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# FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT



Town of  
**SUGAR HILL**  
New Hampshire

Year ending December 31, 2004

This 2004 Town Report is dedicated to

 MR. CHARLES STEWART 

who, through his generosity in protecting his land forever,  
is helping conserve the picturesque and rural character of  
Sugar Hill.



*Photo on front cover: Falling Into Winter*  
*by Lisa Boissonneault of Sugar Hill*



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of the Town Officers  
Year Ended December 31, 2004

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## TOWN OFFICERS

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Richard Bielefield, Chairman (Term Expires 2006)  
John J. Strasser, III (Term Expires 2005)  
Harry L. Reid (Term Expires 2007)

### TOWN OFFICE

Telephone 823-8468

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Jennifer P. Gaudette

### TOWN CLERK

Lissa Boissonneault  
Elizabeth Coombs Andross, Deputy

### TAX COLLECTOR

Lissa Boissonneault  
Elizabeth Coombs Andross, Deputy

### TREASURER

Amy Venezia

### TOWN AUDITOR

William W. Pinney

### CHIEF OF POLICE

Jose L. Pequeno (Appointed)

### FIRE CHIEF / FIRE WARDEN

Paul W. Pinkham, Resigned 12/04  
Allan Clark, Elected 12/04

### 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

Board of Selectmen

### HEALTH OFFICER

Margaret Connors

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Walter Zandi, Resigned 11/04  
Allan Clark, Appointed 12/04

### MODERATOR

James F. Snyder (2006)

### TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

David F. McPhaul (2007)  
Bruce Perlo (2006)  
Richard Gagne (2005)

### SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Starcy Branch (2010)  
Dr. John Rowbotham, Chairman (2008)  
Edith Aldrich (2006)

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Elaine Burpee (2007)  
Eleonore Card (2006)  
Irene Amsbary (2005)

## CEMETERY TRUSTEES

	Beth Perlo	(2007)		
Holly Hayward	(2007)	Nancy D. Aldrich		(2006)
Lucinda Bielefield Heuschkel	(2005)	Lorraine S. Hunt, Resigned 7/04		(2006)
	Meri Hern, Appointed	(2006)		

## PLANNING BOARD

	June Chase, Chairman	(2005)		
Michael Coyle	(2005)	Christopher Thayer		(2005)
James Keefe	(2006)	David Thurston		(2006)
John J. Strasser	(2007)	Robert Hayward, Jr.		(2006)
Sidney Regan, Alternate	(2007)	Norma Stewart, Alternate		(2007)
	Amy Venezia, Alt. & Secretary	(2007)		

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

	Michael Hern, Chairman	(2007)		
Peter Anderson	(2005)	Janet Anderson		(2006)
Walter Zandi	(2005)	Catherine Burke		(2006)
Amy Venezia, Alt. & Secretary	(2007)	Sarah Pinney, Alternate		(2007)

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Margaret Connors, Co-Chair	(2005)	Robert Benson, Co-Chair		(2006)
John Gagel, Resigned 2/04	(2005)	John McIlwaine, Deceased		(2006)
Ailsa Gagel, Appointed 3/04	(2005)	Peter Carbonneau, Appointed		(2006)
Lynn Kenerson	(2005)	Rebecca Brown		(2007)
Edna Glaessel, Alternate	(2005)	Luther Kinney		(2007)

## RECREATION PROGRAM

### SUGAR HILL REPRESENTATIVES

Gordon Johnk  
Laurie Henault, Resigned 6/04  
Jean Serino, Appointed 7/04

All 2004 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 9, 2004

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 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 Moderator to serve for a term of two (2) 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
- A Supervisor of the Checklist to serve for a term of six (6) years
- One Trustee of Trust Funds to serve for a term of three (3) years
- One 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.

**Results of Article 1:**

Selectman, Three Year Term .....	Harry Reid .....	141
Town Treasurer, One Year Term .....	Amy Venezia .....	144
Town Clerk, One Year Term .....	Lissa Boissonneault .....	150
Tax Collector, One Year Term .....	Lissa Boissonneault .....	150
Town Auditor, One Year Term .....	William Pinney .....	26
Town Moderator, Two Year Term .....	James F. Snyder .....	126
Library Trustee, Three Year Term (Vote for One) .....	Elaine Burpee .....	122
	Kathy Jablonski .....	26
Zoning Board of Adjustment, Three Year Term .....	Mike Hern .....	129
Cemetery Trustee, Three Year Term (Vote for Two) ...	Holly Hayward .....	67
	Beth Perlo .....	61
Supervisor of the Checklist, Six Year Term .....	Starcy Branch .....	147
Trustee of the Trust Funds, Three Year Term .....	David F. McPhaul, Sr .....	3

Moderator Roger H. Aldrich stated that he would read the following articles slowly and if anyone had questions, to raise their hand and they would be recognized. 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 .....	\$36,800.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics .....	15,405.00
Payroll Taxes .....	13,127.00
Financial Administration .....	16,350.00
Property Revaluation .....	5,220.00
Legal Expenses .....	8,000.00
Planning Board .....	3,000.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment .....	800.00
Insurance .....	76,562.00
General Government Buildings .....	31,550.00
Buildings & Grounds .....	25,000.00
Cemetery .....	2,000.00
Advertising & Regional Associations .....	7,550.00
North Country Council .....	1,050.00
Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce .....	6,500.00
Police Department .....	139,190.00
Fire Department .....	29,600.00
Ambulance .....	3,000.00
Ross Ambulance .....	1,500.00
Life Squad .....	1,500.00
Emergency Management .....	100.00
Town Maintenance .....	83,692.00
General Highway Department Expense .....	76,007.00
Highway Block Grant .....	43,008.00
Street Lighting .....	6,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal .....	30,704.00
Health, Hospitals .....	3,600.00
North Country Home Health .....	1,247.00
Grafton County Senior .....	550.00
American Red Cross .....	259.00
Hospice .....	366.00
WM Mental Health .....	678.00
Littleton Hospital .....	500.00

Welfare .....		2,500.00
Tri-County Cap .....	650.00	
Unemployment .....		100.00
Library .....		13,129.00
Parks and Recreation .....		13,170.00
North Country YMCA .....	150.00	
Patriotic Purposes .....		600.00
Conservation Commission .....		1,000.00
Interest Expense-Tax Anticipation Notes .....		2,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS .....		\$688,764.00

The Selectmen recommend these Appropriations.

Moved by Bruce Perlo

Second by James McCusker

A discussion followed.

**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 this Appropriation.

Recommended by Nancy Aldrich, Cemetery Trustee, to pass over the Article.

Moved by Bruce Perlo

Second by David Thurston

**All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it. Article 3 has been passed over.**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Bruce Perlo

Second by James McCusker

**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 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be used for Highway Department Roadwork. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the fund is expended or in 3 years, whichever is less. (Majority vote required)

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Bruce Perlo

Second by Don Boissonneault

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 Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Bruce Perlo

Second by David Thurston

**All in favor “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$58,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Bruce Perlo

Second by Jane Higgins

A discussion followed.

**All in favor “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Meri Hern

Second by Jane Higgins

**All in favor “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to establish the Carolina Crapo Building Capital Reserve Fund and raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in it.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Beth Perlo

Second by David Thurston

**All in favor “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to establish an ordinance to read: "Any person having the charge or custody of any sheep, goats, cattle, horses or swine who willfully or negligently permits the same to wander at large upon any public place within the town limits of Sugar Hill shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1000 for each offense."

This Article submitted by petition.

Moved by Howard Mitz, Second by Amy Mitz

A long discussion followed.

It was put to the Moderator that the vote take place.

Moved by Brad Whipple, Second by Tristram Coffin

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

Moderator Roger Aldrich determined that a **yes/no** paper ballot would take place. The vote was taken.

Results: Yes...12 No...101

**ARTICLE 11:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Selectman Dick Bielefield made a presentation to Lissa Boissonneault for her thirty years served to the Town of Sugar Hill as Town Treasurer. Lissa was presented with a bouquet of flowers. Also recognized for their years of service to the Town were, Larry Ring, Roger Aldrich, Dr. John Rowbotham and Beth Perlo. Thanks were made to Mike and Meri Hern for providing the election workers with yet another wonderful dinner. Also thanked was Chuck Theodore for his contribution of the photograph used for the cover of the Town Report. The following announcements were made:

The Planning Board and the Conservation Committee both have openings. The Town is accepting bids for the piano located in the Crapo Building.

Motioned was made to adjourn.

Moved by Bruce Perlo

Seconded by Jane Higgins

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Coombs Andross  
Deputy Town Clerk

# BALANCE SHEET

(As at December 31, 2004)

## ASSETS

Cash – Unrestricted Checking		\$ 604,292.16
Cash – Restricted Savings		19,739.25
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 2004	\$111,770.91	
Yield Taxes	424.63	
Land Use Change Taxes	380.00	
Reserve for Uncollected, etc.	(5,000.00)	
Total Uncollected Taxes		107,575.54
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 2003	20,092.99	
Prior Years	8,531.17	
Reserve for Uncollected, etc.	(2,000.00)	
Total Unredeemed Taxes		26,624.16
Tax Deeded Property Subject to Resale		6,172.58
Total Assets		<u>\$ 764,403.69</u>

## LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
School District Tax Payable	\$ 454,720.00	
Due State of NH	110,537.00	
Accrued Payroll	4,206.60	
Tax Overpayments to be Refunded	51.59	
Total Liabilities		\$ 569,515.19
Reserved for Articles Carried Forward	15,000.00	
Reserved for Tax Deeded Property	6,172.58	
Reserved for Conservation Fund	19,739.25	
Fund Balance – Unreserved, Undesignated	153,976.67	
Fund Equity		<u>\$ 194,888.50</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		<u>\$ 764,403.69</u>

## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land Under Current Use (At Current Use Values)	\$ 647,312.00
Land	53,757,307.00
Buildings	72,948,200.00
Public Utilities	915,401.00
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Total Valuation Before Exemptions	\$128,268,220.00
Elderly and Blind Exemptions	75,000.00
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Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate Is Computed for Municipal, County and Local Education	\$128,193,220.00
Less Utilities	915,401.00
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Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate For State Education Tax is Computed	\$127,277,819.00

## STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

	<u>Amount</u>		<u>Tax Rate</u>
Total Town Appropriations	\$ 858,764.00		
Less: Revenues	(334,510.00)		
Less: Shared Revenues	(6,235.00)		
Add: Overlay	25,397.00		
War Service Credits	7,600.00		
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Net Town Appropriations		551,016.00	
Municipal Tax Rate			4.30
Net Local School Budget	0.00		
Regional School Apportionment	1,000,143.00		
Less: Adequate Education Grant	0.00		
State Education Taxes	(236,961.00)		
	-----		
Approved School(s) Tax Effort		763,182.00	
Local Education Tax Rate			5.95
State Education Taxes			
Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x	\$3.33		
104,353,690		347,498.00	
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)			2.73
127,277,819			
Excess State Education			
Taxes to be Remitted to State		110,537.00	
Due to County	162,673.00		
Less Revenue and Credits	(1,397.00)		
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Net County Tax Assessment		161,276.00	
County Tax Rate			1.26
Combined Tax Rate			14.24
Total Property Taxes Assessed		1,822,972.00	
Less: War Service Credits		(7,600.00)	
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Property Tax To Be Raised		\$1,815,372.00	

## 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	559,400.00
Highway Department, Land and Buildings	176,600.00
Equipment	375,822.00
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
Land - Pearl Lake Road	19,400.00
Land - Route 117	2,400.00
Land - Route 93	3,400.00
Cemeteries	13,900.00
Total	<u>\$1,786,669.00</u>

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

To the Voters of the Town of Sugar Hill:

I herewith submit my report of the financial doings of my office for the year 2004:

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	\$ 128,920.02	
Dog Licenses Issued:	509.50	
Marriage Licenses:	228.00	
Other Permits and Fees:	1,894.00	
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Total		\$131,551.52

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	\$ 128,920.02	
Town Clerk Fees:	988.00	
State Motor Vehicle Fees:	37.50	
Title Application Fees:	320.00	
Dog Licenses Issued:	509.50	
Dog License Fees:	118.50	
Dog License Penalty:	50.00	
Marriage Licenses Issued:	228.00	
Town Clerk Fees:	42.00	
Vital Statistics:	56.00	
Town Clerk Fee:	28.00	
UCC Filing Fee:	60.00	
Federal Tax Lien Fee:	75.00	
State Tax Lien Fee:	30.00	
Town Filing Fees:	4.00	
Insufficient Funds Fees:	85.00	
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Total		\$131,551.52

Respectfully submitted,  
Lissa M. Boissoneault  
Town Clerk

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2004

## DEBITS

### Uncollected Taxes -

#### Beginning of

#### Fiscal Year:

	Levies of 2004	Levies of 2003
Property Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$122,820.34
Land Use Change	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	0.00	105.00

#### Taxes Committed This Year:

Property Taxes	1,816,322.09	0.00
Land Use Change	21,615.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	3,016.73	0.00

#### Overpayment:

Property Taxes	3,908.35	178.24
Penalty	31,395.02	673.00

#### Interest Late Tax

1,998.97	5,378.61
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#### Total Debits

\$1,878,256.16	\$129,155.19
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## CREDITS

### Remittances to Treasurer

#### During Fiscal Year:

Property Taxes	\$1,700,886.60	\$ 92,782.78
Land Use Change	21,235.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	2,592.10	105.00
Interest	2,088.22	5,378.61
Penalties	31,395.02	0.00
Conversion to Lien	0.00	30,198.25
Costs Not Liened	0.00	673.00

#### Abatements Made:

Property Taxes	7,483.68	17.55
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#### Uncollected Taxes End of Year:

Property Taxes	111,770.91
Land Use	380.00
Yield Taxes	424.63

#### Total Credits

\$1,878,256.16	\$129,155.19
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## SUMMARY OF LIEN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2004

### DEBITS

	2003	2002	2001	Prior
Unredeemed Liens				
Balance at				
Beginning of				
Fiscal Year	\$ 0.00	\$15,598.57	\$ 9,374.81	\$ 3,530.20
Liens Executed				
During Fiscal Year	33,083.62	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest & Costs				
Collected After				
Lien Execution	667.09	1,753.79	2,633.49	87.32
Total Debits	<u>\$33,750.71</u>	<u>\$17,352.36</u>	<u>\$12,008.30</u>	<u>\$3,617.52</u>

### CREDITS

	2003	2002	2001	Prior
Remittances to Treasurer:				
Redemptions	\$12,990.63	\$ 8,253.60	\$ 8,188.61	\$ 3,530.20
Interest & Cost				
After Lien Execution	667.09	1,753.79	2,633.49	87.32
Unredeemed Liens				
Balance End of				
Fiscal Year	20,092.99	7,344.97	1,186.20	0.00
Total Credits	<u>\$33,750.71</u>	<u>\$17,352.36</u>	<u>\$12,008.30</u>	<u>\$ 3,617.52</u>

## UNREDEEMED PROPERTY TAXES FROM TAX LIEN

BY ORDER OF THE SELECTMEN THE FOLLOWING LIST IS

INCLUDED PER 1997 TOWN MEETING:

	2003	2002
Boucher, James	\$ 1,430.51	
Caporelli, Mary	2,181.35	\$ 2,133.74
Corliss, Langford	2,346.58	2,293.94
Hayward, Paul	1,116.72	
Kiraly, Barbara E.	1,783.15	1,742.87
Ocasio, Benjamin P.	138.93	
Peckett, Robert P. III	8,983.44	
Young, Gary G. Jr.	2,112.31	1,174.42
Totals	<u>\$20,092.99</u>	<u>\$ 7,344.97</u>



# TREASURER'S REPORT

Year Ending December 31, 2004

## Cash Basis

Beginning Cash Balance, January 1, 2004	
Connecticut River Bank NOW Checking	\$ 539,284.66

## RECEIPTS

Tax Collector	\$1,892,355.69	
Town Clerk	131,551.52	
Selectmen	119,013.13	
Loan Proceeds (Tax Anticipation Notes)	300,000.00	
Transfers (Trust & Capital Reserve Funds)	116,273.90	
Interest on NOW Account	378.00	
Uncashed Checks	100.00	
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Total Receipts		\$2,559,672.24

## DISBURSEMENTS

Orders of Selectmen	2,195,655.36	
Loan Repayments	300,000.00	
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Total Disbursements		\$2,495,655.36
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Ending Cash Balance, December 31, 2004		\$ 603,301.54
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Respectfully submitted,  
Amy M. Venezia  
Treasurer

## POLICE PERMIT ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance 1/1/04	\$ 927.33	
Deposits	105.00	
Withdrawal	45.00	
Interest Earned	3.29	
Balance 12/31/04		\$990.62

## CONSERVATION LAND USE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$14,605.34	
Deposits	5,000.00	
Interest Earned	133.91	
Balance 12/31/04		\$19,739.25

## SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

### Cash Basis

#### Local Taxes:

Property Taxes, Current Year	\$ 1,701,011.57
Yield Taxes, Current Year	2,592.10
Property Tax Interest and Cost, Current Year	1,998.97
Property Taxes, Prior Year	92,747.06
Current Use Change, Current Year	21,235.00
Yield Tax, Prior Year	105.00
Property Tax Interest and Costs, Prior Year	2,956.04
Lien Redemptions, Prior Years	32,963.04
Lien Interest & Penalties, Prior Years	36,746.91

#### Total Taxes Collected

\$ 1,892,355.69

#### From Local Sources and Miscellaneous, except Taxes:

Motor Vehicle Permits	128,920.02
Town Clerk Fees	988.00
State Motor Vehicle Fees	37.50
Title Application Fees	320.00
Dog Licenses, Fees, Penalty	678.00
Marriage Licenses	270.00
Vital Statistics	84.00
Insufficient Fund Fees	85.00
UCC Filing Fees	165.00
Town Office Filings	4.00

#### Total Town Clerk

131,551.52

Building Permits	960.00
Police Department Revenue	306.30
Fire Department Revenue	1,256.00
Zoning Board Fees	445.00
Planning Board Fees	786.00
Highway	2,694.62
Selectmen	435.56
Cemetery	1,400.00
Rent of Town Property	550.00
Insurance Reimbursements	5,794.80
Cable TV Permit	597.00

#### Total Miscellaneous

15,225.28

From State:		
Highway Block	43,008.85	
Revenue Sharing Block	13,910.00	
Rooms and Meals	20,719.00	
Federal Grant	26,250.00	
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Total From State		103,887.85
Interest on NOW Account	378.00	
Capital Reserve Funds	116,273.90	
Temporary Loans (TAN Notes)	300,000.00	
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Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue		416,651.90
Total Receipts From All Sources		<hr/> 2,559,672.24
Cash on Hand, January 1, 2004		539,284.66
Grand Total Of Receipts		<hr/> <hr/> \$3,098,956.90

## SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

General Government:		
Executive	\$ 34,223.80	
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	14,048.29	
Financial Administration	15,611.72	
Revaluation of Property	5,220.00	
Legal Expenses	2,592.58	
General Government Buildings	31,489.62	
Meetinghouse- Floor/Electric	14,764.00	
Crapo Building Well & Septic Pumps	4,009.90	
Grounds and Maintenance	24,280.87	
Planning Board	2,756.28	
Zoning Board of Adjustment	565.96	
Advertising & Regional Associations	7,548.97	
Cemeteries	1,998.54	
Insurance	75,136.71	
Payroll Taxes	13,712.82	
Total General Government Expenses		\$247,960.06
Public Safety:		
Police Department	128,008.59	
Fire Department	30,147.77	
Generator Grant	357.00	
Franconia Life Squad/Ambulance	3,070.00	
Hazardous Mitigation Grant	2,845.26	
Fire Dept. Equipment Truck	97,500.00	
Total Public Safety Expenses		\$261,928.62
Highways, Streets and Bridges:		
Town Maintenance	81,687.27	
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	75,578.16	
Highway Block Grant	43,008.85	
Highway Roadwork Fund	35,000.00	
Street Lighting	6,264.56	
Total Highways, Streets and Bridges Expenses		241,538.84
Sanitation:		
Solid Waste Disposal	30,804.00	
Total Sanitation Expenses		30,804.00
Health:		
Health, Hospitals	3,590.00	
Total Health Expenses		3,590.00

Welfare:	
Assistance	1,738.00
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Total Welfare Expenses	1,738.00
Culture and Recreation:	
Library	12,885.77
Recreation	11,762.00
Patriotic	600.00
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Total Culture and Recreation Expenses	25,247.77
Conservation:	
Conservation Commission	511.00
Current Use Conservation Fund	5,000.00
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Total Conservation Expenses	5,511.00
Debt. Service:	
Interest Expense – Tax Anticipation Notes	897.07
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Total Debt. Service Payments	897.07
Capital Reserve Funds:	
Article #4 Highway Equipment	30,000.00
Article #6 Police	12,000.00
Article #7 Fire Department	58,000.00
Article #8 Meetinghouse	15,000.00
Article #9 Crapo Building	5,000.00
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Total Capital Reserve Funds	120,000.00
Miscellaneous:	
Tax Refunds, Overpayments, Abatements	4,035.00
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Total Miscellaneous Expenses	4,035.00
Unclassified:	
Payments – Tax Anticipation Notes	300,000.00
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Total Unclassified Expenses	300,000.00
Payments to Other Government Divisions:	
Taxes Paid to County	162,673.00
Payments to School Districts	973,834.00
Payments to State School Tax	115,898.00
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Total Payments to Other Government Divisions	1,252,405.00
Grand Total Of Expenditures	<hr/> \$2,495,655.36

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Executive:

Selectmen – Salary	\$ 3,300.00
Administrative – Gaudette	16,128.84
Hourly Help- Andross	2,618.00
Moderator – Salary	100.00
Workshops	24.11
Telephone	878.64
Computer Services, Internet, Equipment	3,503.50
Mapping	1,628.00
Registry	193.11
Printing/Notices	2,179.25
Dues & Subscriptions	1,175.14
Office Supplies	1,383.87
Postage	596.68
Books & Periodicals	316.66
Plants, Flowers, Gifts	198.00

Total Executive Expenses

\$ 34,223.80

Election, Registration & Vital Statistics:

Checklist – Salary	500.00
Ballot Clerks – Salary	906.25
Town Clerk -Boissonneault	3,607.50
Town Clerk – Andross	3,474.15
Hourly - Venezia	90.00
Workshops	238.25
Computer – Programs, Training, Equipment	1,604.90
Telephone	239.92
Printing/Notices	194.70
Dues	45.00
Office Supplies	376.60
Postage	54.02
MV Fees Town & State	1,515.00
Title Fees	320.00
Vital Statistics	56.00
Vital Fees	28.00
UCC Fees	15.00
Dog Licenses	302.50
Dog Fees	113.00
Marriage Licenses	228.00
Marriage Fees	42.00
Miscellaneous Fees	22.50
Motor Vehicle Refunds	75.00

Total Election, Registration & Vital Statistics

14,048.29

Financial Administration:

Tax Collector – Boissonneault	2,911.00
Dep Tax Collector & AA - Andross	4,066.25
Treasurer	1,200.00
Workshops	542.31
Auditor	900.00
Assessing, Support	1,200.00
Bank Fees	214.75
Telephone	218.50
Computer – Program, Training & Equipment	1,986.47
Research Lien	275.85
Registry	181.82
Office Supplies	679.12
Dues	75.00
Postage	653.65
Lien Fees – Andross	268.50
Lien Fees - Boissonneault	238.50

Total Financial Administration Expenses 15,611.72

Total Revaluation 5,220.00

Total Legal Expenses 2,592.58

Payroll Taxes:

Sugar Hill FICA (Town Contribution)	10,178.54
Sugar Hill Medicare (Town Contribution)	3,534.28

Total Payroll Taxes Expense 13,712.82

Planning Board:

Secretary – Salary	852.00
Computer	1,199.00
Grafton County Registry	142.37
Printing/Notices/Books	305.06
Postage	257.85

Total Planning Board Expenses 2,756.28

Zoning Board:

Secretary	102.00
Computer	250.00
Printing/Notices/Books	173.06
Postage	40.90

Total Zoning Board Expenses 565.96

Government Buildings:		
Card – Salary	9,050.52	
Telephone (Elevator)	656.58	
Electricity (Crapo & Meetinghouse)	3,185.28	
Heating Oil (Crapo & Meetinghouse)	4,755.62	
Maintenance – Purchased	2,996.15	
Elevator Inspections 2 Years	639.00	
Clock Maintenance	2,137.00	
Supplies	1,554.47	
Rent	6,000.00	
Maintenance & Repairs	515.00	
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Total Government Buildings Expenses		31,489.62
Grounds & Maintenance:		
Card – Salary	22,074.47	
Maintenance & Repair	53.86	
Diesel	316.67	
Groundskeeping	570.97	
Vehicle Repair	1,264.90	
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Total Grounds & Maintenance Expenses		24,280.87
Crapo Capital Reserve (septic & well pumps)		4,009.90
Meetinghouse Capital Reserve (Electrical & Floor)		14,764.00
Cemeteries:		
Maintenance	984.54	
Stone Cleaning 2003/04	1,014.00	
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Total Cemeteries Expenses		1,998.54
Insurance:		
Health – Building & Grounds	9,648.84	
Highway	22,111.88	
Police	13,025.88	
Retiree	5,794.80	
Dental (All Departments)	4,679.52	
Property Liability	14,485.21	
Worker’s Compensation	5,390.58	
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Total Insurance Expenses		75,136.71
Total Advertising & Regional Associations Expenses		7,548.97
Ambulance:		
Ross Ambulance	1,570.00	
Franconia Life Squad	1,500.00	
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Total Ambulance Expenses		3,070.00



Police Department:

Jose L. Pequeno, Chief – Salary	43,577.20
Officer David Wentworth	34,840.00
Overtime Pay	1,157.25
Prosecutor	2,250.00
Health Insurance – Wentworth	9,648.84
Police Retirement	6,262.50
Workshops	2,018.26
Training	73.00
8123 Line	672.75
Telephone	1,444.08
Computer Services	1,920.00
Dispatch Service	6,449.51
Photo Lab	29.45
Uniforms	1,997.79
Dues	2,600.00
Supplies	235.35
Office Supplies	835.19
Radio Maintenance	392.00
New & Replacement Equipment	661.97
Equipment Maintenance	635.04
Postage	121.94
Gasoline	3,951.78
Vehicle Maintenance	5,856.24
Books & Periodicals	93.45
Dog Control	260.00
Petty Cash	25.00

Total Police Department Expenses

128,008.59

Fire Department:

Salaries	8,999.14
Telephone	408.89
Information Line 8123	672.75
Computer Services	319.40
Dispatching Services	716.61
Electric	831.04
Heating Oil	3,490.67
Building Maintenance	1,490.07
Generator	3,182.29
Uniforms & Protective Clothing	34.70
Dues	539.38
Supplies	29.51
Office Supplies	25.00
Postage	21.05

Propane	639.97	
Diesel Fuel	633.21	
Vehicle Maintenance	3,205.31	
Equipment Maintenance	271.42	
Radio Maintenance	3,914.83	
New & Replacement Equipment	524.21	
Kelleys	198.32	
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Total Fire Department Expenses		30,147.77
Fire Dept. Equipment Truck		97,500.00
Emergency Management Grant – Generator		357.00
Hazardous Mitigation Grant		2,845.26
Town Maintenance:		
Douglas Glover – Salary	45,887.76	
James A. Cyrs	31,143.44	
Hourly Help	380.00	
Retirement	4,276.07	
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Total Town Maintenance		81,687.27
General Highway Department:		
Tuition Reimbursement	90.00	
Engineering	910.00	
Telephone	1,222.35	
Computer	419.40	
Medical Services	35.00	
Electricity	1,745.91	
Heating Oil	1,918.68	
Building Maintenance	860.16	
Equipment Rental (excavator)	5,395.00	
Uniforms	1,912.59	
Dues	69.00	
Office Supplies	25.00	
Shop Supplies	3,780.03	
Public Service - South Road Line Repair	2,018.57	
Gasoline	3,924.70	
Propane	233.18	
Diesel Fuel	5,484.54	
Vehicle Maintenance	12,875.24	
Equipment Maintenance	10,922.07	
Radio Maintenance	1,384.88	
Street Maintenance	20,151.86	
State Fees - Wetland Permits	200.00	
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Total General Highway Department		75,578.16
Roadwork Non-lapsing Account		35,000.00

Total Street Lighting Expenses		6,264.56
Total Highway Block Grant Expenses		43,008.85
Total Solid Waster Disposal Expenses		30,804.00
Total Health & Hospitals Agencies Expenses		3,590.00
Total Welfare Expenses		1,738.00
Total Parks & Recreation Expenses		11,762.00
Library:		
Librarian – Salary	5,864.42	
Telephone	380.95	
Computer	239.95	
Supplies	15.45	
Postage	76.00	
Books & Periodicals	6,309.00	
Total Library Expenses		12,885.77
Patriotic :		
Town Party	500.00	
Lafayette Lions	100.00	
Total Patriotic Expenses		600.00
Conservation Commission:		
Timber Monitor	225.00	
Books & Periodicals	136.00	
Dues & Subscriptions	150.00	
Total Conservation Commission Expenses		511.00
Current Use Conservation Fund		5,000.00
Total Tax Anticipation Notes Payment		300,000.00
Total Interest – Tax Anticipation Notes		897.07

Transfers – Capital Reserve Funds:	
Meetinghouse	15,000.00
Highway Department	30,000.00
Fire Department	58,000.00
Police Department	12,000.00
Crapo Building	5,000.00
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Total Transfers – Capital Reserve Funds	120,000.00
Total Taxes Paid – County	162,673.00
Total Taxes Paid – School District	973,834.00
Total Taxes Paid – State School Tax	115,898.00
Total Tax Refunds, Abatements, Overpayments	4,035.00
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Total Detailed Expenses	\$2,495,655.36

The enclosed reports are from the Trustees of the Trust Funds for the year 2004.

**CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS**

**Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2004**

**P R I N C I P A L I N C O M E**

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	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year	
											\$
06/19/76	Highway Dept. CRF	\$ 13,395.70	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 43,395.70	\$ 88.41	\$ 0.00	\$ 129.87	\$ 43,525.57	
06/23/76	Police Department CRF	1,062.55	12,000.00	0.00	0.00	13,062.55	71.81	0.00	164.43	13,226.98	
12/31/91	Meetinghouse CRF	1,466.95	15,000.00	0.00	14,564.00	1,902.95	89.54	200.00	11.87	1,914.82	
03/17/99	Highway Dept. Roadwork CRF	690.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	690.45	6.64	0.00	70.95	761.40	
08/00/04	Carolina Crapo CRF	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	4,009.90	990.10	24.63	0.00	24.63	1,014.73	
07/19/93	Fire Department CRF	45,963.27	58,000.00	0.00	95,000.00	8,963.27	752.16	2,500.00	113.02	9,076.29	
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL</b>											
	RESERVE FUNDS	\$ 62,578.92	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 113,573.90	\$ 69,005.02	\$ 2,181.58	\$ 1,033.19	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 514.77	\$ 69,519.79

All Funds Invested 100%.

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

# CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2004

## P R I N C I P A L I N C O M E

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	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Total of Principal & Income at End of Year
10/09/75	Sunnyside Care Fund (1)	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 150.18	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,338.96	\$ 15,338.96
09/21/73	Louise Leazott Trust (1)	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	401.70	0.00	411.13	911.13
11/05/43	Annie Bowles Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	92.99	0.00	94.86	244.86
11/03/37	Frank E. Bowles Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	92.99	0.00	94.86	244.86
10/18/56	J. L. & Gertrude Bowles Trust (1)	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	51.35	0.00	52.40	152.40
07/11/84	Hersom Murray Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	56.72	0.00	58.57	208.57
10/09/75	Anker Trust (2)	3,500.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.79	653.66	0.00	694.71	4,195.50
10/09/75	Sunnyside Cemetery Fund (3)	15,648.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,648.09	4,007.60	0.00	4,201.87	19,849.96

### TOTAL CEMETERY

TRUST FUNDS      \$ 32,198.88      \$ 0.00      \$ 0.00      \$ 0.00      \$ 32,198.88      \$ 8,545.79      \$ 401.57      \$ 8,947.36      \$ 41,146.24

- (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.

## 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 8, 2005, 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
- Two Zoning Board of Adjustment Members to serve for terms of three (3) years
- One Board of Cemetery Trustee to serve for a term of three (3) years
- And such other Town Officers as may be required by law.

**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 .....	\$ 41,800.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics .....	15,950.00
Payroll Taxes .....	15,000.00
Financial Administration .....	19,850.00
Revaluation of Property .....	12,000.00
Legal Expenses .....	6,000.00
Planning Board .....	3,000.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment .....	800.00
Insurance .....	84,551.37
General Government Buildings .....	61,426.00
Rent .....	35,000.00
Buildings & Grounds .....	26,499.00
Cemetery .....	6,500.00
Advertising & Regional Associations .....	7,498.95
North Country Council .....	998.95
Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce .....	6,500.00
Police Department .....	147,692.00
Fire Department .....	38,800.00

Ambulance .....		3,090.00
Ross Ambulance .....	1,590.00	
Life Squad .....	1,500.00	
Emergency Management .....		250.00
Town Maintenance .....		87,877.00
General Highway Department Expense .....		80,435.00
Highway Block Grant .....		46,299.35
Street Lighting .....		6,500.00
Solid Waste Disposal .....		32,692.00
Health, Hospitals .....		3,591.00
North Country Home Health .....	1,247.00	
Grafton County Senior .....	550.00	
American Red Cross .....	250.00	
Hospice .....	366.00	
WM Mental Health .....	678.00	
Littleton Regional Hospital .....	500.00	
Welfare .....		12,500.00
Tri County Cap .....	725.00	
Unemployment .....		100.00
Library .....		13,133.00
Parks and Recreation .....		14,871.00
North Country YMCA .....	150.00	
Patriotic Purposes .....		600.00
Conservation Commission .....		1,500.00
Interest Expense-Tax Anticipation Notes .....		2,000.00
Total Appropriations .....		\$792,805.67

The Selectmen recommend these Appropriations.

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

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be used for Highway Department Roadwork. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the fund is expended or in 3 years, whichever is less. (Majority vote required)

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.



**ARTICLE 7:** 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 created in 1993.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to replace the existing Fire Department tanker. This article will be funded in the amount of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Five Hundred Dollars from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program and the salvage value of the existing tanker to be replaced.

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 Sugar Hill Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund created in 1991.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Carolina Crapo Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$13,500) for the purpose of repairs to the Sugar Hill Fire Station.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) in support of Ammonoosuc Community Health.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

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

SUGAR HILL BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John J. Strasser III

Richard Bielefield

Harry L. Reid

### 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 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 8, 2005, not counting the day of posting or the day of the Meeting.

SUGAR HILL BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John J. Strasser, III

Richard Bielefield

Harry L. Reid

Given under our hands and seals this 21st day of February, Two Thousand and Five.

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL - REVENUE

(Modified Accrual Basis)

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 2004	Actual 2004	Estimated 2005
Taxes:			
Yield Taxes	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,017.00	\$ 2,500.00
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	10,000.00	13,282.00	5,000.00
Land Use Change Tax	12,500.00	21,615.00	5,000.00
Intergovernmental Revenues - State:			
Shared Revenue - Block Grant	6,278.00	13,910.00	13,900.00
Highway Block Grant	43,009.00	43,009.00	46,299.00
Rooms & Meals	20,719.00	20,719.00	20,000.00
Licenses and Permits:			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	120,000.00	130,265.00	125,000.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	1,500.00	1,718.00	1,500.00
Building Permits	700.00	960.00	750.00
Business Licenses & Permits	100.00	165.00	0.00
From Federal Government:	26,250.00	26,250.00	151,750.00
Charges For Services:			
Income From Departments	2,500.00	7,428.00	4,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue:			
Interests on Deposits	250.00	515.00	350.00
Sale of Municipal Property	50,000.00	31,395.00	2,500.00
Other Refunds & Insurance Reimbursements	6,250.00	6,345.00	7,400.00
Other Financing Sources:			
Withdrawals - Trust/Agency Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fund Balance ("Surplus")	31,954.00	31,954.00	30,000.00
Total Revenues and Credits	<u>\$334,510.00</u>	<u>\$352,547.00</u>	<u>\$415,949.00</u>

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

<b>PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>Appropriation 2004</b>	<b>Actual 2004</b>	<b>Estimated 2005</b>
<b>General Government:</b>			
Executive	\$ 36,800.00	\$ 34,397.00	\$ 41,800.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	15,405.00	14,084.00	15,950.00
Financial Administration	16,350.00	15,848.00	19,850.00
Revaluation of Property	5,220.00	5,220.00	12,000.00
Personnel Administration	13,127.00	13,713.00	15,000.00
Legal Expenses	8,000.00	2,593.00	6,000.00
General Government & Buildings & Grounds	56,550.00	56,030.00	87,925.00
Cemeteries	2,000.00	1,999.00	6,500.00
Planning & Zoning	3,800.00	3,322.00	3,800.00
Insurance	76,562.00	75,137.00	84,551.00
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	7,550.00	7,549.00	7,499.00
Unemployment Compensation	100.00	0.00	100.00
<b>Public Safety:</b>			
Police Department	139,190.00	128,838.00	147,692.00
Fire Department	29,600.00	30,148.00	38,800.00
Life Squad - Ross Ambulance	3,000.00	3,070.00	3,090.00
Emergency Management	100.00	0.00	250.00
Grants 2003	0.00	3,202.00	0.00
<b>Highways, Streets and Bridges:</b>			
Town Maintenance	83,692.00	82,346.00	87,877.00
General Highway	76,007.00	75,578.00	80,435.00
Highway Block Grant	43,008.00	43,009.00	46,299.00
Street Lighting	6,000.00	6,264.00	6,500.00
<b>Sanitation:</b>			
Solid Waste Disposal	30,704.00	30,804.00	32,692.00
<b>Health:</b>			
Health and Hospitals	3,600.00	3,590.00	3,591.00
<b>Welfare:</b>			
Town Poor	2,500.00	1,738.00	12,500.00
<b>Culture and Recreation:</b>			
Library	13,129.00	12,886.00	13,133.00
Parks & Recreation & YMCA	13,170.00	11,762.00	14,871.00
Patriotic Purposes	600.00	600.00	600.00

Conservation:			
Conservation Commission	1,000.00	511.00	1,500.00
Debt Service:			
Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	2,000.00	897.00	2,000.00
Grand Total	<u>\$688,764.00</u>	<u>\$665,135.00</u>	<u>\$792,805.00</u>
Special Warrant Articles Recommended			132,000.00
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended			164,000.00
Total Appropriations Recommended			\$1,088,805.00
Less Estimated Revenues and Credits			<u>-415,949.00</u>
Amount Of Taxes To Be Raised (Exclusive of School and County Taxes)			\$672,856.00

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF  
APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES**  
(Year Ending December 31, 2004)

	Appropriation 2004	Actual 2004	Unexpended or Overdrafts
Executive	\$ 36,800.00	\$ 34,223.80	\$ 2,576.20
Election, Reg & Vital Statistics	15,405.00	14,048.29	1,356.71
Financial Administration	16,350.00	15,611.72	738.28
Revaluation of Property	5,220.00	5,220.00	0.00
Payroll Taxes	13,127.00	13,712.82	(585.82)
Legal Expenses	8,000.00	2,592.58	5,407.42
Government Buildings	31,550.00	31,489.62	60.38
Buildings & Grounds	25,000.00	24,280.87	719.13
Cemeteries	2,000.00	1,998.54	1.46
Planning Board	3,000.00	2,756.28	243.72
Zoning Board	800.00	565.96	234.04
Insurance	76,562.00	75,136.71	1,425.29
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	7,550.00	7,548.97	1.03
Unemployment Compensation	100.00	0.00	100.00
Police Department	139,190.00	128,008.59	11,181.41
Fire Department	29,600.00	30,147.77	(547.77)
Life Squad-Ambulance	3,000.00	3,070.00	(70.00)
Emergency Management	100.00	0.00	100.00
Grants 2003	0.00	3,202.26	(3,202.26)
Town Maintenance	83,692.00	81,687.27	2,004.73
General Highway	76,007.00	75,578.16	428.84
Highway Block	43,008.00	43,008.85	(0.85)
Street Lighting	6,000.00	6,264.56	(264.56)
Solid Waste Disposal	30,704.00	30,804.00	(100.00)
Health, Hospitals	3,600.00	3,590.00	10.00
Welfare	2,500.00	1,738.00	762.00
Library	13,129.00	12,885.77	243.23
Parks & Recreation	13,170.00	11,762.00	1,408.00
Patriotic Purposes	600.00	600.00	0.00
Conservation Commission	1,000.00	511.00	489.00
Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	2,000.00	897.07	1,102.93
	<u>\$688,764.00</u>	<u>\$662,941.46</u>	<u>\$25,822.54</u>
Capital Reserve Funds	120,000.00	120,000.00	0.00
Article #5 Roadwork	50,000.00	35,000.00	15,000.00
Grand Total	\$858,764.00	\$817,941.46	\$40,822.54

## NOTES

# LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2004

## PRINCIPAL INCOME

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on		Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Total of Principal & Income End of Year
				Sale of Securities	Withdrawals						
10/09/75	Gladys Jesseman Memorial Trust	\$ 1,841.23	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,841.23	\$ 122.64	\$ 19.33	\$ 0.00	\$ 141.97	\$ 1,983.20
09/21/73	Fredericka Harnes Fund	1,564.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,564.10	274.92	18.04	0.00	292.96	1,857.06
11/05/43	Alice Smith Fund	903.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	903.50	159.20	10.53	0.00	169.73	1,073.23
1/22/2001	Richardson Memorial Trust	70,742.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	70,742.51	2,085.94	1,835.80	0.00	3,921.74	74,664.25
TOTAL LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS		\$ 75,051.34	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 75,051.34	\$ 2,642.70	\$ 1,883.70	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,526.40	\$ 79,577.74

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

Respectfully,  
David McPhaul  
Chairman, Trustees of Trust Funds

## **CEMETERY TRUSTEES' REPORT**

The Trustees have met several times in the Sunnyside Cemetery and once in the Streeter Pond/Hannah Cemetery. It is our opinion that the Sunnyside Cemetery should be our first priority. We recommend the continuation of the preservation of the tombstones which are in the worst condition first. We then recommend the continuation of the cleaning and straightening of the stones in the next quadrant.

We have received two estimates to install a split rail fence and have accepted the lower bid from Whitney's. This work will be completed in 2005. We would once again like to commend Ellie and Lloyd Card for their outstanding work of mowing and trimming the grounds. A special thank you as well to the Highway Department for keeping the roads clear.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Aldrich  
Holly Hayward  
Beth Perlo  
Meri Hern  
Cemetery Trustees

## **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Because of a spate of embezzling lately by Town Clerks & Tax Collectors in New Hampshire, two auditors took great care in auditing the Town's books and accounts this year. We found no malfeasance by the new Town Clerk and Tax Collector Lissa Boissonneault or our Deputy Bit Andross. They have done a great job and were most helpful to the auditors.

Thanks to Jennifer Gaudette we have made a number of improvements in our financial book-keeping. We now have reports from the Library, Police and Conservation Commission Special Funds. In addition the records of the Trust Funds are now kept at the Town Offices and are on the computer there. The Town Treasurer Amy Venezia has assisted in getting the Treasurer's record keeping onto our computer which should make her job that much easier.

Again I'd like to thank Ralph Brigida for helping us audit the books and for keeping us on the straight and narrow path. The Town is most fortunate in having three such pleasant and helpful ladies keeping us running and efficient. They are a pleasure to work with.

Respectfully submitted,  
William Pinney  
Volunteer Town Auditor



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

We recognize the service of several citizens who have retired this past year- Roger Aldrich did not run for Moderator closing out a half century of service to the Town; Larry Ring stepped down as Trust Fund Trustee; Paul Pinkham as Fire Chief, and Walter Zandy retired as Emergency Management and Hazard Materials Director. All served in several capacities giving of themselves to make Sugar Hill a better place in which to live, and while they may not be filling a position, they still contribute to the good of Sugar Hill.

At almost every Selectmen's meeting we addressed developmental issues – building permits, septic designs, etc., etc. Favorable mortgage interest rates and a perception by “flat landers” (or more properly those from more southerly areas) that property prices were low, led to a spate of sales – some for more than the asking price. This totally skewed assessments so our valuations were 40% low based upon sales of similar properties. Ever since the creation of the State-wide Property Tax (SWPT), the state's Department of Revenue Administration has been diligent in watching this, and, had we not already been prepared to reassess, there's little doubt they would have required it. The reassessment was completed in early November and resulted in nearly every property increasing in value. All things being equal, and assuming that property sales and values settle down for a while, it will be another five years before we must face another revaluation.

The controversy over the Profile High School took center stage during the late winter and spring. Additionally we also are required to send over \$115,000 to the state via the SWPT. The end result of over five years of this tax is that we have had to divert better than \$500,000 to the state so other towns – many far wealthier than we (Bedford for example) - can spend it on reducing their property taxes, build new town buildings, upgrading streets, etc. – anything but improve their educational systems. Meanwhile, almost universally, “donor” towns have had to delay much needed improvements – our road program is an example. It has been reduced from \$75,000 to \$50,000 annually. Undeniably we will complete all roads, but much later than originally anticipated. Each of these present an unknown that can have a major impact on taxes!

In another area, the Sugar Hill Improvement Association found itself facing reduced income resulting from market conditions affecting the Crapo Trust. After several meetings, they and the Selectmen have agreed in principal that the Town will purchase the building. Negotiations are ongoing at this time. A SHIA Committee and the Selectmen will meet to work out details that are equitable to both.

Finally, we would be remiss not to recognize our Town employees, who are the envy of other towns in the area. They are hard working, dedicated, and often go without deserved recognition. We are fortunate to have them – they really do make things go smoothly. We want them to know how much we appreciate their every day service, as well as all the little things they do. Thanks folks – you're great!!!!!!

For the Selectmen  
Richard Bielefeld  
Chairman

## **TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION**

One of the happier situations for a transfer station to be in is for garbage to be down and recycling up. Such was the case in 2004. Garbage wasn't actually down but instead of the normal 5 percent increase, the increase for 2004 was 7 tons, slightly more than one percent. Additionally, due to a drop in our tipping fee, trash disposal cost \$39,009 – down \$2,858 from 2003. Construction and demolition debris saw a huge 41% increase but we were able to offset this added cost with the fees collected for these items.

Recycling rebounded nicely, pushing our recycling rate back over 40%. Markets for all recyclables remained strong throughout the year. In March we began sorting out deposit bottles and had received over \$2,600 by year's end. Recycling income for 2004 was \$26,000, an \$11,000 increase over 2003.

We recycled:

- 209 tons of paper products
- 9 tons of plastic
- 6 tons of aluminum cans
- 54 tons of scrap metal
- 95 tons of glass

The 2005 household hazardous waste collection will be held on Sat. June 18th at the Littleton Fire Station. Please contact us at the transfer station for more information.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Marshall  
Transfer Station Manager

## **PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT 2004 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District met seven (7) times during 2004. The District was once again active in household hazardous waste management, fluorescent light bulb recycling and paint recycling. A number of towns (7) initiated the collection of electronics for recycling as well. The District towns also continued to improve their cooperative recycling efforts with the Campton/Thornton/Ellsworth, Plymouth and Rumney facilities serving as processing facilities for a number of the smaller District towns. Working cooperatively on all of these programs allows individual District towns to save significant resources of time and money.

With assistance from North Country Council, the District held three (3) one-day collection events - Littleton and Rumney in the summer and Plymouth in the fall. These collections resulted in the proper disposal/recycling of over 4,000 gallons of material. Over 350 households participated in this program. The average amount of household hazardous waste dropped off by each participant increased from 13 gallons in 2003 to 16 gallons. The District received \$11,050 in grant funds from the State of NH's Household Hazardous Waste Program to help offset some of our program costs. In 2005, the District plans to hold two (2) HHW collections in the spring (Littleton and Thornton) and one (1) in the fall (Plymouth).

In addition to the one-day HHW collections, individual District towns continued to collect leftover/unused household paint. This material is accepted at most facilities April through September. Our selected contractor sorts the material by color and then processes it into a recycled paint product for commercial sale. Using this program the District was able to save \$140/box over last year's recycling/reuse rate with our HHW contractor. Over 2,000 gallons of paint were collected.

The District recycled over 27,000 feet of fluorescent light bulbs. These bulbs were collected at individual transfer stations throughout the year. In the spring and fall pickups were coordinated with our recycling vendor. Communities recycling electronics collected over ten (10) tons of material since May. These individual collection programs followed another successful one-day electronics recycling collection held in April at the Littleton Transfer Station where over four (4) tons of material was collected for recycling.

In October the District voted to return, in its entirety with accrued interest, individual members' unspent district appropriations from the years 1987 through 1991. This money had been serving as the District's capital reserve. Members will receive their individual shares by the dates they have specified.

Citizens interested in participating in the development of the District's programs are welcome to attend the District meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at all municipal offices.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Berti  
PBSWD Chairman

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

With the close of the 2004 year, I can not help but think how fast the time seems to be going. It seems like it was just the other day we were all gathered in the Sugar Hill Meeting House for the annual town meeting. Yet here we are preparing for another evening in the Historic Meeting House. Let me say that though this year has quickly passed, the Sugar Hill Police Department members have continued to keep the Department moving forward into the future. Sgt. Wentworth and I have been continuously improving and updating our personnel policies to become more in line with the national standards. We have also begun working on developing new log sheets to improve the Department's statistical ability for activity, while decreasing report writing time. These projects will take a great amount of time to fully complete but will help to improve the efficiency of the agency to better serve the citizens of Sugar Hill. Finally, a project that Sgt. Wentworth and I are both excited about is the new grant project being completed by Grafton County. This project will put new terminals called Mobil Data Transmitting Systems into our cruiser to improve communication and links with the dispatch center. This new terminal will allow us to free up radio time while performing police activity, making it safer for the officers on the streets. If you are interested in this project, please stop by and I will be more than glad to go into more detail.

2004 has again seen another rise in activity for the Sugar Hill Police Department. Calls for service, broken down into incidents and offenses, have seen a noticeable increase. This is accompanied by an increase in the number of arrests within the agency.

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Total Offenses	379	298
Total Incidents	348	264
Arrests	18	15
Traffic Citations/Warnings	425	629
MV Accidents	12	13
Medical Assists	9	8
Alarms	52	31

As you can see we have experienced a severe increase in the number of alarms the Police Department has responded to within the community. A vast majority of these alarms could have been prevented. I highly encourage residents with security alarm systems to keep in contact with your alarm company and have frequent maintenance to prevent false alarms. False alarms prove to be costly to the community and may result in a dangerous situation by having the cruiser responding to a perceived emergency. We ask that you please check your systems to ensure they are properly installed and set for the correct sensitivity.

The Sugar Hill Police Department would like to thank the Sugar Hill Fire Department for purchasing and installing the emergency 911 numbers for the residents of Sugar Hill. These numbers prove to be a valuable asset to emergency response crews in identifying the correct location which may provide the additional time that may help in saving a life. We would also like to again thank the Sugar Hill Highway Department for their continued dedication to maintaining a safe and clear road system within the community. This is definitely one of the best road crews I have had the privilege to work with and their efforts and assistance do not go unnoticed.

Finally, Sgt. Wentworth and I want to again thank the wonderful residents of Sugar Hill. I cannot count the times we have discussed how the residents truly make this community a remarkable place to work. The openness and warm welcome we continue to receive is a benefit that we greatly appreciate.

On behalf of the Sugar Hill Police Department,  
Jose L. Pequeno  
Chief of Police

## SUGAR HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

2004 was a year of many changes for the Sugar Hill Fire Department. After 12 years of dedicated service, Chief Paul Pinkham retired on December 1, 2004, and was replaced by Allan Clark. Two long-term firefighters also retired in 2004, Walter Zandi and Joe Lange; their hard work and dedication will be missed. Former Chief Paul Pinkham has agreed to remain a firefighter, however, he expects to spend winters in Florida. Paul Pinkham has dedicated numerous hours to the Town of Sugar Hill and has developed one of the best fire departments of a small town in the State.

Under Paul's leadership there were many accomplishments, but the most important was maintaining a group of dedicated firefighters who work well together in a harmonious manner. Although the firefighters are paid on call, the amount of the stipend is not sufficient to motivate the firefighters. The firefighters serve as they want to give to their community and it is necessary that serving as a firefighter is enjoyable and rewarding. Paul Pinkham provided leadership that created that environment.

In 2004, the Department took delivery of a Ford 550 Rescue Vehicle, which replaced an aging and unreliable truck. The truck serves many purposes including carrying the personal protective equipment of the firefighters, providing lighting on the scene of emergencies, carrying a variety of rescue equipment and tools. This truck will serve the community well for many years.

This past year saw a decrease in calls, primarily due to fewer requests to provide mutual aid assistance. The following is a break down of Fire Department calls during 2004 and 2003.

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Brush/Grass Fires	1	3
Chimney Fires	0	2
Down Power Lines	4	5
Fire Alarms	2	8
Motor Vehicle Accidents	6	4
Mutual Aid	12	22
Rescues	2	0
Smoke Investigations	1	7
Structure	2	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>51</b>

During the year, a new generator was installed at the Fire Station as a result of a Federal Grant. The generator provides emergency power to the station and will allow the station to be the emergency command center during a power failure and also a shelter where residents can utilize to keep warm. This project was the result of hard work primarily by Walter Zandi whose perseverance and countless hours on this project resulted in an asset that will serve the community for many years.

During 2004, the Department undertook the project of distributing 911 identification signage to every structure in the Town. This is a large project that is not yet complete. The 911 street numbers provide critical identification in case of an emergency. The preferred method of installing the signs is on a sign post at the road.

In the spring, the Department will complete this project and would be pleased to install the 911 numbers on a sign post at no cost. If you would like this done please call 823-8415 and leave your name and address. My sincere thanks to Gordie Johnk and Doug Glover for coordinating this critical project.

On December 28, 2004, the Sugar Hill Fire Department received a Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$130,500 to be utilized to purchase a new tanker, which will replace the old tanker that has more than 100,000 miles. The new tanker will be capable of carrying 2000 gallons of water and will be highly maneuverable. Provided the Town appropriates the matching funds (\$14,500) it is anticipated that a new tanker will be delivered in the Fall of 2005.

As of December 31, 2004 the Fire Department's active roster was as follows:

Chief Allan R. Clark

Asst. Chief Doug Glover

Engineer Harold Aldrich

Eric Chase

Luther Kinney

Mark Simpson

Marc Tardiff

Asst. Chief Doug Amsbary

Engineer Barry Bernstein

Robert Holland

Meghan McGovern

James Snyder

Karl Wockenfuss

Captain Gordie Johnk

Clifford Aldrich

Joe Lange

Paul Pinkham

Peter Szawlowski

Lastly, On December 1, 2004, I was appointed as Chief of Department. This is both an honor and an awesome responsibility. I pledge to work hard and to perform at the highest level of my ability. With the help of many, I am hopeful to meet the high standards that were established by Paul Pinkham.

Respectfully submitted,  
Allan R. Clark  
Fire Chief

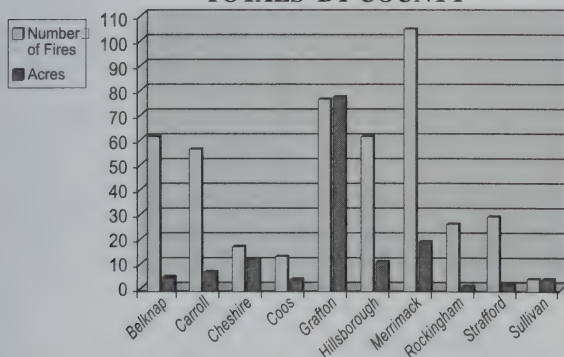
## COMMUNITY FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER REPORT

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local Fire Department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information contact the Division of Forests & Lands (603) 271-2217, or online at [www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org).

This last year was fairly wet throughout the spring and summer months, however we finished the season with an active fall fire season. In order to meet an increased demand for services, the Forest Protection Bureau was reorganized into three regions with smaller Forest Ranger Districts and over the last several years we have added two Forest Rangers. The fifteen state fire towers were the first to report on many fires throughout the state and they completed many other projects on the low fire danger days. The state implemented a program called Tower Quest to help citizens learn about fire towers and the need to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. The United States celebrated Smokey Bear's 60th birthday in 2004, and celebrations were held throughout the state. Please help Smokey Bear, your local Fire Department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire smart and fire safe!

### 2004 FIRE STATISTICS (All Fires Reported thru November 18, 2004)

#### TOTALS BY COUNTY



#### CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Cause	Number of Fires	Acres	Year	Total Fires	Total Acres
Arson	15	201	2004	462	147
Campfire	41	1	2003	374	100
Children	12	5	2002	540	187
Smoking	19	5	2001	942	428
*Miscellaneous	163				

(\*Miscellaneous: powerlines, fireworks, electric fences, etc)

**ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES**

## FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD

The Franconia Life Squad responded to 151 calls in 2004, EMS personnel responded to 107 calls in Franconia, 25 calls in Sugar Hill, 14 calls in Easton, 4 calls in Bethlehem, and 1 call in Lincoln.

We welcomed three new EMT's in 2004 bringing our current membership to fourteen. We have four members who certified as Water Rescue Technicians, two members who certified as Swift Water Technicians, three members that certified as Ice/Rescue Technicians, and we have two members who are certified Open Water Divers.

We would like to thank the residents and the towns of Franconia, Sugar Hill, and Easton for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dean Wright  
Chief, Franconia Life Squad

The following is a breakdown of our activity for 2004.

<b>Emergency Description</b>	<b>Total</b>
Motor Vehicle Accidents	46
Motor Vehicle Fatal	2
Snowmobile Accidents	3
Motorcycle Accidents	6
Assault	3
Attempted Suicide	3
Wilderness	3
Fire Assist	6
Bicycle	2
Medical	70
Missing Person	1
Lifeline Activation	3
Untimely Death	3



## RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Richardson Memorial Library began 2004 with a very successful book sale on February 14 during Frostbite Follies week. Numerous books were sold payable with a donation to the Library. The Willing Workers Society also held a delicious food sale to tempt the crowds. Please attend our next sale during Frostbite Follies week in February 2005.

We began a new program for babies born to parents living in Sugar Hill. For each baby, the Library presents a board book with the baby's name and date of birth, along with a membership card to our Library. The parents are sent a letter explaining the benefits of using the Library, and encouraging them to visit the Library.

We are very involved with the New Hampshire State Library Inter-Library Loan System. A patron may request any book or audio that we do not own. This year over 280 books were borrowed from other libraries in the state, and over 150 were lent to requesting libraries.

Increasing our nonfiction collection in the Library was one of our accomplished goals this year. Many patrons have suggested book titles or subjects for us to purchase. We welcome all ideas.

There is a great collection of audios in the Library for our patrons to peruse. Most are from some of our patrons who have contributed them to the Library. We have a wide selection of fiction and nonfiction titles from which to choose.

We were able to purchase a new computer for the Library with generous donations from two of our patrons. We thank you! The computer is very popular with many of our patrons. It is used everyday we are open.

In November, we held our first Family Game Night, where adults and children played some intriguing board games, along with enjoying some refreshments and joining in some good community spirit. Everyone had a good time!

This year there were over 80 visitors in the Library from other areas. Everyone was impressed with the bright and sizable room and with our diverse collection of books and audios.

The Library charges an annual user fee of \$20 to non-residents of Sugar Hill, which is used to purchase new reading materials.

We would like to thank our patrons for their generous donations and support throughout the past year in keeping our Library strong. The Library is a cultural center of the community, providing education as well as entertainment. HAVE YOU VISITED YOUR LIBRARY LATELY?

### 2004

Patron Visits	2015	Library Trustees:
Adult Books	2523	Irene Amsbary
Children's Books	1277	Ellie Card
Audio Books	144	Elaine Burpee

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharyn McGuigan  
Librarian

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Sugar Hill Conservation Commission has made trail building and marking of existing trails its main work project for 2004 – 2006.

The Commission has been talking with its counterparts in Franconia and Easton to develop a tri-town system of non-motorized paths with published maps and trail guides. The trails will be multi-use with walking, hiking, biking and cross country skiing encouraged.

Our first project is the proposed Sugar Hill-Franconia Link Trail that will run along the Gale River. This will be a new trail in Sugar Hill that will connect with an existing trail in Franconia. The Commission submitted a grant application to the New Hampshire Trails Bureau to help finance building the Sugar Hill portion. The new trail will be on private lands. Select boards from both towns support the endeavor and there is wide community interest for non-motorized recreation trails in town, as determined in a survey conducted by the Commission in 2002.

The Commission will be working with a forester to mark the trail in the Town Forest. The forester will ensure that boundaries of the area are clearly delineated, develop a forest management plan, and supervise a timber sale on the property. The Commission will accept bids to create an interpretive map and signs for the forest trail.

The Commission is looking for ways to involve area school children in conservation projects.

The Commission purchased new handbooks for municipal conservation commissions from the New Hampshire Association for Conservation Commissions.

The Commission continues to perform regular trash pick-up along Route 117 from Sunset Hill Road to Route 18.

As always, copies of our publication, “Birds of Sugar Hill” are available in the Town Building, free for the asking.

The Commission meets the third Wednesday of the month at 6 pm at the Town Building. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margo Connors  
Robert Benson  
Co-Chairs

## THE WILLING WORKERS SOCIETY

The Willing Workers Society is a nonsectarian charitable organization whose purpose is to serve the community. We had our July Summer Sale and November Christmas Sale to raise the money for our donations. In February we have a food sale at the Crapo, in conjunction with the Library book sale. This was done with the generous donations of food by our neighbors and friends, and the helpers at our sales: Lissa Boissonneault, Juna Reid and her granddaughter, Carol Young, Edith Aldrich, Winnie Harwood, Heather Ring and Sharon Pinkham. We would like to thank Arthur Chase, his daughter and son, and Marilyn Havens grandchildren for carrying sale items from our storage area upstairs in the meetinghouse and returning some again for our next sale. As always, Lloyd and Ellie Card were there to set up and clean up.

The college scholarship was awarded to Catlin Galligan.

Donations were made to North Country Home Health, David's House, Bancroft House, Franconia Life Squad, and Littleton Senior Center. Donations were also given to the Library in memory of Marion Sullivan and Hester Underhill and to the Franconia Life Squad in memory of, Alice Hunt's mother, Florence Parker. We lost good friend and past president Pat Dube in November, a donation to the American Diabetes Association was given in her memory.

Rita Landry, Helen McIntosh and Sylvia Hutchinson decorated a teddy bear tree for the museum's Festival of Trees. It was very popular with people of all ages. Fifty-two presents were bought and wrapped with the help of Sylvie Magown and Kitty Bigelow for the Town Christmas party. Plants were given to Kay Lipson and Lucy Aldrich.

In February it was decided to have all our monthly luncheons at the Meetinghouse, instead of going out to lunch. Each month three members volunteer to furnish the food. All enjoy the delicious meal.

This will be the 10<sup>th</sup> year, '93-'98 and '00-'04, that I have been president so I guess I've done okay. I thank all of you and our hard working members. This years officers have helped me through the last 4 years and will continue for the year of 2005.

### 2005 Officers

President Sylvia Hutchinson

Vice President Elaine Burpee

Treasurer and Hospitality Rita Landry

Secretary Nancy Smith

Callers Sylvia Magown

Elaine Burpee

Respectfully submitted,  
Sylvia Hutchinson  
President

## SUGAR HILL HISTORICAL MUSEUM REPORT

Visitors have wonderful memories to share with us when they visit the Museum. Three sisters who lived in the house two doors from the Post Office came to see the exhibit and related fond recollections of their childhoods growing up here. Many times the success of our programs depend on these memoirs. I encourage anyone who has resided here for 20 years or more to write and submit stories and photographs so we can have them on file when creating future exhibits.

The Main Exhibit 2004 “Mountain Memories - 100 Years Ago”, Watercolor Art Show and Rev. Nickerson’s Main Street Photo Exhibit was enjoyed by over 1020 visitors. The Fall Festival of Trees event attracted 550 visitors convincing us of the popularity of this program. Many thanks to Rae Batchelder, her committee and many volunteers for another successful fundraiser.

We recognized Elaine Burpee as Volunteer of the Year. She serves on the Museum Trustee Board and as the Volunteer Coordinator Co-Chair.

Education Director Sharyn McGuigan coordinated the Spring school outreach program “School Days - 100 years ago”. The Fall program included Rodney Russell teaching local Abenaki history and a tour of the Museum.

The Artisan’s Guild offered seven craft classes during the winter months, and members met the first and third Saturdays of each month to work on projects. Membership in the Guild and class fees are fundraisers. Several of our members demonstrated Rug Hooking at the Haverhill Corners Old Home Day in August.

Our Summer Lecture Series featured a program by Roger Aldrich and a N.H. Humanities Council Program with Rebecca Rule.

The Trustees allocated monies to the repair of the patio, replacement of the Carriage Barn ramp and the stabilization of the main building roof system.

We extend an invitation to all residents of Sugar Hill to become more involved with our volunteer program and join in supporting our efforts by becoming active members. This is your Museum! Many hands make light work. If you can help in any way, please call a Trustee or staff member today. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,  
Winnie Harwood  
Exec. Director/Curator

## SUGAR HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

The Sugar Hill Improvement Association continues in its role *to support and further projects in town that benefit the village and its people.*

In the spring the Directors, and Trustees of the Crapo Trust Fund, met with a representative from the Attorney General's office to discuss and clarify how Trust Funds may be spent. The representative was very pleased with the way the Crapo Memorial Building has been renovated and improved for Municipal Offices, Library and Community Center.

A committee met with Road Agent Doug Glover to study the border of the Town Garage Property on South Road. Recommendations were made for improvements and landscaping which will be carried out as funding permits.

The Association voted to have one member of the Selectmen serve on the Board of Directors to facilitate better communications between the Town and the Association. Richard Bielefield is now serving as that member.

Presently the Playground Project is our most exciting endeavor. Thanks to the Committee, and the generosity of our townspeople, the children of Sugar Hill have brand new top of the line ~safe~play equipment. Hopefully it will soon be expanded by the addition of more pieces. Read about this below. It is a testimony of what Sugar Hill is all about!

How many towns have an association even close to the Sugar Hill Improvement Association? Blessed with land, buildings, Trust Funds, and best of all a generous community spirit ... we believe it is unique. We are so fortunate.

All Sugar Hill residents are automatically members of the Improvement Association. We welcome everyone to join us, share ideas and work with us, as we look to the future and all the special ways the Association can benefit children and make Sugar Hill an even more special place.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Serafini, President

The Playground Committee has continued our efforts to obtain new playground equipment. Over the course of the past year we have made significant progress in adding to this community asset. We have purchased a climber and a swing set. The playground is once again alive with activity as our children reap the benefits that members of our community have generously provided.

The final additions to the playground for phase two are well within our reach with only \$6,000 left to raise in funding. We are confident we will meet the goal of completing this wonderful addition to the Town by Spring 2005 with the continued support of the community and the Sugar Hill Improvement Association.

Please help us reach our goal by making a final contribution:

SHIA Playground Fund  
1570 Rt. 117  
Sugar Hill, NH 03586

We also invite you to stop by our table at Town Meeting and see current photos of the playground and the plan for the final phase of installation.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Playground Committee  
Amy Mitz, Chair  
Beverly Frenkiewich

Maxine Aldrich  
Lizanne Holland

M.J. Bernstein  
Wendy Thayer

## **FRANCONIA – SUGAR HILL – EASTON RECREATION COMMITTEE**

The Tri-Town Recreation Program has had another incredibly busy year! A huge thank you goes out to all the volunteer coaches, officials, parent helpers and youth players for making our recreation program such a success for everyone in Franconia, Easton and Sugar Hill.

Our 2003 - 2004 basketball season went extremely well, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys team dominated area basketball teams, later combining with Bethlehem to create a powerhouse team that went on to many tournaments. The girls team got together occasionally to play, but lacked enough players for a full team. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams played several games. The girls team combined with Bethlehem from the beginning and enjoyed getting to know other girls they would see soon at Profile. The 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys team enjoyed playing, a little short on players for the weekends due to FSC skiing, everyone gave 110% every time.

Our youth baseball/softball teams were successful for another season. A t-ball team, two farm league teams, a minor league baseball, a major league baseball and a major league softball completed our roster. Many of our coaches continued to coach and many players continued to play this summer as part of our All Star teams. Many thanks to the coaches and umpires who made this a successful season for everyone involved.

Summer Recreation went for a full 8 weeks this summer at the Lafayette Regional School with many returning staff and even more returning campers. We met several new students this summer that had the chance to meet kids in their own grade even before school started! Field trips to Santa's Village, Storyland, Whale's Tale, indoor roller-skating, Polar Caves and Canobie Lake Park made for some exciting Friday field trips. Swim lessons continued under the capable direction of Jean Serino at the Gale River Motel for the summer campers pre-school through third grade. Water Safety instruction were on the Tuesdays we were able to be at Echo Lake for the day. Theme weeks and all camp activities kept everyone busy all summer.

Jean Serino also has taught swim lessons in the fall at the Franconia Village Hotel and in the spring at Stonybrook Motel and Lodge for students at Lafayette Regional School. Thank you to both of these businesses for allowing us the use of your pools and we hope we can continue to work together.

Soccer season brought almost the whole school population out to the field for practices and games. The younger teams were able to use a smaller field and goals at the school where the older teams were out on the Dow Field almost daily. A big thank you to the referees, coaches and parent volunteers who made sure everyone had a good time this fall.

The Recreation Committee, with the Town of Franconia's approval, has submitted an application to the State of New Hampshire's Land and Water Conservation Fund Program for grant monies to not only level the far end of the Dow Strip for additional playing fields, but to replace the current playground equipment and improve landscaping on the Dow Strip.

This winter we will have all the lights back on at the ice rink and hope to see many of you out there with your skates on and ready for a good time. We are looking to bring back “Family Night” at the ice rink in hopes of getting more families out on the ice together. We hope you’ll join us for music, hot chocolate, hot dogs, skating and lots of fun!

The Tri-Town Recreation Committee meets the first Thursday of every month at the Franconia Village House Restaurant at 6:00pm. We welcome the public to attend and look forward to another exciting year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kris Germain, Recreation Director and the Tri-Town Recreation  
Committee  
Easton: Brian Canelas & Mike Kenney  
Franconia: Kim Cowles, Jeff Malcolm & William “Red” McCarthy  
Sugar Hill: Gordie Johnk & Jean Serino

## **FRANCONIA NOTCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

The Franconia Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank the three towns for the continued support (Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton). We printed an expanded 12 page color brochure that we send out to all our inquiries that show the beauty and uniqueness of the area along with a listing of Chamber members. Our web page is being constantly updated to make it as fresh as possible. The number of hits keep increasing over the last year. You can check out our website at [www.franconianotch.org](http://www.franconianotch.org). During the 2004 season we have continued to staff the Franconia information booth from May to October. We have assisted many 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 organize and conduct the following events and festivals:  
The Annual Frostbite Follies Winter Carnival  
The 17th Annual Old Men of the Mountain Rugby Festival  
The 11th Annual Fields of Lupine Festival  
The Fall Antique Show & Sale

The events highlight our beautiful area. They have attracted more visitors to our towns and subsequently provided jobs, economic growth and tax revenue to our communities. We welcome input and ideas. We hope to involve more businesses that aren’t just hospitality related. The monthly meeting is held the second Tuesday of every month at 10 AM at area businesses. Please join us in helping to improve our area’s Chamber of Commerce.

Sincerely,  
Franconia Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber operates on a cash basis and not all events have been booked as of year end. Other than funds received from dues and Town funds, the remainder of the income is from members to support the Chamber’s other activities as outlined above.

**FRANCONIA AREA  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
Calendar Year End 2004**

**Beginning Balance (Jan. 1, 2004) \$ 9,131.18**

**INCOME**

Membership Dues		12,325.00	
Brochure Mailings		497.00	
	Town Funds		
	Franconia	\$10,000.00	
	Sugar Hill	6,500.00	
	Easton	365.00	16,865.00
Interest Earned			28.16
	Fundraisers:		
	Antique Show	2,010.00	
	Frostbite Follies	-0-	
	Lupine Festival	8,688.50	
			10,698.50
Miscellaneous			-0-
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$40,413.66</b>

**EXPENSES**

Booth Expenses:			
Payroll			\$11,723.64
Telephone			2,088.80
Telephone Answering Service			-0-
Electricity			172.66
Office			1,058.87
Postage			1,033.30
Advertising			3,500.00
IRS (Payroll Taxes)			1,319.50
Bank Fees			-0-
Insurance			1,118.00
Internet			572.60
Non-Booth Expenses:			
Salary			-0-
Administrative Office Expense			649.15
Telephone			177.77
Dues & Subscriptions			115.00
Lupine Festival			6,014.30
Miscellaneous			46.64
Donations			-0-
Services			155.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$29,745.23</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE (Dec. 31, 2004)</b>			<b>\$19,799.61</b>



## NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2004

This has been another busy year at the Council. As we began our 31st year as a Planning Commission, we reaffirmed the Council's commitment to serve community and regional needs.

Over the past year we have expanded our capabilities based in response to our communities needs. We have created additional capacity in grant writing and grant administration by the addition of an assistant planner and we continue to expand the capabilities of the staff by encouraging all of them to continue their education and training. Three of our planners recently received their American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) certification. You will see in this report some of our major accomplishments in community planning, solid waste management, forest planning, resource planning, transportation planning, and others. I hope you will take the time to look these over and give us some feedback as to where you think the Council could improve and how we might better serve our communities.

In the coming year we will intend to continue to improve our capabilities and service in our core areas and have taken on some projects that demonstrate our commitment to serve our communities. We have been awarded a "Brownfield's Assessment" grant from EPA which we will begin working on in late 2004. This grant will inventory and assess petroleum contamination sites throughout the region which will allow for these sites to understand costs of mitigating the contamination and potentially procure funding for them. We also intend to complete the regional housing needs assessment update and have our regional plan updated. This will be another busy year.

I would like to thank my Board of Directors for all of their support and most of all congratulate and thank my staff for their dedication and hard work. The Council is here to serve you. It is your organization. Our staff and Board are committed to responding to community need. If there is a project or a need in your town, please call us. We are dedicated to both supporting our individual towns and promoting regional unity in the North Country.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michael King*

Michael King

Executive Director

## **2004 REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF DISTRICT ONE**

**By Ray Burton, Executive Councilor**

It is an honor to be starting my 27th and 28th year as one of your public servants here in District One.

The Executive Council is your effective point of contact at the top of your Executive Branch of state government. The Council acts much like a board of directors for the administration of public law and public budget as passed by the NH House and Senate. The Council also accepts grant money from federal programs for administration to community-based organizations.

As we look into the next two years, I urge citizens to become involved through their regional planning commissions in bringing forth concerns and ideas for transportation projects. It is my opinion that not many new projects will be done, due to lack of sufficient funds. We will be lucky to maintain what we have and build what is in the current ten-year transportation plan.

District Health Councils are in full gear whereby local health concerns can be articulated directly to the Commissioner of Health and Human Services. This is the largest agency in our state government.

With a new administration headed by Governor John Lynch there will be many boards and commissions looking for volunteers. If you are interested in finding out what is available please visit the Secretary of State's website at [www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index](http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index) or call my office.

My office is always available to assist in questions for relief, assistance and information. Also available and free is the NH Constitution, state map and brochure on the Executive Council. Please contact me anytime. It is a pleasure to serve you and your region.

Raymond S. Burton

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# WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The world has changed. We here in the North Country would like to think that our location somehow shelters us from this reality, but this is not the case. Children in our communities are developing more emotional, behavioral and developmental disorders than at any time in the past. The families we see at White Mountain Mental Health are often facing multiple stressors: lack of job security, lack of health insurance, a child with serious problems in school, and the financial and emotional stress of single-parenting. It is no surprise that depression, anxiety and substance abuse often are the result.

As the level of pressure rises, our society can offer fewer natural supports. Many people live relatively isolated lives, and have no place to turn when life becomes overwhelming. Others may call upon friends or family and find that these potential supports are themselves so overburdened that they are unable to respond. In this post-9/11 world, we all share anxiety as we deal for the first time in our lives with fears of terrorism and the reality of our sons, daughters and spouses leaving to fight a frightening and far-away war.

In this environment, White Mountain Mental Health, and our developmental services program, Common Ground is here to help. Part of our job is to provide the intensive and extensive services that are needed to allow persons with serious mental illness or developmental disability to live successfully in their communities. These services are funded through our contract with the State of New Hampshire. But most of our clients are not State funded. We turn to the towns and to private donors for assistance to allow us to continue to be here for all of the people who live among us, who need competent, professional help in facing the tribulations of life. This impact is seen in children who become more successful in school and better prepared for adulthood, in adults who resume functioning as employees and parents, and in elders who are able to stay independent and productive.

## *Service Statistics:*

During 2004, 2 residents of Sugar Hill received 17.50 hours of service. Our services include:

- 24 hour emergency service
- individual and family treatment, offered both in the office and in homes
- intensive, "wrap-around" services to children with serious emotional disturbance in their families
- in-home support and treatment of elders
- substance abuse counseling and substance abuse prevention services
- psychiatric consultation and medication evaluation
- a wide array of supports and services to allow persons with a developmental disability to live full lives and to provide respite and support to their families

Thank you for your continued appropriation to allow us to continue these services.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane C. MacKay, LICSW  
Area Director

**NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH  
& HOSPICE AGENCY, INC.  
TOWN OF SUGAR HILL – 2004**

Home care is critical to serving the growing health care need of this country. North Country Home Health and Hospice Agency makes it possible for hundreds of people a year to continue their lives at home. Recognizing that clients and their families have special requests and routines, we coordinate all aspects of our clients' care with a keen respect for individual needs. In working with families we discover what is important to the client - their independence, their ability to determine their own future, their right to say, "thanks, but no thanks." It is in the respect of our clients' values and expectations that have earned us a reputation for providing exceptional health care services.

North Country Home Health and 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 benefits. Because of your generosity and support, North Country Home Health and Hospice continues its 33-year tradition of responding to the home health and hospice needs of North Country residents.

As we struggle to deal with the difficult and time consuming issues facing home care today, the staff of North Country Home Health and 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.

**Explanation of Services:**

*Skilled Services* – shorter hospital stays and new technology allow many treatments to be done in the home, provided and administered by skilled professionals, such as nurses and therapists.

*Supportive Care Services* – home health aides, homemakers, and companions ensure ill and disabled persons can live in healthy households, have clean clothes, nutritious meals, and help with their activities of daily living.

*Hospice Care* – a holistic, family supportive, medically directed, team-oriented program that seeks to treat and comfort individuals and families coping with terminal illnesses.

Services provided to the Town of Sugar Hill in FY2004 include:

<u>Type of Care</u>	<u># of Visits</u>
Nursing	105
Physical/Occupational/Speech Therapy	182
Medical Social Service	5
Home Health Aid/Homemaker/Companion	290
Total	<hr/> 582

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Jurasek, Executive Director

## HOSPICE OF THE LITTLETON AREA ANNUAL REPORT 2004

Hospice of the Littleton Area (HLA) is a non-profit community-based volunteer program offering supportive care to terminally ill individuals and their families wherever they reside – in their homes, assisted living facilities, nursing homes or hospitals. HLA trained volunteers provide emotional support and companionship, help with routine chores and errands, meal preparation, assistance with transportation needs, and respite time for family members. HLA also maintains a free lending library of books, pamphlets and tapes; facilitates a walk-in bereavement support group, and provides bereavement support to family members for one year following the death of a loved one. Additionally, HLA conducts community outreach services through its hospice volunteer training program, special events and meetings with various organizations and schools.

In 2004, Hospice of the Littleton Area (HLA) provided services to a total of 169 patients and family members in its service area, which includes the towns of Littleton, Bath, Bethlehem, Carroll (Twin Mountain), Dalton, Easton, Franconia, Haverhill, Landaff, Lincoln, Lisbon, Lyman, Monroe, Sugar Hill, Whitefield, Woodstock and Woodsville.

The director, volunteer coordinator and hospice volunteers provided supportive care to 78 individuals and their families coping with the advanced and final stages of illness. Additionally, our bereavement programs supported 91 grieving clients through special mailings, phone contact, one-on-one counseling and bereavement support group meetings at All Saints Parish in Littleton. Overall, HLA staff and volunteers gave over 3,200 hours in direct case services.

Hospice of the Littleton Area continues its partnership with two area healthcare providers. HLA provides volunteer and bereavement services to the North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency's Medicare Hospice Program and offers supportive care to patients and family members in the Hospice Room at Littleton Regional Hospital.

To meet the rising need for hospice services, our volunteer coordinator conducted three six-week (18-hour) hospice volunteer training programs in 2004 (instead of just one). The sessions were held in Lincoln, Littleton and Woodsville respectively. Twenty-seven (27) people completed the training. Since 1983, HLA has trained 304 people and currently has 102 volunteers serving 17 communities in the North Country.

There is **no charge** to patients or families for HLA services. HLA does not receive any federal, state or county funding and is not reimbursed by private insurers. HLA relies primarily upon the generosity and good will of the communities it serves to support its programs. Without financial help from the towns, HLA would not be able to serve the many patients and families it does.

Your much-needed support of Hospice of the Littleton Area is greatly appreciated as we continue to provide compassionate care to terminally ill residents and their families.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael A. Neil  
Executive Director

# **GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.**

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2004**

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private non-profit 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, the information and assistance program Grafton County ServiceLink and also sponsors the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of the Upper Valley and White Mountains (RSVP). Through the centers, ServiceLink 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 2004, 18 older residents of Sugar Hill were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Littleton Area Senior Center:

- Older adults from Sugar Hill enjoyed 27 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.
- They received 819 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Sugar Hill residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 29 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 22 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 84 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Sugar Hill residents in 2004 was \$5,584.89.

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, saving tax dollars, that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. 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.

Roberta Berner  
Executive Director

**BIRTHS REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH  
for the Year Ending December 31, 2004**

<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	<b>NAME OF CHILD</b>	<b>NAME AND SURNAME OF FATHER</b>	<b>NAME OF MOTHER</b>
February 21, 2004	Benjamin James Glover	Douglas Glover	Launa Glover
April 30, 2004	John Edward Kenerson	Danforth Kenerson	Lynn Kenerson
June 30, 2004	Lola Katarina Kinney	Luther Kinney	Zora Kinney
July 26, 2004	Katherine Elaine Dauphine	Kevin Dauphine	Elizabeth Burpee
October 29, 2004	Annalee Victoria Whitcomb	Brian Whitcomb	Emily Rylander

**DEATHS REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH  
for the Year Ending December 31, 2004**

<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>	<b>NAME OF DECEASED</b>	<b>NAME AND SURNAME OF FATHER</b>	<b>MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER</b>
January 14, 2004	Marion Sullivan	Arthur Hawks	Amy Coman
March 9, 2004	Douglas Farrington	Robert Farrington	Dorothy Faunce
March 13, 2004	Jane Alloo	Joseph Stevens	Anna Pearce
August 5, 2004	Steven Whitesell	Oren Whitesell	Louise Leap
September 8, 2004	Beatrice Halprin	Samuel Brooks	Ida Rosenfeld
October 29, 2004	Priscilla Dube	Harry Parsons	Florence Ripley
December 3, 2004	John McIlwaine	Archibald McIlwaine	Caroline Read
December 25, 2004	William Norton	William Norton	Ellen Terry

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH  
for the Year Ending December 31, 2004**

<b>DATE OF MARRIAGE</b>	<b>NAME AND SURNAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE</b>	<b>RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE</b>
July 24, 2004	Jason A. Phelps Irene J. Zukowski	Sugar Hill, NH Franconia, NH

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

Lissa Boissonneault  
Town Clerk

## NOTES



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Town Report  
Planning Board  
2004

The planning board granted final approval for two minor subdivisions, one boundary line adjustment and signed into effect two voluntary mergers in 2004. This resulted in no change in the overall number of lots in Sugar Hill.

During the review process, from conceptual to final public hearing, concepts relating to the Sugar Hill master plan such as aesthetics, safe access, and preservation of rural character were considered. The board is committed to responsible town planning and seeks to carry this forth by careful consideration of the Master Plan, public input, and is guided by the subdivision regulations and state statutes. From time to time, the board seeks legal advice regarding issues that are unclear.

In addition to review of new subdivisions, the board is conducting an ongoing review of the subdivision regulations for consistency with the zoning regulations, relevance, and clarity. This review will continue into 2005. The board will also begin review of the Sugar Hill Master Plan, as required on a ten year basis. A portion of this year's budget was used to purchase a computer to aid the recording of minutes and organization of information by the board secretary, Amy Venezia.

The board would like to commend numerous private individuals, the privately organized Ammonoosuc Trust, and the Conservation Commission for their collaborative efforts to promote and preserve the forest and farmland that is characteristic of Sugar Hill. A special thank you is extended to Mr. Charles Stewart for his unselfish act of generosity, the donation of his farm for preservation. This will enable residents and visitors to enjoy what may soon represent a time gone by. The board wishes to thank and acknowledge Beth Perlo for her many years of membership and work as chairman.

Public meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm in the Crapo Memorial Building. All are welcome. Individuals interested in serving as an alternate or member of the planning board are directed to contact the selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

June Chase  
Chairman



**TOWN HOURS  
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE  
823-8468**

Monday ..... 5:00 PM - 7:00 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 Wednesday of each month ..... 5:30 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, 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  
823-5336**

Thursday ..... 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Saturday ..... 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Sunday ..... 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

OPEN: Mid June - Mid October

**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**

