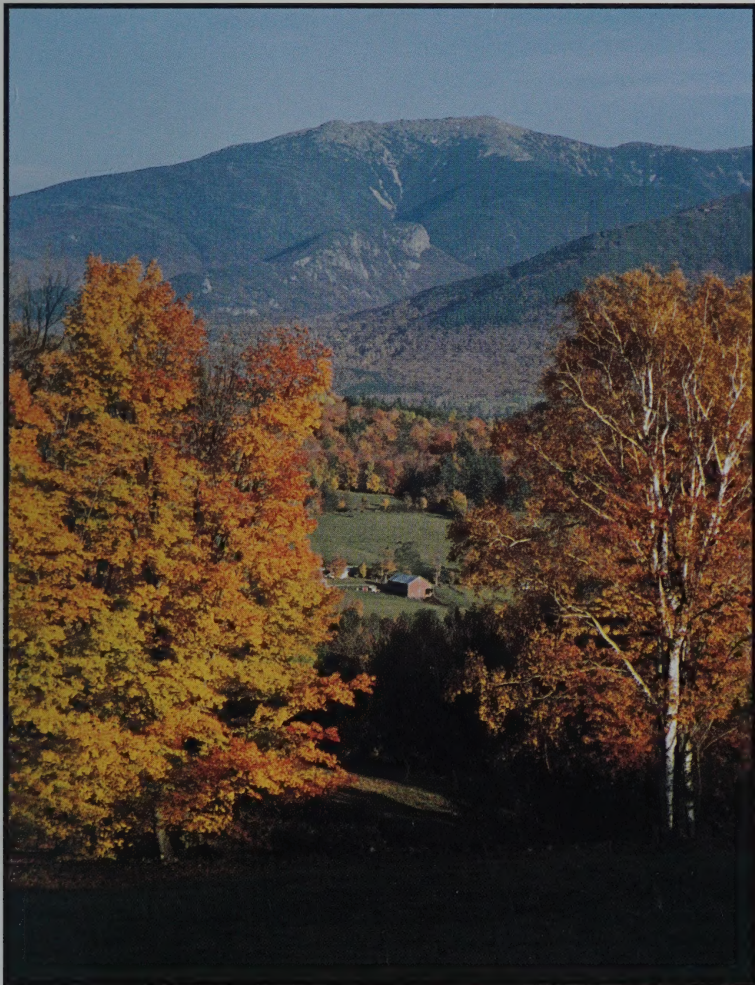


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THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT



Town of
SUGAR HILL

New Hampshire

Year ending December 31, 2000



This 2000 Town Report is dedicated to
Mrs. Edna Glaessel
for all the ways in which she serves our
community giving not only of her time,
but of her heart.

*Pictured above: Mrs. Glaessel and her
great-granddaughter, Alexis Miller.*

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*Photo on front cover: The Stewart Farm
by Michael Hrynio of Sugar Hill*

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Town of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire

ANNUAL REPORT

of the Town Officers

Year Ended December 31, 2000

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TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

David B. Southworth (Resigned 12/00) (Term Expires 2001)
John J. Strasser, III (Term Expires 2002)
Richard Bielefeld, Chairman (Term Expires 2003)

TOWN OFFICE

Telephone 823-8468

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Jennifer P. Gaudette

TOWN CLERK

Elizabeth Coombs Andross

TAX COLLECTOR

Elizabeth Coombs Andross

TREASURER

Lissa M. Boissonneault

TOWN AUDITOR

William W. Pinney

CHIEF OF POLICE

David W. Holland (Appointed)

FIRE CHIEF

Paul W. Pinkham

TO REPORT AN EMERGENCY

911

EMERGENCY ONLY

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

1-800-564-6911

Non-Emergency 823-8123

HIGHWAY AGENT

Douglas R. Glover

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Lissa M. Boissonneault

HEALTH OFFICER

Margaret Peckett

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Walter Zandi

Paul S. Hayward, Deputy

MODERATOR

Roger Aldrich

(2002)

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Laurence S. Ring, Chairman (2001)
Harry S. Bowdoin (2002)
Bruce Perlo (2003)

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Dr. John Rowbotham, Chairman (2002)
Starcy Branch (2004)
Edith Aldrich (2006)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Dorothy M. McPhaul (2001)
Irene Amsbary (2002)
Eleonore Card (2003)

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Laurence S. Ring, Chairman (2001)

Dr. John Rowbotham (Appointed) (2001) Nancy D. Aldrich (2003)
Jeanne Ring (2002) Lorraine S. Hunt, Secretary (2003)

PLANNING BOARD

Beth Perlo, Chairman (2001)

June Chase, Vice Chairman (2002) Michael Coyle (2002)
Lloyd Card (2002) David Thurston (2003)
John Strasser III (2002) Robert Hayward, Jr. (2003)
Amy Finnerty, Alternate (2002) Peter Szawlowski, Alternate (2003)

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Michael Hern, Chairman (2001)

Sarah Pinney (2002) Janet Anderson (2003)
Walter Zandi (2002) Catherine Burke (2003)
Harry S. Bowdoin, Alternate (2002)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Rebecca Brown, Chairman (2001)

William W. Pinney (Resigned) (2001) Lynn Kenerson (2002)
John Gagel (2002) John McIlwaine (2003)
Margaret Connors (2002) Chester Smith (2003)
Edna Glaessel (2002) Robert Benson, Alternate (2002)

RECREATION PROGRAM

SUGAR HILL REPRESENTATIVES

Gordon Johnk

Katherine Galligan, Resigned

Laurie Henault, Appointed

All 2000 reports from various agencies not printed in this Town Report are on file in the Selectmen's Office and available upon request.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - RESULTS

March 14, 2000

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

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

- One Selectman to serve for a term of three (3) years.
- A Moderator to serve for a term of (2) years.
- A Town Clerk to serve for a term of one (1) year.
- A Tax Collector to serve for a term of one (1) year.
- A Town Treasurer to serve for a term of one (1) year.
- An Overseer of Public Welfare to serve for a term of one (1) year.
- A Town Auditor to serve for a term of one (1) year.
- A Library Trustee to serve for a term of three (3) years.
- A Trustee of Trust Funds to serve for a term of three (3) years.
- Two Zoning Board of Adjustment Members to serve for a term of three (3) years.
- Two Cemetery Trustees to serve for a term of three (3) years.
- A Supervisor of Checklist to serve a term of (6) years.
- A Supervisor of Checklist to serve a term of (4) years.

Results of Article 1.

Selectman, Three Year Term.....	Richard Bielefield.....	102
.....	Harry L. Reid	58
.....	Fred J. Hunt, Sr.	29
Moderator, Two Year Term	Maxine Aldrich	1
.....	Pauline Aldrich	1
.....	Roger Aldrich	29
.....	Lissa Boissonneault	1
.....	Rebecca Brown	1
.....	Dennis Cote	2
.....	George Foss	1
.....	Robert Hayward	1
.....	Middleton O'Malley-Keyes	1
.....	Harry L. Reid	1
.....	David Southworth	1
.....	Robert Whitney, Jr.	8
.....	Walter Zandi	2
Town Clerk, One Year Term	Elizabeth "Bit" Andross	138
.....	Pauline Aldrich	28
.....	Maria Boucher.....	1
.....	Sherry L. Minor	3
Tax Collector, One Year Term	Elizabeth "Bit" Andross	140
.....	Pauline Aldrich.....	26
.....	Irene Amsbary	1

	..... Maria Boucher	1
	..... Sherry L. Minor	1
Town Treasurer, One Year Term	Lissa M. Boissonneault	177
Overseer of Public Welfare, One Year Term	Lissa M. Boissonneault	177
Town Auditor, One Year Term	Phil Branch	1
	..... Ralph Brigida	1
	..... Sara Foss	1
	..... William W. Pinney	8
	..... Amy Roy	1
	..... Jerry Segal	1
Library Trustee, Three Year Term	Eleonore Card	163
	..... Mary Cushing	1
	..... Sylvia Hutchinson	1
Trustee of Trust Funds, Three Year Term ..	Doug Amsbary	1
	..... Pauline Aldrich	1
	..... Beth Perlo	1
	..... Starcy Branch	2
	..... Rebecca Brown	1
	..... Lloyd Card	1
	..... Robert Hayward	1
	..... Paul Pinkham	1
	..... William Pinney	2
	..... Jeanne Ring	1
	..... Larry Ring	1
	..... Rosalie Robertson	1
	..... Steve Samaha	5
	..... Jerry Segal	1
	..... Jane Vincent	1
	..... Walter Zandi	1
Zoning Board of Adjustment Member, (Vote for Two)		
Three Year Term	Janet Anderson	125
	..... Catherine Burke	131
	..... Edith Aldrich	1
	..... Alice Hunt	1
	..... Paul Pinkham	1
	..... David Southworth	1
Cemetery Trustee,(Vote for Two)		
Three Year Term	Nancy D. Aldrich	165
	..... Lorraine S. Hunt	123

Moderator Roger H. Aldrich stated that he would read the following Articles slowly and if anyone had any questions, to raise their hand and he would recognize them. He also asked that anyone who wished to speak, to stand and identify themselves so the Town Clerk could record them correctly, and to speak loudly so that everyone could hear them. He stated that discussion would follow at the end with any amendments.

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

Executive	\$ 30,000.00
Election, Registration and Vital Statistics	14,500.00
Payroll Taxes	11,000.00
Financial Administration	16,000.00
Legal Expenses	5,000.00
Planning Board	3,000.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment	800.00
Insurance	19,000.00
General Government Buildings	27,500.00
Buildings and Grounds	25,500.00
Cemetery	2,500.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	5,768.00
North Country Council	768.00
Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce	5,000.00
Police Department	70,500.00
Fire Department	27,500.00
Ambulance	2,050.00
Ross Ambulance	1,050.00
Life Squad	1,000.00
Civil Defense	100.00
Airport	235.00
Town Maintenance	72,929.00
General Highway Department Expenses	67,500.00
Highway Block Grant	36,737.00
Street Lighting	12,500.00
Solid Waste Disposal	27,421.00
Health and Hospitals	2,774.00
Hospice	278.00
GC Seniors	500.00
North Country Home Health	1,133.00
Red Cross	185.00
White Mountain Mental Health	678.00
Welfare	2,000.00
Tri County Cap	400.00
Unemployment	100.00
Library	11,500.00
Parks and Recreation	9,446.00
NC YMCA	150.00
Patriotic Purposes	300.00
Conservation Commission	2,000.00
Principal of Long-Term Notes	24,083.00
Interest Expense - Long-Term Notes	5,642.00
Interest Expense - Tax Anticipation Notes	4,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$539,885.00

(The Selectmen recommend these Appropriations.)

Paul Hayward then addressed the Moderator requesting an amendment to the amount of money allocated to the Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce. After some discussion:

On a motion by Paul Hayward, seconded by John Rowbotham it was moved to amend the line item for the Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce from \$5,000.00 to \$6,500.00 increasing the appropriations from \$539,885.00 to \$541,385.00.

All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.

David Southworth then addressed the Moderator stating that due to increased costs in fuel, he would like to increase the total appropriations \$10,000.00. After some discussion:

On a motion by David Southworth, seconded by John Strasser III, it was moved to increase the total amount of the appropriations from \$541,385.00 to \$551,385.00.

All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to withdraw the accumulated income from the Cemetery Trust Funds.

(The Selectmen recommend these Appropriations.)

Moved by Larry Ring, seconded by Bruce Perlo.

All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

(The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.)

Moved by John Strasser III, seconded by David Southworth.

All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) to be placed in the Highway Department Roadwork Capital Reserve Fund.

(The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.)

Moved by Richard Bielefield, seconded by David Southworth.

A discussion followed.

All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$21,500.00) to purchase a mower, trailer and snowblower for Town grounds maintenance.

(The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.)

Moved by David Southworth, seconded by John Strasser III.

No discussion.

All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to deposit up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) of the annual revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (the land use change tax) in the Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25 II.

(The Selectmen recommend this Article.)

A discussion followed.

Moved by Rebecca Brown, seconded by George Foss.

All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to retain the unexpended balance of its annual appropriation as authorized by RSA 36-a:5. The funds shall be transferred to a Conservation Fund held by the Town Treasurer. (RSA 41:29)

(The Selectmen do not recommend this Article.)

Moved by Chairman of the Conservation Commission Rebecca Brown, seconded by Edna Glaessel moved to pass over this Article.

All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for the semi-annual maintenance of the Meeting House Clock.

(The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.)

Moved by John Strasser III, seconded by David Southworth.

No discussion.

All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) for the one-time total cleaning, face and hand repair of the Meeting House Clock.

(The Selectmen recommend this Article.)

Moved by John Strasser, seconded by David Southworth.

A discussion followed.

All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to change the name of Dyke Road to Overlook Road.

(Article by Petition.)

Moved by Lana DesTroismaisons, seconded by Maxine Aldrich.

A discussion followed.

On a motion by George Foss, seconded by Frank Guider, it was moved to amend the Article for review by a committee and have the Selectmen report back at next year's Town Meeting.

All in favor "Aye," Opposed "No." The Moderator was unable to determine the outcome, and a hand count was requested. 34 in favor. 39 opposed. The amendment to Article 11 did not pass.

The Moderator then called for a vote on the original Article. All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The Moderator was unable to determine the outcome, and a hand count was requested. 18 in favor. 51 opposed. Article 11 did not pass.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to direct its Representative in the General Court to inform the Court that the residents of Sugar Hill wish to have the so-called uniform school tax (broad based real estate tax) repealed and in its place adopt a more equitable method of raising money purposes.

(The Selectmen recommend this Article.)

Moved by John Strasser III, seconded by David Southworth.

No discussion.

All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 13. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

At the request of the Town Clerk, Moderator Roger Aldrich thanked Meri and Mike Hern from the Hilltop Inn for providing dinner for the Town Meeting and for the Presidential Primary. He also thanked the Ballot Clerks and Supervisors of the Checklist who helped to make things go smoothly.

Selectmen David Southworth then stated that PSNH would not be replacing the street lights that aren't working and that the Selectmen's Office would be holding public hearings to determine what to do in the future.

Selectmen Bielefield then stated that Town Clerk/Tax Collector Sherry Minor did not file for office again. He presented her flowers and thanked her for a good job during her two years in office.

Beth Perlo then announced that the Planning Board would be holding a hearing on the Road Standards, April 4th, 2000.

Moderator Aldrich then stated, with no more business he would entertain a motion to adjourn. Moved by John McIlwaine, seconded by Dennis Coté.

10:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry L. Minor
Town Clerk

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash - Unrestricted Checking		\$302,616.82
Cash - Restricted Savings		5,000.00
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 2000	\$160,045.86	
Yield Taxes	585.85	
Land Use Change Tax	4,810.00	
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Total Uncollected Taxes		165,441.71
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1999	35,168.69	
Prior Years	39,882.01	
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Total Unredeemed Taxes		75,050.70
Due From Trust Funds		5,000.00
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Total Assets		\$553,109.23
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LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
School District Tax Payable	\$361,565.00	
Accounts Payable	332.64	
Accrued Payroll	3,187.16	
Property Tax Overpayments to be Refunded	8.98	
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Total Liabilities		\$365,093.78
Reserved for Articles Carried Forward	5,000.00	
Reserved for Conservation Fund	5,000.00	
Fund Balance – Unreserved, Undesignated	178,015.45	
Fund Equity		\$188,015.45
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Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		\$553,109.23
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SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land Under Current Use (At Current Use Values)	\$ 779,845.00
Land	23,025,145.00
Buildings	43,332,800.00
Public Utilities	1,096,869.00
	\$ 68,406,614.00
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	\$ 68,406,614.00
Elderly and Blind Exemptions	70,000.00
	\$ 68,336,614.00
Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate Is Computed	\$ 68,336,614.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
Total Town Appropriations	\$ 671,885.00	
Less: Revenues	278,942.00	
Less: Shared Revenues	6,235.00	
Add: Overlay	4,801.00	
War Service Credits	8,000.00	
	399,509.00	
Net Town Appropriations	399,509.00	
Municipal Tax Rate		5.85
Net Local School Budget	0.00	
Regional School Apportionment	790,114.00	
Less: Adequate Education Grant	0.00	
State Education Taxes	(299,429.00)	
	490,685.00	
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	490,685.00	
Local Education Tax Rate		7.18
State Education Taxes		
Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x	\$6.60 less Phased-Out Amount	
56,447,442	372,553.00	
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		5.54
67,239,745		
Excess State Education		
Taxes to be Remitted to State	73,124.00	
Due to County	106,139.00	
Less Revenue and Credits	(1,397.00)	
	104,742.00	
Net County Tax Assessment	104,742.00	
County Tax Rate		1.53
Combined Tax Rate		20.10
Total Property Taxes Assessed	1,367,489.00	
Less: War Service Credits	(8,000.00)	
	\$1,359,489.00	
Property Tax To Be Raised	\$1,359,489.00	

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Meetinghouse, Land and Buildings	\$ 199,200.00
Furniture and Equipment	64,247.00
Library Furniture and Equipment	15,000.00
Police Department Equipment	45,000.00
Fire Department, Land and Buildings	122,400.00
Equipment	464,500.00
Highway Department, Land and Buildings	176,600.00
Equipment	321,722.00
Materials and Supplies	2,000.00
Town Hall, Furniture & Equipment	50,000.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	
Coffin Pond	26,000.00
Historical Museum	91,000.00
Woodland	
Creamery Pond	22,900.00
Cemeteries	13,900.00
Total	<hr/> \$1,614,469.00

SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

	Transfer Station	Town Garage	Fire Station	Total
Beginning Balance 1/1/00	\$38,750.00	\$33,478.35	\$ 6,750.00	\$78,978.35
2000 Payment	12,916.67	8,666.67	2,500.00	24,083.34
Ending Balance 12/31/00	\$25,833.33	\$24,811.68	\$ 4,250.00	\$54,895.01

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

To the Voters of the Town of Sugar Hill:

I herewith submit my first report of the financial doings of my office for the year 2000:

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	\$110,573.50	
Dog Licenses Issued:	466.50	
Marriage Licenses:	266.00	
Other Permits & Fees:	2,541.00	
Total		\$113,847.00

Remittances To Treasurer:

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	\$110,573.50	
Town Clerk Fees:	903.00	
State Motor Vehicle Fees:	315.00	
Title Application Fees:	267.00	
Dog Licenses Issued:	466.50	
Dog License Fee:	84.00	
Dog License Penalty:	77.00	
Marriage Licenses Issued: 7 @ 38.00	266.00	
Town Clerk Fees: 7 @ 7.00	49.00	
Dump Decals:	34.00	
Vital Statistics 12 @ 8.00	96.00	
Town Clerk Fee: 12 @ 4.00	48.00	
UCC Filing Fees:	595.00	
Misc. Revenue:	25.00	
Other Permits and Fees:	18.00	
Federal Lien Fees:	30.00	
Total		\$113,847.00

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Coombs Andross
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2000

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - Beginning of Fiscal Year:	Levies of 2000	Levies of 1999	Levies of 1998	Prior Levies
Property Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 139,373.58	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change	0.00	68.06	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	0.00	324.77	0.00	553.63
Taxes Committed This Year:				
Property Taxes	1,366,181.40	0.00	0.00	0.00
Land Use Change	9,945.07	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	4,426.26	0.00	0.00	0.00
Overpayment:				
Property Taxes	3,416.70	0.00	0.00	0.00
Refund - Reval.	0.00	3,356.64	0.00	0.00
Interest Collected				
On Delinquent Taxes	847.92	1,270.55	0.00	300.67
Penalties	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Debits	\$1,384,867.35	\$ 144,393.60	\$ 0.00	\$ 854.30

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:				
Property Taxes	\$1,206,196.53	\$ 140,230.27	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Tax	5,135.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	4,130.14	35.04	0.00	553.63
Interest	847.92	2,740.83	0.00	300.67
Penalties	50.00	56.11	0.00	0.00
Abatements Made:				
Property Taxes	3,355.78	1,008.60	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	0.00	33.02	0.00	0.00
Uncollected Taxes End of Year:				
Property Taxes	160,045.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
Land Use Change	4,810.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	296.12	289.73	0.00	0.00
Total Credits	\$1,384,867.35	\$ 144,393.60	\$ 0.00	\$ 854.30

SUMMARY OF LIEN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2000

DEBITS

	1999	1998	1997	Prior
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$ 0.00	\$22,535.91	\$15,094.49	\$15,901.57
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	48,279.46	13.53	0.00	2,353.23
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	255.52	944.02	1,356.89	6,435.05
Total Debits	<u>\$48,534.98</u>	<u>\$23,493.46</u>	<u>\$16,451.38</u>	<u>\$24,689.85</u>

CREDITS

	1999	1998	1997	Prior
Remittances to Treasurer: Redemptions	\$11,077.22	\$ 4,014.68	\$ 4,715.64	\$ 7,286.40
Interest & Cost After Lien Execution	255.52	944.02	1,356.89	6,435.05
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	2,033.55	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Fiscal Year	35,168.69	18,534.76	10,378.85	10,968.40
Total Credits	<u>\$48,534.98</u>	<u>\$23,493.46</u>	<u>\$16,451.38</u>	<u>\$24,689.85</u>

UNREDEEMED PROPERTY TAXES FROM TAX LIEN

BY ORDER OF THE SELECTMEN THE FOLLOWING LIST IS
INCLUDED PER 1997 TOWN MEETING:

	1999	1998	1997	1996-90
Adams, Ruth B.	\$ 915.35	\$ 1,192.99	\$	\$
Boucher, James	1,323.13			
Burwell, Miranda	3,540.69	1,949.56		
Corliss, Langford	1,838.25	2,288.53	2,218.93	2,452.68
Cyrs, Michael D. (Estate)	283.35	506.25	489.27	2,740.78
deRham, Anne M.	4,187.55	193.59	47.32	
deRham Revocable	5,550.51			
Hayward, Jr. Robert S.	2,234.16	890.92		
Hayward, Paul	5,085.46			
Kiraly, Barbara E.	1,419.31	2,107.19		
Leonard, Serena		1,433.64		
Ristuccia Realty Trust*	6,494.10	6,154.87	5,942.17	
RKM REsearch & Comm.*	33.62			
Shaw, Gregory F.**	252.85			
Straus, Sandra Dudley	77.08	77.75		
Taylor, Karl & Lois	84.67	93.42	90.83	387.33
The Grey Goose Trust*				59.83
Young, Gary G., Jr. &				
Young, Steven M.	1,848.61	1,646.05	1,590.33	4,240.73
Totals	\$35,168.69	\$18,534.76	\$10,378.85	\$ 9,881.35

* Paid since Town Report

**Partial payment since Town Report

UNREDEEMED YIELD TAX LIENS

BY ORDER OF THE SELECTMEN THE FOLLOWING LIST IS
INCLUDED PER 1997 TOWN MEETING:

	1994
Young, Gary G., Jr.	1,086.75
Total	<u>\$ 1,086.75</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT
Year Ending December 31, 2000
Cash Basis

Beginning Cash Balance, January 1, 2000	
Peoples Bank NOW Checking	\$ 342,060.64

RECEIPTS

Tax Collector	\$1,396,361.56	
Town Clerk	113,847.00	
Selectmen	146,371.22	
Loan Proceeds (Tax Anticipation Notes)	250,000.00	
Transfers from Trust Funds	86,922.00	
Interest on NOW Account	1,459.92	
Total Receipts		\$1,994,961.70

DISBURSEMENTS

Orders of Selectmen	1,784,405.52	
Loan Repayments	250,000.00	
Total Disbursements		\$2,034,405.52
Ending Cash Balance, December 31, 2000		\$ 302,616.82

Respectfully submitted,
Lissa M. Boissonneault
Treasurer

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS
Cash Basis

Local Taxes:	
Property Taxes, Current Year	\$1,206,196.53
Land Use Taxes, Current Year	5,205.88
Yield Taxes, Current Year	4,137.06
Liens Executed, Current Year	48,279.46
Insufficient Funds Charges	50.00
Property Tax Interest, Current Year	847.92
Property Taxes, Prior Years	93,028.20
Property Tax Interest Prior Years	4,472.30
Lien Redemptions, Prior Years	26,016.55
Yield Taxes, Prior Years	588.67
Yield Tax Interest, Prior Years	300.67
Current Use Interest, Prior Years	56.11
Lien Interest & Costs, Prior Years	7,182.21

Total Taxes Collected		\$1,396,361.56
From Local Sources and Miscellaneous, except Taxes:		
Motor Vehicle Permits	112,058.50	
Dog Licenses, Fees, Complaints	627.50	
Marriage Licenses	315.00	
Business Licenses and Permits	595.00	
Vital Statistics	144.00	
Dump Decals	34.00	
Town Office Filing Fees	15.00	
Insufficient Fund Fees	25.00	
Other Permits and Fees	3.00	
Federal Reimbursements	30.00	
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Total Town Clerk		113,847.00
Rent of Town Property	75.00	
Police Department Revenue	435.00	
Building Permits	570.00	
Zoning Board Fees	575.00	
Planning Board Fees	2,165.01	
Cable TV Permit	525.50	
Selectmen	920.68	
Fire	605.34	
Sale of Town Property	71,301.00	
Insurance Reimbursements	6,974.45	
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Total Miscellaneous		84,146.98
From State:		
Highway Block	36,736.75	
Revenue Sharing Block	13,910.00	
Rooms and Meals	11,577.49	
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Total From State		62,224.24
Interest on NOW Account	1,459.92	
Withdrawals from Trust Funds	86,922.00	
Temporary Loans (TAN Notes)	250,000.00	
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Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue		338,381.92
Total Receipts From All Sources		1,994,961.70
Cash on Hand, January 1, 2000		342,060.64
Grand Total Of Receipts		<u>\$2,337,022.34</u>

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

General Government:

Executive	\$ 29,926.68
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	15,026.08
Financial Administration	15,162.09
Legal Expenses	4,985.92
General Government Buildings	28,381.69
Meetinghouse Furnace CRF	3,357.00
Grounds and Maintenance	21,609.21
Planning Board	2,294.76
Zoning Board of Adjustment	664.30
Advertising & Regional Associations	6,767.30
Cemeteries	69.83
Insurance	16,772.72
Payroll Taxes	11,296.09
Unemployment	1,299.78

Total General Government Expenses		\$ 157,613.45
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Public Safety:

Police Department	63,423.28
Fire Department	25,776.96
Franconia Life Squad/Ambulance	2,050.00

Total Public Safety Expenses		91,250.24
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Airport:

Airport	235.00
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Total Airport		235.00
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Highways, Streets and Bridges:

Town Maintenance	76,679.17
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	66,340.29
Highway Block Grant	36,737.00
Highway Roadwork Fund	74,940.70
Street Lighting	11,412.99
New Equipment CRF	11,722.00

Total Highways, Streets and Bridges Expenses		277,832.15
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Sanitation:

Solid Waste Disposal	27,421.00
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Total Sanitation Expenses		27,421.00
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Health:

Health, Hospitals	2,774.00
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Total Health Expenses		2,774.00
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Welfare:

Assistance	820.60
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Total Welfare Expenses		820.60
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Culture and Recreation:		
Library	11,889.32	
Recreation	10,368.00	
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Total Culture and Recreation Expenses		22,257.32
Conservation:		
Conservation Commission	948.56	
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Total Conservation Expenses		948.56
Debt. Service:		
Principal of Long-Term Bonds and Notes	24,083.34	
Interest Expense – Long-Term Bonds & Notes	4,333.30	
Interest Expense – Tax Anticipation Notes	2,220.54	
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Total Debt. Service Payments		30,637.18
Capital Appropriations:		
Article #6 Grounds Maintenance	19,247.00	
Articles #9 & #10 Meetinghouse Clock	7,220.00	
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Total Capital Appropriations Expenses		26,467.00
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Article #6 Highway Equipment	15,000.00	
Article #5 Highway Roadwork	75,000.00	
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Total Capital Reserve Funds		90,000.00
Transfers to Trust Funds:		
Cemetery	800.00	
Library	68,064.19	
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Total Transfers to Trust Funds		68,864.19
Miscellaneous:		
Taxes Bought by Town	48,279.46	
Tax Refunds, Overpayments, Abatements	12,501.37	
Conservation Fund Article #7	5,000.00	
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Total Miscellaneous Expenses		65,780.83
Unclassified:		
Payments – Tax Anticipation Notes	250,000.00	
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Total Unclassified Expenses		250,000.00
Payments to Other Government Divisions:		
Taxes Paid to County	106,139.00	
Payments to School Districts	742,241.00	
Payments to State School Tax	73,124.00	
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Total Payments to Other Government Divisions		921,504.00
Grand Total Of Expenditures		<hr/> 2,034,405.52

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Executive:

Selectmen – Salary	4,800.00
Administrative – Salary	11,858.00
Moderator – Salary	100.00
Workers Compensation	100.63
Assessing	5,620.00
Telephone	779.91
Computer Services	1,534.15
Mapping	1,084.00
Registry	126.66
Printing/Notices	1,974.40
Dues & Subscriptions	621.00
Office Supplies	454.53
Postage	347.96
Books & Periodicals	417.76
Miscellaneous	107.68

Total Executive Expenses

29,926.68

Election, Registration & Vital Statistics:

Checklist – Salary	760.00
Ballot Clerks – Salary	1,170.00
Town Clerk – Andross	3,675.00
Town Clerk – Minor	1,194.38
Computer Services	3,674.00
Telephone	178.26
Printing/Notices	482.84
Dues	70.00
Books & Periodicals	76.80
Office Supplies	162.06
Postage	67.00
MV Fees Town & State	1,795.00
Title Fees	314.00
Vital Statistics	144.00
UCC Fees	582.00
Dog Licenses	175.00
Dog Fees	80.00
Marriage Licenses	266.00
Marriage Fees	61.00
Misc. Fees	7.00
Miscellaneous	91.74

Total Election, Registration & Vital Statistics

15,026.08

Financial Administration:

Tax Collector- Andross	2,800.00
Tax Collector – Minor	1,111.25

Workshops/Conferences	615.40	
Treasurer	1,200.00	
Auditor	1,200.00	
Bank Fees	299.10	
Telephone	204.03	
Computer Services	4,072.65	
Research Lien	720.00	
Registry	328.75	
Office Supplies	466.11	
Printing	459.93	
Dues	75.00	
Postage	595.97	
Lien Fees - Andross	1,002.00	
Miscellaneous-Legal	11.90	
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Total Financial Administration Expenses		15,162.09
Total Legal Expenses		4,985.92
Payroll Taxes:		
Sugar Hill FICA (Town Contribution)	8,761.42	
Sugar Hill Medicare (Town Contribution)	2,534.67	
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Total Payroll Taxes Expense		11,296.09
Total Unemployment Expenses		1,299.78
Planning Board:		
Secretary – Salary	1,065.00	
Workshops	115.00	
Grafton County Registry	336.00	
Printing/Notices	327.10	
Postage	316.66	
Books & Periodicals	135.00	
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Total Planning Board Expenses		2,294.76
Zoning Board:		
Secretary	190.00	
Printing/Notices	238.40	
Postage	46.90	
Books & Periodicals	15.00	
Mapping	174.00	
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Total Zoning Board Expenses		664.30

Government Buildings:		
Custodian Salary	7,735.46	
Health Insurance	6,327.24	
Workers Compensation	191.93	
Telephone	339.90	
Electricity	912.44	
Heating Oil	2,008.78	
Maintenance – Purchased	3,310.05	
Supplies	1,063.46	
Rent	6,000.00	
Maintenance & Repairs	492.43	
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Total Government Buildings Expenses		28,381.69
Meetinghouse Capital Reserve:		
Furnace	3,357.00	
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Total Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Expense		3,357.00
Grounds & Maintenance:		
Lloyd Card – Salary	18,795.22	
Supplies	77.00	
Workers Compensation	665.10	
Telephone	242.79	
Uniforms	54.00	
Gasoline	240.28	
Groundskeeping	665.24	
Vehicle Repair	869.58	
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Total Grounds & Maintenance Expenses		21,609.21
Cemeteries:		
Maintenance	69.83	
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Total Cemeteries Expenses		69.83
Total Insurance Expenses		16,772.72
Total Advertising & Regional Associations Expenses		6,767.30
Ambulance:		
Ross Ambulance	1,050.00	
Franconia Life Squad	1,000.00	
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Total Ambulance Expenses		2,050.00

Police Department:

David W. Holland – Salary	33,490.00
Scott McKinley - Salary	5,937.50
Gregory Casper	76.00
Special Detail	425.00
Health Insurance	6,327.24
Police Retirement	1,651.23
Workers Compensation	258.39
Training	85.00
Telephone	926.37
Computer Services	3,384.09
Photo Lab	25.15
Building Maintenance	25.00
Uniforms	338.17
Printing/Notices	87.92
Dues	75.00
Supplies	55.28
Office Supplies	212.09
Radio Maintenance	233.30
Equipment Maintenance	1,996.39
Postage	101.70
Gasoline	2,741.88
Vehicle Maintenance	1,294.19
Books & Periodicals	194.00
8123 Line	600.00
Dispatching Services	2,812.48
Miscellaneous	69.91

Total Police Department Expenses

63,423.28

Fire Department:

Salaries	9,377.61
Workers Compensation	182.22
Training	587.00
Telephone	416.36
Information Line 8123	585.00
Computer Services	1,584.00
Dispatching Services	312.52
Electricity	717.85
Heating Oil	2,483.23
Building Maintenance	360.04
Uniforms & Protective Clothing	1,270.67
Dues	362.77
Supplies	328.94
Office Supplies	353.41
Postage	130.05
Diesel Fuel	472.03
Vehicle Maintenance	1,149.48
Equipment Maintenance	224.45

Radio Maintenance	364.17	
Fire Pond Maintenance	72.00	
Books & Periodicals	35.00	
New & Replacement Equipment	4,336.15	
Miscellaneous	72.01	
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Total Fire Department Expenses		25,776.96
Airport:		235.00
Town Maintenance:		
Douglas Glover – Salary	36,316.27	
James A. Cyr	24,153.97	
Lynn Tomasetti	280.50	
Roger E. Odell	276.00	
Richard MacLachlin	40.00	
Retirement	2,550.13	
Workers Compensation	1,383.32	
Health Insurance	11,678.98	
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Total Town Maintenance		76,679.17
General Highway Department:		
Tuition Reimbursement	120.00	
Engineering	1,157.37	
Telephone	1,420.18	
Electricity	1,720.78	
Heating Oil	1,958.25	
Building Maintenance	2,863.49	
Uniforms	1,149.90	
Printing	74.40	
Dues	20.00	
Office Supplies	51.07	
Shop Supplies	977.56	
Postage	3.20	
Propane	172.01	
Diesel Fuel	7,522.43	
Vehicle Maintenance	12,003.52	
Equipment Maintenance	2,067.67	
Radio Maintenance	620.94	
Street Maintenance	15,124.40	
Truck Lease	7,775.64	
Street Signs	537.48	
New Equipment	9,000.00	
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Total General Highway Department		66,340.29

Highway Dept. Capital Reserve Expended:		
Sander	3,722.00	
Roller	8,000.00	
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Total Highway Capital Reserve Expended		11,722.00
Total Street Lighting Expenses		11,412.99
Total Highway Block Grant Expenses		36,737.00
Total Solid Waster Disposal Expenses		27,421.00
Total Health & Hospitals Agencies Expenses		2,774.00
Total Welfare Expenses		820.60
Total Parks & Recreation Expenses		10,368.00
Library:		
Librarian – Salary	4,547.25	
Workmans Compensation	13.00	
Telephone	542.12	
Computer	109.45	
Trash Disposal	25.00	
Dues	20.00	
Office Supplies	27.35	
Postage	58.00	
Books & Periodicals	6,110.89	
Miscellaneous	236.26	
Scholarship	200.00	
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Total Library Expenses		11,889.32
Conservation Commission:		
Dues (2 years)	250.00	
Office	59.65	
Postage	10.91	
Books & Periodicals	418.00	
Scholarship	200.00	
Miscellaneous	10.00	
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Total Conservation Commission Expenses		948.56
Total Long Term Notes Payment		24,083.34
Total Interest – Long Term Notes		4,333.30
Total Tax Anticipation Notes Payment		250,000.00

Total Interest – Tax Anticipation Notes		2,220.54
Total Capital Appropriations – Vehicles & Equipment:		19,247.00
Total Capital Appropriations Roadwork		74,940.70
Total Capital Appropriations – Buildings		7,220.00
Transfer to Conservation Fund		5,000.00
Transfers – Capital Reserve Funds:		
Highway Department	15,000.00	
Highway Roadwork Fund	75,000.00	
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Total Transfers – Capital Reserve Funds		90,000.00
Transfers - Trust Funds:		
Library	68,064.19	
Cemetery	800.00	
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Total Transfers - Trust Funds		68,864.19
Total Taxes Paid – County		106,139.00
Total Taxes Paid – School District		742,241.00
Total Taxes Paid - State School Tax		73,124.00
Total Tax Refunds, Abatements, Overpayments		12,501.37
Total Taxes Bought by Town		48,279.46
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Total Detailed Expenses		\$2,034,405.52

The enclosed reports are from the Trustees of the Trust Funds for the year 2000.

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS Report of the Trust Funds - December 31, 2000

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	PRINCIPAL										INCOME		GRAND		
		Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Total End of Year	Total End of Year				
06/19/76	Highway Dept. CRF	\$ 625.62	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 11,365.50	\$ 4,260.12	\$ 356.50	\$ 111.03	\$ 356.50	\$ 111.03	\$ 111.03	\$ 4,371.15				
06/23/76	Police Department CRF	12,603.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,603.94	568.47	799.81	0.00	1,368.28	13,972.22					
12/31/91	Meetinghouse CRF	9,026.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,026.56	483.12	577.27	0.00	1,060.39	10,086.95					
07/19/93	Fire Department CRF	5,963.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,963.27	655.03	401.71	0.00	1,056.74	7,020.01					
03/17/99	Highway Dept. Roadwork	500.00	75,000.00	0.00	74,944.81	555.19	55.19	135.26	55.19	135.26	690.45					
TOTAL CAPITAL																
RESERVE FUNDS		\$ 28,719.39	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 86,310.31	\$ 32,409.08	\$ 2,118.31	\$ 2,025.08	\$ 411.69	\$ 3,731.70	\$ 36,140.78					

All Funds Invested 100%.

All Funds are Bank Deposits at Connecticut River Bank or PDIP.

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS
Report of the Trust Funds - December 31, 2000

PRINCIPAL INCOME

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	GRAND TOTAL END OF YEAR
10/09/75	Perpetual Care Trust (1)	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 1,477.63	\$ 817.70	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,295.33	\$ 14,295.33
09/21/73	Louise Leavitt Trust (1)	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	299.98	48.54	0.00	348.52	848.52
11/05/43	Annie Bowles Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	65.91	13.10	0.00	79.01	229.01
11/03/37	Frank E. Bowles Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	65.91	13.10	0.00	79.01	229.01
10/18/56	J. L. & Gertrude Bowles Trust (1)	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	34.56	8.16	0.00	42.72	142.72
07/11/84	Hersom Murray Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	33.07	11.11	0.00	44.18	194.18
10/09/75	Anker Trust (2)	12,000.00	800.00	0.00	0.00	12,800.00	1,477.63	823.16	0.00	2,300.79	15,100.79
10/09/75	Sunnyside Cemetery Fund (3)	15,248.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,248.09	1,841.84	1,036.86	0.00	2,878.70	18,126.79
TOTAL CEMETERY											
		\$ 40,298.09	\$ 800.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 41,098.09	\$ 5,296.53	\$ 2,771.73	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,068.26	\$ 49,166.35

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

LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS
Report of the Trust Funds - December 31, 2000

PRINCIPAL INCOME

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	GRAND TOTAL END OF YEAR
10/09/75	Gladys Jesseman Memorial Trust	\$ 2,033.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 2,033.11	\$ 89.08	\$ 119.04	\$ 200.00	\$ 8.12	\$ 2,041.23
09/21/73	Fredericka Harnes Fund	1,564.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,564.10	68.53	99.25	0.00	167.78	1,731.88
11/05/43	Alice Smith Fund	903.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	903.50	39.59	57.27	0.00	96.86	1,000.36
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	TOTAL LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS	\$ 4,500.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 4,500.71	\$ 197.20	\$ 275.56	\$ 200.00	\$ 272.76	\$ 4,773.47

All Funds Invested 100%.
All Funds are deposited in PDIP.

Respectfully,
Laurence S. Ring
Chairman, Trustees of Trust Funds

**TOWN OF SUGAR HILL
TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

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

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, will be held at the Meetinghouse on Tuesday, March 13, 2001, at 7:30 p.m., to act on the following subjects:

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

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

- One Selectman to serve for a term of three (3) years
- A Town Treasurer to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Town Clerk to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Tax Collector to serve for a term of one (1) year
- An Overseer of Public Welfare to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Library Trustee to serve for a term of three (3) years
- A Town Auditor to serve for a term of one (1) year
- One Trustee of Trust Funds to serve for a term of three (3) years
- One Zoning Board of Adjustment Member to serve for a term of three (3) years
- Two Board of Cemetery Trustees to serve for a term of three (3) years
- And such other Town Officers as may be required by law.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the town will vote to amend Article 5 of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance relating to changes of non-conforming use or non-conforming structures. The official copy of the amendment is on file and available to the public at the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of the meeting. The following question is on the Official Ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment which will replace Article 5, Sections 502 and 507 of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance and replace them with a clarified version of Section 502 as proposed by the Planning Board?”

(The Planning Board recommends the adoption of the amendment.)

ARTICLE 3: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges and make appropriations of the same as set forth in the following budget:

Executive	\$ 25,480.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	14,740.00
Payroll Taxes	14,000.00
Financial Administration	16,000.00
Revaluation of Property	5,220.00
Legal Expenses	7,500.00

Planning Board.....	3,000.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment.....	800.00
Insurance.....	19,000.00
General Government Buildings.....	33,000.00
Buildings & Grounds.....	25,500.00
Cemetery.....	2,500.00
Advertising & Regional Associations.....	6,851.00
North Country Council.....	851.00
Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce.....	6,000.00
Police Department.....	71,000.00
Fire Department.....	27,500.00
Ambulance.....	2,500.00
Ross Ambulance.....	1,500.00
Life Squad.....	1,000.00
Civil Defense.....	100.00
Airport.....	380.00
Town Maintenance.....	84,652.00
General Highway Department Expense.....	78,340.00
Highway Block Grant.....	39,510.00
Street Lighting.....	29,500.00
Solid Waste Disposal.....	25,000.00
Health, Hospitals.....	2,944.00
Hospice.....	294.00
GC Seniors.....	525.00
NC Home Health.....	1,247.00
Red Cross.....	200.00
WM Mental Health.....	678.00
Welfare.....	2,000.00
Tri-County Cap.....	500.00
Unemployment.....	100.00
Library.....	13,000.00
Parks and Recreation.....	12,342.00
NC YMCA.....	150.00
Patriotic Purposes.....	300.00
Conservation Commission.....	2,000.00
Principal of Long-Term Notes.....	24,083.00
Interest Expense-Long-Term Notes.....	5,000.00
Interest Expense-Tax Anticipation Notes.....	4,000.00
Total Appropriations.....	\$597,842.00

The Selectmen recommend these Appropriations.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to withdraw the accumulated income from the Cemetery Trust Funds.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Roadwork Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the repair of the sidewalk on Sunset Hill Road.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) for the completion of repairs to the Meetinghouse clock.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to install drainage in the Sunnyside Cemetery.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Forty Dollars (\$640) to paint the front of the Sugar Hill Historical Museum.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to accept the deed to and assume the maintenance of Beaver Pond Trail.

(Article by Petition)

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) as its contribution to the North Country Work Camp sponsored by AHEAD.

The Selectmen do not recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to designate as a scenic road Streeter Pond Road. The effect of the designation will be to restrict the repair, maintenance, reconstruction and paving work done and all the cutting or removal of trees and the tearing down or destruction of stone walls.

(Article by petition.)

ARTICLE 17: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

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

John J. Strasser, III
Richard Bielefield
Sugar Hill Board of Selectmen

RETURN OF POSTING

We hereby attest that the within Warrant is a true copy of the Warrant for the Town Meeting described therein, and further certify that we have caused to be posted an attested copy of this Warrant at the place of the Meeting and a like copy in one other public place in the Town of Sugar Hill, namely the Sugar Hill Post Office fourteen (14) days before the day of the Meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2001, not counting the day of posting or the day of the Meeting.

John J. Strasser, III
Richard Bielefield
Sugar Hill Board of Selectmen

This Warrant and Return of Posting has been duly recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, this 26th day of February, 2001.

Elizabeth Coombs Andross
Town Clerk

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

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 2000	Actual 2000	Estimated 2001
Taxes:			
Yield Taxes	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,426.00	\$ 3,500.00
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	12,000.00	13,083.00	10,000.00
Land Use Change Tax	5,000.00	9,945.00	5,000.00
Intergovernmental Revenues - State:			
Shared Revenue - Block Grant	13,000.00	13,910.00	13,000.00
Highway Block Grant	36,737.00	36,737.00	39,500.00
Rooms & Meals	8,000.00	11,577.00	9,000.00
Licenses and Permits:			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	85,000.00	112,059.00	100,000.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	3,000.00	1,664.00	1,000.00
Building Permits	500.00	570.00	500.00
Business Licenses & Permits	0.00	595.00	0.00
Federal Government	0.00	30.00	0.00
Charges For Services:			
Income From Departments	3,000.00	4,701.00	3,500.00
Miscellaneous Revenue:			
Interests on Deposits	1,000.00	1,460.00	1,000.00
Sale of Municipal Property	0.00	71,301.00	0.00
Other Refunds & Insurance			
Reimbursements	7,100.00	7,075.00	6,600.00
Other Financing Sources:			
Withdrawals - Capital Reserve	0.00	86,722.00	75,000.00
Withdrawals - Trust/Agency Funds	2,500.00	200.00	18,200.00
From Surplus	48,000.00	90,000.00	50,000.00
Total Revenues and Credits	<u>\$229,837.00</u>	<u>\$466,055.00</u>	<u>\$335,800.00</u>

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

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	Appropriation 2000	Actual 2000	Estimated 2001
General Government:			
Executive	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 29,981.00	\$ 25,480.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	14,500.00	15,169.00	14,740.00
Financial Administration	16,000.00	15,148.00	16,000.00
Revaluation of Property	0.00	0.00	5,220.00
Personnel Administration	11,000.00	11,296.00	14,000.00
Legal Expenses	5,000.00	4,986.00	7,500.00
General Government & Buildings & Grounds	57,000.00	49,870.00	58,500.00
Cemeteries	2,500.00	70.00	2,500.00
Planning & Zoning	3,800.00	2,849.00	3,800.00
Insurance	19,000.00	16,773.00	19,000.00
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	7,268.00	6,767.00	6,851.00
Unemployment Compensation	100.00	1,300.00	100.00
Public Safety:			
Police Department	71,500.00	63,592.00	71,000.00
Fire Department	27,500.00	25,742.00	27,500.00
Life Squad - Ross Ambulance	2,050.00	2,050.00	2,500.00
Civil Defense	100.00	0.00	100.00
Airport:	235.00	235.00	380.00
Highways, Streets and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance	72,929.00	76,681.00	84,652.00
General Highway	72,500.00	66,275.00	78,340.00
Highway Block Grant	36,737.00	36,737.00	39,510.00
Street Lighting	12,500.00	11,413.00	29,500.00
Sanitation:			
Solid Waste Disposal	27,421.00	27,421.00	25,000.00
Health:			
Health and Hospitals	2,774.00	2,774.00	2,944.00
Welfare:			
Town Poor	2,000.00	821.00	2,000.00
Culture and Recreation:			
Library	11,500.00	11,871.00	13,000.00
Parks & Recreation & YMCA	9,446.00	10,368.00	12,342.00
Patriotic Purposes	300.00	0.00	300.00

Conservation:			
Conservation Commission	2,000.00	949.00	2,000.00
Debt Service:			
Principal on Long Term Notes	24,083.00	24,083.00	24,083.00
Interest Long Term Notes	5,642.00	4,333.00	5,000.00
Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	4,000.00	2,221.00	4,000.00
Capital Outlay:			
Machinery, Vehicles, Equipment	0.00	8,000.00	0.00
Improvements/ Roads	0.00	74,491.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out:			
To Agency Funds	<u>0.00</u>	<u>68,864.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$551,385.00</u>	<u>\$673,580.00</u>	<u>\$597,842.00</u>

Special Warrant Articles Recommended	115,000.00
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	49,140.00
Total Appropriations Recommended	\$761,982.00
Less Estimated Revenues and Credits	(335,800.00)
Amount Of Taxes To Be Raised (Exclusive of School and County Taxes)	\$426,182.00

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF
APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
(Year Ending December 31, 2000)**

	Appropriation 2000	Actual 2000	Unexpended or Overdrafts
Executive	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 29,926.68	\$ 73.32
Election, Reg & Vital Statistics	14,500.00	15,026.08	(526.08)
Financial Administration	16,000.00	15,162.09	837.91
Payroll Taxes	11,000.00	11,296.09	(296.09)
Legal Expenses	5,000.00	4,985.92	14.08
Government Buildings	31,500.00	28,381.69	3,118.31
Buildings & Grounds	25,500.00	21,609.21	3,890.79
Cemeteries	2,500.00	69.83	2,430.17
Planning Board	3,000.00	2,294.76	705.24
Zoning Board	800.00	664.30	135.70
Insurance	19,000.00	16,772.72	2,227.28
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	7,268.00	6,767.30	500.70
Unemployment Compensation	100.00	1,299.78	(1,199.78)
Police Department	71,500.00	63,423.28	8,076.72
Fire Department	27,500.00	25,776.96	1,723.04
Life Squad-Ambulance	2,050.00	2,050.00	0.00
Civil Defense	100.00	0.00	100.00
Airport	235.00	235.00	0.00
Town Maintenance	72,929.00	76,679.17	(3,750.17)
General Highway	72,500.00	66,340.29	6,159.71
Highway Block	36,737.00	36,737.00	0.00
Street Lighting	11,500.00	11,412.99	87.01
Solid Waste Disposal	27,421.00	27,421.00	0.00
Health & Hospitals	2,774.00	2,774.00	0.00
Welfare	2,000.00	821.00	1,179.00
Library	11,500.00	11,889.32	(389.32)
Parks & Recreation, YMCA	9,446.00	10,368.00	(922.00)
Patriotic Purposes	300.00	0.00	300.00
Conservation Commission	2,000.00	948.56	1,051.44
Principal Long Term Notes	24,083.00	24,083.34	(.34)
Interest Long Term Notes	5,642.00	4,333.30	1,308.70
Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	4,000.00	2,220.54	1,779.46
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Budget Total	\$551,385.00	\$521,770.20	\$29,614.80
Capital Reserve Funds	90,000.00	90,000.00	0.00
Article #6	21,500.00	19,247.00	2,253.00
Article #7	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Articles #9 & #10	9,000.00	7,220.00	1,780.00
Grand Total	<u>\$676,885.00</u>	<u>\$643,237.20</u>	<u>\$33,647.80</u>

CEMETERY TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees have continued to maintain all of the Town Cemeteries and upgrade them as necessary. This year, the heavy rains of early spring caused extensive flooding in Sunnyside Cemetery. The surface water entered the cemetery at the upper corner (toward the Meetinghouse) and ran diagonally across and past the Hearse house (work shed) corner before going off to Route 117. (The Town owns the land surrounding this upper corner for cemetery expansion.) The flow caused some erosion of the roadway near the Hearse house. The water table in that section was high and monument work could not be done. Sections of the cemetery were too wet to mow or maintain into July. We have had similar water problems before of a lesser extent and had a drainage plan designed for us that should alleviate this problem. We have included an article in the 2001 Town Warrant for funds to augment monies in the Cemetery Trust Funds to support this effort. Hopefully, this work can be completed during the summer of 2001.

The Trustees were aware of discrepancies between the listings that we have and the actual information entered on the monuments. Each Trustee reviewed a section of the cemetery and carefully inspected each lot and monument of Sunnyside Cemetery for unlisted monuments or names and dates on the stones. The entire cemetery was canvassed this way and we will next update the records after we review all other records in our possession for possible errors or omissions. We target that this effort will be completed during 2001.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurence S. Ring
Chairman

AUDITOR'S REPORT

For some reason that escapes me I again agreed to audit the Sugar Hill Town books with Ralph Brigida who fills out the various and numerous State reports and forms.

The books were audited by me with the change in Tax Collector in March 2000.

Everything appears to be in good shape. The Town Clerk's work is now on the computer and the Tax Collector's work and miserable State reports will be all computerized starting January 1, 2001.

In truth, the job of Auditor has been greatly simplified and with a very competent Administrative Assistant in Jennifer Gaudette, it's a pleasurable job. Likewise, Bit Andross as Town Clerk and Tax Collector has done an excellent job. The Town is lucky to have them both and I thank them for their patience and help.

Respectfully submitted,
William Pinney
Volunteer Town Auditor

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The minutes of the past year find us addressing the usual run of issues-building permits, road grading and improvement, assessing, street lighting and a host of others.

Continued development brings, it seems, a request for a building permit almost weekly. This is not a negative thing. Probably development will be a part of our lives for some time to come. The most difficult issue here is when a resident builds without a permit, does not meet setbacks, or ignores the Zoning Ordinance we are required to enforce. Hard feelings frequently result. We have tried to cooperate with all of these residents and we appreciate most having worked with us toward an equitable conclusion.

Requests that the Town take over roads seem to be another long time issue. Unless the road can be proved to meet Town specifications, we have requested an engineer's certification. While this may be a chore for the developer, it is still our responsibility to protect ALL Town residents from what could be a considerable expense in improving the road to meet the specifications. We have also continued to upgrade present roads with monies approved at the Town Meeting.

As for assessing, we have engaged Nyberg, Purvis and Associates on a year round basis. Not only will they take care of "pick-ups" resulting from building permits approved during the year past, but they will also reassess one quarter of the Town annually with a resulting savings over the periodic reassessments of the past. It also appears from recent actions on the statewide property tax that this may place Sugar Hill in an enviable position.

The former Richardson Library sold for \$70,510.00 in accordance with the order issued by the Probate Court. After paying costs of the sale, the balance was placed in trust with interest going to the Library Trustees to be used to pay Library costs.

The Town will face two issues next year. We have agreed with Public Service to replace the present street lights with new white lights. Some present lights will be removed, and some new lights installed principally at intersections not now lighted. The result will be a reduction in the number of lights, but we are assured they will work and can be repaired, if necessary. Additionally, a committee is working on developing a plan for the Meeting House. Because it is only just getting off the ground, it is much too premature to suggest where this will go.

Lastly, we would be remiss in not recognizing the efforts on the Town's behalf by David Southworth who resigned as Selectman to pursue a long time interest. We thank him for all he did, and wish him well in every future endeavor.

TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION

As you all know, 2000 was a year of transition for the Transfer Station. In order to gain control over solid waste disposal costs and to expand recycling opportunities, a "Pay As You Throw" (PAYT) system was implemented on January 1st. Thanks to the support and cooperation of our three Towns, our new system is off to an excellent start.

As hoped, PAYT resulted in a reduction of material landfilled, giving us better control over disposal costs. This reduction was even more dramatic than anticipated. In 1999 we sent 1120 tons of solid waste to the landfill at a cost of \$64,581. Tonnage for 2000 was 470 tons - a 58% reduction - and despite an increase in disposal fees, the disposal cost for our Towns was reduced to \$34,571.

Our Recycling Program got off to a strong start, allowing us to market 224 tons of materials. Revenue from recycled material went from \$499 in 1999 to \$11,215 in 2000. We processed 172 bales of paper products or 111 tons, 20 bales or 7 tons of plastic, 1.2 tons of aluminum cans, 5 tons of steel cans, 20 tons of scrap metal and 79 tons of glass. Had we landfilled, rather than recycled these materials, the disposal cost would have been \$15,617, making the total value of our Recycling Program \$26,832.

Plans for 2001 include:

The purchase of a crusher for glass that will allow us to turn glass into a product usable for road and construction projects. More types of glass, such as tableware and ceramics will be recyclable and we will no longer need to separate glass by color.

Additional storage for baled recyclables and an improvement to our loading dock.

In addition to participating in the annual regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection (tentatively set for Saturday, June 2) , we will be collecting oil based paint at our facility during the summer months.

Respectfully submitted,

The Transfer Station Crew

TRANSFER STATION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Beginning Balance		\$ 0.00
Deposits:		
Town of Franconia	43,917.00	
Town of Sugar Hill (1999)	434.00	
Town of Sugar Hill (2000)	25,212.00	
Town of Easton	12,199.00	
Stickers (Town of Franconia)	276.00	
PAYT Fees (1999)	6,405.00	
PAYT Fess (2000)	66,747.00	
Special Handling Fees	9,642.00	
Recycled Material	11,215.00	176,047.00
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Withdrawals:		
Solid Waste Disposal	43,140.00	
Operating Expenses	14,018.00	
Wages, Benefits, Payroll Taxes	73,330.00	130,488.00
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Ending Balance		\$ 45,559.00

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board would like to reflect on the growth and desires of the Townspeople. We are always open to constructive ways to improve and keep abreast of current changes. All Zoning Ordinances are approved by the voters and we welcome public input. The Planning Board meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM at the Crapo Building.

The year of 2000 continued to see increased activity for our board over previous years.

Major Subdivision	1
Minor Subdivision	5
Lot Line Adjustments	5
Voluntary Mergers	2

This increased activity brought \$2,165.01 in fees to the General Fund of the Town of Sugar Hill.

The Planning Board does not have the power to arbitrarily grant or refuse a subdivision. We must follow the State RSA's and our Sugar Hill Zoning and Land Subdivision regulations in making our decisions. We consult the lawyers at the New Hampshire Municipal Association for legal advice to clarify rules. The Board must treat each subdivider fairly and equally. Again we state any resident may work with us to change our Town's Zoning regulations. We must abide by the law.

I thank all of the Members of the Board for their dedication and willingness to volunteer their time. Anyone interested in serving on the Planning Board should write the Selectmen a letter expressing their interest for an appointment to the Board. As Chairman of the Board, I wish to assure all the residents that we are striving to maintain the quality and beauty of our Town and to continue making it the "*Best Small Town in the State.*"

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Perlo
Chairman

POLICE DEPARTMENT

During the year 2000 the Sugar Hill Police Department responded to a variety of calls for service from the community. Thankfully most of these calls were routine with a few exceptions. I would like to take this time to discuss a few of these exceptions so as to prevent them in the future. The first one that comes to my mind was the incident in which a woman was gaining access to peoples homes by stopping and asking to use the bathroom. When she was inside the house she took the opportunity to steal property from the residence. This is a common scam used by criminals to gain access to a residence. The best way to prevent this from happening to you is not to let anyone into your home unless you know them.

Though property crimes have been down the last few years the Police Department is still getting numerous reports of this type of crime. Property crimes are crimes such as theft, criminal mischief and trespassing. Citizens can minimize their chance of becoming a victim of property crime by doing a few simple things. If you are going to be away from your residence you should make sure the residence is locked and secured. If you are going to be gone for a long period of time have a friend stop by on a regular basis to check your house. You should also inventory all of your valuable items and note any serial numbers they may have. Keep this list in a safe place in the event anything is stolen.

Below is a list of activities for the Sugar Hill Police Department. The cases include thefts, harassment, trespassing, criminal mischief, domestic disturbances and other offenses. These numbers do not reflect the incidents that the New Hampshire State Police covered in town.

Criminal Cases	105
Arrests	14
Aid to Other Agencies	35
Aid to Citizens	22
Motor Vehicle Stops	192
Motor Vehicle Accidents	12
Medical Assist	7
Alarms	14

I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone that if you have not already put up your 911 numbers in front of your home, you should do so. I cannot stress enough how important these numbers are to Emergency Units responding to your residence. If you have any questions about your 911 number please feel free to contact the Police Department for assistance.

In closing, I would like to thank the citizens of Sugar Hill for all your support during the past year and I hope the coming year is a safe and prosperous one.

Respectfully submitted,
David W. Holland
Chief of Police

SUGAR HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

The year 2000 was a very bad year for fires in this area. In addition to a working house fire in Sugar Hill, we assisted our neighbors 16 times, both at fires, and covering vacant stations. This included three 3rd alarm fires in Lincoln, a 3rd alarm, and a 2nd alarm in Littleton, and a 2nd alarm fire in Bath. We responded to a total of 40 incidents in 2000, compared to 53 in 1999, and the breakdown is as follows:

Structure Fires	1
Power line problems	5
Fire Alarm Activations (no fires)	10
Motor Vehicle Accidents	5
Carbon monoxide problem	1
Hazardous Material Spill	1
Smoke investigation	1
Mutual Aid Rendered	16

We initiated some cost cutting policies to avoid going over budget, and this also allowed us to not raise the 2001 budget, in spite of the major price increases in heating oil and vehicle fuel. In addition, we applied for, and received a Federal grant to purchase forest and brush fire protective clothing, and to begin upgrading our forestry equipment. We also purchased with an adjoining Fire Department, a set of certified test gauges, which are used during the annual test of our pumps, as required by the Insurance Service Organization. We share the cost and the use of this equipment with our neighboring department.

We have revised the various categories in our itemized budget for the year 2000, so as to make it easier for the citizens to better understand how our Department Budget is being spent.

Our 3rd annual motorcycle raffle was a large success, and we will use the funds to help provide 911 property numbering signs for our citizens in the near future.

We continue to put great emphasis on training, and we conducted several joint drills with our neighboring departments, including the Franconia Life Squad, as well as utilizing State Instructors, and training videos supplied by the NH Municipal Association. One of our members, Walt Zandi, completed the extensive nationally certified EMT course, and has also become a member of the Franconia Life Squad.

This year we purchased a computer system, essentially because the State Fire Marshals Office will provide us with a free fire management software module, and indicated that they will provide additional modules in the future.

We feel our Department has progressed over the years to a point where we have become a very effective and respected member of our fire mutual aid system. In addition to becoming a proficient organization, we also enjoy a high level of camaraderie among our members. Any man or woman who is interested in becoming part of our Fire Department Team, please contact any Fire Department Member, or visit us on any of our meeting or drill nights, which are held the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul W. Pinkham
Fire Chief

TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER REPORT

There are 2,200 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each Town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The number of fires reported during the 2000 fire season was below average as referenced in the statistics below. Despite this, our network of fire towers and detection patrols were still quite busy with the fire towers being first to report over 135 fires. These fires were quickly and accurately reported to the local fire department for their prompt and effective suppression efforts. Wildland fires occurring in areas where homes are situated in the woodlands are a serious concern for both landowners and firefighters. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around them and making sure that houses are properly identified with street numbers. Please contact the Forest Protection Bureau to request a brochure to assist you in assessing fire safety around your home and woodlands.

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing **ALL** outside burning. Fire permits are required for any open burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow where the burning will be done. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are eleven Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. Forest Rangers have investigated numerous complaints regarding violations of the timber harvest and forest fire laws, and taken enforcement action to ensure compliance. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217, or for general information visit our website at www.dred.state.nh.us.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection system and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local Fire Departments. These factors are critical in controlling the size of wildland fires, keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible. Due to permitting and fire safety concerns, please contact your local Fire Department **BEFORE** using portable outdoor fire places and vessels, including those constructed of clay, concrete or wire mesh.

Please contact your local Fire Department before doing **ANY** outside burning.

2000 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru November 10, 2000)

TOTALS BY COUNTY

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Acres</u>		
Hillsborough	118	40	Debris Burning	263
Rockingham	49	24	Miscellaneous *	151
Merrimack	92	16	Smoking	30
Belknap	54	13	Children	17
Cheshire	41	20	Campfire	16
Strafford	58	13	Arson/Suspicious	14
Carroll	46	10	Equipment Use	9
Grafton	16	7	Lightning	9
Sullivan	12	2	Railroad	7
Coos	30	4		
	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	* Miscellaneous (powerlines,	
2000	516	149	fireworks, structures, OHRV,	
1999	1301	452	unknown)	
1998	798	443		

REPORT OF FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD 2000

The Life Squad has experienced another busy year. As of the end of November, we had treated 168 patients in the three Towns we cover.

At present we have a full roster including two EMT-1s. These two dedicated members are able, because of extended training to administer, via IV, medications or life saving drugs to anyone needing them.

This year with monies donated from Sugar Hill and Easton and from our budgeted Franconia funds, we will be purchasing new protective clothing to be used at accident scenes.

The following is the run detail for the year:

EMERGENCY DESCRIPTION	SUGAR				
	TOTAL	FRANCONIA	HILL	EASTON	OTHER
Motor Vehicle Accidents	40	38	1	0	1
Medical Emergencies	26	17	7	2	0
Rec. Vehicle Accidents	2	2	0	0	0
Bicycle Accidents	3	3	0	0	0
Misc. Health Problems	2	2	0	0	0
Cardiac Problems	4	2	0	2	0
Alcohol Problems	0	0	0	0	0
Deaths	0	0	0	0	0
Burns/Fire Related	2	0	2	0	0
Fire Dept. Assists	43	41	1	0	1
Mt. Rescue Med. Emergencies	2	2	0	0	0
Drug Overdose	0	0	0	0	0
Minor Med. Emergencies	18	15	3	0	0
No Transport	5	5	0	0	0
Life Line Calls	3	0	3	0	0
Domestic Violence	1	1	0	0	0
Skiing Accident	3	3	0	0	0
TOTAL RUNS	<u>154</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>

At this time, the Franconia Life Squad would like to thank the three Towns we serve and ask for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Joel N. Peabody
Chief, Franconia Life Squad

RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Richardson Memorial Library has had another successful year with increased patronage and book loans. Thirty-seven new members joined the Library in 2000. Many new adult and children's books, along with audio books, have been received through purchase and donations. Books suggested and requested by our patrons were acquired. Through the Inter-Library Loan, sharing with other New Hampshire libraries, we have borrowed and loaned over 100 books and tapes. Over 100 out-of-town visitors came to the library during the past year.

Patrons utilized the internet on the Library's computer. Proquest, a program used to research magazine and newspaper articles, is newly available.

Our story lady, Amy Mitz, organized and provided four Children's Programs throughout the year. Every program included eight sessions each with a different theme. After reading and discussing the books with the children, each child was encouraged to select books to take home. Approximately five to ten children with their parents attended each session.

The Library was part of the rededication of the Carolina Crapo Memorial Building which was held July 16, 2000. Many Sugar Hill residents and out-of-town visitors toured the Library during the celebration.

Our Library continues to expand patronage and circulation. The shelving is inadequate to support current acquisitions. It is hoped in this new year to focus on expansion of both facility and programs. We encourage residents of Sugar Hill to visit and support the Library -and read!

The Library computer is now hooked to the Internet so that our patrons may join the world wide web. Help is available in using the computer.

	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>
Patron's Visits	1593	1936
Adult Books Loaned	1485	1514
Children's Books Loaned	1111	1562
Books Acquired	336	501

Respectfully submitted,
Sharyn McGuigan
Librarian

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Commission's ongoing work includes reviewing wetlands permits and subdivision proposals where conservation easements, wetlands, or other natural resource issues are involved. The Commission also funds the work of Town Forester, Brenda Brown, who works on an as-needed basis reviewing Intents to Cut and timber harvesting jobs. Commission members also serve as the "trash crew" on Route 117 from Sunset Hill Road down to the Gale River as part of the State's "Adopt-A-Road Program."

This August, the Commission gave scholarships to two local students in a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) training session sponsored by the SAU 35. About two dozen students and teachers participated in the week-long course. Students practiced GIS mapping at our Town Forest. This year we will incorporate the student's data base into a new map of the Town Forest Trails. With the help of Profile High School students we will also install interpretive signs.

Commission members did trail maintenance in the Town Forest this fall. This year, we will re-mark the trails to go along with the new trail map. If you haven't visited the Town Forest, look for the entrance (marked with the Phil Robertson Memorial Trail sign) on the right side of Center District Road about a mile up from Route 117. The trails are great for walking and cross-country skiing.

The Commission produced a booklet called "Birds of Sugar Hill" that lists all the nesting and migratory bird species sighted in Town. The checklist includes sighting frequency for spring, summer, fall and winter. Copies of the booklet will be available at Town Meeting.

The Commission coordinated the purchase of backyard composting bins through the Governor's Recycling Committee. We expect to offer the same sturdy, functional bins this year. Look for signs posted in the Post Office and Town Building this spring.

Commission members participated in a workshop sponsored by the Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust, the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forest, and UNH Cooperative Extension on the "Nuts and Bolts of Conservation Easements." Landowners and Conservation Commission Members from North Country communities attended the workshop at the Town Building.

This year, the Commission will start a formal natural resource inventory. This statutory responsibility of Conservation Commissions will give residents and Town Boards a baseline document listing features including important scenic areas, wetlands, recreational trails, and conservation land. We will hold public information sessions later in the year.

The commission meets the second Wednesday of the month at the Town Building. Everyone is welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Brown
Chairman

THE WILLING WORKERS SOCIETY

The Willing Workers Society is a non-sectarian, charitable organization whose purpose is to serve the community.

The year of 2000 was our 80th year of community service.

During 2000, contributions were made to the following organizations: Franconia Life Squad, Sugar Hill Community Church, North Country Home Health, David's House, Bancroft House, Upper Valley Hostile and Littleton Area Senior Center.

Other donations were for Christmas flowers for the shut-ins. Flowers, plants or fruit baskets were sent to those ill at home or in the hospital.

A park bench was purchased for the Crapo Town Hall as a memorial to all past Willing Workers. An engraved plaque will be put on it in the spring. Elaine Burpee picked the spot to place the bench. It is between the two shade trees and not too close to the wall.

We purchased gifts for all the children from pre-school through the 6th grade, for the Town Christmas Party.

The summer sale in July and Christmas sale in November were quite successful. I would like to thank all who contributed to this success, also to Lloyd Card who set up and put away the tables, etc.

The \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to Hallory Mogren.

We all extend our gratitude and appreciation to all who support us in reaching our charitable and educational goals.

Officers for 2001 have not been selected as of this date.

Nancy Smith
President

SUGAR HILL HISTORICAL MUSEUM REPORT

We would like to thank the Town and many volunteers for supporting us with funding and time, without you the Museum could not be such a vital organization that serves the North Country.

Lupine Festival was a busy event for us, a great way to start the season! We are happy to report that over 825 visitors viewed the very popular "Pecketts-on-Sugar-Hill" Exhibit this summer. In celebration of our 25th anniversary (1976-2001), we will present this exhibit again and add newly acquired artifacts from the Holman Collection. The Curator and staff are still accessing portions of that collection. The Meeting House clock works are being restored and should be operative by opening day. Our driveway was repaved in late summer. The annual Christmas Wreath Project in December netted \$1,929.00 with volunteers making 98 wreaths. Proceeds from the Fall Bake Sale were \$127.25. We acquired a portable handicap ramp to facilitate accessibility for wheelchairs and walkers.

Our Spring and Fall School Programs reached out to eight area schools, and we shared local history with over 300 students and teachers with a slide presentation, artifacts, games and hands on craft instruction and tours of the Museum.

This coming season (June 15 to October 15) we will be open each week on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 1-4 PM. (note this change in days open). However, we will open on Sundays for long holiday weekends and special events. Tours can be arranged by calling the Museum. There will be a variety of programs this coming summer to celebrate our Anniversary. A Family Day picnic is scheduled for Saturday, July 14th and will include live music and speakers.

Admission fee will not be charged this year, but donations will be welcomed. If you would like to support your community Museum, please become a member by mailing your check to the Sugar Hill Historical Museum, PO Box 591, Sugar Hill, NH 03585.

Respectfully submitted,
Winnie Harwood
Executive Director

SUGAR HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

The summer of 2000 should be remembered always as the year when the Improvement Association celebrated the Rededication of the Carolina Crapo Memorial Building on July 16th. Many Townspeople and friends gathered to see what had been done to restore, to renovate and to modernize the old building which suddenly became the true community center. The Crapo Building is now housing the offices of the Town Clerk, the Selectmen, the Police Department and the beautiful, light and welcoming Richardson Memorial Library, for all, especially children, to visit, to read and to enjoy. The spacious basement is suitable for voting at election time and for most Town functions. In short, the Improvement Association has accomplished what it set out to achieve.

At the Annual Meeting in August, Maxine Aldrich stepped down from the presidency to the executive committee, and was replaced by John L. Rowbotham. All other officers remain in place.

The nagging problem of water in the basement has at last been solved by drilling a space for an adequate sump pump with proper drainage to the outside. A serious water leak from the existing dishwasher has been finally corrected by a member who, in payment for this task, accepted our having arranged for the tuning of the beautiful spinet given to the Association by Dr. and Mrs. John Strasser. Most important, the Heritage Committee worked long hours to have the basement walls tastefully decorated by photos of almost every class who attended the Carolina Crapo School from the beginning.

The new flag pole has been erected, a beautiful wooden bench has been given by The Willing Workers and placed between two large shade maples on the lawn, landscaping around the building has been started, and a handsome sign has been placed out front to declare the site and to proclaim its functions. Inside, and around the playground, safety adjustments to areas and equipment are and will continue to be made for the benefit of everyone.

The residents of Sugar Hill and all the members of the Sugar Hill Improvement Association deserve to be proud of what has been done and will continue to be done.

Respectfully submitted,

John L. Rowbotham, M.D., President
Sugar Hill Improvement Association

FRANCONIA - SUGAR HILL - EASTON RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Franconia Recreation Program has had another busy and exciting year. As usual, the Summer Program was amazing and packed with exciting activities under the leadership of Wendy Lyndes. The Adventure Program, now in its fourth summer, continued to grow as the kids participated in various activities, which included camping, mountain biking, and indoor rock climbing. The fun continued in the swim program, taught by Jean Serino, as the children swam in both the Hillwind's pool and at Echo Lake. Lessons were expanded to include basic lifeguarding skills as well as canoe safety.

In soccer, there were two co-ed teams this year at 5th and 6th grade level, coached by Eric Larson and Brian Canales. The kids had an amazing season as they battled their way to the championship tournament held in Colebrook. The younger players also had a busy schedule with Saturday games played under the guidance of Mark and Susan Simpson.

Two other warm weather sports, baseball and softball, had another wonderful season. In baseball, which was coached by Ted Marvelli, Jim Alden and Eric Larson, the boys had a fabulous time as they learned lots of great new skills. In softball, which was coached by Bob Gorgone, the girls also had a wonderful time and several of them went on to play in the post season with the White Mountain All Stars, placing 2nd in the State. AWESOME!!

Next came basketball in the late fall. Tim Cowles is the coach of a small but talented group of 5th and 6th grade girls and boys. After the holidays, they will expand their schedule to include some games.

The big news of the year is the improvements to the public ice rink. The main improvement is the pavement, which will make ice maintenance easier in the winter, and expand year round usage to include activities such as skateboarding, in-line skating and basketball. In the spring, the improvements will continue as the boards and the asphalt will be painted. It should be noted that all of this is possible thanks to private donations as well as the efforts of those who help put together the Top Notch Triathlon. Finally, in regards to the rink, the Selectmen's Office created a new position for Steve Ray, part of which is to maintain the ice. We are really looking forward to a great skating year, with all the improvements.

Anyone who is interested in helping coach, officiate, etc., please join us at our Recreation meetings, which are open to the public. They are held at the Franconia Town Hall on the first Thursday of every month.

Respectfully submitted,

The Recreation Committee

FRANCONIA NOTCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2000 ANNUAL REPORT

The Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank the Tri-Town area for its continued support. During this past year the Chamber has produced a new colorful brochure which highlights many features of our area. This brochure will be used widely to advertise our communities. We have also hired a part-time Director, Jane Portanari who has been able to take over several of the administrative duties. We have redesigned our web site and we continue to receive many hits on this site. You can check out the site for yourself at www.franconianotch.org.

During 2000 we have continued to staff the Franconia Information Booth from May until October. We have assisted over 3,000 visitors with information, directions, area reservations, and many other services. We continue to respond to many phone and mail inquiries for area information services and referrals. We organized and conducted the following events and festivals:

The 30th Annual Frostbite Follies
The 13th Annual Old Men of the Mountain Rugby Festival
The 7th Annual Fields of Lupine Festival
The Annual Antique Show

These events highlight our beautiful area. They have attracted more visitors to our towns and subsequently provide jobs, economic growth, and tax revenues to our communities. We welcome input and ideas. We are hoping to involve more businesses that aren't just hospitality related. The board of director's meets the first Tuesday of every month at 10:00 A.M. at the Carolina Crapo Building in Sugar Hill. Please join us in helping to improve our area's Chamber of Commerce.

Sincerely,

Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2000

The year 2000 has been a year of change for North Country Council. After 10 years as the Executive Director, Preston Gilbert left North Country Council to take a position at Syracuse University. Replacing Preston as the Executive Director is Michael King who has been the Operations Manager and Controller for the Council. Additional changes included the hiring of Blake Cullimore as Regional Planner and the hiring of Stacey Wyvill as Community Planner.

We continued to complete a number of local and regional projects for all of our 51 communities throughout the region. A summary of some of those projects is as follows:

Transportation:

- Reviewed and submitted to the Department of Transportation 27 transportation enhancement projects for the North Country.
- Began the coordination of the Route 2 Corridor Planning Study with the communities along Route 2.
- Received funding from the NHDOT to begin an I93/18/302 planning and research project.
- Participated with the NHDOT and member communities in the development of a regional bike path map (still in progress).
- Provided technical transportation assistance to the majority of the communities in our region.
- Coordinated the North Country Transportation Committee.
- Conducted 135 traffic counts in 41 communities.

Economic Development:

- Submitted and received federal funding for two major public works projects (The Plymouth Green Street Project and the Mountain View Hotel Project.)
- Coordinated the North Country District Economic Development Committee.
- Coordinated and published the results of a region wide survey of business and workers in the North Country.
- Published the Living Wage Study for the North Country.
- Updated the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the region.

Community/Regional Planning:

- Provided technical assistance to 28 towns throughout the region.
- Updated seven Master Plans and Zoning Ordinances for member communities.
- Coordinated the Law Lecture Series for the Office of State Planning.
- Coordinated and project managed the American Heritage River Project. This is a Project sponsored by EDA to develop best management practices for land use and development along the Connecticut River.
- Performed a Town wide inventory of junk yards for one of our member communities.

Environmental Planning:

- Provided technical assistance to over 34 communities in the area of solid waste and hazardous waste management.
- Served on the Governors Solid Waste Task Force.
- Coordinated the Household Hazardous Waste Management collections for 32 communities.
- Managed an EPA project to increase recycling in the hospitality industry.
- Managed a source water protection program for the Department of Environmental Services, which developed methods to help in the prevention of surface intake contamination.
- Developed a non-point source pollution education program for a number of our communities.
- Provided technical assistance in the National Flood Insurance Program throughout the region.

Many of these programs will continue into the year 2001. We continue to enhance our staff capacity and will be looking to provide additional technical assistance and planning support to all our communities. Major programs for the year 2001 will be the fourth biennial Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) update, the submission of two new major economic development funding requests (maybe more), an increase in assistance to communities updating their master plans and zoning ordinances with an emphasis on some of the new zoning challenges we are facing (e.g. cell towers), the publication of a regional plan, and the continued assistance of solid waste management with an emphasis on conducting Town audits on their solid waste management practices.

Our overall goal, however, remain the same: to provide support and leadership to the region, its governments, businesses and citizens.

Sincerely,
Michael J. King
Executive Director

NH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL - DISTRICT ONE REPORT

It is once again a privilege to report to the people of this large Northern Council District 98 Towns and four cities spread throughout Coos, Grafton, Carroll, Belknap, and Sullivan Counties.

The constitutional and statutory responsibilities of the Executive council are within the Executive Branch of your New Hampshire State government. Our role is much like a board of directors of a large company. We are charged with carrying out the laws and budget passed by the New Hampshire House and Senate. The Governor and council employ 294 Commissioners and Directors to administer over 100 departments and agencies to carry out the details of the laws and budget of your State government. The Council has an overall supervisory role in assisting citizens, business, agencies, towns, cities, and counties in effectively working with State government.

Preparing for the coming two-year term that I have been elected to a one of your public servants, I share with you the following ideas and requests:

If anyone is interested in making a volunteer contribution of their time and talent on a Board or Commission through the appointment process of the Governor and Council, please contact my office or Kathy Goode, Council Liason, Governor's Office, State House, Concord, NH 03301, Tel. 271-2121, and ask for the appointment list for 2001. As your Councilor, I am always looking for people to serve on a multitude of Boards and Commissions in your State government.

The Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodel Transportation (five Executive Councilors and the Commissioner of Transportation) will be holding hearings around the State on citizen and regional planning commission recommendations for improving our highway system throughout New Hampshire. If you have suggestions on a needed improvement, please send them to your regional planning commission or to my office soon so they may be given consideration.

The Regional Health Planning District Councils continue to meet and consider major changes in the health maintenance system for citizens both at the local and state levels. Anyone wishing to serve on your region's District Health Council should contact my office or Lori Real, Director of Planning Research at NH Health and Human Services Department, Tel. 271-4235.

As one of your elected officials, I would urge your town and region to be in constant contact with our New Hampshire Congressional Delegation to let them know of your ideas, concerns and desires. I am interested in promoting projects to send to Senators Smith and Gregg and Congressmen Sununu and Bass. They are effective in their committee assignments and should always have a list from back home in New Hampshire to advance in our nation's Capitol.

I recommend use of the NH Webster System. It is the official State locator for your New Hampshire State Government at <http://www.state.state.nh.us>. A complete directory of phone numbers and addresses of all state agencies is listed for your convenience. Utilize your local Town/City Library to access the Webster System which is administered and maintained by the New Hampshire State Library.

My office has available a handy 800 toll-free phone card of organizations for rural areas.

Always know my office is at your service. Contact me anytime!

Raymond S. Burton
State House - Room 207
Concord, NH 03301

WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT

White Mountain Mental Health and Developmental Services has been a resource for individuals and families in the Town of Sugar Hill for nearly 30 years. During this time, our services have expanded and diversified. During the year 2000, we have continued to grow, as the number of persons needing our services increase. Currently, more than 800 people are receiving our mental health services, and 160 families with a developmentally disabled member obtain some form of assistance, often 24 hour per day housing and vocational support. Seven (7) residents of Sugar Hill received 50 hours of service during the past year.

In these complicated and stressful times, many community members seek assistance from us for a variety of reasons, ranging from debilitating mental illness to situational crises. The support of the Town of Sugar Hill has allowed us to continue to offer services to residents who are uninsured or under-insured.

This year could be called "the year of the child" at our organization. We have been the lead agency and fiscal agent for the CARE-NH Grant. This child mental health initiative is an effort to change the system of care for children and families in order to allow children with serious emotional problems to be treated in their own community. Anyone who is a parent or is involved with youth, will recognize the urgent need for both prevention and treatment of childhood emotional and behavioral issues. As we move forward, in partnership with the schools, parents and other human service organizations involved in this project, we are hopeful that we will become a community that responds quickly and effectively to the needs of families with a challenging child.

We have also been able to offer a new array of services to families with a developmentally disabled child. We are working closely with school districts to create a local network of services, which will augment and enrich the opportunities currently available to children with special needs. Our goal is to greatly decrease the need for "institutional" or "group home" care in our region by supporting families and schools to provide "state-of-the-art" services without the need for a child to leave home.

Along with these new efforts, we continue to provide the services which allow individuals with disabilities to function as productive citizens. You may be surprised to realize that *most* of our services are now provided outside of our building. We bring all kinds of practical supports to persons coping with mental illness, including assistance with housing, jobs and all of the functions of daily living, which can become enormous challenges. Our philosophy is one of hope and recovery: mental illness is usually biologically based and extremely treatable. Persons with a developmental disability can contribute to their community.

As we move into the New Year, we are happy to be part of a thriving community that values each of its members and recognizes that every person can contribute to the overall health of the total community.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jane C. Mackay
Area Director

NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH AGENCY, INC.

ANNUAL REPORT 2000

Home health agencies nationwide are not only dealing with a severe staffing shortage of nurses and home health aides, but they have also been hit with Medicare's newest and most complex payment system, the third in just three years. This system is called Prospective Payment System (OOS) and became effective October 1, 2000. Under this system, agencies are paid a standardized fee for all services and supplies provided to a Medicare patient for a period of 60 days. Agencies receive 60% of the assigned amount after they have submitted a Request for Anticipated Payment and the remaining 40% at the end of the 60-day time period. However, if anything happens to interrupt the end of the 60-day episode, the payment structure may change. Translated, that means agencies do not know what they will actually be paid until the 60-day episode of care has ended. This change in payment structure has further reduced the available operating capital for agencies still reeling from Medicare's last payment system, the Interim Payment System (IPS).

Since Federal Fiscal Year 1997, Medicare program expenditures have decreased 48% from \$18.3 billion in FY97 to \$9.5 billion in FY99. These drastic cuts in funding have threatened the viability of agencies providing care to Medicare patients. A study conducted by the National Association for Home Care revealed that 93% of home health agencies nationwide reported using funds other than Medicare to help pay for the care they provided to Medicare beneficiaries. The median subsidy was \$165,000.00.

North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency relies on Town support and individual donations to help underwrite the cost of providing home care services to people with limited or no health care benefits. Because of your generosity and support, our agency was able to provide hundreds of hours of home health care and hospice services to those in need during 2000. As we struggle to deal with the difficult and time-consuming issues facing home care today, the staff of North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency wants to thank you for your continued support so vital to helping people in your Town be assured of continuing quality medical care at home.

Services provided to the Town:

<u>Type of Care</u>	<u># of Visits</u>
Nursing	29
Physical/Occupational/Speech Therapy	3
Medical Social Service	2
Home Health Aid/Homemaker/Companion	137

Respectfully submitted,
WendyFaye Hutchinson
Finance Director

HOSPICE OF THE LITTLETON AREA ANNUAL REPORT 2000

Hospice of the Littleton Area has completed its eleventh year of providing volunteer services to residents of area communities. Our service area included the Towns of Littleton, Bethlehem, Carroll (Twin Mountain), Franconia, Sugar Hill, Easton, Lisbon, Lyman, Landaff, Monroe, Bath, Woodsville/Haverhill, Woodstock and Lincoln. In 2000 a total of 146 patients and families received services through our many support programs.

Our Director and Hospice volunteers provided supportive care at home, in hospitals, and in nursing homes to 78 individuals and families coping with the advanced and final stages of illness. Additionally, our Bereavement Care Coordinator worked with a total of 68 clients, 17 of which received direct care. In total our Bereavement volunteers provided 588 hours of support to bereavement care clients.

Our Hospice Program also conducted four (4) support groups, which were free of charge and open to the public. The Cancer, Breast Cancer, Bereavement and Prostate Cancer support groups offered a supportive and caring place to share feelings and experiences and were guided by trained counselors. Fifty individuals attended these support groups.

Our organization was again able to offer support to two (2) area programs. We continued to provide volunteer services to the North Country Home Health Agency's Medicare Hospice Program and we offered supportive care to patients and families in the Hospice Room of Littleton Regional Hospital. In all our efforts this year the volunteers gave over 4,000 hours in support services.

Our Hospice conducts an annual nine (9) week long, eighteen (18) hour Hospice Volunteer Training Program for individuals interested in becoming volunteers or increasing their knowledge about hospice care. Sixteen (16) people completed our 2000 Fall Training Program. We now have over 130 trained volunteers available to support area residents.

In 1999, Hospice successfully obtained grant money that allowed us to start a five (5) day a week van service to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center for cancer patients receiving radiation treatment. In 2000, 50 patients and family members rode.

There is NO CHARGE to patients or families for the services of Hospice of the Littleton Area. This service is made possible largely through the generous support provided by the Towns that we serve. Without the support of Town Funding we would be unable to continue to provide services to the many patients and families we serve.

Your support of Hospice of the Littleton Area is greatly appreciated as we enter our twelfth year of providing care to residents of area communities.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha A. Hill
Executive Director

HOSPICE OF THE LITTLETON AREA 2000 SERVICE REPORT

TOWN	HOSPICE CLIENT VISITS			BEREAVEMENT CLIENT SERVICES		
	# CLIENTS	#VOL. HOURS	#DIRECTORS HOURS	# CLIENTS	#VOL. HOURS	#BCC DIRECTORS HOURS
Bath	2	3.5	14.5	1	0	2
Bethlehem	8	197	53	7	0	7
Carroll (Twin Mtn.)	2	14	11	2	2	2
Easton	1	3	5	0	0	0
Franconia	4	258	75	5	4	11
Haverhill (Woodsville)	6	107	28	7	15	8
Landaff	0	0	0	1	0	1
Lincoln	7	220	49	8	77	17
Lisbon	7	561	32	7	10	15
Littleton	34	670	190	28	480	41
Lyman	2	10	10	0	0	0
Monroe	1	2	2	2	0	2
Sugar Hill	1	30	8	0	0	0
Woodstock	3	60.5	34.5	0	0	0
TOTALS:	78	2,136	512	68	588	106

OTHER VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Patient Care	3,342
Administrative	527
Board of Directors	515

TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS 4,384

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC. ANNUAL REPORT 2000

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

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln and also sponsors the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of the Upper Valley and White Mountains (RSVP). Through the centers and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, adult day care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2000, 21 older residents of Landaff were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Littleton Area Senior Services:

- Older adults from Sugar Hill enjoyed 70 balanced meals in the company of friends in senior dining rooms.
- They received 195 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Sugar Hill residents received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 11 visits by a trained social worker.
- Sugar Hill's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 86 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Sugar Hill residents in 2000 was \$1,680.46.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. In addition, community-based services offered by the Council save tax dollars over nursing home care or other long-term care options. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

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

Carol W. Dustin
Executive Director

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.

Statistics for the Town of Sugar Hill October 1, 1999 to September 30, 2000

During the fiscal year, GCSCC served 21 Landaff residents (out of 139 residents over 60, 1990 Census).

<u>Services</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Units of Service</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>Unit (1) Cost</u>	=	<u>Total Cost of Service</u>
Congregate/Home Delivered	Meals	265	x	\$ 5.49		\$1,454.85
Transportation	Trips	0	x	8.76		0.00
Adult Day Service	Hours	0	x	5.56		0.00
Social Services	Half-Hours	11	x	20.51		225.61

Number of Sugar Hill volunteers: 3. Number of Volunteer Hours: 86.

GCSCC cost to provide services for Landaff residents only	\$1,680.46
Request for Senior Services for 2000	500.00
Received from Town of Sugar Hill for 2000	500.00
Request for Senior Services for 2001	\$ 525.00

NOTE:

1. Unit cost from Audit Report for October 1, 1999 to September 30, 2000
2. Services were funded by:
 - Federal and State Programs - 51%
 - Municipalities, Grants & Contracts, County and United Way - 14.3%
 - Contributions - 10.9%
 - In-Kind Donations - 16.2%
 - Other - 2%
 - Friends of GCSCC - 5.6%

**BIRTHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 2000**

DATE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	NAME AND SURNAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
Feb. 2, 2000	Hanzon Ridge Hunt	Richard Hunt	Claudia Progin
July 10, 2000	Colm Michael Coyle	Michael Coyle	Tricia Pinkham
Sep. 6, 2000	Danforth Frost Kenerson	Danforth Kenerson	Lynn Langston
Sep. 19, 2000	Shea Richard Young	Gary Young, Jr.	Miranda Burwell

I hereby certify the above information is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Elizabeth Coombs Andross
Town Clerk

**DEATHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 2000**

DATE OF DEATH	NAME OF DECEASED	NAME AND SURNAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
April 23, 2000	Loreta E. Orem	Samuel Orem	Dessa Hunt
July 14, 2000	Elizabeth P. Corbett	William Murphy	Catherine Donohue

I hereby certify the above information is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Elizabeth Coombs Andross
Town Clerk

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 2000**

DATE OF MARRIAGE	NAME AND SURNAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE	RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE
January 1, 2000	David W. Presby Sheila M. Salomaa	Sugar Hill, NH Sugar Hill, NH
February 12, 2000	Timothy R. McLeod Christine M. Sabens	Sugar Hill, NH Sugar Hill, NH
May 28, 2000	Gary G. Young Miranda P. Burwell	Sugar Hill, NH Sugar Hill, NH
April 1, 2000	William C. Krueger Kathleen A. Johnson	Louisville, TN Louisville, TN
May 20, 2000	Bradford D. Kendall Lisa D. Nally	Shrewsbury, MA Boylston, MA
June 17, 2000	Brett R. Bryant Sandra M. MacIver	Sugar Hill, NH Littleton, NH
June 24, 2000	David C. Myers Shannon C. Poodiack	Westboro, MA Westboro, MA
August 8, 2000	Michael J. Tursi Nicole D. Deslauriers	Sugar Hill, NH Sugar Hill, NH
August 19, 2000	Peter H. Wilgoren Gloria I. Zelaya	West Roxbury, MA West Roxbury, MA
November 4, 2000	Taava Lars Godtfredsen Julia M. Bowdoin	Cambridge, MA Cambridge, MA

I hereby certify the above information is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Elizabeth Coombs Andross
Town Clerk

NOTES

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
LIBRARY

MARRIAGES REGISTERED
 IN THE TOWN OF GARFIELD, N.H.
 NOTES
 for the Year Ending December 31, 1909

DATE OF MARRIAGE	NAMES AND RESIDENCE OF GROOMS AND BRIDES	RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE
January 1, 1909	Frank W. [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]	Garfield, N.H. Garfield, N.H.
January 14, 1909	Frank W. [unclear] Christina [unclear]	Garfield, N.H. Garfield, N.H.
May 21, 1909	Clayton [unclear] Alice [unclear]	Garfield, N.H. Garfield, N.H.
April 1, 1909	William [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]	Garfield, N.H. Garfield, N.H.
May 25, 1909	Harold [unclear] Lena [unclear]	Garfield, N.H. Garfield, N.H.
May 11, 1909	Alvin [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]	Garfield, N.H. Garfield, N.H.
June 11, 1909	Frank [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]	Garfield, N.H. Garfield, N.H.
August 5, 1909	William [unclear] Alice [unclear]	Garfield, N.H. Garfield, N.H.
August 15, 1909	Frank [unclear] Christina [unclear]	Garfield, N.H. Garfield, N.H.
November 4, 1909	John [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]	Garfield, N.H. Garfield, N.H.

I hereby certify the above list to be a true and correct copy of my knowledge and belief.

Notary Public for Garfield, N.H.
 [Signature]

TOWN HOURS

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

823-8468

Monday 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

823-8516

Monday 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

PLANNING BOARD

First Tuesday of each month 7:30 PM

ZONING BOARD

As needed 6:30 PM

TRANSFER STATION

Sunday 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Monday 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Tuesday and Thursday CLOSED
Wednesday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Friday 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Saturday 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

823-7001

Monday 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Tuesday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Thursday 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

SUGAR HILL HISTORICAL MUSEUM

823-8431

Thursday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Friday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Saturday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

OPEN: June 15th - October 15th

**FIRE, POLICE, LIFE SQUAD
EMERGENCY ONLY
911**

Non-Emergency Police

823-8725

823-8123

Non-Emergency Fire Department

823-8415

823-8123

Highway Department

823-8788

Meetinghouse

823-7011

