomas recognized Beth Cernek who passed away in March, 2014. The Town of Sutton will miss her greatly.

The Moderator went over the rules of the evening.

The moderator also asked that those individuals who were not town residents seat themselves at the back of the auditorium. He went over how voting would be done. There are three different ways to vote: voice vote, hand vote or with a ballot. If a ballot vote is requested there needs to be six people request it. There is one article, the article on the fire truck that will need to be done by ballot. Because a loan is being asked to purchase the fire truck there needs to be a 2/3 majority vote. This is an RSA requirement.

Recognition of speakers: Greg's rules apply. The rules are simple. Everybody gets to speak once before he will invite you to speak again.

Robert's Rules of Order will be followed. When making amendments only one amendment will be dealt with at a time so that the language is clear.

Moderator asked that if anyone wanted to make a motion to dispense with reading of Article 4.

Charles Forsberg made a motion that we dispense with the reading of this particular article. Robert DeFelice seconded the motion. Motion to dispense with the reading of this particular warrant article passed by voice vote.

The moderator asked that anyone who speaks that they announce their name and use a microphone so that all can hear. He also asked that anyone who may speak more than once rearrange themselves so that they are near a microphone to save time.

**Article 4:** After the Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Charles Forsberg and seconded by Mike McManus to accept Article 4 as written. **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,038,490 which represents the operating budget recommended**

**by the Budget Committee shown in detail below.  
Said sum does not include amounts appropriated in  
other warrant articles. Recommended by the Budget  
Committee and the Board of Selectmen**

4130	Executive	\$115,548
4140	Election & Registration	\$ 5,000
4150	Financial Administration	\$ 76,723
4150	Executive Financial Administration	\$ 19,900
4152	Revaluation of Property	\$ 6,000
4153	Legal Expense	\$ 22,500
4155	Personnel Administration	\$143,297
4191	Planning Board and Zoning	\$ 44,089
4194	General Government Buildings	\$ 25,340
4195	Cemeteries	\$ 14,000
4196	Insurance	\$ 69,600
4197	Regional Planning Commission	\$ 2,026
4210	Police Department	\$444,200
4215	Ambulance	\$ 42,334
4220	Fire Department	\$ 55,325
4240	Building Inspection	\$ 11,000
4290	Emergency Management	\$ 1,300
4299	Dispatching Services	\$ 20,684
4312	Highway Department	\$640,461
4313	Bridges	\$ 3,000
4316	Street Lighting	\$ 7,700
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	\$142,200
4411	Health Administration	\$ 2,000
4415	Health Agencies	\$ 5,339
4443	Welfare Admin. & Direct Assistance	\$ 19,025
4520	Culture & Recreation	\$ 11,663
4550	Library	\$ 39,755
4583	Patriotic Purposes	\$ 1,000
4611	Conservation Commission	\$ 3,110
4721	Debt Service	\$ 44,371

Linda Ford made a motion to amend Article 4 4150 Financial Administration to increase the Town Clerk's salary \$10,000 as the office will be open 30 hours per week and to allow the continuation of services. Darrel Palmer seconded the motion. This would make the total Financial Administration budget \$86,723.00. Motion to amend town clerk's salary by \$10,000 was **approved by voice vote**.

Charles Forsberg made a motion to decrease Article 4 4120 \$444,200 by \$50,000. Brian Tilton seconded the motion. Ballot vote requested. Total votes cast were 144. 35 Yes and 109 No. **Motion to amend Article 4 4120 was defeated.**

Motion made to accept Article 4 as amended from a total budget amount of \$2,038,490 to \$2,048,490. **Article 4 passed as amended.**

Darrel Palmer made a motion for reconsideration of parliamentary procedures. Robert Wright, Jr. seconded. Jae Whitelaw, town counsel, explained that the correct motion to be made was restriction of reconsideration which means that the article cannot be brought back up at town meeting at a later time. Attorney Whitelaw quoted RSA 40:10. Darrel Palmer reworded his motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 4. Robert Wright, Jr. seconded. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**Motion of restriction of reconsideration passed by voice vote.**

**Article 5:** After the Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Don Davis and seconded by Robert DeFelice to accept Article 5 as written. **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$214,750 to be added to various Capital Reserve Funds previously established as follows:** Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

Conservation Land	\$ 7,000
Highway Equipment Trucks	\$50,000
Town Bridges	\$10,000
Solid Waste Facility	\$ 3,000
Forest Fire Equipment	\$ 250
Fire Equipment Replacement	\$50,000
Rescue Vehicle	\$10,000
Cemetery	\$ 5,000
Library Building Maintenance	\$ 3,000
Highway Facility Shed	\$10,000
Highway Pickup Truck	\$ 4,000
Fire Department Addition	\$25,000
Legal Fees	\$ 2,50
Highway Backhoe	\$30,000
Records Preservation	\$ 2,000
Pillsbury Memorial Hall	\$ 3,000

**Article 5 passed by voice vote.**

Donald Davis made a motion to restrict reconsideration. Ed Canane seconded. **Motion passed to restrict reconsideration.**

**Motion of restriction of reconsideration for Article 5 passed by voice vote.**



**Article 6:** After the Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Mike McManus and seconded by Warren Jones to accept Article 6 as written. **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to repair and upgrade blacktop town roads.**

**Article 6 passed by voice vote.**

**Article 7:** After the Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Robert Wright, Jr. and seconded by Robert DeFelice to accept Article 7 as written. **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of upgrading gravel town roads.**

**Article 7 passed by voice vote.**

**Article 8:** After the Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Charles Ash and seconded by Robert DeFelice to accept Article 8 as written. **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$390,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new Fire Truck and further, to authorize the withdrawal of \$299,802 from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve established in 2005 for that purpose and further to authorize the withdrawal of income of \$6,836 from the Volunteer Fire Department Trust Fund and furthermore to authorize the issuance of notes of up to \$83,362 in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Select Board to issue and negotiate such notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon.** Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen. The vote for Article 8 requires a 2/3 majority ballot vote.

139 Votes Cast  
133 Yes  
6 No

**Article 8 passed by ballot vote.**

**Article 9:** After the Moderator read the article, a motion was made by David White and seconded by George (Jodi) Wells to accept Article 9 as written. **To see if the Town will raise and appropriate up to \$86,929 for the purpose of conducting a town-wide revaluation and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$86,929 from the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund established for**

**that purpose. No amount is to be raised by general taxation.** Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

**Article 9 passed by voice vote.**

**Article 10:** After the Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Jennifer Rowe and seconded by Charles Ash to accept Article 10 as written. **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,000 to replace the septic system of the Sutton Free Library.**

**Article 10 passed by voice vote.**

**Article 11:** After the Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Daniel Baker and seconded by Betsy Forsham to accept Article 11 as written. **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000 for the purpose of purchasing a network computer file server and network copy machine and scanner.**

**Article 11 passed by voice vote.**

**Article 12:** After the Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Betsy Forsham and seconded by Laurie Hayward to accept Article 12 as written. **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$175,000 for repairs to the Grist Mill Bridge/Corporation Hill Road and further to authorize the withdrawal of \$175,000 from the Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund established in 1959 for that purpose. No amount is to be raised by taxation.** Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

Motion was made by Walter Baker, Jr. to amend Article 12 as follows: to raise and appropriate \$30,000 for any licenses/application fees and engineering study to the Grist Mill Bridge/Corporation Hill Road. Seconded by Betsy Forsham (unclear on tape)

**Amendment passed by voice vote.**

**Article 12 as amended passed by voice vote.**

**Article 13:** After the Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Robert Wright, Jr. and seconded by Tom Sullivan to accept Article 13 as written. **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for**

the purpose of improvements to Birch Hill Road.

**Article 13 passed by voice vote.**

**Article 14:** After the Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Warren Jones and seconded by Mike Heffernan to accept Article 14 as written. **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$250,000 for the purpose of purchasing a grader, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade-in the existing grader to reduce the purchase price and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$250,000 from the Highway Grader Capital Reserve Fund established in 2001 for that purpose. No amount is to be raised by taxation.** Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

The moderator commented that in the future any articles such as this one be more explanatory.

**Article 14 passed by voice vote.**

**Article 15:** After the Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Robert DeFelice and seconded by Kevin Rowe to accept Article 15 as written. **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of repairs to the Old Store Museum.**

**Article 15 passed by voice vote.**

**Article 16:** After the Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Charles Ash and seconded by Garrett Evans to accept Article 16 as written. **To see if the Town will vote to change the method of selection of the Welfare Officer from elected to appointed by the Board of Selectmen. If approved, this vote shall be effective as of the next annual town election.**

**Article 16 passed over by voice vote.**

**Article 17:** After the Moderator read the article, a motion was made by the select board to pass over Article 17 as written. **To see if the Town will vote to change the method of selection of the Tax Collector from elected to appointed by the Board of Selectmen. If approved, this vote shall be effective as of the next annual town election.**

**Article 17 was passed over by voice vote.**

**Article 18:** After the Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Darrel Palmer to pass over this article. Seconded by Mike McManus. **To see if the Town will change the method of compensation for the positions of Town Clerk and Tax Collector from salaried to hourly, with wage rates to be set by the Board of Selectmen, and to pay benefits on the same basis as benefits are paid to town employees under the Town's personnel plan. If approved, these changes will be effective April 1, 2014.**

**Article 18 was passed over by hand vote. 59 Votes YES and 24 Votes NO.**

**Article 19:** After the Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Ricia McMahan to pass over Article 19 and seconded by Charlie Ash. **To see if the Town will vote to increase line item 1-01-4150-102 from \$3,000 to \$6,798; the original wage requested which has been the original deputy town clerk and tax collector wage. This is a petitioned article.** Not Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

**Article 19 passed over by voice vote.**

Darrel Palmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott Palmer seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda D. Ford*  
Town Clerk

June 2, 2014 Amendment to - **Article 12:** After the Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Betsy Forsham and seconded by Laurie Hayward to accept Article 12 as written. **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$175,000 for repairs to the Grist Mill Bridge/ Corporation Hill Road and further to authorize the withdrawal of \$175,000 from the Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund established in 1959 for that purpose. No amount is to be raised by taxation.** Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

Motion was made by Walter Baker, Jr. to amend Article 12 as follows: to raise and appropriate \$30,000 for any licenses/application fees and

engineering study to the Grist Mill Bridge/Corporation Hill Road and further to authorize the withdrawal of \$30,000 from the Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund established in 1959 for that purpose. No amount is to be raised by taxation. Seconded by Betsy Forsham (unclear on tape)

**Amendment passed by voice vote.**

**Article 12 as amended passed by voice vote.**

*Linda D. Ford*  
Town Clerk

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

To the Members of the Selectboard and Management  
Town of Sutton, New Hampshire

**Report on the Financial Statements.** We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Sutton, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.<sup>1</sup>

**Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements.** Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's Responsibility.** Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluation of the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluation of the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

**Opinions.** In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Sutton, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Report on Required Supplementary Information.** Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the *Management's Discussion and Analysis* beginning on page iii and the budgetary information presented in the section marked *Required Supplementary Information* be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements.

We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

**Report on Combining and Individual Fund Statements and Schedules.** Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Sutton, New Hampshire's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

*Paul J. Mercier, Jr. cpa for*

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**The Mercier Group**, a professional corporation  
Canterbury, New Hampshire  
February 1, 2015

<sup>1</sup>Please refer to the full set of GAAP financial statements on file with the Selectboard and not the individual reports and schedules published in the Town Report.

# Town Administrator's Report

The following is a brief summary of the Town's finances at year end. The Town's undesignated fund balance was \$664,676, up \$20,803 from last year. The Government Finance Officers' Association (GFOA) suggests that municipalities retain between 8% and 17% of regular general fund operating expenditures. In NH, this is calculated by adding the municipality's general fund operating appropriations, the education tax amount, the local school net tax commitment and the county appropriation.

Last year we used \$156,500 in undesignated fund balance to offset the tax rate. The fund balance can provide the Town with cash flow between tax issues so that we do not have to take out a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN). The fund balance may also be used in conjunction with major tax appeals or for unanticipated emergencies (by special town meeting).

In 2014, the following funds were encumbered to complete projects:

Upgrade of Blacktop Roads (previous years)	\$94,697.97
Old Store Museum (previous years)	188.00
Upgrade of Blacktop Roads	75,000.00
Upgrade of Gravel Roads	13,165.50
Fire Truck	111,109.24
Town-wide Revaluation	72,849.00
Corporation Hill Bridge Study	20,675.00
Old Store Museum	500.00

In addition, Capital Reserve Funds for the Town-wide Revaluation (\$86,929) and the Corporation Hill Project (\$30,000) which were approved in 2014 were not requested until 2015. In other words, the money was appropriated and the projects funded; however Trustee reports will not reflect this fact until January 2015 month end.

The total tax rate for 2014 was \$24.19 per thousand, up \$.55 from last year. Sutton's portion of the tax in the amount of \$6.04 per thousand did not increase from the previous year. Other factors that make up the total tax rate are the Local School Rate (KRSD) at \$12.75, the State School Rate at \$2.47 and the County Rate at \$2.93. The overall increase in the tax rate was directly related to a \$.49 increase in the Local School Rate and a .03 increase in both the State Education Tax and the County Tax. In 2014, Sutton's property valuation went up by \$1,402,408 to a total valuation of \$270,892,931. The Town's equalization ratio was set at 103.3% which means that the Town's assessment is only slightly higher than current market values.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, suggestions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Elly Phillips*, Town Administrator



# 2014 Tax Rate Calculation

Gross Appropriations	3,184,169.00
Less: Revenues	1,626,280.00
Less: Shared Revenues	0.00
Add: Overlay	12,143.00
War Service Credits	68,000.00

Net Town Appropriation	1,638,032.00		
Special Adjustment			
Approved Town/City Tax Effort		1,638,032.00	<b>TOWN RATE 6.04</b>

**SCHOOL PORTION**

Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp.- Revenue)	0.00		
Regional School Apportionment	4,541,630.00		
Less Adequate Education Grant	(428,750.00)		
State Education Taxes	(659,143.00)		
Approved School(s) Tax Effort		3,453,737.00	<b>LOCAL SCHOOL RATE 12.75</b>

**STATE EDUCATION TAXES**

Equalized Valuation (no utilities ) x	2.480		<b>STATE SCHOOL RATE 2.47</b>
266,829,751		659,143.00	
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)			
266,686,071			

**COUNTY PORTION**

Due to County	793,288.00		
Less: Shared Revenues			
Approved County Tax Effort		793,288.00	<b>COUNTY RATE 2.93</b>

**TOTAL RATE  
24.19**

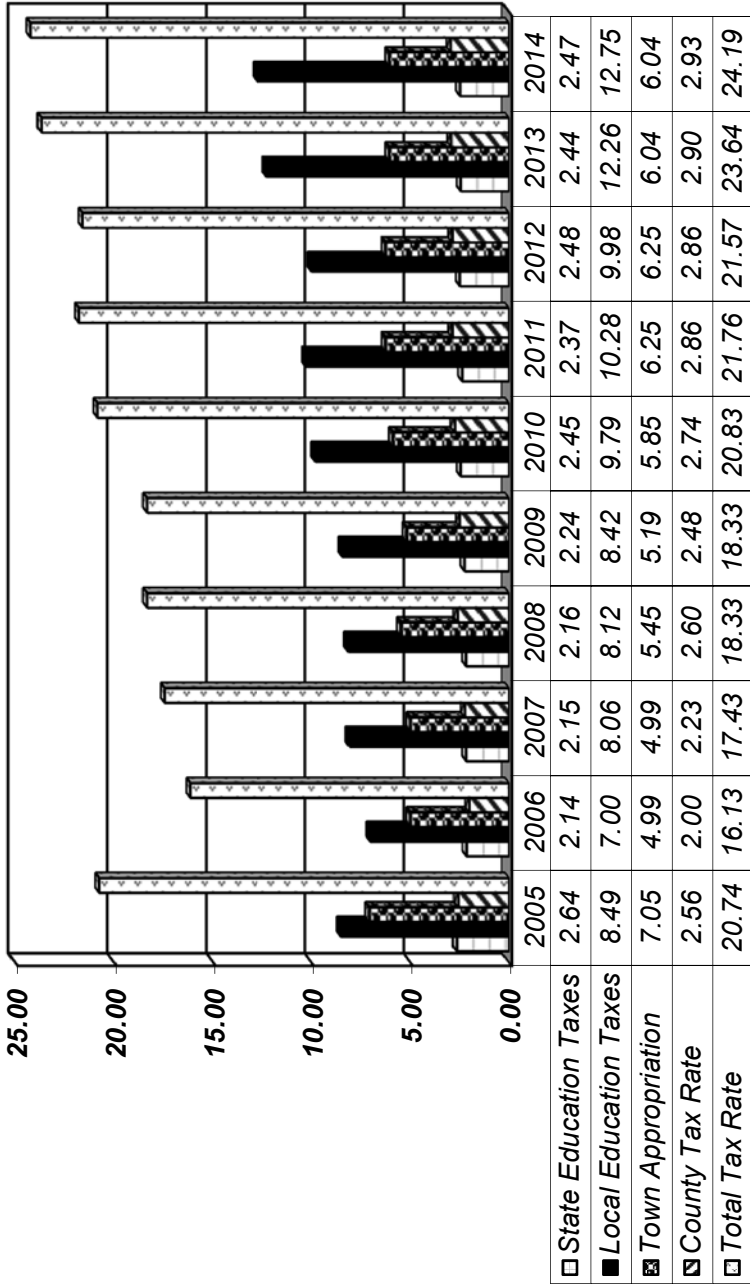
Total Property Taxes Assessed	6,544,200.00
Less: War Service Credits	(68,000.00)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0.00
<b>Total Property Tax Commitment</b>	<b>6,476,200.00</b>

**PROOF OF RATE**

<b>Net Assessed Valuation</b>		<b>Tax Rate</b>	<b>Assessment</b>
State Education Tax (no utilities)	267,370,949.00	2.47	659,143.00
All Other Taxes	270,892,931.00	21.72	5,885,057.00
			6,544,200.00

# 2014 Sutton Tax Rate Comparison

**Tax Rate Comparison with Educational Breakdown**



# 2014 Inventory Valuation

<b>Value of Land Only</b>	<b>Number of Acres</b>	<b>2014 Assessed Valuation</b>
Current Use at Current Use Values	18,505.83	\$ 1,380,518.00
Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved)	4,759.51	\$ 109,129,970.00
Commercial and Industrial Land	490.73	\$ 2,935,003.00
Total of Taxable Land	23,756.07	113,445,491.00
Tax Exempt and Non Taxable Land	2,134.42	\$ 11,387,715.00

<b>Value of Buildings Only</b>		
Residential	\$	146,111,280.00
Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31	\$	76,740.00
Commercial & Industrial (not including utilities)	\$	8,367,438.00
Total of Taxable Buildings	\$	154,555,458.00
Tax Exempt and Non Taxable Buildings	\$	25,632,710.00
Utilities	\$	3,521,982.00
Valuations Before Exemptions	\$	271,522,931.00

## Elderly Exemption

Total # Granted	10	\$	630,000.00
Net Valuation		\$	270,892,931.00
Less Utilities		\$	3,521,982.00
Net Valuation without Utilities to Compute State Education Tax		\$	267,370,949.00

## Veterans Tax Credit

Veterans Tax Credit \$500	120	\$	60,000.00
Tax Credit for Service Connected Disability \$2000	4	\$	8,000.00

## Current Use Report

Farmland	514.17	\$	203,120.00
Forestland	16917.25	\$	1,163,643.00
Forestland with documented Stewardship	97.96	\$	3,610.00
Unproductive Land	371.59	\$	3,534.00
Wetland	64.36	\$	6,611.00
Total	18505.83	\$	1,380,518.00

Acres Receiving 20% Recreational Adjustment	8121.83
Removed From Current Use During the Year	0.34
Total Number of Owners in Current Use	312
Total Number of Parcels in Current Use	459

# Town of Sutton Balance Sheet

## December 31, 2014

### Assets

Cash & Investments in hands of Treasurer:

Cash in Checking	\$1,965,073.03	
Proceeds of LT Debt, settled in early January	83,362.00	
Sutton Free Library	11,104.17	
Conservation Commission	93,629.67	
King Hill Reservation	7,560.98	
Cash in performance deposits	<u>16,772.32</u>	\$2,177,502.17
Capital & Non-Capital Reserve Fund Investments		1,209,641.05

Uncollected Taxes:

Unassigned credits	(211.46)	
Property	362,530.33	
Timber yield	8,615.10	

Unredeemed Taxes:

Levies of 1 prior year	129,147.43	
Levies of 2 prior years	55,816.70	
Levies of prior years	3,219.80	
Statutory deferrals	9,031.22	
Allowance for uncollectible taxes	<u>(10,000.00)</u>	558,149.12

Accounts Receivable

Due from Capital Reserves		3,597.08
Due from Trust Funds		116,929.00
		<u>600.00</u>
		<u>\$4,066,418.42</u>

### Liabilities and Equity

Deferred inflow of taxes \$250,000.00

Encumbrances:

11/04 Upgrade Blacktop Roads	25,480.00	
12/05 Upgrade Blacktop Roads	19,127.97	
13/18 Upgrade Blacktop Roads	50,000.00	
13/23 Old Store Museum Repairs	188.00	
14/06 Upgrade Blacktop Roads	75,000.00	
14/07 Upgrade Gravel Roads	13,165.50	
14/08 Fire Truck	111,109.24	
14/09 Town-wide Revaluation	72,849.00	
14/12 Corporation Hill Bridge study	20,675.00	
14/15 Repairs to Old Store Museum	<u>500.00</u>	388,094.71

Sutton Free Library

Conservation Commission 11,104.17

King Hill Reservation 93,629.67

Performance Deposits 7,560.98

Due to School District 16,772.32

1,424,940.48

Capital & Non-Capital Reserve Funds,  
net of interfund payables:

Town Bridges	157,413.21	
Forest Fire Equipment	4,241.45	
Solid Waste/Transfer Station	55,256.31	
Legal Fees	25,505.70	
Highway Department Equipment	122,082.04	
Revaluation	16.45	
Highway Garage Addition	40,264.55	
Highway Pick-up Truck	12,113.19	
Highway Grader	63,245.28	
Highway Loader	225,429.85	
Fire Equipment	38.78	
Conservation Land	87,736.18	
Highway Emergency Equipment	19,685.36	
Milfoil	22,717.12	
Fire Department Maintenance	2,309.10	
Library Maintenance	5,153.81	
Cemetery Maintenance	1,153.81	
Fire Department Addition	241,439.86	
Records Preservation	2,009.23	
Highway Backhoe	60,026.33	
Rescue Vehicle	35,022.38	
Pillsbury Memorial Hall	4,005.36	
Cemetery Land	<u>15,003.54</u>	
Forest Fire Salaries	4,503.90	
Accrued Benefits	3,268.26	1,209,641.05
		3,401,743.38
Fund Balance		
Unassigned Fund Balance		<u>664,675.04</u>
		<u>\$4,066,418.42</u>

# Report from the Town Clerk's Office

As my deputy, Jennifer Carson, and I write this yearly report we find that this year has gone by way too fast. In 2014 we lost 10 residents, welcomed 14 new babies and issued 10 marriage licenses. We developed a new program for keeping track of marriage, birth and death records for the town. This information is now electronically stored. We matched up voter registration cards to registration forms and alphabetized them. We updated the dog owner files. Jennifer was also instrumental in developing a spread sheet that lists the Town of Sutton's Policies, Ordinances and Regulations. This will be maintained with each change or addition we receive. We are currently compiling information on all the committees ever formed in the Town of Sutton and who served on those committees. This is a long process but each year the Town Clerk has to identify who is/was the longest running elected official. It has been a very interesting project so far. Unfortunately, the Town Clerk's office is missing a significant amount of older Town Reports. If you have extras and would like to donate them to this office, please bring them in. The list of those missing is far too long so here is a list of those that we do have: **1925, 1928, 1951, 1954, 1958, 1960, 1962-1963, 1965-1998, 2000-2003, and 2005-2013.** **We are also looking for earlier town reports from 1848-1925.**

There have been a few changes to motor vehicle registrations this year. We are in the process of updating all applications for FARM; AGRI and ANTI. All vehicles registered under FARM; AGRI and ANTI plates will need to fill out and sign a checklist each year. These will be mailed to you with your renewal letter. If we do not receive this paperwork back we cannot register your vehicle(s). Also implemented this year was a new process for vanity plates. To obtain information on this new procedure please call us at 603-927-4575 or e-mail us at [lfordtctc@hotmail.com](mailto:lfordtctc@hotmail.com). The good news is if you already have an existing vanity plate this new procedure will not affect your renewal. The biggest change is the TRAC plates. If you own a RTV these plates will need to be changed from TRAC to SCOMM plates. These registrations are flagged on all renewal letters with "\*\*\*\*" and no fees listed. These plate renewals will need to be done in person. We apologize for the inconvenience this is causing. Jennifer and I are hoping we can get you through the process with as little confusion as possible.

During the year I was fortunate enough to be able to attend the yearly Town Clerk's convention. I graduated from the NH Tax Collectors' Association/NH City & Town Clerks' Association Joint Certification Program as a Certified Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Even though I am not your current Tax Collector I decided that I wanted to attend the Tax Collector's convention to keep abreast of any future changes, etc.

In March I attended my first yearly motor vehicle update class and enjoyed the Regional Meeting for Town Clerks in North Conway. I have high hopes that I can send my deputy to the Joint Certification Program, starting in 2015, for the next 4 years. This is a wonderful program and is well worth the time and effort it takes as it is a 4 year 1 week class per year program.

I feel that Jennifer needs to be acknowledged for her tremendous deeds this past year. She is an accomplished writer of children's books. One of her books is now a play "Hapenny Magick" and she has a musical CD as well. She is also a professional proof reader which comes in very handy. I am very fortunate to have her as my deputy. She has been a huge asset to this office. I want to also thank the other town departments for all their help doing the "heavy" lifting. This year has been one of the best years I have had being your Town Clerk. THANK YOU!!

To end this year, Jennifer and I were approved to order new file cabinets, a storage cabinet and two desks for ourselves along with a new computer system for the Clerk's office space. We now have two working computer stations which should help alleviate the waiting lines. Each year Jennifer and I learn new things and try to implement new ideas that make things easier for our residents. This year we are in the planning stages of starting a quarterly newsletter. If you would like to be added to the list please e-mail us at [lfordtctc@hotmail.com](mailto:lfordtctc@hotmail.com). Please let us know what types of things would be helpful to have in this newsletter and submit your ideas for a name as well! We look forward to serving you again in 2015.

Regards,

*Linda Ford*, Town Clerk  
Certified Town Clerk/Tax Collector  
Jennifer Carson, Deputy Town Clerk

# Tax Collector Report

It has been a great year in the Tax Collector's office. It has been nice to see a lot of familiar faces and to meet some new residents this past year.

As of Dec 30, 2014, 94% of the 2014 property taxes have been paid which is right on track from past years.



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

It has been a pleasure to serve you as your Tax Collector this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jennifer Call*



# Report of the Town Clerk For the Period of January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014

Location Town MA Fee	\$9,318.00
Aquatherm	\$1.50
Checklist Fee	\$175.00
Basic License	\$273.00
Dog Group 5+	\$166.00
Dog Altered	\$1,536.50
Dog Civil Forfeiture	\$425.00
Dog Late Town of Sutton	\$10.00
Dog Senior	\$126.00
Dog State Fees	\$850.00
Dog State Tag	\$258.00
Loc. Town Permit Fees	\$336,229.87
Marriage License	\$585.00
Miscellaneous	\$55.00
Insufficient Funds Fee	\$25.00
Loc. Town Clerk Fees	\$3,073.00
Loc. Town Title Fees	\$868.00
Loc. Town Trans Fee	\$1,030.00
UCC	\$210.00
Vital 2nd Copy	\$160.00
Vital 1st Copy	\$555.00
Wetland Filing Fee	\$15.00
Total Remitted to Treasurer for 2014	\$355,944.87

Respectfully Submitted,

*Linda D. Ford*  
Town Clerk

# Report of the Trust Funds

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DE 31-Dec-14

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REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF SUTTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Date of Creation	NAME OF FUND	Purpose	HOW INVESTED	PRINCIPAL				INCOME				GRAND TOTAL Principal & Income End of Year
				Balance beginning of year	New Funds Created	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Balance beginning of year	Income during Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	
1959	TOWN BRIDGES	CAPITAL RESERVE	NRPDP*	177,296.68	10,000.00		187,296.68	83.09	33.44		116.53	187,413.21
1980	FOREST FIRE EQUIPMENT SOLID WASTE/ TRANSFER STATION	CAPITAL RESERVE	NRPDP*	3,136.74	250.00		3,386.74	854.71	0.00		854.71	4,241.45
1982		CAPITAL RESERVE	NRPDP*	50,659.09	3,000.00		53,659.09	1,586.61	10.61		1,597.22	55,256.31
1988	CEMETERIES	CAPITAL RESERVE	NRPDP*	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
1988	LEGAL FEES	CAPITAL RESERVE	NRPDP*	22,989.58	2,500.00		25,489.58	11.20	4.92		16.12	25,505.70
1993	HIGHWAY EQUIP	CAPITAL RESERVE	NRPDP*	72,085.76	50,000.00		122,085.76	1.28	15.00		16.28	122,082.04
1996	REVALUATION	CAPITAL RESERVE	NRPDP*	86,856.22			86,856.22	73.59	15.64		89.23	86,945.45
1996	RECYCLE FACILITY	CAPITAL RESERVE	NRPDP*	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
1998	HIGHWAY GARAGE	CAPITAL RESERVE	NRPDP*	30,238.62	10,000.00		40,238.62	19.95	5.98		25.93	40,264.55
1998	HWY PICKUP TRUCK	CAPITAL RESERVE	NRPDP*	8,109.61	4,000.00		12,109.61	2.11	1.47		3.58	12,113.19
2000	COMPUTER UPGRADE	CAPITAL RESERVE	NRPDP*	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
2001	HIGHWAY GRADER	CAPITAL RESERVE	NRPDP*	286,000.00		222,759.42	63,240.58	16,329.80	45.28		16,370.38	63,245.28
2001	HIGHWAY LOADER	CAPITAL RESERVE	NRPDP*	211,000.00			211,000.00	14,387.89	41.96		14,429.85	225,429.85
2001	TOWN HISTORY	CAPITAL RESERVE	NRPDP*	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
2005	FIRE EQUIP	CAPITAL RESERVE	NRPDP*	244,500.00	50,000.00	294,462.36	37.64	5,302.95	37.83		5,339.64	38.78
2005	CONSERVATION LAND	CAPITAL RESERVE	NRPDP*	80,711.18	7,000.00		87,711.18	10.17	14.83		25.00	87,736.18
2002	HWY EMERGENCY	NON-CAPITAL RESERVE	NRPDP*	18,000.00			18,000.00	1,681.11	4.25		1,685.36	19,685.36
2002	MILFOIL	NON-CAPITAL RESERVE	NRPDP*	20,000.00			20,000.00	2,712.24	4.88		2,717.12	22,717.12
2003	DRA RECERTIFICATION	NON-CAPITAL RESERVE	NRPDP*	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
2005	FIRE DEPT MAINT	NON-CAPITAL RESERVE	NRPDP*	2,000.00	3,000.00		2,000.00	309.10	0.00		309.10	2,309.10
2005	LIBRARY MAINT	NON-CAPITAL RESERVE	NRPDP*	2,000.00			5,000.00	153.81	0.00		153.81	5,153.81
2005	CEMETERY MAINT	NON-CAPITAL RESERVE	NRPDP*	1,000.00			1,000.00	153.81	0.00		153.81	1,153.81
2007	FIRE DEPT ADDN CRF	CAPITAL RESERVE	NRPDP*	212,500.00	25,000.00		237,500.00	3,897.81	42.05		3,939.86	241,439.86
2010	RECORD PRESERVATION	CAPITAL RESERVE	NRPDP*	9.23	2,000.00		2,009.23	0.00	0.00		0.00	2,009.23
2011	HIGHWAY BACKHOE CRF	CAPITAL RESERVE	NRPDP*	30,000.00	30,000.00		60,000.00	19.05	7.28		26.33	60,026.33
2011	RESCUE VEHICLE CRF	CAPITAL RESERVE	NRPDP*	25,000.00	10,000.00		35,000.00	17.16	5.22		22.38	35,022.38
2011	PILLSBURY MEMORIAL CRF	CAPITAL RESERVE	NRPDP*	1,005.36	3,000.00		4,005.36	0.00	0.00		0.00	4,005.36
2012	CEMETERY LAND	CAPITAL RESERVE	NRPDP*	10,000.00	5,000.00		15,000.00	1.74	1.80		3.54	15,003.54
	TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS			1,595,078.07	214,750.00	517,221.78	1,292,606.29	47,609.18	292.44		26,191.02	1,318,797.89
	TOTAL ALL TRUSTS			190,873.86	0.00	0.00	16,188.48	32.04	6,836.00		9,384.52	200,256.38
	<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>			<b>1,785,951.93</b>	<b>214,750.00</b>	<b>517,221.78</b>	<b>1,483,480.15</b>	<b>63,797.66</b>	<b>324.48</b>		<b>35,576.12</b>	<b>1,519,056.27</b>

# Report of the Trust Funds

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REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF SUTTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014

Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUND (COMMON FUND)	Purpose of Trust	HOW INVESTED	PRINCIPAL				YTD				GRAND TOTAL
				Balance beginning of year	New Funds Created	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Income during Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Principal & Income of Year	
various	126 CEMETERY TRUSTS	PERPETUAL CARE	NHFDIP*	29,775.81			29,775.81	68.23	5.86		74.09	29,849.90
1966	CEMETERY GEN'L TRUST	GEN'L CARE	NHFDIP*	12,241.00			12,241.00	0.19	1.88		2.07	12,243.07
1916	ORIN NELSON	LIBRARY	NHFDIP*	1,000.00			1,000.00	1.88	0.00		1.88	1,001.88
1918	JOHN PRESSY	LIBRARY	NHFDIP*	1,000.00			1,000.00	1.88	0.00		1.88	1,001.88
1943	LEWIS RICHARDS	LIBRARY	NHFDIP*	300.00			300.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	300.00
1967	DOUGLAS ANDERSON	LIBRARY	NHFDIP*	1,000.00			1,000.00	1.88	0.00		1.88	1,001.88
1971	GRACE P. NELSON	LIBRARY	NHFDIP*	48,560.10			48,560.10	178.86	8.98		187.44	48,747.54
1988	ADAP. ANDERSON	LIBRARY	NHFDIP*	3,000.00			3,000.00	10.37	0.00		10.37	3,010.37
1988	F. B. WADLEIGH	BOOKS	NHFDIP*	4,168.21			4,168.21	14.95	0.00		14.95	4,183.16
2000	AMELIA CHAPMAN	LIBRARY	NHFDIP*	10,000.00			10,000.00	37.01	1.80		38.81	10,038.81
1909	MARY EATON	SCHOOLS	NHFDIP*	150.00			150.00	29.73	0.00		29.73	179.73
1916	ORIN NELSON	POOR	NHFDIP*	1,085.00			1,085.00	1,903.24	0.00		1,903.24	2,988.24
1930	JOHN EATON	SCHOOLS	NHFDIP*	500.00			500.00	95.06	0.00		95.06	595.06
1944	FRED E. NELSON	TOWN	NHFDIP*	1,510.24			1,510.24	0.00	0.00		0.00	1,510.24
1944	FRED E. NELSON	MISC. TOWN	NHFDIP*	4,073.20			4,073.20	0.00	0.00		0.00	4,073.20
1966	HELENA W. WELLS	MUSEUM	NHFDIP*	10,118.25			10,118.25	2,425.30	1.89		2,427.19	12,545.44
1989	SUTTON RESCUE**	RESCUE SQUAD	NHFDIP*	3,001.46			3,001.46	304.33	0.00		304.33	3,305.79
1990	VOL. FIRE DEPT**	FIRE DEPT	NHFDIP*	20,540.73			20,540.73	6,836.75	5.57		6,836.00	20,547.05
1994	FOREST FIRE SALARIES**	SALARIES	NHFDIP*	3,404.11			3,404.11	1,099.77	0.02		1,099.79	4,503.90
1994	ACCRUED BENEFITS**	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	NHFDIP*	3,199.93			3,199.93	68.33	0.00		68.33	3,268.26
2003	N SUTTON CEM R FUND**	REP & MAINT	NHFDIP*	31,245.82			31,245.82	3,108.84	6.44		3,115.28	34,361.10
2008	FAY PUGLIESE LIBRARY	LIBRARY	NHFDIP*	1,000.00			1,000.00	1.88	0.00		1.88	1,001.88
	<b>CUMULATIVE TOTALS - ALL TRUSTS</b>			<b>190,873.86</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>190,873.86</b>	<b>16,188.48</b>	<b>32.04</b>		<b>6,836.00</b>	<b>200,258.38</b>

\* NH PUBLIC DEPOSIT INVESTMENT POOL

\*\* EXPENDABLE TRUST

# Treasurer's Report

## Town of Sutton, New Hampshire 2014 Treasurer's Report

	General Fund	Conservation Commission	King Hill Reservation	Performance Deposits	Total
<b>Beginning Balances</b>	<b>1,741,589.68</b>	<b>92,221.81</b>	<b>7,549.68</b>	<b>21,672.62</b>	<b>1,863,033.79</b>
<b>Receipts:</b>					
Tax Collector	6,727,220.89				6,727,220.89
Town Clerk	344,034.87				344,034.87
Town Office & Other Departments	83,627.70			1,910.57	85,538.27
State of New Hampshire	184,934.32				184,934.32
Withdrawal from Capital Reserves	538,931.80				538,931.80
Distributions from Nonexpendable Trusts	6,836.00				6,836.00
Tax Anticipation Notes	400,000.00				400,000.00
Conservation Income <i>(Land Use Change 100%)</i>	1,658.00				1,658.00
Interest on deposits	338.80		11.30	10.59	500.55
	<b>8,285,924.38</b>	<b>1,797.86</b>	<b>11.30</b>	<b>1,921.16</b>	<b>8,289,654.70</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>					
Selectboard Orders Paid	8,062,441.03			6,821.46	8,069,262.49
Conservation Commission Orders Paid		390.00			390.00
	<b>8,062,441.03</b>	<b>390.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,821.46</b>	<b>8,069,652.49</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>1,905,073.03</b>	<b>93,629.67</b>	<b>7,560.98</b>	<b>16,772.32</b>	<b>2,083,036.00</b>
<b>Bank Balances:</b>					
Lake Sunapee Savings Bank	1,965,073.03			1,681.37	1,966,754.40
TD Banknorth	-	93,629.67	7,560.98	15,090.95	116,281.60
	<b>1,965,073.03</b>	<b>93,629.67</b>	<b>7,560.98</b>	<b>16,772.32</b>	<b>2,083,036.00</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lorri Himes, Treasurer*

Lorri Himes, Treasurer

# Treasurer's Agency Report

## TOWN OF SUTTON

*Agency Funds - Summary of Changes in Assets and Liabilities*  
 FYE December 31, 2014

Depositor	Date Established	Purpose	Type of Deposit	Bank/Ins. Company	Account/Policy Number	Balance Beginning	Additions		Deductions	Balance Ending
							Deposits Received	Interest Credited		
Z Ventures Corporation	051229	Performance bond	Cash	TD Bank North	9721940298	15,083.41	-	7.54	-	15,090.95
TKI Construction, LLC	110203	Performance bond	Cash	Lake Sunapee	210563144	4,588.16	1,910.57	1.33	(4,589.49)	-
Industrial Tower & Wire, LLC	131205	Performance bond	Cash	Lake Sunapee	210644092	2,001.05	-	0.80	(230.00)	1,681.37
Granite State Forestry Service, Inc.	121210	Performance bond	Cash	Lake Sunapee	210616322	-	1,910.37	0.92	(2,001.97)	-
						21,672.62	1,910.37	10.59	(6,821.46)	16,772.32

# Conservation Commission 2014

	Conservation Commission accounts			Total
	Town Accounts	Conservation Commission	King Hill Reservation	
<b>REVENUES</b>				
RSA 79-A (100% of CU collections)		1,658.00		1,658.00
Interest on deposits		139.86	11.30	151.16
	-	1,797.86	11.30	1,809.16
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current - Conservation				
Secretarial services	583.81			583.81
Dues, Conferences & Publications	475.00			475.00
Commission expenses	1,099.34			1,099.34
Road work at Webb/Crowell Property		390.00		390.00
	2,158.15	390.00	-	2,548.15
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(2,158.15)	1,407.86	11.30	(738.99)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>				
Transfers in				
General Fund	2,158.15			2,158.15
	2,158.15	-	-	2,158.15
Net change in fund balances	-	1,407.86	11.30	1,419.16
Fund balances - beginning	-	92,221.81	7,549.68	99,771.49
Fund balances - ending	-	93,629.67	7,560.98	101,190.65

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Conservation Commission*

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# 2014 Expenditure Statement

<b>4130 Executive Office</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>143,384.57</b>
Selectmen's Salaries	7,500.00		
Town Administrator's Salary	50,034.40		
Secretary & Clerk Wages	20,645.59		
Health Insurance	37,488.00		
Telephone	1,643.21		
Other Professional Services	2,797.78		
Computer	12,079.07		
Equipment Maintenance	322.38		
Printing Costs	6,151.63		
Advertising	448.00		
Dues/Conferences/Publications	2,230.11		
Office Supplies	1,144.14		
Postage and Envelopes	554.87		
Mileage Reimbursement	281.10		
Office Equipment	64.29		
<b>4140 Election and Registration</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>4,795.36</b>
Supervisors Wages	1,501.47		
Ballot Clerk Wages	1,881.31		
Advertising	294.00		
Supplies	824.58		
Postage	294.00		
<b>4150 Financial Administration</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>65,720.06</b>
Town Clerk Wages	32,388.20		
Tax Collector Wages	9,999.99		
Deputy Tax Collector/Town Clerk Wages	6,770.85		
Recording Fees	238.61		
Telephone	929.54		
Legal Fees	0.00		
Mortgage Research	616.18		
Equipment Maintenance	2,235.25		
Printing	0.00		
Dues/Conferences/ Publications	1,750.85		
Office Supplies	5,584.15		
Postage & Envelopes	3,995.35		
Professional Services	0.00		
Mileage Reimbursement	1,211.09		
<b>4151 Financial Executive</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>19,518.86</b>
Deputy Treasurer Salary	100.00		
Treasurer Salary	4,999.80		
Budget Committee Secretary	1,378.92		
Budget Committee	45.50		
Auditing Services	9,350.00		
Telephone DSL/Fax	376.39		
Computer	1,833.50		
Postage & Envelopes	728.80		
Bank Service Charges	25.00		
Mileage Reimbursement	680.95		

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<b>4152 Revaluation of Property</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>
RP Appraisal Services	6,000.00		
 <b>4153 Judicial and Legal Expenses</b>		 <b>\$</b>	 <b>23,936.95</b>
Legal Expenses and Services	16,956.27		
Litigation Expenses	6,980.68		
 <b>4155 Personnel Administration</b>		 <b>\$</b>	 <b>112,982.34</b>
PA Contingency	0.00		
Group Insurance - Life/D/S-L	6,344.94		
Group Insurance - Dental	5,952.97		
FICA	34,059.41		
Medicare	10,432.25		
Police Retirement Contribution	42,134.69		
Highway Retirement Contribution	9,938.64		
Executive Retirement Contribution	2,501.72		
Financial Retirement Contribution	1,617.72		
 <b>4101 Planning Board</b>		 <b>\$</b>	 <b>34,265.54</b>
Secretarial Services	27,229.75		
Professional Services	1,122.42		
Recording Fees	368.77		
Telephone	885.15		
Printing	91.00		
Notices	1,331.00		
Dues/Conferences/Publications	191.00		
GIS Mapping	750.00		
Office Supplies	326.08		
Postage	1,414.62		
Mileage Reimbursement	555.75		
 <b>4194 General Government Buildings</b>		 <b>\$</b>	 <b>23,053.51</b>
Custodial Wages	1,645.83		
Electricity	2,078.15		
Heating Fuel	12,189.73		
Repairs & Maintenance	6,425.49		
Supplies	714.31		
 <b>4155 Cemeteries</b>		 <b>\$</b>	 <b>12,790.00</b>
Cemetery Services	12,790.00		
 <b>4196 Insurance</b>		 <b>\$</b>	 <b>72,543.05</b>
Unemployment Insurance	2,218.02		
Workers Compensation	43,299.55		
Property/Liability	24,825.48		
Miscellaneous Insurance Expense	0.00		
Safety Committee	200.00		
Hazmat Cleanup Dues	2,000.00		
 <b>4197 Advertising &amp; Regional Associations</b>		 <b>\$</b>	 <b>2,026.00</b>
Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission	2,026.00		
 <b>4210 Police Department</b>		 <b>\$</b>	 <b>376,528.66</b>
Full Time Wages	87,127.12		
Part Time Wages	12,378.16		



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Special Duty Wages	6,737.50		
Building and Grounds	1,800.00		
On Call Wages	5,865.25		
Overtime Wages	10,170.49		
Police Chief Salary	56,698.20		
Part Time Secretary	24,507.91		
Health Insurance	105,205.25		
Court Representation	1,020.00		
Court Witness Fees	0.00		
Telephone	6,445.63		
Computer Services	3,635.00		
Animal Control Expenses	0.00		
Electric	1,777.03		
LP Gas	2,617.59		
Maintenance	1,549.11		
Dues/Conferences/Publications	4,502.37		
Training	1,055.95		
Office Supplies	2,622.57		
Investigative Supplies	7,523.69		
Postage	203.51		
Mileage	242.26		
Cruiser Lease/Equipment	7,828.27		
Cruiser Fuel	10,410.97		
Cruiser Repair/Maintenance	10,503.76		
Uniforms	4,101.07		
<b>4215 Ambulance</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>41,134.10</b>
Sutton Rescue Squad	6,500.00		
Support Ambulance	0.00		
New London Ambulance	34,634.10		
<b>4220 Fire Department</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>54,982.34</b>
LP Gas	0.00		
Telephone	1,110.69		
Electricity	3,942.49		
Heating Fuel	6,026.67		
Building Maintenance	2,471.94		
Equipment Fuel	1,102.95		
Training	3,612.50		
Fire Warden	377.50		
Maintenance Fee Gen Air	1,771.95		
Miscellaneous & Supplies	20,912.27		
Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance	4,457.10		
Training Supplies/Equipment	3,759.63		
Equipment	2,017.68		
Radios	3,418.97		
<b>4240 Building Inspection</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>4,764.86</b>
Inspection Services	3,764.86		
Wetlands Inspection	1,000.00		
<b>4290 Emergency Management</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>300.00</b>
Emergency Management Services	300.00		
Emergency Management Supplies	0.00		
<b>4299 Dispatching Services</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>20,684.00</b>
Dispatching Services	20,684.00		

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<b>4312 Highway Department</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>598,656.63</b>
Wages	233,347.17		
Part Time Labor	0.00		
Part Time Mechanic	500.00		
Overtime Wages	28,771.50		
Part Time Secretary	817.87		
Health Insurance	86,093.38		
Telephone	1,410.06		
Other Professional Services	17,635.07		
Radio Repairs/Purchase/Lease	0.00		
Electricity	2,994.94		
Heating Oil	13,858.51		
LP Gas	0.00		
Building Repairs/Maintenance	3,166.56		
Dues/Conferences/Publications & Adv.	314.50		
Equipment Rental	11,935.00		
Mileage Reimbursement	87.54		
Vehicle Fuel	52,905.95		
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	11,166.78		
Oil & Filters	1,860.56		
Tires	5,563.25		
Materials & Supplies	3,815.48		
Cutting Edges	5,987.07		
Equipment Repair/Maintenance	11,828.02		
Chains	4,550.00		
Culverts	6,278.91		
Hand Tools	769.90		
Shop Equipment	217.20		
Sand & Salt	77,319.23		
Gravel	14,728.23		
Asphalt Products	733.95		
Signs	0.00		
Liquid Calcium Chloride	0.00		
<b>4313 Bridges</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>
Bridge Expenses	0.00		
<b>4316 Street Lighting</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>6,826.28</b>
Street Lighting Expenses	6,826.28		
<b>4324 Solid Waste Disposal</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>132,472.75</b>
Wages	58,101.28		
Telephone	651.46		
Water Testing	4,377.25		
Electricity	1,569.93		
Diesel	1,028.50		
Dues/Conferences/Publications	528.13		
Maintenance/Supplies	882.00		
Uniforms	501.44		
Safety Equipment	346.20		
Operator Certification	395.51		
Repairs	2,953.10		
Lagoon Maintenance	1,881.55		
Demo Dumpster/Tipping Fee	17,921.35		
Electronic Recycling	3,044.65		
Newspaper Containers	0.00		
Hazardous Waste	1,100.00		

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Cardboard Dumpster	3,755.93		
Aluminum/Steel Cans	938.10		
Freon Recycling	0.00		
Tire Removal	709.00		
Florescent Bulb Recycling	0.00		
MSW Tipping	21,873.22		
MSW Trucking	5,544.54		
Propane	1,617.11		
Calcium Chloride	0.00		
Glass	2,752.50		
<b>4411 Health Administration</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>1,824.60</b>
Inoculations & Tests	1,173.00		
Miscellaneous Expenses	651.60		
<b>4415 Lake Sunapee Region VNA</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>5,338.90</b>
Lake Sunapee Region VNA	5,338.90		
<b>4442 Direct Assistance</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>12,078.58</b>
Worthy Causes	424.45		
Miscellaneous Direct Assistance	3,129.89		
Services	4,413.24		
Community Action Program	4,111.00		
<b>4520 Culture and Recreation</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>11,663.00</b>
South Sutton Common	300.00		
Historical Society	6,000.00		
Council on Aging	2,500.00		
Churches	263.00		
Old Store Museum	300.00		
Youth Recreation Programs	1,800.00		
North Sutton Improvement Society	500.00		
<b>4550 Library</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>36,183.71</b>
Salaries	21,159.88		
Custodial	468.00		
Telephone	941.74		
Electricity	1,641.45		
Heating Fuel	2,628.44		
Repairs and Maintenance	4,980.92		
Advertising	383.20		
Programs	514.87		
Administrative	1,093.00		
Books	2,372.21		
<b>4583 Patriotic Purposes</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>539.90</b>
Patriotic Purposes Expenses	539.90		
<b>4611 Conservation Administration</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>2,158.15</b>
Secretarial Services	583.81		
Dues/Conferences/Publications	475.00		
Expenses	1,099.34		
Supplies	0.00		
<b>4700 Debt Service</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>42,915.35</b>
Principal LT Bonds/Notes	20,882.32		
Interest LT Bonds/Notes	20,489.04		

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Interest on Tans	723.28	
Interest on Abatements	820.71	
<b>4194 Capital Reserve Funds</b>		<b>\$ 214,750.00</b>
Conservation Land	7,000.00	
Highway Equipment/Trucks	50,000.00	
Bridges	10,000.00	
Solid Waste Facility	3,000.00	
Forest Fire Equipment	250.00	
Fire Equipment Replacement	50,000.00	
Rescue Vehicle	10,000.00	
Cemetery	5,000.00	
Library Building Maintenance	3,000.00	
Highway Sand Shed	10,000.00	
Highway Pickup Truck	4,000.00	
Fire Department Addition	25,000.00	
Legal Fees	2,500.00	
Highway Backhoe	30,000.00	
Historical Records Preservation	2,000.00	
Pillsbury Memorial Hall	3,000.00	
<b>2013 Warrant Articles</b>		<b>\$ 596,590.23</b>
Gravel Road Upgrade	16,834.50	
Blacktop Upgrade	0.00	
Fire Truck	278,890.76	
Revaluation	14,080.00	
Library Septic System	14,300.00	
Computer File Server Copier	10,468.00	
Corporation Hill/Grist Mill Bridge	9,325.00	
Birch Hill Road	9,062.17	
Old Store Museum	4,500.00	
Grader	239,129.80	
		<b>\$ 2,681,408.28</b>

# Statement of Receipts and Actual Revenues

for the year ending December 31, 2014

	Estimated Revenues	Actual Revenues	Over (Under) Budget
<b>TAXES</b>			
Timber Tax	40,246.00	42,147.00	1,901.00
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	61,100.00	65,446.16	4,346.16
Excavation Tax & Activity Tax	42.00	21.30	(20.70)
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES</b>			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	310,000.00	339,495.87	29,495.87
Building Permits	2,000.00	2,456.00	456.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	5,000.00	4,181.00	(819.00)
<b>FROM STATE /FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</b>			
Shared Revenues	0.00	0.00	0.00
Meals & Room Tax Distribution	89,045.00	89,045.00	0.00
Highway Block Grant	94,843.00	95,184.39	341.39
State Forest Land	11.00	11.46	0.46
Other State/Federal Aid	35,000.00	693.07	(34,306.93)
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>			
Income from Departments	50,000.00	58,115.32	8,115.32
Other/Bank Charges	100.00	27.00	(73.00)
<b>MISC. REVENUE</b>			
Sale of Municipal Property	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest on Investments	600.00	338.80	(261.20)
Other/Cable, Insurance, Dividends & Reimbursement	22,000.00	18,971.82	(3,028.18)
<b>TRANSFERS IN</b>			
Capital Reserve Funds*	666,731.00	655,862.00	(10,869.00)
Income from Expendable Capital Reserves	0.00	0.00	0.00
Trust Funds*	<u>9,700.00</u>	<u>6,863.00</u>	<u>(2,837.00)</u>
<b>PROCEEDS LONG TERM NOTES</b>			
Proceeds - L/T Notes & Bonds authorize in 2014 received in 2015*	<u>83,362.00</u>	<u>83,362.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE USED TO SET TAX RATE</b>			
	<u>156,500.00</u>	<u>156,500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>1,626,280.00</u>	<u>1,618,721.19</u>	<u>(7,558.81)</u>

# Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures for the year ending December 31, 2014

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Balance
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>			
4130 Executive	143,523.00	143,384.57	138.43
4140 Elections and Registrations	5,000.00	4,795.36	204.64
4150 Financial Administration	65,887.00	65,720.06	166.94
4151 Financial Executive	19,900.00	19,518.86	381.14
4152 Appraisal Services	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
4153 Legal Expenses	22,500.00	23,936.95	(1,436.95)
4152 Personnel Administration	143,297.00	112,982.34	30,314.66
4191 Planning Board/Zoning	36,950.00	34,265.54	2,684.46
4194 General Government Buildings	25,340.00	23,053.51	2,286.49
4195 Cemeteries	14,000.00	12,790.00	1,210.00
4196 Insurance	69,600.00	72,543.05	(2,943.05)
4197 Regional Association	2,026.00	2,026.00	0.00
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>			
4210 Police Department	444,200.00	376,528.66	67,671.34
4215 Ambulance	42,334.00	41,134.10	1,199.90
4220 Fire Department	55,325.00	54,982.34	342.66
4240 Building Inspection	11,000.00	4,764.86	6,235.14
4290 Emergency Management	1,300.00	300.00	1,000.00
4299 Dispatching	20,684.00	20,684.00	0.00
<b>HIGHWAYS AND STREETS</b>			
4312 Highway Department	640,461.00	598,656.63	41,804.37
4313 Bridges	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
4316 Street Lighting	7,700.00	6,826.28	873.72
<b>SANITATION</b>			
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	142,200.00	132,472.75	9,727.25
<b>HEALTH ADMINISTRATION</b>			
4411 Inoculations, Tests and Expenses	2,000.00	1,824.60	175.40
4415 Health Agencies	5,339.00	5,338.90	0.10
<b>WELFARE</b>			
4442 Welfare/Worthy Causes/CAP	19,025.00	12,078.58	6,946.42
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>			
4520 Churches, Commons, Museum, Recreation	11,663.00	11,663.00	0.00
4550 Library	39,755.00	36,183.71	3,571.29
4583 Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00	539.90	460.10

# Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures for the year ending December 31, 2014

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Balance
<b>CONSERVATION</b>			
4611 Administration, Expenses & Supplies	3,110.00	2,158.15	951.85
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>			
4711 Debt Service LT Principal	20,882.32	20,882.32	0.00
4711 Debt Service LT Interest	20,489.04	20,489.04	0.00
4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	2,000.00	723.28	1,276.72
4724 Interest on Abatements	1,000.00	820.71	179.29
<b>CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS</b>			
Conservation Commission Land	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00
Highway Equipment/Trucks	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00
Town Bridges	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Solid Waste Facility	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Forest Fire Equipment	250.00	250.00	0.00
Fire Equipment Replacement	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00
Rescue Vehicle	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Cemetery	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Library Building Maintenance	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Highway Facility Sand Shed	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Highway Pickup Truck	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
Fire Department Addition	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
Legal Fees	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
Highway Backhoe	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
Historical Preservation	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Pillsbury Memorial Hall	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
<b>Total Operating Budget &amp; Capital Reserves</b>	<b>2,263,240.36</b>	<b>2,084,818.05</b>	<b>178,422.31</b>
<b>WARRANT ARTICLES</b>			
Gravel Road Upgrade	30,000.00	16,834.50	13,165.50
Blacktop Upgrade	75,000.00	0.00	75,000.00
Fire Truck	390,000.00	278,890.76	111,109.24
Revaluation	86,929.00	14,080.00	72,849.00
Library Septic System	18,000.00	14,300.00	3,700.00
Computer File Server/Copier	11,000.00	10,468.00	532.00
Corporation Hill/Grist Mill	30,000.00	9,325.00	20,675.00
Birch Hill Road	25,000.00	9,062.17	15,937.83
Old Store Museum	5,000.00	4,500.00	500.00
Grader	250,000.00	239,129.80	10,870.20
<b>Total Warrant Articles</b>	<b>920,929.00</b>	<b>596,590.23</b>	<b>324,338.77</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>3,184,169.36</b>	<b>2,681,408.28</b>	<b>502,761.08</b>

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Map/Lot	Location	Value
02-895,218	Old Sutton Road (old gravel pit)	6,500
04-246,386	Old Store Museum and Land	120,370
04-262,377	Soldiers Monument on Common	16,750
04-313,462	N/S Route 114 (ash disposal area)	112,810
04-387,478	Solid Waste Facility and Land	129,250
05-609,563	Kearsarge Valley backland	3,000
05-821,512	Settlers Oven	27,230
06-341,143	Highway Garage and Land	782,990
06-365,163	Village Road	120
06-403,240	Library and Land	146,170
06-428,236	Pillsbury Memorial Hall and Land	472,500
06-513,305	Chalk Pond Road	30,600
06-544,342	Chalk Pond Road	30,600
07-876-290	Pocharski Property	45,020
07-912,283	Fire Station/North Road and Land	359,860
07-913,302	Police Station/North Road	242,540
07-927,424	Old Fire House	24,530
09-284,237	Charles Avenue/R-O-W.	3,480
09-906,090	W/S Route 114 adj. to Route 89	13,500
09-935,453	Crockett Circle	3,750
	Total Town Property	2,571,570

## Kearsarge School District

05-402,352	Kearsarge Regional High School and Land	359,510
05-505,365	Kearsarge Regional High School and Land	10,035,230
05-909,431	Kearsarge Regional Middle School and Land	11,976,760
06-472,183	Sutton Elementary School and Land	995,590
	Total School Property	23,367,090

## Conservation Land

01-113,554	North Road and I-89 (Cloues Natural Area)	380
03-126,029	North Road (Redington Dam Area)	1,500
03-998,313	Eaton Grange Road (Webb/Crowell Forest)	8,220
04-070,198	off Eaton Grange Road (Sprout Lot)	12,300
04-391,036	Rte 114 & Russell Pond (Spiers)	2,880
06-038,545	W/S Route 114 (Town Wetland)	2,500
06-068,565	Wadleigh Hill Road (Town Wildlife Area)	154,000
07-926,552	Rte 114 - Enroth Gift	56,100
08-018,336	Lefferts Natural Area	165,200
08-018,340	Lefferts Natural Area	101,700
08-109,368	E/S Penny Ante Alley (Sundell Lot)	78,100
08-171,362	off Park Ave. on Kezar Lake (Seymour Lot)	49,350
08-367,498	Maple Leaf Natural Area	4,199
08-369,498	King Hill Reservation	313,390
08-527,561	William Bean Quarry	6,050
	Total Conservation Property	955,869



# Inventory 2014

## Tax Deeded Property

02-491,339	Bocknick Property	270
03-293,290	Saddleback Road	34,850
04-110,318	Gambsy/Wells Property	9,300
04-194,375	Holloway Property	17,800
04-212,391	Lonnie White	38,200
04-327,098	Unknown Owner	21,470
04-428,530	Whittaker, Roy TIC at 25%	13,300
06-500,272	Langley Property	18,230
06-653,513	Dimaggio Property	116,670
07-662,017	Mary B. Page Estate	20,400
07-790,226	Emerson Baily Heirs	1,200
	Total Tax Deeded Property	291,420

## Cemeteries

01-162,131	Sutton Lane	N.A.V.*
03-277,473	Gore Road	540
04-124,402	Meeting House	110
04-358,511	Millswood, Route 114	110
06-365,163	near Union Church, Sutton Mills	120
07-203,396	Mastin, Baker Road	7000
07-939,404	North Sutton, Route 114	5400

\*Reflects parcel with "no assessed value"

# Tax Collector's Report

Linda D. Ford

Summary of Tax Accounts (January - March 2014)  
for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2014

## DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES BEG. OF YEAR*		Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)				
			2013	2012	2011 ...		
Property Taxes	#3110		\$ 495,232.91		\$ 10,763.68		
Resident Taxes	#3180						
Land Use Change	#3120		\$ 6,278.00				
Yield Taxes	#3185		\$ 1,184.54				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187		\$ 20.20				
Interest					\$ 0.05		
Property Tax Credit Balance**		< >					
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance**		< >					
<b>TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR</b>			<b>For DRA Use Only</b>				
Property Taxes	#3110						
Resident Taxes	#3180						
Land Use Change	#3120						
Yield Taxes	#3185					\$ 7,233.38	
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187						
Utility Charges	#3189						
Other Charges							
<b>OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS</b>							
Property Taxes	#3110		\$ 193.00				
Resident Taxes	#3180						
Land Use Change	#3120						
Yield Taxes	#3185						
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187						
Interest - Late Tax	#3190		\$ 4,098.32				
Costs Before Lien	#3190						
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190						
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>			<b>\$ 514,240.35</b>		<b>\$ 10,763.73</b>		

\*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

\*\*Enter as a negative. This is the amount of this year's amounts pre-paid last year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a.

\*\*The amount is already included in the warrant & therefore in line #3110 as positive amount for this year's levy.

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Summary of Tax Accounts (January - March 2014)  
for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2014

## CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	Levy for Year of This Report	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
		2013	2012	2011 ...
Property Taxes	\$ 211.46	\$ 291,790.86		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes		\$ 7,233.38		
Interest (include lien conversion)				
Penalties				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd				
Interest		\$ 4,098.32		
Conversion to Lien (principal only)				
Other Charge				
<b>DISCOUNTS ALLOWED</b>				
<b>ABATEMENTS MADE</b>				
Property Taxes				
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd				
Utility Charges				
<b>CURRENT LEVY DEEDED</b>				
<b>UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR #1080</b>				
Property Taxes		\$ 203,635.05		\$ 10,763.73
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change		\$ 6,278.00		
Yield Taxes		\$ 1,184.54		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd		\$ 20.20		
Interest				
Property Tax Credit Balance**				
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance**	(\$211.46)			
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>\$ 514,240.35</b>		<b>\$ 10,763.73</b>

\*\*Enter as a negative. This is the amount of taxes pre-paid for next year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a  
(Be sure to include a positive amount in the appropriate taxes or charges actually remitted to the treasurer).

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# Tax Collector's Report

Summary of Tax Accounts (January - March 2014)  
for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2014

## DEBITS

	Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
	2013	2012	2011	2010 ...
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beg. Of Year		\$ 100,011.67	\$ 59,039.73	\$ 10,971.07
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year				
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)		\$ 2,548.48	\$ 2,310.60	\$ 89.93
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>		<b>\$ 102,560.15</b>	<b>\$ 61,350.33</b>	<b>\$ 11,061.00</b>

## CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER		Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
		2013	2012	2011	2010 ...
Redemptions			\$ 12,174.90	\$ 13,200.29	
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	#3190		\$ 2,548.48	\$ 2,310.60	\$ 89.93
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens					
Liens Deeded to Municipality					
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year	#1110		\$ 87,836.77	\$ 45,839.44	\$ 10,971.07
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 102,560.15</b>	<b>\$ 61,350.33</b>	<b>\$ 11,061.00</b>

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a) ? \_\_\_\_\_

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

**TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

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# Tax Collector's Report

Jennifer Call

Summary of Tax Accounts (April - December 2014)  
for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2014



**New Hampshire**  
Department of  
Revenue Administration

**2014**  
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Debits						
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)			
			Year: 2013	Year: 2012	Year: 2011..	
Property Taxes	3110		\$203,624.26		\$10,763.73	
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120		\$6,278.00			
Yield Taxes	3185		\$1,184.54			
Excavation Tax	3187		\$20.20			
Other Taxes	3189					
Property Tax Credit Balance ?		(\$211.46)				
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance ?						

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
			2013		
Property Taxes	3110	\$6,476,560.00			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185	\$34,914.40			
Excavation Tax	3187	\$21.30			
Other Taxes	3189				
-					
Add Line					

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
			2013	2012	2011..
Property Taxes	3110	\$22,005.11	\$4,456.20		
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
-					
Add Line					
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$2,652.93	\$14,502.79		\$1,405.75
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				

<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$6,535,942.28</b>	<b>\$230,065.99</b>		<b>\$12,169.48</b>
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# Tax Collector's Report

Jennifer Call

Summary of Tax Accounts (April - December 2014)  
for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2014



New Hampshire  
Department of  
Revenue Administration

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Credits				
Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2013	2012	2011..
Property Taxes	\$6,130,446.78	\$25,543.68		\$1,732.51
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes		\$1,658.00		
Yield Taxes	\$26,299.30			
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$2,652.93	\$14,502.79		\$1,405.75
Penalties				
Excavation Tax	\$21.30			
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$182,938.32		
-				
Add Line				
Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made				
	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2013	2012	2011..
Property Taxes	\$5,731.00	\$4,868.20		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes		\$412.00		
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
-				
Add Line				
Current Levy Deeded				

# Tax Collector's Report

Jennifer Call

Summary of Tax Accounts (April - December 2014)  
for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2014



**New Hampshire**  
Department of  
Revenue Administration

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Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2013	2012	2011..
Property Taxes	\$362,387.33	\$143.00		\$9,031.22
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes	\$8,615.10			
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance ?	(\$211.46)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance ?				
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$6,535,942.28</b>	<b>\$230,065.99</b>		<b>\$12,169.48</b>



Summary of Debits				
	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2013	Year: 2012	Year: 2011..
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year		\$87,836.77	\$45,839.44	\$10,971.07
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$197,523.30			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$4,634.77	\$12,475.26	\$13,518.64	\$6,458.10
- Refund	\$26.63			
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>				
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$202,184.70</b>	<b>\$100,312.03</b>	<b>\$59,358.08</b>	<b>\$17,429.17</b>

Summary of Credits				
	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2013	2012	2011..
Redemptions	\$68,120.87	\$32,020.07	\$42,715.64	\$9,452.28
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<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>				
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	\$4,634.77	\$12,475.26	\$13,422.64	\$6,458.10
-				
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>				
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	\$281.63			\$1,518.79
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110	\$129,147.43	\$55,816.70	\$3,219.80	
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$202,184.70</b>	<b>\$100,312.03</b>	<b>\$59,358.08</b>	<b>\$17,429.17</b>



# Report of the Budget Committee

The work of the Budget Committee begins in the prior calendar year and continues into the first quarter of the budget year. We started work for the 2014 budget in December 2013 and continued in January, listening to budget presentations by Sutton's supervisors and department heads. We held a public hearing in February to receive your comments and concerns about our budget proposal. The hearing is mandated by state law, and it is your opportunity to make your feelings about the budget known to us. After hearing from you we then have an opportunity to change it to reflect your concerns. We do this in a 'deliberative' meeting that we hold after the public hearing. The result of the deliberative meeting is then presented to you on a state mandated format, known as an MS-737, printed together with the town's warrant, on colored paper, in the annual report. Finally, you have an opportunity to change the budget during the 'legislative' session of the town, aka the town meeting.

In broad strokes, the budget consists of three major components: the operating budget expenses, the warrant article spending including additions to capital reserves and finally, revenue from all sources including funds from depletion of capital reserves. You approved an operating budget of \$2,048,490 at the town meeting in March 2014 and approximately 58% of this was allocated for wages, salaries and employee benefits for all of our town's employees. The Highway Department continued to be the largest component of the operating budget in 2014 at a total of \$640,641, (including wages and salaries) or 31.2% of the total. The Police Department was in second place with \$444,200 or 21.5% of total. Highway, Police and all of the other wages, salaries and benefits total about 69% of the operating budget. The committee spent a good amount of time reviewing the Highway and Police budgets because of their relative importance.

Warrant articles consist of two major parts: additions to capital reserves and spending for specific assets and services. Sutton has consistently set aside funds for future projected needs and this practice helps smooth the tax rate when major costly projects, that are reserved for in advance, are approved. Two expensive pieces of equipment were budgeted and appropriated in 2014: a fire truck, \$390,000, and a road grader, \$250,000, total \$640,000. A total of \$538,932 was taken from Sutton's reserves in the NH Public Deposit Investment Pool to finance these assets and will be listed in Sutton's 2014 statements as revenue.

The largest item of Sutton's routine revenue comes from motor vehicle permit fees that average over \$300,000 per year. Additional revenue is received from the State of New Hampshire for a share of the

Room & Meals Tax and the Highway Block Grant. More income is budgeted from charges for permits and fees, sale of solid waste recyclables, yield taxes and interest and penalties on delinquent taxes. We budgeted \$666,900 in revenue items prior to funds to be received from capital reserves, sale of a bank note to complete the purchase of the fire truck, and a contribution from the general fund to reduce taxes.

John Silverberg – Chairman

Richard Benson

Robert DeFelice

Lynn King

Thomas Paul,

George Wells, III,

Walter Baker, Jr. – Ex-Officio

# Report of the Highway Department and Road Agent

Good Bye 2014 – Hello 2015

What a year we have had in 2014! The winters of 2013-2014 brought 48 storms of which we had 29 snow storms and 19 ice storms. So far, the 2014-2015 season seems the same. Recently, we experienced snow, sleet, freezing rain and rain followed by subzero temperatures in the teens – You just have to love New Hampshire. Enough about the winter . . .

## 2014 Projects

- Corporation Hill Road/Grist Mill Bridge: Several meetings have taken place regarding the project, final plans for rebuilding walls were engineered, a site survey was conducted, permitting progressed and cost estimates were developed.
- Birch Hill Road Upgrade: Many spots of ledge and boulders were removed. Stumps from 2013 tree work were removed or cut to ground level. Drainage was improved by adding a new culvert, ditching and removal of rocks. Finally, the driving surface was upgraded and more passing areas were added.
- On August 13, 2014 we experienced a very heavy rain storm of 5" or more of rain, 4" of rain occurred in less than two hours. This storm caused damage to many areas in town. Dodge Hill Road and Newbury Road were the hardest hit roads. Dodge Hill Road involved a lot of clean up and a few loads of gravel. On Newbury Road, three driveways were washed out along with about 1000 feet of roadway on one side of the road. Some of the washouts were 10' wide and 4' deep. The highway department rebuilt the road bed with crushed stone, gravel and re-used materials. We replaced three culverts with upgraded culverts for improved drainage and ground, graded and compacted the road bed and cut brush in preparation for paving. We repaved 1600 feet of roadway.
- North Road by Stevens Brook: There was limited drainage due to 200 feet of ledge on the side of the road. This caused icing across the road during the winter season. In order to correct this, we had one telephone pole removed which was replaced by two new poles (at no cost to the town). Over 60 loads of ledge were removed from the site. Work will continue on North Road in 2015 to finish the ditching. We ran out of time in 2014 because winter decided to start.

In 2014, we continued roadside brush cutting with the assistance of New Hampshire prison inmates. All of Shaker Street, and portions of Kearsarge Valley Road and Newbury Road were cut this year. We replaced 16 culverts: Gile Road (2); Birch Hill Road (1); Meetinghouse Hill Road (2); Pound Road South (1); Poor Farm Road (1); Newbury Road (3); Roby Road (1); Foothills Road (1); Blaisdell Hill Road (1); Old Blaisdell Road (1); and Penacook Road (1). We also performed ditching, culvert cleaning, grading, leaf blowing, mowing, catch basin cleaning and other small jobs throughout town.

I want to thank the people of Sutton for the new grader, the Fire Department for all they do to help our town, the Police Department for their help and support and the whole crew at our town hall for all your help. Special thanks go to my crew: John, Adam, Fred, Judy and our new crew-mates Eugene and Rick as nothing gets done without good help. Last but not least, thank you to Dennis Stevens who retired this year after 28 years of service to our town. We miss our grader-man! Enjoy your daughter and grandchildren and keep that fishing pole handy.

Respectfully submitted,

*Stephen Bagley*

# Report of the Sutton Police Department 2014

It was another busy year for the Sutton Police Department. During 2014, your Police Department saw a decrease in Calls for Service and a rise in Incidents, Citations and Arrests. Below are some statistics on the Departments increases and decreases both from 2013 to 2014 and a five year average from 2009-2013.

- Total CFS in 2014 decreased 17% from 2013, but was 5% higher than the average from the past five years.
- Total Incidents in 2014 were 8% higher than in 2013, but was 5% lower than the average from the past five years.
- Total Citations in 2014 were 44% higher than in 2013, but was 35% lower than the average from the past five years.
- Total Arrests for 2014 were 145% higher than in 2013, but was 28% higher than the average from the past five years.

This year, Part-Time Officer, Ernest Rousseau resigned from the Department.

In 2014 Sergeant Valerie Crone became a member of the Central New Hampshire Special Operations Unit as a Negotiator and attended a forty hour (40hr) Basic Crisis Negotiation Course certifying her as a Crisis Negotiator.

The Sutton Police Department has been a member of the Central New Hampshire Special Operations Unit since 2010. The Central New Hampshire Special Operations Unit is a regional Law Enforcement Team made up of Police Officers who receive specialized training from some of the top Law Enforcement agencies around the country. The Team offers a wide variety of resources that a small department like Sutton can't provide, such as Detective Services, Critical Incident Management and Crisis Negotiations under harsh conditions, specialized equipment and training in these areas and is available on a 24/7 basis. This will greatly reduce the risk of injury to both civilians and the Officers alike.

This department values the importance of In-Service Training. Here is a list of some of the training our Officers attended in 2014:

- The Law of Landlord/Tenant Relationships
- Boating Laws
- CPR Training
- Felony Legal Blood Draws
- Juvenile Laws

- Domestic Violence Protocol
- Suspicious Activity Reporting
- Conducting Physical Fitness Testing
- Taser Instructor Certification
- Active Shooter Training
- Sex Offender Registration Training

The Department started actively utilizing its Facebook page more, informing the public about important messages, functions and gatherings happening in the area and posting the department's arrests and charges.

I would like to thank the Officers and the Administrative Assistant of this department for their hard work. The Town should be proud to have such professional officers working for this department. I would also like to thank all the other police departments & NH State Police, Sutton Fire and Rescue Departments and Sutton Highway Department for the assistance they provide to this department.

On behalf of all the men and women of the Sutton Police Department, we appreciate the continued support of the Board of Selectmen, Town Offices, and most of all the citizens of Sutton.

In closing, I wish to remind you that we are your Police Department. We are here to serve you. Please don't hesitate to contact us if we can assist you in any fashion.

I respectfully submit to the residents of the Town of Sutton the annual report and statement of duties performed by the Sutton Police Department for the calendar year January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jonathan Korbet*  
Chief of Police

## Call Type

Alarms  
 Disturbance  
 911 Hang-up  
 Abandoned Vehicles  
 Traffic Accident  
 Animal Complaints  
 Arrest  
 Assist Ambulance  
 Assist Citizens  
 Assist Fire  
 Assist Motorist  
 Assist Police  
 Assist-Social Service Agencies  
 Assault  
 Be on lookout  
 Building Checks  
 Bullying  
 Burglary  
 Civil Issue/Stand by  
 Community Policing  
 Computer Crimes  
 Criminal Mischief  
 Criminal Threatening  
 Criminal Trespass  
 D.A.R.E  
 Directed Patrol  
 Dogs, loose, bite, barking  
 Domestic Dispute  
 Drugs/Possession  
 Driving While Intoxicated  
 Fingerprinting  
 Case Follow up  
 Fraud  
 Harassment  
 Harassing Communication  
 Internet Crime other than ICAC  
 Involuntary Emergency Admission  
 Illegal Burn  
 Interview  
 Juvenile Complaints  
 Littering-Illegal Dumping  
 Residential Lockout

## Call Type

77	Motor Vehicle Stops	270
2	Motor Vehicle Complaint	30
15	Motor Vehicle Unlock	12
16	Neglect	5
50	Noise Disturbance	11
57	OHRV Complaint	4
27	Open Door/Window	5
56	Paperwork Service/Relay	66
82	Parking Violation	5
35	Possession of Alcohol by a Minor	2
70	Report Request	17
80	Ride Along	0
7	Pistol Permits	43
11	Police Information	35
47	Property Lost/Found/Returned	49
338	Protective Order .	2
1	Protective Order Violation	1
2	Public Relations-Talk/Lecture	2
51	Road Hazard/Obstruction	57
6	Sexual Assault	1
0	Sex Offender Registration	23
14	Sex Abuse	1
9	Shots Fired	14
5	Stalking	0
10	Attempted Suicide	1
976	Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Incident	54
26	Theft	22
8	Tobacco Violation	2
3	Traffic Control	82
5	Unassisted Death	3
13	Unwanted Subject	3
270	Vacant Property Checks	495
8	VIN Inspection	21
20	Weapon Violation	1
15	Welfare Check	14
0	Log Note	20
2	Mental Person	3
1	Missing Person	2
11		
9		
1		
1		

# Report of the Solid Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Facility 2014

This year, residents of Sutton were recycling their aluminum cans, tin cans, cardboard/plastic, construction debris and electronics. Their efforts at recycling helped to offset the cost to run the transfer station by \$32,527.00.

The recyclable materials listed below were sent to market to be re-manufactured into new products through your non-profit recycling organization, the Northeast Resource Recovery Association.

Recyclable Material	Amount Recycled In 2014	Environmental Impact! Here is only one benefit of using this recycled material rather than natural resources (raw materials) to manufacture new products.
Aluminum Cans	7,060 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to run a television for 718,708 hours!
Paper	83.21 tons	Saved 1,415 trees!
Steel Cans	7.03 gross tons	Conserved enough energy to run a 60 watt light bulb for 409,240 hours!

Our 1999 Caterpillar backhoe needed some extra maintenance during the year. We installed two new batteries, painted the front bucket, installed a new fuel primer pump and completed the annual fluid maintenance schedule. Looking towards 2015, we will have to replace the brakes on the tractor which will be both costly and time consuming, because the brakes are located inside the rear axle housing.

We had two new water testing wells drilled this year and were pleased that the project came in under budget by \$200.00.

Many small projects were completed over the past year, and our crew tried to help everyone with their recycling needs.

Please, if you have any questions – ASK.

The hours for the Transfer Station are Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Our phone number is 927-4475.

Respectfully submitted,

*John Godkin*  
Transfer Station Supervisor



# Planning Board – 2014 Annual Report

The Sutton Planning Board meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Pillsbury Memorial Town Hall. Hearings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday and work sessions are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. Applications are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month. The **Subdivision** and **Site Plan** Regulations and Applications are available at the Town Hall and online.

The following is a look at the year's activities:

4/18/2014 Case # PB 2014-01	PSNH Corporation Hill Tree trimming Approved with Conditions
6/18/2014 Case # PB 2014-02	Peter Moulton Shaker Heights Map & Lot 09-718,376 Preliminary Consultation only
7/22/2014 Case # PB 2014-03	Robert Stewart, agent for T&G Land Holdings Eaton Grange Rd & Stevens Brook Rd Map & Lot 01-141,370 Subdivision, Minor Approved with Condition
7/22/2014 Case # PB 2014-04	John Mears, agent for both O'Neil Trust and Olson Trust Blaisdell Hill Rd. Map & Lot 06-932,131 Annexation &/or Lot Line Adj Approved
9/11/2014 Case # PB 2014-05	Martin Feins, agent for Michelle Feins Revocable Trust 77 Stonehouse Road Map & Lot 10-805,328 Removal of Condition that the lot Not be further subdivided Approved
11/11/2014 Case # PB 2014-06	Jon Feins Stonehouse Road Map & Lot 10-688,134 Subdivision, Minor Denied Without Prejudice

<p>10/28/2014 Case # PB 2014-07</p>	<p>Patricia and Gregory Mapes 63 Shaker Street Map &amp; Lot 07-726,194 Site Plan Review Approved with Condition</p>
<p>11/25/2014 Case # PB 2014-08</p>	<p>Jeffrey A. Evans, agent for John Michael Rogers Birch Hill Road Map &amp; Lot 01-576,410 Public hearing rescheduled to January 2015 due to weather.</p>
<p>12/16/2014 Case # PB 2014-09</p>	<p>PSNH North Road Tree trimming Approved with Conditions</p>

During 2014, there were seven Planning Board Cases decided. There was one Preliminary Consultation and one case had to be moved to January 2015 due to an early December ice storm.

This year the Planning Board continued to work on the revision of the Subdivision and Site Plan Regulations. The Planning Board also began the work on an updated Master Plan. To begin the Master Plan process, a Community-wide Survey was developed. The Survey was designed so that the people of Sutton could choose whether to reply electronically via the internet or by completing a paper form and returning the completed form to Town Hall or the Library. The Planning Board thanks the New Hampshire Central Regional Planning Commission for their support in allowing the Town of Sutton to use their subscription to Survey Monkey to enable the electronic survey submissions and at no cost to the town.

The Planning Board thanks the many members of the community that provided their input by completing the survey. We look forward to 2015 and, with the combined efforts of interested members of the community, to beginning the next phase of updating the Sutton Master Plan.

If you have not yet checked out the Sutton Planning Board webpage on the Town of Sutton website, please do. Click on "Departments"; then choose Planning Board. There is up-to-date information on meetings and public hearings. There are links to the minutes of meetings for most of the last decade and agendas for the past few years. There are useful links to applications and forms.

Board Members:  
Carrie Thomas, Chair  
Bob DeFelice  
Carole O'Connell  
Dan Sundquist, Ex-Officio

Peter Blakeman  
Julie McCarthy  
Roger Wells

Respectfully Submitted,

*Laurie Hayward*  
Land Use Coordinator

# Report of the Zoning Board of Adjustment 2014

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) schedules public hearings for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month upon receipt of a request for a Special Exception or a Variance to the Sutton Zoning Ordinance, or for an Appeal from an Administrative Decision. Applications are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month. The Zoning Ordinance and applications are available at the Town Hall or online.

The ZBA held public hearings on the following appeals in 2014:

- 01/22/2014      Case# 2014-01  
Karen L. Fischer-Anderson  
Foothills Road  
Map/Lot# 02-830,262  
Special Exception  
To change from a single family to a two-family dwelling  
Approved
- 02/18/2014      Case# 2014-03  
Vicki A. Simonds  
Route 114  
Map/Lot# 04-286,255  
Special Exception  
To change from a single family to a two-family dwelling  
Approved
- 03/18/2014      Case# 2014-02  
Adam Bronstein & Rachel Ruppel  
Davis Court  
Map/Lot # 07-904,365  
Special Exception  
To change from a single family to a two-family dwelling  
Application Withdrawn
- 04/16/2014      Case# 2014-04  
Aaron Flewelling  
Route 114  
Map/Lot # 07-831,509  
Variance to allow use of current principle building as  
a travel trailer.  
Approved with Conditions

05/21/2014	Case #2014-05 O'Connell (Barry Paddock as Agent) Penacook Road Map/Lot # 08-182,248 Variance for side setback Approved with Condition
06/18/2014	Case #2014-06 Peter Moulton Shaker Heights Map/Lot # 09-718,376 Special Exception for a Landscaping business Denied
07/16/2014	Case #2014-07 Wade & Debra Walker Cotton Road Map/Lot # 07-533,593 Special Exception To change from a single family to a two-family dwelling Approved with Condition
12/16/2014	Case #2014-08 Ritz Compound Trust Penacook Road Map/Lot # 08-178,254 1. Variance for road frontage setback 2. Variance for shoreland setback Approved with Condition

The Zoning Board of Adjustment had eight cases in 2014 and half of those cases were to permit a change from a single family to a two-family dwelling. Of those four cases, two were approved, one was approved with conditions and one was withdrawn.

The Sutton Zoning Board of Adjustment has a webpage on the Town of Sutton website. To check the web page, click on "Departments" and then choose Zoning Board of Adjustment. There is up-to-date information on meetings and public hearings. There are links to the minutes of meetings for most of the last decade and agendas for the past few years. There are useful links to Sutton Ordinances and applications and forms.

Board Members:  
William Hallahan, Chair  
Dane Headley  
Ed Canane

Doug Sweet  
Derek Lick  
Sue Reel, Alternate  
Carla Krajewski, Alternate

Respectfully Submitted,

*Laurie Hayward*  
Sutton Land Use Coordinator

# Report Of The Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer

Forty seven building permits were approved this past year which is a decrease of fifteen over 2013. The majority of the permits were for repairs and renovations to existing homes. Hopefully we will see an increase in new housing in the coming year.

The following table represents a ten year span of permit tracking:

Permit	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Houses/Apartments /Camps***	29	22	17	13	14	9	3	2	5	6	4
Additions/Alterations	13	9	4	6	6	2	3	5	3	8	6
Replacements											
Roofs/Siding	4	5	3	2	4	2	3	9	2	1	2
Barns/Garages/Carports	15	13	8	5	6	11	16	2	5	8	3
Outbuildings/Sheds	9	7	13	5	6	9	14	5	9	10	6
Deck/Sunroom/Porch	11	10	9	4	8	6	3	6	5	6	6
Docks	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Renovations/Repairs	12	16	10	5	11	11	9	14	14	11	10
Commercial/ Government Structure	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1			0
Wireless Tower	0	3		0	0	5	3	3	2	2	1
Antennas Ham Radios											
Demolition of Existing Buildings	6	4	3	2	2	1	1	1	2	6	1
Renewals	1	0		0							1
Pools/Hot Tubs	2	1	1	3		2				1	0
Miscellaneous—Dugout, pavilion, gazebo, solar panels, outdoor furnaces, pellet stoves, generators	1	2	2		6	5		7	3	3	7
Withdrawn			1								
	104	94	71	45	63	64	56	56	50	62	47

\*Telecommunication Site

\*\* Loading Dock

\*\*\*Includes two-family

As always, I would like to offer a warm welcome to the new residents of Sutton who filed for building permits this year. Anyone needing a building permit may pick one up at the Selectmen's Office on Monday, Wednesday or Friday, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. or visit the Town's website at [www.sutton-nh.gov](http://www.sutton-nh.gov) and download an application from the Building Inspector page. Any construction over \$1,000 requires a permit. Any change in siding requires a permit (i.e., clapboards to vinyl siding). Changing asphalt shingles to metal roofing requires a permit. Any additions to the footprint of your structure requires a permit. When in doubt ask.

If you live by a lake, river, or tidal water, it is important for you to learn

more about the NH Shoreland Quality Protection Act, which requires a DES state permit for most construction, excavation or filling within the protected shoreland. Visit the following website: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/cspa/index.htm>.

In order to ensure a timely review of your application by the Building Inspector, Wetlands/Shoreland Scientist and Selectmen, please return your completed application to the Selectmen's Office by noon on Wednesday. Every effort will be made to process your building permit at the next Selectmen's Meeting. Finally, if you need questions answered or an inspection conducted, I can be reached at 927-4321.

Thanks to both towns people and their builders for your continued cooperation.

*Matthew Grimes*

Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer

*Jeffrey Evans*

Environmental Code Resource Officer



# Sutton Volunteer Fire Department

2014 has been another busy year for the Sutton Volunteer Fire Department. Numerous trainings were completed this year, including a CDL (Commercial Drivers License) class that was attended by seven department members to ensure safety and additional drivers for the fire trucks. Two members have successfully completed 120 hours of Fire Fighter II class . Two more members completed an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) class, as well as six additional members were able to complete an EMR ( Emergency Medical Responder) class. This training will allow our fire fighters to be crossed trained with the rescue squad, further enhancing our capabilities in helping the public.

All of the members of the department are completely volunteer and continue to give their time in department trainings, meetings, and responding to incidents as the needs arise.

The new fire truck has arrived. Thank you to the town of Sutton for approving the new apparatus. The truck committee spent two years traveling to other fire departments, researching available options, and comparing specifications. This new piece of equipment will be a huge asset to the department and the residents of Sutton. Safety is always a fire department's number one concern and objective for all of its members. This new truck is fully equipped with driver, passenger, and full front to rear curtain safety air bags, as well as a seat belt warning system if seat belts are not engaged. With this truck able to carry six firefighters, we are able to respond to incidents quickly while preparing for the incident en route, thus enabling a fewer number of personal vehicles at the scene and creating a safer accident scene for all. We thank all the truck committee members for the work they have put into building this new piece of highly valuable equipment.

Last June the fire department held an open house at the Fire Station. We wanted to have the public be able to come look and touch the equipment used by the fire department, ask any questions they may have, and see live demonstrations. Smokey Bear came to visit, while giving fire prevention material out to children. A fire extinguisher training prop was on hand to show anyone wanting to simulate how to use a fire extinguisher correctly.



A vehicle extrication demonstration took place to show the public how firefighters would free a driver from being trapped in their car. We would like to thank all of you who attended; there was a great turn out.

This summer the department will host another gathering for all to visit and view the new fire truck. We would like to thank retiring Fire fighter Gary Wilcox for his 23 years of service to the town of Sutton. Gary served as a fire fighter, deputy fire marshal and treasurer for the Sutton Volunteer Fire Department Association, and his dedication is appreciated.



If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the department, please feel free to come to a fire meeting or contact a current member for more information. Fire meetings are held at the fire station the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm. There are many jobs in the department that need to be done, whether helping to fill out incident reports, or training to be a full interior firefighter, with many jobs in between. There is a job for everyone.

The department responded to 145 fire calls this year. There were no major fires in town, but we did respond to a large number of mutual aid calls to surrounding towns. The fire department continues to be very busy with motor vehicle accidents on interstate 89 during all road conditions, and answer all incoming calls for assistance.

This is a breakdown of the calls for 2014.

- 6 vehicle fires
- 20 alarms
- 28 motor vehicle crashes on I-89
- 16 mutual aid calls
- 20 motor vehicle crashes in town
- 6 chimney fires
- 1 building collapse
- 19 wire/trees down
- 5 medical assists
- 10 smoke investigations
- 2 bomb threat investigations
- 12 other
- 145 total calls

Respectfully submitted,

Chief *Cory Cochran*  
Captain Kevin Rowe  
1st lieut Aaron Fleweling  
2nd lieut Andy Palmer

Members: Bud Nelson, Garrett Evans, Matt Grimes, Chip Rowe, Chris Rowe, Pete Thompson, Harold Rowe, Darrel Palmer, Kirk Chadwick, Keith Badgley, Ken Day, Shreve Soule, Steve Enroth, Adam Hurst, Spunk Ford, Wendy Grimes, Peter Boucher, Arthur Chadwick, Gary Wilcox, Nick Rowe, Fred Burbee, Tom Mcloughlin, Robert DeFelice, Sam Dube, Ken Sutton, Brendan Rowe, Carl Smith, John McBroom, Travis Sniffen, Tanner Boucher, John Chilpyian, Bruce Putnam, Nate Thompson, Hilary Grimes, Taylor Cochran

Cadets: Tanner Boucher, Brennan Carson, Caleb Cochran, Taylor Cochran, Jake Cornelio, Will Cornelio, Cole Dube, Quinn Miller, Cody Rowe, Tristan Rowe, Natalie Soule, Nathan Thompson



*Cab and chasis delivered to Valley Fire Equipment*



*One half of the poly body complete*



*Plastic body parts waiting to be assembled*



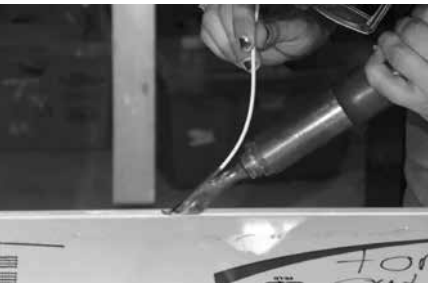
*The poly body complete and ready for paint*



*Plastic body parts waiting to be assembled*



*The body and pump mounted to the chasis.*



*The poly fire truck body being welded together*



*Cabinet doors and pump panel installed*

# Sutton Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary

The Sutton Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary is a wonderful organization that supports the fire personnel. We supply them with food and beverages at structure fires, help during various events, help to maintain the fire station, and supply scholarships to High School graduates who are children of fire personnel or Cadets. If you are interested in joining the Sutton Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, please feel free to contact Becca Rowe at 927-4316. We meet as needed at the Sutton Fire Department. All are welcome!

Respectfully submitted,  
*Becca Rowe, President*

Members:  
Becca Rowe  
Marne Thompson  
Melina Cochran  
Lois Palmer  
Annie Gagnon  
Sue Sutton  
Sue Badgley  
Shelly Boucher  
Sheila Wilcox  
Diane Sullivan  
Kathy Smith

# Report of the Sutton NH Forest Fire Warden for 2014

FIRE PERMIT PHONE NUMBER: 603-927-2727

The 2014 fire season was peaceful. Thankfully we had no wildland fires in Sutton. Myself, the Forest Fire Warden and the Deputies appreciate that our Sutton residents obtain fire permits and burn legally and safely.

Written fire permits are required before doing any outdoor burning. PLEASE call 927-2727 (this is an answering machine) to request a fire permit or information regarding outside burning. Please leave your name, address and preferably a local phone number. The deputies and I strive to check the answering machine at noon (on rainy days) and at 5 pm daily during the fire season. Seasonal permits may be issued for camp and cooking fires provided the area is fire safe. Seasonal permits are valid for the calendar year and need to be requested and obtained each year. Fire Permits are at NO COST but the Warden or Deputy shall inspect each request. Brush can only be burned after 5 pm unless it is raining or the ground is completely covered with snow.

Your Warden and Deputies are volunteers – we strive to answer your calls in a timely fashion.

The safest time to burn brush is when we have snow cover. Please call 927-2727 and leave your name, address and phone number. No permit is required when the ground is completely snow covered. By telling us you are burning we can save tax payer dollars by not needing a full Fire Department response if someone calls in with a ‘smoke in the area’ call.

Please join me in thanking our deputy wardens Cory Cochran, Garrett Evans, Matt Grimes, Darrel Palmer, Aaron Flewelling, Andy Palmer, Kevin Rowe and Gary Wilcox.

**Gary Wilcox has retired!** He will be missed and we wish him well in retirement and any future ventures.

We received a Federal Grant through the NH Division of Forests & Lands and purchased a “mop up kit” which allows us to be able to do a thorough job of extinguishing a wildland fire, saving fire fighter time and effort.

Respectfully,

*Warden Bud Nelson*

# Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a 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. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-1370 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org).

This past fire season started in early April with the first reported fire on April 7th. April, which is the traditional start to our spring fire season, began very dry with unseasonably dry conditions continuing through the entire month. This dry pattern continued through the first half of May. 80% of our reported fires this season occurred during this six week period. The largest fire was 24 acres, occurring in the town of Tamworth. From mid May through early September, above average rainfall kept our total acreage burned statewide at 72 acres. This is the smallest amount of acreage burned statewide in several years. Late August through late September though brought a dry trend to northern areas, resulting in several deep-burning remote fires. Our fire danger days correlated well with the days that there were fires actually reported. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on Class III or higher fire danger days. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting capability was supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2014 season threatened structures, and a few structures were burned, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional

information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

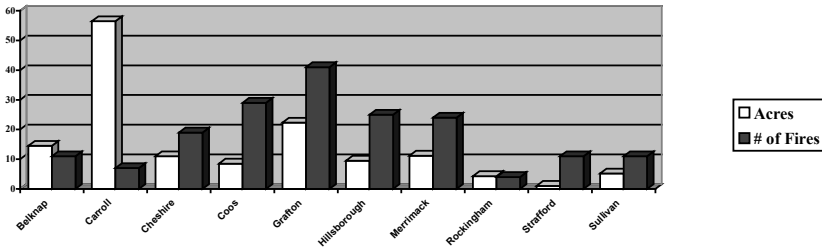
### 2014 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 2014)

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

### COUNTY STATISTICS

County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	3.1	5
Carroll	24	4
Cheshire	6.8	7
Coos	5.3	18
Grafton	8.2	32
Hillsborough	6.1	20
Merrimack	15.5	11
Rockingham	1.1	8
Strafford	0.4	5
Sullivan	1.5	2



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED	Total	Fires	Total Acres
Arson	2	2014	112
Debris	52	2013	182
Campfire	10	2012	318
Children	2	2011	125
Smoking	5	2010	360
Railroad	0		
Equipment	5		
Lightning	1		
Misc.*	35	(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)	

**ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE**



# Report of the Sutton Rescue Squad

This past year saw a decrease in patient contacts for the Sutton Rescue Squad. In 2013 we assisted 180 patients, and this year calls decreased to 155. This is great news for the town of Sutton, but it does not lessen the time and effort put forth by members of the Squad. Each member is expected to attend the monthly meetings and trainings, as well as outside trainings offered through area departments and conferences. EMT certification requires 48 hours of continuing education every two years along with a 24 hour refresher course. Beginning with the next refresher, Emergency Medical Responders will be required to have 10 hours of continuing education. Members of Sutton Rescue go far beyond this, as each month we train for two hours, and we participate in trainings with the Fire Department as over half of our members are also on Sutton Fire.

We encourage the Sutton Cadets to attend trainings as well. We stand by at Icing Day each January at Kezar Lake and also spend two days in August at Muster Field Farm for Farm Days. In the past, we have also assisted Wilmot Fire & Rescue during Colby Sawyer College's Annual



Mountain Day at Winslow State Park. We provide mutual aid assistance to Wilmot Fire & Rescue when requested to help with carry-outs off of Mt. Kearsarge. We also provide mutual aid assistance to New London and Warner Fire & Rescue, if needed, for incidents on I-89. The majority of our calls continue to be motor vehicle crashes on I-89. The High School, Middle School and Elementary School also keep us busy. We provide additional coverage at graduation and sporting events. This past year we gained two EMTs, and six EMR candidates are in the process of testing and becoming certified. Many new protocols are coming out on a regular basis, one of which is training in the use of NARCAN. This protocol can sometimes be a life saving measure for someone who has overdosed.

In addition, at a motor vehicle accident, in the past the patient was placed on a backboard for spinal precautions, but now we have certain steps we take to determine whether a backboard is actually necessary. We are also working with area departments to become trained

in home grown terrorism. We are more prepared than ever should there be an incident with multiple injured persons. As 2014 draws to a close, we send out our heartfelt appreciation to members of Sutton Fire, Sutton Police, Sutton Highway, Sutton Cadets, Sutton Ladies Auxiliary and the Sutton Board of Selectmen and office personnel.



We also wish to thank the area departments, New London Dispatch and New London Ambulance service. It takes many disciplines working together to keep us all healthy and safe.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a member of Sutton Rescue is encouraged to stop by the Sutton Fire Station the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Wendy Grimes, Chief*

David Biron, EMT  
Fred Burbee, FF-EMR Pending  
Kelli Burbee, EMR  
Ken Day, FF-AEMT  
Garrett Evans, FFII-EMR  
Aaron Flewelling, FFII-EMT  
Bette Fredrickson, EMT  
Hilary Grimes, FF-EMT  
Matt Grimes, FFI-EMT  
Wendy Grimes, FF-EMT  
Susan Henley, EMT  
Cicely Markoff, EMT  
Andy Palmer, FFI-EMR Pending  
Brendan Rowe, FFI-EMR  
Kevin Rowe, FFII-EMR  
Carl Smith, FF-EMR Pending  
Travis Sniffin, FFII-EMT  
Shreve Soule, FF-EMR  
Alf Rylander, Paramedic  
Brenda Spencer, AEMT  
Nathan Thompson, FF-EMR Pending

# Sutton Explorer Post 90

The Sutton Explorer post is a group of 14-21 year old males and females who have an interest in the fire service and/or emergency medicine. We train with both Sutton Fire and Rescue monthly as well as have our own monthly meeting.

Each member holds a valuable position from captain to training officer. We log our volunteer hours as it counts toward our graduation requirements. Two members attended a weekend training this past October at the NH Fire Academy and plan to attend a



week long camp this summer. In order to keep us as safe as possible there are a few things we are not allowed to do. These include but are not limited to going up a ladder over 35 feet, operating hydraulic equipment, going on the highway and new this last year we are not allowed to go to structure fires until the fire is out and deemed safe. We can pack hose, direct traffic on town roads, assist with getting equipment off trucks, and carry-outs on Mt. Kearsarge to name but a few. We work with Sutton Rescue to provide stand-by coverage at Icing Day at Kezar Lake and Farm Days at Musterfield Farm. We also provide standby at events at the schools with Sutton Fire & Rescue. If you are interested in becoming a cadet please see one of our members for more information.

Tanner Boucher  
Brennan Carson  
Caleb Cochran  
Taylor Cochran  
Jake Cornelio  
Will Cornelio  
Cole Dube  
Quinn Miller  
Cody Rowe  
Tristan Rowe  
Natalie Soule  
Nathan Thompson

# Office of Emergency Management – 2014

The Office of Emergency Management for the Town of Sutton continues to work to keep our Emergency Operations Plan current. This year several town departments and volunteers worked for several months to update the town's Hazard Mitigation Plan. It is a plan that identifies potential hazards within the town and allows us to possibly obtain grant funding to remedy them.

Regular training on Code Red and WEB EOC continues to be a top priority. Code Red is an emergency broadcast system that can be used by Sutton to notify residents of important information. It can be used to help find a lost person, notify residents where to seek shelter in an emergency, and has even been used to notify residents when an unusual rash of burglaries were taking place. Residents **MUST** sign up for this feature. If you have internet access you can go to [http://www.sutton-nh.gov/public\\_documents/index](http://www.sutton-nh.gov/public_documents/index) click on "Welcome to Sutton, NH" and scroll to the bottom of the page to the box marked



Follow the instructions. If you do not have computer access please contact me or the Office of the Selectmen to have your phone numbers added to this list. Your telephone numbers and demographic information will not be shared with anyone. You can rest assured that this is only used in emergency situations. This saves a huge amount of time and energy for Fire, Rescue and Police when we are trying to reach as many people as possible with important information.

In addition, there is now an app for iPhone, iPad and iTouch users called NH alerts its free and can keep you informed on events in your area from missing persons to severe weather events.

This office works closely with Sutton Fire, Rescue, Police and the Office of the Selectmen to coordinate efforts in a streamlined fashion. I would like to express my thanks for their ongoing support.

Respectfully submitted,

*Matthew Grimes*  
Emergency Management Director

# Report of the Conservation Commission – 2014



*L-R Front Jane Williamson, Betsy Forsham, Jean LaChance, Don Davis, Ben Dobrowski. Back Chris Aston, Gerry Putnam and Henry Howell*

The Sutton Conservation Commission (SCC) had another busy year, one in which we focused most of our energies on managing our town-owned properties, developing and refining recreational trails on many of them and creating partnerships with folks to help with the rewarding task of trail work.

Our partners - Kearsarge Regional High School (KRHS) - SCC member Henry Howell contacted the KRHS principal with an offer to involve students in trail creation and maintenance. He received a very positive response and in April, Henry led a group of students and chaperones in clearing and exploring the Lyon Brook trail region on the King Hill Reservation (KHR). All involved looked forward to future collaborations.



*Quarry Site, the William Bean Quarry*

S-R-K Greenway and Boy Scout Troop 69 - The Greenway and the SCC conducted a trail work day on our Webb/Crowell property in July, with a grant for the publicity again coming from the Quabbin to Cardigan Initiative (Q2C). Eleven members of the SCC and community at large were joined by 8 members and leaders of Boy Scout Troop 69, based in Bradford. We had a great time on a beautiful property and managed to clear a very nice loop trail on the westerly side of the Lane River. The boy scouts were very enthusiastic and have agreed to help make trail signs for us over the winter.

Local volunteers – We have assembled a list of folks, both from Sutton and surrounding towns, who are interested in trail work on our properties. When the SCC decides on a trail day, these folks are emailed the particulars and join us if they can. It is a lot of fun, and we greatly appreciate the support, as many hands really do make light work! Please let us know if you would like to be placed on the list.

### **Our Properties -**

King Hill Reservation (KHR) - Two separate trail days were conducted on several different trails this spring and summer. As part of our 3 year cycle, the middle trails (old Double Chair area) were mowed in November. Because of bad weather, not all of them were completed. We will address them next year, when the mower moves over to the trails on King Hill.

Enroth /Lefferts Trail – High winds this spring caused several huge trees to blow down across the trail. Thanks to SCC members Don Davis and Chris Ashton for going in and re-routing the trail around them. The fallen trees actually add interest to this lovely little trail, which leads from Rt. 114 by the post office to Keyser Street and Kezar Lake.

Webb/Crowell Forest – Much was done to make this property more accessible and enjoyable. We contracted to have more work done on

the old log landing area and logging road which resulted in better drainage and a more manageable sized parking area. Several members spent many hours flagging a potential loop trail on the westerly side of the river which was successfully cut in, with help from our partners, as noted above. In August, members worked with volunteers on the easterly side of the river, opening up the full length of the



*Enroth Trailhead off Route 114.*

main old logging road. There are wonderful signs of beaver activity along this route as well as a big vernal pool at its terminus, filled with all sorts of creatures in the spring.

William Bean Quarry – We are very excited about this property. Not only is it beautiful and historic with its old quarries and cellar holes, but it will be the first of our properties on which we will conduct a timber harvest. After several meetings, one of which involved the Select Board, we hired forester Brooks McCandlish to oversee the proj-



*Webb Crowell Forest boulders*

ect. Brooks knows the property well, having worked for the prior two owners. He walked the property with several SCC members and spent a meeting with us, discussing our goals and objectives for the property. He has written a forest management plan for us (as required by the conservation easement held by Ausbon Sargent). Some work will have to be done to a section of the class 6 road, gravel will need to be brought in and a log landing created, all of which will take place prior to the commencement of the harvest, sometime this summer. All proceeds from the harvest will go into the Town's General Fund. In June, we had a trail maintenance day on the trails we created last year. Further work and blazing will wait until after the timber harvest, as our routes may be affected by the work.



*Beaver Chew*

Maple Leaf Natural Area – The parking area on the property is working out very well, both for hikers using the Greenway trail up King's Hill Road and folks accessing the KHR's Penacook Path entrance. Several members spent time flagging a potential trail on the property, one which will connect both with trails on the KHR, as well as the two main entrances to the Reservation.

Celebrate Sutton – The SCC participated in the Historical Society's "Celebrate Sutton" days in August. Naturalist and Sutton resident Dave Anderson conducted a three hour nature walk on the newly created Webb/Crowell trail and members Don Davis and Jane Williamson led an interpretive walk on the Enroth/Lefferts trail. Participants on both walks found them both informative and very enjoyable.

**In 2014, the SCC also –**

- \* Erected a gate at our Russell Pond property hayfield, thus protecting it from wheeled vehicles.
- \* Reviewed intents to cut involving wetland crossings as well as DES wetland applications.
- \* Created "hold harmless" forms and sign-in sheets for all volunteers participating in our trail work days.
- \* Responded to concerns with off-road vehicle use on Class 6 roads and in wetlands.

## Looking ahead –

- \* We will host a public education program this spring or summer, the subject to be determined.
- \* We will continue to work with students at the KRHS, combining their academic CORE curriculum of math with designing and building a bridge over a small stream on KHR's Lyon Brook trail.
- \* We will join with the Greenway in hosting a snowshoe walk on the Webb/Crowell trails in February.
- \* We hope to create trail maps for all our properties.
- \* We will monitor the three Wells properties on Dodge Hill Road on which we hold a conservation easement.

Finally, we wish to thank six year member Garrett Evans, whose term expired in March, for sharing his many areas of expertise as well as for his willingness to get out on the trails. He is missed but continues to help with our Webb/Crowell property. We welcomed Jane Williamson as both a new alternate member and a much needed secretary! And last but not least, we wish to thank you, the residents of our wonderful town, for your support. We urge you to get out and explore your great properties! We always welcome your help and suggestions on any of our projects, both present and future.

Respectfully submitted,

*Betsy Forsham, Chair*

Don Davis	Henry Howell	Chris Ashton, Alternate
Jean LaChance	Gerry Putnam	Ben Dobrowski
Wally Baker, Select Board Representative		
Jane Williamson, Alternate and recording secretary		



# Sutton Historical Society

## 2014 Annual Report

*The Sutton Historical Society, established in 1985, is a non-profit organization whose objective is the preservation of the history of the Town of Sutton, the education and awareness of the importance of that history, as well as the preservation and protection of our buildings and the historical items given to our care.*

The Sutton Historical Society board members Carlton Bradford, Jr. and Janet Paul retired in 2014. Also retiring were treasurer Kristin Brooks and President Carol O'Connell. A heartfelt thank you to all for your years of service.

In 2014, the Sutton Historical Society participated in the collaborative *Along the River: Exploring Community Connections*. *Along the River* was a summer-long endeavor in which eight local organizations in five towns utilized exhibits and programs to explore the relationships between natural and human communities along the Warner, Contoocook and Merrimack Rivers and their tributaries. Jack Noon presented the Society's first program, *Sutton's Water Powered Mills 1769-1941*, to more than 60 people at the First Free Will Baptist Church in North Sutton.

Sutton's 99<sup>th</sup> Old Home Day Celebration began on Saturday evening when the Society presented an old fashioned Vaudeville Show in the Meeting House. Sunday featured the 70+ year old traditional church service in the South Sutton Meeting House, with tithing man and congregation dressed in period clothing. Presented on Sunday afternoon on the South Sutton Common, *Voices From the Past – Along the River*, featured five people from Sutton's past who lived and worked next to its rivers: Ebenezer Noyes (Art Robbins), John Reddington (Dave Anderson), Judith Quimby (Judy Lowe), Ozzie Woodward (Bud Dick) and George A. Pillsbury (John Mears). Each gave us a glimpse of the time in which they lived and the importance of the mills. Other festivities included the popular Province Rd. hike, the Homesteaders' barbeque with desserts by the North Sutton Improvement Society. Additionally, historic buildings were open to visitors.

Other activities, programs and fundraisers that the society participated in during 2014 include:

- Annual Pancake Breakfast at Muster Field Farm's Ice Day
- Bake Sale/Book Table at elections, Muster Field Farm Day and Harvest Day

- Pot Luck Supper/Panel Discussion *Growing-up In Sutton* featuring Chan Blodgett, Carlton Bradford, Jr., Kim Lowe and Don Davis
- Antique appraisal at the Cressey House
- Annual Meeting and program on *Blaisdell Lake and Vaudevillians*
- Annual Cookie Walk with Santa Claus
- Raffle of Garrett Evans photo of the Northern Lights. Garrett donated the spectacular "float-mounted" photo of the Northern Lights over Gile Pond.

Just as the Society strives to preserve Sutton's past it is also eager to promote the future. One way we do this is through our \$1,000 Barrows-Jane B. Pratt Scholarships for students whose parents have been members of the SHS for the two years preceding the application. Application criteria are available from the KRHS guidance department or the historical society.

Improvements were made at the Cressey House in 2014. The tired carpeting in the "Board" room was replaced in the fall. We received the gift of a flagpole and flags from board member Carlton Bradford, Jr. It was decided to utilize the existing dug well, which needed to be filled in for safety reasons, for the site of the flagpole. Two nearby dying pine trees had to be cut and removed before the pole could be installed. All was accomplished in time for Old Home Day.

Each year, the Society receives numerous inquiries for assistance in tracing families who have ties to Sutton. We are fortunate to have copies of extensive research done by Larry and Jean Bennett. Often their work is sufficient to answer the questions; however, when the questions go beyond the scope of the Bennetts' work, considerable time is required to find the answers. We would welcome the assistance of anyone who is interested in volunteering time to dig into the past and assist on these quests.

The 2013 report alluded to an upgrade in our computer capabilities. We purchased a laptop computer for use by our treasurer in December. This computer will keep track of the Society's finances and will become an integral part of our technology system as it is established during the upcoming year. The Society has a new email address: [suttonnhhistory@gmail.com](mailto:suttonnhhistory@gmail.com)

In 2015, Sutton Historical Society and the Town of Sutton will be celebrating Sutton's 100<sup>th</sup> Old Home Day and the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the

formation of the Historical Society. Plans for the Old Home Day will include the traditional activities and will embrace new ideas that celebrate the very spirit of Sutton. The Society is developing plans for programs during our 30<sup>th</sup> year that will provide new insight into Sutton's past. We welcome your input. Please join us.

Respectfully submitted,

*Don Davis, President*

*2013 Officers:*

Carrie Thomas, Vice President

Bonnie Hill, Clerk

Robert O'Neil, Treasurer

*2013 Board of Directors:*

Wally Baker

Chan Blodgett

Sara Coyle

Sue Esposito

Carrie Godkin

Jody Wells

Bob Wright

John Mears



*John Mears as George A. Pillsbury  
Voices From the Past- Along the River  
Sue Esposito photo*



*Fritz Pratt and Sally Claroni dressed for Old Home Day —Sue Esposito photo*

# Report of the Health Officer

For those of you that may require the services of your local Health Officer, the following is a summary of my duties and responsibilities:

- To enforce the NH public health rules and regulations;
- To serve as a liaison between state officials and the local community on issues concerning public health;
- To inspect foster homes, day care facilities, septic systems and nuisance complaints such as garbage;
- To inspect food establishments;
- To deal with any food borne and communicable disease outbreaks or any issue that would impact the public health of the citizens of Sutton.

A reoccurring problem that we have in Sutton is with dumpsters not being emptied. Times are tight, but it is important that dumpsters get emptied regularly, otherwise they create a nuisance (health hazard). If we have to go to court, that costs everybody, so please comply with the town's Public Health Regulations.

To facilitate a referral to the Health Officer, please contact the Selectmen's Office at 927-4416.

Respectfully submitted,

*David Burnham*  
Health Officer

# Welfare Department Report

I was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to fill the Overseer of Welfare position, due to the position being vacated. Courtney Haase, who so lovingly and from the heart served the Town in this position for almost twenty-three years, moved away this summer. She will be greatly missed by so many. Indeed, it is difficult to begin to think of filling the shoes of a soul as beautiful and thoughtful as Courtney's. It has been an honor to be asked to serve the Town of Sutton in this capacity. Dan Sundquist was appointed as my Deputy Overseer of Welfare.

Dan and I attended a NH Welfare Administrators Association (NHWAA) meeting and training this fall in Concord. In November, I attended the NH Municipal Association Annual Conference for NHWAA sponsored training on fuel and electric assistance, 2-1-1 New Hampshire Community Resources and ServiceLink Aging and Disability Resource Center. I learned so much at these meetings and training sessions and appreciate the support of the Town to attend them. The ability to meet and network with other Welfare Administrators at these sessions has proved invaluable as well.

Elly Phillips has graciously helped Dan and me with updating the Town's Welfare Assistance application. These applications are currently available at the Town Hall during Selectmen's office hours. Appointments for Welfare Assistance are scheduled for Monday evenings starting at 5:30 p.m.

We have been very fortunate this year to have received food and gasoline cards from a kind and thoughtful local business and a supportive community group. We appreciate these donations, as they help us more flexibly assist those in need who may not qualify for town assistance or have an immediate emergency need.

Additional Resources:

Trinity Bible Church, South Sutton Food Pantry: Mondays and Thursdays 6-7 p.m.

Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry, First Baptist Church, Main Street, New London: Wednesdays 5:30- 7 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

NHEasy - <https://nheasy.nh.gov/>

Fuel/Electric Assistance and Weatherization Program: Merrimack County Community Action Program,  
Warner, NH: 603-456-2207

2-1-1 New Hampshire Community Resources: dial 2-1-1

ServiceLink Aging and Disability Resource Center of Merrimack County: 603-228-6625

Respectfully submitted,

*Alison D. Jones*  
Overseer of Welfare

*A final word from Courtney . . .*

My dear friends in Sutton,

As you know by now, I have moved to Maine and am beginning my Franciscan community, The Companions of Clare. With the sale of Nunsuch, I purchased a house in Skowhegan, Maine. Skowhegan is an Indian word for watching, so our community will always keep our eyes open and watching for the Lord.

I want to thank each of you who have supported and encouraged me throughout my 22 and ½ years as Overseer of Public Welfare. In my very first Town Report in 1991, I stated mercy has a human face, compassion has a human heart. I have tried to remember that in my dealing with clients.

I have had mixed results as I am sure you have seen, but always that was my goal. And now my hope is that all who pass through the doors of the welfare office will understand and experience the same attempt. I have loved the Town and was sad to have to leave, but now I am home doing exactly what I think God wants of me.

My prayer for all of the town folks, in the words of St. Francis of Assisi, peace and every good.

Respectfully submitted,

*Courtney Haase*

# Sutton Free Library

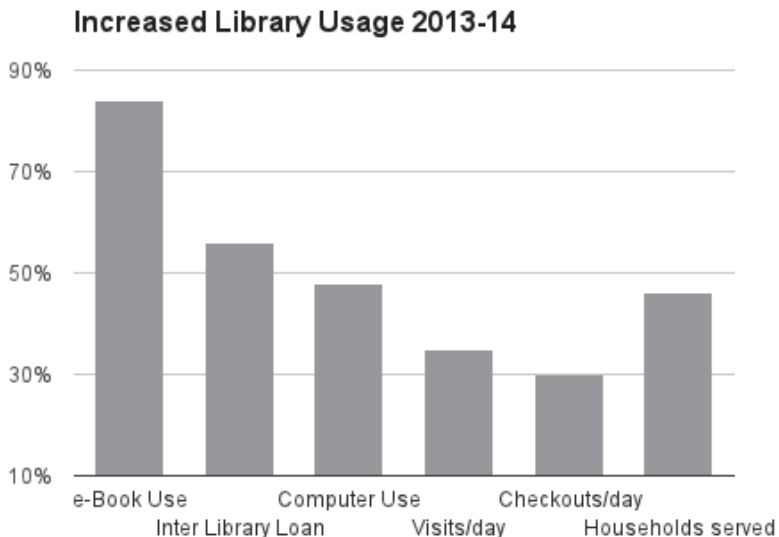
The Sutton Free Library, your library, had an active year. Programs served patrons of all ages, and community partnerships supported a handful of very special events. The building was updated. Finally, life passages within the Library family made for a year of reflection, learning, adventure, change and gratitude.

## Passages

The Library was saddened by the passing of the Chair of the Trustees, Beth Cernek. Beth is remembered for her artistry, her warmth and generosity of spirit, and her positive attitude. She led the Library through a period of great change. Beth's energy and input on the Board, as well as in the Community of Sutton and throughout her vast network of students and friends, will be everlasting.

## Library Programs

The library continues to thrive with the addition of interlibrary loan, downloadable books and technology support for all patrons. Circulation, patron visits, and use of these cooperative services have all soared throughout the year.



*Use of the Library and its services increased significantly this year*

The Summer Reading program and book discussions are well attended and we are serving more and more Sutton households. There are computers for public use during normal operating hours and 24/7

wireless from outside the building. We hosted an e-books tech session as well as a few trainings on using google drive. Patrons are always thankful to hear we have a fax, printer and copier available during our normal hours - even in the age of electronics... sometimes these hands on technologies can't be beat!

Free museum passes for the Currier Museum in Manchester and the Fells in Newbury are the newest program at the library. They are available any day for free admissions. The library also now has discount coupons for the MFA in Boston - while they last! Call, email or stop by for details.

The "Fizz, Boom, Read!" Summer Reading Program included lots of fun science experiments which often involved messy food and music-making.



*Junior Scientists create instruments and sound at the State-supported finale of Fizz, Boom, Read!*

The new Wacky Wednesday after school program has been a great success with nearly half of the students from Sutton Central School participating! Little People's Storytime continues on Monday mornings. For patrons of all ages the Library sponsors monthly game night and a monthly book discussion.

If you are interested in a different type of program or discussion come in and share your ideas.



*NY Times Bestselling Author Kate Alcott (center) spoke in Sutton this March as a joint program of the Historical Society, Muster Field Farm and the Library*

### **Community Partnership Events**

The Sutton Free Library partnered with the Community for several unique activities during 2014. Internationally acclaimed author, Kate Alcott, visited Sutton in March with the help of the Muster Field Farm and Sutton Historical Society.



The library was the primary sponsor of the First Annual Pot- Luck supper before town meeting. Other events included a partnership with New London Rotary Club for the Rotary Fun Fest, a youth theatre camp with the Alchemist's Workshop, and programs with the Lake Sunapee Protective Association. There were displays and activities at an evening open house as part of "Celebrate Sutton" Week. The Sutton Library also hosted the West of the Merrimack Library Cooperative Quarterly Meeting. Three trustees received scholarships to attend the Annual Conference of New Hampshire Library Trustees Association.

It was another year of collaboration with the Sutton Central School ... all 6 grades came for activities at the library in 2014! We work with middle and high school students selecting books for summer reading and school-year assignments. If you have a special project (whether you are a student or student-of-life) --- we look forward to helping you find answers and resources!

Local artist, Joanna White, has displayed her gorgeous watercolors of village houses at the library. There is the possibility of rotating other local artist's work with Sutton subjects as well!

### **Retirements and Renewal**

Becky Harrington and Kathy Chadwick were awarded commendations from the Town for their outstanding volunteer service to the Library during the Celebrate Sutton Library Open House. Becky served as a Library Trustee for thirteen years, retiring in 2014. Kathy served on the Board from 1998 until 2012 with many years as the Chair. The Sutton Free Library is fortunate to have such dedicated Trustees and thanks Becky and Kathy for their service to the Town.

Thanks also go to Laurie Hayward and Sara Blake for their interim service and a warm welcome to Angela Gosselin and Yvonne Howard as trustees moving forward.

Children's Librarian Jennifer Carson moved on to new opportunities in publishing and you will see her also in the town clerk's office! Library Assistant Sara Coyle sends regards from her new home in Massachusetts and says she will be back to substitute now and then. Welcome to Catharine "Casey" Biuso and Kirsten Kraushaar as Library Assistants filling the positions left open by these changes.

### **Building Repairs and Maintenance**

Professional building inspection  
Removal of old meeting room carpeting  
Updated septic system to comply with state statutes  
Foundation repairs

General maintenance to exterior doors  
Replacement locking mechanisms and new exit bars on secondary egress  
Hot water heater added

### **Future Goals**

More Events and Partnerships  
Collection review and renewal - insights and input encouraged!  
Improved Online Presence and Event Management

### **Gratitude**

While the passing of our friend, chair, and neighbor Beth Cernek was a shock to our systems, the library wishes to recognize the generosity of Beth's family and friends in their support to the library as beneficiary of Memorial Donations in Beth's name. A public hearing was held to determine priorities for use of Beth Cernek Memorial Funds. Those needs were identified as new flooring for the basement meeting room, landscaping for the front yard, off-site rental fees for the library programs that take place in other buildings, and museum passes.

Thanks also to Arctic Dreams, the Vernondale Store, the Newbury Public Library, Tracy Memorial Library and to so many individuals, whose contributions were valuable beyond measure. The support of the town office staff and select-board is fantastic and a special thanks to Wally Baker for help with the foundation and Dan Sundquist for taking the septic project on.

Beyond local support, the library was grateful for grants awarded in 2014. The New London Rotary Literacy Committee supported the library with funding for an Author visit. A second grant was procured from the NH State Library Kids Books and the Arts program which allowed for a Summer Reading Grand Finale during the Celebrate Sutton week. This program is also funded through IMLS grants and other federal funds.

Here's looking forward with hope, enthusiasm, and a sense of adventure to the possibilities of 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board of Trustees:

Lynne Chadwick, Co-Chair  
Angela Gosselin, Treasurer  
Yvonne Howard  
Shannon Storm, Co-Chair  
Carrie Thomas, Secretary

*Heidi Thoma*, Director

**Visit the Sutton Free Library**

(603) 927 4927

m 10-12 & 3-7

w 8-12 & 3-7

sat 10-2

**Game Night for All Ages!** 2nd Monday of the Month  
**Monthly Book Discussions** (Adult Fiction/NonFiction)

# Report of the Sutton Free Library

All amounts are expressed in USA Dollars.

	Town Accounts	Library Accounts	Total
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Grants & donations		10,027.00	10,027.00
	-	10,027.00	10,027.00
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current - Culture and Recreation			
Salaries and Benefits	21,159.88		21,159.88
Other Administrative Costs	2,034.74		2,034.74
Books, Periodicals and Programs	3,270.28	678.00	3,948.28
Operations and Maintenance of Facilities	9,718.81	1,505.44	11,224.25
	36,183.71	2,183.44	38,367.15
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(36,183.71)	7,843.56	(28,340.15)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
Transfers in			
General Fund	36,183.71		36,183.71
	36,183.71	-	36,183.71
Net change in fund balances	-	7,843.56	7,843.56
Fund balances - beginning		3,260.61	3,260.61
Fund balances - ending	-	11,104.17	11,104.17

Respectfully Submitted,

*Heidi Thoma, Treasurer*

# Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission

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Established in accordance with state law, the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) is a voluntary association of 20 communities in Merrimack and Hillsborough Counties. The Town of Sutton is a member in good standing of the Commission. Emilio Cancio-Bello and Julie McCarthy are the Town's representatives to the Commission.

CNHRPC's mission is to comply with State statute (RSA 36:47) by preparing and adopting regional land use and transportation plans and a regional housing needs assessment. CNHRPC also evaluates developments of regional impact (RSA 36:54-58) and provides data, information, training, and high-quality, cost-effective services to our member communities. CNHRPC advocates for member communities and assists and encourages them in both municipal and regional endeavors.

In 2014, the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission undertook the following local and region-wide activities:

- Provided technical assistance services for member communities, including zoning ordinance development, grant writing assistance, plan review services, local master plan development, capital improvements program development and guidance, hazard mitigation guidance, and planning board process training.
- Provided Hazard Mitigation Plan update development assistance to seven communities (including the Sutton Hazard Mitigation Plan 2014) through funding from the NH Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (NH HSEM) and the NH Department of Environmental Services (NH DES).
- Completed the development of the Central/Southern NH Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) in coordination with the CEDS Steering Committee and the Southern NH Planning Commission.
- Completed the development of the draft Central NH Regional Plan. The Regional Plan is an advisory document that communities may use as a resource when updating their own municipal Master Plans. The three-year project was part of a statewide effort by all nine New Hampshire Regional Planning Commissions.
- Assisted the Currier and Ives Byway Council with its member

towns of Henniker, Hopkinton, Webster, Warner and Salisbury. In 2014, the Council continued its efforts in public outreach and promoting awareness through hosting the second annual Currier and Ives Scenic Byway open house and updating the Currier and Ives Scenic Byway page on the NHDOT website.

- Continued Fluvial Erosion Hazard (FEH) planning activities, including coordinating a public information meeting for the Turkey and Soucook Rivers FEH assessment results for five communities in June and developing Piscataquog River feature maps and data tables for one community through funding from the NH Department of Environmental Services (NH DES).
- Completed the preparation of the draft Central NH Region Broadband Plan under the NH Broadband Mapping and Planning Program.
- Coordinated the activities of the CNHRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). Emilio Cancio-Bello is the Town's TAC representative.
- Offered its member communities a Road Surface Management System (RSMS) program, through transportation planning activities, which provides an overview and estimate of a municipal road system's condition and the approximate costs for future improvements.
- Completed over 200 traffic counts in the region as part of its annual Transportation Data Collection Program. In Sutton, CNHRPC conducted twelve traffic counts along state and local roads.
- Assisted five communities with the preparation of Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant applications for pedestrian and bicycle improvement projects.
- Continued to support an enhanced volunteer driver program (VDP) in our region that was established in November 2011 through CNHRPC's 2010 Coordinated Transportation Plan efforts. In 2014, the VDP provided over 7,000 rides to seniors and people with disabilities for essential medical appointments and vital services that help the residents of our region remain independent. The goal of the planning effort was to reduce transportation costs for those in need while increasing coordination between existing transportation providers. For more information, visit [www.midstatercc.org](http://www.midstatercc.org).
- Tracked state highway paving projects and coordinated with municipalities to ensure annual repaving and lane striping met community needs, with a particular emphasis on bicycle and pedestrian safety.
- Provided assistance to seven communities with Safe Routes to School (SRTS) projects including grant writing, compre-

hensive travel plan preparation, and technical assistance for infrastructure projects.

- Conducted monthly Park & Ride vehicle occupancy counts at seven New Hampshire Park and Ride locations around the region as part of CNHRPC's transportation planning work program.
- Provided assistance to the Regional Trails Coordinating Council, a coalition of local rail trail and shared-use path groups roughly in the Salem-Manchester-Concord corridor. The group has continued to work to implement the Regional Trails Plan that was completed in 2013. Activities included developing a logo, purchasing trail marker signs, coordinating trail groups, and other activities to promote the use and development of rail trails in the region.
- Provided assistance to NH Department of Transportation's (NHDOT) Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Advisory Committee (BPTAC), advising NHDOT on bicycle and pedestrian related matters. BPTAC activities included various projects such as level of traffic stress analysis, lane striping policies, and the development of a statewide bicycle and pedestrian traffic counting program.
- Continued to acquire, update, and utilize Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data for planning, cartography, and analysis across all projects.

For additional information, please contact the CNHRPC staff or visit us at [www.cnhrpc.org](http://www.cnhrpc.org). CNHRPC Commission meetings are open to the public and interested citizens are encouraged to attend.



37 Pleasant Street, New London NH 03257

## **The COA Chapin Senior Center: Bettering the Lives of Seniors in Our Community**

The mission of the KCOA Chapin Senior Center is to respond to the needs of seniors living in the Kearsarge/Mt. Sunapee area. We are pleased to report that in the past year – with the generous support from our volunteers, donors and area towns – we have been able continue to make significant contributions to the health, well being and quality of life of senior residents in the area.

COA provides a variety of services, including organizing indoor and outdoor recreation programs, hosting social events such as bridge games and lunch discussion groups, providing access to free mobility equipment and acting as a clearinghouse for resources for those in need of assistance to remain living independently in their homes.

One of the most critical of COA's programs is the volunteer transportation program that provides door through door service to medical and other appointments to those who are unable to drive. COA volunteers typically drive seniors from the nine town area 40,000 to 50,000 miles each year. Last year was no different. The program is





so successful that **COA is looking for additional volunteer drivers. If you are interested in a truly rewarding volunteer experience, join us in helping provide this crucial service to your senior friends and neighbors.** We'd love to hear from you. Stop by the Chapin Senior Center or call us at 526-6308.

COA relies on private donations from local citizens and community businesses as well as fundraisers (such as its annual Book Sale) for 70% of our operating funds. The remaining 30% comes from the nine towns we serve. We are truly thankful to all of those who contribute their money, time and energy to make our work possible.

COA's Chapin Senior Center is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Whether you come to take part in exercises, to ask Medicare questions, to attend an enriching educational program, to enjoy our book and video library, to volunteer or just to have coffee with friends, opportunity awaits. We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

*Derek D. Lick*  
Chairman

# Muster Field Farm Museum & Matthew Harvey Homestead

Highlights of 2014 at Muster Field Farm Museum:

International Author Presents in Collaboration with Sutton Free Library & Historical Society

Farm Hosts Statewide Tour of Co-op Extension Service

Lyford Education Funding Supports 4H Group and Local Scholarships

KRHS Docent Support for Summer Homestead Tours

Sutton Central Students of all ages Experience the Farm

Bee-Keepers hold Regional Annual Meeting at Muster Field

Free Canning Workshop and Demo at Harvest Day

Muster Field Farm Museum's 250 acres and historic homestead have been a part of Sutton's culture and heritage for generations. The homestead, built by Matthew Harvey, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and housed Sutton's first library collection. The Harvey family served New Hampshire and the nation in civil service for over 50 years. When the farm passed beyond the Harvey Family, Robert S. Bristol began his stewardship. Mr. Bristol served as a select board member in Sutton and preserved the lands and buildings of Muster Field for future generations through the development of a trust which supports the mission of the Farm Museum. The fields surrounding the homestead once provided space for local troops to muster in preparation for duty, giving the farm its current name. Today, the Farm Museum is a vibrant example of New Hampshire's agrarian Heritage. Annual events throughout the year highlight the collection of farm buildings brought to Muster Field from around the region as well as the present-day working farm that produces unbelievable flowers, fruits, vegetables, hay and cordwood.

Muster Field is grateful for the dedication of families and individuals who volunteer throughout the year as well as an incredible staff working seasonally and year-round. If you would like to learn more, visit the website or email for membership details and more. The Farm Museum is open to the public daily for self-guided tours and exploration. You are encouraged to visit and take a step into the history of Sutton and enjoy the resources made possible by the generous vision of Bob Bristol. Details on Annual Events are available on the website: [www.musterfieldfarm.com](http://www.musterfieldfarm.com).

Board of Directors 2014

Larry Ballin, Sam Dube, Warren Jones, Bruce Putnam, Chip Rowe, Rebecca Rowe, Kathleen Stowell, Heidi Thoma, Jen White

Year Round Staff 2014

Steve Paquin, Farm Manager

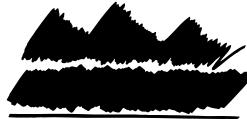
Mel Mimnaugh, Farm Worker

Jack Noon, Museum Historian/Curator

Beth Morrill, Administrative Assistant

# Community Action Program Report 2014

SERVICE DESCRIPTION	UNITS OF SERVICE	HOUSEHOLDS/PERSONS	VALUE
<b>EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRIES</b> provide up to five days of food for people facing temporary food crisis. Value \$5.00 per meal.	MEALS--1490	HOUSEHOLDS--149	\$ 7,450.00
<b>FUEL ASSISTANCE</b> is available to income eligible households to help with energy costs during the prime heating season. Priority is given to the elderly and disabled.	APPLICATIONS--42	PERSONS--90	\$ 33,735.00
<b>ELECTRIC ASSISTANCE</b> program is a statewide program funded by all electric rate payers which provides a specific tier of discount from 9% to 77% on electric bills for income eligible households.	ENROLLED HH--32		\$ 18,042.17
<b>WEATHERIZATION</b> improves the energy efficiency of income eligible households. Supplemental program also includes furnace replacement, water heater replacement and roof repair. Value includes average material and labor.	HOMES--0	PERSONS--0	\$ -
		<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 59,227.17</b>
<b>INFORMATION AND REFERRAL</b> --CAP provides utility, landlord/tenant, legal and health counseling as well as referrals for housing, transportation and other life concerns. These support/advocacy services are not tracked.			



Lake Sunapee Region  
VNA & HOSPICE

## Report of the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association 2014

Dear Friends:

On behalf of all the staff and volunteers of Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice (LSRVNA), thank you for the opportunity to provide home health and hospice services, personal care and community health services in Sutton. Our Mission to provide care for individuals and families in home and community settings and enable people to stay in their homes for as long as possible is at the heart of all we do for Sutton residents and residents throughout our 1,900 square-mile service area. As in previous years, our Board of Directors has pledged that, within its financial resources, LSRVNA will continue to serve those in need of care regardless of insurance coverage or financial circumstances. I am proud to report that, for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2014, LSRVNA employees served Sutton in the following ways:

- ✦ Provided 7,508 hours of nursing, therapy and in-home supportive care to 56 residents;
- ✦ Provided 1,912 in-home nursing, therapy and social work visits to these residents. 53 visits were provided without any remuneration to LSRVNA. 216 visits were provided under various Medicaid programs (NH Medicaid reimburses at less than 60% of visit costs);
- ✦ Four residents received 66 visits through our hospice program and were able to spend their last days at home. Their families are provided 14 months of bereavement support and counseling after the death of their loved one, at no cost;
- ✦ 150 residents utilized our foot care, flu and blood pressure clinics as well as parent child, bereavement and other support groups.

Our talented staff remains committed not only to individual health and well-being, but to fostering community support and involvement which empowers residents to help their friends and neighbors. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is any way that we may be of service to you, your loved ones or your town's residents. Our vision to be the leading provider of home care services in the region, to be the best place to work and volunteer, and to remain an adaptive and enduring presence is only possible with support and confidence such as yours. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

Sincerely,

Monique Malanga  
Chief Financial Officer

# UNH Cooperative Extension Merrimack County 2014



*We served citizens in every community in Merrimack County through our diverse programming such as 4-H, Nutrition Connections, Food & Agriculture, Community & Economic Development, Natural Resources, and Youth & Family, from October 2013 to September 2014, reaching residents in all 27 towns in the county.*

*In the spirit of the regional program model, residents benefitted not only from the Merrimack County-based Extension staff but 58 Extension state and field specialists from outside of Merrimack County. That's 85 percent of our educators.*

## **Who we are:**

UNH Cooperative Extension, the public outreach arm of the University of New Hampshire, has engaged New Hampshire residents for 100 years with a broad variety of non-formal educational offerings.



## **What we do:**

UNH Cooperative Extension provides a direct link between UNH and people throughout the state. In partnership with local residents and volunteers, Cooperative Extension plans and conducts educational programs responsive to New Hampshire people and the issues they identify as important to them.

## **How we do it:**

County Extension field staff bring these programs to county residents through hands-on workshops, site visits, seminars, conferences, phone consultations, video-conferences, printed materials, correspondence courses, a statewide toll free Info Line, and a large website, as well as partnering with other programs to bring the best to the citizens of Merrimack County. Our program areas include:

- **Food & Agriculture:** UNH Cooperative Extension, part of the land grant university, provides educational programs and

applied research to promote safe and local food production, dairy and small-scale livestock and poultry production, and the state's large and diverse ornamental horticulture industry. We offer programs in food safety for homeowners, farmers markets, and food service industries, as well as, pesticide applicator training, soil and plant diagnostic services and livestock production. Merrimack County residents participated in Master Gardener training and programs, NH Dairy conference, NH Municipal Turf & Grounds conference, Plant Diagnostics Lab services, Safe Milk Handling training, Small Farm conference, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), and Immigrant Farmer training.

- **Natural Resources:** Managing and protecting New Hampshire's natural resources is critical to a healthy environment, our quality of life, and the tourism industry, as well as for current and future economic opportunities. Our Natural Resources Team provides research, education and stewardship throughout the state with a "boots on the ground" approach in extending state-wide programs in forestry and wildlife, natural resource development, land and water conservation, and marine fisheries. Merrimack County residents participated in many Natural Resources Programs: Emerald Ash Borer and Asian Longhorned Beetle monitoring and educational workshops, Geospatial Technology Training (GIS), NH Maple School, NH Land Trust Coalition work, Saving Special Places Land Conservation Conference, Speaking for Wildlife talks, Stewardship Network and woodlot visits and Forest Management services.
- **Community & Economic Development:** Our Community and Economic Development team (CED) will continue providing research-based education and assistance to individuals, families, businesses, and communities to help them identify opportunities to enhance their competitive advantage, build upon their assets, and create conditions that foster local and regional economic growth. Merrimack County residents participated in the following programs: Agriculture and Natural Resource Business Institute courses, All Walks of Life Forum, Broadband training and technical assistance, Community Profiles (Dunbarton & Hooksett), Marketing Forest Products workshops, More than Wheels – Making Money Work for You, Selling at Farmers Markets, and Town planning facilitation and technical support.
- **Youth & Family:** Preparing youth to become caring and productive citizens is critical to New Hampshire's future. We pursue this goal through community-based positive youth development, using the 4-H program as a primary vehicle. UNH Extension has always been well-known and is highly regarded

for nutrition education programs for families and children across the state. Federal funding from the USDA provides resources for continued support to programs that focus on the specific needs of limited-resource families (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program). We address high-priority issues such as obesity as both a personal health and public health/economic issue. We provide educational resources for parents and families through creative delivery mechanisms, including web-based outreach, e-newsletters and train-the-trainer programs. The research-based education and information we provide enhances New Hampshire citizens' ability to make informed decisions that strengthens families. Merrimack County youth and volunteers participated in 4-H Youth Development programs such as: State and County Activities Day, Eastern States Activities and Competition, Teen Conference, County and State Animal Science Shows, Barry Conservation Camp, Hopkinton State Fair, Volunteer Screening and Training, and Youth Leadership/Youth Voice workshops. Merrimack County residents also participated in Afterschool Professional workshops, Farm to School Days, Military Family Events and Camps, and Nutrition Education programs for limited resource families, refugees and local schools.

UNH Extension trains and supports more than 3,359 volunteers statewide providing a value of \$4.5 million . . . 4-H leaders, master gardeners, wildlife coverts, community tree stewards, water quality monitors, marine docents, and others, who extend the reach of Extension programs into many domains of New Hampshire life.

Our state-wide Education Center & toll-free Info Line staffed by volunteers fielded 394 calls from Merrimack County residents alone. Twenty-four Master Gardeners from Merrimack County helped extend Extension's work, volunteering 762 hours and making direct contacts with local residents.

Our efforts contribute to the good health of our state and its people, helping foster a strong economy, healthy environment, productive youth and the vibrant communities that make New Hampshire a great place to live, visit, and work.

In 2014, UNH Cooperative Extension reached a major milestone . . . its 100-year anniversary! Participate in the celebration by making an investment in Extension or the 4-H Foundation of New Hampshire. Your investment will help ensure that our work for New Hampshire continues far into the next century. Private donations are a critical part of Extension's funding mix. Go to [extension.unh.edu](http://extension.unh.edu) and click **DONATE**



to **make a gift, see impacts, and hear from other donors.**  
*Merrimack County Advisory Council members, staff and delegation members attended our Strawberry Social at Apple Hill Farm in Concord this June, in celebration of UNH Cooperative Extension's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.*



**We are fortunate to have 12 community members from all over Merrimack County serving on our Advisory Council:**

Commissioner Bronwyn Asplund-Walsh, *Boscawen*

Chris LaValley, *Allenstown*

Larry Ballin, *New London*

Mark Cowdrey, *Andover*

Elaine Forst, *Pittsfield*

Stewart Yeaton, *Epsom*

Ken Koerber, *Dunbarton*

Paul Mercier, *Canterbury*

Judy Palfrey, *Epsom*

Mike Trojano, *Contoocook*

Patrick Gilmartin, *Concord*

State Rep. Lorrie Carey, *Boscawen*

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Extension also distributes a wide range of information from our web site: [extension.unh.edu](http://extension.unh.edu)

UNH Cooperative Extension operates a statewide Education Center and Info Line (toll-free at 1-877-398-4769) which is staffed Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Email questions to: [answers@unh.edu](mailto:answers@unh.edu).

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# Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports

**B**NSYS is going through some big changes as we move into 2015. The end of 2014 brought many new members to the Board of Directors. We are all looking forward to the future of BNSYS, yet we know that we have big shoes to fill.

Perhaps the biggest change in 2014 was the addition of wrestling. Wrestling is a growing sport in our area and in NH. A big thank you goes out to Erik Croto and all who have helped the program as it got off the ground. We are looking forward to growing the wrestling program in years to come.

The baseball season went well with 95 athletes on seven teams. We are looking forward to another great season this spring.

Our soccer season also went well with 117 athletes and nine teams. Last spring five of our coaches completed the Class "E" coaching course. Thank you to all for sharing your knowledge with our youth.

Our 14th annual golf tournament at the Country Club of New Hampshire was our most successful fundraising event to date. A big thank you goes out to Andy and Malissa Spiegel for taking the lead on that year after year.

For those new to the towns which we serve, BNSYS is a 501C3, non-profit organization whose sole mission is to provide quality sports opportunities to area youths, while reinforcing the concepts of sportsmanship and team participation. Our revenue is derived from fundraising events, program participation fees, donations and contributions from the towns. The expenses incurred yearly are insurance and equipment. Funds are also used for league fees, uniforms, field/building maintenance, toilet rental, and scholarships.

All aspects of our program are based on volunteers. Without the countless volunteers BNSYS would not be able to offer as much to the community. Thank you to everyone who continues to volunteer and support BNSYS.

If you would like to get involved please visit our website, [www.bn-sys.org](http://www.bn-sys.org), or contact one of the Directors. We would love to have you involved in making BNSYS the best youth sports program possible.

*Theo Selby*  
President

## **Board of Directors**

Treasurer: Kristen West  
Secretary: Christy LeBoeuf  
Baseball Director: Rod McConnell  
Softball Director: Jesse Griffin  
Soccer Director: David Spinney

Wrestling Director: Erik Croto  
Equipment Director: Hans Whipple  
Fundraising Director: Andrew Spiegel  
Field Director: Rob Naughton

# New London Hospital

In the 12 months since our last report, New London Hospital continued to offer a broad array of local health care services in our community hospital setting, serving 15 towns, including Sutton.

During this time, these capable and caring providers joined our vibrant medical staff: Matthew Bryant, CRNA; William Ferriter, DPM; Tamsen Howes, PA; Erin Knuuti, FNP, MSN; Ashley Miller, MD; Pete Peterson, PA-C ATC; Heather Sabourin, CRNA; and Andrew Torkelson, MD.

In keeping with our recent affiliation with Dartmouth-Hitchcock, we also added services from an extensive roster of Dartmouth-Hitchcock specialty healthcare providers in Audiology, Dermatology, Gastroenterology, General Surgery, Orthopaedics and Urology. And we welcomed Harold Pikus, MD of Upper Valley Neurology Neurosurgery to meet the increased need for neurosurgical care in our communities.

In addition to healthcare services provided in our facilities, our Ambulance Service was available 24/7 with Advanced Life Support for seven communities including Sutton. Clinical staff and senior leaders were out and about as speakers for various groups and participants in area health fairs and events. We also offered the community these significant educational opportunities:

- Panel of statewide and local experts on the Affordable Care Act and how to access health insurance;
- Caring Student Intern program for high schoolers interested in healthcare careers;
- 14<sup>th</sup> annual Central New Hampshire EMS Conference at Mount Sunapee Resort;
- *The Wellness Connection: For a Healthy Lake Sunapee Region*, whose strategic plan to promote healthy eating and active living was unveiled;
- Inaugural John H. Ohler, MD Community Health Lecture on *Dietary Impact on Health: Understanding the Magic of the Mediterranean Diet*, by cardiologist Dr. Andrew Torkelson, with 275 attendees.

We celebrated many successes, including honors bestowed on individuals, departments and our entire institution, with these designations and awards that reflect the quality of care offered to our community:

- Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Hospital Honor Roll, based on performance among the top 25% nationally on a set of composite quality and patient experience measures;
- Diagnostic Imaging Center of Excellence (DICOE) designation from the American College of Radiology (first hospital in New Hampshire and one of 19 hospitals in the country);
- Statewide awards from the New Hampshire Hospital Association:

President and CEO Bruce King given the Leslie A. Smith President's Award, and *The Wellness Connection for a Healthy Lake Sunapee Region* named recipient of the HEAL NH Award for promoting healthy eating and active living;

- Rural Health Clinician Award to Chief Medical Officer and Medical Director of Psychiatric Services for New London Hospital, Steven Powell, MD, MPH, by the New England Rural Health RoundTable;
- Community Member of the Year award to Karen Zurheide, Vice President of Community Relations and Development, from the Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce for outstanding service and commitment to the community;
- Cloie Bridgeo, Scott Ireland, Patricia Rienzo and Sandra Williams recognized for each reaching 35 years of dedicated service to the community as New London Hospital employees.

The year also brought challenges, both particular to us and common to healthcare organizations. Our Newport Health Center was unexpectedly forced to close for several weeks in March and April for repairs to extensive flood damage. Staff of both Newport and New London facilities successfully accommodated Newport patients in New London during this time, including providing transportation for those who needed it. Also in early 2014, we reported financial shortfalls to the community. Board of Trustees and staff leadership worked together to adjust budgets without compromising quality. In the second half of 2014 we saw improved financial results, from increased utilization of many of our services and reduced expenses.

During 2014, the community gave back to New London Hospital in many ways, including:

- Our 9th Annual Gala that raised \$19,000 to support Newport Health Center's flood recovery and \$17,000 for our Annual Fund;
- Sponsors and players who contributed to raise \$30,000 from our 11th Annual Golf Invitational;
- Community organizations and individuals from many towns who worked together to bring about the 90th annual Hospital Days celebration and our 31st annual Triathlon;
- The Lake Sunapee Country Club Women's Golf Association which raised \$28,000 to provide breast cancer detection services to those unable to pay;
- Volunteer service to the hospital, given in many different capacities, which totaled nearly 11,000 hours.

Thank you to Town residents, families and guests who chose to receive care from us in 2014, as well as volunteers who gave their precious time, generous donors who provided funding, dedicated staff who gave their best daily, and all others from Sutton who supported our mission in the past year.

# Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust - Town of Sutton

The mission of the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (Ausbon Sargent) is to protect the rural landscape of the twelve towns of the Mt. Kearsarge/Mt. Sunapee region. The region comprises the towns of Andover, Bradford, Danbury, Goshen, Grantham, New London, Newbury, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner and Wilmot. Since our founding in 1987, Ausbon Sargent has completed 134 projects and protected 10,867 acres – including fourteen working farms and over eight miles of lake frontage. All of these conservation lands must provide for some public benefit and two-thirds of these properties offer public access.

Quality of life is very important to the residents of New Hampshire and the state consistently ranks in the top ten as one of the best places to live in the United States. Contributing to this ranking are our clean water, scenic places and outdoor recreation. Open spaces also contribute significantly to the economic well being of the State and our communities.

During 2014, Ausbon Sargent completed 8 projects representing just over 645 acres: one each in the towns of Newbury, East Andover, Danbury, Springfield, Bradford, Warner, Goshen and Wilmot.

Although no projects were completed this year in the Town of Sutton, we deeply appreciate our ongoing partnership with the Sutton Conservation Commission. We have worked closely with the Commission in the past to complete 10 projects in Sutton consisting of over 900 acres. Many hours were spent during 2014 monitoring and stewarding these properties.

Similar to our relationship with the Sutton Conservation Commission, Ausbon Sargent has worked closely with the Conservation Commissions from the towns of Newbury and Warner during 2014 to close on two important properties. These are the 143 acre Stoney Brook Project in Newbury which closed in January 2014 and the 56 acre Aranosian property in Warner.

Ausbon Sargent's website indicates which of the land trust's protected properties have trails open to the public. These trails, many of which cross privately owned land, are open to hiking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. The website includes trail maps and driving directions. For more information on these newly conserved properties, and all of Ausbon Sargent's protected properties, please visit our website at: [www.ausbonsargent.org](http://www.ausbonsargent.org); also, please visit our Facebook page.

Ausbon Sargent hosted numerous events in 2014 that are available

for our membership and the public to enjoy. In addition to our ever-popular fundraising events such as the Progressive Dinner in July and the Holiday Party in December, we hold many other events, which I encourage you to attend. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Kearsarge Classic Bike Event in conjunction with the New Hampshire Cycling Club was again held in September. A workshop "How You Can Help Wildlife Adapt to Climate Change" was sponsored by The Ausbon Sargent Outreach Committee and held at the Wilmot Community Association's Red Barn in November. Hikes were held at the Baptist Pond easement Trust in Springfield, the Garvey easement in Goshen and a Dragonfly Walk in Wilmot at the Sahler Property.

Ausbon Sargent is pleased to have over 200 volunteers providing year-round support for easement monitoring, committee assignments and clerical work. In May we hosted a Volunteer Recognition Party in Sunapee as a thank you to these loyal and talented volunteers. We are grateful to have so many giving members who provide financial support and the countless hours which have assured our success. If you would like to join us in our work to protect these special places, you could become a conservation easement donor, support Ausbon Sargent financially, volunteer your time to the organization, encourage the town officials throughout our twelve town region to conserve our rural character by supporting land conservation and most importantly, if you are not already, please consider becoming a member of Ausbon Sargent.

Sincerely,

*Deborah L. Stanley*  
Executive Director

#### **Board of Trustees**

*Steve Allenby*  
*Martha Cottrill*  
*Joseph DiClerico*  
*Charlie Foss, Vice-Chairman*  
*Nan Kaplan, Secretary*  
*Cindy Lawson*

*Doug Lyon, Chairman*  
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*Susan Nooney, Treasurer*  
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*Jim Owers*  
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*Suzanne Tether*

#### **Staff**

<b>Land Protection Specialist/Stewardship Manager</b>	<i>Andy Deegan</i>
<b>Operations Manager</b>	<i>Sue Ellen Andrews</i>
<b>Development Associate</b>	<i>Laurie DiClerico</i>
<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	<i>Nancy Smith</i>
<b>Bookkeeper</b>	<i>Patsy Steverson</i>
<b>Communications Coordinator</b>	<i>Peggy Hutter</i>

# The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway



The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition (SRKGC) was founded in 1993. It is an all volunteer, non-profit organization to promote hiking and land conservation. A 75 mile hiking trail forming a loop known as the SRK Greenway was built to link the most prominent peaks in the area – Mt Sunapee, Mt Ragged and Mt Kearsarge.

The SRK Greenway extends through ten towns and of the 75 miles, 9.6 miles are in Sutton. Entering from Mount Kearsarge State Forest along the Lincoln Trail from the north, the Greenway arrives at Kearsarge Valley Road, passes under I-89 at Exit 10, enters Shadow Hill State Forest, then the perimeter of Kearsarge Regional Middle School. It crosses NH 114 below Music Hill Road and arrives at Wadleigh Hill Road near the Pressey Bridge over the Lane River. From there it passes the Town Forest and into Wadleigh State Park. From Wadleigh the SRKGC heads toward Chalk Pond in Newbury by following Penacook Road to King's Hill Road, ascends King's Hill Road and descends to the Newbury town line at Stone House Road. Much of the trail passes over private property and would not exist were it not for the generosity of many land owners.

The SRK Greenway is a thoroughly community-based, all volunteer organization governed by an active Board of Directors which oversees trail maintenance work, a newsletter, a website ([www.srkg.com](http://www.srkg.com)), a trail guide book (sold at local book stores), a 3-season hiking schedule and an annual meeting in March of every year. Jean LaChance, representing the Sutton Conservation Commission, and Dave Gardner currently serve as Sutton Directors on the Greenway Board. Iain Gilmour manages sales of the SRKGC Trail Guide book and Art Robbins helps keep Sutton's portion of SRK Greenway trails repaired and blazed.

Our website at [www.srkg.org](http://www.srkg.org) has maps of the entire Greenway. There you will find hike schedules, landowner information, membership details and links to other hiking trails in New Hampshire.

Hiking trails are an important feature of the region's tourism economy and an important benefit to the community. Preserving and maintaining a Green Corridor in Sutton and the surrounding towns has an enormous impact with its associated recreational, economic and health benefits. To improve awareness of hiking trails generally SRK Greenway representatives continually meet with several town boards, conservation commissions, and others including the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT), SPNHF, the Mount Sunapee State Park Advisory Committee, the NH Trails Bureau and the Statewide Trails Advisory Committee.



# Marriages Recorded for the Town of Sutton

for the year ending December 31, 2014

<u>Date of Marriage</u>	<u>Name of Groom</u>	<u>Residence of Groom</u>
<u>Place of Marriage</u>	<u>Name of Bride</u>	<u>Residence of Bride</u>
04/26/2014 North Sutton, NH	Darling, Brian E . Perry, Amanda D.	South Sutton, NH South Sutton, NH
05/21/2014 Sutton, NH	Hurd, Steven P. Wheeler, Jessica A.	Newbury, NH Sutton, NH
07/26/2014 New London, NH	Cavallaro, III, Samuel J. Allen, Jamie M.	North Sutton, NH North Sutton, NH
08/04/2014 Sutton, NH	Cloutier, Robert L. Cloutier, Marilyn E.	North Sutton, NH North Sutton, NH
08/28/2014 North Sutton, NH	Dougherty, Daniel L. Shaw, Kelsey F.	North Sutton, NH El Segundo, CA
09/13/2014 Croydon, NH	Jackman, John W. Kimball, Kori M.	South Sutton, NH South Sutton, NH
09/20/2014 Henniker, NH	Jalbert, Andrew Dunn, Annemarie	South Sutton, NH South Sutton, NH
10/08/2014 Intervale-Conway, NH	Eckman, David E. Mullin, Jennifer J.	Sutton, NH Sutton, NH
10/11/2014 Sutton, NH	Stockman, Dana C. Bowman, Kathleen A.	North Sutton, NH North Sutton, NH
10/11/2014 Hancock, NH	White, Samuel I. Terrill, Briana L.	South Sutton, NH South Sutton, NH

All information gathered from the Department of Vital Records, NH as of January 6, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Linda D. Ford*  
Town Clerk

# Births Recorded in the Town of Sutton

for the Year Ending December 31, 2014

Child's Name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Father's/Partner's Name	Mother's Name
Smith, Silas Theodore	01/23/2014	Lebanon, NH	Smith, Isaac	Smith, Morgan
Sturtevant, Kenneth Charles	04/16/2014	Concord, NH	Sturtevant, Douglas	Sturtevant, Nicole
Milne, George McCarty	05/01/2014	Lebanon, NH	Milne, Malcolm	Milne, Marilyn
Milne, Emerson Ricker	05/01/2014	Lebanon, NH	Milne, Malcolm	Milne, Marilyn
Milne, Samuel Fifield	05/01/2014	Lebanon, NH	Milne, Malcolm	Milne, Marilyn
Shepherd, Sophia Joyce	06/29/2014	Concord, NH	Shepherd, Steven	Shepherd, Laura
Burns, Mwerranda	07/21/2014	Concord, NH	Burns, Jason	Helai, Mwejr
Malynowski, Layla Marie	08/22/2014	Concord, NH	Malynowski, Jeffrey	Malynowski, Shawna
Sniffen, Hughin Samuel Read	10/02/2014	Lebanon, NH	Sniffen, Travis	Read, Megan
Stickney, Lily Ann	10/23/2014	Concord, NH	Stickney, Michael	Stickney, Lindsay
Clay, Ava Christine	11/05/2014	Lebanon, NH	Clay, Edward	Blanchetti, Nicole
Cooper, Claire Elise	11/12/2014	Lebanon, NH	Cooper, Stuart	Cooper, Emily
Snow, Jamison Elizabeth	12/01/2014	Concord, NH	Snow, Jonathan	Snow, Kristin
Danilowski, Evan Basil	12/03/2014	Lebanon, NH	Danilowski, Gregory	Danilowski, Beth

All information gathered from the Department of Vital Records, NH as of January 6, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Linda D. Ford*  
Town Clerk

# Deaths Recorded in the Town of Sutton

for the Year Ending December 31, 2014

Decedent's Name	Date of Death	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mothers Name
Lovett, Miriam	01/11/2014	South Sutton, NH	O'Leary, John	Gaffey, Margaret
Gareau, Jr., Leo	02/11/2014	North Sutton, NH	Gareau, Leo	Rougeau, Rosanna
Cerneck, Elizabeth	03/02/2014	Concord, NH	Coulter, Richard	Medlicott, Elizabeth
Kipp, Jacob	04/12/2014	Hooksett, NH	Kipp, Glenn	Cerino, Stephanie
Dalton, Lionel	05/29/2014	North Sutton, NH	Dalton, Joel	Johnson, Jan
Uzdanovich, Kenneth	08/22/2014	North Sutton, NH	Uzdanovich, George	Masiello, Phyllis
McGee, Mary	10/23/2014	New London, NH	Drader, Horace	McLeod, Mary
Doran, Jr., David	10/30/2014	South Sutton, NH	Doran, Sr., David	Unknown, Patricia
Quinley, Preston	11/28/2014	New London, NH	Quinley, Preston	Matthews, Nora
Erla, Wayne	12/06/2014	North Sutton, NH	Erla, John	Hart, Elsie



## Are you considering logging your land in Sutton?

The Sutton Conservation Commission reminds owners of forest land that your timber is a valuable asset. Be wary of unsolicited offers to log your land or buy timber. Before you have your property logged, we *strongly* recommend you:

- Hire a licensed professional **forester** to represent your financial interests and to protect the long-term health and productivity of your woodlot.
- Obtain a good written timber harvesting **contract**.
- Learn more about current **wood markets** and prices.
- Obtain **free** forestry **advice** from Merrimack County Cooperative Extension. County Forester, Tim Fleury will arrange to visit your woodlot. Please call Tim at (603) 796-2151 or 225-5505.
- Learn more about NH **forestry laws** including: the Intent to Cut permit, the NH Timber Yield Tax, Wetlands permits, Best Management Practices for Erosion Control, Basal Area law for Stream and Shoreland Protection zones, Slash laws and Timber Trespass laws.
- Visit the resource library in the Town Hall. **Free fact sheets** include an excellent publication entitled: *Selling Timber? Do It Right!* Other publications include information on: Forest Management Plans, Marking Boundaries, Logging Contracts, Best Management Practices, Timber Harvesting Laws, Cost-Share Programs, Licensed Foresters and Certified Loggers in NH.

A timber tax monitor reviews Intent to Cut permits and visits timber harvests in Sutton as necessary to insure accurate reporting of timber yields.

NH Division of Forests & Lands inspecting foresters visit logging operations to insure compliance with NH timber harvesting laws and to respond to complaints of timber law violations. Call (603) 271-2217.

Proper timber harvesting provides multiple benefits: income, improved habitat, trails, views, and long-term forest health. Uncontrolled, exploitive cutting results in lost revenue, environmental degradation, public resentment and legal liability.

**Your forest has been growing for many years.  
It will continue to increase in value over time.  
A timber sale should be an informed decision.  
Please do your homework!**

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