

THE TOWN OF
SUTTON
NEW HAMPSHIRE

2017 ANNUAL REPORT



On the Cover: Garrett Evans captured this serene, aerial photo of the village of North Sutton flanked by the frozen waters of Kezar Lake and the steady backdrop of Mt. Kearsarge.



Annual Report and Vital Statistics

for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2017
www.sutton-nh.org

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

Registered Voters1,474

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SUTTON DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police Department – **Chief Jon Korbet** (non-emergency 927-4422)...911
Fire – **Chief Cory Cochran** (non-emergency 927-4740).....911
Sutton Rescue Squad **Chief Wendy Grimes**
(New London Ambulance)911

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR – Linda Ford927-2401

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 – Stephen Bagley, Road Agent.....927-2407

SOLID WASTE/TRANSFER/RECYCLING – Diego Solimine927-4475

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

and Elizabeth Geraghty, Assistant Librarians927-4927

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 – Land Use Coordinator..... 927-2402

Monday 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or by appointment.

The Board meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., as needed

WELFARE OVERSEER – Alison Jones927-2400

Meetings by appointment Monday evenings

ZONING BOARD – Land Use Coordinator.....927-2402

Monday 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. or by appointment.

The Board meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., as needed

TOWN OFFICERS/EMPLOYEES

For the Year Ending December 31, 2017

** Is an elected position*

MODERATOR*

Derek Lick Term Expires 2019

SELECT BOARD*

William Curless Term Expires 2019

Robert Wright, Jr., Term Expires 2018

Dane Headley (appointed) Term Expires 2018

Walter Baker, Jr., Chair. (resigned 2017)

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Elly Phillips

ASSISTANT/BOOKKEEPER

Lorri Himes

LAND USE COORDINATOR

Victoria O'Connor

TREASURER

Martin Carrier Term Expires 2018

DEPUTY TREASURER

Cynthia Stillman

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR*

Linda Ford Term Expires 2018

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Vacant

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Stephen Bagley, Road Agent

Michael Bascom, Fred Burbee, Eugene Cote, Chris Grant, Adam Hurst

John Csutor (retired)

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jonathan Korbet, Police Chief

Valerie Crone, Sergeant, Duncan Domey, Corporal

Jennifer Rowe, Administrative Assistant

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Cory Cochran, Fire Chief

RESCUE

Wendy Grimes, Rescue Chief

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Martin Carrier, Director
Matthew Grimes, Deputy

SOLID WASTE/TRANSFER/RECYCLING CENTER

Diego Solimine, Solid Waste Supervisor
David Ellis

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE*

Alison Jones Term Expires 2018

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Matthew Grimes

ENVIRONMENTAL CODE RESOURCE OFFICER

Jeffrey Evans

HEALTH OFFICER

David Burnham
Matthew Grimes, Deputy Health Officer

LIBRARIANS

Heidi Thoma, Casey Biuso and Elizabeth Geraghty

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Robert "Bud" Nelson, Joanna Murphy, Lorri Himes

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS*

Beth Renzulli..... Term Expires 2020
Roy Raven Term Expires 2019
Michael Cornelio Term Expires 2018

BUDGET COMMITTEE*

Victoria O'Connor..... Term Expires 2020
Steven Hamilton Term Expires 2019
Andrew Palmer Term Expires 2019
Gail Guertin Term Expires 2018
Robert DeFelice, Chair Term Expires 2018
Julia Jones Term Expires 2018
Robert Wright Jr., Ex-Officio Term Expires 2018
Victoria O'Connor, Recording Secretary

PLANNING BOARD

David Angeli..... Term Expires 2020
Deb Lang Term Expires 2020
Julie McCarthy (Alternate) Term Expires 2020
Dennis O'Connor Term Expires 2019
Diane Lander (Alternate)..... Term Expires 2019
Roger Wells, Chair Term Expires 2018
James Lowe Term Expires 2018
William Curless, Ex-Officio Term Expires 2018
Victoria O'Connor, Land Use Coordinator

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

Joe Eisenberg (Alternate) Term Expires 2020
Doug Sweet Term Expires 2020
Todd Ritacco Term Expires 2019
Derek Lick, Chair Term Expires 2019
William Hallahan (Alternate) Term Expires 2019
Betsy Forsham Term Expires 2018
Victoria O'Connor, Land Use Coordinator

CEMETERY COMMISSION*

Harold (Chip) Rowe Term Expires 2020
Randy Fleury Term Expires 2019
Marilyn Thompson Term Expires 2018

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST*

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

TRUSTEES, SUTTON FREE LIBRARY*

Diane O'Neil (Appointed) Term Expires 2018
Bill Bastille (Appointed)..... Term Expires 2018
Nancy Brook-Heckel Term Expires 2019
Yvonne Howard Term Expires 2018
Kristin Lombard Term Expires 2019
Betsy Anderson, Alternate

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Henry Howell Term Expires 2020
Jane Williamson..... Term Expires 2020
Chuck Bolduc..... Term Expires 2020
Dan Sundquist, Chair Term Expires 2019
Deborah Lang, (Alternate)..... Term Expires 2019
Donald Davis, Jr. Term Expires 2018
Chris Ashton Term Expires 2018
Barbara Hoffman (Alternate) Term Expires 2018
Bonnie Hill, Recording Secretary

ROAD COMMITTEE

Douglas Sweet, Chair Stephen Bagley, Road Agent
Peter Blakeman..... Carroll "Pete" Thompson

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Martin Carrier

SUPERVISOR – HIGHWAY NOTIFICATION PROGRAM

Vacant

SUTTON REPRESENTATIVE TO KRSD SCHOOL BOARD*

Emilio Cancio-Bello Term Expires 2019

SUTTON REPRESENTATIVE TO KRSD BUDGET COMMITTEE*

Robert DeFelice Term Expires 2019

Round Room Report

2017 was a changing time in Sutton. This became abundantly clear as we updated the Town Officer/Employee portion of this year's town report. The following are some of the many noteworthy changes that occurred during the year:

Transitions

Moderator: Greg Gill did not seek re-election. Greg served as Sutton's Moderator for 23 years (1994-2017). Derek Lick was elected as Sutton's Moderator in 2017.

Select Board: The Board reluctantly accepted the resignation of Walter Baker, Jr. Wally served on the Board of Selectmen from 2008-2017. The Board was delighted that Dane Headley accepted appointment to fill the vacancy.



Selectman Wright administering the Oath of Office to Selectman Headley with Selectman Curless looking on

Treasurer: Martin Carrier was appointed as Treasurer, succeeding Lorri Himes. Cynthia Stillman was appointed as Deputy Treasurer.

Highway: John Csutor retired after 25+ years of employment with the Highway Department. Michael Bascom was hired as the newest member of the crew.

Solid Waste: Ed Herrmann retired from the facility after 9 years of employment. During the course of his tenure, Ed served both as an attendant and Solid Waste Facility Supervisor.

Emergency Management: Martin Carrier was appointed to the position of Emergency Management Director succeeding Matthew Grimes who served in this capacity for seventeen years (2000-2017). We were delighted that Matt agreed to continue to serve as Emergency Management Deputy.

Police Department: Duncan Domey was promoted to the rank of Corporal.



Selectman Wright administering the Oath of Office to Corporal Domey with Chief Korbet looking on

Budget Committee: There were big changes on the Budget Committee, as long-serving member and Chair John Silverberg (2005-2017) did not seek re-election. Richard Benson (2008-2017) also did not seek re-election. Robert DeFelice was elected as the Budget Committee's Chair and Victoria O'Connor, Gail Guertin and Julia Jones became the newest members of the group.

Planning Board: Carrie Thomas, long-time member and Chair of the Planning Board (2007-2017) resigned from the Board, and Roger Wells assumed the Chair. Robert DeFelice also resigned from the Planning Board. The Planning Board welcomed Dennis O'Connor and Diane Lander, Alternate, as its newest members. Victoria O'Connor succeeded Ed Canane as Sutton's Land Use Coordinator.

Zoning Board of Adjustment: Dane Headley resigned from the Zoning Board (2000-2017) in order to fill a vacancy on the Board of Selectmen. Todd Ritacco and Joe Eisenberg (Alternate) were the newest appointees to the Zoning Board.

Cemetery Commission: Jack Noon did not seek re-election to the Cemetery Commission and Harold (Chip) Rowe was welcomed as the Cemetery Commission's newest Trustee.

Library: Carrie Thomas resigned as Library Trustee having served in this capacity for 19 years (1998-2017). Marie Caccavo also completed her service as Library Trustee. The library welcomed Diane O'Neil, Bill Bastille, and Betsy Anderson, Alternate, to the Library Board. In addition, Elizabeth Geraghty joined Heidi Thoma and Casey Biuso as Sutton's newest librarian.

Conservation Commission: Betsy Forsham completed seventeen years of service on the Commission, most of them as Chair. Ben Dobrowski completed his two terms in 2017. Daniel Sundquist assumed the Chairmanship this year, and Deborah Lang and Barbara Hoffman were appointed as alternates.

Old Store Museum: We said goodbye to all of our Trustees at the Old Store Museum: Donald Davis, Jr., Jack Noon, Walter Baker, Jr., Robert O'Neil and Sheila Wilcox. This ad hoc committee has been assisting the Town with the Old Store Museum since 1981. The committee was disbanded this year when the Town entered into a stewardship arrangement for the Old Store Museum with the Sutton Historical Society.

Presentation of the Boston Post Cane

This year, we were delighted to present the Boston Post Cane to William Wiley. Presentation of the Boston Post Cane to the oldest citizen is a longstanding tradition which was started in 1909 by "The Boston Post." We were disappointed to learn of the passing of Margaret Wunderlich before we had the opportunity to present the cane to her. Upon Margaret's passing, William Wiley became the 27th recipient of the Boston Post Cane.



From Left to Right: Robert Wright, Jr., Chair, Cecile Wiley, William Wiley

Mr. Wiley was born on March 13, 1923 and was the youngest of 9 children. He entered the army in 1943 and served as an infantry officer. After the war, he served in the Army Reserve until 1952 when he switched to the Air National Guard. He served as Commander of an Air Force Security Police Squadron, a Group Base Supply Officer, and as a Commander of an Electronics and Engineering Squadron. Mr. Wiley was awarded numerous medals for his service including the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal and the Air Force Commendation Medal, retiring from the military with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 1978. Mr. Wiley and his wife Cecile have four children and celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in 2017. The Wileys reside in Sutton with their daughter Gail Guertin and her husband Steve. Among Mr. Wiley's favorite activities are gardening and woodworking. When asked, to what do you attribute your vigor and longevity, Mr. Wiley replied, "Keep moving, and don't let them catch up with you!"

Highlights of 2017

The NH Legislature adopted SB 38 which provided a one-time distribution to municipalities to be used for highway purposes which did not already have locally budgeted and approved funding. The State also stipulated that the funds cannot be used as unanticipated revenue to offset the tax rate. We conducted a public hearing in August to accept Sutton's portion in the amount of \$95,299.14. This distribution is non-lapsing and at the time of this writing, we believe we will be using the funds on Kearsarge Valley Road, which is in need of major repairs.

The Highway Department put the newly acquired backhoe and truck to good use this year. Due to capital planning, only \$5,000 was raised from general taxation for these two new pieces of equipment.

Installation of a box culvert at the Hominy Pot Road crossing over Lyon Brook was completed. At this time, we are reviewing recommendations from the Department of Environmental Services for the final touches to the project.

We were delighted that the Grist Mill pedestrian bridge was funded in 2017. This Board conducted a public hearing early in the year to finalize plans for replacing the bridge. In restoring the area and replacing the bridge, much thought was given to aesthetics and historical value as well as to safety concerns. After studying several designs, we chose a laminate beam construction with wooden rails.

In response to public input, we attempted to develop a design that would utilize the existing, historic, steel side rails. However, we determined that reusing the 30' long rails was not a practical or

viable option. The side rails are now in the care and custody of the Historical Society. The rails will remain the property of the Town, but the Historical Society has been charged with the responsibility of displaying them.



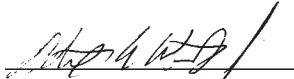
As noted above, the “Old Store Museum Trusteeship” was disbanded. This committee was an informally charged group, and over the years, it became difficult to identify its mission. Instead, the Town has entered into an agreement with the Historical Society to assist with the stewardship of the museum. The Historical Society’s role will entail archiving, organizing and displaying the artifacts as well as opening and monitoring the Old Store for public events and visitations. The Town retains ownership of the building and is responsible for its interior maintenance as well as upkeep to the grounds. Through this partnership, the Old Store is getting the care and attention that it so richly deserves.

An area of serious concern was brought to our attention by the Conservation Commission. An increasing number of four-wheel drive and ATV vehicles have been travelling over the Class 6 section of Kings Hill Road. The traffic is destroying the road bed, making other recreational uses difficult to nearly impossible. A solution to this problem would be to reclassify the road to Class A trail status. Therefore, we have placed an article on the Warrant for the Town to consider this reclassification. To learn more about this option, please read the Conservation Commission Report on Page 102


Finally, we hope that we didn't miss mentioning anyone in the many comings and goings that we highlighted in this year's Round Room Report. To those who moved on, we would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for your devotion to community service and to thank you for your contribution of time, knowledge, and leadership! To those who have recently joined our local government, we welcome your fresh outlook and new ideas.

Respectfully submitted,

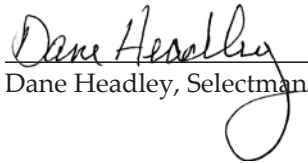
SUTTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Robert Wright, Jr., Chair



William I. Curless, Selectman



Dane Headley, Selectman

Stagecoaches in Sutton



Among the countless documents at the New Hampshire Historical Society there is a letter written by Jonathan Harvey from Muster Field Farm on April 15, 1839, to his friend John W. Weeks in Lancaster. A few years earlier both men had served together down in Washington as U.S. Representatives. Jonathan was replying to an invitation from Weeks to visit him and take a tour of the White Mountains and reciprocated the invitation, inviting Weeks to come to Sutton and adding, "We have as good a road this way with two lines of stages upon it as you could find in any country."

The "two lines of stages" in 1839 most likely meant two separate stagecoach companies that perhaps by slightly different routes could carry Weeks from the north country to Sutton. On roads within the town of Sutton one early stagecoach route is absolutely clear. A scrap of information suggests that there might have been a second very early stagecoach route on Sutton roads.

The scrap of information is simply the enduring name of the once important but long abandoned Old Stage Road. It led north from the end of today's Fox Chase Road up to where it intersects the similarly abandoned section of Dodge Hill Road. The continuation of Old Stage Road today has the designation as Mill Road for a short distance and then Old Newbury Road as it passes Sutton Central School on its way

into Sutton Mills. A study of old regional maps suggests that it might have been part of a stage route down through Bradford Center and Hillsborough, but that is only a personal guess. The actual route awaits someone's future research into early newspapers or other sources and success in finding a published schedule of the towns along that route and the hours and days when the stagecoach was scheduled to pass through Sutton Mills. The designation of the stage road as "old" suggests that a newer stage road replaced it.

The other, and clearly documented, stagecoach route through Sutton came about because of the rapid growth of water-powered textile mills down the Merrimack River in Lowell. A stage route between Hanover and Lowell promised to be a profitable business venture and even more profitable if a stage could cover those miles in a single day. Travel time could be shortened if roads were straightened, relocated from going up and over hills to around them, and then smoothed. Ten Warner businessmen stepped forward to improve the route from North Sutton to Warner village. At the time it passed along the upper part of today's North Road in the vicinity of the high school, about halfway down towards Warner, and then across Stevens Brook to the Eaton Grange Road. The Warner men built the most challenging parts of the south part of the North Road, and Sutton built the rest. The hardest work was the blasting of Pike's Ledge, just up Stevens Brook from the junction of North Road with East Sutton Road. The work was completed by the end of 1831. Stagecoaches between Hanover and Lowell began to use the improved road in 1832. In a town well stocked with hills the route from North Sutton and down the North Road towards Warner is remarkably flat.

The Lowell mill owners sent recruiters into rural New Hampshire and Vermont to hire young women workers. Because of the stagecoach route, travel to Lowell was easy for the women hired in Sutton. The Hamilton mill was one of the earliest. Research by Thomas Dublin turned up employment records for that mill between 1830 and 1850 that included the names and hometowns of the employees. The Hamilton mill was just one of the many in Lowell, but that mill alone in those two decades included 48 women workers from Sutton. Some Sutton Hamilton mill workers he named in his writings were Theresa and Sophia Harvey, daughters of John and Sally Harvey; Caroline and Hannah Harvey, daughters of Jonathan and Ruth Harvey; Mary, Judith, and Sarah Kendrick, daughters of Benjamin Kendrick of East Sutton; Lucinda and Abigail White; and Mary Woodward, daughter of David and Ruth Woodward. The Harvey papers at Muster Field Farm show that all five of John and Sally Harvey's daughters worked in Lowell in several different mills.

Railroad development gradually encroached on the long distance stagecoach routes. A very sick Maryann Harvey in 1848 or 1849 returned from Lowell to Sutton by railroad to Potter Place and then home to her parents, John and Sally, by wagon. She died at age 21 on July 11, 1849. Her sister Theresa, carrying word of her death to family members in Lowell, went from Sutton to Concord by stagecoach, but completed the trip by train. The Concord and Claremont Railroad was completed as far as Warner by the end of 1849 and then as far as Bradford in 1853. Almost immediately, local stagecoach service passing daily through Sutton went into operation between the Bradford station and New London.

For more than half a century horses pulled the Abbott and Downing stagecoaches over this route, providing easy access for tourists staying in Sutton boarding houses or in the hotels at Kezar Lake. The summer stage was replaced by Frank Pressey's "auto stage" in 1911, but most likely the horse-drawn winter stage continued on sled runners until perhaps as late as 1928, when Sutton acquired a "tractor snow plow." The stagecoach era, of course, faded away as car ownership became common.

I could use a few volunteers to help me sort through the last of the pauper and poor farm records at the town hall that I've been organizing over the past five years or so. The town's accumulated capital reserve fund for records management will pay for their professional preservation. If you're interested, please write to me at 1224 North Road (Sutton), Warner, NH 03278.

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 13th day of March, 2018 next at eight of the clock in the forenoon (Polls to be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) to act on Article 1. You are further notified to meet at the Kearsarge Regional High School, North Road in said Sutton on Wednesday, the 14th day of March, 2018 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: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800,000 (gross budget) for the purpose of a fire department addition, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$480,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and furthermore to authorize the withdrawal of \$320,000 to come from the Fire Department Addition Capital Reserve Fund established in 2007 for that purpose. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.** (2/3 ballot vote required.)

Article 3: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee and Selectmen's recommended sum of \$2,229,946 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

4130 Executive	151,744
4140 Election Registration	8,100
4150 Financial Administration	68,544
4151 Executive Financial Administration	23,900
4152 Revaluation of Property	14,000
4153 Legal Expense	15,000
4155 Personnel Administration	405,524
4191 Planning Board and Zoning	47,450
4194 General Government Buildings	32,700
4195 Cemeteries	14,000
4196 Insurance	63,800
4197 Regional Planning Commission	2,126

4210 Police Department	316,816
4215 Ambulance	76,534
4220 Fire Department	56,325
4240 Building Inspection	8,500
4290 Emergency Management	1,300
4299 Dispatching Services	24,848
4312 Highway Department	553,450
4313 Bridges	3,000
4316 Street Lighting	7,500
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	157,000
4411 Health Administration	2,250
4415 Health Agencies	5,095
4443 Welfare Admin. & Direct Assistance	30,902
4520 Culture & Recreation	13,963
4550 Library	42,249
4583 Patriotic Purposes	1,000
4611 Conservation Commission	5,532
4721 Debt Service	76,794

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$340,125 to be added to various capital reserve funds as follows:

Septage Lagoon Modifications	5,000
Library Modifications	5,000
Highway Heavy Equipment	10,100
Police Cruisers	12,000
Police Department Computer Equipment	7,875
Cemetery Fence and Tombstone	5,000
Conservation Land	7,000
Highway Equipment "Plow/Dump Trucks"	100,000
Highway Bridges	50,000
Solid Waste Facility	5,000
Forest Fire Equipment	250
Fire Equipment Replacement	30,000
Rescue Vehicle	10,000
Property Revaluation	25,000
Cemetery Land	5,000
Library Building Maintenance	3,000
Highway Pickup Truck	8,000
Fire Department Addition	27,500
Legal Fees	3,000
Highway Grader	16,400
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 establish a Gravel Road Upgrade Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Gravel Road Upgrades and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

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

Article 6: To see if the town will vote to establish a Blacktop Road Upgrade Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Blacktop Road Upgrades and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

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

Article 7: To see if the town will vote to establish an Administrative Computer Equipment Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of acquiring computer equipment for the administrative offices and highway department to include hardware and software and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

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 \$150,000 to purchase a six-wheel plow/dump truck and authorize the withdrawal of \$150,000 from the Highway Equipment (Trucks) Capital Reserve established in 1993 created for that purpose. No amount to be raised by taxation.

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

Article 9: To see if the town will vote to establish a Tree Maintenance Non-Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1-c for removing and maintaining trees within the Town's right-of-way and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

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

Article 10: To see if the town will vote to establish a Heavy Equipment Tire Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of acquiring tires for heavy equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to

name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

Not Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 11: To see if the town will vote to establish a Chipper Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of acquiring a chipper and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

Not Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 12: To see if the town will vote to establish an expendable Welfare Non-Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1-c for the purpose of providing welfare direct assistance and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Overseer of Welfare as the agent to expend from said fund.

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

Article 13: To see if the town will vote to establish a Town Hall Facility Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of establishing the Town Hall Facility, to include planning, engineering, purchasing land and/or building, remodeling and construction and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be placed in this fund.

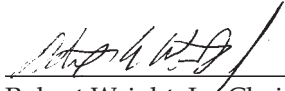
Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 14: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,000 for the purpose of converting the existing town clerk/tax collector software to another town clerk/tax collector software package.

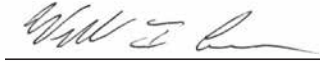
Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to reclassify a section of the Class VI portion of Kings Hill Road to a "Class A Trail" pursuant to RSA 231-A:2 beginning at the intersection of Poor Farm Road and ending 750 feet east of the intersection of Kings Hill Road and Haines Road in Newbury. Other than snowmobiles, which will be permitted, all motorized vehicle travel shall be prohibited on the Class A Trail established by this article. **[Majority Vote Required]**.

Given under our hands and seal, this 14th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eighteen.

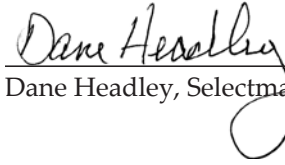
SUTTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN



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For the period beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018

Form Due Date: **20 Days after the Annual Meeting**

This form was posted with the warrant on: _____

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.

Name	Position	Signature
		<i>Robert J. White</i>
		<i>Carl P. [unclear]</i>
		<i>Barbara W. [unclear]</i>
		<i>Alan M. [unclear]</i>
		<i>Mark W. [unclear]</i>

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Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Expenditures Prior Year	Selectment's Appropriations Ensuring FY (Recommended)	Selectment's Appropriations Ensuring FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuring FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuring FY (Not Recommended)
General Government								
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	03	\$167,907	\$164,705	\$151,744	\$0	\$151,744	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	03	\$6,500	\$2,373	\$8,100	\$0	\$8,100	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	03	\$90,487	\$81,800	\$92,444	\$0	\$92,444	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	03	\$12,000	\$11,450	\$14,000	\$0	\$14,000	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	03	\$17,500	\$15,983	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	03	\$155,077	\$130,233	\$405,524	\$0	\$405,524	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	03	\$49,250	\$33,019	\$47,450	\$0	\$47,450	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	03	\$26,500	\$21,548	\$32,700	\$0	\$32,700	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	03	\$14,000	\$12,225	\$14,000	\$0	\$14,000	\$0
4196	Insurance	03	\$67,800	\$63,550	\$63,800	\$0	\$63,800	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	03	\$2,033	\$2,033	\$2,126	\$0	\$2,126	\$0
4199	Other General Government		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	General Government Subtotal		\$609,034	\$538,919	\$646,888	\$0	\$646,888	\$0
Public Safety								
4210-4214	Police	03	\$447,119	\$383,568	\$316,816	\$0	\$316,816	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance	03	\$74,718	\$74,518	\$76,534	\$0	\$76,534	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	03	\$103,992	\$64,703	\$66,325	\$0	\$66,325	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection	03	\$7,800	\$7,443	\$8,500	\$0	\$8,500	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	03	\$1,300	\$300	\$1,300	\$0	\$1,300	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)	03	\$22,842	\$22,843	\$24,848	\$0	\$24,848	\$0
	Public Safety Subtotal		\$657,771	\$523,375	\$484,323	\$0	\$484,323	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center								
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



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Highways and Streets									
4311	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
4312	Highways and Streets	03	\$779,106	\$622,996	\$553,450	\$0	\$553,450	\$0	
4313	Bridges	03	\$3,000	\$2,222	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	
4316	Street Lighting	03	\$7,500	\$7,144	\$7,500	\$0	\$7,500	\$0	
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
			\$789,606	\$632,362	\$563,950	\$0	\$563,950	\$0	
			Highways and Streets Subtotal						\$0
Sanitation									
4321	Administration	03	\$153,500	\$133,454	\$157,000	\$0	\$157,000	\$0	
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
4326-4329	Sewage Collection, Disposal and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
			\$153,500	\$133,454	\$157,000	\$0	\$157,000	\$0	
			Sanitation Subtotal						\$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	
			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
			Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal						\$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	
			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
			Electric Subtotal						\$0



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Health								
4411	Administration	03	\$2,250	\$1,702	\$2,250	\$0	\$2,250	\$0
4414	Pest Control		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	03	\$5,095	\$5,095	\$5,095	\$0	\$5,095	\$0
Health Subtotal					\$7,345	\$6,797	\$7,345	\$0
Welfare								
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	03	\$30,902	\$16,590	\$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
Welfare Subtotal					\$30,902	\$16,590	\$30,902	\$0
Culture and Recreation								
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	03	\$0	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
4550-4559	Library	03	\$42,249	\$34,871	\$42,249	\$0	\$42,249	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	03	\$1,000	\$872	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	03	\$13,963	\$13,051	\$10,963	\$0	\$10,963	\$0
Culture and Recreation Subtotal					\$57,212	\$48,794	\$57,212	\$0
Conservation and Development								
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources		\$3,232	\$1,538	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	03	\$0	\$0	\$5,532	\$0	\$5,532	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development Subtotal					\$3,232	\$1,538	\$5,532	\$0



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Debt Service								
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	03	\$43,364	\$43,365	\$44,650	\$0	\$44,650	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	03	\$19,927	\$19,928	\$28,644	\$0	\$28,644	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	03	\$1,750	\$894	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service	03	\$1,500	\$49	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$0
	Debt Service Subtotal		\$66,541	\$64,236	\$76,794	\$0	\$76,794	\$0
Capital Outlay								
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$307,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Capital Outlay Subtotal		\$307,000	\$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
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other		\$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 Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Operating Transfers Out Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total Operating Budget Appropriations		\$2,682,143	\$1,966,065	\$2,229,946	\$0	\$2,229,946	\$0



Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Expenditures Prior Year	Selection's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Selection's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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, Vehicles, and Equipment	08	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Flow Dump Truck</i>						
4903	Buildings	02	\$0	\$0	\$800,000	\$0	\$800,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Fire Department Addition</i>						
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	04	\$0	\$0	\$340,125	\$0	\$340,125	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Appropriate to Capital Reserves</i>						
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	05	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Gravel Roads - Establish CR</i>						
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	06	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Blacktop Road Upgrade Capital Reserve</i>						
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	07	\$0	\$0	\$8,000	\$0	\$8,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Computer Equipment Establish Capital Reserve</i>						
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	09	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
		<i>Purpose: Tree Maintenance</i>						
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	10	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$10,000
		<i>Purpose: Tire Capital Reserve Fund</i>						
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	11	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
		<i>Purpose: Chipper Capital Reserve Fund</i>						
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	12	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Welfare Capital Reserve Fund</i>						
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	13	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Town Hall Facility</i>						
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$0	\$0	\$1,459,125	\$0	\$1,444,125	\$25,000



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Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuring FY (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuring FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuring FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuring FY (Not Recommended)
4150-4151	Financial Administration	14	\$0	\$0	\$21,000	\$0	\$21,000	\$0
<i>Purpose: Town Clerk/Tax Collector software conversion and a</i>								
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$0	\$0	\$21,000	\$0	\$21,000	\$0



Revenues

Account	Source	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	\$47,380	\$25,000	\$25,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax	03	\$8	\$8	\$8
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	03	\$45,154	\$30,000	\$30,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
	Taxes Subtotal		\$92,542	\$55,008	\$55,008
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	03	\$380,411	\$300,000	\$300,000
3230	Building Permits	03	\$4,890	\$5,000	\$5,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
	Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal		\$385,301	\$305,000	\$305,000
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	03	\$95,311	\$95,000	\$95,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	03	\$111,486	\$111,000	\$111,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	03	\$24	\$24	\$24
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$0	\$0
	State Sources Subtotal		\$206,821	\$206,024	\$206,024



Revenues

Account Source	Article	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
Charges for Services				
3401-3406 Income from Departments	03	\$41,745	\$35,000	\$35,000
3409 Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services Subtotal		\$41,745	\$35,000	\$35,000
Miscellaneous Revenues				
3501 Sale of Municipal Property	03	\$48,562	\$15,000	\$15,000
3502 Interest on Investments	03	\$10,051	\$1,000	\$1,000
3503-3509 Other	03	\$653	\$500	\$500
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal		\$59,266	\$16,500	\$16,500
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	08, 02	\$275,000	\$470,000	\$470,000
3916 From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$263	\$0	\$0
3917 From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal		\$275,263	\$470,000	\$470,000
Other Financing Sources				
3994 Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes	02	\$0	\$480,000	\$480,000
9998 Amount Voted from Fund Balance		\$0	\$0	\$0
9999 Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources Subtotal		\$0	\$480,000	\$480,000
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits		\$1,060,938	\$1,567,532	\$1,567,532



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Budget Summary

Item	Prior Year	Selectmen's Enacting FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Enacting FY (Recommended)
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$2,197,476	\$2,229,946	\$2,229,946
Special Warrant Articles	\$635,750	\$1,459,125	\$1,444,125
Individual Warrant Articles	\$294,667	\$21,000	\$21,000
Total Appropriations	\$3,067,893	\$3,710,071	\$3,695,071
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$1,138,940	\$1,567,532	\$1,567,532
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$1,928,953	\$2,142,539	\$2,127,539



Supplemental Schedule

1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee	\$3,695,071
Less Exclusions:	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$44,650
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$28,644
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>)	\$73,294
7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Line 1 less Line 6)	\$3,621,777
8. 10% of Amount Recommended; Less Exclusions (<i>Line 7 x 10%</i>)	\$362,178
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 (Difference of Lines 9 and 10)	\$0
12. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted	\$0
Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted at Meeting: (Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 12)	
	\$4,057,249

TOWN OF SUTTON, STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE TOWN MEETING 3/14/2017

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 7:00 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.

On March 14, 2017, The Sutton Town Moderator, Greg Gill, opened the doors at 7:00 a.m. and announced to the public that voting was in session.

Moderator Greg Gill closed the polls at 7:00 p.m. There were 1596 already registered voters. 201 ballots were cast, which included 8 absentee ballots and 2 same day newly registered voter(s) to choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year as well as voting on the Zoning Board of Adjustment Amendment and the KRSD ballot articles.

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

Selectmen – 3 Years – vote for 1
Walter Baker, Jr., - 118

Moderator – 2 Years – vote for 1
Derek Lick – 178

Trustees, Sutton Free Library – 3 Years – vote for 1
Maria Caccavo – 176

*Trustees of the Trust Funds – 3 Years – vote for 1

*Budget Committee – 3 Years – vote for 2
Victoria O'Connor – 158

*Budget Committee – 1 year – vote for 1

Overseer of Public Welfare – 1 Year
Alison D. Jones – 172

*Cemetery Commission – 3 Years – vote for 1

Those offices with an "*" were decided by write-in vote. Once the Selectmen's office has contacted the write-in with the most votes, a decision will be made. Please refer to the end of these minutes for a full list of write-in's for each office on the 2017 Ballot.

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. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

YES = 150 NO = 33

School Ballot results were not released to the public as one town in the district had yet to hold their election/town meeting due to the Nor'easter on March 14, 2017.

School Ballots Results are:

Question 1 – To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the **Municipal Budget Committee's recommended amount of \$42,492,091** for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the District. The **School Board** recommends **\$42,492,091**. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles. This warrant article asks the voters to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, the salaries of School District Officials and Agents and for the statutory obligations of said District, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State sources, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the Selectmen of each of the Town of Bradford, New London, Newbury, Springfield, Sutton, Warner, and Wilmot, the amount to be raised by taxation by said towns. **(School Board Recommends 7-0, Municipal Budget Committee Recommends 7-0)**

- A. \$42,492,091 for the proposed Operating Budget recommended by the School Board.
A received 49 votes.
- B. \$42,492,091 for the proposed Operating Budget recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee.
B received 13 votes.
- C. **\$42,142,091** for the proposed Operating Budget (a decrease of \$350,000). (MBC proposed Operating Budget as amended at the 1st session).
C received 126 votes.

Question 2 – To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost item included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Kearsarge Regional School Board and the Para Educators at Kearsarge which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
2017-18	\$57,686
2018-19	\$78,354
2019-20	\$71,079

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$57,686 for the 2017-18 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. **(School Board Recommends 7-0, Municipal Budget Committee Recommends 7-0)**

YES - 111

NO - 83

Question 3 – To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to **\$25,000** to be placed in the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund, established in 2008 within the provisions of RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of emergency funding of unforeseen Special Education costs incurred by the District, with such amount to be funded from unassigned fund balance (surplus funds) remaining on hand as of June 30, 2017.

(School Board Recommends 7-0, Municipal Budget Committee Recommends 7-0)

YES - 139

NO - 56

Question 4 – To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to **\$50,000** to be placed in the School Buildings Maintenance Fund for the purpose of repair, unanticipated utility costs, and maintaining the school buildings and equipment, with such amount to be funded from unassigned fund balance (surplus funds) remaining on hand as of June 30, 2017.

(School Board Recommends 7-0, Municipal Budget Committee Recommends 7-0)

YES - 141

NO - 51

Moderator for 1 Year:

Brackett L. Scheffy – 167

Write-Ins - Richard DeFelice – 1

Greg Gill - 1

Continued meeting from March 14, 2017, Greg Gill, Moderator, opened the meeting at approximately 7:11 p.m. Mr. Gill introduced himself. Mr. Gill discussed how votes would be done either by voice, hand or ballot. He also discussed how the meeting would run.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed. A moment of silence was observed for those residents that we lost in 2016.

Greg Gill, Moderator reviewed the results from the March 14, 2017 election.

Greg Gill Moderator asked those in attendance who ran for office and were elected to come forward to be sworn in. They were: Walter Baker, Jr., Selectmen; Derek Lick, Moderator; Alison Jones, Overseer of Public Welfare; and Victoria O'Connor, Budget Committee (3-year term).

Greg Gill, Moderator asked that anyone interested in volunteering to be on a board or committee, to contact the Selectmen's Office.

Greg Gill, Moderator, thanked those who have served and are serving in the military.

At this time, Greg Gill, Moderator, asked if there were any recognitions.

Robert Wright, Jr., stepped forward to recognize Lynn King, a former employee who passed away in 2016.

Walter Baker, Jr., stepped forward to recognize Betsy Forsham who is leaving the Conservation Commission and John Silverberg and Richard Benson who retired from the Budget Committee.

Derek Lick stepped forward to recognize Greg Gill who retired as Moderator after 24 years of service.

Jon Korbet, Police Chief stepped forward to recognize Robert "Bud" Nelson and Philip "Phil" Buteau who retired from the Police Department in 2016. The plaques that were given to Mr. Nelson and Mr. Buteau display the badges that they wore while serving the Town of Sutton.

Mr. Gill discussed the rules of the evening.

A motion was made by Charlie Forsberg and seconded by Derek Lick to dispense with the reading of the papers.

Article 3: After the Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Bob DeFelice and seconded by Garrett Evans to accept Article 3 as written. **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

Walter Baker, Jr. made a motion to amend Article 3 as follows: **To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum of \$2,197,476 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.**

Moderator read the amended Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committees recommendation as amended to \$2,197,476 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Article 3 was passed by voice vote as amended.

Article 4: After the Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Garrett Evans and seconded by Ricia McMahon to accept Article 4 as written. **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 4 passed by voice vote.

Article 5: After the Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Charlie Ash and seconded by Bud Nelson to accept Article 5 as written. **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of upgrading gravel town roads.**

Article 5 passed by voice vote.

Article 6: After the Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Garrett Evans and seconded by Bud Nelson to accept Article 6 as written. **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 6 passed by voice vote.

Article 7: After the Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Garrett Evans and seconded by Bud Nelson to accept Article 7 as written. **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 7 passed by voice vote.

Article 8: After the Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Victoria O'Connor and seconded by Ricia McMahon to accept Article 8 as written. **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 8 passed by voice vote.

Article 9: After the Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Garrett Evans and seconded by Betsy Forsham to accept Article 9 as written. **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 9 passed by voice vote.

Article 10: After the Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Bud Nelson and seconded by Charlie Ash to accept Article 10 as written. **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 10 passed by voice vote.

Article 11: After the Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Victoria O'Connor and seconded by Garrett Evans to accept Article 11 as written. **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.

Cory Cochran, Chief, Sutton Volunteer Fireman's Association made a motion to amend Article 11 as follows: **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,667 for the Sutton Volunteer Fireman's Association, this sum to come from unassigned fund balance, represents proceeds received in 2016 from the sale of equipment at the Old Fire House.**

Article 11 was passed by voice vote as amended.

Article 12: After the Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Garrett Evans and seconded by Bob DeFelice to accept Article 12 as written. **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for a furnace for the fire department.**

Article 12 passed by voice vote.

Article 13: After the Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Victoria O'Connor and seconded by Garrett Evans to accept Article 13 as written. **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 13 passed by voice vote.

Article 14: After the Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Victoria O'Connor and seconded by Charlie Ash to accept Article 14 as written. **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.**

Heidi Thoma, Librarian, made a motion to amend Article 14 as follows: **To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$20,000 for the engineering, permitting and construction of an ADA compliant library entry.**

Shannon Storm further made a motion to amend Article 14 to read as follows: **To see if the town will raise and appropriate an additional \$20,000 for the engineering, permitting and construction of a ADA compliant library entry and bathroom.** Ms. Storm withdrew her amendment.

Moderator read amended Article 14: To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$20,000 for the engineering, permitting and construction of an ADA compliant library entry.

Article 14 was passed by voice vote as amended.

Article 15: After the Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Bob DeFelice and seconded by Garrett Evans to accept Article 15 as written. **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.**

Motion was made to amend Article 15 due to typographical errors. Kevin Rowe approved this motion and Garret Evans seconded.

Amended Article 15 to read as follows: **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 (2) 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 Town of Sutton under RSA 72:28.**

Article 15 passed by voice vote as amended.

Article 16: After the Moderator read the article, a motion was made by Victoria O'Connor and seconded by Garrett Evans to accept Article 16 as written. **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 16 passed by hand vote: 51 YES; 46 NO.

Article 17: After the Moderator started to read the article, the Town Clerk/Tax Collector made a motion to Table this article which was seconded by Bob DeFelice. **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

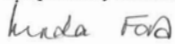
This is a petitioned Warrant Article. Not Recommended by the Budget Committee. Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

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

Motion was made by Bud Nelson and seconded by Garrett Evans to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda D. Ford
Certified Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Town of Sutton, NH
March 14, 2017 Town Election Write-In Results

Selectmen – 3 Years

Write-Ins - Robert DeFelice – 2
Bruce Kozikowski – 3

Moderator – 2 Years

Write-Ins - Linda Ford – 1
Greg Gill – 2
Thom Stowell – 1

Trustees, Sutton Free Library – 3 Years

Write-Ins - Jack Dyer – 1
Linda Ford – 1
Kathy Gill – 1

Trustees of the Trust Funds – 3 Years –

Write-Ins - Julia Jones – 2
Walter Baker, Jr. - 1
Jen Call – 1
Bob DeFelice – 1
Larry Ford – 1
Linda Ford – 1
Lori Hains – 1
Robert (Bud) Nelson – 1
Andrew Palmer – 1
Tom Paul – 1
Harold B. Rowe – 1
Dawn Straniero – 1
Gene Swartz – 1

Budget Committee – 3 Years

Write-Ins - Jayne Rayno – 5
Dennis O'Connor – 4
Norman "Keith" Badgley – 2
Paul Bohn - 2
Brenda DiGilio – 2
Nathanial Bifield – 1
Sondra Brake – 1
Sam Dube – 1
Larry Ford – 1
Linda Ford – 1
Karen Heffernan – 1

David Hurst – 1
P. McMann - 1
Fritz Pratt – 1
Brendan Rowe – 1
Harold Rowe, Jr. – 1

Budget Committee – 1 year

Write-Ins - Julia Jones – 2
Andrew Palmer - 2
Daniel Baker - 1
Ernest Brake – 1
Sondra Brake – 1
Sam Dube – 1
Linda Ford – 1
Gail Guertin – 1
David Hurst – 1
Paul Little – 1
Mark Loehr – 1
P. McMann – 1
Kera Pilger – 1
Jayne Rayno – 1
Kevin Rowe – 1
Bruno Steblai

Overseer of Public Welfare – 1 Year

Write-Ins - Linda Ford – 1

Cemetery Commission – 3 Years

Write-Ins - Harold B. Rowe, Jr. – 21
John Jones - 2
Harold B. Rowe, Sr., - 2
Marne Thompson – 2
Charlie Ash – 1
Keith Badgley – 1
Daniel Baker – 1
Michael Cornelio - 1
Bob DeFelice - 1
Larry Ford – 1
Matt Grimes – 1
Jack Noon – 1
Victoria O'Connor – 1
Kevin Rowe – 1
Leiah Stepp - 1
Dawn Straniero - 1

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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, 2017 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/fer

The Mercier Group, a professional corporation
Grantham, New Hampshire
February 10, 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 \$916,016.77, up \$137,325.77 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 \$207,000 in undesignated fund balance to offset the tax rate, thus dropping the fund balance down to \$554,024 or 7.01% at tax rate setting time. At the end of the year, operating expenses are offset by revenues. Unspent funds that were not encumbered were returned to the general fund. Consequently, based on the 2017 general fund expenditures and undesignated fund balance at year's end, the Town's fund balance was at an 11.58% retention level.

In 2017, the following funds totaling \$361,244 were encumbered to complete projects:

Upgrade of Blacktop Roads (also previous years)	225,226
Upgrade Gravel Roads	6789
Old Store Museum (previous years)	3,188
Fire Department Furnace	10,741
Library Ramp	20,000
SB 38 Funds for unanticipated highway projects	95,300

The total tax rate for 2017 was \$26.30 per thousand. The overall tax rate was reduced by \$.68. Sutton's portion of the tax in the amount of \$7.48 per thousand reflects a \$.32 increase over 2016. Other factors that make up the total tax rate are the Local School Rate (KRSD) at \$13.45, the State School Rate at \$2.26 and the County Rate at \$3.11.

If you are interested in keeping up with meeting agendas, minutes and other items of local interest and have access to the internet, you may wish to subscribe to Sutton News. Sutton's website is located at: www.sutton-nh.org. Scroll to the bottom of the homepage and fill out the form to sign up.

Respectfully submitted,

Elly Phillips
Town Administrator

2017 Tax Rate Calculation

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$1,928,953	\$257,810,284	\$7.48
County	\$801,569	\$257,810,284	\$3.11
Local Education	\$3,467,048	\$257,810,284	\$13.45
State Education	\$571,998	\$253,012,934	\$2.26
Total	\$6,769,568		\$26.30

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Total			

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$6,769,568
War Service Credits	(\$67,500)
Village District Tax Effort	\$0
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$6,702,068

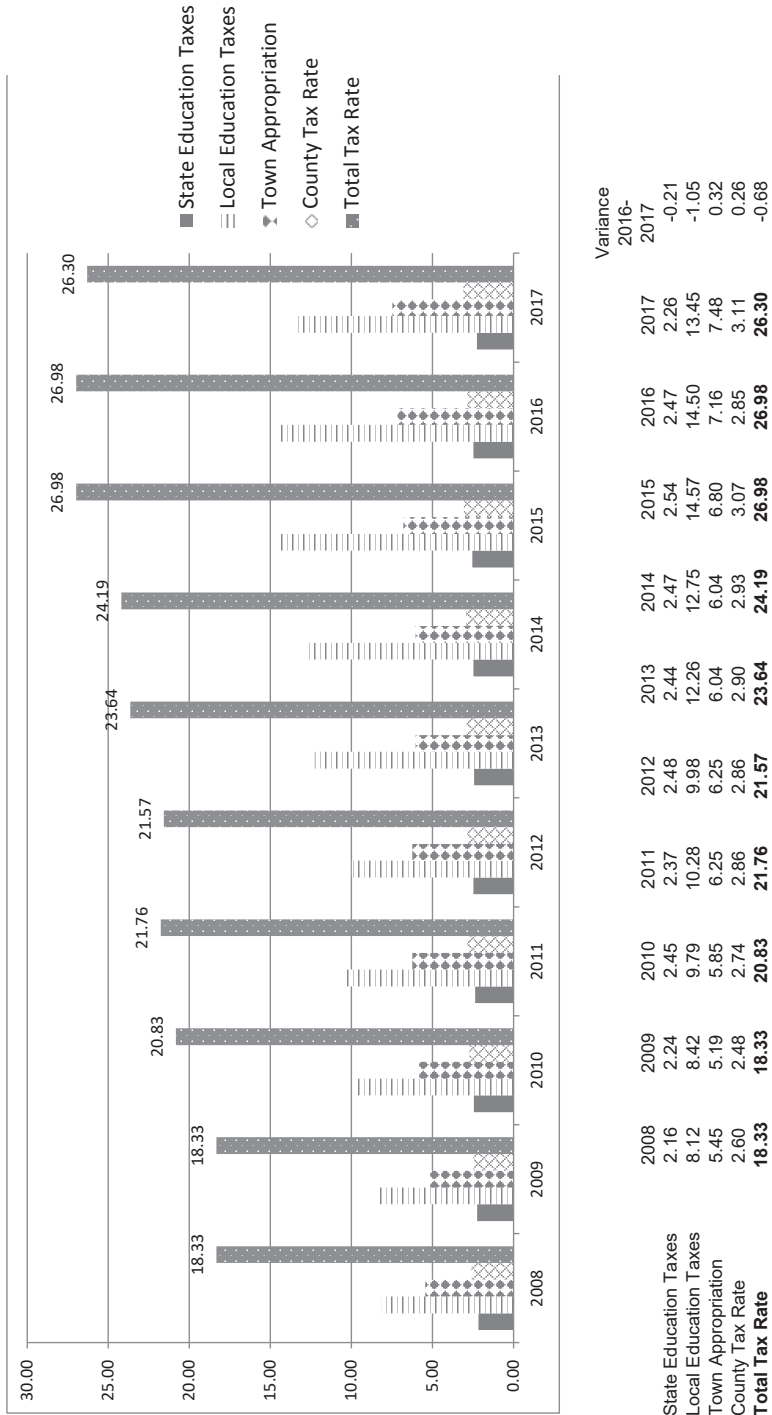
Municipal Accounting Overview		
Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Total Appropriation	\$3,067,893	
Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance)		(\$1,003,195)
Fund Balance Voted Surplus		(\$17,667)
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		(\$207,000)
War Service Credits	\$67,500	
Actual Overlay Used	\$21,422	
Net Required Local Tax Effort	\$1,928,953	

County Apportionment		
Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net County Apportionment	\$801,569	
Net Required County Tax Effort	\$801,569	

Education		
Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$4,696,517	
Net Education Grant		(\$657,471)
Locally Retained State Education Tax		(\$571,998)
Net Required Local Education Tax Effort	\$3,467,048	
State Education Tax	\$571,998	
Net Required State Education Tax Effort	\$571,998	

Valuation		
Municipal (MS-1)		
Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	\$257,810,284	\$254,414,122
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	\$253,012,934	\$250,569,113

2017 Sutton Tax Rate Comparison



Summary of 2017 Inventory Valuation

Land Value Only	Acres	Valuation
Current Use RSA 79-A	18,853.63	\$1,152,254
Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B	0.00	\$0
Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C	0.00	\$0
Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D		
Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0.00	\$0
Residential Land	4,743.04	\$102,033,500
Commercial/Industrial Land	485.66	\$2,618,450
Total of Taxable Land	24,082.33	\$105,804,204
Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	1,764.20	\$10,186,927
Buildings Value Only Structures		Valuation
Residential		\$139,679,440
Manufactured Housing RSA 674:31		\$128,260
Commercial/Industrial		\$7,822,910
Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D		
Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F		\$0
Total of Taxable Buildings		\$147,630,610
Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings		\$26,152,540
Utilities & Timber		Valuation
Utilities		\$4,797,350
Other Utilities		\$0
Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5		
Valuation before Exemption		\$258,232,164
Modified Assessed Value of All Properties		\$258,232,164
Optional Exemptions	Amount Per	Total Granted
Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a,b	Varies by Age	6
Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	\$20,000	1
Solar Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:62		14
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions		\$421,880
Net Valuation		\$257,810,284
Less Utilities		\$4,797,350
Net Valuation without Utilities		\$253,012,934
Current Use RSA 79-A	Total Acres	Valuation
Farm Land	557.88	\$186,226
Forest Land	13,324.01	\$806,527
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	3,929.23	\$141,650
Unproductive Land	70.10	\$1,262
Wet Land	972.41	\$16,589
	18,853.63	\$1,152,254
Other Current Use Statistics		
Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	Acres:	9,223.18
Total Number of Acres Removed from Current Use During Current Tax Year	Acres:	0
Total Number of Owners in Current Use	Owners:	356
Total Number of Parcels in Current Use	Parcels:	477

Town of Sutton Balance Sheet

December 31, 2017

Assets

Cash & Investments in hands of Treasurer:		
Cash in Checking	\$ 2,020,691.75	
Sutton Free Library	8,928.99	
Conservation Commission	119,128.24	
King Hill Reservation	5,694.60	
PD Special Duty Revolving Fund	9,601.91	
Cash in performance deposits	15,113.61	\$ 2,179,159.10
Capital & Non-Capital Reserve Fund Investments		1,327,746.02
Uncollected Taxes:		
Unassigned credits	(18,154.50)	
Property	347,328.57	
Timber yield	6,420.90	
Fox Chase Betterment Assessments	13,023.71	
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levies of 1 prior year	74,856.48	
Levies of 2 prior years	36,651.23	
Levies of prior years	5,232.27	
Allowance for uncollectible taxes	(15,000.00)	450,358.66
Accounts Receivable - NSF Checks		1,599.02
Accounts Receivable - PD Special Duty		1,060.00
		\$ 3,959,922.80

Liabilities and Equity

Accounts Payable & accrued expenses		\$ 195.05
Deferred inflow of taxes		200,000.00
Encumbrances:		
Upgrade blacktop roads	\$ 225,226.91	
Upgrade gravel roads	6,788.50	
Repairs to Old Store Museum	3,188.00	
Fire department furnace	10,741.07	
Library ramp	20,000.00	
Highway block grant - SB38	95,299.14	361,243.62
Special Revenue Funds, net of interfund payables:		
Sutton Free Library		8,928.99
Conservation Commission		119,128.24
King Hill Reservation		5,694.60
Police Special Duty Revolving		2,092.90
Performance Deposits		15,113.61
Due to School District		1,003,763.00

Town of Sutton Balance Sheet

December 31, 2017

Capital & Non-Capital Reserve Funds:

Town Bridges	159,632.64	
Forest Fire Equipment	5,063.61	
Solid Waste/ Transfer Station	69,223.43	
Legal Fees	37,015.95	
Highway Equipment	179,869.94	
Revaluation	66,677.46	
Highway Facility	748.43	
Highway Pickup Truck	29,463.26	
Highway Grader	64,213.39	
Fire Equipment	80,815.76	
Conservation Land	27,952.18	
Highway Emergency	19,987.49	
Milfoil Control	23,065.45	
Fire Department Maintenance	2,344.30	
Library Maintenance	14,322.39	
Cemetery Maintenance	1,171.38	
Fire Department Addition	320,884.92	
Record Preservation	8,099.91	
Highway Backhoe	1,191.56	
Rescue Vehicle	65,858.51	
Pillsbury Memorial Building	13,156.50	
Cemetery Land	30,382.31	
Corporation Hill	99.01	
Cemetery Fences	830.50	
Old Fire House	5,060.24	
Heavy Equipment	10,101.88	
Police Cruiser	54,814.21	
Police Department	12,698.98	
Septage Lagoons	5,021.08	
Library Modifications	10,088.75	
Forest Fire Salaries	4,572.52	
Accrued Benefits	3,318.08	1,327,746.02
		3,043,906.03

Fund Balance

Unassigned Fund Balance		916,016.77
		\$ 3,959,922.80

Report from the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office

Another year has ended. 2017 brought more changes to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office.

We have been working with a new software program for taxes. There have been many ups and downs with this program. There is a warrant article to upgrade to a different software company that would allow the office to truncate the motor vehicle registrations, dog licenses, vital records and tax payments into one software company. It will allow for scanning of a bar code that will bring up all outstanding charges for registrations, taxes, dog licenses, etc. We hope to implement credit/debit card payments and a one check payment instead of two for all balances if paying by check.

With the new changes and new services, we hope that we can meet all of the needs of our residents and tax payers.

Please drop me an e-mail at townclerk@sutton-nh.org if you have any suggestions as to how we can make processing of payments easier for you.

I know that some of you have had an issue with paying your taxes on-line. If you go to www.sutton-nh.org click the tab for Departments, scroll down to Town Clerk/Tax Collector information page you will find the red button that you are looking for to process your payments on-line. There are also Holiday and Important dates for 2018 listed on the website Town Clerk/Tax Collector page.

The office does have a new phone number. It is 603-927-2401.

Thank you for entrusting me as your Town Clerk/Tax Collector for the last three years.

Linda Ford
NH Certified Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Report of the Town Clerk For the Period of January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Location Town MA Fee	\$9,506.00
Aquatherm	\$1.00
Checklist Fee	\$325.00
Basic License	\$212.00
Dog Group 5+	\$117.00
Dog Altered	\$1,488.50
Dog Civil Forfeiture	\$200.00
Dog Late Town	\$80.00
Dog Senior	\$112.50
Dog State Fees	\$841.00
Dog State Tag	\$243.50
Loc Town Permit Fees	\$373,569.13
Marriage License	\$300.00
Mail In Fee	\$2.00
Miscellaneous	\$75.50
Insufficient Funds Fee	\$25.00
Loc Town Clerk Fees	\$6,180.00
Loc Town Title Fees	\$954.00
Loc Town Trans Fees	\$1,015.00
UCC	\$30.00
Vital 2nd Copy	\$30.00
Vital 1st Copy	\$480.00
TOTAL	\$395,787.13
	\$(65.00)
	Refunded to W. Baker
	\$395,722.13
Original Date 8/27/17	\$(16.00)
Dup Vital Record - Harmon Law Office	2nd deposit 11/27/2017
	\$395,706.13

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 DECEMBER 31, 2017

Date of Creation	NAME OF FUND	Purpose	HOW INVESTED	Balance beginning of year	New Funds Created	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	***INCOME***			GRAND TOTAL	
								Balance beginning of year	Income During Year	Expended During Year		Balance End of Year
1959	TOWN BRIDGES	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDIP*	207,296.68	100,000.00	150,000.00	157,296.68	1,217.12	1,118.84		2,335.96	169,632.64
1980	FOREST FIRE EQUIPMENT	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDIP*	3,886.74	250.00		4,136.74	881.29	45.58		926.87	5,063.61
1982	SOLID WASTE/TRANSFER STATION	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDIP*	61,659.09	5,000.00		66,659.09	1,947.69	616.65		2,564.34	69,223.43
1988	LEGAL FEES	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDIP*	33,489.58	3,000.00		36,489.58	197.97	328.40		526.37	37,015.95
1993	HIGHWAY EQUIP	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDIP*	217,065.76	100,000.00	140,000.00	177,065.76	1,035.93	1,768.25		2,804.18	179,869.94
1996	REVALUATION	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDIP*	44,000.00	22,000.00		66,000.00	153.83	523.63		677.46	66,677.46
1998	HIGHWAY GARAGE	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDIP*	100,238.62		100,000.00	238.62	482.50	27.31		509.81	748.43
1998	HWY PICKUP TRUCK	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDIP*	23,109.61	6,000.00		29,109.61	107.03	246.62		353.65	29,463.26
2001	HIGHWAY GRADER	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDIP*	63,240.58			63,240.58	381.80	591.01		972.81	64,213.39
2001	HIGHWAY LOADER	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDIP*	-			-	81.64		81.64	-	-
2005	FIRE EQUIP	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDIP*	50,037.64	30,000.00		80,037.64	157.11	621.01		778.12	80,815.76
2006	CONSERVATION LAND	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDIP*	20,415.18	7,000.00		27,415.18	306.39	228.61		537.00	27,952.18
2002	HWY EMERGENCY	NON-CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDIP*	18,000.00			18,000.00	1,803.52	183.97		1,987.49	19,987.49
2002	MILFOIL	NON-CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDIP*	20,000.00			20,000.00	2,853.17	212.28		3,065.45	23,065.45
2005	FIRE DEPT MAINT	NON-CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDIP*	2,000.00			2,000.00	322.73	21.57		344.30	2,344.30
2005	LIBRARY MAINT	NON-CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDIP*	11,000.00	3,000.00		14,000.00	202.87	119.52		322.39	14,322.39
2005	CEMETERY MAINT	NON-CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDIP*	1,000.00			1,000.00	160.60	10.78		171.38	1,171.38
2007	FIRE DEPT ADDN CRF	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDIP*	287,500.00	25,000.00		312,500.00	5,533.90	2,851.02		8,384.92	320,884.92
2010	RECORD PRESERVATION	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDIP*	6,009.23	2,000.00		8,009.23	24.32	66.36		90.68	8,099.91
2011	HIGHWAY BACKHOE CRF	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDIP*	135,000.00		135,000.00	-	673.66	517.90		1,191.56	1,191.56
2011	RESCUE VEHICLE CRF	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDIP*	55,000.00	10,000.00		65,000.00	293.29	585.22		878.51	65,878.51

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2011	PILLSBURY MEMORIAL CFB	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDIP*	10,005.36	3,000.00			13,005.36	42.33	108.81		151.14	13,156.50
2012	CEMETERY LAND	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDIP*	25,000.00	5,000.00			30,000.00	123.15	259.16		382.31	30,382.31
2015	CORPORATION HILL	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDIP*	-				-	98.10	0.91		99.01	99.01
2015	CEMETERY FENCES	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDIP*	7,000.00	3,500.00	9,768.00		732.00	21.80	76.70		98.50	830.50
2015	OLD FIRE HOUSE	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDIP*	10,000.00		5,043.60		4,956.40	53.38	50.46		103.84	5,060.24
2016	HEAVY EQUIPMENT	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDIP*	10,000.00				10,000.00	8.91	92.97		101.88	10,101.88
2016	POLICE CRUISER	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDIP*	38,250.00	16,000.00			54,250.00	125.20	439.01		564.21	54,814.21
2016	POLICE DEPARTMENT	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDIP*	7,575.00	5,000.00			12,575.00	24.78	99.20		123.98	12,698.98
2017	SEPTAGE LAGOON	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDIP*	-	5,000.00			5,000.00	-	21.08		21.08	5,021.08
2016	LIBRARY MODIFICATIONS	CAPITAL RESERVE	NHPDIP*	5,000.00	5,000.00			10,000.00	16.37	72.38		88.75	10,088.75
1994	FOREST FIRE SALARIES**	SALARIES	NHPDIP*	3,404.11				3,404.11	1,126.33	42.08		1,168.41	4,572.52
1994	ACCRUED BENEFITS**	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	NHPDIP*	3,199.93				3,199.93	87.61	30.54		118.15	3,318.08
	TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS			1,479,383.11	355,750.00	539,811.60		1,295,324.51	20,548.32	11,957.83	81.64	32,424.51	1,327,746.02

* NH Public Deposit Investment Pool

Report of the Trust Funds

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REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF SUTTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

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	Balance beginning of year	Income during Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Principal & Income End of Year	YTD GRAND TOTAL					
														PERPETUAL CARE	GEN'L CARE LIBRARY	ORIN NELSON LIBRARY	JOHN PRESSEY LIBRARY	LEWIS RICHARDS LIBRARY
various	126 CEMETERY TRUSTS	PERPETUAL CARE	NHPDIP*	29,775.81			29,775.81	252.18	278.93		531.11	30,306.92						
1966	CEMETERY GEN'L TRUST	GEN'L CARE LIBRARY	NHPDIP*	14,341.00			14,341.00	85.87	134.04		219.91	14,560.91						
1916	ORIN NELSON LIBRARY	ORIN NELSON LIBRARY	NHPDIP*	1,000.00			1,000.00	7.78	9.37		17.15	1,017.15						
1918	JOHN PRESSEY LIBRARY	JOHN PRESSEY LIBRARY	NHPDIP*	1,000.00			1,000.00	7.78	9.37		17.15	1,017.15						
1943	LEWIS RICHARDS LIBRARY	LEWIS RICHARDS LIBRARY	NHPDIP*	300.00			300.00	1.74	2.80		4.54	304.54						
1967	DOUGLAS ANDERSON LIBRARY	DOUGLAS ANDERSON LIBRARY	NHPDIP*	1,000.00			1,000.00	7.78	9.37		17.15	1,017.15						
1971	GRACE P. NELSON LIBRARY	GRACE P. NELSON LIBRARY	NHPDIP*	48,560.10			48,560.10	476.98	455.52		932.50	49,492.60						
1988	ADA P. ANDERSON LIBRARY	ADA P. ANDERSON LIBRARY	NHPDIP*	3,000.00			3,000.00	28.12	28.13		56.25	3,056.25						
1988	F. B. WADLEIGH LIBRARY	F. B. WADLEIGH LIBRARY	NHPDIP*	4,168.21			4,168.21	39.60	39.07		78.67	4,246.88						
2000	AMELIA CHAPMAN LIBRARY	AMELIA CHAPMAN LIBRARY	NHPDIP*	10,000.00			10,000.00	97.99	93.80		191.79	10,191.79						
1909	MARY EATON LIBRARY	MARY EATON LIBRARY	NHPDIP*	150.00			150.00	30.79	1.67		32.46	182.46						
1916	WORTHY POOR (O. NELSON) LIBRARY	WORTHY POOR LIBRARY	NHPDIP*	1,085.00			1,085.00	1,920.85	27.93		1,948.78	3,033.78						
1930	JOHN EATON LIBRARY	JOHN EATON LIBRARY	NHPDIP*	500.00			500.00	98.57	5.56		104.13	604.13						
1944	FRED E. NELSON LIBRARY	FRED E. NELSON LIBRARY	NHPDIP*	1,510.24			1,510.24	8.91	14.11		23.02	1,533.26						
1944	FRED E. NELSON MISC. LIBRARY	FRED E. NELSON MISC. LIBRARY	NHPDIP*	3,284.20			3,284.20	20.22	30.68		50.90	3,335.10						
1966	HELENA W. WELLS (OLD S. MUSEUM) LIBRARY	HELENA W. WELLS (OLD S. MUSEUM) LIBRARY	NHPDIP*	9,518.25			9,518.25	1,292.53	100.43		1,392.96	10,911.21						
2003	N. SUTTON CEM R FUND** LIBRARY	N. SUTTON CEM R FUND** LIBRARY	NHPDIP*	27,745.82			27,745.82	3,315.74	288.53		3,604.27	31,350.09						
2008	FAY PUGLIESE LIBRARY	FAY PUGLIESE LIBRARY	NHPDIP*	1,000.00			1,000.00	7.78	9.37		17.15	1,017.15						
	CUMULATIVE TOTALS - ALL TRUSTS			157,938.63	-	-	157,938.63	7,701.21	1,538.68	-	9,239.89	167,178.52						

* NH PUBLIC DEPOSIT INVESTMENT POOL

** EXPENDABLE TRUST

Treasurer's Report

Town of Sutton, New Hampshire 2017 Treasurer's Report

	General Fund	Conservation Commission	King Hill Reservation	Police Dept. Special Duty	Performance Deposits	Total
Beginning Balances	1,541,314.39	105,580.40	5,681.65	8,911.00	15,106.05	1,676,593.49
Receipts:						
Tax Collector	7,148,275.92					7,148,275.92
Town Clerk	395,787.13					395,787.13
State of New Hampshire	151,052.97					151,052.97
Non-Lapsing SB38 Funds	95,299.14					95,299.14
Town Office & Other Departments	384,914.63					384,914.63
Sale of municipal property						-
Interest on deposits	10,051.35	247.84	12.95		7.56	10,319.70
Special Duty				8,563.00		8,563.00
Other local sources						-
Withdrawal from Capital Reserves	288,959.40					288,959.40
Distributions from Nonexpendable Trusts						-
Tax Anticipation Notes	500,000.00					500,000.00
Conservation Income <i>(Land Use Charge 100%)</i>	13,300.00					13,300.00
	8,974,340.54	13,547.84	12.95	8,563.00	7.56	8,996,471.89
Disbursements:						
Selectboard Orders Paid	8,494,963.18			7,872.09		8,502,835.27
Conservation Commission Orders Paid						-
Ending Balance	8,494,963.18	-	-	9,601.91	15,113.61	8,502,835.27
Bank Balances:						
Lake Sunapee Savings Bank	2,020,691.75	119,128.24	5,694.60			2,145,514.59
TD Banknorth	-	119,128.24	5,694.60	9,601.91	15,113.61	124,822.84
	2,020,691.75	119,128.24	5,694.60	9,601.91	15,113.61	2,170,230.11

Respectfully Submitted,

Martin Carrier, Treasurer

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Treasurer's Agency Report

TOWN OF SUTTON

Agency Funds - Summary of Changes in Assets and Liabilities
 FYE December 31, 2017

Depositor	Date Established	Purpose	Type of Deposit	Bank/Ins. Company	Account/Policy Number	Additions		Balance Beginning	Balance Ending
						Deposits Received	Interest Credited		
Z Ventures Corporation	12/29/05	Performance bond	Cash	TD Bank North	9721940298	-	7.56	15,106.05	15,113.61
						-	7.56	15,106.05	15,113.61

Police Department Special Duty Account Est. 2016
 FYE December 31, 2017

Type of Deposit	Bank	Account Number	Account/Balance Beginning	Deposits Received	Interest Credited	Deductions	Balance Ending
Cash	Lake Sunapee	8240054540	8,911.00	8,563.00	-	7,872.09	9,601.91
			8,911.00	8,563.00	-	7,872.09	9,601.91

Conservation Commission Special Revenue Funds

	Conservation Commission accounts		
	Conservation Commission	King Hill Reservation	Total
REVENUES			
Land Use Change Tax	13,300.00		
Interest on deposits	247.84	12.95	260.79
	13,547.84	12.95	260.79
EXPENDITURES			
Current - Conservation			
Land Use Change Tax Abatement			-
King Hill Mowing			-
	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances	13,547.84	12.95	260.79
Fund balances - beginning	105,580.40	5,681.65	111,262.05
Fund balances - ending	119,128.24	5,694.60	124,822.84
Analysis of ending balance:			
Cash in Banks	119,128.24	5,694.60	124,822.84
	-	-	-
	119,128.24	5,694.60	124,822.84

Respectfully Submitted,

Conservation Commission

2017 Expenditure Statement

4130 Executive Office		\$	164,705.06
	Selectmen's Salaries	7,500.00	
	Town Administrator's Salary	52,241.92	
	Secretary & Clerk Wages	24,694.48	
	Health Insurance	45,950.40	
	Telephone	2,387.05	
	Other Professional Services	4,097.75	
	Computer	16,508.35	
	Equipment Maintenance	612.17	
	Printing Costs	6,727.59	
	Advertising	16.00	
	Dues/Conferences/Publications	2,143.52	
	Office Supplies	1,175.04	
	Postage and Envelopes	511.93	
	Mileage Reimbursement	138.36	
	Office Equipment	0.00	
4140 Election and Registration		\$	2,373.24
	Supervisors Wages	472.23	
	Ballot Clerk Wages	321.51	
	Advertising	428.00	
	Supplies	857.50	
	Postage	294.00	
4150 Financial Administration		\$	61,152.65
	Town Clerk/Tax Collector Wages	35,499.88	
	Deputy Tax Collector/Town Clerk Wages	9,581.39	
	Recording Fees	465.68	
	Telephone	1,885.00	
	Legal Fees	0.00	
	Mortgage Research	649.42	
	Equipment Maintenance	3,843.50	
	Printing	783.62	
	Dues/Conferences/ Publications	2,184.92	
	Office Supplies	2,045.60	
	Postage & Envelopes	2,919.66	
	Professional Services	25.00	
	Mileage Reimbursement	1,268.98	
4151 Financial Executive		\$	20,647.02
	Deputy Treasurer Salary	0.00	
	Treasurer Salary	5,000.00	
	Budget Committee Secretary	827.40	
	Budget Committee	285.64	
	Auditing Services	10,070.65	
	Telephone DSL/Fax	975.00	
	Computer	2,000.00	
	Postage & Envelopes	846.69	
	Bank Service Charges	301.69	
	Mileage Reimbursement	339.95	

2017 Expenditure Statement

4152 Revaluation of Property		\$	11,450.00
RP Appraisal Services	11,450.00		
4153 Judicial and Legal Expenses		\$	15,983.17
Legal Expenses and Services	14,874.29		
Litigation Expenses	1,108.88		
4155 Personnel Administration		\$	130,233.06
Group Insurance - Life/D/S-L	5,593.25		
Group Insurance - Dental	6,826.05		
FICA	36,280.67		
Medicare	11,126.13		
Police Retirement Contribution	52,492.49		
Highway Retirement Contribution	12,024.95		
Executive Retirement Contribution	2,611.91		
Financial Retirement Contribution	1,764.57		
Administrative Retirement	1,513.04		
4101 Planning Board		\$	33,018.96
Secretarial Services	27,530.32		
Professional Services	933.00		
Recording Fees	520.08		
Telephone	89.64		
Printing	975.00		
Notices	336.00		
Dues/Conferences/Publications	165.00		
Computer	2,051.00		
Office Supplies	218.31		
Postage	91.47		
Mileage Reimbursement	109.14		
4194 General Government Buildings		\$	21,547.69
Custodial Wages	2,845.80		
Electricity	2,079.96		
Heating Fuel	7,462.91		
Repairs & Maintenance	8,213.41		
Supplies	945.61		
4195 Cemeteries		\$	12,225.00
Cemetery Services	12,225.00		
4196 Insurance		\$	63,550.00
Unemployment Insurance	1,385.00		
Workers Compensation	33,621.00		
Property/Liability	28,544.00		
4197 Advertising & Regional Associations		\$	2,033.00
Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission	2,033.00		
4210 Police Department		\$	363,568.48
Full Time Wages	99,390.26		
Part Time Wages	378.00		
Special Duty Wages	0.00		
Building and Grounds	2,661.80		
On Call Wages	4,573.20		
Overtime Wages	14,357.16		

2017 Expenditure Statement

Police Chief Salary	64,194.28		
Part Time Secretary	26,070.27		
Health Insurance	96,781.80		
Court Representation	1,046.00		
Court Witness Fees	0.00		
Telephone	6,934.11		
Computer Services	4,804.40		
Animal Control Expenses	0.00		
Electric	1,615.82		
LP Gas	1,472.51		
Maintenance	3,293.61		
Dues/Conferences/Publications	4,125.00		
Training	2,961.27		
Office Supplies	2,672.35		
Investigative Supplies	4,648.37		
Postage	129.26		
Mileage	53.46		
Cruiser Lease/Equipment	7,931.47		
Cruiser Fuel	6,631.95		
Cruiser Repair/Maintenance	4,981.41		
Uniforms	1,860.72		
4215 Ambulance		\$	74,518.00
Sutton Rescue Squad	14,000.00		
Support Ambulance	0.00		
New London Ambulance	60,518.00		
4220 Fire Department		\$	54,702.93
LP Gas	294.49		
Telephone	3,472.81		
Electricity	3,890.91		
Heating Fuel	3,341.67		
Building Maintenance	4,425.98		
Equipment Fuel	0.00		
Training	3,735.00		
Fire Warden	381.52		
Maintenance Fee Gen Air	0.00		
Miscellaneous & Supplies	10,911.17		
Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance	1,136.80		
Training Supplies/Equipment	15,306.58		
Equipment	2,000.00		
Radios	5,806.00		
4240 Building Inspection		\$	7,443.11
Inspection Services	5,843.11		
Wetlands Inspection	1,600.00		
4290 Emergency Management		\$	300.00
Emergency Management Services	300.00		
Emergency Management Supplies	0.00		
4299 Dispatching Services		\$	22,842.84
Dispatching Services	22,842.84		
4312 Highway Department		\$	622,995.72
Wages	258,313.46		
Part Time Labor	0.00		

2017 Expenditure Statement

Part Time Mechanic	0.00		
Overtime Wages	28,368.19		
Part Time Secretary	1,138.54		
Health Insurance	107,003.02		
Telephone	2,766.82		
Other Professional Services	16,830.32		
Radio Repairs/Purchase/Lease	0.00		
Electricity	3,352.40		
Heating Oil	6,558.08		
LP Gas	0.00		
Building Repairs/Maintenance	2,823.38		
Dues/Conferences/Publications & Adv.	248.40		
Equipment Rental	12,417.00		
Mileage Reimbursement	0.00		
Vehicle Fuel	36,409.88		
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	9,489.20		
Oil & Filters	5,024.36		
Tires	4,301.00		
Materials & Supplies	2,998.96		
Cutting Edges	5,671.64		
Equipment Repair/Maintenance	18,991.67		
Chains	3,355.00		
Culverts	4,063.13		
Hand Tools	368.63		
Shop Equipment	925.62		
Sand & Salt	69,671.25		
Gravel	18,550.75		
Asphalt Products	2,571.52		
Signs	783.50		
Liquid Calcium Chloride	0.00		
4313 Bridges		\$	2,221.50
Bridge Expenses	2,221.50		
4316 Street Lighting		\$	7,144.41
Street Lighting Expenses	7,144.41		
4324 Solid Waste Disposal		\$	133,453.91
Wages	61,451.85		
Telephone	454.61		
Water Testing	2,170.00		
Electricity	1,857.90		
Diesel	929.02		
Dues/Conferences/Publications	232.59		
Maintenance/Supplies	1,234.22		
Uniforms	253.98		
Safety Equipment	30.00		
Operator Certification	369.88		
Repairs	2,703.82		
Lagoon Maintenance	2,062.16		
Demo Dumpster/Tipping Fee	16,304.15		
Electronic Recycling	3,268.37		
Hazardous Waste	0.00		
Cardboard/Plastic	6,106.32		
Aluminum/Steel Cans	750.00		
Freon Recycling	0.00		
Tire Removal	1,147.00		
Florescent Bulb Recycling	0.00		

2017 Expenditure Statement

MSW Tipping	19,314.45	
MSW Trucking	9,837.56	
Propane	1,037.82	
Calcium Chloride	0.00	
Glass	1,938.21	
4411 Health Administration		\$ 1,702.00
Inoculations & Tests	1,167.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	535.00	
4415 Lake Sunapee Region VNA		\$ 5,095.00
Lake Sunapee Region VNA	5,095.00	
4442 Direct Assistance		\$ 16,590.02
Dues Conferences and Publications	285.94	
Worthy Causes	757.01	
Miscellaneous Direct Assistance	5,645.51	
Services	4,501.56	
Community Action Program	5,400.00	
4520 Culture and Recreation		\$ 13,051.36
South Sutton Common	300.00	
Historical Society	6,000.00	
Council on Aging	2,900.00	
Churches	263.00	
Old Store Museum	88.36	
Youth Recreation Programs	3,000.00	
North Sutton Improvement Society	500.00	
4550 Library		\$ 34,871.08
Salaries	21,357.58	
Custodial	618.93	
Telephone	958.14	
Electricity	1,928.13	
Heating Fuel	1,338.90	
Repairs and Maintenance	3,927.28	
Advertising	58.75	
Programs	637.50	
Administrative	1,568.25	
Books	2,477.62	
4583 Patriotic Purposes		\$ 872.90
Patriotic Purposes Expenses	872.90	
4611 Conservation Administration		\$ 1,538.47
Secretarial Services	685.56	
Dues/Conferences/Publications	266.00	
Expenses	586.91	
Supplies	0.00	
4700 Debt Service		\$ 64,235.93
Principal LT Bonds/Notes	43,365.18	
Interest LT Bonds/Notes	19,927.78	
Interest on Tans	893.83	
Interest on Abatements	49.14	
4914 Capital Reserve Funds		\$ 350,750.00

2017 Expenditure Statement

Library Modifications	5,000.00		
Cruisers	16,000.00		
PD Computer Equipment	5,000.00		
Cemetery Fence and Tombstone	3,500.00		
Conservation Land	7,000.00		
Highway Equipment/Trucks	100,000.00		
Town Bridges	100,000.00		
Solid Waste Backhoe	5,000.00		
Forest Fire Equipment	250.00		
Fire Equipment Replacement	30,000.00		
Property Revaluation	22,000.00		
Rescue Vehicle	10,000.00		
Cemetery	5,000.00		
Library Building Maintenance	3,000.00		
Highway Pickup Truck	6,000.00		
Fire Department Addition	25,000.00		
Legal Fees	3,000.00		
Historical Records Preservation	2,000.00		
Pillsbury Memorial Hall	3,000.00		
Forest Fire Salaries	160.26	\$	160.26
Warrant Articles		\$	373,817.43
Gravel Road Upgrade	23,211.50		
Blacktop Upgrade	0.00		
Dump Truck	138,680.00		
Backhoe	140,000.00		
Grist Mill Foot Bridge	30,000.00		
VFD Equipment Proceeds	17,667.00		
FD Furnace	19,258.93		
CR Septage Lagoon Decommission	5,000.00		
		\$	2,690,794.20

Statement of Receipts and Actual Revenues

for the year ending December 31, 2017

	2017 Estimated Revenues	Actual Revenues	Over/Under Budget
TAXES			
Timber Tax	46,000.00	47,379.50	1,379.50
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	35,000.00	45,154.16	10,154.16
Excavation Tax & Activity Tax	15.00	8.20	(6.80)
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES			0.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	300,000.00	380,411.13	80,411.13
Building Permits	4,400.00	4,890.00	490.00
Other Licenses, Permits and Fees	3,735.00		(3,735.00)
FROM STATE /FEDERAL GOVERNMENT			0.00
Shared Revenues	0.00	0.00	0.00
Meals & Room Tax Distribution	95,311.00	95,310.93	(0.07)
Highway Block Grant	111,488.00	111,485.99	(2.01)
State Forest Land	24.00	24.40	0.40
Other State/Federal Aid/PD Resource Officer	43,920.00	0.00	(43,920.00)
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			0.00
Income from Departments	32,546.00	41,745.21	9,199.21
Other/Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00
MISC. REVENUE			0.00
Sale of Municipal Property	48,500.00	48,562.00	62.00
Interest on Investments	6,993.00	10,051.00	3,058.00
Other/Cable, Insurance, Dividends & Reimburse	0.00	653.33	653.33
TRANSFERS IN			0.00
Proceeds from Loans			0.00
Capital Reserve Funds	275,000.00	275,000.00	0.00
Trust Funds	263.00	263.00	0.00
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Total Revenues	<u>1,003,195.00</u>	<u>1,060,938.85</u>	<u>57,743.85</u>
FUND BALANCE USED TO SET TAX RATE	<u>207,000.00</u>	<u>207,000.00</u>	0.00

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

for the year ending December 31, 2017

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Balance
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
4130 Executive	167,907.00	164,705.06	3,201.94
4140 Elections and Registrations	6,500.00	2,373.24	4,126.76
4150 Financial Administration	67,117.00	61,152.65	5,964.35
4151 Financial Executive	23,350.00	20,647.02	2,702.98
4152 Appraisal Services	12,000.00	11,450.00	550.00
4153 Legal Expenses	17,500.00	15,983.17	1,516.83
4155 Personnel Administration	155,075.98	130,233.06	24,842.92
4191 Planning Board/Zoning	49,250.00	33,018.96	16,231.04
4194 General Government Buildings	26,500.00	21,547.69	4,952.31
4195 Cemeteries	14,000.00	12,225.00	1,775.00
4196 Insurance	67,800.00	63,550.00	4,250.00
4197 Regional Association	2,033.00	2,033.00	0.00
PUBLIC SAFETY			
4210 Police Department	447,119.00	363,568.48	83,550.52
4215 Ambulance	74,718.00	74,518.00	200.00
4220 Fire Department	56,325.00	54,702.93	1,622.07
4240 Building Inspection	7,800.00	7,443.11	356.89
4290 Emergency Management	1,300.00	300.00	1,000.00
4299 Dispatching	22,842.00	22,842.84	(0.84)
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS			
4312 Highway Department	649,106.00	622,995.72	26,110.28
4313 Bridges	3,000.00	2,221.50	778.50
4316 Street Lighting	7,500.00	7,144.41	355.59
SANITATION			
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	153,500.00	133,453.91	20,046.09
HEALTH ADMINISTRATION			
4411 Inoculations, Tests and Expenses	2,250.00	1,702.00	548.00
4415 Health Agencies	5,095.00	5,095.00	0.00
WELFARE			
4442 Welfare/Worthy Causes/CAP	30,902.00	16,590.02	14,311.98
CULTURE & RECREATION			
4520 Churches, Commons, Museum, Recreation	13,963.00	13,051.36	911.64
4550 Library	42,249.00	34,871.08	7,377.92
4583 Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00	872.90	127.10

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures for the year ending December 31, 2017

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Balance
CONSERVATION			
4611 Administration, Expenses & Supplies	3,232.00	1,538.47	1,693.53
DEBT SERVICE			
4711 Debt Service LT Principal	43,364.00	43,365.18	(1.18)
4711 Debt Service LT Interest	19,928.00	19,927.78	0.22
4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	1,750.00	893.83	856.17
4724 Interest on Abatements	1,500.00	49.14	1,450.86
Total Operating Budget	2,197,475.98	1,966,066.51	231,409.47
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS			
Library Modifications	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Cruisers	16,000.00	16,000.00	0.00
PD Computer Equipment	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Cemetery Fence and Tombstone	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
Conservation Land	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00
Highway Equipment/Trucks	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00
Town Bridges	100,000.00	100,000.00	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	30,000.00	30,000.00	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 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
Historical Records Preservation	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Pillsbury Memorial Hall	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Total Capital Reserves	350,750.00	350,750.00	0.00
TF Forest Fire Salaries	0.00	160.26	-160.26
Total Operating Budget & Capital Reserves	2,548,225.98	2,316,976.77	231,249.21
WARRANT ARTICLES			
Gravel Road Upgrade	30,000.00	23,211.50	6,788.50
Blacktop Upgrade	100,000.00	-	100,000.00
Dump Truck	140,000.00	138,680.00	1,320.00
Backhoe	140,000.00	140,000.00	0.00
Cardboard Compactor	7,000.00	-	7,000.00
Grist Mill Footbridge	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
VFD Equipment Proceeds	17,667.00	17,667.00	0.00
FD Furnace	30,000.00	19,258.93	10,741.07
Library Ramp	20,000.00	-	20,000.00
CR Septage Lagoon Decommission	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Total Warrant Articles	519,667.00	373,817.43	145,849.57
GRAND TOTAL	3,067,892.98	2,690,794.20	377,098.78

Inventory 2017

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

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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	Gamsby/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 75%	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
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Tax Collector's Report

For the period beginning and ending

This form is due **March 1st (Calendar Year)** or **September 1st (Fiscal Year)**

Instructions

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- Specify the period begin and period end dates above
- Select the entity name from the pull down menu (County will automatically populate)
- Enter the year of the report
- Enter the preparer's information

For Assistance Please Contact:

NH DRA Municipal and Property Division
Phone: (603) 230-5090
Fax: (603) 230-5947
<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

ENTITY'S INFORMATION

Municipality: County: Report Year:

PREPARER'S INFORMATION

First Name Last Name

Street No. Street Name Phone Number

Email (optional)

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Debits						
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)			
			Year: 2016	Year: 2015	Year: 2014	
Property Taxes	3110		\$657,778.87			
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120					
Yield Taxes	3185		\$47.60			
Excavation Tax	3187		\$9.00			
Other Taxes	3189					
Property Tax Credit Balance			(\$16,483.81)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance						

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies	
			2016	2015
Property Taxes	3110	\$6,700,426.29	\$4,920.29	
Resident Taxes	3180			
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$13,300.00		
Yield Taxes	3185	\$47,379.50	\$8,293.09	
Excavation Tax	3187	\$8.20		
Other Taxes	3189			

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
			2016	2015	2014
Property Taxes	3110	\$9,998.79	\$14,498.59		
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$3,576.16	\$21,308.05		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				
Total Debits		\$6,774,688.94	\$690,371.68		

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Credits				
Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2016	2015	2014
Property Taxes	\$6,371,204.66	\$536,902.16		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$13,300.00			
Yield Taxes	\$40,958.60	\$8,340.69		
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$3,576.16	\$21,308.05		
Penalties				
Excavation Tax	\$8.20	\$9.00		
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$112,507.15		
Pre-Payment	\$11,000.00	(\$155.00)		
Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made				
Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2016	2015	2014
Property Taxes	(\$35.00)	\$12,009.68		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Current Levy Deeded	\$430.00			

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Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2016	2015	2014
Property Taxes	\$349,323.00	\$4.86		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes	\$6,420.90			
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$21,497.58)	(\$554.91)		
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance				
Total Credits	\$6,774,688.94	\$690,371.68		

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Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$333,696.27
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$116,739.98

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Lien Summary

Summary of Debits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2016	Year: 2015	Year: 2014
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year		\$90,998.18	\$38,185.22	
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$122,605.02			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$1,385.79	\$12,390.72	\$9,872.83	
Refund	(\$43.84)			
Total Debits	\$123,946.97	\$103,388.90	\$48,058.05	

Summary of Credits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2016	2015	2014
Redemptions	\$43,134.98	\$53,358.23	\$32,184.61	
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	\$1,385.79	\$12,390.72	\$9,872.83	
Credit Balance	(\$36.01)			
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	\$3,601.74			
Liens Deeded to Municipality	\$1,003.99	\$988.72	\$768.34	
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110	\$74,856.48	\$36,651.23	\$5,232.27	
Total Credits	\$123,946.97	\$103,388.90	\$48,058.05	

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Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$333,696.27
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$116,739.98

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SUTTON (439)

1. CERTIFY THIS FORM

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.

Preparer's First Name

Preparer's Last Name

Date

Linda

Ford

1/31/2018

2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM

Please save and e-mail the completed PDF form to your Municipal Bureau Advisor.

3. PRINT, SIGN, AND UPLOAD THIS FORM

This completed PDF form must be PRINTED, SIGNED, SCANNED, and UPLOADED onto the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal (MTRSP) at <http://proptax.org/nh/>. If you have any questions, please contact your Municipal Services Advisor.

PREPARER'S 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.

Linda Ford

Preparer's Signature and Title

Report of the Budget Committee

The 2017 budget process started in November of 2016 and was completed in January 2017, with a public hearing in February and the Town Meeting in March 2017. Our Board Members for the 2017 Budget Committee were: John Silverberg –Chair; ex-officio Robert Wright, Jr.; Richard Benson; Robert DeFelice; Steven Hamilton, Andrew Palmer, and Victoria O’Connor as Recording Secretary.

We said goodbye and thank you to John Silverberg and Richard Benson for their many years of service to the Town. At the same time, we welcomed Julia Jones, Gail Guertin, and Victoria O’Connor as our newest members.

This year we took a different approach to the budget process. The Committee’s first meeting was held the end of March 2017, as a recap and organizational meeting. We had an orientation meeting in May. We met in August and September to review and study past budgets for the town. Our focus points were: Transparency; Wants vs. Needs; Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

In October, we started meeting with Department Heads to review budgets. In the past, we would meet with multiple Departments per meeting, giving each Department 15 to 30 minutes. This year, we devoted a meeting for each of the largest Departments, and no more than 2 smaller Departments per meeting. We provided “Questions from the Budget Committee” in advance of the meetings with Departments.

QUESTIONS FROM THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

1. Do you have a CIP? If yes, how often do you update it? How helpful is your CIP to you?
2. If you were asked to create a wish list for your Department, what would be on the top of the list, excluding a salary or bonus?
3. Excluding personnel, what is your greatest success? What is your greatest challenge?
4. What technology do you need, in order to increase productivity?
5. In your opinion, how can we improve the budget process?

These questions led to some great discussions and insight for all involved. Here are a few examples of areas we focused on this year. The Committee looked at adding line items for consistency within the Departments (redistribution of funds, not additional funds), as well as moving insurance from each Department and grouping them under PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION 1-01-4155-100 – 1-01-4155-102.

We recommended a new Capital Reserve (CR) be created for WELFARE DIRECT ASSISTANCE 1-20-2018-109. We discussed, at length, the Fire Department Addition. We dedicated a whole meeting just to look at a cost of living adjustment (COLA). We decided we would form a Subcommittee next year (2019 Budget) to execute an in-depth COLA study for the Town of Sutton.

As always, we would like to thank all the Department Heads for doing a fantastic job of preparing and adhering to their budgets. We are thankful for their presentation and attention to detail.

Respectfully,

Robert DeFelice, Chairman

Board Members:

Steven Hamilton

Andrew Palmer

Julia Jones

Gail Guertin

Victoria O'Connor

Robert DeFelice – Chairman

Robert Wright, Jr. – Ex Officio

Report of the Highway Department and Road Agent

Well another year has gone by in the blink of an eye. 2018 here we go.

Winter of 2016-2017

There were fifty-two storms, fourteen of which were at least partially freezing rain. We experienced 132 inches of snow. The last snowfall during this “winter-weather period” was on May 14, 2017. The warmest day in this period was 82.4 degrees, on April 11th.

Projects

The Hominy Pot box culvert was installed and paved, guardrails were added and landscaping was completed. The newly designed Grist Mill Footbridge was placed and access ramps were installed and paved. Work was done on Old Corporation Hill Road which included paving. Planning for 2018 projects commenced.

A baker’s dozen culverts were replaced and ditching was performed in 25 areas throughout the town. Gravel upgrades were performed on five roads. Chalk Pond Road and Baker Hill Road benefited from crack-sealing.

Transitions

Now I want to thank John Csutor for his twenty-one years, seven months and two days of working for the Sutton Highway Department.

ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT JOHN – The Crew

We were also pleased to welcome new crew member, Michael Bascom.

Thank You

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: Michael Bascom, Fred Burpee, Eugene Cote, John Csutor (retired), Chris Grant and Adam Hurst

Report of the Sutton Police Department 2017

Another year is upon us, 2017 was a good, but busy year. We were faced all year long with staffing issues being short staffed amongst our Part Time Officers. We were able to cope with these challenges with the full-time officers putting in extra hours and shifts.

Although we saw a reduction in Calls for Service along with Incidents, most of our incidents were in need of greater attention due to their complexity. However, the Department did have a 36% increase in Citations.

Officer Duncan Domey was promoted to the rank Corporal in fall of 2017. Some of his new duties include working closely with the schools in Sutton on school safety and school emergency planning.

This year Sergeant Valerie Crone was selected by the New Hampshire Police Cadet Training Academy to join their staff. The Police Cadet Training Academy staff is made up of very select corps of volunteer police officers from many New Hampshire local, county and state agencies.

The Academy runs during the last full week of June and is held at both the New Hampshire Technical Institute and New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Academy. It is a residential program designed to help young persons between the ages of 14-20 to develop their skills and knowledge of Law Enforcement and to refine their life skills for the future. The Academy is a three-year program, consisting of three levels of cadets- Basic, Advance and Leadership.

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. 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, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Korbet
Chief of Police

<u>Call Type</u>		<u>Call Type</u>	
Alarms	42	Missing Person	5
911 Hang-up	2	Motor Vehicle Stops	347
Abandoned Vehicles	14	Motor Vehicle Complaint	35
Traffic Accident	41	Motor Vehicle Unlock	5
Animal Complaints	40	Neglect	9
Arrest	13	Noise Disturbance	8
Assist Ambulance	43	OHRV Complaint	4
Assist Citizens	125	Open Door/Window	3
Assist Fire	18	Paperwork Service/Relay	162
Assist Motorist	50	Parking Violation	3
Assist Police	85	Pistol Permits	13
Assist-Social Service Agencies	7	Possession of Alcohol by a Minor	2
Assault	13	Police Information	15
Be on lookout	29	Property Lost/Found/Returned	23
Building Checks	169	Protective Order Violation	3
Bullying	3	Public Relations-Talk/Lecture	6
Burglary	7	Report Request	30
Civil Issue/Stand by	21	Road Hazard/obstruction	41
Community Policing	15	Sex Offender Registration	13
Criminal Mischief	7	Shots Fired	12
Criminal Threatening	6	Stalking	4
Criminal Trespass	9	Suicide	1
D.A.R.E	10	Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Incident	55
Directed Patrol	583	Theft	18
Dogs, loose, bite, barking	47	Tobacco Violation	8
Domestic Dispute	15	Traffic Control	27
Drugs/Possession	3	Unassisted Death	2
Driving While Intoxicated	2	Unwanted Subject	3
Fingerprinting	10	Vacant Property Checks	240
Case Follow up	203	VIN Inspection	19
Fraud	6	Weapon Violation	2
Harassment	12	Welfare Check	14
Harassing Communication	17		
Involuntary Emergency Admission	1		
Illegal Burn	2		
Internet Crime other than ICAC	1		
Interview	7		
Juvenile Complaints	13		
Littering-Illegal Dumping	3		
Log Note	17		
Mental Person	3		

Report of the Solid Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Facility

The following is a summary of volumes, expenses and revenue for 2017 as well as a comparison between 2016/2017 tonnage data.

2016 Tonnage	2017 Tonnage		Expense	Revenue
3.98	4.28	Aluminum Cans		\$3,804
7.03	4.89	Steel Cans		\$429
34.3	32.25	Plastic	\$4185	
105.75	143.37	Paper/Cardboard	\$6,750	\$1,659
60.27	56.25	Glass	\$1,687	\$429
121,400	121,500	Septage	\$1,878	\$10,296
313.28	290.54	Municipal Solid Waste	\$20,022	
4.28	8.97	Tires	\$1,147	
170.80	151.11	Demolition Dumpster	\$16,594	\$12,419

The data above is a reflection of the active recycling efforts of Sutton residents. Here are some fun and interesting facts provided by Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRRA) regarding the positive impact Sutton recycling has had on our environment:

Recyclable	Recycled In 2017	Environmental Impact
Aluminum Cans	8,560 lbs.	Conserved enough Energy to run a television for 871,408 hours!
Electronics	6,044 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to power .8 houses for one year!
Paper	143.37 tons	Saved 2,437 trees!
Steel Cans	4.89 tons	Conserved enough energy to run a 60 watt light bulb for 254,280 hours!

This year we were able to cut our electronic recycling expense in half by contracting with a new recycling vendor. Remember - recycling is not only good for the environment, it also reduces costs by decreasing the amount of Municipal Solid Waste trucked to the landfill.

This year, Ed Herrmann resigned from the crew in order to pursue other interests. We are looking forward to hiring new crew members to help during the summer on our busy Saturdays as well as to fill in when needed.

Another important effort was that we amended our fee schedule and developed a brochure which lists our fees and provides useful information about the facility. Our new brochures are available at the facility.

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,

Diego Solimine
Solid Waste Facility Supervisor

Planning Board – 2017 Annual Report

The Sutton Planning Board meets regularly on the second Tuesday of each month, at 7:00 p.m., at the Pillsbury Memorial Town Hall. They reserve the fourth Tuesday of each month, in case there are presentations made during the regular meeting that need to be addressed in more detail, or for administrative agenda items. Applications are due by the 15th of the preceding month. The Subdivision and Site Plan Regulations, as well as Subdivision and Conditional Use Permit Applications are available at the Town Hall and online, on the Board's page.

The following approvals were made:

- January 24th, 2017** Sutton Conservation Commission
Voluntary Merger Application
Map & Lot 10-271,401 to 08-369-498
- December 12th, 2017** Freeman Boynton III
87 Sutton Road/NH Route 114
Map & Lot # 09-865,299
Conditional Use Permit Application
*With Conditions
- December 12th, 2017** Freeman Boynton III
87 Sutton Road/NH Route 114
Map & Lot # 09-865,299
Conditional Use Permit Application
- December 12th, 2017** Susan E. & Nicholas J. Van der Werff
78 Nelson Hill Road
Map & Lot # 06-932,133
Subdivision Application
*With Conditions.

2017 has definitely been a year filled with changes. While the Board has been diligently working on the Subdivision Regulations, they welcomed onboard Victoria O'Connor as Recording Secretary in March.

They also said goodbye to a few long-time members. In April, Robert De Felice resigned from his position as Board Member. In June, Carrie Thomas, Chairperson, bid them farewell, as she sailed off into the sunset, relocating to Maine.

But, with every ending comes a new beginning. Dennis O'Connor was appointed as a Board Member in April. Diane Lander was appointed as an Alternate Board Member in November.

A form of municipal musical chairs took place throughout the year. In April, Julie McCarthy and Deb Lang switched roles, with Julie McCarthy assuming an alternate position, and Deb Lang assuming a voting position. In June, Roger Wells was elected as Chairperson. In September, Ed Canane resigned from his position as Land Use Coordinator. And in October, Victoria O'Connor stepped in to fill his shoes.

The Board has also created and adopted a Conditional Use Permit. It has been far from dull this year. In looking out to the future, there is more change ahead. The Board is hoping to modify and adopt the Subdivision Regulations in the coming year.

For up-to-date information, sign up for Sutton News on our website, and check out our webpage.

Board Members: Roger Wells, Chairperson; David Angeli; Jim Lowe; Dennis O'Connor; Deb Lang; Julie McCarthy (Alt.); Diane Lander (Alt.)

Ex-Officio: Bill Curless

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria O'Connor
Land Use Coordinator

Zoning Board of Adjustment – 2017 Annual Report

The Sutton Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) meets, as needed, on the third Wednesday of the month, at 7:00 p.m., at the Pillsbury Memorial Town Hall, in response to receipt of an Application for Special Exemption or Variance to the Sutton Zoning Ordinance. Applications are due by the 15th of the preceding month. The Zoning Ordinance and Applications are available at the Town Hall and online, on the Board's page.

The following cases were heard:

June 21st, 2017

Carol Conforti-Adams/Blaisdell Lake
Protective Association
Blaisdell Lake
Map & Lot # 02-704,486
Variance to Article IV Section D.2

Placing a cement foundation to support a Hoyer lift in a residential district

GRANTED

Sol Solomon
87 Main Street
Map & Lot # 06-421,234
Variance to Article IV Section A.4

Operating a business named Truly Natural Marketing in a residential district

NOT REQUIRED

Michael & Rosemary McElroy
Camp Kemah Road
Map & Lot # 02-484,194
Variance to Article X Section B.2

Constructing a wooden shed in a residential district

GRANTED

Ed & Cindy Canane
Baker Road
Map & Lot # 07-080,513
Special Exception to Article IV Section B.3

Repurposing of an office contained within a barn to a detached Accessory Dwelling Unit in a rural-agricultural district

GRANTED

November 15th, 2017 Deborah Lang
87 Lovett Road
Map & Lot # 02-478,356
Variance to Article X Section B.2 and D.1
Permitting the construction of a garage (28' x 36')

GRANTED

The ZBA welcomed Victoria O'Connor as Recording Secretary in March. She then stepped up to fill the Land Use Coordinator position in October, after Ed Canane resigned from the position. The ZBA expresses its thanks to Ed for all of his hard work helping the Board. They also said goodbye to one of their members, Dane Headley, who resigned from the Board in November, as he was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board of Selectmen.

For up-to-date information, sign up for Sutton News on our website, and check out our webpage.

Board Members: Derek Lick, Chairperson; Tod Ritacco; Betsy Forsham; Dane Headley (resigned); Doug Sweet; Joe Eisenberg (Alt.); William Hallahan (Alt.)

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria O'Connor
Land Use Coordinator

Report Of The Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer

Sixty-four building permits were approved this past year. The majority of these permits were for solar panels. New homes also took a slight jump.

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

Permit	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Houses/Apartments /Camps***	14	9	3	2	5	6	4	3	6	10
Additions/Alterations	6	2	3	5	3	8	6	5	18	6
Replacements										
Roofs/Siding	4	2	3	9	2	1	2	3	5	2
Barns/Garages/Carports	6	11	16	2	5	8	3	3	3	7
Outbuildings/Sheds	6	9	14	5	9	10	6	5	10	6
Deck/Sunroom/Porch	8	6	3	6	5	6	6	4	9	5
Docks	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Renovations/Repairs	11	11	9	14	14	11	10	10		11
Commercial/ Government Structure	0	1	1	1			0	0		1
Wireless Tower	0	5	3	3	2	2	1	10	2	1
Antennas Ham Radios										
Demolition of Existing Buildings	2	1	1	1	2	6	1	1	4	3
Renewals							1	0	1	
Pools/Hot Tubs		2				1	0	0	1	0
Miscellaneous–Dugout, pavilion, gazebo, solar panels, outdoor furnaces, pellet stoves, generators	6	5		7	3	3	7	9	11	12
Withdrawn									4	
	63	64	56	56	50	62	47	53	75	64

*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 townspeople and their builders for your continued cooperation.

Matthew Grimes

Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer

Jeffrey Evans

Environmental Code Resource Officer

Sutton Volunteer Fire Department

2017 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. Four members completed the 212 hour Firefighter Level 1 program and one member completed the Firefighter Level 2 program. Mutual Aid trainings with surrounding towns which included school bus incident and extrication 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.

In the Winter of 2017 the department formed a committee to begin reviewing the plans for an addition to the station. Plans had been drafted for the addition in 2006 but were put on hold with the building of the police station and new highway garages. The committee donated their time and resources to draft new plans, create a scale model of the addition, meet with local contractors, and solicit quotations.

The proposed addition will offer an expanded meeting and training room since the current room has been outgrown. The current meeting room will be turned into a gear locker room, which will relieve space

issues within the truck bays. Another important feature is an additional garage bay in the back of the station to house the forestry and other forest fire equipment. Currently several trucks have to be pulled out of the way in order for the forestry truck to respond to brush fires etc. Other key features include: men's and women's decontamination showers and handicap accessible bathrooms, separate private offices for the fire and rescue departments, updated kitchen, a full sprinkler system for the entire building, and storage closets for tools and equipment. If the addition is approved it will allow the department the space it needs to better conduct daily operations.

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

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 162 calls this year. There was one structure fire in town this year. Fortunately no one was injured; however, the family dog was lost. Members attempted to revive the dog with no success. Thanks to the quick action by firefighters the fire was contained to two rooms, allowing the owners to recover some of their belongings. The unrelenting winter of 2017 resulted in multiple accidents on the highway, some requiring DHART to land to quickly transport the injured parties. 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 2017.

- 1 Structure Fire
- 6 Vehicle or Mobile Equipment Fires
- 4 Brush Fire
- 2 Furnace Malfunctions
- 1 Lightning Strike
- 1 Chimney Fire
- 25 Alarm Activations
- 36 Motor Vehicle Accidents on I89
- 38 Motor Vehicle Accidents (on other town roads)
- 15 Mutual Aid Responses
- 21 Tree/Wires Down
- 3 Medical Assist
- 6 Odor/Smoke Investigations
- 3 Other

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, Robert Defelice, Sam Dube, Ken Sutton, Nate Thompson, Carl Smith, Taylor Cochran, Tanner Boucher, John Chilpyian, Hilary Grimes, Adam Hurst, Bruce Putnam, Tristan Rowe, Caleb Cochran, Dan Miller, George Caswell, Ben Prime, Cody Rowe, Martin Carrier, Phil Biron.
Cadets: Cole Dube, Quinn Miller, Natalie Soule, Liz Soule.

Sutton Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary

The Sutton Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary is a wonderful group that supports the fire fighters. 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 fire fighters or Cadets. The group focused in 2017 on getting new members, new fundraising ideas and events to bring the community and fire personnel together. Thank you to all who supported our Pie sale! 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 on the first Monday of each month at the Sutton Fire Department at 6:30 pm unless otherwise notified. All are welcome!

Respectfully submitted,

Becca Rowe
President

Members:

Becca Rowe
Marne Thompson
Melina Cochran
Lois Palmer
Annie Gagnon
Sue Badgley

Shelly Boucher
Sheila Wilcox
Diane Sullivan
Kathy Smith
Jessica Caswell
Laurie Cuccinello

Martha Thompson
Samantha Perry
Kaitlyn Covell
Sue Sutton
Sue Badgley

Sutton NH Forest Fire Report 2017

Fire permit phone- 1-603-927-2727

If you have questions about open fires and fire permits please call the permit phone or go on-line to nhdfl.com. **To report a fire always dial 9-1-1**

I want to thank our Deputy Forest Fire Wardens Cory Cochran, Kevin Rowe, Matt Grimes, Aaron Flewelling, Andy Palmer, John McBroom, Brendan Rowe, Garrett Evans and Carl Smith. These are the guys that do the majority of answering the permit phone and doing the leg work of issuing the fire permits. In 2017 I was out of state for the better part of a month and these guys did all the work under the guidance of acting warden Kevin Rowe.

Sutton did have a wild land fire caused by a down powerline. Quick response by the local residents and SVFD kept the fire to a small spot.

Sutton residents and taxpayers now have a new option for obtaining a fire permit. By going on-line to NHFIREPERMIT.com, you can get a camp or cooking fire permit, Class I and II permits ONLY. There is a \$3.00 charge for this electronic fire permit. Once the electronic permit has been issued the Warden is notified by email with the specifics of the permit, landowner name and contact information. REMEMBER-you can obtain a seasonal camp or cooking fire permit electronically. If you plan to have several camp or cooking fires, save yourself some money and get one seasonal permit. You can also obtain a camp or cooking fire permit at Vernondale store by showing ID and a prior fire permit. ONLY Bob DeFelice can issue the permits at Vernondale.

The Sutton Fire Permit Phone – 1-603-927-2727- is still an available option. We attempt to check this phone daily. This is the **ONLY** way to obtain a brush permit. We still issue camp, cooking and seasonal permits for no charge. The Town of Sutton Wardens follow the State of NH Laws and rules and regulations regarding fire permits and open burning (RSA 227). Please plan ahead, look at the weather forecast & request a brush permit at least a day in advance. We all work and are not readily available weekdays.

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 questions about open fires and fire permits please call the permit phone or go on-line to nhdfl.com. **To report a fire always dial 9-1-1**

Have a safe and healthy 2018. Keep Sutton fire safe.

Robert "Bud" Nelson, Sutton Forest Fire Warden

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

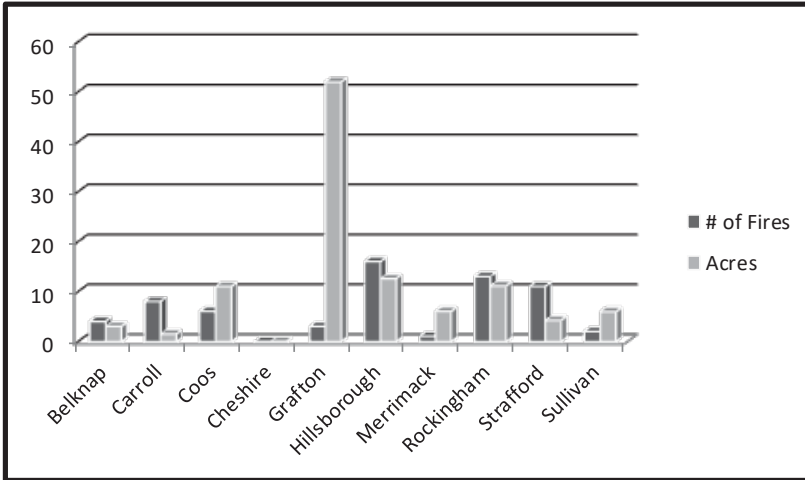
This past year we were fortunate enough to have favorable weather conditions in the spring and summer which limited the amount of wildland fire activity throughout the state. September and October saw fire conditions change and the state was faced with some difficult fires. The Dilly Cliff fire in North Woodstock was one of the most challenging fires we have seen in New Hampshire. Steep terrain and extreme fire behavior made this fire difficult to fight. It lasted for over 3 weeks and the final hotspots in inaccessible terrain were extinguished by heavy rains. Your local fire departments and the Division of Forests & Lands worked throughout the year to protect homes and the forests. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on high fire danger days. 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 2017 season threatened structures, 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 2018 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.

2017 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 2017)



HISTORICAL DATA

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

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

(These numbers do not include the WMNF)

Arson	Debris Burning	Campfire	Children	Smoking	Railroad	Equipment	Lightning	Misc.*
0	7	11	1	4	0	4	0	37

REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES!

Sutton Rescue Squad Annual Report



Sutton Rescue and Fire training at the middle school

2017 found Sutton Rescue dealing with many of the same issues as 2016. Many of us attended trainings such as "It's O.K. To Not Be O.K." to better help ourselves and each other cope with some of the difficult situations we encounter. As more and more research is done in this area we will continue to explore better ways of supporting our members. This past year, a new member joined us. Phil Biron has a great deal of experience working in the fire/EMS fields in Florida. We are looking forward to learning from and working with him. Another member, Hilary Grimes, completed her Advanced EMT certification. We are looking forward to teaming up with Ken Day, AEMT, to provide training so that we can offer the highest quality of care to our patients as possible.

This past year, Sutton Rescue saw the usual motor vehicle accidents, drug overdoses, assaults, psychological issues, lift assists, and general "sick persons". With 236 patient contacts it's easy to see it all in Sutton. A vast majority of these calls were motor vehicle accidents where we respond with Sutton Fire. We are fortunate that Sutton Police responds to the majority of our calls as well. We appreciate the willingness of both these departments to help out wherever we need them. Our highest priority is scene safety with the ultimate goal of making sure everyone goes home. With three schools in our small town, it is not unusual for us to respond to medical emergencies and serious sports injuries. We continue to provide medical standby for Sutton Fire at structure and chimney fires. We offer community service each year by standing by at Icing Day in January and Farm Days in August.

This past year we have been meeting on a regular basis to finalize plans for an addition to the fire station. Sutton Rescue is looking forward to the possibility of having an actual office where files and supplies can be kept rather than a cabinet in the corner of the meeting room. Having a training area with a warm, carpeted floor will certainly increase our comfort level as much of our training is done on the floor. We look forward to continuing to train with Sutton Fire and Police.

We send out a huge thank you to the Sutton Fire Department, Sutton Police Department, 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	Phil Biron, FF-EMT	Ken Day, FF-AEMT
Aaron Flewelling, FFII-EMT	Bette Fredrickson, EMT	Hilary Grimes FFI-AEMT
Matt Grimes, FFI-EMT	Wendy Grimes, FF-EMT	Cicely Markoff, EMT
Katie O'Neil, EMT	Andy Palmer, FFI-EMR	Alf Rylander, Paramedic
Brendan Rowe, FFI-EMR	Kevin Rowe, FFII-EMR	Shreve Soule, FFI-EMR
Brenda Spencer, EMT		

Sutton Explorer Post 90 Cadet Report

The Sutton Explorer post consists of students in high school who 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.

In 2017 the Sutton Explorer post was proud to see Cody Rowe who was a cadet for 4 years turn 18 and get voted onto the Sutton Fire Department as a full member. Cody then went on to join the United States Marine Corps. On behalf of all the Sutton Explorers and advisors, we wish Cody the best of luck in the Marines and we thank him for his service.

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 Quinn Miller



Sutton Explorer Post 90 Executive Officer Report

The Sutton Explorer program was created by a few parents who devoted a large portion of their life in service to the Sutton Vol Fire department, Rescue Squad and Town of Sutton. They recognized that the community needed some way to develop our future volunteers. Some of their children serve the town of Sutton as their parents did or still do.

You have to be 18 years of age to be a volunteer firefighter or rescue member. The Explorer program allows young adults ages 14 to 21 to take part in a special and very important organization. It provides exposure to many skills and life lessons. Students can fill their community service needs for school.

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. We are members of the Boy Scouts of America.

I would like to thank the members of the Sutton Rescue and Fire that continue to work with our cadets and keep them safe on calls or during training sessions. We are truly lucky of have such a dedicated team. We currently have room for more students interested in being a cadet. This is a great opportunity for your child to grow and develop some life skills. It costs nothing to join.

Lastly, I would like to thank my cadets for your interest and commitment. Most play sports or work after school and still show up ready to work hard at training or on the scene at a call.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shreve Soule
Executive Officer

Members: Cole Dube, Quinn Miller, Liz Soule and Natalie Soule

Office of Emergency Management – 2017

Please join the office of Emergency Management in recognizing Matthew Grimes for his seventeen years of service as Sutton's Emergency Management Director (2000-2017)! We are very fortunate that Matt has agreed to serve as my Deputy, so we will continue to benefit from his knowledge and many years of leadership experience.

The Office of Emergency Management for the Town of Sutton continues to work to keep our Emergency Operations Plan current. 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 <https://www.sutton-nh.org/police-department-codered/> and click on the Code Red Button and follow the instructions to enroll.



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,

Martin Carrier
Emergency Management Director

SCC Annual Report -- 2017

The Sutton Conservation Commission has had a busy year, working on a number of projects ranging from land management plans to trails maintenance and improvements.

The Kezar Lake Natural Area (KLNA) adjacent to Horse Beach on Kezar Lake has been the subject of much discussion as the Commission has worked on a management plan for this 4.5 acre tract of land. A public information hearing was held to gather input on how this tract might be best managed, given its location next to a busy recreation destination in the Town. Several issues emerged that need consideration, including parking and traffic safety issues in the Horse Beach area, beach maintenance and clean up, and the need for a shelter for the summer lake host, among others. This has led to the Commission investigating land ownership questions along the beach frontage of the KLNA tract, as well as whether or not the NH Department of Environmental Services will be inclined to permit development of a parking area and a site for a beach host shelter on the KLNA tract. Development of this management plan is still in progress, and the Commission looks forward to a partnership with the North Sutton Improvement Society and the Kezar Lake Protective Association to address issues at Horse Beach and future use of the KLNA.

Henry Howell has been very active with the Kearsarge Regional School District, working on special projects with students that help improve trails on Town-owned conservation land. He and several students designed and built a wooden bridge to span an area of vernal pools on the Kings Hill Reservation. Henry has also been busy working with commission members and volunteers clearing new trail segments and installing plank "bog bridges" across wet areas; all the materials were carried into the Reservation one plank at a time.

The Commission is also working with the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust in New London on the transfer to the Town of an 8-acre tract of land adjacent to the Webb-Crowell Forest in South Sutton. This land comes to the Town at no cost, and will be combined with the abutting Sprout Lot, Webb-Crowell Forest, and a Town-owned tax lot of wetlands formerly property of George Wells, to create a larger tract to be under a single management plan.

Background on Warrant Article 15

The Commission has put an article on the Town Warrant to see if the Town will vote to approve reclassifying a portion of Kings Hill Road from a Class 6 unmaintained status to a Class A trail. This section of

Kings Hill Road was changed to Class 6 by Town vote in 1932, and has been an important part of the 75-mile Sunapee-Kearsarge-Ragged Greenway trail system for many years. Much of the land on the north side of the road is conserved, including the William Bean Quarry Lot. In the last few years, 4WD and ATV vehicles have been increasingly travelling over the Class 6 section of Kings Hill Road, accelerating natural erosion and creating ruts and gullies up to two feet deep, especially in the steeper portions of the road. These vehicles have been accessing the east end of the road by driving around an earth berm on conservation land, creating a roadway where none was intended and opening the Bean Lot to trespass.

Reclassifying the road to Class A trail status will allow the Town – through the Commission – to post signs prohibiting motorized vehicle traffic (except snowmobiles), and to install a steel gate near the western end of the Class 6 portion of Kings Hill Road. A boulder barrier is planned for the eastern end to prevent access onto the Bean Lot.

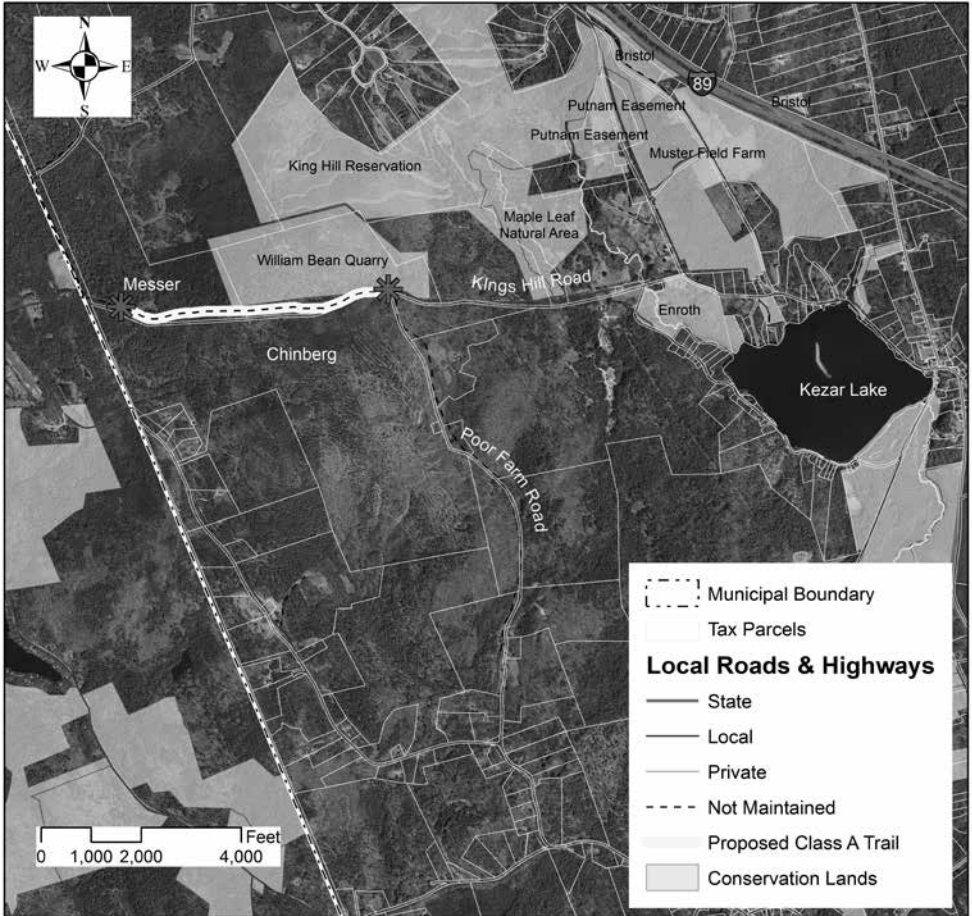
As shown in the map on the next page, the change to Class A trail would affect about 5,500 feet of Kings Hill Road, beginning at the intersection with Poor Farm Road on the eastern end, and ending short of an existing driveway access onto the Chinberg lot south of the road.

The two abutters along this section of road (Chinberg and Messer) will have full rights to access their property frontage as and when needed, and will be given keys to the gate at the western end.

This reclassification of Kings Hill Road will not create any cost to the Town. At this time, the Commission has no plans to spend its funds improving the trail. Rather, the goal is to eliminate or minimize any further erosion issues to the road and to enhance its use as a pleasant hiking trail.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Sundquist, Chair
Don Davis, Jr.
Henry Howell
Jane Williamson
Chris Ashton
Chuck Bolduc
Deb Lang (Alternate)
Barbara Hoffman (Alternate)
Bonnie Hill, Recording Secretary



Sutton Historical Society 2017 Annual Town Report

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

The Country School Association of America held its national conference at Colby-Sawyer College in June. The last day of the conference included a bus tour of local one room schools. The first stop on their tour was our District No. 9 school in South Sutton along with our South Sutton Meetinghouse and The Old Store Museum. The 57 tour guests were pleased to be able to talk with Betty Whittemore, a former student. Their interest spilled over to the Civil War monument and other buildings in the village. There was a continuous chorus of shutters snapping throughout their visit, a testimony to the memories of their visit that they took with them to their homes.

Each year we receive numerous inquiries from individuals looking for information about their ancestors who lived in Sutton or visited Sutton. The inquiries come to us via our web page, mail or sometimes are passed on to us by another organization such as the town hall. We answer all of the inquires to the best of our abilities. This year members of the historical society spent time with a descendant of the King family, showing him and his wife sites on King Hill and the graves of his ancestors in South Sutton. A member helped a man find the cellar hole of his ancestral homestead. Another couple was helped to discover the old farmhouse that was a summer guesthouse where their grandparents vacationed in Sutton. One of the most important and unheralded functions of the historical society is the sharing of information about Sutton.

Our first year managing the Old Store Museum has been successful. Jack Noon has spent countless hours inventorying the contents of the museum. He has worked at improving the display of the collection. The museum was open for the CSAA tour, the Fourth of July celebration, Old Home Day and by appointment.

The society welcomes items donated to its collection of Sutton artifacts and papers. It does have criteria for accepting donated items. If you have something you would like to donate, contact the Board of Directors to arrange for a review of your proposed donation.

This year the society was pleased to give Barrows and Jane B. Pratt Scholarships to Paige Blake and Margaret Murphy. The criteria/requirements for the scholarship include: the student must be a resident of Sutton and the student's parents or guardians must be members of

the Sutton Historical Society for the two years preceding the application. Additional requirements are available on our webpage or from the guidance office at Kearsarge Regional High School.

The Board of Directors accepted the proposal made by Mike Craig for painting the Cressey House. The proposal included replacing clapboards on some areas of the building and returning the color to its original white as determined by old photographs and paint scraping evidence. Favorable comments indicate that the change to white has been well received by the community. Work on the upstairs at the Cressey House is nearing completion.

The Meetinghouse steeple is in need of repair. The repairs will be costly; we have one estimate of \$87,000. We have decided to take a look at the total needs of the Meetinghouse and Schoolhouse in order to make long range plans for repairs and maintenance. We contacted the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance and a representative visited our buildings. We received a report in December. The good news is the buildings are, for the most part, in good shape. The Meetinghouse was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1993. This may help with repair grants. They recommended that we apply to have the Schoolhouse and the Old Store Museum placed on the New Hampshire State Registry of Historic Places. The bottom line is we will be having a fundraising campaign to raise funds for the steeple repairs. We will apply for grants to help with the project.

Possession of the Grist Mill Bridge rails was given to the historical society by the Selectmen. The rails remain the property of the town, but because of their historic significance, the historical society has been given the responsibility of displaying and interpreting them. The steel rails are approximately 30 feet long. At the suggestion of the Selectmen, the historical society will solicit ideas for displaying the railings this spring.

Officers of the Sutton Historical Society are:

Jody Wells, President 2018
Don Davis, Vice President 2018
Bonnie Hill, Clerk 2018
Rob O'Neil, Treasurer 2020

Board of Directors

Chan Blodgett 2018
Sue Esposito 2018
Peggy Ford 2019
Jenny Menning 2019
Bob Wright 2020

<http://www.suttonnhhistoricalsociety.org>

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 2017

I attended several NH Welfare Administrators Association (NHWAA) meetings and trainings over the course of the year in Concord. This fall I also attended the NH Municipal Association's Fall Convention Welfare Administrators workshop. 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.

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.

Kearsarge Region Ecumenical Ministries

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

What's UP @ Sutton Free Library

When comparing year-over-year, things really are looking up:

- **Use** - 20% more people come in per day: computer use, printing, faxing, scanning, play dates, tutoring sessions, lego sessions, cribbage sessions, meetings, oh yeah... reading too.
- **Volunteer Hours** - up 53% THANK YOU!!! Volunteers are a most valuable resource for this library. If you would like to get involved email, call or stop in.
- **Checkouts** - 42% increase in items flowing through the library this year - come see what you are missing: Books, Movies, Great Courses, Magazines, Museum Passes, Games, Downloadable Books - lots of options and never any fines.

Library People: A milestone year

The library and the town bid a bittersweet farewell to long-time library trustee Carrie Thomas this year. Carrie was a consistent voice on the library board for twenty years. Former town librarian Jeanette Couch recalls, "There isn't one thing you can point to. Carrie did so much for the library." Fellow trustee Betsy Anderson adds, "Carrie's calming temperament allowed the library to move steadily forward through times of change." Her demeanor as well as her professional insights as a college librarian will be remembered fondly as we think of her in her new home in Maine.

Library Staff

As for the library staff, Heidi Thoma, Casey Biuso and the library's newest staff-person, Elizabeth Geraghty, are up to the task of helping patrons find (or find out!) what they need. Come by, email or call with your inquiry or drop by to browse.

Library Projects Keep Rolling

The annual summer program included amazing books, projects and presentations around the Build A Better World theme. Volunteers made bee houses, led community art projects, and collaborated on multiple programs. A fantastic professional magic show capped the summer just before the annual open house where younger magicians performed for attendees! Many local artisans helped create the "Library Kids" who adorned the library lawn through the fall. Keep an eye out for the "Library Kids" around town in the seasons ahead as new programs incorporate community art and literacy.

Speaking of community art... the efforts to digitize the historic Katherine Merrill Palmer photo collection as well as select collections of the



Library volunteers build a better world through community art

Sutton Historical Society, Town of Sutton and Muster Field Farm Museum continue to progress. Representatives from the collective group have selected a web-based platform and are finalizing file layouts and selection criteria while uploading sample data. Look for some web-based exhibits and programs in 2018.

As for in-house exhibits, you may have appreciated the home-made pinhole viewers from the eclipse in August or the out of this world Star Wars collectibles on view when the new movie was released in December. Perhaps you enjoy the fine art and photography displayed throughout the library by local artists and collectors. The library hosted the "K50" exhibit of historic Kearsarge Regional School District memorabilia to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of our 7-town school system. The display space is always changing so drop in and see what your neighbors have to show in the way of arts and media. Thanks to all artists and creators who lend their pieces for display.

The library building committee looks forward to finalizing plans and putting the ADA entry project out to bid in 2018. Meanwhile, home delivery is an option for any locals who have trouble getting to the library as it stands. Please call or email to set up a discussion of your specific needs. There is plenty of preparation to be done even before the ADA entry, so changes are certainly afoot.

The newly re-grouped and incredibly busy Friends of Sutton Free Library continue fantastic outreach at local events and fundraising for programs and projects beyond the scope of the general operating budget. Donations from individuals and corporations make a great difference in the programming the library can offer. Call or email for more details.

Ongoing library programs including storytime, book discussions and community reads continue with success. Don't forget the newly renovated meeting space, wifi, computers, copy/fax/printing and innumerable other services right at YOUR library. If you'd like to see certain programs added let us know and we will try to get something going.

What are you waiting for? Come see what's up!

Respectfully Submitted,

Trustees: Bill Bastille, Nancy Brook Heckel, Yvonne Howard, Kristen Lombard, Diane O'Neil

Alternate Trustee: Betsy Anderson

Library Director: Heidi Thoma, MLIS

Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission

28 Commercial Street, Suite 3, Concord, NH 03301

phone: (603) 226-6020 fax: (603) 226-6023 web: www.cnhrpc.org

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 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 also provides technical assistance services, including zoning ordinance development, grant writing assistance, circuit rider assistance, plan review services, local master plan development, capital improvements program development and guidance, hazard mitigation planning guidance, and Planning Board process training. CNHRPC advocates for member communities and assists and encourages them in both municipal and regional endeavors.

In 2017, CNHRPC undertook the following activities:

- Initiated the update of the Central/Southern NH 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. 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.
- Continued the support of the CNHRPC Regional Brownfields Program through funding from the United States EPA. In 2017, site assessments were initiated in four communities and additional sites were identified for future assessments. For more information on brownfields and the Brownfields Assessment Program please visit www.cnhrpc.org/cnhrpc-brownfields-program.
- Initiated development of the update of the Regional Transportation Plan. Originally completed in 2008, the plan establishes direction and a proposed set of actions for

transportation projects and programs in the region over the next 25 years.

- Coordinated the activities of the CNHRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). In 2017, CNHRPC staff worked with the TAC to complete the preparation of the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to ensure that the region's needs were adequately addressed in the 2019-2028 State Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan. Information related to the TIP update process can be found at www.cnhrpc.org/transportation/transportation-improvement-program-tip.
- Continued to promote CommuteSmart New Hampshire. Staff organized the CommuteSmart Challenge (May 15th-19th) and conducted outreach efforts to local businesses and organizations. Additional information on CommuteSmart New Hampshire can be found at www.commutSMARTNH.org.
- Continued to support an enhanced volunteer driver program (VDP) in our region. In 2017, 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. For more information, visit www.midstatercc.org.
- Completed over 200 traffic counts in the region as part of CNHRPC's annual Transportation Data Collection Program.
- Provided geographic information services (GIS) mapping assistance to local communities. Staff provide local mapping assistance and analysis as requested and maintain a GIS database for each municipality and the region as a whole.
- Provided assistance to NH Department of Transportation (NH DOT) Complete Streets Advisory Committee (CSAC), advising the Commissioner of the NHDOT on complete streets and bicycle and pedestrian related matters. CSAC 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.
- Updated CNHRPC Community Profiles located on CNHRPC webpage with most recent demographic data. These profiles can be viewed at www.cnhrpc.org/gis-data/2010-census-data.

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

The Kearsarge Area Council on Aging (COA) remains at the forefront of community-based service to active older adults through its role as a community convener, leader, and centerpiece of senior services through its optimistic and positive approach to aging. COA serves nine Kearsarge area communities with a unique brand of services, programs, and activities. We are very active in the nine towns we are honored to serve, doing so with pride, dignity, and respect.

Our vision is to continually develop and forge a community of seniors bound together by a high quality of life and healthy aging, as we continue to be the focal point for older adults who depend on us to support their independence, help them find their sense of purpose, and provide the opportunity for seniors to help seniors. We serve the communities of Danbury, Springfield, Wilmot, Sutton, Andover, Newbury, New London, Grantham, and Sunapee.

Toward that end, 2107 was another transformational year for us, as we wrote our strategic plan for meeting new and emerging needs of seniors who reside in the 329.3 square miles of largely rural communities served by COA. This three-year strategic plan is a comprehensive approach to achieving our vision and mission based on five major goals: enhance the use and functionality of the Chapin Senior Center property, meet the current and emerging needs of seniors, enhance and expand our relationships with volunteers, strengthen COA's marketing and development, and strengthen COA's operations.

In 2017, we enhanced our already-strong menu of program offerings, including providing community lunches, exciting field trips, thought-provoking lectures and book discussions, and therapeutic programs like meditation, chair massage, and Tai Chi. Our community-based programs are open to anyone of our 2,800 members, as we continually provide services and programs throughout nine towns and at our program hub, the Chapin Senior Center.

COA's metrics continued to be impressive in 2017. We provided more than 50 exciting and vibrant programs, services, and activities, evidenced by 16,428 participation units, on a lean budget of just over \$200,000. Hundreds of volunteers helped us leverage this budget, extending our impact through 6,452 volunteer hours. Volunteers

provided guidance and support as trustees, front desk assistants, program coordinators, and data entry clerks. An example of our tremendous regional impact is our popular Transportation Program. Last year our volunteer drivers transported people throughout our region for 28,779 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelley Keith, Executive Director

Report from The Muster Field Farm Museum

2017 was a challenging year to grow crops here in New Hampshire, but our farm staff led by Steve Paquin rose to the challenge and supplied local residents with bountiful produce from our historic farm on Harvey Road in North Sutton. The sense of order that is on display is the direct result of Paquin's devotion to his interpretation of the wishes of our benefactor, Robert S. Bristol. 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.



When fall rolled around Steve declared it a banner year for apples.

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. We are saddened by the retirement of Jack as our historian. The work he has provided the farm museum has been invaluable; his skills at identifying and organizing historic artifacts with connections to Sutton has improved our collection.

During the winter of 2017, we engaged the services of Nick Rowe to harvest timber in the northwest area of our woodlands. We used this as an opportunity to clear land suitable for crop production. This work is a direct result of our Forest Management Plan implemented in 2016. This plan aids in compliance with the conservation 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.



Mel and Lyford Intern Kelsie Dalton sample an early batch of herbed potato cooked on the woodstove in front of the Hazen Blacksmith Shop

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.

2017 Board of Directors

Tom Paul, Chair

Sara Blake, Treasurer

Sam Dube

Terri Grant

Warren Jones

Bruce Putnam

Becca Rowe

Kathleen Stowell

Heidi Thoma

2017 Staff

Steve Paquin, Farm Manager

Imelda Memnaugh

Joanna White

Cole Dube

Colin Nevins

Ashlee Peterson

Jack Noon, Curator and Historian

Beth Morrill, Administrative Assistant

Gary Richardson, Trustee of the Robert S. Bristol Charitable Trust

Respectfully Submitted,

Larry Ballin

Administrative Manager, Muster Field Farm Museum

Community Action Program Report 2017

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--195	PERSONS--39	\$ 975.00
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--25	PERSONS--70	\$ 21,600.00
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--27		\$ 12,711.55
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--0	PERSONS--4	\$ -
NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR provides emergency energy assistance up to \$300 for those not eligible for fuel assistance.	HOUSEHOLDS--1		\$ 200.00
GRAND TOTAL			\$ 35,486.55

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 VNA and Hospice 2017

January 2018

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 core 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 has not wavered even as health care continues to change and become more complex. We are currently in the final stages of our 2017 Community Health Needs Assessment, a vital process that helps us identify and have an impact on some of the most pressing health care needs of our region. 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, 2017, LSRVNA served Sutton residents in the following ways:

- Provided over 450 hours of nursing, therapy and in-home supportive care to 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 received visits through our hospice program and were able to live their life as they wished 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 2017



UNH Cooperative Extension Merrimack County 2017

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 provides New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy.

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.



80 community leaders gained knowledge and skills;
10 people took on new leadership roles in their communities.



90 workers were trained in safe food handling; 325 citizens utilized the Information Line; 139 farms received technical assistance;
413 soil test recommendations informed crop management decisions.



7,590 acres improved; 14 communities assisted with resources stewardship; 101 woodlot owners advised.



233 local educators trained in STEM, healthy living & youth development; 2,037 kids and adults participated in educational programs.

This year, UNH Cooperative Extension trained and supported **328 volunteers** in Merrimack County. These volunteers contributed **26,462 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.

- 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 324 inquiries from Merrimack County residents, and the county's 31 Master Gardeners contributed 483 volunteer hours through garden-focused projects, displays, and presentations, contributing an estimated value of \$12,000. This summer, Jeremy DeLisle joined our county staff as our new Food & Agriculture Field Specialist. He is a member of Extension's Fruit & Vegetable Team, and provides support for the state's agricultural and horticultural industries through direct one-on-one consultation and through development programming for fruit and vegetable producers, and other agricultural businesses and organizations. Jeremy visited 29 farms or businesses with one-on-one consultations, 600 individuals received one-on-one consultation with Jeremy through email, phone conversations and in-office visits, and 1290 individuals participated in programs taught by Jeremy.

- 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, 556 Merrimack County residents received one-on-one education from woodlot visits, telephone calls, and e-mail correspondence.

At least 972 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 2358 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 three 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. This fall, Jared Reynolds

joined our county staff as a Community and Economic Development Field Specialist and has already met and has started working with many towns in our county.

- **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.

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, *Franklin*
Mindy Beltramo, *Canterbury*
Lorrie Carey, *Boscawen*
Mark Cowdrey, *Andover*
Elaine Forst, *Pittsfield*
Patrick Gilmartin, *Concord*

Ken Koerber, *Dunbarton*
Paul Mercier, *Canterbury*
Chuck & Diane Souther, *Concord*
Mike Trojano, *Contoocook*
Jennifer York, *Warner*
State Rep. Werner Horn, *Franklin*

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Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports

First off, I would like to start by thanking each town for their support last year at Town Meeting. 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 at 164 Old Warner Road in Bradford. Our revenue is derived from fundraising events, program participation fees, donations and contributions from the towns. The expenses incurred yearly include, but are not limited to, utility bills, liability insurance, team equipment, league fees, uniforms, field/building maintenance, toilet rentals and scholarships.

FACILITIES

If you attended any events at our facility, or just drove by, you probably noticed the fantastic condition that our fields were in all season. Our facility is maintained by volunteers that operate under our field director and the fields would not be where they are without all of their hard work. Thank you to everyone who donated their time to ensure that our fields were in the best condition possible so that our athletes had a great playing surface. A special thank you goes out to FVB Landscaping in Bradford. Fritz Von Beren graciously donated his equipment and employees time every other week to mow and maintain the fields. BNSYS would also like to thank Joe Messer, Tyler Lawn Care, Ordway Construction and the Lumber Barn for their support throughout the year with help maintaining or improving the property.

Improvements can be seen throughout the facility. In 2017 we added a yellow safety roll to the outfield fence at Sam Emery Field. New bases were purchased for Brown Shattuck Field, the softball field, and Sam Emery Field. The Bradford ChiPS program assisted in purchasing new bases for the KRES-Bradford field. New nets were purchased for all the soccer goals. BNSYS also purchased a used golf cart to use on the grounds for maintaining the infields on all of our baseball and softball fields.

In 2016 we asked for feedback from parents, and the #1 comment was that the ticks were bad during certain seasons. We took an aggressive approach in correcting that issue by removing the small patch of trees/wooded area that sat between Sam Emery Field and the Softball Field.

We also applied a fast acting concentrate to the facility that targets ticks while remaining safe for our athletes to be on or around. The result was a huge improvement in the amount of reported ticks on our athletes and spectators. Another concern brought to our attention was the need for additional porta potties at our locations which we addressed. Additionally, we improved the safety of our parking lot by lining the area between the parking lot and soccer field with boulders so that no vehicle could make its way onto our facility.

REGISTRATIONS

We had approximately 200 athletes participate in our sports programs this past year from Bradford, Newbury and Sutton. Our K-8 wrestling program had 25 athletes sign up which led to the crowning of 7 state champions, (3) second place finishers and (1) third place finisher. T-Ball had 22 athletes sign up, Baseball had 45, and for the first time in many years and under the direction of our Softball Director Jesse Griffin, BNSYS was able to field a girls' softball team with 16 athletes from ages 6-8. We hope to build upon the softball program and, depending on interest, offer another team for ages 9-10 in 2018. The recreational soccer program had 106 athletes sign up, our U10 traveling team had over 10 athletes and our annual YES Soccer Camp had 57 athletes sign up this year which was up from 45 in 2016.

VOLUNTEERS

The success of our program would not be possible without the help of countless volunteers. Thank you to everyone who continues to volunteer and support BNSYS.

If you would like to get involved with BNSYS, look at what we have to offer, or think you can help in other ways please visit our website, www.bnsyouthsports.org, or contact one of the Directors. We would love to have you involved in making BNSYS the best youth sports program possible.

Edward Shaughnessy
President

Board of Directors

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Secretary: Justine Fournier
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Softball Director: Jesse Griffin
Soccer Directors: Carrie Guerrette and Jared LaMothe
Wrestling Director: Erik Croto
Equipment Director: Robert Zielinski
Fundraising Director: David Spinney
Field Director: Rob Naughton

New London Hospital

In 2017, 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: Nicholas Gorham, MD, Emergency Department; John Malcom, MD, Family Medicine; Ashley Warner, MD, Family Medicine; Rebecca Wood, MD, Internal Medicine. Services from Dartmouth-Hitchcock providers were added as needed to supplement the work of our NLH-employed providers including the addition of Lawrence Dagrosa, MD, Urology; James Dolan, DMP, Podiatry (also seeing patients in Newport); Bert Fichman, MD, Pain Management; Timothy Lin, MD, Orthopaedics; Sarah Seo, MD, Otolaryngology. And three general surgeons: Michael Paul, MD, Herman Sigbjarnarson, MD and Lauren Wilson, MD. In addition, we welcomed two new students from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine to complete their third-year of clinical training at NLH and our Newport Health Center (NHC).

These appointments and recognitions were received by our organization and its leaders in 2017:

- New London Hospital and the community of New London were recognized for attaining the "NH HeartSafe Community" status by the New Hampshire Department of Safety and the American Heart Association.
- Catherine Bardier, NLH Wellness and Community Health Director was appointed to serve on the Governor's Council on Physical Activity and Health known as NH Moves.
- For a second consecutive year, NLH achieved Gold level recognition from the American Heart Association for taking significant steps to build a culture of health in the workplace.
- The Radiology department was re-designated a Diagnostic Imaging Center of Excellence™ (DICOE) by the American College of Radiology (ACR). NLH remains the only hospital in New Hampshire and one of 296 facilities in the country to achieve the DICOE. This distinction was first awarded to NLH in 2014.
- The Baker Memorial Laboratory at NLH achieved reaccreditation from the College of American Pathologists. The accreditation programs are based on rigorous accreditation requirements that help laboratories achieve the highest standards of excellence, and positively impact patient care.
- NLH welcomed Shari Bostwick to her new role as Vice President of Human Resources, Lisa Cohen, CPA, to her new role as Chief Financial Officer, and Barbara Mahar to her new role as Vice President of the New London Hospital Medical Group.

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

- The 93rd 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 34th annual Triathlon.
- Our 14th Annual Golf Invitational was held at Montcalm Golf Club in Enfield, raising more than \$30,000 to support the NLH mission to deliver high quality, compassionate care to thousands of patients in our communities.
- We held our 12th Annual Benefit fundraiser at the Newport Opera House raising funds in support of lifesaving emergency medical equipment for both NLH and NHC.
- The fourth annual John H. Ohler, MD Community Health Lecture was presented at Colby-Sawyer College by H. Gilbert Welch MD, MPH Professor of Medicine for the

Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy & Clinical Practice, who spoke on *Less Medicine, More Health - 7 Assumptions that Drive too much Medical Care*.

Other significant happenings throughout the year included:

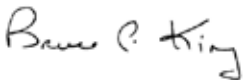
- Celebrating the one year anniversary of the opening of the *new* Newport Health Center.
- NLH and members of the community came together for the grand opening of the Hospital Community Trail, a one-mile trail with entrances connected to the hospital parking lot.
- In partnership with the Town of New London, NLH's Wellness Connection was awarded sunscreen dispensers from the Melanoma Foundation of New England.
- The first *Healthy Weight and Wellness* series began at Newport Health Center. During the year five sessions were held and 75 residents from 17 towns benefited from this free program.
- Through a generous donation from the Sparks Family of New London, NLH acquired a Baldwin Grand Piano allowing the hospital to create a performing arts program to further promote health and well-being.

We concluded fiscal year 2017 with an operating loss, partially offset by charitable gifts and investment income.

As 2017 came to a close, we found ourselves saying farewell to two physicians as they retired after more than eight decades of combined service. Dr. Jack Kirk and Dr. Stephen Jordan have played a vital role in the advancement of health care delivery and have set a new standard for younger physicians to reach for as they care for future generations. We will be honoring these beloved doctors in the spring of 2018 with a farewell celebration.

We also look forward to commemorating New London Hospital's centennial anniversary in 2018 and celebrating all who have made the past 100 years possible. Thank you to Town residents, families and guests who chose to receive care from us in 2017, as well as volunteers, generous donors, dedicated staff, and all others from Sutton who supported our mission in the past year.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bruce P. King
President and CEO, New London Hospital

Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust

2017 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/Lake Sunapee region. This area 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 143 projects and protected 11,263 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 2017, Ausbon Sargent completed three projects representing just over 132 acres in the towns of Wilmot, Andover and Bradford.

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 2017 that are available for our membership and the public to enjoy. To kick off our 30th anniversary, we celebrated "Ausbon Sargent Day" on the Sargent Common in New London. Along with the children from the New London Elementary School, all were invited to come hear the story of Ausbon Sargent and anecdotes about the kind of man he was, enjoy the music of the Kearsarge Community Band, and get a sneak peek of the upcoming musicals from the New London Barn Players. The children sang the "Ausbon Sargent Song" and cake, cookies and popsicles were enjoyed by all. It was a great way to start our year of celebration!

In addition to our ever-popular fundraising events such as the Progressive Dinner in July and the Holiday Party in December, we

held our 6th Annual Kearsarge Classic Bike Event in conjunction with the New Hampshire Cycling Club. The event was planned for early September and we had a record amount of participants. This bike event brings riders along routes that showcase Ausbon Sargent properties throughout the 12-town region in distances ranging from 25 to 108 miles.



Ausbon Sargent members and friends enjoy a hike at the Maple Leaf Natural Area in early May. Back row (left to right): Andy Deegan, Alice Perry, Libby Howell, Henry Howell. Front row (left to right): Karen Walton, Betsy Forsham, Ginny Gwynn, Kiki Schneider. Photo credit: Jane Williamson

We held workshops on conservation options for landowners and GIS mapping using smartphones. We collaborated with the UNH Cooperative Extension to hold a forest health woods walk with county foresters, and again to learn about the most recent Wildlife Action Plan. A collaboration with Colby-Sawyer College brought us a lecture on climate and our changing landscape by speaker Hank Art, Ph.D. The New Hampshire Land Trust Coalition featured Ausbon Sargent staff during a panel discussion on the topic of using drones for conservation. Hikes were offered in Sunapee, New London, Bradford and Sutton, and a farm tour of Star Lake Farm in Springfield was a popular event, attended by over 70 people. Our popular dragonfly walk was held in Webster on the Courser Property. As you can see, we offer many opportunities to get out to learn, hike, and get involved 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. 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 would especially like to thank the Town of Sutton Conservation Commission for being such a good resource and collaborating with Ausbon Sargent on several successful projects over the years. In fact, within the first quarter of 2018, we plan to close on a land project with the Town of Sutton and the Sutton Conservation Commission. Stay tuned for details!

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 SRKG 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. Dave Gardner currently serves as the Sutton Director 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), Society for the Protection of NH Forests, the Mount Sunapee State Park Advisory Committee and the NH Trails Bureau.



Town Of Sutton Resident Marriage Report

January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017

All information gathered from the Division of Vital Records Site

Groom Town of Residence	Bride Town of Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
Cerino, Stephanie G. North Sutton, NH	Hurlbutt, Robert C. Andover, NH	Andover	Andover	04-22-2017
Alton, James P. North Sutton, NH	Gula, Kelley A. North Sutton, NH	Sutton	Colebrook	05-06-2017
Beaulier, Calvin C. Sutton, NH	Webb, Anastacia M. Sutton, NH	Concord	Concord	06-02-2017
Phelps, Daniel S. North Sutton, NH	McGuire, Cheryl E. North Sutton, NH	Sutton	Sutton	06-24-2017
Bishop, Robert C. Newport, NH	Caccavo, Maria A. North Sutton, NH	Newport	Newport	09-02-2017
Glendinning, David P. South Sutton, NH	Mulder, Deborah J. South Sutton, NH	Sutton	Sutton	10-07-2017
Hammerschlag, Marcy A. South Sutton, NH	Cyter, Michael I. Tulsa, OK	Sutton	New London	10-14-2017
Rowe, Heather L. North Sutton, NH	Hayes, Timothy J. North Sutton, NH	Newport	Lisbon	11-25-2017

Respectfully submitted,
Linda D Ford

Town Of Sutton Resident Birth Report

January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017

All information gathered from the Division of Vital Records Site

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's Name	Mother's Name
Baluk, Konrad Henry Allen	03-20-2017	Lebanon, NH	Baluk, Kurt	Baluk, Crystal
Jackman, Callister Kurtis	03-30-2017	Lebanon, NH	Jackman, John	Jackman, Kori
Brasher, Carson Joseph	08-27-2017	Lebanon, NH	Brasher, Joseph	Brasher, Tabitha
Blaschik, Vivian Jane	10-04-2017	Concord, NH	Blaschik, John	Blaschik, Jennifer
Maki, Logan Hatcher	10-19-2017	Lebanon, NH	Maki, Anthony	Maki, Amy
Baker, Soul Ital	12-24-2017	Lebanon, NH		Baker, Kerry
Sprunger, Oliver Warren	12-29-2017	Concord, NH	Sprunger, Philip	Sprunger, Sarah
Brunelle, Kyllian Oakley	12-30-2017	Concord, NH	Brunelle, Nicholas	O'Neil, Katie

Respectfully submitted,
Linda D Ford

Town Of Sutton Resident Death Report

January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017

All information gathered from the Division of Vital Records Site

Decedent's Name	Date of Death	Place of Death	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name	Military
Alleman, Jr., Dudley	01-14-2017	Concord, NH	Alleman, Dudley	Simpson, Irene	Y
Poirier, Donald	01-26-2017	New London, NH	Poirier, Camil	Cote, Rachel	Y
Ferland, Jan	04-11-2017	North Sutton, NH	Christofferson, Frank	Unknown, Barbara	N
MacDonald, Barbara	04-21-2017	Sutton, NH	MacDonald, Archie	Birkinshaw, Lucy	N
Kenrick, Jr., Edwin	04-28-2017	South Sutton, NH	Kenrick, Sr., Edwin	Fraser, Hazel	Y
Hill, Louise	05-09-2017	Warner, NH	Gerritse, Johannes	Schilling, Emma	N
McCarthy, John	05-27-2017	North Sutton, NH	McCarthy, Stephen	Courtney, Grace	Y
Mears, III, John	07-09-2017	South Sutton, NH	Mears, Jr., John	Keeler, Mary	N
Flewelling, Dana	10-01-2017	Sutton, NH	Flewelling, Mark	Pevine, Beverly	N
Boynton, Katharine	10-17-2017	North Sutton, NH	Salt, Lloyd	Wing, Katharine	N
Strout, Marcia	10-26-2017	Concord, NH	Martin, Harold	Farmer, Vivian	N
Lima, Jr., Joseph	10-27-2017	North Sutton, NH	Lima, Sr., Joseph	Grace, Mary	N
MacAllister, Wayne	11-24-2017	South Sutton, NH	MacAllister, James	Foye, Edna	Y
Brady, Richard	12-28-2017	North Sutton, NH	Brady, H.	Jacobus, Marion	N

Due to an oversight, Marguerite Rowe, who passed away on October 8, 2016, did not get listed in the Town Report. Mrs. Rowe was the holder of the Town of Sutton's Boston Post Cane at the time of her death.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda D Ford

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.
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Please do your homework!**

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