



THE TOWN OF
SUTTON
NEW HAMPSHIRE

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

We thank Garrett Evans for our Annual Report cover photograph which captures a striking view of Kearsarge as well as the northern end of town. The photograph was taken from the Clark (formerly Emerson) property on which Ausbon Sargent holds a conservation easement. The 2016 Annual Report is dedicated in memory of Lynn Voelim King who loved Mount Kearsarge almost as much as she loved the Town of Sutton.



Annual Report and Vital Statistics

for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2016

Population (NHOSP)..... estimated 1,848

Registered Voters1,597

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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

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR – Linda Ford and Cindy Stillman,
Deputy927-2401

Monday 8:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Tuesday 8:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.
Wednesday and Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
Last Saturday of the month 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

SELECTMEN’S OFFICE – Elly Phillips and Lorri Himes.....927-2400

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Selectmen’s Meetings – Mondays at 4:00 p.m.
All items for the agenda must be submitted by noon the Wednesday before the meeting. Appointments only at meetings.

BUILDING INSPECTOR – Matthew Grimes927-4321

CONSERVATION COMMISSION.....927-2400

The Commission meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

FIRE WARDEN – Bud Nelson.....927-2727

HEALTH OFFICER – David Burnham927-2400

DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER – Matthew Grimes..... 927-4321

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Steven Bagley, Road Agent.....927-2407

SOLID WASTE/TRANSFER/RECYCLING – Edward Herrmann.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 and

Casey Biuso, Assistant 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 – Edward Canane, Land Use Coordinator...927-2402

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8:30 a.m -- 4:30 p.m. or by appointment.
The Board meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

WELFARE OVERSEER – Alison Jones927-2400

Meetings by appointment Monday evenings

DEPUTY WELFARE OFFICER – Daniel Sundquist 927-2400

**ZONING BOARD – Edward Canane, Land Use Coordinator
 927-2402**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. or by appointment.
The Board meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month, as needed

TOWN OFFICERS/EMPLOYEES

For the Year Ending December 31, 2016

** Is an elected position*

MODERATOR*

Gregory Gill Term Expires 2017

SELECT BOARD*

William Curless Term Expires 2019

Robert Wright, Jr., Term Expires 2018

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

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Elly Phillips

ASSISTANT/BOOKKEEPER

Lynn King/Lorri Himes

LAND USE COORDINATOR

Ed Canane

TREASURER

Lorri Himes Term Expires 2017

DEPUTY TREASURER

Robert Wright, Jr.

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR*

Linda Ford Term Expires 2018

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Steven Bagley, Road Agent

Fred Burbee, Eugene Cote, John Csutor, Chris Grant, Adam Hurst

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jonathan Korbet, Police Chief

Valerie Crone, Sergeant, Duncan Domey, Police Officer

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Matthew Grimes, Director

SOLID WASTE/TRANSFER/RECYCLING CENTER

Edward Hermann, Solid Waste Supervisor

David Ellis, Diego Solimine

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE*

Alison Jones Term Expires 2017
Daniel Sundquist, Deputy Overseer of Public Welfare

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Matthew Grimes

ENVIRONMENTAL CODE RESOURCE OFFICER

Jeffrey Evans

HEALTH OFFICER

David Burnham
Matthew Grimes, Deputy Health Officer

LIBRARIANS

Heidi Thoma and Casey Biuso

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Robert "Bud" Nelson, Joanna Murphy, Lorri Himes

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS*

Roy Raven Term Expires 2019
Michael Cornelio Term Expires 2018
Beth Renzulli Term Expires 2017

BUDGET COMMITTEE*

Steven Hamilton Term Expires 2019
Andrew Palmer Term Expires 2019
Lynn King Vacant - Expires 2018
Robert DeFelice Term Expires 2018
John Silverberg, Chair Term Expires 2017
Richard Benson Term Expires 2017
Robert Wright Jr., Ex-officio Term Expires 2017
Victoria O'Connor, Recording Secretary

PLANNING BOARD

Julie McCarthy Term Expires 2019
Robert DeFelice Term Expires 2019
Lisa Hogarty (Alternate) Term Expires 2019
Roger Wells Term Expires 2018
James Lowe Term Expires 2018
Carrie Thomas, Chair Term Expires 2017
David Angeli Term Expires 2017
Deb Lang (Alternate) Term Expires 2017
William Curless, Ex-Officio Term Expires 2017
Ed Canane, Land Use Coordinator

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

Derek Lick, Chair Term Expires 2019
William Hallahan (Alternate) Term Expires 2019
Sue Ellen Reel (Resigned) Term Expires 2019
Betsy Forsham Term Expires 2018
Dane Headley Term Expires 2017
Doug Sweet Term Expires 2017
Ed Canane, Land Use Coordinator

CEMETERY COMMISSION*

Randy Fleury Term Expires 2019
Marilyn Thompson Term Expires 2018
Jack Noon Term Expires 2017

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST*

Marilyn Thompson Term Expires 2019
Kathleen Stowell Term Expires 2018
Kathleen Gill, Chair Term Expires 2020

TRUSTEES, SUTTON FREE LIBRARY*

Kristin Lombard Term Expires 2019
Carrie Thomas, Chair Term Expires 2019
Nancy Brook-Heckel Term Expires 2019
Yvonne Howard Term Expires 2018
Maria Caccavo Term Expires 2017

TRUSTEES, OLD STORE MUSEUM

Donald Davis, Jr. Term Expires 2019
Jack Noon Term Expires 2018
Walter Baker, Jr. Term Expires 2018
Robert O'Neil Term Expires 2018
Sheila Wilcox Term Expires 2017

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Jane Williamson.....	Term Expires 2019
Dan Sundquist.....	Term Expires 2019
Donald Davis, Jr.	Term Expires 2018
Jean LaChance (resigned)	Term Expires 2018
Chuck Bolduc, Alternate	Term Expires 2018
Chris Ashton	Term Expires 2018
Betsy Forsham, Chair.....	Term Expires 2017
Ben Dobrowski	Term Expires 2017
Henry Howell	Term Expires 2017
Walter Baker Jr., Selectmen’s Representative.....	Term Expires 2017

ROAD COMMITTEE

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

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Matthew Grimes

SUPERVISOR – HIGHWAY NOTIFICATION PROGRAM

Vacant

SUTTON REPRESENTATIVE TO KRSD SCHOOL BOARD*

Emilio Cancio-Bello	Term Expires 2019
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SUTTON REPRESENTATIVE TO KRSD BUDGET COMMITTEE*

Robert DeFelice	Term Expires 2019
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Round Room Report



As 2016 was a Presidential election year which always generates a rousing response in “first in the nation” New Hampshire, we begin this report by sharing some local election results. The female dragon on the directional sign to the library located at the intersection of Main Street and Village Road (sign by local artists Jennifer Carson and Loren Howard) was named “Skylar” by popular vote of the townspeople. The male dragon, who won the spot on the banner in front of the library, was named “Drake” by vote of the populace. Linda Ford, Certified Town Clerk/Tax Collector provided the following information regarding voter turnout in Sutton over a nine-year time span which you may find of interest:

Year	State General Election	State Primary Election	Town of Sutton	Presidential Primary
2016	1272	394	258	978
2015			270	
2014	904	294	435	
2013			306	
2012	1154	398	296	556
2011			271	
2010	811	388	293	
2009			222	
2008	1065	188	329	836

We commend all those who participate in our election process, and remind you that you can make a significant difference at the local level through your votes at annual meeting as well as your participation on one of our municipal boards or committees. If you are interested in serving your town, please contact the Selectmen's office.

Highlights of 2016

The Highway Department facilitated and completed several projects this year. A long overdue project was erecting a new sand and salt shed. The discussion regarding replacement of our highway building began in 1998, and a new facility was finally approved and built in 2010. During subsequent years, money was set aside in a capital reserve fund to replace our twenty-year-old sand/salt shed. Early in 2016, safety concerns were raised as to whether the shed would survive another Sutton winter. We immediately sought construction estimates for a new one, which ranged from \$99,000 to \$140,000, and we optimistically put forth a warrant article of \$100,000 which was approved at the Annual Meeting.



The highway crew assisted with demolition of the old shed in order to contain costs. Upon further review, it was decided that we should revise our original plans for 12" concrete walls to 18" walls due to load factors and to fully utilize storage capacity in the 60' x 40' structure. Mid-project, we had a transition in general contractors which resulted in some project delays. Rough cut 2' x 8' boards were used for the walls and 2' x 4' strapping for the roof. The result was a rugged sand shed with a 20' x 24' addition for salt storage. Finally, we had an outside engineer review the construction technique and plans as-built.

We are pleased to report that Sutton now has a great highway facility, with adequate storage capacity for sand and salt, which will serve this community for many, many years to come. However, the project did go over budget by \$28,148. Fortunately, Mother Nature delivered a mild winter, so we accomplished savings to offset this overage through our heating, vehicle fuel and overtime line items. Some budgeted gravel work was also deferred to 2017 in order to ensure there was adequate funding to cover the project overruns.

Work was completed on the Corporation Hill wall stabilization project. This year voters will decide whether or not to fund a replacement foot-bridge at the former gristmill bridge location. There were permitting delays on the Hominy Pot culvert replacement project which resulted in implementation delays. However, we were able to get the project kicked off late in 2016 and will complete the project this spring.

We continue to explore methods to reduce our costs at the Solid Waste Facility. This year we installed a new plastic compactor. As a component of this project, we had wiring connected for future expansion of recycling efforts which once again resulted in budget overruns. However, we are encouraged to see a reduction in plastic trucking costs. From January to May, we had ten loads of plastic hauled. The plastic compactor began operation in mid-May, and there were only five hauls for the remainder of the year. We support active recycling because of its positive environmental impact, but we are also cognizant of associated costs. We endeavor to keep recycling costs contained to the best of our ability.

The police department continues to cover a substantial number of calls despite the fact that our two veteran part-time police officers, Robert 'Bud' Nelson and Philip 'Phil' Buteau retired from the force in 2016. Phil helped keep the peace in Sutton for twenty one years. Phil also served as a Selectman, during which time he held ex-officio positions on the Budget Committee, Planning Board and Conservation Commission. In addition to his 24 years of service as a part-time officer, Bud served on the Town's Budget Committee, the KRSD Municipal Budget Committee and continues his service as a State Fire Warden. Please join us in thanking Officers Buteau and Nelson for their years of devoted service on the Sutton Police Department. The police department is currently recruiting to fill the part-time vacancies. We are sorry to report that recruiting efforts for a resource officer for the Kearsarge Regional School District continued to present challenges this year. There is no "new" news to report on this much needed position.

The Old Fire House was demolished this year, thus ending a chapter in Sutton history. Following our Round Room Report, Jack Noon, Sutton Historian, provides an in-depth account of the Old North Fire House

which we encourage you to read. The project was funded through an expendable capital reserve established in 2014 in the amount of \$10,000 for the purpose of either repairing or demolishing the old building. After assessing the matter, it was determined that the building was beyond salvage.



Volunteers from the Sutton Fire Department inventoried the contents and coordinated the disposition of these items. The old sleigh hearse is now on display at the Muster Field Farm Museum and other contents were either disposed of or sold. The entire demolition project including remediation inspection and removal of hazardous materials was completed for a cost of \$5,043.60, largely due to the volunteer efforts of our firefighters. There will be an article for voter consideration on this year's warrant in the amount of \$17,667 requesting that the proceeds from the sale of the contents of the Old Fire House be disbursed to the Sutton Volunteer Fire Department to be spent at its discretion.

This year the town acquired the Kezar Lake Natural Area. With 200' of frontage on Kezar Lake, the 4.6 acre parcel located on Wadleigh Hill Road has been enjoyed by many of our residents as well as the general public. The property was acquired through the Conservation Commission's capital reserve fund. The commission is currently working on a management plan for this much used property.

We are delighted with the partnerships that the Commission is establishing between the business community, Kearsarge Regional School District and other agencies. It is particularly gratifying to see the participation of Kearsarge students in our conservation efforts. This year, a high school class began work on a rain garden adjacent to the high

school parking lot and a stream feeding Stevens brook. The garden will mitigate runoff from the parking lot, thus providing a benefit to the trout population. It is clear that our citizens are very interested in our local fish populations as evidenced by the well-attended program the Commission put on in June, with Ben Nugent, NH Fish and Game Fisheries Biologist, and others, discussing measures to protect piscine habitats.

There are many ways citizens can support our conservation commission through volunteer efforts. We encourage you to take part in the interesting programs they offer throughout the year, as well as stewardship projects and recreational trail maintenance. We learned, this year, that our long serving Conservation Chair, Betsy Forsham, will not be seeking reappointment to the Commission in 2017. Betsy was appointed to the Commission in 1999 and has served as Chair since 2002. Much has been accomplished by the Commission in those 15 years, and we offer a heartfelt thank you to Betsy for her leadership and commitment to the conservation efforts!

Planning and Zoning had a rather uneventful year in terms of subdivision, site plan and appeal hearings, thus providing an opportunity to focus on local regulations. The Planning Board is continuing work on subdivision regulations, master planning and the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). This year, the Planning Board and Zoning Board worked together to draft a warrant article pertaining to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's). The article was drafted as a result of newly adopted state regulations and will be on the 2017 warrant. Laurie Hayward, Land Use Coordinator, resigned to pursue other interests, after three years of dedicated service. We welcomed Ed Canane as her successor.

Ed and Elly worked together to provide on line mapping and assessing capabilities which have proved to be of major benefit to our citizens, our staff, and the public at large. Tax map and assessing information can be obtained from the Town's website at <http://www.sutton-nh.org/> or go directly to <https://www.axisgis.com/SuttonNH/>. By the way, the above link is a new URL for our website which has been completely redesigned, incorporating many of your suggestions. Please do visit it; we think you will find it greatly improved. We will continue to welcome your suggestions and comments. We also converted our tax billing software to a new program that is integrated with our assessing software. Although the conversion wasn't seamless, it went very well! Linda Ford, Certified Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Elly Phillips, Town Administrator, and Lorri Himes, Executive Assistant/Bookkeeper, are rising to the challenges of learning the many new features available with our new software.

This year we conducted perambulations with the neighboring towns of Warner and Bradford. Perambulations began as the result of a state law passed in 1803 requiring that every town procure a survey with landmarks and bearings and distances along town lines, with any lines in dispute clearly marked. The plans were required to be returned to the Secretary of State by 1805. In 1827 the law was repealed and rewritten, and since that date, there have been no significant changes to the law. The law requires that Selectmen, or their appointees, perambulate once every seven years with the older town inviting the younger town to walk the bounds.

The Warner Perambulation was conducted over two days. Robert Wright (Bob) was the designated perambulator for this board. Appointed Sutton perambulators were Garrett Evans, Jack Noon and Dan Sundquist. Representatives from Warner were Richard Cook, Gary Young, Rebecca Courser, Jerry Courser and Tim Wallace. It was a long walk with many interesting discoveries along the way such as a moose jaw bone and several bear nests. There were some extraordinary vistas on the ridge line of Black Mountain, and they also encountered a breathtakingly beautiful birch grove of more than 40 mature birch trees. They were thankful for the survey that Jeff Evans conducted, as he laid out a one mile line with a number of flagged trees making it much easier to locate monuments.

Joining our representative, Bob Wright, on the Bradford Perambulation were Jack Noon and Stephen King. George Beaton, Ed Macleod, Andrew Pinard and Perry Teel were the Bradford perambulators. On this walk, they discovered a new perambulation monument between monuments 3 and 4 that was last visited in 1932. We are looking forward to perambulating with our neighbors in New London, Newbury and Wilmot in the coming year. If you are interested in participating in a town-line perambulation, please contact our office.

The tax rate remained stable this year at \$26.98 per thousand. A comparison of the 2015 and 2016 tax rate follows:

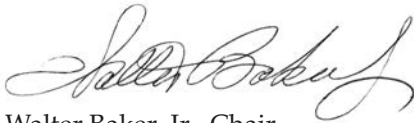
	2015	2016	Variance
State Education Taxes	2.54	2.47	-.07
Local Education Taxes	14.57	14.50	-.07
Town Appropriation	6.80	7.16	.36
County Tax Rate	3.07	2.85	-.22
Total Tax Rate	26.98	26.98	

The Town portion of the tax rate went up .36. We used \$205,000 from our fund balance in order to offset the local tax rate and keep the total rate level funded. The amount available to offset the tax rate was helped by the discontinuance of the Grader Capital Reserve Fund in

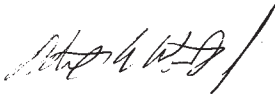
the amount of \$85,927.37, thus providing additional revenue. At the time of this writing, the budget committee is sharpening their pencils in an effort to continue to maintain or reduce the local tax effort.

This year, Selectman Dan Sundquist did not seek re-election but is continuing his over 29 years of municipal service on a board or committee by serving on the Conservation Commission. As a final note and somber transition, we mourn the death of a valuable member of our staff, Lynn King. Lynn served on our budget committee for twenty years and joined our administrative staff in 1997, serving as our very capable office assistant and bookkeeper. Lynn was an avid hiker and a lover of all creatures great and small, especially dogs, and in particular, bulldogs. We sorely miss Lynn's no nonsense, impartial approach to town business, her tremendous organizational skills, and especially her dry sense of humor.

Sincerely,



Walter Baker, Jr., Chair



Robert Wright Jr., Selectman



William I. Curless, Selectman

Sutton History, 2016

The Old North Sutton Fire Station

The historical fire station beside Route 114, which had been built perhaps a century and a half ago as a blacksmith shop, regretfully reached the stage where it was beyond salvage and was taken down. A quite faded photo of its interior shows Civil War veteran Ransom Wheeler, blacksmith Walter Sargent, fourth-generation Harvey descendant James Harvey Watson, and young Walter Truell. When Vernon West sold his Vernondale Store in 1946, the improvised earliest fire station attached to it went with the property. Fire Department volunteers in response renovated the blacksmith shop just up the road as the new fire department headquarters. After Charlie Whittemore and Bud Chadwick finished building the current fire station in 1974, the blacksmith shop was used as an annex for storage.

As the building was being emptied before demolition, Sutton's town-owned winter hearse (on sleigh runners) from the 1880s was moved to Muster Field Farm for display there on long-term loan. Old vehicles and other stored items went off to auction. I stopped in at the old station when Harold and Chip Rowe were at work there. They asked me if I could find a home for an old framed map about two feet by three feet that was screwed to the wall. Later they delivered it. Cleaning the glass revealed that it was a faded base map of the town of Sutton in 1946. In 1961 Charlie Whittemore, Dick Thompson, and Homer Rayno had inked in the spots where all the houses in town stood and identified the individual owners. Thus right in the old firehouse the volunteer fire-fighters had a quick reference to fix the location of a reported house fire.

Pete Thompson again brought up his excellent suggestion that the town have a small building to serve as a fire department museum. If that comes to pass, the old map will go there. Meanwhile it will likely be displayed on long term loan either at the Historical Society, Muster Field Farm, or Old Store Museum.

Town Papers – Paupers and the Poor Farms

Every few years the annual appropriation added to the Capital Reserve Fund for Records Preservation accumulates to the level where it will finance an additional project. The one I've been building towards for several years now is the organization and professional preservation of the massive number of documents relating to how the town of Sutton, in the times well before medicare and social security, took care of its aged residents who could no longer take care of themselves, impoverished younger ones needing a temporary boost, widows, orphans, invalids,

or other residents in need. Many of the documents concern individual paupers and offer clear glimpses back into an otherwise forgotten past.

The earliest voted town support was for the wives of Benjamin Critchett and Silas Russell in 1782 when their husbands were serving in the Continental Army. At town expense as well, in 1792 voters approved building a barn for aged Francis Como, reportedly a veteran of both the French and Indian War and the Revolution. State laws allowed the “warning out of town” of any pauper moving in who might become a town expense. Paupers were the responsibility of any town they’d lived in long enough to establish residency. (The required period shifted over the decades.) Early in the 1800s individual Sutton paupers were bid off at town meeting to the people who would care for them at the lowest expense to the town. Selectmen were supposed to see that they were well cared for. In the 1820s the bidding of those interested was for the single position of taking care of all Sutton paupers.

The first town-owned poor farm with a paid manager was established in 1837 near the end of Foxchase Road. The second, in 1856, was on Bob DeFelice’s land off Poor Farm Road. As her senior project at Kearsarge Regional High School two years ago, Lianna Blakeman (daughter of Peter and Anita, who live on the Sutton Mills end of the maintained Poor Farm Road) undertook a study of the second poor farm, using some of these yet-to-be-preserved documents.

The Old Store Museum

The selectmen worked out a formal agreement with the Sutton Historical Society in regard to the town-owned Old Store Museum in South Sutton. The town is responsible for the maintenance of the building and grounds; the Historical Society will take on a stewardship role of organizing the contents for display.

At Muster Field Farm

Libby Trayner, who died at age 100, as a bequest in her will donated four pieces of early Harvey family furniture that she had bought out of the Homestead in 1941 at John Bailey’s auction. After the snow leaves, see them back in place at the Homestead.

Each spring Sutton Central School’s fifth grade teacher, Amy Lyon, has her students read a book about the “mill girls” who worked down in Lowell. For quite some time now the fifth graders have examined both the transcriptions and the original letters that five of John and Sally Harvey’s daughters wrote back home. A few days after that trip to the Farm, they take their field trip to Lowell. Additional research this past year has shown me that in addition to the five Harvey sisters many

other young women from Sutton also worked in Lowell. Account books from the Hamilton Mill alone record that between 1830 and 1850, 48 Sutton women worked there, including at least one of Jonathan Harvey's daughters, who aside from that work, lived her whole life at the Harvey Homestead. Regional road improvements in 1831 for the sake of single day stagecoach travel between Hanover and Lowell were successful. That stage began in 1832 and stopped at what was later known as Vernondale Store, making it easy for the women to get to Lowell. Recruiters for the mill workers were especially active among the New Hampshire towns the stagecoach passed through.

The Sutton Historical Society

The desk that Dr. S.N. Welch gave to the town library in 1897, when the library was in the town hall, has a new home in the Historical Society's Cressey House on long term loan. Cressey House is now in the midst of interior improvements to provide space for a library, historical files, and photo-archives. See more about the Historical Society elsewhere in this town report.

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 14th day of March, 2017 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 and 2. You are further notified to meet at the Kearsarge Regional High School, North Road in said Sutton on Wednesday, the 15th day of March, 2017 at seven of the clock (7:00 p.m.) in the evening, to act upon the remaining Articles.

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

Article 2: Are you in favor of Amendment 1 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment is to define and permit, by Special Exception, an attached or detached Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU). An ADU provides (a) independent living facilities for one or more persons, including provisions for sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation on the same parcel of land as the principal dwelling unit it accompanies, (b) contains no more than 750 square feet for attached, or contains no more than 750 square feet or forty percent (40%) of the square footage of the principal dwelling unit, whichever is less, for detached, (c) has no more than two bedrooms, and (d) in which the owner occupies either the principal dwelling unit or the accessory dwelling unit.

Article 3: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum of \$2,193,829 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

		Budget Committee	Selectmen
4130	Executive	167,992	167,907
4140	Election Registration	6,500	6,500
4150	Financial Administration	67,117	67,117
4151	Executive Financial Administration	23,350	23,350
4152	Revaluation of Property	12,000	12,000
4153	Legal Expense	17,500	17,500
4155	Personnel Administration	154,247	155,076
4191	Planning Board and Zoning	49,250	49,250
4194	General Government Buildings	26,500	26,500

4195	Cemeteries	14,000	14,000
4196	Insurance	67,800	67,800
4197	Regional Planning Commission	2,033	2,033
4210	Police Department	446,918	447,119
4215	Ambulance	74,718	74,718
4220	Fire Department	56,325	56,325
4240	Building Inspection	7,800	7,800
4290	Emergency Management	1,300	1,300
4299	Dispatching Services	22,842	22,842
4312	Highway Department	646,660	649,106
4313	Bridges	3,000	3,000
4316	Street Lighting	7,500	7,500
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	153,500	153,500
4411	Health Administration	2,250	2,250
4415	Health Agencies	5,095	5,095
4443	Welfare Admin. & Direct Assistance	30,902	30,902
4520	Culture & Recreation	13,963	13,963
4550	Library	41,994	42,249
4583	Patriotic Purposes	1,000	1,000
4611	Conservation Commission	3,232	3,232
4721	Debt Service	66,541	66,541

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350,750 to be added to various Capital Reserve Funds previously established as follows:

Library Modifications	5,000
Police Cruisers	16,000
Police Department Computer Equipment	5,000
Cemetery Fence and Tombstone	3,500
Conservation Land	7,000
Highway Equipment "Plow/Dump Trucks"	100,000
Highway Bridges	100,000
Solid Waste Facility	5,000
Forest Fire Equipment	250
Fire Equipment Replacement	30,000
Rescue Vehicle	10,000
Property Revaluation	22,000
Cemetery Land	5,000
Library Building Maintenance	3,000
Highway Pickup Truck	6,000
Fire Department Addition	25,000
Legal Fees	3,000
Records Preservation	2,000
Pillsbury Memorial Hall	3,000

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

Article 5: 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 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of upgrading blacktop town roads.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$140,000 for the purpose of purchasing a 6-wheel dump truck and to withdraw \$140,000 from the Highway Equipment (Plow/Dump Truck) Capital Reserve Fund established in 1998 for that purpose. No amount to be raised by general taxation. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$140,000 to purchase a backhoe and to withdraw up to \$135,000 from the Highway Backhoe Capital Reserve Fund established in 2011 for that purpose. The remaining \$5,000 to be raised by general taxation. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of replacing the Grist Mill/Corporation Hill Foot Bridge.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 for the purpose of purchasing a cardboard compactor for the Solid Waste Facility.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,667 for the Sutton Volunteer Fire Company, this sum to come from unassigned fund balance, represents proceeds received in 2016 from the sale of equipment at the Old Fire House.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for a furnace for the fire department.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to establish the Septage Lagoon Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of decommissioning the Sutton Septage Lagoons, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Fund, and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 14: To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$20,000 for the engineering, permitting and construction of a federally mandated ADA compliant ramp and entry area allowing access to library facilities and materials on the main floor.

Article 15: Shall the Town of Sutton vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$500.00, the same amount as the standard or optional veteran's tax credit voted by the Sutton under RSA 72:28.

Article 16: We, the citizens of the town of Sutton, petition the town to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:62 for property tax purposes for persons owning real property for the property tax exemption on real property equipped with solar energy systems, which exemption shall be in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the assessed value of the solar energy systems.

The intent of the tax exemption is to alleviate the additional tax burden created by installing a solar energy system. Solar energy systems are expensive, and people who make the decision to install are primarily motivated by the larger social issue of energy consumption. Similar tax exemptions already exist in approximately 103 towns in New Hampshire.

We want to show Sutton's support for the use of renewable energy to the Sutton tax payers who utilize a solar energy system by granting them an exemption for the purpose of a positive tax implication. **This is a petitioned Warrant Article. Not Recommended by the Budget Committee. Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to increase the salary of the Certified Town Clerk/Tax Collector for the next three years at \$3,333 per year for 2017, 2018 and 2019. This increase would not include any Cost of Living Adjustments as deemed appropriate by the selectmen and budget committee. Should the voters not approve this salary increase the Certified Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector request that all motor vehicle town clerk fees that are now being deposited into the General Fund be used in place of the increase. The Clerk Fees would be issued at the end of each month and would be payable in the amount to be determined by Motor Vehicle ID number for either the Certified Town Clerk/Tax Collector or Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

2015 Town Clerk Fees = \$4,482.00

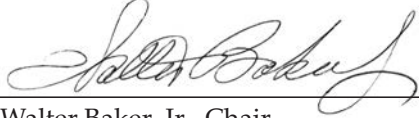
2016 Town Clerk Fees = \$8,316.00

This is a petitioned Warrant Article. Not Recommended by the Budget Committee. Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

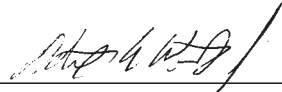
Article 18: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 15th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Seventeen.

SUTTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Walter Baker, Jr., Chair



Robert Wright, Jr., Selectman



William I. Curless, Selectman



Budget of the Town of Sutton
Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Town Meeting

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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
JOHN SILVERBERG	<i>John Silverberg</i>
Andrew Palmer	<i>Andrew Palmer</i>
Robert DeFelice	<i>Robert DeFelice</i>
Steven M Hamilton	<i>Steven M. Hamilton</i>
RICHARD E BENSON	<i>Richard E. Benson</i>
ROBERT W WRIGHT SR	<i>Robert W Wright Sr</i>

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Appropriations

Account Code	Description	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
General Government								
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	03	\$150,433	\$145,129	\$167,907	\$85	\$167,992	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	03	\$9,950	\$7,061	\$6,500	\$0	\$6,500	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	03	\$84,752	\$90,467	\$90,467	\$0	\$90,467	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	03	\$10,000	\$12,441	\$12,000	\$0	\$12,000	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	03	\$23,500	\$18,646	\$17,500	\$0	\$17,500	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	03	\$142,331	\$120,976	\$155,076	\$0	\$154,247	\$829
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	03	\$42,500	\$33,360	\$49,250	\$0	\$49,250	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	03	\$25,750	\$20,088	\$26,500	\$0	\$26,500	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	03	\$14,000	\$9,655	\$14,000	\$0	\$14,000	\$0
4196	Insurance	03	\$72,500	\$61,170	\$67,800	\$0	\$67,800	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	03	\$2,032	\$2,033	\$2,033	\$0	\$2,033	\$0
4199	Other General Government		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety								
4210-4214	Police	03	\$478,173	\$406,579	\$447,119	\$0	\$446,918	\$201
4215-4219	Ambulance	03	\$73,336	\$64,136	\$74,718	\$0	\$74,718	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	03	\$56,325	\$54,718	\$56,325	\$0	\$56,325	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection	03	\$9,000	\$6,544	\$7,800	\$0	\$7,800	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	03	\$1,300	\$300	\$1,300	\$0	\$1,300	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)	03	\$24,605	\$24,605	\$22,842	\$0	\$22,842	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center								
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets								
4311	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	03	\$713,765	\$572,659	\$649,106	\$0	\$646,660	\$2,446
4313	Bridges	03	\$131,500	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	03	\$8,000	\$7,477	\$7,500	\$0	\$7,500	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Sanitation								
4321	Administration	03	\$0	\$0	\$153,500	\$0	\$153,500	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$149,700	\$143,299	\$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
Water Distribution and Treatment								
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
Electric								
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
Health								
4411	Administration	03	\$2,250	\$1,180	\$2,250	\$0	\$2,250	\$0
4414	Pest Control		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	03	\$5,353	\$5,353	\$5,095	\$0	\$5,095	\$0
Welfare								
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	03	\$20,902	\$14,248	\$30,902	\$0	\$30,902	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Culture and Recreation								
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation		\$13,313	\$12,063	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4550-4559	Library	03	\$41,485	\$30,794	\$42,249	\$0	\$41,994	\$255
4583	Patriotic Purposes	03	\$1,000	\$693	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	03	\$0	\$0	\$13,963	\$0	\$13,963	\$0
Conservation and Development								
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	03	\$3,232	\$2,315	\$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
Debt Service								
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	03	\$42,117	\$42,118	\$43,364	\$0	\$43,364	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	03	\$21,175	\$21,175	\$19,927	\$0	\$19,927	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	03	\$2,000	\$2,375	\$1,750	\$0	\$1,750	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service	03	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$0
Capital Outlay								
4901	Land		\$85,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$178,250	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$116,805	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out								
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
Total Proposed Appropriations			\$2,857,834	\$1,933,657	\$2,197,475	\$85	\$2,193,829	\$3,731

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Special Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensiung FY (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensiung FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensiung FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensiung 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
4902	Machinery, Vehices, and Equipment	07	\$0	\$0	\$140,000	\$0	\$140,000	\$0
	Purpose: Dump Truck Purchase							
4902	Machinery, Vehices, and Equipment	08	\$0	\$0	\$140,000	\$0	\$140,000	\$0
	Purpose: Backhoe Purchase							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	04	\$0	\$0	\$350,750	\$0	\$350,750	\$0
	Purpose: Add to existing capital reserve funds							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	13	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
	Purpose: Septage Lagoon Decommission							
Special Articles Recommended			\$0	\$0	\$635,750	\$0	\$635,750	\$0

Individual Warrant Articles

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Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensluing FY (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensluing FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensluing FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensluing FY (Not Recommended)
4220-4229	Fire	11	\$0	\$0	\$17,667	\$0	\$17,667	\$0
	Purpose: Volunteer Firefighters for Equipment Sale							
4220-4229	Fire	12	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0
	Purpose: Furnace for Fire Department							
4312	Highways and Streets	06	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
	Purpose: Upgrade blacktop roads							
4312	Highways and Streets	05	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0
	Purpose: Upgrade Gravel Roads							
4313	Bridges	09	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0
	Purpose: Grist Mill Foot Bridge							
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	10	\$0	\$0	\$7,000	\$0	\$7,000	\$0
	Purpose: Cardboard Compactor							
4550-4559	Library	14	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
	Purpose: Library Ramp							
Individual Articles Recommended			\$0	\$0	\$234,667	\$0	\$234,667	\$0

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Revenues

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	03	\$27,546	\$15,000	\$15,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax		\$11	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	03	\$57,188	\$40,000	\$40,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	03	\$368,094	\$350,000	\$350,000
3230	Building Permits	03	\$4,880	\$4,000	\$4,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	03	\$95,559	\$95,559	\$95,559
3353	Highway Block Grant	03	\$110,938	\$110,938	\$110,938
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	03	\$0	\$11	\$11
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3379	From Other Governments	03	\$218	\$43,920	\$43,920
Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	03	\$48,469	\$40,000	\$40,000
3409	Other Charges		\$151	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	03	\$47,673	\$40,000	\$40,000
3502	Interest on Investments	03	\$3,546	\$1,500	\$1,500

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
3503-3509	Other		\$12,645	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
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	07, 08	\$560,305	\$275,000	\$275,000
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds	03	\$1,726	\$263	\$263
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	11	\$0	\$17,667	\$17,667
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	03	\$205,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$1,543,949	\$1,133,858	\$1,133,858

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Budget Summary

Item	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Selectmen's Recommended Budget	Budget Committee's Recommended Budget
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$1,921,539	\$2,197,475	\$2,193,829
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	\$923,880	\$635,750	\$635,750
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	\$94,250	\$234,667	\$234,667
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$2,939,669	\$3,067,892	\$3,064,246
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$1,474,178	\$1,133,858	\$1,133,858
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$1,465,491	\$1,934,034	\$1,930,388

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Budget Committee Supplemental Schedule

1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee			\$3,064,246
Less Exclusions:			
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	4711	\$43,364	\$43,364
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	4721	\$19,927	\$19,928
4. Capital outlays funded from Long-Term Bonds & Notes			\$0
5. Mandatory Assessments			\$0
6. Total Exclusions <i>(Sum of Lines 2 through 5 above)</i>			\$63,292
7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Line 1 less Line 6)			\$3,000,954
8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions <i>(Line 7 x 10%)</i>			\$300,095
Collective Bargaining Cost Items:			
9. Recommended Cost Items (Prior to Meeting)			\$0
10. Voted Cost Items (Voted at Meeting)			\$0
11. Amount voted over recommended amount <i>(Difference of Lines 9 and 10)</i>			\$0
Mandatory Water & Waste Treatment Facilities (RSA 32:21):			
12. Amount Recommended (Prior to Meeting)			\$0
13. Amount Voted (Voted at Meeting)			\$0
14. Amount voted over recommended amount <i>(Difference of Lines 12 and 13)</i>			\$0
15. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted			\$0
Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted At Meeting: <i>(Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 15)</i>			\$3,364,341

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**TOWN OF SUTTON, STATE OF
NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN MEETING 3/8/2016.
Continued to 3/9/2016.**

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 was in session.

Greg Gill, Moderator closed the polls at 7:00 p.m. There are 1483 registered voters in the Town of Sutton. 265 ballots were cast which included 14 absentee ballots and 1 same day newly registered voter 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.

Election Results are as follows:

Selectmen - William Curless - 205 votes – 3 Year Term

Overseer of Public Welfare - Alison D. Jones - 239 votes - 1 Year Term

Budget Committee – Andrew Palmer - 172 votes - 3 Year Term

Steve Hamilton - 70 votes - 3 Year Term

Trustees, Sutton Free Library - Carrie Thomas - 227 votes - 3 Year Term

Nancy Brook-Heckel - 230 votes - 3 Year Term

Trustees, Sutton Free Library - Kristen Lombard - 234 votes - 2 Year Term

Cemetery Commission - Randy Fleury - 235 votes - 3 Year Term

Supervisor of the Checklist - Marilyn Thompson - 244 votes - 6 Year Term

Trustees of the Trust Funds - To Be Determined

Write-Ins

Selectmen: Steve Hamilton - 3
 Bruce Kozikowski - 3
 Dave Brazier - 1
 Kevin Rowe - 1
 Phil Buteau - 1
 Tom Paul - 1
 Patricia McMahon - 1
 John McBroom - 1
 Joe Burns - 1
 Jackson Dever - 1

Overseer of Public Welfare: John Brannon - 1

Trustee of Library: Joseph Conlon - 1
 Heidi Conlon - 1
 Lisa Tanguay - 1

Budget Committee – Steve Hamilton – 70 Lori Himes - 1
 Tom Paul – 37 Bill Hallahan - 1
 Darrell Palmer – 8 Dan Sundquist - 1
 Carrie Thomas – 1 David Hill - 1
 David Hurst - 1 Bud Nelson - 1
 David Emerson Stotler-1 Nicholas Rowe - 1
 Lois Palmer - 1 Patricia McMahon-1
 Betsy Forsham - 1

Trustees of the Trust Funds - Darrell Palmer – 3
 Lois Palmer – 3
 Tom Paul – 2
 Shelly Boucher - 1
 Dawn Pilger - 1
 Bud Nelson - 1
 Dan Sundquist - 1
 Greg Gill - 1
 Laura Hallahan - 1
 David Hurst - 1
 Chris Stearns - 1
 David Emerson Stotler - 1
 Carrie Thomas - 1
 Marilyn Thompson - 1
 Jennifer Call - 1
 Glen Pogust - 1
 Dereck Lick - 1
 George Wells - 1

Article 2: Are you in favor of Amendment 1 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This Amends the Zoning Ordinance throughout by making various non-substantive changes, including replacing acronyms with full names; improving consistency of usage and/or clarity; correcting grammar, spelling, and punctuation. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

YES VOTES = 209

NO VOTES = 37

Article 3: Are you in favor of Amendment 2 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment revises the language regarding personal wireless telecommunications service facilities so that it complies with state and/or federal statutes, adding a preference for “collocation” applications;

adding or amending definitions of “modification”, “modification application”, “substantial modification”, “utility pole”, and “water tank”; adding that collocation requires only a building permit and is preempted by state/federal law from the town’s local regulation; that new facilities or substantial modification of existing facilities require site plan approval from the planning board, a building permit, and are subject to the limitations and requirements of the town zoning ordinance; and to add a new section regarding the failure to remove an abandoned or discontinued facility. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

YES VOTES = 201

NO VOTES = 43

Article 4: Are you in favor of Amendment 3 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amends the Zoning Ordinance so that it complies with state statutes by changing Article VI, Special Exceptions and Variances, to allow a two year period from approval to exercise a Variance or Special Exception. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

YES VOTES = 194

NO VOTES = 46

Article 5: Are you in favor of Amendment 4 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment changes the Zoning Ordinance so that it complies with state statutes by adding Manufactured housing as a permitted use in both the Residential and the Rural-Agricultural Districts as follows: “A manufactured home on a single lot that is in compliance with all of the requirements of the zoning district.” Previous language and definitions related to Manufactured housing parks and subdivisions are removed. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

YES VOTES = 188

NO VOTES = 58

Article 6: Are you in favor of Amendment 5 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment adds a new Article to the Zoning Ordinance that provides for a Steep Slope Overlay District. This Article limits the nature and intensity of development in steep slope areas; defines steep slope areas as areas where there is an elevation change of 20 or more feet and the slope is 20% or greater; explains how to determine where steep slopes are likely to be located within Sutton; and,

creates a conditional use permit granted by the planning board to allow development within the Steep Slope Overlay District provided certain conditions are satisfied. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

YES VOTES =163

NO VOTES = 78

Article 7: Are you in favor of Amendment 6 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment creates a new Section to Article III, General Provisions, regarding Driveways which requires all new or substantially altered driveways to obtain a Driveway Access Permit; requires driveways that do not meet the design requirements for driveways or are located within the Steep Slope Overlay District to obtain a Conditional Use Permit from the Planning Board; and includes minimum driveway design requirements. Also, a change is made to definitions in order to conform to usage within the Sutton Driveway Regulations, to limit to two the number of lots served by one driveway. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

YES VOTES = 157

NO VOTES = 91

Article 8: Are you in favor of Amendment 7 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment changes the language in Article III, General Provisions, E regarding Signs so that it is clear that a single sign is permitted by changing the wording from plural to singular. It also reduces permitted height to 5 feet and maximum illumination of all signs to 40 watts and the size and number of temporary signs to the same. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

YES VOTES = 180

NO VOTES = 65

Article 9: Are you in favor of Amendment 8 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment changes the Board or entity responsible for the application/permit process for Excavations from Zoning Board of Adjustment to Select Board (see Article III, General Provisions, 1.) It also, changes the Board or entity responsible for inspecting Excavations from Zoning Board of Adjustment to the Code Enforcement Officer and changes the fine for violations reducing, the maximum daily amount. This amendment also changes the Board or entity responsible for the approval of Temporary Use of Travel or

Construction Trailers from Zoning Board of Adjustment to Select Board. (See Article III, General Provisions, I.) **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

YES VOTES = 191

NO VOTES = 54

Article 10: Are you in favor of Amendment 9 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment changes the wording on Minimum Lot Area in both the Residential District (IV.C) and the Rural-Agricultural District (V.C) as follows: to clarify that minimum lot area relates not to “families” but to “subdivisions”. Additionally, this amendment explains how minimum lot area is calculated for a lot in the Steep Slope Overlay District as follows: d. “Upon subdivision, any portion of a lot that is in the Steep Slope Overlay District shall not include more than 80% of that area within the minimum lot area requirement.” **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

YES VOTES = 174

NO VOTES = 87

Article 11: Are you in favor of Amendment 10 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment provides for changes to Article XV. Definitions such that definitions of certain words used within the Ordinance are added to the Article on Definitions. Such definitions include: “Conditional Use Permit”, “Lodging House”, “Planning Board”, “Select Board”, and “Zoning Board of Adjustment”. Also, certain definitions of words that are no longer used within the Ordinance, including “Loading Space” and “Lodging Unit”; “Manufactured Home Park” and “Manufactured Home Subdivision” are removed. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

YES VOTES = 184

NO VOTES = 58

Article 12: Are you in favor of Amendment 1 of the Building Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment provides for various non-substantive changes, including replacing acronyms with full names; improving consistency of usage and/or clarity; correcting grammar, spelling, and punctuation. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

YES VOTES = 206

NO VOTES = 37

Article 13: Are you in favor of Amendment 2 of the Building Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment to the Building Ordinance, Article II.B.7, requires that a Driveway Permit be issued by the Road Agent or, alternatively, a Conditional Use Permit be issued by the Planning Board to satisfy the requirement. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

YES VOTES = 179

NO VOTES = 64

Article 14: Are you in favor of Amendment 3 of the Building Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment changes the Building Ordinance, Article II.D, so that the minimum square footage for a dwelling or residence first-floor space is changed from 500 square feet to 320 square feet.

This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.

YES VOTES = 177

NO VOTES = 62

March 9, 2016 continued meeting from March 8, 2016. Derek Lick, Deputy Moderator, opened the meeting at approximately 7:07 p.m. Mr. Lick introduced himself and gave a brief explanation as to why the Town Moderator Greg Gill was not in attendance.

Mr. Lick went over the exit and restroom locations.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

A moment of silence was observed for those residents we lost in the last year as well as those service men and women serving our country.

Mr. Lick went over the results from the Town Election held on March 8, 2016 as well as the articles regarding new Zoning Ordinances and the results of the Kearsarge Regional School District ballot.

Mr. Lick asked that all those in attendance that were elected come forward to be sworn in.

Derek Lick recognized Bill Hallahan for his service on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Mr. Hallahan served over 30 years as a volunteer to this board.

Robert Wright, Jr. presented a clock to Dan Sundquist for his years of service on the Planning Board as well as Selectman.

Cory Cochran, Chief, Sutton Volunteer Fire Department Association,

recognized the passing of Arthur Chadwick. He presented a plaque to Mrs. Elinor Chadwick (widow), Kirk Chadwick (son) and Chrissy Chadwick (daughter).

Cory Cochran, Chief, Sutton Volunteer Fire Department Association also recognized Carroll "Pete" Thompson for his 70 years of service on the Fire Department.

Article 15: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$2,160,029 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

4130	Executive	\$150,433
4140	Election & Registration	\$9,950
4150	Financial Administration.....	\$63,052
4151	Executive Financial Administration.....	\$21,700
4152	Revaluation of Property.....	\$10,000
4153	Legal Expense.....	\$23,500
4155	Personnel Administration.....	\$142,331
4191	Planning Board and Zoning.....	\$42,500
4194	General Government Buildings.....	\$25,750
4195	Cemeteries	\$14,000
4196	Insurance.....	\$72,500
4197	Regional Planning Commission	\$2,032
4210	Police Department	\$478,173
4215	Ambulance.....	\$65,336
4220	Fire Department.....	\$56,325
4240	Building Inspection	\$9,000
4290	Emergency Management.....	\$1,300
4299	Dispatching Services	\$24,605
4312	Highway Department	\$633,765
4313	Bridges.....	\$3,000
4316	Street Lighting.....	\$8,000
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	\$149,700
4411	Health Administration.....	\$2,250
4415	Health Agencies	\$5,353
4443	Welfare Admin. & Direct Assistance.....	\$20,902
4520	Culture & Recreation.....	\$12,063
4550	Library	\$41,485
4583	Patriotic Purposes	\$1,000
4611	Conservation Commission	\$3,232
4721	Debt Service.....	\$66,792

Motion to accept article as written made by Bill Curless. Seconded by Emilio Cancio-Bello.

Motion made by Charles Forsberg to decrease the entire operating

budget by \$40,000.00. There was NO second.
Article 15 PASSED as written.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$297,750 to be added to various Capital Reserve Funds previously established as follows:

Cemetery Fence and Tombstone	\$3,500
Conservation Land	\$10,000
Highway Equipment Trucks.....	\$50,000
Highway Bridges	\$50,000
Solid Waste Facility	\$5,000
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 Capital Reserve Fund	\$50,000
Highway Pickup Truck.....	\$6,000
Fire Department Addition.....	\$25,000
Legal Fees.....	\$3,000
Highway Backhoe.....	\$25,000
Records Preservation.....	\$2,000
Pillsbury Memorial Hall	\$3,000

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

Motion to accept article as written made by Betsy Forsham. Seconded by Garrett Evans.
Article 16 PASSED as written.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$140,000 for the purpose of purchasing a highway loader and further to authorize the withdrawal of \$140,000 from the Highway Loader Capital Reserve Fund established in 2001 for that purpose. No amount to be raised by general taxation. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Motion to accept article as written made by Emilio Cancio-Bello. Seconded by Darrel Palmer.
Article 17 PASSED as written.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Highway Loader Capital Reserve Fund established in 2001. Said funds of \$85,594.98, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's General Fund. This article is

contingent on the passage of Article 17 authorizing the withdrawal of \$140,000 from the fund, and becomes effective after the withdrawal of the \$140,000 from the fund. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Motion to accept article as written made by Garrett Evans. Seconded by Bill Curless.

Article 18 PASSED as written.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of acquiring highway heavy equipment and to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to be placed into this fund. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Motion to accept article as written made by Garrett Evans. Seconded by Bud Nelson.

Article 19 PASSED as written.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of upgrading gravel town roads.

Motion to accept article as written by Kerry Baker. Seconded by Bob DeFelice.

Article 20 PASSED as written.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of upgrading blacktop town roads.

Motion to accept article as written made by Charles Ash. Seconded by Emilio Cancio-Bello.

Article 21 PASSED as written.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of replacing the Highway Department Sand Shed and to authorize the withdrawal of \$100,000 from the Highway Facility Capital Reserve Fund established in 1998 for that purpose. This article is contingent on the passage of Article 16 (to add \$50,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund). If Article 16 does not pass, this article will be null and void. No amount to be raised by general taxation. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Motion to accept article as written made by Emilio Cancio-Bello. Seconded by Garrett Evans.

Article 22 PASSED as written.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$111,805 for the purpose of engineering, permitting and repairs for Corporation Hill Road and to authorize the withdrawal of \$50,000 for the Corporation Hill Capital Reserve Fund established in 2015 for that purpose. The remaining \$61,805 to be raised by general taxation. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Motion to accept article as written made by Bud Nelson. Seconded by Bill Curless
Article 23 PASSED as written.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$128,500 for the purpose of engineering, design, permitting and repairs for the Hominy Pot Bridge and to authorize the withdrawal of \$100,000 from the Town Bridges Capital Reserve Fund established in 1959 for that purpose. The remaining \$28,500 to be raised by general taxation. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Motion to accept article as written made by Garrett Evans. Seconded by Bill Curless.
Article 24 PASSED as written.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a Police Cruiser and Equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,250 to be placed in this fund. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Motion to accept article as written made by Emilio Cancio-Bello. Seconded by Bud Nelson.
Article 25 PASSED as written.

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to establish an expendable Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Police Department Computers and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,575 to be placed in this fund and further to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Motion to accept article as written made by Garrett Evans. Seconded by Mike McManus.
Article 26 PASSED as written.

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to establish an expendable Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a Library Modifications Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in that fund and further to appoint the Library

Trustees as agents to expend. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Motion to accept article as written made by Garrett Evans. Seconded by Bob DeFelice.

Article 27 PASSED as written.

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000 for the purpose of providing a \$500 annual stipend to members of the Sutton Rescue Squad.

Motion to accept article as written made by Wendy Grimes. Seconded by Bill Curless.

Article 28 PASSED as written.

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for the purpose of engineering, site plans, permitting, upgrading electrical systems and acquiring and installing a plastic compactor for the Solid Waste Facility.

Motion to accept article as written made by Emilio Cancio-Bello. Seconded by Charles Ash.

Article 29 PASSED as written.

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,250 for the Sutton Athletic Fields.

Motion to accept article as written made by Kerry Baker. Seconded by Garrett Evans.

Article 30 PASSED as written.

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$85,000 for the purpose of acquiring land known as the Steven's lot located at Sutton Tax Map and Lot 07-942-328 and 07-975-354 and to authorize the withdrawal of \$50,000 from the Conservation Land Capital Reserve Fund established in 2005 for that purpose. The remaining \$35,000 is to be raised through fundraising events. No amount to be raised by general taxation. This is a nonlapsing appropriation which shall not lapse for a period of two years. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Motion made to accept article as written by Don Davis. Seconded by Emilio Cancio-Bello.

Motion made to amend article 31 by Betsy Forsham. Seconded by Mike McManus.

Amended Article 31 to read as follows: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$85,000 for the purpose of acquiring land known as the Steven's lot located at Sutton Tax Map and Lots 07-942-328 and 07-975-354, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$85,000 from the Conservation Land Capital Reserve Fund established in 2005 for that purpose. No amount to be raised by general taxation".

Friendly amendment approved by Don Davis.
Article 31 PASSED as amended.

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to NH RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of police special details. All revenues received for police special details will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund unreserved fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created.

Motion made to accept article as written by Garrett Evans. Seconded by Bill Curless.

Motion made to amend article 32 by John Silverberg by adding a paragraph. Seconded by Betsy Forsham.

Amended Article 32 to include this paragraph: The Town Treasurer shall include in his/her annual Treasurer's Report to the Town's People an accounting summary of the Police Special Revolving Fund. Details will include the beginning balance for the period, the sources of the funds, the details of the uses of the funds, and the ending balance".

Friendly amendment approved by Garrett Evans.
Per Town Counsel this amendment while legal is advisory only.
Article 32 PASSED as amended.

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:37-b, Exemption for the Disabled from property tax, to exempt from taxation \$20,000 of assessed value for qualified taxpayers. To qualify, the person must be eligible under Title II or Title XVI of the Federal Social Security Act for benefits to the disabled, must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$13,400, or if married, a combined net income of not more than \$20,400, and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. Motion made to accept article as written by Bob DeFelice. Seconded

by Bill Curless.
Article 33 PASSED as written.

Article 34: To see if the town will vote to donate the 1985 Fire Engine to the Sutton Volunteer Fire Association so it can sell it and retain the proceeds.

Motion made to accept article as written by Garrett Evans. Seconded by Kevin Rowe.

Article 34 PASSED as written.

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.
Motion made by Robert Wright, Jr. to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Walter Baker, Jr. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Ford
Certified Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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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, 2016 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.¹

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 the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluation 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, 2016, 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 and pension 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

The Mercier Group, a professional corporation

Canterbury, New Hampshire

February 2, 2017

¹Please 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 \$778,691, up \$118,246 from last year. The Government Finance Officers' Association (GFOA) suggests that municipalities retain between 8% and 17% of regular general fund operating expenditures, and specifically, at least 2 months' worth of operating expenses. 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 \$205,000 in undesignated fund balance to offset the tax rate, thus dropping the fund balance down to \$495,446 or 6.03%. At the end of the year, operating expenses were offset by revenues. Unspent funds that were not encumbered were returned to the operating budget. Consequently, at year's end, the Town's fund balance was at 9.03% and once again within acceptable parameters. In order to meet GFOA suggested guidelines, the Town should strive to maintain an unrestricted fund balance of 10% in order to facilitate cash flow.

In 2016, the following funds totaling \$281,050.76 were encumbered to complete projects:

Upgrade of Blacktop Roads (also previous years)	168,223.06
Upgrade Gravel Roads	4,962.00
Old Store Museum (also previous years)	3,188.00
Pillsbury Memorial Hall Masonry Repairs	750.00
Hominy Pot Bridge	94,698.50
Fire Truck	2,140.53
Grist Mill Bridge/Corporation Hill	7,088.67

In addition, we had inter-fund receivables from the Capital Reserves; please refer to the balance sheet contained herein for year-end capital reserve balances. The report of the trustees of the trust funds is based on a calendar year basis, and therefore do not reflect inter-fund receivables.

The total tax rate for 2016 was \$26.98 per thousand, remaining level from the previous year. Sutton's portion of the tax in the amount of \$7.16 per thousand reflects a \$.36 increase over 2015. Other factors that make up the total tax rate are the Local School Rate (KRSD) at \$14.50, the State School Rate at \$2.47 and the County Rate at \$2.85.



On a final and personal note, this year's annual report is dedicated in memory of Lynn King. Lynn was elected to the Budget Committee in 1997, and began working for the Selectmen's Office that same year. Lynn and I worked together for 18 years, and our strong working relationship evolved into a wonderful friendship. Lynn loved to hike, especially Kearsarge Mountain, which she hiked 39 times in 2016. Lynn was, above all, a bookkeeper, so she kept track of her treks. Lynn enjoyed solitude and mostly hiked alone or with her beloved husband Stephen. Lynn let me chase after her on 7 of those hikes up and down Kearsarge, memories of which I will always treasure. I am certain that Lynn would not approve of this personal note in my annual report which should be about dollars and cents. But after all the numbers are tucked neatly on a balance sheet, there is another factor that needs to be considered and that is the value of friends, family, neighbors and sense of community – make sure you add that priceless value somewhere in the equation. Life is for living!

Respectfully submitted,


Elly Phillips
Town Administrator

2016 Tax Rate Calculation

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$1,821,641	\$254,414,122	\$7.16
County	\$725,417	\$254,414,122	\$2.85
Local Education	\$3,687,763	\$254,414,122	\$14.50
State Education	\$619,775	\$250,569,113	\$2.47
Total	\$6,854,596		\$26.98

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Total			

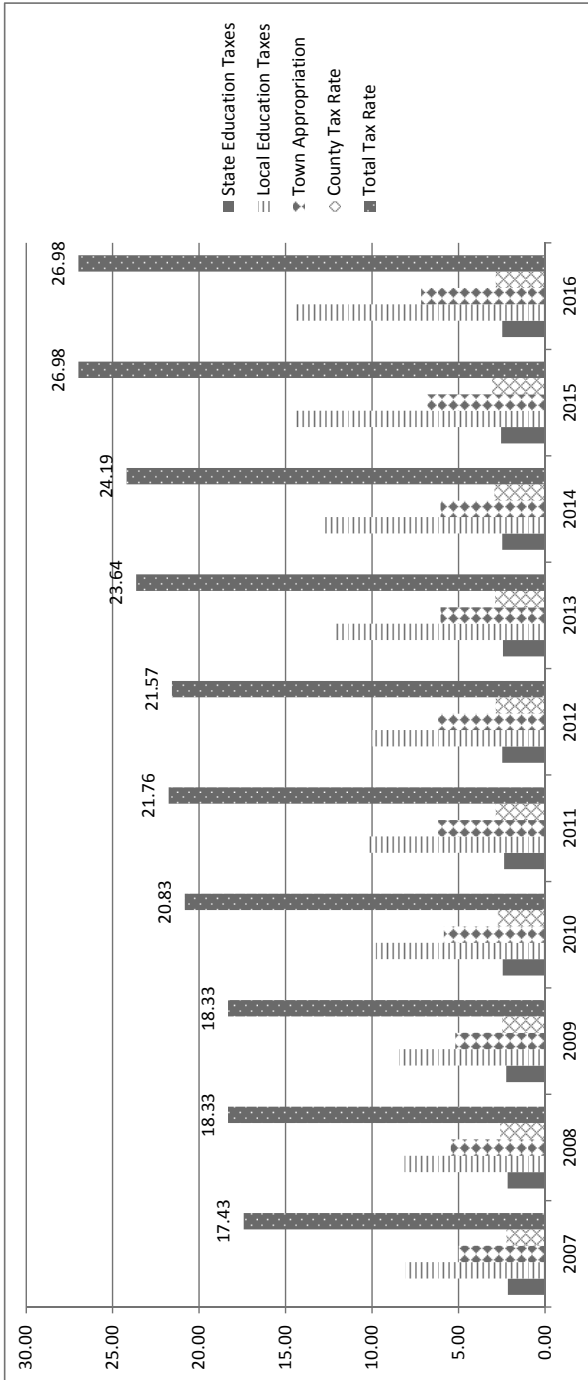
Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$6,854,596
War Service Credits	(\$62,000)
Village District Tax Effort	\$0
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$6,792,596



Stephan Hamilton
Director of Municipal and Property Division
New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

10/25/2016

2016 Sutton Tax Rate Comparison



	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2015-2016	Variance
State Education Taxes	2.15	2.16	2.24	2.45	2.37	2.48	2.44	2.47	2.54	2.47	-0.07	
Local Education Taxes	8.06	8.12	8.42	9.79	10.28	9.98	12.26	12.75	14.57	14.50	-0.07	
Town Appropriation	4.99	5.45	5.19	5.85	6.25	6.25	6.04	6.04	6.80	7.16	0.36	
County Tax Rate	2.23	2.60	2.48	2.74	2.86	2.86	2.90	2.93	3.07	2.85	-0.22	
Total Tax Rate	17.43	18.33	18.33	20.83	21.76	21.57	23.64	24.19	26.98	26.98	0.00	

Summary of 2016 Inventory Valuation

Value of Land Only	Number of Acres	2016 Assessed Valuation
Current Use at Current Use Values	18,878.35	\$ 1,130,183.00
Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved)	4,736.07	\$ 102,027,300.00
Commercial and Industrial Land	485.66	\$ 2,618,450.00
Total of Taxable Land	24,100.08	105,775,933.00
Tax Exempt and Non Taxable Land	1,773.09	\$ 10,242,117.00

Value of Buildings Only		
Residential		\$ 137,402,310.00
Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		\$ 128,260.00
Commercial & Industrial (not including utilities)		\$ 7,812,610.00
Total of Taxable Buildings		\$ 145,343,180.00
Tax Exempt and Non Taxable Buildings		\$ 26,161,810.00
Utilities		\$ 3,603,010.00
Valuations Before Exemptions		\$ 254,722,123.00

Elderly Exemption

Total # Granted	9	\$ 550,000.00
Net Valuation		\$ 254,172,123.00
Less Utilities		\$ 3,603,010.00
Net Valuation without Utilities to Compute State Education Tax		\$ 250,569,113.00

Veterans Tax Credit

Veterans Tax Credit \$500	108	\$ 54,000.00
Tax Credit for Service Connected Disability \$2000	4	\$ 8,000.00

Current Use Report

Farmland	521.38	\$ 190,196.00
Forestland	13,386.33	\$ 786,612.00
Forestland with documented Stewardship	3,928.13	\$ 136,404.00
Unproductive Land	70.10	\$ 1,199.00
Wetland	972.41	\$ 15,772.00
Total	18,878.35	\$ 1,130,183.00

Acres Receiving 20% Recreational Adjustment Removed From Current Use During the Year	9,223.41
Total Number of Owners in Current Use	350
Total Number of Parcels in Current Use	475

Town of Sutton Balance Sheet

December 31, 2016

Assets

Cash & Investments in hands of Treasurer:

Cash in Checking	\$ 1,541,314.39	
Sutton Free Library	8,803.51	
Conservation Commission	105,580.40	
King Hill Reservation	5,681.65	
Special Duty Revolving Fund	8,911.00	
Cash in performance deposits	15,106.05	\$ 1,685,397.00

Capital & Non-Capital Reserve Fund Investments		1,499,931.43
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Uncollected Taxes:

Unassigned credits	(16,483.81)	
Property	657,778.87	
Timber yield	47.60	
Gravel excavation	9.00	
Chase Road Betterment Assessments	17,593.00	

Unredeemed Taxes:

Levies of 1 prior year	90,998.18	
Levies of 2 prior years	38,185.22	
Allowance for uncollectible taxes	(10,000.00)	778,128.06

Accounts Receivable - NSF Checks		1,624.02
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Accounts Receivable - Special Duty		318.00
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		\$ 3,965,398.51
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Liabilities and Equity

Accounts Payable & accrued expenses		\$ 2,066.88
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Deferred inflow of taxes		250,000.00
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Encumbrances:

Upgrade blacktop roads	\$ 168,223.06	
Upgrade gravel roads	4,962.00	
Repairs to Old Store Museum	3,188.00	
Pillsbury Hall masonry repairs	750.00	
Hominy Pot Bridge	94,698.50	
Fire truck	2,140.53	
Grist Mill Bridge/Corporation Hill	7,088.67	281,050.76

Special Revenue Funds, net of interfund payables:

Sutton Free Library		\$ 8,803.51
Conservation Commission		105,580.40
King Hill Reservation		5,681.65
Police Special Duty Revolving		1,356.91
Performance Deposits		15,106.05
Due to School District		1,272,254.99

Town of Sutton Balance Sheet

December 31, 2016

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

Town Bridges	\$ 58,513.80	
Forest Fire Equipment	4,768.03	
Solid Waste/ Transfer Station	63,606.78	
Legal Fees	33,687.55	
Highway Equipment	218,101.69	
Revaluation	44,153.83	
Highway Facility	721.12	
Highway Pickup Truck	23,216.64	
Highway Grader	63,622.38	
Highway Loader	0.00	
Fire Equip	50,194.75	
Conservation Land	20,723.57	
Highway Emergency	19,803.52	
Milfoil	22,853.17	
Fire Department Maintenance	2,322.73	
Library Maintenance	11,202.87	
Cemetery Maintenance	1,160.60	
Fire Department Addition	293,033.90	
Record Preservation	6,033.55	
Highway Backhoe	135,673.66	
Rescue Vehicle	55,293.29	
Pillsbury Memorial Building	10,047.69	
Cemetery Land	25,123.15	
Corporation Hill	98.10	
Cemetery Fences	7,021.80	
Old Fire House	5,009.78	
Heavy Equipment	10,008.91	
Police Cruiser	38,375.20	
Police Department	7,599.78	
Library Modifications	5,016.37	
Forest Fire Salaries	4,530.44	
Accrued Benefits	3287.54	1,244,806.19
		3,186,707.34

Fund Balance

Unassigned Fund Balance	778,691.17
	\$ 3,965,398.51

Report from the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office

Reminder the office hours are:

Monday 8:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Wednesday/Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Last Saturday of the Month 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Unless the State of NH DMV is closed.

But, if the light in the office is on before or after hours, please don't hesitate to come on in.

You may now process your dog licenses, registration renewals and vital records requests on the Town of Sutton webpage. Just follow the link to the Town Clerk's office. I am hoping to add the tax payments in 2017. You may also get "estimates" for new vehicles as well.

We are now using new software for the Tax system and though it has been a rough road, I have high hopes that the kinks will be worked out in 2017 and it will be a smoother process. I appreciate your continued support and understanding during the implementation of the software.

I also wanted to mention that the reason why we close 15 minutes before the hour each work day is so that we are not running into overtime and should somethings go wrong during this process we can contact the IT departments before they leave for the day. This has been a huge help for Poppi and me.

I read a quote the other day that rings true for me. It goes something like this -- being the Town of Sutton's Certified Town Clerk/Tax Collector is "not a job it is who I am" and I wouldn't want to be doing anything else.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Ford

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Report of the Town Clerk For the Period of January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016

Location Town MA Fee	\$9,334.00
Aquatherm	\$2.00
Checklist Fee	\$325.00
Basic License	\$268.50
Dog Group 5+	\$156.00
Dog Altered	\$1,476.00
Dog Civil Forfeiture	\$425.00
Dog Late Town	\$17.00
Dog Senior	\$117.00
Dog State Fees	\$831.50
Dog State Tag	\$252.50
Loc Town Permit Fees	\$361,100.44
Marriage License	\$450.00
Mail In Fee	
Miscellaneous	\$34.00
Insufficient Funds Fee	\$25.00
Loc Town Clerk Fees	\$6,076.00
Loc Town Title Fees	\$892.00
Loc Town Trans Fees	\$1,175.00
UCC	\$150.00
Vital 2nd Copy	\$50.00
Vital 1st Copy	\$555.00
	\$383,711.94

Summary 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 31 DE

2016

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Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUND (COMMON FUND)	Purpose of Trust	HOW INVESTED	Balance beginning of year	New Funds Created	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	PRINCIPAL			***INCOME***			Balance End of Year	Principal & Income End of Year
								Balance beginning of year	Balance beginning of year	Balance beginning of year	Income during Year	Expended During Year	Income during Year		
various	126 CEMETERY TRUSTS (COMMON FUND)	PERPETUAL CARE	NHFDIP*	29,775.81		1,200.00	29,775.81	96.35			155.83		252.18	30,027.99	
1966	CEMETERY GENL TRUST	GENL CARE	NHFDIP*	13,441.00	900.00		14,341.00	11.17			74.70		85.87	14,426.87	
1916	ORIN NELSON	NHFDIP*	NHFDIP*	1,000.00			1,000.00	2.55			5.23		7.78	1,007.78	
1918	JOHN PRESSEY	LIBRARY	NHFDIP*	1,000.00			1,000.00	2.55			5.23		7.78	1,007.78	
1943	LEWIS RICHARDS	LIBRARY	NHFDIP*	300.00			300.00	0.20			1.54		1.74	301.74	
1967	DOUGLAS ANDERSON	LIBRARY	NHFDIP*	1,000.00			1,000.00	2.55			5.23		7.78	1,007.78	
1971	GRACE P. NELSON	LIBRARY	NHFDIP*	48,560.10			48,560.10	222.50			254.48		476.98	49,037.08	
1988	ADA.P. ANDERSON	LIBRARY BOOKS.	NHFDIP*	3,000.00			3,000.00	12.40			15.72		28.12	3,028.12	
1988	F. B. WADLEIGH	LIBRARY	NHFDIP*	4,168.21			4,168.21	17.76			21.84		39.60	4,207.81	
2000	AMELIA CHAPMAN	LIBRARY	NHFDIP*	10,000.00			10,000.00	45.60			52.39		97.99	10,097.99	
1909	MARY EATON	SCHOOLS WORTHY	NHFDIP*	150.00			150.00	29.85			0.94		30.79	180.79	
1916	ORIN NELSON	POOR	NHFDIP*	1,085.00			1,085.00	1,905.26			15.59		1,920.85	3,005.85	
1930	JOHN EATON	SCHOOLS	NHFDIP*	500.00			500.00	95.46			3.11		98.57	598.57	
1944	FRED E. NELSON	TOWN	NHFDIP*	1,510.24			1,510.24	1.01			7.90		8.91	1,519.15	
1944	FRED E. NELSON	MISC. TOWN OLD STORE MUSEUM	NHFDIP*	4,073.20		526.00	3,547.20	(260.43)			17.65		(242.78)	3,304.42	
1966	HELENA W. WELLS	RESCUE SQUAD	NHFDIP*	10,118.25			10,118.25	1,835.27			57.26		692.53	10,810.78	
1969	SUTTON RESCUE**	FIRE DEPT	NHFDIP*	3,001.46			3,001.46	304.33			19.50		323.83	3,325.29	
1990	VOL. FIRE DEPT**	SALARIES	NHFDIP*	20,540.73			20,540.73	22.29			107.26		129.55	20,670.28	
1994	FOREST FIRE SALARIES**	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	NHFDIP*	3,404.11			3,404.11	1,102.83			23.50		1,126.33	4,530.44	
1994	ACCRUED BENEFITS**	REP & MAINT	NHFDIP*	3,199.93			3,199.93	70.53			17.08		87.61	3,287.54	
2003	N SUTTON CEM R FUND**	LIBRARY	NHFDIP*	31,245.82		3,500.00	27,745.82	3,140.60			175.14		3,315.74	31,061.56	
2008	FAY PUGLISE LIBRARY	LIBRARY	NHFDIP*	1,000.00			1,000.00	2.55			5.23		7.78	1,007.78	
	CUMULATIVE TOTALS - ALL TRUSTS			192,073.86	900.00	5,226.00	188,947.86	8,663.18			1,196.30		1,200.00	197,453.39	

* NH PUBLIC DEPOSIT INVESTMENT POOL

** EXPENDABLE TRUST

Report of the Trust Funds

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF SUITON, NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DE 31-Dec-16 ***INCOME***

Date of Creation	NAME OF FUND	Purpose	HOW INVESTED	PRINCIPAL					FOR THE YEAR ENDING DE 31-Dec-16				GRAND TOTAL Principal & Income 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		
1989	TOWN BRIDGES	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHFDIP*	157,296.88	50,000.00		207,296.88	231.63	985.49		1,217.12	208,513.80	
1980	FOREST FIRE EQUIPMENT	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHFDIP*	3,636.74	250.00		3,886.74	857.60	23.69		881.29	4,768.03	
1982	SOLID WASTE/ TRANSFER STATION	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHFDIP*	56,659.09	5,000.00		61,659.09	1,639.10	308.59		1,947.69	63,606.78	
1988	LEGAL FEES	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHFDIP*	30,489.58	3,000.00		33,489.58	36.05	161.92		197.97	33,687.55	
1983	HIGHWAY EQUIP	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHFDIP*	207,065.76	50,000.00	40,000.00	217,065.76	115.59	920.34		1,035.93	218,101.69	
1986	RE VALUATION	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHFDIP*	22,000.00	22,000.00		44,000.00	19.36	134.47		153.83	44,153.83	
1988	HIGHWAY GARAGE	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHFDIP*	50,238.62	50,000.00		100,238.62	56.46	426.04		482.50	100,721.12	
1988	HWY PICKUP TRUCK	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHFDIP*	12,109.61	11,000.00		23,109.61	12.37	94.66		107.03	23,216.64	
2001	HIGHWAY GRADER	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHFDIP*	63,240.58			63,240.58	51.62	330.18		381.80	63,622.38	
2001	HIGHWAY LOADER	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHFDIP*	211,000.00		211,000.00	0.00	14,594.98	414.03	14,927.37	81.64	81.64	
2005	FIRE EQUIP	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHFDIP*	25,037.64	25,000.00		50,037.64	4.20	152.91		157.11	50,194.75	
2005	CONSERVATION LAND	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHFDIP*	94,711.18	10,000.00	84,296.00	20,415.18	89.55	218.84		308.39	20,723.57	
2002	HWY EMERGENCY	NON-CAPITAL RESERVE	NHFDIP*	18,000.00			18,000.00	1,700.75	102.77		1,803.52	19,803.52	
2002	MIL FOIL	NON-CAPITAL RESERVE	NHFDIP*	20,000.00			20,000.00	2,734.57	118.60		2,853.17	22,853.17	
2005	FIRE DEPT MAINT	NON-CAPITAL RESERVE	NHFDIP*	2,000.00			2,000.00	310.66	12.07		322.73	2,322.73	
2005	LIBRARY MAINT	NON-CAPITAL RESERVE	NHFDIP*	8,000.00	3,000.00		11,000.00	157.65	45.22		202.87	11,202.87	
2005	GEMETERY MAINT	NON-CAPITAL RESERVE	NHFDIP*	1,000.00			1,000.00	154.58	6.02		160.60	1,160.60	
2007	FIRE DEPT ADDN CRF	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHFDIP*	282,500.00	25,000.00		287,500.00	4,120.71	1,413.19		5,533.90	293,033.90	
2010	RECORD PRESERVATION	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHFDIP*	4,009.23	2,000.00		6,009.23	1.61	22.71		24.32	6,033.55	
2011	HIGHWAY BACKHOE CRF	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHFDIP*	110,000.00	25,000.00		135,000.00	771.15	596.51		673.66	135,673.66	
2011	RESCUE VEHICLE CRF	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHFDIP*	45,000.00	10,000.00		55,000.00	49.35	243.94		293.29	55,293.29	
2011	PILLSBURY MEMORIAL CRF	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHFDIP*	7,005.36	3,000.00		10,005.36	3.07	39.26		42.33	10,047.69	
2012	GEMETERY LAND	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHFDIP*	20,000.00	5,000.00		25,000.00	14.29	108.86		123.15	25,123.15	
2015	CORPORATION HILL	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHFDIP*	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	6.06	92.04		98.10	98.10	
2015	GEMETERY FENCES	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHFDIP*	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	7,000.00	0.00	21.80		21.80	7,021.80	
2015	OLD FIRE HOUSE	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHFDIP*	10,000.00			10,000.00	0.00	53.38		53.38	10,053.38	
2016	HEAVY EQUIPMENT	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHFDIP*		10,000.00		10,000.00	0.00	8.91		8.91	10,008.91	
2016	POLICE CRUISER	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHFDIP*		38,250.00		38,250.00	0.00	125.20		125.20	38,375.20	
2016	POLICE DEPARTMENT	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHFDIP*		7,575.00		7,575.00	0.00	24.78		24.78	7,599.78	
2016	LIBRARY MODIFICATIONS	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHFDIP*		5,000.00		5,000.00	0.00	16.37		16.37	5,016.37	
TOTAL	RESERVE FUNDS			1,494,500.07	413,575.00	388,796.00	1,522,779.07	27,038.96	7,222.79	14,927.37	19,985.84	1,492,113.45	
TOTAL	ALL TRUSTS			192,073.86	900.00	5,226.00	198,947.86	6,663.18	1,198.30	1,200.00	8,505.53	197,453.39	
TOTAL	RESERVE FUNDS			1,686,573.93	414,475.00	394,022.00	1,690,110.93	35,702.14	8,421.09	16,127.37	27,491.37	1,689,566.84	

Treasurer's Report

Town of Sutton, New Hampshire 2016 Treasurer's Report

	General Fund	Conservation Commission	King Hill Reservation	Police Dept. Special Duty	Performance Deposits	Total
Beginning Balances	1,852,660.41	106,972.98	6,571.81		16,349.29	1,982,554.49
Receipts:						
Tax Collector	6,730,553.31					6,730,553.31
Town Clerk	379,674.44					379,674.44
State of New Hampshire	206,714.68					206,714.68
Town Office & Other Departments	479,983.94					479,983.94
Sale of municipal property	17,673.00					17,673.00
Interest on deposits	2,435.60	158.17	9.84		7.93	2,611.54
Special Duty				8,911.00		8,911.00
Other local sources	-	-	-	-	-	-
Withdrawal from Capital Reserves	-	-	-	-	-	-
Distributions from Nonexpendable Trusts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tax Anticipation Notes	1,150,000.00					1,150,000.00
Conservation Income <i>(Land Use Charge 100%)</i>						
	8,967,034.97	158.17	9.84	8,911.00	7.93	8,976,121.91
Disbursements:						
Selectboard Orders Paid	9,297,659.73					9,297,659.73
Conservation Commission Orders Paid	1,550.75		900.00		1,251.17	3,701.92
	9,297,659.73	1,550.75	900.00		1,251.17	9,301,361.65
Ending Balance	1,522,035.65	105,580.40	5,681.65	8,911.00	15,106.05	1,657,314.75
Bank Balances:						
Lake Sunapee Savings Bank	1,541,314.39			8,911.00		1,550,225.39
TD Banknorth	-	105,580.40	5,681.65		15,106.05	126,368.10
	1,541,314.39	105,580.40	5,681.65	8,911.00	15,106.05	1,676,593.49

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, 2016

Depositor	Date Established	Purpose	Type of Deposit	Bank/Ins. Company	Account/Policy Number	Balance Beginning	Additions		Balance Ending
							Deposits Received	Interest Credited	
Z Ventures Corporation	12/29/05	Performance bond	Cash	TD Bank North	9721940298	15,098.50	-	7.55	15,106.05
Industrial Tower & Wire, LLC	12/05/13	Performance bond	Cash	Lake Sunapee	210644092	1,250.79	-	0.38	(1,251.17)
						16,349.29	-	7.93	(1,251.17)
									15,106.05

Police Department Special Duty Account Est. 2016
 FYE December 31, 2016

Type of Deposit	Bank	Account Number	Account/ Balance Beginning	Deposits Received	Interest Credited	Deductions	Balance Ending
Cash	TD Bank North	9721264862	-	8,911.00	-	-	-
Cash	Lake Sunapee	8240054540	-	-	-	-	-
			-	8,911.00	-	-	8,911.00

Town of Sutton

Police Department Special Duty Account Est. 2016
 FYE December 31, 2016

Type of Deposit	Bank	Account Number	Account/ Balance Beginning	Deposits Received	Interest Credited	Deductions	Balance Ending
Cash	Lake Sunapee	8240054540	-	8,911.00	-	-	-
			-	8,911.00	-	-	8,911.00

Conservation Commission 2016

	Conservation Commission accounts		
	Conservation Commission	King Hill Reservation	Total
REVENUES			
Interest on deposits	158.17	9.84	168.01
	158.17	9.84	168.01
EXPENDITURES			
Current - Conservation			
Land Use Change Tax Abatement	1,550.75		1,550.75
King Hill Mowing		900.00	
	1,550.75	900.00	1,550.75
Net change in fund balances	(1,392.58)	(890.16)	(1,382.74)
Fund balances - beginning	106,972.98	6,571.81	113,544.79
Fund balances - ending	105,580.40	5,681.65	112,162.05
Analysis of ending balance:			
Cash in Banks	105,580.40	5,681.65	111,262.05
	-	-	-
	105,580.40	5,681.65	112,162.05

Respectfully Submitted,

Conservation Commission

2016 Expenditure Statement

4130 Executive Office		\$	145,128.69
	Selectmen's Salaries	7,500.00	
	Town Administrator's Salary	52,016.32	
	Secretary & Clerk Wages	22,099.04	
	Accrued Vacation time	0.00	
	Health Insurance	28,945.86	
	Telephone	3,198.00	
	Other Professional Services	5,629.18	
	Computer	14,775.45	
	Equipment Maintenance	500.53	
	Printing Costs	6,415.98	
	Advertising	138.00	
	Dues/Conferences/Publications	1,902.00	
	Office Supplies	1,076.90	
	Postage and Envelopes	797.80	
	Mileage Reimbursement	22.68	
	Office Equipment	110.95	
4140 Election and Registration		\$	7,061.36
	Supervisors Wages	1,910.82	
	Ballot Clerk Wages	2,491.75	
	Advertising	665.75	
	Supplies	1,393.04	
	Postage	600.00	
4150 Financial Administration		\$	58,531.47
	Town Clerk/Tax Collector Wages	34,001.62	
	Deputy Tax Collector/Town Clerk Wages	5,190.39	
	Recording Fees	330.96	
	Telephone	970.46	
	Legal Fees	0.00	
	Mortgage Research	556.91	
	Equipment Maintenance	1,668.59	
	Printing	1,676.11	
	Dues/Conferences/ Publications	1,776.80	
	Office Supplies	4,088.47	
	Postage & Envelopes	7,498.04	
	Professional Services	64.00	
	Mileage Reimbursement	709.12	
4151 Financial Executive		\$	19,817.15
	Deputy Treasurer Salary	100.00	
	Treasurer Salary	5,197.71	
	Budget Committee Secretary	362.48	
	Budget Committee	93.50	
	Auditing Services	9,700.00	
	Telephone DSL/Fax	641.52	
	Computer	2,000.00	
	Postage & Envelopes	984.14	
	Bank Service Charges	0.00	
	Mileage Reimbursement	737.80	

2016 Expenditure Statement

4152 Revaluation of Property		\$	12,441.00
RP Appraisal Services	12,441.00		
4153 Judicial and Legal Expenses		\$	18,645.66
Legal Expenses and Services	17,926.44		
Litigation Expenses	719.22		
4155 Personnel Administration		\$	120,976.29
PA Contingency	0.00		
Group Insurance - Life/D/S-L	5,683.67		
Group Insurance - Dental	6,263.99		
FICA	34,560.22		
Medicare	10,563.96		
Police Retirement Contribution	47,677.24		
Highway Retirement Contribution	11,926.26		
Executive Retirement Contribution	2,600.71		
Financial Retirement Contribution	1,700.24		
4101 Planning Board		\$	33,359.75
Secretarial Services	25,613.68		
Professional Services	3,115.70		
Recording Fees	175.82		
Telephone	935.23		
Printing	120.00		
Notices	1,264.65		
Dues/Conferences/Publications	177.00		
Computer	1,107.60		
Office Supplies	250.17		
Postage	500.00		
Mileage Reimbursement	99.90		
4194 General Government Buildings		\$	20,087.90
Custodial Wages	3,692.22		
Electricity	2,436.92		
Heating Fuel	7,721.73		
Repairs & Maintenance	5,326.95		
Supplies	910.08		
4195 Cemeteries		\$	9,655.00
Cemetery Services	9,655.00		
4196 Insurance		\$	61,170.00
Unemployment Insurance	692.00		
Workers Compensation	32,869.00		
Property/Liability	27,609.00		
4197 Advertising & Regional Associations		\$	2,033.00
Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission	2,033.00		
4210 Police Department		\$	406,578.62
Full Time Wages	93,418.91		
Part Time Wages	2,559.98		
Special Duty Wages	2,590.00		
Building and Grounds	1,718.50		
On Call Wages	4,935.80		

2016 Expenditure Statement

Overtime Wages	14,264.56	
Police Chief Salary	59,404.49	
Part Time Secretary	25,956.96	
Health Insurance	108,122.88	
Court Representation	0.00	
Court Witness Fees	243.00	
Telephone	7,042.72	
Computer Services	4,117.40	
Animal Control Expenses	273.00	
Electric	1,895.33	
LP Gas	1,898.89	
Maintenance	14,160.11	
Dues/Conferences/Publications	5,774.80	
Training	771.34	
Office Supplies	3,703.47	
Investigative Supplies	2,578.76	
Postage	242.87	
Mileage	513.00	
Cruiser Lease/Equipment	37,853.87	
Cruiser Fuel	5,899.48	
Cruiser Repair/Maintenance	3,578.51	
Uniforms	3,059.99	
4215 Ambulance		\$ 64,136.00
Sutton Rescue Squad	6,500.00	
Support Ambulance	0.00	
New London Ambulance	57,636.00	
4220 Fire Department		\$ 54,718.37
LP Gas	19.99	
Telephone	3,409.76	
Electricity	3,306.54	
Heating Fuel	4,559.96	
Building Maintenance	3,980.33	
Equipment Fuel	419.27	
Training	0.00	
Fire Warden	231.02	
Maintenance Fee Gen Air	0.00	
Miscellaneous & Supplies	16,225.73	
Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance	3,289.47	
Training Supplies/Equipment	14,387.46	
Equipment	2,000.00	
Radios	2,888.84	
4240 Building Inspection		\$ 6,543.50
Inspection Services	4,993.50	
Wetlands Inspection	1,550.00	
4290 Emergency Management		\$ 300.00
Emergency Management Services	300.00	
Emergency Management Supplies	0.00	
4299 Dispatching Services		\$ 24,604.88
Dispatching Services	24,604.88	
4312 Highway Department		\$ 572,658.95
Wages	249,645.87	

2016 Expenditure Statement

Part Time Labor	0.00	
Part Time Mechanic	500.00	
Overtime Wages	19,604.73	
Part Time Secretary	876.20	
Health Insurance	108,065.82	
Telephone	2,243.14	
Other Professional Services	12,233.50	
Radio Repairs/Purchase/Lease	160.27	
Electricity	3,469.22	
Heating Oil	7,340.77	
LP Gas	0.00	
Building Repairs/Maintenance	2,402.16	
Dues/Conferences/Publications & Adv.	115.00	
Equipment Rental	17,075.00	
Mileage Reimbursement	113.40	
Vehicle Fuel	25,706.84	
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	12,227.67	
Oil & Filters	3,842.04	
Tires	5,843.16	
Materials & Supplies	2,985.20	
Cutting Edges	5,244.84	
Equipment Repair/Maintenance	6,895.68	
Chains	1,730.00	
Culverts	3,680.40	
Hand Tools	105.95	
Shop Equipment	40.30	
Sand & Salt	70,387.19	
Gravel	8,145.90	
Asphalt Products	1,708.95	
Signs	269.75	
Liquid Calcium Chloride	0.00	
4313 Bridges	\$	-
Bridge Expenses	0.00	
4316 Street Lighting	\$	7,476.98
Street Lighting Expenses	7,476.98	
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	\$	143,299.47
Wages	66,358.93	
Telephone	412.17	
Water Testing	2,170.00	
Electricity	1,809.14	
Diesel	552.85	
Dues/Conferences/Publications	128.59	
Maintenance/Supplies	110.15	
Uniforms	71.00	
Safety Equipment	0.00	
Operator Certification	136.72	
Repairs	2,242.28	
Lagoon Maintenance	1,877.76	
Demo Dumpster/Tipping Fee	18,348.30	
Electronic Recycling	4,100.00	
Hazardous Waste	1,100.00	
Cardboard/Plastic	9,214.38	
Aluminum/Steel Cans	911.26	
Freon Recycling	0.00	
Tire Removal	528.00	

2016 Expenditure Statement

Florescent Bulb Recycling	1,230.42		
MSW Tipping	22,792.75		
MSW Trucking	5,347.64		
Propane	781.62		
Calcium Chloride	0.00		
Glass	3,075.51		
4411 Health Administration		\$	1,180.24
Inoculations & Tests	680.24		
Miscellaneous Expenses	500.00		
4415 Lake Sunapee Region VNA		\$	5,353.00
Lake Sunapee Region VNA	5,353.00		
4442 Direct Assistance		\$	14,247.69
Dues Conferences and Publications	316.64		
Worthy Causes	0.00		
Miscellaneous Direct Assistance	4,029.49		
Services	4,501.56		
Community Action Program	5,400.00		
4520 Culture and Recreation		\$	12,063.00
South Sutton Common	300.00		
Historical Society	6,000.00		
Council on Aging	2,900.00		
Churches	263.00		
Old Store Museum	300.00		
Youth Recreation Programs	1,800.00		
North Sutton Improvement Society	500.00		
4550 Library		\$	30,794.34
Salaries	18,168.57		
Custodial	300.20		
Telephone	944.61		
Electricity	1,486.01		
Heating Fuel	832.69		
Repairs and Maintenance	5,887.76		
Advertising	53.00		
Programs	191.93		
Administrative	540.78		
Books	2,388.79		
4583 Patriotic Purposes		\$	692.85
Patriotic Purposes Expenses	692.85		
4611 Conservation Administration		\$	2,315.22
Secretarial Services	693.44		
Dues/Conferences/Publications	526.00		
Expenses	1,036.55		
Supplies	59.23		
4700 Debt Service		\$	65,668.28
Principal LT Bonds/Notes	42,117.94		
Interest LT Bonds/Notes	21,175.02		
Interest on Tans	2,375.32		
Interest on Abatements	0.00		

2016 Expenditure Statement

4914 Capital Reserve Funds	\$		297,750.00
Cemetery Fence and Tombstone	3,500.00		
Conservation Land	10,000.00		
Highway Equipment/Trucks	50,000.00		
Town Bridges	50,000.00		
Solid Waste Backhoe	5,000.00		
Forest Fire Equipment	250.00		
Fire Equipment Replacement	25,000.00		
Property Revaluation	22,000.00		
Rescue Vehicle	10,000.00		
Cemetery	5,000.00		
Library Building Maintenance	3,000.00		
Highway Sand Shed	50,000.00		
Highway Pickup Truck	6,000.00		
Fire Department Addition	25,000.00		
Legal Fees	3,000.00		
Highway Backhoe	25,000.00		
Historical Records Preservation	2,000.00		
Pillsbury Memorial Hall	3,000.00		
Forest Fire Salaries	736.91	\$	736.91
Warrant Articles		\$	599,219.66
Gravel Road Upgrade	25,038.00		
Blacktop Upgrade	0.00		
Highway Loader	140,000.00		
Highway Sand Shed	128,148.01		
Corporation Hill	111,805.00		
Hominy Pot	33,801.50		
CR Police Cruiser	38,250.00		
CR PD Computer Equipment	7,575.00		
CR Library Modifications	5,000.00		
CR Highway Heavy Equipment	10,000.00		
Rescue Squad Stipend	7,000.00		
Sutton Ballfield	1,250.00		
Land adjacent to Horse Beach	84,236.00		
Solid Waste Plastic Compactor	7,116.15		
		\$	2,819,245.23

Statement of Receipts and Actual Revenues

for the year ending December 31, 2016

	2016 Estimated Revenues	Actual Revenues	Over (Under) Budget
TAXES			
Timber Tax	22,000.00	27,546.17	5,546.17
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	55,000.00	57,188.05	2,188.05
Excavation Tax & Activity Tax	41.00	11.40	(29.60)
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	368,500.00	368,094.44	(405.56)
Building Permits	2,750.00	4,880.00	2,130.00
FROM STATE /FEDERAL GOVERNMENT			
Shared Revenues	0.00	0.00	0.00
Meals & Room Tax Distribution	95,559.00	95,559.14	0.14
Highway Block Grant	110,938.00	110,937.52	(0.48)
State Forest Land	22.00	0.00	(22.00)
Other State/Federal Aid/PD Resource Officer	63,000.00	218.02	(62,781.98)
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Income from Departments	40,000.00	48,469.39	8,469.39
Other/Bank Charges	100.00	151.00	51.00
MISC. REVENUE			
Sale of Municipal Property	5.00	17,673.00	17,668.00
Grader Trade In	35,000.00	30,000.00	(5,000.00)
Interest on Investments	400.00	3,546.25	3,146.25
Other/Cable, Insurance, Dividends & Reimbursement		12,645.21	12,645.21
TRANSFERS IN			
Capital Reserve Funds	475,000.00	560,305.01	85,305.01
Trust Funds	863.00	1,726.00	863.00
FUND BALANCE USED TO SET TAX RATE	<u>185,000.00</u>	<u>205,000.00</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>
Total Revenues	<u>1,269,178.00</u>	<u>1,338,950.60</u>	<u>89,772.60</u>

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures for the year ending December 31, 2016

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Balance
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
4130 Executive	150,432.64	145,128.69	5,303.95
4140 Elections and Registrations	9,950.00	7,061.36	2,888.64
4150 Financial Administration	63,052.00	58,531.47	4,520.53
4151 Financial Executive	21,700.00	19,817.15	1,882.85
4152 Appraisal Services	10,000.00	12,441.00	(2,441.00)
4153 Legal Expenses	23,500.00	18,645.66	4,854.34
4155 Personnel Administration	142,331.00	120,976.29	21,354.71
4191 Planning Board/Zoning	42,500.00	33,359.75	9,140.25
4194 General Government Buildings	25,750.00	20,087.90	5,662.10
4195 Cemeteries	14,000.00	9,655.00	4,345.00
4196 Insurance	72,500.00	61,170.00	11,330.00
4197 Regional Association	2,032.00	2,033.00	(1.00)
PUBLIC SAFETY			
4210 Police Department	478,173.00	406,578.62	71,594.38
4215 Ambulance	65,336.00	64,136.00	1,200.00
4220 Fire Department	56,325.00	54,718.37	1,606.63
4240 Building Inspection	9,000.00	6,543.50	2,456.50
4290 Emergency Management	1,300.00	300.00	1,000.00
4299 Dispatching	24,604.88	24,604.88	0.00
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS			
4312 Highway Department	633,765.00	572,658.95	61,106.05
4313 Bridges	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
4316 Street Lighting	8,000.00	7,476.98	523.02
SANITATION			
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	149,700.00	143,299.47	6,400.53
HEALTH ADMINISTRATION			
4411 Inoculations, Tests and Expenses	2,250.00	1,180.24	1,069.76
4415 Health Agencies	5,353.00	5,353.00	0.00
WELFARE			
4442 Welfare/Worthy Causes/CAP	20,902.00	14,247.69	6,654.31
CULTURE & RECREATION			
4520 Churches, Commons, Museum, Recreation	12,063.00	12,063.00	0.00
4550 Library	41,485.00	30,794.34	10,690.66
4583 Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00	692.85	307.15

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures for the year ending December 31, 2016

CONSERVATION

4611 Administration, Expenses & Supplies	3,232.00	2,315.22	916.78
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DEBT SERVICE

4711 Debt Service LT Principal	42,117.00	42,117.94	(0.94)
4711 Debt Service LT Interest	21,175.00	21,175.02	(0.02)
4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	2,000.00	2,375.32	(375.32)
4724 Interest on Abatements	1,500.00	-	1,500.00

Forest Fire Salaries		736.91	(736.91)
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CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Cemetery Fence and Tombstone	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
Conservation Land	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Highway Equipment/Trucks	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00
Town Bridges	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00
Solid Waste Backhoe	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Forest Fire Equipment	250.00	250.00	0.00
Fire Equipment Replacement	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
Property Revaluation	22,000.00	22,000.00	0.00
Rescue Vehicle	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Cemetery Land	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Library Building Maintenance	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Highway Sand Shed	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00
Highway Pickup Truck	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
Fire Department Addition	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
Legal Fees	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Highway Backhoe	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
Historical Records Preservation	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Pillsbury Memorial Hall	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Total Operating Budget & Capital Reserves:	2,457,778.52	2,220,025.57	237,752.95

WARRANT ARTICLES

Gravel Road Upgrade	30,000.00	25,038.00	4,962.00
Blacktop Upgrade	50,000.00	-	50,000.00
Highway Loader	140,000.00	140,000.00	0.00
Highway Sand Shed	100,000.00	128,148.01	(28,148.01)
Corporation Hill	111,805.00	111,805.00	0.00
Hominy Pot	128,500.00	33,801.00	94,699.00
CR Police Cruiser	38,250.00	38,250.00	0.00
CR PD Computer Equipment	7,575.00	7,575.00	0.00
CR Library Modifications	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
CR Highway Heavy Equipment	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Rescue Squad Stipend	8,000.00	7,000.00	1,000.00
Sutton Ballfield	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00
Land Adjacent to Horse Beach	85,000.00	84,236.00	764.00
Solid Waste Plastic Compactor	5,000.00	7,116.15	(2,116.15)
Total Warrant Articles	720,380.00	599,219.16	121,160.84

GRAND TOTAL	3,178,158.52	2,819,244.73	358,913.79
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Inventory 2016

Schedule of Town Owned Property

Map/Lot	Location	Market Value
02-895,218	Old Sutton Road (old gravel pit)	5,500
04-246,386	Old Store Museum and Land	112,800
04-262,377	Soldiers Monument on Common	15,800
04-313,462	N/S Route 114 (ash disposal area)	69,700
04-387,478	Solid Waste Facility and Land	137,320
05-609,563	Kearsarge Valley backland	2,500
05-821,512	Settlers Oven	25,000
06-341,143	Highway Garage and Land	726,600
06-365,163	Village Road	100
06-403,240	Library and Land	158,000
06-428,236	Pillsbury Memorial Hall and Land	425,500
06-513,305	Chalk Pond Road	27,900
06-544,342	Chalk Pond Road	27,900
07-876,290	Pocharski Property	40,900
07-912,283	Fire Station/North Road and Land	285,620
07-913,302	Police Station/North Road	226,940
07-927,424	Old Fire House	23,230
09-284,237	Charles Avenue/R-O-W.	2,900
09-906,090	W/S Route 114 adj. to Route 89	9,900
09-935,453	Crockett Circle	3,100
	Total Town Property	2,327,210
Kearsarge School District		
05-402,352	Kearsarge Regional High School and Land	347,160
05-505,365	Kearsarge Regional High School and Land	9,648,090
05-909,431	Kearsarge Regional Middle School and Land	13,332,510
06-472,183	Sutton Elementary School and Land	849,390
	Total School Property	24,177,150
Conservation Land		
01-113,554	North Road and I-89 (Cloues Natural Area)	24,600
03-126,029	North Road (Redington Dam Area)	1,300
03-998,313	Eaton Grange Road (Webb/Crowell Forest)	71,800
04-070,198	off Eaton Grange Road (Sprout Lot)	10,300
04-391,036	Rte 114 & Russell Pond (Spiers)	58,500
06-038,545	W/S Route 114 (Town Wetland)	2,500
06-068,565	Wadleigh Hill Road (Town Wildlife Area)	104,000
07-926,552	Rte 114 - Enroth Gift	49,600
07-942,328	Stevens/RLD Lot	107,100
07-975,354	Stevens/RLD Lot	0
08-018,336	Lefferts Natural Area	101,700
08-018,340	Lefferts Natural Area	185,500
08-109,368	E/S Penny Ante Alley (Sundell Lot)	87,800
08-171,362	off Park Ave. on Kezar Lake (Seymour Lot)	45,500
08-367,498	Maple Leaf Natural Area	135,700
08-369,498	King Hill Reservation	276,000
08-527,561	William Bean Quarry	111,100
	Total Conservation Property	1,373,000

Inventory 2016

Tax Deeded Property

01-204,544	Colby Property	2,800
02-491,339	Bocknick Property	300
03-293,290	Saddleback Road	31,500
04-110,318	Gambusy/Wells Property	7,800
04-194,375	Holloway Property	16,200
04-207,389	Nista Property	34,400
04-212,391	Lonnie White	34,500
04-312,539	Stewart Property	64,000
04-327,098	Unknown Owner	19,600
04-428,530	Whittaker, Roy TIC at 25%	11,925
06-366,296	McKinnon (Dale) Property	9,000
06-500,272	Langley Property	18,200
06-653,513	Dimaggio Property	105,160
07-662,017	Mary B. Page Estate	18,600
07-790,226	Emerson Bailey Heirs	1,000
	Total Tax Deeded Property	371,885

Cemeteries

01-162,131	Sutton Lane	N.A.V.*
03-277,473	Gore Road	500
04-124,402	Meeting House	100
04-358,511	Millswood, Route 114	100
06-365,163	near Union Church, Sutton Mills	100
07-203,396	Mastin, Baker Road	6,100
07-939,404	North Sutton, Route 114	4,500

*Reflects parcel with "no assessed value"

Tax Collector's Report

Linda D. Ford

Summary of Tax Accounts for the
Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2016



New Hampshire
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Debits						
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)			
			Year: 2015	Year: 2014	Year: 2013..	
Property Taxes	3110		\$387,791.42			\$143.00
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120					
Yield Taxes	3185					
Excavation Tax	3187					
Other Taxes	3189					
Property Tax Credit Balance ?						(\$466.75)
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance ?						
Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies			
			2015			
Property Taxes	3110	\$6,826,744.43	\$6,257.44			
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120					
Yield Taxes	3185					
Excavation Tax	3187					
Other Taxes	3189					
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Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies			
			2015	2014	2013..	
Property Taxes	3110	\$4,094.00	\$3,427.47			
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120					
Yield Taxes	3185					
Excavation Tax	3187					
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Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$2,314.32	\$15,427.01			
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190					
Total Debits		\$6,833,152.75	\$412,436.59		\$143.00	

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New Hampshire
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Credits				
Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	2015	Prior Levies 2014	2013..
Property Taxes	\$6,179,977.77	\$394,117.38		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$2,314.32	\$15,427.01		
Penalties				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)				
- Prepayment	\$155.00			
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Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	2015	Prior Levies 2014	2013..
Property Taxes	\$9,354.00	\$2,892.20		\$143.00
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
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Current Levy Deeded				

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Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2015	2014	2013..
Property Taxes	\$657,835.47			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance ?	(\$16,483.81)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance ?				
Total Credits	\$6,833,152.75	\$412,436.59		\$143.00

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Summary of Debits				
	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2015	Year: 2014	Year: 2013..
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year		\$128,170.40	\$51,834.61	\$14,067.11
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$153,555.82			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$3,190.81	\$16,617.63	\$12,371.09	\$7,345.07
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Total Debits	\$156,746.63	\$144,788.03	\$64,205.70	\$21,412.18

Summary of Credits				
	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2015	2014	2013..
Redemptions	\$62,557.64	\$89,985.18	\$51,834.61	\$14,067.11
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Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	\$3,190.81	\$16,617.63	\$12,371.09	\$7,345.07
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Abatements of Unredeemed Liens				
Liens Deeded to Municipality	\$3,345.99	\$3,652.44	\$3,461.96	
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110	\$90,998.18	\$38,185.22		
Total Credits	\$160,092.62	\$148,440.47	\$67,667.66	\$21,412.18

Report of the Budget Committee

We started the year by completing the 2016 budget in January, held a public hearing in February and ended with the beginning of the 2017 budget in November and December. We began with a full complement of members: Richard Benson, Robert De Felice, Steven Hamilton, Lynn King, Thomas Paul, John Silverberg and ex-officio Robert Wright, Jr. In March Andrew Palmer replaced Tom Paul. In October, our longest serving member, Lynn King, passed away. Lynn had a unique and valuable perspective on budgets as she held the position as the town's bookkeeper. Lynn served on the Budget Committee for 20 years and she will be missed. We did advertise for a replacement without success and began our 2017 budget short one member. We were able to hire the fine services of Victoria O'Connor as recording secretary for the 2017 budget.

The 2008 Town Warrant proposed the construction of a new Highway Facility and Sand Shed on a town owned (ash landfill) site for a total combined sum of \$2.1 million. It was defeated by the voters. In the 2010 Town Warrant, a \$1.1 million request for a smaller highway garage without a sand shed and on the same site as the old garage/shed was approved. It was built during the summer of 2010. The old sand shed continued to deteriorate, however, and voters approved \$100,000 to rebuild and enlarge it at the 2016 town meeting. It is expected to cost approx. \$128,000 due to a midcourse change in contractors and engineering changes due to the need for thicker and stronger concrete sidewalls. The Sutton Highway Department is now able to store almost all of its snow and ice storm sand and salt under roof which was not possible before. And so, ten years after the first budget proposals for a new modern, worker friendly, code compliant and efficient highway garage and sand shed were floated, the project is complete.

There is a perception among some taxpayers that the budget directly determines their tax rate. It is actual spending, that in the end, determines the tax rate. Actual spending, in large part, is in the hands of the town's supervisors who do a good job and the selectmen who oversee the spending. The budget, as approved (appropriated) by the voters at the town's March annual legislative meeting, sets upper limits to total spending. The limits cannot be exceeded without further voter approval at a second town meeting.

If the budget were to be used as a mechanism to seriously reduce taxes, a reduction in services would have to be planned. The Sutton budget, as prepared for the last decade, has not included a serious reduction in services as much of it is (1), devoted to requirements of

state law and/or, (2), voter satisfaction with the level of non-mandated municipal services. Please plan to vote and attend your annual meeting.

John Silverberg – Chairman
Richard Benson
Robert De Felice
Steven Hamilton
Lynn King
Andrew Palmer
Robert Wright, Jr. – Ex Officio

Report of the Highway Department and Road Agent

Hello 2017

During the winter of 2015-2016, there were 34 storms with 30 inches of snow. There were only eight storms of just snow and temperatures ranged from -3° to 72°F.

The highway crew replaced several culverts and performed ditching on seven roads. Spot ledge removal was executed on three roads and gravel road upgrades were done on Barker Road, Eaton Grange East, Meetinghouse Hill Road and Gile Road.

Several Projects were implemented this year. On Corporation Hill – the Gristmill wall was rebuilt and plans were developed for a replacement pedestrian bridge for voter approval. Phase one of pavement preservation projects which involved filling cracks and installing a chip seal was completed on Gile Pond Road and North Road. Keyser Street benefitted from a hot top shim and chip sealing. Permitting was completed for the Hominy Pot Bridge and replacement of the culvert will be completed by the end of February with finish work being done in the Spring. Work on the project stalled for a good while during permit review, likely due to staffing constraints at the State level. We were delighted with the new sand and salt shed that was built this year and is working very well. We now have over twice the amount of area for sand storage as well as additional salt storage that we can load with our brand new loader.

The highway crew greatly appreciates the support it receives from the residents of the Town. It is a pleasure to serve you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Bagley
Road Agent

Highway Crew: Fred Burpee, Eugene Cote, John Csutor, Chris Grant and Adam Hurst

Report of the Sutton Police Department 2016

It was another busy year for the Sutton Police Department. During 2016, your Police Department saw another increase in Calls for Service of 6.5% handling over 4,000 Calls for Service while still remaining active with motor vehicle activity, incidents, arrests and traffic accidents.

After a long test and evaluation period on several body worn cameras, the department finally made a decision on Vievu's product. Upon officially implementing the use of body worn cameras, we enacted policies and procedures for these devices.

In spring of 2016, the department said good bye to two great part-time officers. Officer Robert "Bud" Nelson and Officer Philip Buteau decided that it was time to resign after giving the department and the citizens of Sutton over 45 years of combined years of service.

A new police cruiser was purchased, a 2017 Ford Police Utility Interceptor AWD, replacing the 2010 Dodge Charger that was unfortunately totaled in a motor vehicle accident in late spring. I was able to purchase this between the insurance reimbursement and by keeping the remaining funds needed, within the police department's operating budget, by making cuts. It was able to be purchased with no extra unexpected costs to the Town.

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 area police departments & New Hampshire State Police, Sutton Fire and Rescue Departments, and Sutton Highway Department for the assistance they provide.

As always, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Sutton for their never-ending support, and also to remind them to call us if they see anything they consider dangerous or suspicious. This is more important than ever during the type of recessed economy we are currently experiencing. The success of any Police Department relies greatly on the eyes and ears of the public, so please remember that we are your Police Department. We are here to serve you. Please don't hesitate to contact us and make us aware of your concerns.

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, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Korbet

Chief of Police

<u>Call Type</u>		<u>Call Type</u>	
Alarms	41	Missing Person	3
911 Hang-up	5	Motor Vehicle Stops	257
Abandoned Vehicles	12	Motor Vehicle Complaint	35
Traffic Accident	45	Motor Vehicle Unlock	13
Animal Complaints	57	Neglect	1
Arrest	15	Noise Disturbance	7
Assist Ambulance	54	OHRV Complaint	5
Assist Citizens	61	Open Door/Window	8
Assist Fire	28	Paperwork Service/Relay	104
Assist Motorist	43	Parking Violation	3
Assist Police	68	Pistol Permits	47
Assist-Social Service Agencies	10	Possession of Alcohol by a Minor	0
Assault	8	Police Information	18
Be on lookout	23	Property Lost/Found/Returned	13
Building Checks	381	Protective Order Violation	3
Bullying	2	Public Relations-Talk/Lecture	6
Burglary	3	Report Request	33
Civil Issue/Stand by	31	Road Hazard/obstruction	54
Community Policing	17	Sex Offender Registration	16
Criminal Mischief	5	Shots Fired	5
Criminal Threatening	7	Stalking	1
Criminal Trespass	4	Suicide	1
D.A.R.E	10	Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Incident	42
Directed Patrol	1250	Theft	14
Dogs, loose, bite, barking	33	Tobacco Violation	6
Domestic Dispute	14	Traffic Control	50
Drugs/Possession	5	Unassisted Death	4
Driving While Intoxicated	2	Unwanted Subject	1
Fingerprinting	9	Vacant Property Checks	845
Case Follow up	164	VIN Inspection	21
Fraud	6	Weapon Violation	1
Harassment	20	Welfare Check	23
Harassing Communication	7		
Involuntary Emergency Admission	4		
Illegal Burn	3		
Internet Crime other than ICAC	1		
Interview	7		
Juvenile Complaints	8		
Littering-Illegal Dumping	4		
Log Note	15		
Mental Person	4		

Report of the Solid Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Facility

The Solid Waste Facility reports the following volumes, expense and revenue in 2016.

Tonnage		Expense	Revenue
3.98	Aluminum Cans		1,029.10
7.03	Steel Cans		555.20
34.3	Plastic	3,364	
105.75	Paper/Cardboard	5,850	731.20
60.27	Glass	2,205	
121,500	Septage	1,878	10,296
313.28	Municipal Solid Waste	22,792	
4.28	Tires	528	
170.80	Demolition Dumpster*	18,348	

*Includes trucking

The above volumes reflect the active recycling efforts of Sutton residents. Recycling is not only good for the environment. It also helps reduce our costs. The plastic compactor we installed in May is working out really well. From January to May we made 10 trips to dispose of plastic. After we installed the compactor, there were only 5 plastic hauls for the remainder of the year. We would like to further reduce transport costs through compacted cardboard. When we installed the plastic compactor we planned for additional electrical wiring to facilitate future uses – so we are ready to “plug and play” if the cardboard compactor gets approved. Transportation costs are always a major financial concern.

Loring “Spunk” Ford resigned from our crew this year in order to pursue other interests. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Spunk for his six years of service at the facility and his willingness to fill in when we needed him.

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,

Ed Herrmann
Solid Waste Facility Supervisor

Dave Ellis and Diego Solimine

Planning Board – 2016 Annual Report

The Sutton Planning Board meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Pillsbury Memorial Town Hall. Hearings are held on the 2nd Tuesday and work sessions are held on the 4th Tuesday. Applications are due by the 15th of the preceding month. The Subdivision and Site Plan Regulations and Applications are available at the Town Hall and on the Town's Website. The following is a look at the year's activities:

1/18/2016 Eversource
Case Nbr PB 2016-01 Shadow Hill Road
Trim trees on a designated scenic road.
Approved

2/23/2016 Dennis O'Connell and his agent, Brackett L. Scheffy
Case Nbr 2016-02 Barker Road
Rescind the approved Subdivision Plan 19893
Rescission Approved

2/23/2016 Dennis O'Connell and his agent, Brackett L. Scheffy and
Oliver and Ann Wallace
Case Nbr 2016-03 Barker Road
Map & Lot # 01-988-525 and 02-133-405
Rescind a Lot Line Adjustment
Rescission Approved

2/23/2016 Phoebe Bishcoff, Trustee for the Miriam R. Lovett Trust
Case Nbr 2016-04 Lovett Road
Map & Lot # 02-478-356 to be merged to 10 smaller lots 02-573-390;
02-539-366; 02-568-410; 02-552-368; 02-557-369; 02-492-360; 02-553-
382; 02-581-378; 02-484-365; 02-496-366.
Voluntary Merger
Approved

03/22/2016 Michael Carrier
Case Nbr PB 2016-05 Roby Road
Map & Lot 01-954-394 & 01-931-372
Voluntary Merger
Approved

04/12/2016 Crispin and Christine Fletcher
Case Nbr PB 2016-06 Roby Road
Map & Lot 01-859-251 and 01-885-282
Lot Line Adjustment
Approved

5/10/2016 – Eversource
Case Nbr PB 2016-08 Corporation Hill Road
Trim trees on a designated scenic road.
Approved with Conditions.

10/11/2016 – Eversource
Case Nbr PB 2016-09 Shadow Hill Road and North Road
Trim trees on a designated scenic road.
Approved with Conditions.

12/13/2016 – Eversource
Case Nbr PB 2016-10 Blaisdell Hill, Corporation Hill, Harvey,
Hominy Pot, Music Hill, North, Penacook, Shadow Hill, Stonehouse,
and Wadleigh Hill Roads and Keyser Street
Trim trees on designated scenic roads in Sutton.
Approved.

The Planning Board has three primary roles:

- I. The planning role**, in which the board establishes a vision for the future of its community and identifies the steps necessary to achieve that vision;
- II. The legislative role**, in which the board proposes ordinances and enacts regulations—the rules by which to achieve the vision; and
- III. The regulatory role**, in which the board applies the ordinances and rules to specific situations in fulfillment of the vision.

There are the “perfunctory” hearings (actually required by State Statute) that oversee tree trimming on designated scenic roads in Sutton. These types of hearings often are anything but automatic. Citizens have weighed in with their concerns at the public hearings, site walks with Eversource and citizens have been conducted, and as a result changes to the cutting/trimming plan have been made.

The planning board did not have any applications for subdivisions in 2016. The process of detailed review and analysis of each submission is a major part of the Planning Board’s mission. The members of the planning board, spearheaded by member Roger Wells, have been working on making the town’s Subdivision and Site Plan Review Regulations fit with the community’s response to maintaining “our rural character” in addition to making our regulations accurate and easier to work with for the applicants. Subdivisions will surely be coming to Sutton in the foreseeable future.

Lastly, our long time Land Use Coordinator, Laurie Hayward, resigned due to a long distance job. Laurie loved her job working for and supporting the Planning Board. The Planning Board accepted her resignation with regret.

Board Members: Carrie Thomas (Chair), David Angeli, Bill Curless (Selectmen's Representative), Debbie Lang, Robert DeFelice, Jim Lowe, Julie McCarthy and Roger Wells. The position of Alternate is open.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Canane

Land Use Coordinator

Report of the Zoning Board of Adjustment 2016

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) is charged with reviewing applications for special exceptions and variances to the Sutton Zoning Ordinance and hearing appeals of a Town official's administrative decision with respect to land use governance under the Zoning Ordinance. The five-member, all-volunteer board is appointed by the Selectmen, and it typically meets on the third Wednesday of any month that an application or appeal has been filed.

In 2016, the ZBA heard the following matters:

02/17/2016 Case# 2016-01	Deborah Lang Camp Kemah Road Map/Lot# 02-479,224 Variance To permit construction of an addition to a single family dwelling within the frontage setback. Approved.
06/15/2016 Case# 2016-02	Alan & Teri Gauntt Route 114 Map/Lot# 06-311,012 Variance To permit a garage to be built within the setback for a wetland. Denied.
10/26/2016 Case# 2016-03	Tania L. Byron North Road Map/Lot# 05-542,420 Special Exception To permit the temporary housing and care for pre-adopted puppies. Approved.

The ZBA also held several public sessions to propose amendments to the Zoning Ordinance relating to Accessory-Dwelling Units. Changes were required to ensure that the Zoning Ordinance conformed to new statutory provisions passed by the New Hampshire Legislature. The purpose of the statutory changes was to require the allowance, under certain conditions, of in-law apartments and other similar secondary residential uses within a single residence or as an attachment to that residence. The ZBA also considered and proposed changes to the or-

dinance allowing detached accessory dwelling units, in addition to attached units. These changes are expected to be part of the ballot that Sutton residents will vote on in March 2017.

The ZBA would like to extend a heart-felt thank you to three persons who were instrumental in ensuring the board was able to undertake its mission this past year – Sue Reel and Ed Canane, both of whom stepped down from the board this year, and Laurie Hayward, who resigned as Land Use Coordinator to move to Massachusetts to be closer to her family, particularly her grandchildren. In October, the Board welcomed new member, Betsy Forsham. The board was very pleased that Ed Canane was willing and able to step into the position of Land Use Coordinator. Using his 13 years of knowledge as a (now former) ZBA member and his many years of experience as a successful private sector business owner, Ed has ensured that the ZBA continues to operate effectively and efficiently.

Respectfully submitted,

Derek D. Lick
ZBA Chair

Dane Headley
Sue Reel (resigned)
Doug Sweet
Betsy Forsham
William Hallahan, Alternate

Report Of The Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer

Seventy Five building permits were approved this past year. The majority of the permits were for additions and alterations to existing homes. Homes installing solar panels also took a big jump.

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

Permit	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Houses/Apartments /Camps***	13	14	9	3	2	5	6	4	3	6
Additions/Alterations/ Replacements Roofs/Siding	6	6	2	3	5	3	8	6	5	18
Barns/Garages/Carports	2	4	2	3	9	2	1	2	3	5
Outbuildings/Sheds	5	6	11	16	2	5	8	3	3	3
Deck/Sunroom/Porch	5	6	9	14	5	9	10	6	5	10
Docks	4	8	6	3	6	5	6	6	4	9
Docks	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Renovations/Repairs	5	11	11	9	14	14	11	10	10	
Commercial/ Government Structure	0	0	1	1	1			0	0	
Wireless Tower Antennas Ham Radios	0	0	5	3	3	2	2	1	10	2
Demolition of Existing Buildings	2	2	1	1	1	2	6	1	1	4
Renewals	0							1	0	1
Pools/Hot Tubs	3		2				1	0	0	1
Miscellaneous-Dugout, pavilion, gazebo, solar panels/outdoor furnaces, pellet stoves, generators Withdrawn		6	5		7	3	3	7	9	11
										4
	45	63	64	56	56	50	62	47	53	75

*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.org 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 addition 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

2016 was another busy year for the Sutton Volunteer Fire Department. Members continued to enhance their knowledge through trainings in house, in surrounding towns and through the New Hampshire Fire Academy. Members completed classes in confined space rescue, grant writing, active shooter situations and four members began the 212 hour Firefighter Level 1 program to be completed by the spring of 2017. Mutual Aid trainings with surrounding towns which included live burn training helped to build teamwork within the mutual aid system we rely upon.



The department had members that attended the 911 Memorial Stair Climb in Manchester and the MS Climb for a Cure (benefiting the National Multiple Sclerosis Society) in Boston, where the members raised money for the charities and completed the physically demanding task of climbing the buildings in full structural firefighting gear and air packs.

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

In the fall, members removed old equipment, tools, and items of historical significance from the old fire station on Route 114. The building had not been used for several decades and was in a state beyond repair. Items were saved to be preserved in a future firefighter's museum that may one day be built. Fittingly the building was used one last time for

training on proper ventilation techniques, forcible entry, search and rescue, and emergency bailout tactics. Members volunteered their time and equipment to demolish and remove the building.



The department held an open house in August to allow the opportunity to ask questions and learn about the trucks and equipment used at incidents. A demonstration was held to show how the jaws of life are used to gain access to someone trapped in a motor vehicle. In addition, a fire extinguisher training prop was used to show the public the correct way of using an extinguisher. We would like to thank everyone who was able to attend; there was a great turnout.

It was with great regret that the department announced the passing of longtime firefighter Tom McLoughlin this year. Tom was an active member of the department for many years. His dedication to the department and the community of Sutton could be seen in the countless people he helped in their time of need. Many of the members benefited from his knowledge in the classroom through his teaching of shop classes at the Kearsarge Regional High School.

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 fill out incident reports, or training to be a full interior firefighter, and many duties in between. There is something that anyone can do.



The department responded to 146 calls this year. There were two structure fires in town this year. Fortunately one of them was an abandoned building. In the other fire, thanks to the home owner immediately calling 911, and quick action by firefighters, the fire was contained to one bedroom. The dry weather conditions plagued the area with forest fires. The Town of Sutton was lucky to only have 6 forest fires in town which were contained to an acre or less. The Sutton Fire Department also responded to a large number of mutual aid calls in surrounding towns for structure and forest fires. The fire department continues to be very busy with motor vehicle accidents on Interstate 89 during all road conditions, and answering all incoming calls for assistance.

This is a breakdown of the calls for 2016.

- 2 Structure Fires
- 5 Vehicle Fires
- 6 Brush Fire
- 3 Stove Fires
- 2 Electrical Fires
- 5 Chimney Fires
- 12 Alarm Activations
- 25 Motor Vehicle Accidents on I89
- 30 Motor Vehicle Accidents (on other town roads)
- 20 Mutual Aid Responses
- 16 Tree/Wires Down
- 5 Medical Assist
- 9 Odor/Smoke Investigations
- 6 Other
- 146 Total Calls

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Cory Cochran
Deputy Chief Kevin Rowe
Captain Aaron Flewelling
1st Lieut John McBroom
2nd Lieut Brendan Rowe

Members: Bud Nelson, Garrett Evans, Matt Grimes, Chip Rowe, Chris Rowe, Pete Thompson, Harold Rowe, Andy Palmer, Kirk Chadwick, Keith Badgley, Ken Day, Shreve Soule, Steve Enroth, Darrel Palmer, Wendy Grimes, Peter Boucher, Nick Rowe, Fred Burbee, Robert Defelice, Sam Dube, Ken Sutton, Nate Thompson, Carl Smith, Taylor Cochran, Tanner Boucher, John Chilpyian, Hilary Grimes, Bruce Putnam, Tristan Rowe, Caleb Cochran, Dan Miller, George Caswell.
Cadets: Brennan Carson, Cole Dube, Quinn Miller, Cody Rowe, Natalie Soule

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 unless otherwise notified. 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

2016 Sutton Forest Fire Warden Report

Ways to obtain a fire permit:

Sutton Fire Permit Phone- (603) 927-2727. We try to check the phone every day when there is no snow cover.

NHFirepermit.com- There is a \$3.00 charge for this. This electronic permit is only valid for camp and cooking fires.

Vernondale Store owner Bob DeFelice is the ONLY issuing agent at the store. Only camp or cooking fire permits can be issued. Please bring an old permit & a photo ID or proof of residency and a photo ID. Camp or cooking fire permits may be issued on an annual/seasonal basis. There is no charge for permits issued at Vernondale Store or by calling the permit phone.

BRUSH permits are only issued after an onsite visit by the Warden or one of the Deputies. You must call the fire permit phone to obtain a brush permit. Brush permits are only valid after 5PM or while it is actually raining. Please call a day in advance so we can get someone out to meet with you. If weather and safety allow, a brush permit can be issued for 3 consecutive days.

There is no written fire permit required when the ground is completely covered with snow. HOWEVER, we would appreciate your leaving a message, name/address/phone number, on the permit phone so that the fire department does not have to necessarily make a full response to a report of smoke in the area.

If you have any questions about outdoor burning rules, regulations and limitations, please either call the permit phone (927-2727) or go to the NH Division of Forests & Lands website at nhdfl.org- go to the forest protection section.

Thank you for helping us keep Sutton green.

Bud Nelson

Sutton Forest Fire Warden

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

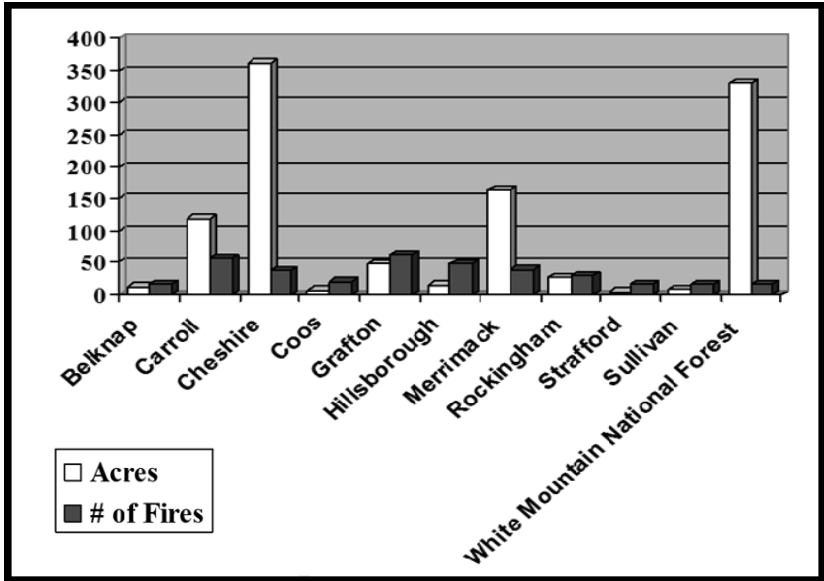
Over the past two years, New Hampshire has experienced its busiest fire seasons since 1989. 1,090 acres burned during the 2016 season. The White Mountain National Forest experienced its largest fire since becoming a National Forest, burning 330 acres in the town of Albany in November. Fires falling under state jurisdiction burned 759 acres, with the largest fire of 199 acres occurring in Stoddard. The extremely dry summer led to a busy fall fire season with large fires occurring into mid-November. Drought conditions hampered fire suppression efforts and extended the time needed to extinguish fires. Your local fire departments and the Division of Forests & Lands worked tirelessly throughout the year to protect homes and the forests. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on high fire danger days. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping many fires small due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire detection efforts were supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high.

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 2016 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. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

As we prepare for the 2017 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting www.NHfirepermit.com. The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services (DES). You are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-3503 or www.des.nh.gov for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping 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.

2016 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 2016)



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

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED								
(These numbers do not include the WMNF)								
Arson	Debris Burning	Campfire	Children	Smoking	Railroad	Equipment	Lightning	Misc.*
15	85	35	10	12	2	18	9	148

REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES!

Report of the Sutton Rescue Squad

As the country grappled with issues during 2016, Sutton Rescue was also impacted. As the safety and mental health of first responders was put to the test across the country, we also dealt with tough saves and even tougher losses. Thankfully we live in an area where we are not in fear for our lives when responding, even though self/scene safety is always first on our minds. In 2016, we dealt with drug overdoses, suicide and tragic accidents. No matter how much we plan, talk and train for the “tough calls”, no one can prepare a responder for how he or she will react when it’s the real deal. We spend a significant amount of time after these calls talking and processing. We each make sure our team is o.k. hours, days, even weeks later. This past year’s trainings have also been geared towards taking better care of ourselves and our team. The situations we find ourselves in are sometimes way too hard, leading to burn-out; also, trying to teach the newer members that it is important to validate your feelings and to support each other whether it is EMS, fire, or police. We are all a team!



With that being said, 2016 was full. Members logged 223 patient contacts. As in the past, the majority of these

were motor vehicle accidents. We responded to more than a dozen calls at our local schools for sports injuries, ill person, etc. We continue to provide medical standby for Sutton Fire at structure fires and chimney fires. We offer community service by standing by at Icing Day in January each year and Farm Days in August.

While there were several very sad situations we dealt with as a squad, there was also a very special call. It is a rare day that a small rescue squad has the pleasure of assisting with the delivery of a baby at home. In celebration of this, responders receive a stork pin.



First Responders are required to have a certain amount of training in order to renew every two years. Part of this training is obstetrics. Training involves more discussion than actual hands-on, given the topic. During the history of Sutton Rescue, data has shown that one responder received her pin (Bette Fredrickson - 26 year member) after mom delivered at the hospital and two other members (Ken Day & Matt Grimes) received their pins when mom delivered in the back of

the ambulance. On Monday, December 12, 2016, Sutton Rescue, Sutton Police along with New London Ambulance received a 911 page for a mom in labor. Members arrived and went straight to work. Six minutes after our arrival Eloney Noell Dumais was born. She joins mom, Keli, dad, Bryan and brothers Kevin, Caleb and Conor. Congratulations to the Dumais family and responders!

Members who assisted with the birth are Ken Day, AEMT, Cicely Markoff, EMT, Wendy Grimes, EMT, Sutton Police Officer Duncan Domey, New London Ambulance Crew Leanna Fisher, AEMT and Paramedic Dawn Roby-Clark.



Sutton Rescue Squad would also like to give our heartfelt appreciation to the Sutton Fire Department and the Sutton Police Department. We know that Fire, Rescue

and Police must work in unison to get the job done and make sure everyone goes home. Thank you to the Sutton Highway Department, Sutton Budget Committee and the Sutton Selectmen's office. Your support and the value you put on safety services is greatly appreciated. To the residents of Sutton, your support is greatly appreciated! May you find comfort knowing your neighbors are here to help you at a moment's notice.

Sincerely,

Wendy Grimes
Chief

David Biron, EMT
Ken Day, FF-AEMT
Aaron Flewelling - FFII-EMT
Bette Fredrickson, EMT
Hilary Grimes, FF-EMT
Matt Grimes, FFI-EMT
Wendy Grimes, FF-EMT
Cicely Markoff, EMT
Katie O'Neil, EMT
Andy Palmer, FFI-EMR
Brendan Rowe, FFI-EMR
Kevin Rowe, FFII-EMR
Shreve Soule, FF-EMR
Brenda Spencer, EMT

Sutton Explorer Post 90 Cadet Report

The Sutton Explorer post consists of students in high schools that have an interest in the fire service and/or in the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) field. The Sutton Explorers conduct a monthly meeting as well as attend the monthly Sutton Fire Department meeting and training, and the Sutton Rescue Squad's monthly meeting and training. Sutton Explorers can respond to some emergency calls to assist, such as fire alarm activations, carbon monoxide alarms, fallen trees on roadways, and car accidents that are not on the Interstate. Sutton Explorers are not permitted on some calls for safety reasons like any calls on Interstate 89 or brush fires (unless 16 and nationally certified).

We would love to welcome some new cadets in 2017. Being a cadet is a great way to see if the fire service is something you would be interested in being a part of. Being a cadet is also a great way to serve your community and get community service hours.

To be an explorer you must be 14-21; both males and females are welcome. If you're interested in becoming an Explorer contact Shreve Soule at shreveosoule63@gmail.com or call 927-4806. You can also stop in at a monthly meeting at 6pm on the first Tuesday of every month.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cadet Captain
Quinn Miller



Sutton Explorer Post 90 Executive Officer Report

Why is there an Explorer Cadet program in Sutton? Cadets are our future leaders and community servants. Sutton fire department currently has 9 former members of the cadet program on its active roster. Three of those former members are also EMTs with the Sutton rescue squad. In a time when volunteers are hard to come by for many towns, it is a huge deal for a small town like Sutton to have this program with tangible results.

Explorer Post 90 is a member of the Daniel Webster Council-Scouting in NH. We receive our guidelines from the council as well as Liability coverage for the program.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the cadet program may do so by making the check out to the SVFD c/o "Sutton Explorer Post 90" and send it to PO Box 96, N. Sutton, NH. 03260. Donations can be used to send kids to the annual Cadet training camp in Concord, etc. Include your address so we can send you a thank you note.

Thank you to Cadet Quinn Miller for providing the photo and opening report. Thanks to my Post advisors Kevin Rowe, Andy Palmer, Aaron Flewelling, Sam Dube, Wendy Grimes and Chief Cory Cochran.

I would also like to thank the members of the Sutton Rescue and Fire that continue to work with our cadets on calls or during training sessions. Your leadership and professionalism help our youth become responsible adults who know the value of community service.

We currently have room for more students interested in being a cadet. Parents, do you have a child that isn't interested in sports and can't look away from that electronic device? This is a great hands-on opportunity for your child to grow and develop some valuable life skills.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shreve Soule,
Executive Officer

Members: Brennan Carson, Cole Dube, Quinn Miller, Cody Rowe,
Natalie Soule, Elizabeth Soule

Office of Emergency Management – 2016

The Office of Emergency Management for the Town of Sutton continues to work to keep our Emergency Operations Plan current. This plan requires constant review and in the coming year town departments along with volunteers will reconvene to update it. Last year's mild winter and dry summer made for a slow time in our office.

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. Residents MUST sign up for this feature. If you have internet access you can go to 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 smartphones, iPads, and android devices called NH alerts. It is 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 on-going support.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Grimes

Emergency Management Director

Report Of The Conservation Commission – 2016

The Sutton Conservation Commission (SCC) had a fruitful year of trail work, partnerships and, thanks to your support, land acquisition.

Our Partners



Mrs. Hemingway's KRHS Class preparing a "rain garden" to reduce the high school parking lot run off.

Kearsarge Regional High School (KRHS) – Once again, SCC member Henry Howell has immersed himself in another project with KRHS students. The current one, with Mrs. Hemingway's class, is the creation of a rain garden adjacent to the high school parking lot and to a stream which feeds into Stevens Brook and contains a high number of brook trout. The development of the garden is to mitigate runoff from the parking lot, thereby minimizing pollution which might be affecting the trout population. Using a nationally developed rain garden curriculum, the students performed such tasks as perc tests, soil analysis, and water testing. People from NH DES, NH Fish and Game and others offered professional guidance and advice. Grateful thanks is extended to Eastman Excavation who donated a load of loam for the project. Partnerships between the business community, the schools and local/state agencies are very rewarding and something which we hope will continue into the future. A huge thank you to Henry for making this happen!

Local volunteers – While we did not have many trail work days this year, we did contact folks from our list of trail volunteers, some of whom came and helped out. It is satisfying work, with lots of interesting things to see and, as we all know, many hands do indeed make for lighter work. If you would like to be placed on the list, please let us know.

Our Properties

King Hill Reservation (KHR)

– Once again, students from Kearsarge Regional High School worked on the Lyon Brook and Felch trails as a prelude to connecting with the Putnam trail off Felch Road as well as to the construction of a small bridge next spring, which will span a vernal pool. As part of our three year mowing cycle, the short, former racing trails on the northeast side of the hill were mowed in November, as well as the two entrances to the Reservation.



Happy trail maintenance workers (l to r) Donna Catanzaro, Garrett Evans, Betsy Forsham and Bonnie Hill

Enroth/Lefferts Trail – Some light maintenance was done to this pleasant little trail. Once again, member Don Davis led a walk on the trail, from Rt. 114 to Kezar Lake, as part of the Historical Society’s “Celebrate Sutton” days, in August.

Webb/Crowell Forest – Finally, the scenic Loop Trail we created has been blazed, in both directions. This is a wonderful trail which offers wildlife viewing in all seasons of the year as well as scenic vistas of the first mill site in Sutton and stunning views of Meetinghouse Hill and the South Sutton wetland and village. There is ample parking off Eaton Grange Rd. and thanks go to neighbor, Mike McManus, for keeping it plowed!



Forester Brooks McCandlish observing an old well

William Bean Quarry – In September, several members met with our forester, Brooks McCandlish, for a post-harvest walk. While we were unable to cover all the harvested areas, it was interesting to see those areas where we did go, to observe the regeneration of various tree species and to note some interesting finds such as an old cellar hole and stone lined well. We also observed tiny pine seedlings which Brooks planted on a disturbed area. Even with the drought this past year, the little trees were taking hold. It was

obvious that parts of our original hiking trail will have to be re-routed, but some good options presented themselves which we hope to work on next summer.

Maple Leaf Natural Area – We still hope to complete flagging a trail through this property and cutting it out, sometime in 2017. The parking area continues to get used, but we were chagrined to find that it is also being used as a dumping site for beer cans and other trash. We will try to monitor this more closely in the future.

Kezar Lake Natural Area – This 4.6 acre parcel, located on Wadleigh Hill Road and Kezar Lake, formerly known as the Stevens Lot, was purchased with funds from our capital reserve fund, thanks to a near unanimous vote of attendees at town meeting. We thank you all for your support. This is a wonderful addition to the surrounding protected lands including the addition of 200 feet of frontage on Kezar Lake! SCC member Dan Sundquist has developed a draft management plan which we will be working on this coming year. We hope to hold public meetings to get your thoughts about what, if anything, should be done with the property.

Morton Lot – In 2006, the SCC received an offer of a donation of a 1.9 acre parcel of land (T/L#10-271,401) from Douglas Morton. This parcel is surrounded by the King Hill Reservation on three sides and I-89 on the fourth. After the requisite approval from the Select Board and a public hearing, the SCC accepted the donation. Unfortunately, the owner had to back out of the transfer, until this August, when we received a request to complete the transaction! After going through the acceptance procedures again and updating the deed, we completed the property transfer this fall. We intend to do a “voluntary merger” with the planning board and have this inaccessible property merged into the KHR.

Public Program – In June, we asked Ben Nugent, fisheries biologist with NH Fish and Game and others, to reprise a presentation they had given to the SCC last year. We thought it was so interesting we decided to make a public program out of it. Along with George Embley of the Basil W. Woods Jr. Chapter of Trout Unlimited and others, they presented a program on recent studies they conducted in the Lane River/Warner River watershed assessing the status of wild brook trout and other species. They also discussed ways to protect these fish and their habitat, to ensure their continued survival in the wild.

In 2016, the SCC also --

- Reviewed intents to cut involving wetland crossings as well as NH DES wetland applications.
- Attended various workshops and lectures of educational and practical value to our work.

- Responded to inquiries from citizens relating to conservation easements, permitted land uses, trails, etc.
- Worked with DES Aquatic Species Coordinator, Amy Smagula, and others, concerning an invasive plant species, *Oenanthe javanica* (water celery) found in the stream in the North Sutton Improvement Society's (NSIS) Smiley Grove.
- Organized an animal track walk in early March at our Webb/ Crowell Forest property, led by Sutton's own Dave Anderson, Director of Education and Volunteer Services at the Forest Society. Unfortunately, there was more ice than snow, so not many tracks were visible. But we had a great time discussing the flora and fauna of the area and how they are affected by a New Hampshire winter.
- Met with UNH Cooperative Extension forester, Tim Fleury, to review possible management options for the former tree farm/Town Wildlife Area on Wadleigh Hill Road.

Looking ahead

- We hope to continue our tradition of hosting one or two public education programs in 2017, the subjects to be announced. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for topics that interest you.
- We will continue to work with students at the KRHS, combining their academic STEM curriculum with trail work, mapping, rain gardens, foot-bridge construction, and the like.
- We will continue to work with the NSIS and DES on a management plan for the invasive plant species found in Smiley Grove.
- We will begin to create trail maps for our properties.

Finally, we wish to acknowledge various changes within the Commission. Member Gerry Putnam chose not to be reappointed for another term and we thank him for his many years of participation. We are pleased to have Dan Sundquist, former selectman and planning board chair, join us in his stead. In October, we accepted, with regret, the resignation of Jean LaChance, a longtime member and refreshment provider extraordinaire! She is missed, and we thank her for her service as well. Stepping up into her position was alternate, Chris Ashton. Filling his alternate position, we welcomed new member Chuck Bolduc. New blood brings new ideas and energy, all positive things for an organization, we find. Speaking of new blood, after 17 years as a member of the SCC, most of them as Chair, I will not be seeking re-appointment this March. I know there are interested and capable folks waiting in the wings. It has been my great pleasure to serve on the SCC, one of the big pluses being my fellow commission members, a diverse and changing cast of characters. We have a lot of fun, and it is and has been a very dedicated group. I am very proud of all that we have accomplished over the years. We have partnered with both Sutton citizens and local land trusts to help protect Sutton's special places. Through acquisition of property and/or helping folks place

conservation easements on their properties, valuable water resources, agricultural lands, and natural /scenic places of recreational and economic importance have been protected. By creating trails to use and appreciate those lands, organizing interesting and informative public education programs, and working with young people who will be our future Commission members, we have strived to serve the citizens of our town, both present and future. And, as always, we have you, the residents of our special town, to thank for your continuing support of our projects and programs. We hope you will take full advantage of all Sutton has to offer, either by becoming a member of a volunteer board, or by getting out on one of the great properties you helped to protect.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Forsham
Chair

Don Davis
Dan Sundquist
Chuck Bolduc, Alternate
Jean LaChance (resigned 10/16)
Chris Ashton
Jane Williamson, Alternate
Henry Howell
Ben Dobrowski
Wally Baker, Jr., Selectmen's Rep.
Bonnie Hill, Recording Secretary



L to R. Don Davis Walter Baker Bonnie Hill Chuck Buldoc Betsy Forsham Henry Howell Jane Williamson Dan Sundquist Chris Ashton

Sutton Historical Society

2016 Annual Town Report

*The Sutton Historical Society ~
Dedicated to preserving Sutton's past and promoting its future.*

At the annual meeting in November the membership of the society voted to change the by-laws and reduce the number of directors to five. Officers elected at the meeting are: President Don Davis, Vice Pres. Jody Wells, Clerk Bonnie Hill, Director (term ending 2019) Peggy Ford. They join Treasurer Rob O'Neil (2018), Directors Bob Wright (2017), Sue Esposito (2018) and Chan Blodgett (2018). We have one director position that is vacant.

Soon after the Sutton Historical Society was established in 1985 it began a collection of items in accordance with the by-laws of the society. The society rented space in the "Blue House" to store most of its growing collection. Some items were kept in the meetinghouse and the schoolhouse. The entire collection except for those items in the meetinghouse and schoolhouse was moved to the Cressey House after it was purchased. No consideration was given to organizing the collection during or after the move.

We turned our attention to the collection in 2016. The Cressey House attics (there are two) were cleaned out and solid floors were laid down. The attic above the boardroom will be used to store the goods that we sell along with other items. This has freed up space in the boardroom and provided room for members to assist people doing Sutton and/or genealogical research. The attic above the older part of the Cressey House will be used for the safe storage of collection items as needed. Jack Noon has done a preliminary sort of the collection. Randy Fleury has begun the monumental task of cataloging our collection. We have purchased a computer to be used with this archiving project.

The Sutton Historical Society received several items in 2016 ranging from photographs to a scrapbook of newspaper articles to add to its collections. The society established a policy in 2013 to be used as a guide in accepting items for our collections. If you would like to donate to our collection, contact Jody Wells or Don Davis, who will explain the accessioning process to you.

The Board of Directors was contacted by the Trustees of the Sutton Free Library in the summer to see if it would be interested in accepting the permanent loan of the 1897 librarian desk that had been given to the town by Dr. S. N. Welch and Louisa. The Board voted to accept the loan and the desk was moved to the Cressey House in the fall. The desk has been placed in the boardroom at the Cressey House and was on public display for the first time during the Cookie Walk.

The exterior of the Cressey House was scheduled for painting in 2016. We failed in our attempts to find a satisfactory contractor that could deal with the lead paint that is on the house. We are working towards having it done in 2017. In addition to the painting, 2017 Cressey House projects (all on the 2nd floor) include lighting improvements, building bookcases and some painting to be done in the three primary rooms. When the work is completed, these rooms will become the Larry and Jean Bennett Library and will be home for most of our collection.

Education is important to the Sutton Historical Society. We anxiously look for the applications to our Barrows and Jane B. Pratt Scholarships each spring. In 2016, we gave three \$1000 scholarships. Congratulations to Isabelle Lovett, Maggie MacAllister and Grace Brooks. **One stumbling block for many potential applicants has been the requirement that parents or guardians of the applicant must be members of the Sutton Historical Society for the two years prior to the application.** Please contact us for a complete list of requirements.

The Society is discussing with the Town our becoming responsible for the presentation, display and care of the Old Store Museum collection and providing personnel for times the museum will be open. We believe, as does the selectboard, that this will be a benefit to the Town and it is within the objectives of the SHS.

The SHS was one of the co-sponsors of the Tom Lowe review, a performance on the evening before Old Home Day at the South Sutton Meetinghouse. Old Home Day, our 101st, was chaired by Bob Wright and included the traditional service in the Meetinghouse featuring Dick Dutton, music by Gerry and Fran Putnam, Betty Blodgett on the organ, the choir singing NH Sunday Morn, and a community picnic following the service. The day included a hike co-sponsored by the SRK Greenway on the Province Rd. and a hike to the Meetinghouse Hill graphite mine led by Dave Anderson.

Other activities, programs and fundraisers that the Society participated in during 2016 include:

- Pancake Breakfast (Muster Field Farm canceled Ice Day).
- Post Card program led by Don Davis at the Library.
- Bake Sale/Book Table at all elections and Muster Field Farm Days and Harvest Day.
- Pot Luck Supper featuring a program on the Sheep Boom in Sutton by Jack Noon.
- Annual Meeting featuring Ben Wilson, Director of New Hampshire State Historic Sites who presented a program on some of our state-owned treasures.
- Annual Cookie Walk with Santa Claus.
- Assistance to persons with genealogical research and the provision of guided tours to locations in Sutton.
- Addition of genealogical information to our web site.

Report of the Health Officer

For those of you that require our services or are interested in our duties and responsibilities, I submit the following brief summary:

- 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, and septic systems;
- To investigate health-related 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.

For those of you who have dumpsters, please have them 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 927-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

David Burnham
Health Officer

Welfare Department Report for 2016

This summer, with the assistance of Elly Phillips, a thorough review of the Town of Sutton's Welfare Guidelines was performed. We then met and reviewed them with the Board of Selectmen, who had them reviewed by Town Counsel and then adopted the updated set of guidelines.

I attended a NH Welfare Administrators Association (NHWAA) meeting and training this spring in Concord. This fall I attended the NH Municipal Association's Fall Convention Welfare Administrators workshop, which I found enormously helpful and beneficial. I enjoy these opportunities to learn from other community welfare administrators and get more in-depth education on some of the more complicated aspects of welfare administration.

Although Dan Sundquist did not seek re-election for Selectman, he has graciously offered to continue on as Deputy Welfare Administrator. I so appreciate his willingness to do so. Thanks Dan!

Please note that Welfare applications are readily available on the Town of Sutton's website, thanks to the assistance of Elly Phillips. They are also available at the Town office. Appointments for Welfare Assistance are typically scheduled for Monday evenings starting at 5:30 p.m.

Again this year, we have the good fortune of having received generous donations from some very thoughtful town folks and a local business. We are so very thankful and appreciative of these monetary donations, as we can use them to purchase food and gasoline cards for those in need. We greatly 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.

I again include these important additional resources for all :

Trinity Bible Baptist 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, Meals on Wheels, Women Infants and Children (WIC) and so much more: 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 Public Welfare

Sutton Free Library

The Sutton Free Library had another banner year in 2016 with increased circulation and participation in story time and monthly book discussions. Other successful programs include Wacky Wednesday, all ages cribbage night, and a wonderful youth summer program. More residents are taking advantage of the downloadable books, museum passes and magazines available from the library as well.



Kindergarteners from Sutton Central School show off their "Math Masks" made on an Autumn visit to Sutton Free Library.

The Friends of the Library formally incorporated after re-organizing last year. The Friends are active participants in many aspects of the library community including grant writing, outreach/events, and supporting the summer youth programs. Meetings of the Friends are the first Wednesday of the month at the Library and ALL are welcome and encouraged to attend!

After casting your vote for president in November, you and your family may have voted for the names of the Library Dragon Mascots. **Drake** won the vote for male dragon on the flag at the front entry to the library and **Skylar** prevailed for the lady dragon on the corner of Village and Main Street.

The library continues to work toward ADA accessibility with a town capital reserve fund started for building modification and a library building committee formed. The committee aims to investigate the best solution for physical access to programs and materials in the building and to advise the Trustees on their findings and recommendations.

Look for a questionnaire on YOUR priorities for the library facility coming in 2017. Meanwhile, those who cannot make it to the library itself are encouraged to enroll in the Home Delivery Program which is growing in numbers.



Dragon Mascot “Skylar” points the way to the library from Village Road. Thanks to fantastic inspiration & artwork from Jenn Carson and Loren Howard.

Also keep a lookout for a combined effort by Muster Field Farm Museum, Sutton Historical Society and Sutton Free Library to digitize rare Sutton photos and images so they are widely accessible via online archiving systems. Other collaborations include the lego train project with the Kearsarge Middle School, area libraries and the CT Valley Model Railroad Club! Check out the robotic lego train project this April 9th at the Middle School.

This is all possible due to the wonderful staff at the library – Heidi and Casey – who contribute in hundreds of ways, large and small, to keep the library running smoothly, ensure that all the services and programs are readily available and continue to creatively work to maximize the impact of the library on town life.

If you have suggestions for offerings or services from the Library please call, stop by or visit the website and share your ideas. The library is here to help you!

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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 is the Town's representative 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 2016, 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 (CIP) development and guidance, and Planning Board process training.
- Provided Hazard Mitigation Plan update development assistance to eight (8) community Hazard Mitigation Committees and provided information to inquiring communities about future update opportunities.
- Continued the support of the CNHRPC Regional Brownfields Program through funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency. In 2016, site assessments were initiated in four communities and additional sites were identified for future assessments. For more information on Brownfields and the CNHRPC Brownfields Program please go to www.cnhrpc.org/cnhrpc-brownfields-program.
- Initiated the update of the 2014 Central/Southern New Hampshire Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The CEDS is a comprehensive economic development strategy for the 20-community CNHRPC region, plus six communities within the Southern New Hampshire Regional

Planning Commission region (Bedford, Goffstown, Hooksett, New Boston, Manchester and Weare). Its purpose is to present various economic and demographic data and to identify common strengths and weaknesses, as well as projects and strategies to strengthen the local economy.

- Assisted the Currier and Ives Byway with its member towns of Henniker, Hopkinton, Webster, Warner, and Salisbury. In 2016, the Council initiated work to extend the Byway in Warner and continued to meet quarterly to support its efforts in public outreach to promote the Byway.
- Provided continued assistance to the Warner River Nomination Committee, including representatives from Bradford, Warner, Sutton, Webster, and Hopkinton, related to the possible future nomination of the Warner River into the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program.
- Coordinated the activities of the CNHRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). Emilio Cancio-Bello is the Town's TAC representative. In 2016, CNHRPC held seven TAC meetings, ranked the region's Transportation Alternative Program projects and initiated the Transportation Improvement Program Update.
- Completed over 250 traffic counts in the region as part of its annual Transportation Data Collection Program. In Sutton, CNHRPC conducted 10 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 2016, the VDP provided over 5,000 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.
- CNHRPC provided assistance to the Regional Trails Coordinating Council, a coalition of local rail trail and shared-use path groups in the Salem-Manchester-Concord corridor. In 2016, the group worked on further engaging communities that have made less progress in advancing their trails, and has begun to work on updates to the 2012 Regional Trails Plan. It has also continued implementing tasks recommended in the

Regional Trails Plan. CNHRPC also assisted with awareness and outreach activities such as distributing trail marker signs, developing and maintaining interactive maps for the public, developing a Granite State Rail Trail Facebook page 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.

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

COA

CHAPIN SENIOR CENTER



PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

37 Pleasant St, New London, NH 03257

By most measures, the Kearsarge Area Council on Aging (COA), both through the Chapin Senior Center and its satellite program spaces throughout the region, remains at the forefront of community-based service to active older adults. COA values its role as a community convener, leader, and centerpiece of senior services through its optimistic and positive approach to aging.

2016 was a transformational year for the COA, as it strengthened its community engagement, expanded its services within its traditional nine area communities, and began laying the framework for meeting new and emerging needs of seniors who reside in the 329.3 square miles of largely rural communities served by COA.

This past year, COA's trustees initiated a nationwide search for a new executive director; a search that culminated in the appointment of Kelley Keith, BA, MS, as its new executive. Kelley and her team re-dedicated COA's promise to its members: **To continually provide a positive, uplifting, and healthy social, physical, and educational environment at the Chapin Senior Center and the nine area communities it is proud and honored to serve.**

Additionally, COA launched a new website (coachapincenter.org), a portal of important information, and began a social media campaign to keep its members engaged and informed. COA leaders also entered into discussions with like-minded community groups to explore ways to further partner and collaborate. In November, trustees and staff leaders began a comprehensive, year-long strategic planning process that will open up dialogue with area stakeholders about the rapidly shifting demographic, health, and economic landscapes, and how these shifts will impact positive aging in the greater Kearsarge area.

COA's metrics were impressive in 2016. COA provided 60 programs, services, and activities on a hyper lean budget of \$200,000. 263 volunteers participated for a total of 8,600 hours, providing guidance as trustees (policy volunteers), front desk and data entry help (administrative volunteers), and community services (program volunteers), as examples. Best illustrating the regional impact of COA's great volunteers are the data from the popular Transportation Program. Last year there were 69 drivers, driving 69 members more than 34,000 miles. These statistics don't include the hundreds of hours spent by front desk volunteers on call intake, driver scheduling, program management, and reporting.

COA is very grateful for its town partners, volunteers, members, donors, business sponsors, and staff in helping to provide support that hopefully leads to high levels of health and well-being for its senior neighbors.

Report from The Muster Field Farm Museum

2016 was another bountiful year for the crops at the Muster Field Farm Museum; a prolonged drought during the late summer and early fall did little to dim the beauty and productivity of the gardens. Under the watchful eye of farm manager Steve Paquin, the 279-acre property and the collection of historic buildings continue to be a source of pride for the town of Sutton and its citizens.

Educator Kathleen Stowell and Historian Jack Noon continue to strengthen our educational mission; programming is now in place specific to curriculums in grades one through five at the Sutton Central School. The Sutton students' five years of visits to "the farm" help to imprint these young residents with pride of place that will stay with them throughout their entire educational journey and beyond.



Members of Merrimack County Ox-Bow's 4-H club demonstrating their skills at 2016 Muster Field Farm Days.

2016 saw the creation of an updated and comprehensive forest management plan that serves as a guiding document in regards to the Museum's 216 acres of woodlands. Created by Tim Wallace, NH LPF #279, this plan aids in compliance with the easement held by the Society for Protection of NH Forests, the State of NH Current Use Program, and meets the requirements of the NH Tree Farm Program. The plan includes an inventory of the property and the benefits derived from multi-use activities. The Plan is an essential tool for stewardship as the Farm Museum works to protect these cultural and historic resources.

Muster Field Farm Museum typically hosts 4 or 5 events over the course of a year. We are thankful for the citizens of the town of Sutton who come out in force to support this programming. The ever-growing core of volunteers and supportive membership hold us accountable to the wishes of founder, Robert S. Bristol. The Board of Directors and Staff cannot thank the residents of Sutton enough for their unwavering support. We are particularly grateful to the Town of Sutton Police, Fire and Rescue for their attentive response and support at all hours of the day or night.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Larry Ballin

Administrative Manager, Muster Field Farm Museum

Community Action Program Report 2016

SERVICE DESCRIPTION	UNITS OF SERVICE	HOUSEHOLDS/PERSONS	VALUE
EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRIES provide up to five days of food for people facing temporary food crisis. Value \$5.00 per meal.	MEALS--355	PERSONS--71	\$ 1,775.00
FUEL ASSISTANCE 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--29	PERSONS--69	\$ 25,050.00
ELECTRIC ASSISTANCE 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		\$ 17,101.50
WEATHERIZATION 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-1	PERSONS-4	\$ 8,232.82
NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR provides emergency energy assistance up to \$300 for those not eligible for fuel assistance.	HOUSEHOLDS--1		\$ 200.00
		GRAND TOTAL	\$ 52,359.32
INFORMATION AND REFERRAL--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 2016

January 2017

Dear Friends:

On behalf of 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 programs 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 and stronger than ever: in 2016 we acquired the staff and services of Connecticut Valley Home Care (formerly a division of Valley Regional Health Care), further expanding our service area and the number of residents needing our services. Even with this growth our Board of Directors remains committed, to the best of our ability, to serve those in need regardless of insurance coverage or financial circumstances. I am proud to report that, for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2016, LSRVNA served Sutton in the following ways:

Provided 2,523 hours of nursing, therapy and in-home supportive care to 34 residents;

Provided free or reduced fee in-home nursing, therapy and social work visits to residents. Visits were also provided under various Medicaid programs (NH Medicaid reimburses at less than 60% of visit costs);

Residents receive 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, at no cost;

Residents utilized our foot care, flu and blood pressure clinics as well as parent child, bereavement and other support groups.

Our talented staff are dedicated 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 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.

Sincerely,

Jim Culhane
President & CEO

UNH Cooperative Extension Merrimack County 2016



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UNH Cooperative Extension serves residents in each of Merrimack County's 27 towns with diverse programming through 4-H, Nutrition Connections, Food & Agriculture, Community & Economic Development, Natural Resources, and Youth & Family. Extension is the public outreach arm of the University of New Hampshire, bringing information and education into NH's towns, helping to make individuals, businesses, and communities more successful and keeping NH's natural resources healthy and productive.

Our Mission

UNH Cooperative Extension strengthens people and communities in New Hampshire by providing trusted knowledge, practical education and cooperative solutions.

Our work for Merrimack County

Merrimack County Extension staff brings the research and knowledge of the university to county residents through hands-on workshops, site visits, conferences, phone consultations, printed materials, online resources, a statewide toll-free info line, and through strategic partnerships.

examples of
**COUNTY
IMPACT**

- 172 workers learned safe food handling; 295 citizens helped by Info Line; 79 farms received technical assistance
- 23,201 acres improved; 111 woodlot owners advised
- 195 businesses served; 267 citizens engaged in plans and projects in their communities
- 4,701 kids & parents engaged in educational programs; 387 local educators trained in STEM & youth development

Helping Merrimack County

**403 volunteers
worked 26,434 hours**

VALUE OF TIME = \$628,865

The infographic features a silhouette of a group of people celebrating on a hill at the bottom left.

- **Food & Agriculture:** We support the county's agricultural industries, including producers of fruits, vegetables, ornamental plants, and livestock, through workshops and trainings, diagnostic services, applied research, and one-on-one consultations. This year, at least 3,146 Merrimack County citizens attended training in livestock management, crop production, safe food handling, pest management, agricultural marketing, pollinator protection, farm business management, landscaping for water quality protection, and more. Our team of specialists and volunteers also provide education and technical assistance to home gardeners and citizens through seminars, publications, and through our Education Center Info Line. This year, Education Center volunteers answered 295 inquiries from Merrimack County residents, and the county's Master Gardeners contributed 668 volunteer hours through garden-focused projects, displays, and presentations.
- **Natural Resources:** Managing and protecting New Hampshire's natural resources is critical to our environment, quality of life, and 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, extending state-wide programs in forestry and wildlife, natural resource development, land and water conservation, and marine fisheries. This year, over 606 Merrimack County residents received one-on-one education from woodlot visits, telephone calls, and e-mail correspondence.

Approximately 1,147 County residents participated in many educational events: emerald ash borer educational workshops, geospatial technology training (GIS), N.H. Maple, N.H. Land Trust Coalition work, Saving Special Places Land Conservation conference, Speaking for Wildlife talks, Stewardship Network, woodlot visits, and forest management services. Volunteers from the N.H. Coverts project and the Natural Resource Stewards program contributed nearly 4,511 hours conserving and managing natural resources in Merrimack County.

- **Community & Economic Development:** Our Community and Economic Development team (CED) provides research-based education and assistance to individuals, families, businesses, and communities to help identify opportunities to enhance their competitive advantage, build upon their assets, and create conditions that foster local and regional economic growth. Over the last two years, Extension's facilitated engagement efforts in the Merrimack County town of Franklin helped lead to the creation of four *new* businesses (employing five people) and enabled the city to leverage \$1,336,000 in grants and tax credits to build 45 new units of affordable housing for working families and seniors utilizing a vacant mill building. Other Merrimack County towns have participated in Extension facilitated Community Visioning, Business Retention and Expansion programs, and training for community-based volunteers.
- **4-H/Youth & Family:** Preparing youth to become caring and productive citizens is critical to New Hampshire's future. The research-based education and information we provide enhances the leadership and decision-making skills of New Hampshire's youth and strengthens families. We provide educational resources for parents, families, and community serving volunteers and professionals through innovative programs such as Youth Mental Health First Aid Training, as well as, through creative delivery methods, including web-based outreach, e-newsletters and train-the-trainer programs. Merrimack County youth and volunteers participated in many 4-H youth development programs, including State and County Activities Days, Eastern States Exposition 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 the Nutrition Connections programs for limited resource adults, families, refugees, and youth.

This year, UNH Cooperative Extension trained and supported 403 volunteers in Merrimack County. These volunteers contributed 26,434 hours of their time extending the reach of our programs as 4-H leaders, master gardeners, wildlife coverts, community tree stewards, water quality monitors, marine docents, and others.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the 13 community members from all over Merrimack County who served on our Advisory Council during the past year:

Commissioner Bronwyn Asplund-Walsh, *Boscawen*
Larry Ballin, *New London*
Lorrie Carey, *Boscawen*
Mark Cowdrey, *Andover*
Bill Doherty, *Franklin*
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Patrick Gilmartin, *Concord*

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Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports

Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports had a fantastic 2016.

We were recognized by two different organizations as the Non-Profit of the Year. Thank you to Sotheby's and Old Hampshire Designs of New London. We were also showcased on Kearsarge Chronicle which can be seen on the Yankee Cable Network. This could not be possible without all of the hard work that goes into BNSYS completely by volunteers.

If you have driven past our fields this past year, you may have noticed that there has been a ton of work completed there. At the end of the fall, the soccer fields still looked great and the baseball fields will be ready to go in the spring. A big part of this work was done by Dave Yazzie and Jesse Griffin. Our fields would not be where they are without all of their hard work. Thank you to both of you!

2016 was a good year for our wrestling team. We had one state champion, two second place, and three third place finishers. We also hosted the Middle School State Wrestling Tournament at KRMS. This was a huge event with over 400 wrestlers from around the state. 2017 is starting off very well with the number of participants continuing to grow.

In 2016 we had a good number of baseball teams. There were four T-ball teams, two Rookie teams, one Minors team (with enough participants to make two teams), one Majors, and one Babe Ruth team. Our goal going into 2017 is to keep up the number of participants as last year, and put together a softball team with some of the t-ball players.

In soccer, our Boys 5 / 6 Team had a very successful season, winning the championship. Congratulations to all involved! We also had a large number of participants at all levels. During the summer of 2016 we once again ran our British Soccer camp, which was again a success. Thank you to Carrie Guerrette for organizing and running this program!

For those new to the towns which we serve, BNSYS is a 501©3, non-profit organization whose sole mission is to provide quality sports opportunities to area youths while reinforcing the concepts of sportsmanship and team participation. BNSYS owns and maintains the structures and

facilities at Warren Brook Park, located on Old Warner Road, Bradford. 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.bnsy-outhsports.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

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Secretary: Justine Fournier
Baseball Director: David Kasregis
Softball Director: Jesse Griffin
Soccer Director: David Spinney

Board of Directors

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Equipment Director: Robert Zielinski
Fundraising Director: Andrew Spiegel
Field Director: Jesse Griffin

New London Hospital

In 2016, New London Hospital (NLH) continued to offer a broad array of local health care services, serving 15 towns, including Sutton.

We were pleased to welcome the following new providers to our medical staff: Glen Anderson, CRNA; Megan Cassotto, CRNA; Jan Idzikowski, PA-C, Orthopaedics; Christopher Mazur, MD—Emergency Department; Sherri Mongeon, APRN—Geriatric Care; Shannon Schachtner, APRN—Family Medicine; Elaine Silverman, MD—Family Medicine; John Robb, MD—Cardiology; Benita Walton, MD—Psychiatry. Services from Dartmouth-Hitchcock providers were added as needed to supplement the work of our NLH-employed providers. We also established a new partnership with University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine that designates NLH as a clinical campus for UNE medical students to complete their third-year clinical training.

The year-long construction of our new Newport Health Center—to replace the inadequate building that had housed this important service for 25 years—culminated in its opening to patients on October 17. The new facility offers twice as much space as in the past, in a modern building designed for delivery of high quality primary and secondary care. A public ribbon-cutting ceremony on November 29 was attended by nearly 200 guests. We offer ongoing thanks to 300 donors who contributed to our \$2.2 million capital campaign in support of this successful \$9 million project.

In June, we completed two years of intensive study of our William P. Clough Extended Care Center, with Board and management agreeing, regrettably, to close this 45-year service in response to ongoing annual losses of about \$1 million. All 31 residents with us at the time of the decision had relocated by early September. We were honored and humbled to have had the opportunity to care for hundreds in our community over the years in the Clough Center. And we remain grateful to Clough staff who served our residents so well, many of whom transferred to other NLH positions.

These appointments and recognitions were received by our organization and its leaders in

2016:

- Judy Cote, clinical coordinator for the Sports Medicine and Therapy Service department, was appointed by the Governor to the NH Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators.
- Vice President for Corporate Compliance and Risk Manage-

ment, Kieran Kays, joined the Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice Board of Directors.

- Board of Trustees Chair Susan Reeves, EdD, RN was appointed by the Governor to a newly created commission on Health Care Workforce to address that employee shortage in our state.
- Volunteer Services Manager Nancy Collins was honored with the Team of Stars Award by the New England Association of Directors of Healthcare Volunteer Services.
- The New Hampshire Hospital Association honored Jack Kirk, MD with the 2016 Medical Staff of the Year Award.
- Catherine Bardier, Director of Wellness and Community Health, was elected to the Executive Committee of Dartmouth-Hitchcock's Partners for Community Wellness.
- For the fifth year in a row, NLH was awarded the "Most Wired" designation by Health & Hospitals Networks.
- NLH was recognized as a Fit-Friendly Worksite at the GOLD achievement level by the American Heart Association for making the health and wellness of employees a priority.

We again hosted many community and fundraising events, most notably:

- The 92nd annual Hospital Days celebration brought nearly a full week of events to New London for the enjoyment of all in our region, concluding with the 33rd annual Triathlon.
- Our 13th Annual Golf Invitational was held at Montcalm Golf Club in Enfield. Over its history, the tournament has raised about \$500,000 to directly support our mission.
- We held our 11th Annual Benefit fundraiser at the new Newport Health Center and the Newport Opera House (with A Night at the Opera theme), raising over \$34,000 in support of the Wellness Connection and \$15,000 for our Annual Fund.
- The third annual John H. Ohler, MD Community Health Lecture was presented at Colby-Sawyer College by Dr. Elizabeth A. Talbot, Infectious Disease Specialist at Dartmouth-Hitchcock, who spoke on Infectious Disease Outbreaks, Epidemics and Pandemics.

Other significant happenings throughout the year included:

- A "live shooter" emergency preparedness drill with Colby-Sawyer College and the Town of New London's Emergency Services.
- A new ambulance, for continued provision of high quality service to Sutton and other area communities by our NLH Ambulance Service.
- 30th anniversary of our ABC's Childcare Center, providing

services for both NLH employees and other community families.

- New leadership of The Wellness Connection: For a Healthy Lake Sunapee Region under Catherine Bardier, who rejoined NLH as Director of Wellness and Community Health and is actively engaging businesses and organizations in New London and environs in a Wellness Coalition and an Employer Network.
- Chris Cundey, who joined the Board of Trustees in 2006, completing the maximum three-term tenure, for which service we are very grateful; and Board election of Mark Pitkin, President and CEO of Sugar River Bank, to a three-year term as a new Trustee.

We concluded fiscal year 2016 with an operating loss, partially offset by charitable gifts and investment income, for a small overall loss.

We are grateful to all Sutton patients, families and guests who chose to receive care from us in 2016, as well as community volunteers who gave their precious time, donors who generously provided funding, our dedicated staff who always put patients first and all others who supported our mission.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce P. King

President and CEO, New London Hospital

KLS Community Food Pantry

The Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry (KLS Community Food Pantry or The Food Pantry) is a totally voluntary 501(c) (3) non-profit supported by local area individuals, businesses and organizations with the mission to help meet the emergency and on-going food and household needs of people in the Kearsarge Lake Sunapee region who are experiencing financial hardship. The towns included in this outreach effort are: Andover, Bradford, Danbury, New London, Newbury, Salisbury, Springfield, Sunapee (including Georges Mills), Sutton, Warner, and Wilmot. Families from all these towns use the Pantry's services. The Food Pantry relies solely on donations and volunteers to provide this community service. It does not receive any federal, state or local government financing and has no paid staff.

The Food Pantry is located in the back of the First Baptist Church in New London in a clean, accessible area provided at no expense by the church and is open Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:00pm and Saturday mornings from 10:00-11:30am.

More than 125 volunteers from the area towns are involved in assisting families, shopping or picking up donations from local and regional supermarkets or the New Hampshire Food Bank and some warehouse clubs. They also inspect donations for safe food conditions, stock shelves, clean up, and coordinate volunteer times. A volunteer Board includes at-large members and representatives of area churches and prepares financial reports, creates policies and partnerships and seeks input from those served.

PROGRAMS

The Food Pantry provides many different non-perishable foods, dairy, meat, some fresh fruit and vegetables when available, paper goods and toiletries, laundry and dish detergents, and diapers/wipes, available approximately every two weeks to each family.

Crucial Food Partnerships:

--**Hannafords:** Twice a week the Food Pantry is able to get fresh produce, meat, fresh fruit, breads, pastry and dairy products from Hannaford Supermarket as part of the Feed America Fresh Rescue Program. This provides wonderful and healthful options for our pantry families. In addition, each year Hannafords and the New London Police Department partner for a very successful "**Stuff-the-Cruiser**" food donation event. This event brings in thousands of pounds of food and monetary donations to help keep our pantry stocked.

--**New Hampshire Food Bank:** The New Hampshire Food Bank distributes food to local authorized pantries at deeply discounted prices and sometimes for free. This partnership has helped us keep our pantry well stocked on a regular basis.

--**Colby-Sawyer College (CSC):** Since 2014, we have been a beneficiary of the Colby-Sawyer College Feed the Freezer Program. Volunteers package up meals of various sizes provided by the college's food service, Sodexo, and distribute them to area food pantries for the families using those pantries. The meals are all prepared in the college's commercial kitchen and include heating instructions. Our pantry families are very happy to have the additional meal option. We are very grateful for the support from the College and the students in the Feed the Freezer Club.

--**Benjamin F. Edwards Annual Shredding Event:** Benjamin Edwards shreds documents for the public once a year for free asking only for a donation of food to the Food Pantry. The Food Pantry receives hundreds of pounds of food as well as monetary donations from this event to help keep our pantry stocked.

--We have also benefitted from substantial food drives from the **Boy Scouts, Kearsarge Regional Schools (Middle School and New London Elementary), Windy Hill School, Clarke's Hardware, Lake Sunapee Bank, CSC Feed the Freezer Program, Auto Advisors in Springfield and local congregations.**

Outreach Programs: One of our most important outreach efforts is our school nurse program. Each semester the Food Pantry provides area school nurses with snack foods and beverages such as crackers, fruit, string cheese, soups, granola bars, and ginger ale for children in need of extra nourishment during the school day. We also provide families with additional breakfast and lunch food items while the children are on vacation from school under our summer meal program.

In addition, children's books are available for free on a year-round basis in the food pantry. Families are encouraged to take books for their children and the children are thrilled that they can keep the books. During the winter, we regularly provide warm mittens, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, coats and winter apparel for families. Before the school year begins, in coordination with The First Baptist Church, we make available backpacks for children so they have supplies for the upcoming school year.

We are extremely grateful to all the individual and organization donations, volunteer time and the free use of space for The Pantry from the First Baptist Church of New London. We could not provide these needed programs without such support.

Since we began operation in 2009, the KLS Community Food Pantry has served a total of 31,602 people in 9568 household visits to the pantry. In 2016 we saw the largest increase in 1-2 person families and these totaled 54% of those families coming to the pantry. Many of these are senior citizens. Large 5-9 person families who need help stretching their budgets represented almost 25% of those served, and leave the pantry with many bags full of healthy food and items of daily living. There is no question that we continue to serve a significant need in the region.

2016 KLS Community Food Pantry – Households Served
KLS Community Food Pantry – Number of People Served

<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Total</u>
2546	4097	4666	4240	4127	4292	4011	3623	31602

How to donate: 1) Drop off non-perishable food such as canned fruit, soup, peanut butter and cereal at the First Baptist Church during office hours: Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am until 3:30 pm, and Fridays from 8:00 am until noon; 2) The food pantry is a 501(c) (3) public charity. Make a tax-deductible donation to “KLS Community Food Pantry,” PO Box 536, New London, NH 03257.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the KLS Community Food Pantry Board,

Terri Bingham
 Chair

2016 KLS Community Food Pantry – Households Served

Town	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
Andover	24	118	76	118	144	107	60	63	710
Bradford	99	192	149	82	105	162	106	91	986
Danbury		5	20	118	113	73	105	116	550
New London	227	392	269	141	136	217	180	266	1828
Newbury	67	146	162	173	189	137	109	82	1065
Salisbury					16	32	11	12	71
Springfield	83	41	64	130	95	84	159	161	817
Sunapee	85	120	243	202	102	108	132	100	1092
Sutton	62	70	108	60	62	83	90	52	587
Warner	99	126	204	189	161	171	208	217	1375
Wilmot	17	38	82	43	41	76	57	28	382
Other	28	14	19	7	4	20	7	6	105
Total	791	1262	1396	1263	1168	1270	1224	1194	9568

Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust

2016 Annual Report for the 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/Ragged/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 139 projects and protected 11,117 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 2016 Ausbon Sargent completed three projects representing just over 52 acres; one in Andover and two in New London.

Our website at Ausbon Sargent 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. Also, please be sure to "Like" us on Facebook!

Ausbon Sargent hosted numerous events in 2016 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 collaborated for the first time with the New London Barn Playhouse to host "Ausbon Sargent Night" and with the Center for the Arts to host an art auction that featured conserved Ausbon Sargent properties and other artwork reflecting the natural beauty surrounding our area. These events raised funds for both organizations and we hope to repeat them in the future. The 5th Annual Kearsarge Classic Bike Event in conjunction with the New Hampshire Cycling Club was held in the beginning of September with a record amount of participants. This bike event brings riders

along routes that showcase Ausbon Sargent properties throughout the 12-town region.

We held workshops on the invasive insect, the Emerald Ash Borer, and how to support pollinators in the landscape. Hikes were offered in Sunapee, Andover, New London, Wilmot, and Springfield. Our popular dragonfly walk was held in Sutton on the Putnam Easement. As you can see, we offer many opportunities to get out to learn, hike, and involve the public in our mission to protect the rural landscape of our region. We hope you will all come out at some point to take advantage of our workshops, or to experience the beauty of some of these special places for yourselves.

Ausbon Sargent is pleased to have over 200 volunteers providing year-round support for easement monitoring, committee assignments and clerical work. We are especially grateful for those volunteers who monitor our many conserved properties in Sutton, including the Emerson/Clark property on Route 114 and Old Coach Road, the Enroth property on Keyser Street and Penacook Road, the Enroth/Lefferts/Town of Sutton property on Route 114 and Keyser Street, the Johnson/Byfield property on Village Road, the King Hill Reservation on Hominy Pot and Kings Hill Roads, the Maple Leaf Natural Area on Kings Hill Road, the Putnam property on Hominy Pot Road, the Russell Pond property Route 114, the Shadow Hill Woodlot on Shadow Hill Road, and the William Bean Quarry on Kings Hill Road. Each May we host 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, there are many ways to get involved: 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 if you are not already, please consider becoming a member of Ausbon Sargent.

We appreciate the wonderful partnership we have had with the Sutton Conservation Commission over the years, conserving Sutton lands.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Stanley
Executive Director

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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 landowners.

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), a trail guide book, 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. There are many individuals that help keep Sutton's portion of SRK Greenway trails repaired and blazed and we are always looking for more help. If you would like to join the crew you can email us at srkgc@srkg.com

Our website at www.srkg.org has maps of the entire Greenway. There you will find hike schedules and events, 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.



Town Of Sutton Resident Marriage Report

January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016
All information gathered from the Division of Vital Records Site

Groom Town of Residence	Bride Town of Residence	Town of Issu- ance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
Wunderlich, William H. South Sutton, NH	Stearns, Rhonda L. Henniker, NH	Sutton, NH	New London, NH	02-06-2016
Fifield, Erik S. South Sutton, NH	Butcher, Dianna L. South Sutton, NH	Sutton, NH	North Sutton, NH	03-04-2016
O'Donnell, David R. North Sutton, NH	Cross, Rae L. North Sutton, NH	Sutton, NH	Albany, NH	03-26-2016
Ingram, Jr., George A. South Sutton, NH	Roessler, Tracey A. South Sutton, NH	Sutton, NH	Warner, NH	05-14-2016
Young, John S. North Sutton, NH	McIntyre, Stacey A. North Sutton, NH	Sutton, NH	Enfield, NH	07-02-2016
Klassen, Atticus S. North Sutton, NH	Flanders, Alyssa M. North Sutton, NH	Sutton, NH	North Sutton, NH	07-08-2016
Hurst, Adam G. South Sutton, NH	Baker, Alanna L. South Sutton, NH	Sutton, NH	Lempster, NH	09-03-2016
Carlson, Scott R. South Sutton, NH	Norris, Tami J. South Sutton, NH	Sutton, NH	Sutton, NH	09-15-2016

Respectfully submitted,
Linda D Ford

Town Of Sutton Resident Birth Report

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Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's Name	Mother's Name
Martlew, Lauren Evangeline	03-14-2016	Sutton, NH	Martlew, Neil	Martlew, Michelle
Webb, Fiona Saoirse	03-23-2016	Concord, NH	Beaulier, Calvin	Webb, Anastacia
Williams, Harrison Van	06-24-2016	Lebanon, NH	Williams, Jason	Williams, Nicole
Abbondanza, Aubriannah Sue	06-30-2016	Lebanon, NH	Abbondanza, Anthony	Holt, Rachel
Perkins, Copeland Travis	08-24-2016	Concord, NH	Perkins, Travis	Perkins, Stephanie
Little, Kasia Teata	08-26-2016	Lebanon, NH	Little, Paul	Little, Mili
Bean, Bayley Ann	09-03-2016	Concord, NH		Waters, Katie-Jo
Prime, Jacob Wilder	09-11-2016	Concord, NH	Prime, Benjamin	Prime, Kristin
Raynor, Samson William	10-06-2016	Concord, NH	Raynor, Adam	Smith, Alicia
Anthony, Lavinia Georgine	10-28-2016	Concord, NH	Anthony, Eric	Anthony, Kendra

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Town Of Sutton Resident Death Report

January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016
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Decedent's Name	Date of Death	Place of Death	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name	Military
Crowley, Leonard	03-24-2016	South Sutton, NH	Crowley, Albert	Lundgren, Lillian	Y
Hurd, Donald	03-25-2016	Lebanon, NH	Hurd, Harold	Brooks, Caroline	Y
Huntoon, Jerry	04-15-2016	Lebanon, NH	Huntoon, William	Bradford, Georgia	Y
Schwarz, Eugene	04-26-2016	Sutton, NH	Schwarz, Sr., Eugene	Flaig, Eleanor	Y
Hodgkins, Bernecia	05-25-2016	South Sutton, NH	Edgecomb, John	Fifield, Irene	N
Davies, Kerstin	06-07-2016	New London, NH	Johansson, Bengt	Nestor, Elin	N
Barnett, Marion	09-07-2016	North Sutton, NH	Barnett, Burton	Nuttall, Ellen	N
Evelyn, Scott	09-24-2016	Sutton, NH	Evelyn, George	Massie, Joyce	N
Kelley-Smith, Lisa	10-10-2016	Sutton, NH	Kelley, Warren	Hallett, Barbara	N
King, Lynn	10-30-2016	Lebanon, NH	Voellm, Frederick	Carner, Carolyn	N
Rowell, George	11-16-2016	New London, NH	Rowell, Edmund	Foster, Martha	N
McLoughlin, Thomas	11-17-2016	North Sutton, NH	McLoughlin, James	O'Leary, Florence	N

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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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