

Warner Service Directory

ALL EMERGENCIES: DIAL 911

After calling for emergency help, please turn on all outside lights both during the day and at night to aid in locating your residence. If possible, have someone outdoors to meet the responding units.

FIRE DEPARTMENT, 27 East Main St. (non-emergency)456-2122

POLICE STATION, 180 West Main St. (non-emergency)..... 456-3433

Town Hall Offices - 5 East Main St.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Phone: 456-2298 Fax: 456-2297

Selectmen meet every two weeks on a rotating schedule of Tuesday nights at 6:00 p.m. See posted meeting schedules for dates on the website @ www.warner.nh.us

Town Administrator	ext. 1	administrator@warner.nh.us
Selectmen's Secretary	ext. 2	selectboard@warner.nh.us
Assessing Clerk	ext. 3	assess@warner.nh.us
Tax Collector	ext. 4	tax@warner.nh.us
Town Clerk	ext. 5 & 6	townclerk@warner.nh.us
Land Use	ext. 7	landuse@warner.nh.us
Bookkeeper	ext. 8	finance@warner.nh.us

Pillsbury Free Library - 18 E. Main Street - 456-2289

Monday & Wednesday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m - noon & 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Transfer Station - 188 Route 103 West - 456-3303

Saturday & Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday noon - 4:00 p.m.

Thursday noon - 7:00 p.m.

Building Inspector - Tom Baye 848-5750

Forest Fire Warden - Paul Raymond 456-3770

Highway Department - 190 West Route 103 456-3366

Welfare Office 456-2298 ext.2

Applications are available at the Selectmen's office during regular business hours and on the Town's website.

Wood Bank 456-2298 ext. 2

or email selectboard@warner.nh.us

**Annual Reports of the
Selectmen, Treasurer, Town Clerk and Tax Collector**

of the

**TOWN OF
WARNER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Together with the reports of the
Warner Village Water District, Vital Statistics, Etc.**



**FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2015**

Population (Office of Energy & Planning Est.) 2,850
Number of Registered Voters 2,041

**Please bring this report with you to the Town Meeting
on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.**

**Our website is: <http://www.warner.nh.us>
*Dan Watts - Webmaster***

NOTICE

If you own real estate lots that were involuntarily merged by municipal action, you may be able to have those lots restored to their pre-merger status.

Your property may qualify if two or more lots were merged for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes and the merger occurred:

- * During your ownership, without your consent;
- * Prior to your ownership, if no previous owner consented to the merger.

To restore your property to pre-merger status, you must:

- * Make a request to the local governing body
- * No later than December 31, 2016

Once restored:

- * Your properties will once again become separate lots; however, they must still conform to applicable land use ordinances. Restoration does not cure non-conformity.

This notice must be:

Posted continuously in a public place from January 1, 2012 until December 31, 2016 and published in the 2011 through 2015 Annual Report.

Read the full statute at [RSA 674:39-aa Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots.](#)

Dedication



Bud & Nancy Thompson

Charles “Bud” Thompson and his wife Nancy have made a lasting and positive impact on the cultural and economic life of our state. They have consistently displayed leadership initiative to preserve and protect the state’s cultural, historical, and natural resources.

After a career as a traveling musician that took him all over the nation, and several years at the Arnold Arboretum in Boston, Bud took a job at what is now Canterbury Shaker Village. His love of the Shaker culture led him to work to preserve this premier historic site. Thanks to Bud’s far-sighted actions in co-founding the not-for-profit corporation, assembling the original collection and becoming its first curator, thousands visit Canterbury Shaker Village each year.

After retiring from Canterbury Shaker Village in 1990, Bud and Nancy turned to another ambitious project involving their impressive collection of American Indian objects. The roots of this collection go back to 1929, when Grand Chief Sachem Silverstar visited Bud’s second grade classroom. Silverstar emphasized the uniqueness of each individual and their interconnectedness. He told the children that each of them could make the world a better place. That same year, at his grandfather’s farm, Bud found an arrowhead and his lifelong love of American Indian artifacts was cemented.

Dedication

In 1990 the Thompsons were deeply troubled by harm being done to the environment. With the help of friends, Bud and Nancy set in motion a plan to create a unique museum, an education and cultural center - a "Museum with a Voice" to pass along Silverstar's message. Artifacts would witness the philosophy of cultures that understood how to live harmoniously with the land.

In the 25 years since the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum (MKIM) was founded in Warner, guests from all over the U.S. and many foreign countries have visited. MKIM is a favorite site for educational school field trips for thousands of school children each year. All this is due to the fact that Bud and Nancy founded another 501(c)3 corporation and donated their collections. Their guiding philosophy, wisdom, and generosity have enabled the continued growth and success of one of the jewels in New Hampshire's cultural crown.

MKIM's mission is "to connect people with 20,000 years of ongoing American Indian cultural expression. The Museum embraces cultural diversity and encourages responsible environmental action based on respect for Nature. Through exhibitions and programs the Museum seeks to challenge and inspire all of us to improve the quality of our lives and our world." With over 1,000 objects of beauty on display, a Contemporary Art Gallery, the Medicine Woods Nature Trails, and 10 acres of landscaped grounds it is a beautiful place to celebrate the dazzling array of Native American cultural diversity.

Bud, at age 94, still actively grooms the grounds and he and Nancy proudly show off the ever-changing museum exhibits to their many friends.



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Elected Town Officers

Moderator	Term
Raymond Martin	2016
Assistant Moderator	
Vacant	
Selectmen	
David E. Hartman - Chairman	2016
Allan N. Brown	2017
Clyde Carson	2018
Town Treasurer	
Mike Ayotte	2018
Deputy Town Treasurer (Appointed)	
Ray Martin	2018
Town Clerk	
Judith A. Newman - Rogers	2018
Deputy Town Clerk (Appointed)	
Michele Courser	2018
Tax Collector	
Marianne Howlett	2018
Deputy Tax Collector (Appointed)	
Janice Cutting	2017
Supervisors of the Checklist	
Kathy Carson	2016
Martha Thoits	2018
Christine J. Perkins	2020
Almoners of the Foster & Currier Funds	
Jere T. Henley	2016
Penny Sue Courser	2017
O. Fred Hill	2018
Trustees of Trust Funds	
Dale Trombley	2016
David Karrick, Jr.	2017
John Warner - Treasurer	2018
Warner Representatives to Kearsarge Regional School District	
Joe Mendola	2017
Ken Bartholomew	2018

Elected Town Officers

	Term
Warner Representatives to the KRSD	
Municipal Budget Committee	
James Hand	2017
Peter Anderson	2018
Chandler Reservation Committee	
Stephen Hall	2016
Jonathan France	2017
Gerald B. Courser	2018
Allison P. Mock	2019
Budget Committee	
Michael Cutting - Chairman	2016
Martha Bodnarik	2016
Kimberley Brown-Edelmann	2017
John Leavitt	2017
Alfred Hanson	2018
Martha Mical - Vice Chair	2018
Pete Newman - Warner Village Water District Representative	
Allan N. Brown - Selectmen's Representative	
Trustees of Town Cemeteries	
Donald H. Wheeler	2016
Mary E. Cogswell	2016
Kenneth W. Cogswell	2017
Gerald B. Courser - Chairman	2018
Penny Sue Courser	2018
Trustees of the Pillsbury Free Library	
David Chmieleck - Treasurer	2016
Michelle Allen - Recording Secretary	2016
John Warner (resigned)	
Sara McNeil - Chairman	2017
Jeanne Hand	2017
Caroline Hatala	2017
Richard Knapik, Sr.	2018
Michael Simon - Assistant Chair	2018
Timothy Murphy - Corresponding Secretary	2018
Alternate Library Trustees	
Kathy Carson (resigned)	2015
Librarian (Appointed)	
Nancy Ladd	

Appointed Town Officers

	Term
Health Officer	
Paul DiGeronimo	2016
Overseer of Public Welfare	
Jim Bingham, Town Administrator	
Planning Board	
Rick Davies - Chairman	2016
Donald Hall	2016
Ben Frost - Vice Chair	2017
Barbara Annis	2017
Ken Milender	2018
Clyde Carson - Selectmen's Ex-officio	2018
Aedan Sherman	2018
Planning Board Alternates	
Susan Roth (resigned)	2016
Peter Anderson	2016
Benjamin Inman	2017
James Gaffney	2018
Zoning Board of Adjustment	
Kimberley Brown-Edelmann - Vice Chair	2016
Janice Loz - Chairman	2017
Gordon Nolen	2017
Andrew Bodnarik	2017
Rick Davies	2018
Zoning Board of Adjustment Alternates	
Beverly Howe	2016
Corey Giroux	2017
Howard Kirchner	2018
Conservation Commission	
John Dabuliewicz	2016
Doug Allen	2016
Scott Warren	2016
Nancy Martin - Chairman	2017
Mike Amaral	2018
Russ St. Pierre	2018
Conservation Commission Alternates	
Mimi Wiggin	2016
Rob Nute	2016
Phil Stockwell	2017

Appointed Town Officers

	Term
Highway Safety Commission (By Position)	
Tim Allen - Director of Public Works	
Edward P. Raymond - Fire Chief	
William E. Chandler - Police Chief	
Edward F. Mical - Emergency Management	
Allan N. Brown – Selectmen’s Representative	
Emergency Management	
Edward F. Mical - Director	
Building Inspector	
Tom Baye	2017
Compliance Officer	
Peter Wyman	2018
Central NH Regional Planning Representatives	
Ken Milender	2016
Jonathan Lord	2017
Central NH Regional Planning Commission Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)	
Barbara Annis	No Term
Aedan Sherman	No Term
Concord Regional Solid Waste Representative	
David E. Hartman	2018
Varick Proper	2018
Parks and Recreation	
Corey Heiligmann	2016
Apryl Blood	2016
Ronnie Bryson	2016
Tim Blagden	2016
Chuck Austin (resigned)	2017
Griffin Manning	2018
Mark Allen	2018
Allan N. Brown - Selectmen’s Representative	

Appointed Town Officers

Chief Forest Fire Warden

Paul Raymond (P) 456-2345

Deputy Wardens

Charles "Pooch" Baker (P) 456-3837

Stephen W. Hall (P) 456-3357

Daniel Fisher (P) 456-3208

Jonathan France (P) 456-2883

Sean Toomey (P) 456-3020

Ed Raymond (P) 456-3770

Ronald Piroso (P) 456-3900

Philip Rogers

Kalvin Rogers

Gerald Courser

Allison Mock

(P) - Able to write burn permits

Warner State Representatives

District 07

Clyde Carson

33 Kearsarge Mt. Road

Warner, NH 03278

District 25

David Karrick, Jr.

PO Box 328

Warner, NH 03278

Board of Selectmen Special Committees

Energy Committee

Sue Hemingway

Peter Ladd

David Swords

Darren Blood

Bill Balsam

Clyde Carson - Selectmen's Representative

Odd Fellows Building Committee

Rebecca Courser (resigned)

Stephen Brown (resigned)

Jonathan Lord

James McLaughlin

Kyle Whitehead

Amy S. Dixon

Edward F. Mical

Road Committee

Clyde Carson - Selectman

Alfred Hanson - Budget Committee Representative

Aedan Sherman - Planning Board Representative

Tim Allen - Director of Public Works

Fire Station Building Committee

Allan N. Brown - Selectman

Ed Raymond - Fire Chief

Peter Wyman - Fire Fighter

Lois Lord - Land Use Secretary/Resident

Peter Ladd - Energy Committee

Anthony Mento - Resident/ Architectural Designer

Kimberley Edelman - Budget Committee

Janice Loz - Zoning Board of Adjustment

Howard Kirchner - Citizen at Large

If you have any interest in joining any Board or Committee please fill out a Volunteer Form and return it to the Selectmen's office, or you may forward your interest electronically to selectboard@warner.nh.us. The Volunteer Form is downloadable @ www.warner.nh.us

2015/2016 Operating Budget

Item	Approp.	Spent	BOS	BC	Diff.	%
	2015	2015	2016	2016		
Selectmen's Off.	134,922	136,070	137,850	137,850	2,928	2%
Elections	1,292	1,695	3,620	3,620	2,328	180%
Finance	55,211	55,983	56,277	56,277	1,066	2%
Tax Collector	46,738	45,576	47,695	47,695	957	2%
Treasurer	4,812	4,812	5,000	5,000	188	4%
Town Clerk	79,424	79,460	82,409	82,409	2,985	4%
T T Funds	500	500	550	550	50	10%
Assessing	38,381	31,033	42,090	42,090	3,709	10%
Legal Expenses	9,000	13,287	12,000	12,000	3,000	33%
Benefits	175,920	159,720	185,038	185,038	9,118	5%
Land Use	25,105	21,740	25,120	25,120	15	0%
Town Hall	34,910	28,893	18,660	18,660	(16,250)	-47%
Old Grade Sch.	20,100	21,349	17,690	17,690	(2,410)	-12%
Cemeteries	14,200	12,765	19,200	19,200	5,000	35%
Insurance	106,000	98,833	109,800	109,800	3,800	4%
Gen. NH Plan.	3,149	3,148	3,149	3,149	0	0%
Comm. Action	15,792	15,792	16,700	16,700	908	6%
Donations	1	0	1	1	0	0%
Police Dept.	492,401	467,734	491,089	491,089	(1,312)	0%
Ambulance	71,000	70,504	71,000	71,000	0	0%
Fire Dept.	165,810	162,668	174,543	174,543	8,733	5%
Building	4,900	3,155	4,950	4,950	50	1%
Emerg. Mang.	14,300	6,604	6,061	6,061	(8,239)	-58%
Highway Dept.	932,952	909,157	960,320	960,320	27,368	3%
Street Lighting	10,250	10,311	10,250	10,250	0	0%
Transfer Station	205,172	203,735	225,840	225,840	20,668	10%
Health/Welfare	24,350	16,305	22,413	22,413	(1,937)	-8%
Parks & Rec.	29,402	28,739	28,170	28,170	(1,232)	-4%
Library	189,771	189,772	186,938	186,938	(2,833)	-1%
Memorial Day	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0%
Con. Comm.	570	1,852	870	870	300	53%
Bond Principal	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Bond Interest	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Pumper Prin.	22,300	22,512	23,313	23,313	1,013	5%
Pumper Int.	9,700	9,744	8,943	8,943	(757)	-8%
Hopkinton Land	27,000	26,904	27,000	27,000	0	0%
Total	2,966,835	2,861,852	3,026,049	3,026,049	59,214	2.00%

2015/2016 Capital Budget

Capital Budget Requests

To be Raised from Taxation					
Capital Reserve Funds	Art. #	Approp. 2015	Spent 2015	BOS 2016	BC Recom'd
Property Revaluation	7	10,000	10,000	25,000	25,000
Highway Equip.	13	53,000	53,000	110,000	110,000
Highway Road Const.	12	149,000	149,000	10,000	10,000
Bridges	14	0	0	25,000	25,000
New Fire Station	9	165,000	165,000	100,000	100,000
Fire Dept. Equipment	11	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Fire Dept. Bldg./Reno.		0	0	0	0
Fire Dept. Vehicle	10	0	0	90,000	90,000
Odd Fellows Bldg.	15	5,000	5,000	25,000	25,000
Town Hall Improv.	16	10,000	10,000	40,000	40,000
Town Records	17	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Transfer Station	19	0	0	30,000	30,000
Police Vehicle	8	10,000	10,000	15,000	15,000
Library Building	20	42,000	42,000	5,000	5,000
Conservation	21			5,000	5,000
DPW Facility		5,000	5,000	0	0
CRF Sub Total		484,000	484,000	515,000	515,000
Lease for Grader	4				42,750
Solar Array	3				10,000
Total Raised Through Taxation					567,750
Drawn from Fund Balance					
Contingency Fund	18	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Exit 9 Improvements	6	0	0	85,755	85,755
Total from General Fund		10,000	10,000	95,755	95,755

2015/2016 Sources of Revenue

Revenue Source	Estimated 2015	2015 Actual	2016 Estimated
Taxes			
Land Use Change Tax	0	22,623	0
Resident Tax	0	0	0
Timber Tax	26,000	20,897	20,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	17,000	17,842	17,000
Excavation Tax	180	263	94
Other Taxes	0	0	0
Interest & Penalties on Del. Taxes	78,000	79,569	72,000
Licenses, Permits & Fees			
Business Licenses & Permits	3,800	3,267	100
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	395,000	478,728	420,000
Building Permits	7,800	6,673	6,000
Other Licenses Permits & Fees	10,000	11,787	13,000
From State & Federal			
Federal Grants/Reimb.	0	0	0
Shared Revenue	0	0	0
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	135,000	137,871	135,000
Highway Block Grant	112,000	120,488	121,000
Water Pollution Grant	0	0	0
Housing & Community Dev.	0	14,100	0
State & Federal Forest Land Reimb.	1,250	2,470	2,500
Flood Control Reimbursement	0	0	0
Other Grants (Used Oil, etc.)*	516,500	784,821	115,000
Charges for Services			
Income from Departments	65,000	78,579	62,000
Miscellaneous Revenues			
Sale of Municipal Property	8,000	2,059	2,000
Interest on Investments	350	845	70
Other	34,000	43,023	43,300
Trust Fund Income	950	1,110	
Amount Voted from Fund Balance	149,000	149,000	10,000
Less Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes			0
Totals	1,559,830	1,976,015	1,039,064
* Other Grants - include reimbursements pending from Department of Transportation			

Selectmen's and Town Administrator's Report

2015 has been a year of planning and preparation as the Board investigated and gathered data on a number of Town projects that need to be addressed. Here is a recap on the progress we have made on these critical projects:

Roundabout: The Board met with NHDOT and the engineers at McFarland Johnson to finalize construction plans for the roundabout. Final plans were submitted to NHDOT in November and we are waiting for approval. Proposals for Construction with bid specifications are being developed to be sent to qualified contractors.

Odd Fellows Building: Further testing to define the extent of lead contamination in the structure were completed this year. Robert Irving, the contractor holding the development option, continues to develop a plan to finance the renovation of the building. Estimates to remove some of the hazardous material from the building have been obtained and the Board plans to start this process in 2016.

Site for new fire station: The Selectmen have worked diligently this year to evaluate and secure an affordable, suitable building site but has not yet met with success. This is a challenging task. The Board hopes to have a conditional purchase and sales agreement for a new site to be presented at Town meeting. Time is not on the Town's side as fewer properties that meet the criteria needed for construction are available and affordable.

Solar Panel Array at the Transfer Station: The solar array task force presented a construction plan, selected a vendor to partner with them, and has applied for financing for a municipal solar panel array to be built near the transfer station. The Board is bringing forward this plan as a warrant article for approval by the voters. The solar array will earn enough revenue through electricity generation to pay for the Town's annual electrical costs by the first full year of operation.

Public Works Department: The Board of Selectmen promoted foreman Tim Allen to DPW Director and hired Paul Raymond as the new highway foreman. Paul brings years of project management and supervision experience from his years at Weaver Bros. to his new role for the Town. After the retirement of Ed Mical from his part time position maintaining the Town buildings, the Board created a new DPW position of Facilities Supervisor/Equipment Operator and promoted Melvin Furbush to this position. Melvin will divide his time as needed between overseeing the needs of Town facilities and working on road maintenance.

Fire Station Building: The Board formed a committee chaired by Selectman Brown to evaluate the space needs for a modern, code compliant fire station building that is appropriate for Warner. The committee has also investigated the feasibility of expanding the existing fire station, but has concluded that the building lot would not accommodate an expansion.

Selectmen and Town Administrator's Report (cont.)

2015 has also been a year of action and accomplishments with several completed projects. Here are some of projects that the Selectmen have ushered to final stages and completion:

New Bridge at Bartlett Loop: This 'bridge-aid' funded project was completed in August, replacing the washed-out corrugated culvert with a greater flow-capacity, cement box culvert designed to handle the watershed flow at even the highest levels. The project cost \$287,400. Through NHDOT bridge aid program the State reimburses the Town for 80% of this cost. The Town's share is \$57,480.

The Town was awarded an Energy Efficiency Grant valued at \$32,000 to improve the energy/heating efficiency of the Old Grade School. An energy audit conducted in 2010 on town buildings found considerable heat loss at the Old Grade School due to poor insulation. Through this grant all the doors and windows in the old building were air sealed, the building attic was insulated to value of R-69 and the Head Start classroom received heat circulation and insulation improvements.

The Administration office has completed an upgrade of the IT system in all departments. Outdated PCs and servers were replaced or upgraded, security firewalls and antivirus software were updated. Data backup now includes "Cloud Based" remote backup storage. PCs storing sensitive information are programmed to have limited access security systems. The Board thanks Dan Watts for his assistance and expertise with this upgrade project.

In addition to new siding at the Police Station, improvements in energy efficiency have also begun. Chief Chandler had motion detection lighting devices installed to shut off lights in rooms that not in use and installed programmable, secure thermostats to better manage heating fuel usage. Finally, the attic area of the building received additional fiber insulation bringing the R-value to 70.

The Board of Selectmen want to acknowledge the wonderful things that happened in Warner in 2015. Spring into Warner Arts celebration was warmly received this year and the yarn decorations (Yarn Bomb) throughout the village provided added festive color to the event. The Tory Hill Author Series was again well attended and enjoyed thoroughly by the attendees. The Warner Fall Foliage Festival was a success again this year and the Annual Holiday Shopping Festival for the Main St. retailers drew shoppers from all over the region. Kudos and thanks to all the organizers and volunteers of these events that make Warner so special. The Board wants to also congratulate Daryl Parker, owner of the new Schoodacs Gourmet Coffee Shop, which opened in September and wish him all success with this delightful new business addition to the Warner Village district.

Respectfully submitted,
Selectmen David E. Hartman - Chairman, Clyde Carson, Allan N. Brown
Town Administrator - Jim Bingham

Audit Report

**TOWN OF WARNER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014
Prepared by Vachon & Clukay**

The following is a discussion and analysis of the financial activities of the Town of Warner, New Hampshire for the year ending December 31, 2014. Readers are encouraged to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the Town's financial statements.

Responsibility for both the accuracy of the data, and the completeness and fairness of this presentation (including all disclosures) rests with management. To the best of our knowledge and belief, the data contained herein is accurate in all material respects. This data is reported in a manner designed to fairly present the Town's financial position, and the result of operations of the various funds of the Town. All disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain an accurate understanding of the Town's financial activities have been included.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Town's basic financial statements. The Town's basic financial statements include three components:

1. Government-wide financial statements.
2. Fund financial statements.
3. Notes to the basic financial statements.

This report also contains supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Town's finances, in a manner similar to most private-sector companies.

The **Statement of Net Position** presents information on all of the Town's (a) assets and deferred outflows of resources and (b) liabilities and deferred inflows of resources with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases and decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating.

The **Statement of Activities** presents information showing how the Town's net position changed during the most recent year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing

Audit Report (cont.)

of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will not result in cash flows until future periods (such as uncollected taxes and interest on long-term obligations).

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Town can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

Governmental Funds: Most of the basic services provided by the Town are financed through governmental funds. Unlike the government-wide financial statements, the governmental fund financial statements report using the modified accrual basis of accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted into cash. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Town's programs.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between the governmental activities statement of net position and statement of activities.

Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside of the Town government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the Town's own programs. The Town's fiduciary funds include various private-purpose trust funds in addition to funds held for planning board and timber bond fees.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and the fund financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information

The basic financial statements and accompanying notes are followed by a section of required supplementary information. This section includes a budgetary comparison

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schedule for the Town's major governmental fund and includes a reconciliation between the reported activity of the revenues, expenditures and transfers for budgetary purposes (Schedule 1) and the activity as presented in the governmental fund financial statements (Exhibit D). The Town's only major governmental fund for 2014 with an adopted budget is the General Fund. (Schedule 1 and Exhibit D are available at the Selectmen's Office.

Other Supplementary Information

Other supplementary information includes combining financial statements for non-major governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Statement of Net Position

Net position of the Town of Warner as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 are as follows:

	2014	2013
Current assests	4,640,932	4,069,089
Capital assets	7,096,338	7,430,189
Total assests	11,737,270	11,499,278
Deferred outflows of resources	-	-
Long-term liabilities	392,014	444,811
Other liabilities	1,829,397	1,820,943
Total liabilities	2,221,411	2,265,754
Deferred inflows of resources	-	-
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets	6,807,704	7,061,728
Restricted	340,116	352,456
Unrestricted	2,368,039	1,814,293
Total net position	9,515,859	9,228,477

The largest portion of the Town's net position reflects its investment in capital assets such as land, buildings, and equipment less any related outstanding debt used to acquire those assets. Although the Town's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be

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provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves generally cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of the Town's net position represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. For the Town of Warner, those restrictions include those related to non-expendable trust funds and the unexpended balance of restricted donations.

Statement of Activities

The Town's net position increased by \$287,382 during the current year. Total revenues of \$3,638,164 exceeded expenses of \$3,350,782.

Changes in net position for the years ending December 31, 2014 and 2013 are as follows:

	2014	2013
Revenues		
Program revenues		
Charges for services	138,932	68,007
Operating grants and contributions	111,650	157,847
General Revenues		
Property and other taxes	2,690,570	2,634,596
Licenses and permits	457,599	430,513
Grants and contributions	139,229	129,947
Interest and investment earnings	13,956	13,917
Miscellaneous	85,428	103,962
Contributions to permanent fund principal	800	600
Total revenues	3,638,164	3,539,389
Expenses		
General government	832,575	784,526
Public safety	824,729	838,763
Highway and streets	1,186,015	990,378
Sanitation	207,872	208,155
Health and welfare	22,552	31,130
Culture and recreation	243,969	244,784
Conservation	20,530	2,990
Interest and fiscal charges	12,540	14,289
Total expenses	3,350,782	3,115,015
Change in net position	287,382	424,374
Net position, beginning of year	9,228,477	8,804,103
Net position, end of year	9,515,859	9,228,477

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Property and other taxes brought in \$2,690,570 in revenues. Licenses and permits generated \$457,599 in revenues. Other revenues consisted of charges for services, grants, contributions, interest and investment earnings, and miscellaneous revenues. Total revenues recognized during the year ended December 31, 2014 increased from the previous year by \$98,775 or 2.79%.

The Town's expenses cover a range of services. The largest expenses were for highways and streets (35.40%), general government (24.85%), and public safety (24.61 %) which accounted for 84.86% of total expenses. Total expenses recognized during the year ended December 31, 2014 increased from the previous year by \$235,767 or 7.57%.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TOWN'S FUNDS

As noted earlier, the Town uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds

The focus of the Town's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of expendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the year.

General Fund

The General Fund is the main operating fund of the Town. At the end of the current fiscal year, the General Fund had a total fund balance of \$2,048,926. A detail of the fund balance components at year end are detailed on page 20 of the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements, (available at the Selectmen's Office).

The General Fund balance increased \$530,196 from December 31, 2013. A decrease in fund balance was anticipated as the Town applied \$175,000 of its unappropriated fund balance to reduce taxes.

Other Governmental Funds

The total fund balance of \$343,733 in the other governmental funds is designated for the purposes of the individually established fund. The largest portion of this total represents the balance in the Chandler Reservation Fund (\$132,435 or 38.53%), Permanent Funds (\$97,976 or 28.50%), and the Conservation Commission Fund (\$93,229 or 27.12%).

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The total fund balance in the other governmental funds increased \$27,689 from December 31, 2013.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Budgetary information for the major governmental fund (the General Fund) is included in the Required Supplementary Information section. Actual revenues and other financing sources on the budgetary basis were higher than the budgeted amount by \$288,887 or 8.79%.

The Town under expended its budget by \$42,188 or 1.27%. Demonstrating fiscal restraint, town officials were able to manage the town's business under budget. The key areas of savings resulted within public safety and sanitation.

CAPITAL ASSET AND LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Capital Assets

The Town considers a capital asset to be an asset whose costs exceeds \$10,000 and has a useful life of greater than (1) year. Assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the course of their useful life.

The Town's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of December 31, 2014 amounts to \$11,270,965. Accumulated depreciation amounts to \$4,174,627, leaving a net book value of \$7,096,338. This investment in capital assets includes equipment and real property. See Note 6 in the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements for a summary of all capital assets.

Long-Term Obligations

At December 31, 2014, the Town of Warner had total outstanding general obligation debt of \$288,634. During the year, debt service payments were made in accordance with the scheduled payments. The general obligation bond for the gravel pit and road project was paid off during 2014. Additional information on the Town's long-term obligations can be found in Note 9 and Note 10 of the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

The Town is in stable financial condition with little long-term debt. The Board of Selectmen and budget committee have continued to strive to keep the town portion of the tax rate as level as possible while not impacting services. This has been done through a combination of responsible budgeting and utilizing surplus money to apply toward the tax rate. The Capital Improvement Plan Committee continues to update the

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Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) and forward that information to both the Selectmen and Budget Committee so that anticipated capital needs can be included in the budgetary process. The Board is continually investigating grant opportunities to assist them in addressing critical infrastructure and other needed facilities improvements.

The Board of Selectmen is moving forward with plans for a new fire station, establishing a Fire Station Building Committee to review the current building situation and evaluating future needs. This new building will require the Town to consider a long-term bond to finance the construction. The Board of Selectmen has been exploring the development of solar panel array projects for the Town as a means of containing energy costs. The Board of Selectmen, along with other active citizens on town boards and commissions, has recognized the need for viable economic development in town in order to strengthen the tax base and is progressing to address this need in several ways including creating an Economic Development Committee. This committee would coordinate with local business organizations, state agencies and regional planning commissions to effectively promote Warner as a strong, viable community. The Selectmen have been actively working with the NH State Liquor Commission to facilitate the construction of a State Liquor Store and is looking forward to improving safe traffic flow in the interval area with the construction of a traffic roundabout in 2016.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town's finances for all of Warner citizens, taxpayers, and creditors. This financial report seeks to demonstrate the Town's accountability for the money it receives. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to: Town of Warner, Selectmen's Office, P.O. Box 265, Warner, NH 03278.



Performance stage at Jim Mitchell Community Park

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For Year Ended December 31, 2015

*Town of Warner
New Hampshire*



Note: The financial reports for 2015 had not been audited at the time the Town Report went to press. This information is subject to change, errors and omissions. The financial reports on pages 27 through 58 have been created by the Bookkeeper, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Almoners of the Foster & Currier Funds, Selectmen's Secretary, and the Trustees of the Trust Funds.

Balance Sheet General Fund Assets
As of December 31, 2015

Cash				
Sugar River - Operating acct		1,890,010		
			1,890,010	
Funds in Custody of Treasurer:				
Beautification Fund		3,065		
Conservation Commission		110,694		
Chandler Reservation Account		133,110		
Hazardous Materials Account		4,029		
North Road Town Forest		9,020		
Planning Board Fees Account		23		
Timber Bond Account		10,029		
			269,970	
Total Cash:				2,159,980
Other Assets:				
Uncollected Taxes		396,330		
Unredeemed Taxes		183,838		
Allowance for uncollectable taxes		(75,000)		
Accounts Receivable		5,670		
Due from Capital Reserve Funds		82,651		
Prepaid Expenses		-		
			593,489	
Total Other Assets:				593,489
Total Assets:				2,753,469

Balance Sheet General Fund Liabilities

As of December 31, 2015

Accounts owed by the Town:			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	-		
Accrued Payroll	56,258		
School District-Tax Payable	1,284,348		
		1,340,606	
Funds in Custody of the Treasurer:			
Beautification Fund	3,065		
Conservation Commission	110,694		
Chandler Reservation Account	133,110		
Hazardous Materials Account	4,029		
North Road Town Forest	9,020		
Planning Board Fees Account	23		
Timber Bond Account	10,029		
		269,970	
Total Liabilities			1,610,576
Fund Balance - December 31, 2015	975,249		
Surplus voted for Contingency Fund	10,000		
Amount voted from surplus	253,000		
Undesignated Fund Balance	712,249		
Reserve for encumbrance	20,295		
Adjusting Journal Entries	74,727		
Adjusted Balance	807,271		
Current Year Revenue		8,846,242	
Current Year Expenditure		(9,255,225)	
* Anticipated reimbursements pending from State of NH		644,532	
Current Year Encumbrance		122,538	
Deposited to Conservation Commission		(22,465)	
Net Revenue, Expenditure & Encumbrances		335,622	
Total All Fund Balance Accounts			1,142,893
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance			2,753,469
* Anticipated reimbursements pending from State of NH are for Exit 9 Improvements and final reimbursement for Bartlett Loop.			

Schedule of Long Term Indebtedness
As of December 31, 2015

Notes Outstanding:			
	Lake Sunapee Bank – Fire Truck		288,640.00
Total Notes Outstanding			288,640.00
Total Long-Term Indebtedness			288,640.00
Debt Outstanding, Issued and Retired			
Notes Outstanding during fiscal year – Fire Truck payments		309,306.00	
Notes Issued during fiscal year		0.00	
Notes Retired during fiscal year – Fire Truck payments		20,666.00	
Total Notes Outstanding at end of year		288,640.00	



Summary of Inventory Valuation

As of December 31, 2015

Town of Warner

Value of Land Only	Acres	Assessed Value	Totals
Current Use	23,507.85	1,583,320	
Preservation Easement	.24	4,205.	
Residential	3,600.19	77,691,850.	
Commercial	346.85	6,663,610.	
Total of Taxable Land	27,455.13		85,942,985.
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land		9,869,200.	
Value of Buildings Only			
Residential		158,058,220	
Manufactured Housing		1,856,110.	
Commercial		28,452,660.	
Preservation Easement		46,500	
Total of Taxable Buildings			188,413,490.
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings		15,925,180.	
Public Utilities (Electric)			7,276,200.
Total Value before Exemptions			281,632,675.
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions			-1,226,180.
Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate is computed			280,406,495.

Warner Village Water District

Value of Land Only	Assessed Value	Totals
Current Use	3,390	
Residential	11,718,710.	
Commercial	4,022,790.	
Total of Taxable Land		15,744,890.
Value of Buildings Only		
Residential	22,409,420.	
Manufactured Housing	23,650.	
Commercial	16,976,530.	
Total of Taxable Buildings		39,409,600.
Public Utilities		1,592,560.
Total Valuation Before Exemptions		56,747,050.
Total Dollar amount of Exemptions		-287,200.
Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate is computed		56,459,850.

Town of Warner Tax Rate

	2013	2014	2015
Municipal rate per thousand	9.19	9.29	9.24
County rate per thousand	2.64	2.58	2.78
Local school rate per thousand	11.77	12.72	12.46
State school rate per thousand	2.42	2.27	2.16
Total rate per thousand	25.02	26.86	26.64
Precinct Tax per thousand	1.89	1.81	1.74

Schedule of Town Property

as of December 31, 2015

Town Hall Land & Building (Map 31 Lot 55)	756,310
-Furniture & Equipment	355,000
Covered Bridges	
-Dalton	285,000
-Waterloo	245,000
Library Land & Building (Map 31 Lot 1)	909,560
-Furniture & Equipment	677,000
Police Facility Land & Building (Map 14 Lot 6)	447,260
-Vehicles, Furniture & Equipment	385,110
Fire Department Land & Buildings	
(Map 29 Lot 1, Map 30 Lot 2, Map 31 Lot 29)	441,030
-Vehicles & Equipment	1,140,410
Transfer Station Buildings (Map 17 Lot 3-6)	118,600
-Transfer Station Equipment	159,440
Highway Department Land & Buildings	
(Map 17 Lot 3-6)	653,240
-Equipment	2,185,000
-Materials & Supplies	326,000
Gravel Pit (Map 3 Lot 23)	55,150
Parks, Commons & Playgrounds	
(Map 10 Lot 38 & Map 7 Lot 9)	300,780
Buildings & Equipment	138,700
Silver Lake Reservoir & Lands & Building	111,290
Chandler Reservation & Ski Tow Area	
(Map 9 Lots 9, 12, 23, 24, 25 & Map 13 Lot 6)	1,235,810
Old Graded School (Map 32 Lot 30)	854,090
-Furniture & Equipment	202,130
Odd Fellows Building (Map 31 Lot 52)	164,330
Total:	12,146,240

Schedule of Town Property
as of December 31, 2015
All Lands & Buildings Acquired Through
Tax Collector's Deeds/Gifts

Map 1 Lot 3	Wiggin Trace	75,200
Map 2 Lot 5	Off Dummer Rd	24,400
Map 3 Lot 16-1	Off Route 103	12,800
Map 3 Lot 16-2	Off Route 103	10,000
Map 6 Lot 31(part of)	East Joppa Rd.	100
Map 6 Lot 35(part of)	East Joppa Rd.	100
Map 7 Lot 2	Interstate 89	1,080
Map 7 Lot 44	Off Tom's Pond Ln.	720
Map 7 Lot 45	Off Route 103	1,440
Map 7 Lot 46	Off Tom's Pond Ln.	820
Map 7 Lot 47	Off Interstate 89	1,290
Map 7 Lot 48	Off Interstate 89	1,520
Map 7 Lot 49	Off Interstate 89	700
Map 7 Lot 50	Warner River	820
Map 7 Lot 53	Off Interstate 89	29,190
Map 11 Lot 15	Off Schoodac Rd.	35,640
Map 12 Lot 36	Horne St.	120,750
Map 13 Lot 3-8	Bean Rd.	61,250
Map 14 Lot 17	North Rd.	54,240
Map 14 Lot 46-1	Bartlett Loop	67,650
Map 16 Lot 4	Route 103 West	18,130
Map 16 Lot 46	Melvin Mills	6,300
Map 17 Lot 34	Route 103	22,660
Map 18 Lot 2	Off Interstate 89	216,200
Map 18 Lot 5	North Rd.	53,650
Map 18 Lot 6	North Rd.	81,200
Map 18 Lot 9	North Rd.	39,500
Map 18 Lot 12	North Rd.	64,500
Map 18 Lot 15	North Rd.	326,830
Map 18 Lot 16	North Rd.	59,850
Map 18 Lot 24	Kearsarge Mtn. Rd.	00
Map 21 Lot 9	Gore Rd.	64,650
Map 28 Lot 2	Tom's Pond Lane	7,080
Map 28 Lot 4-1	Tom's Pond Lane	11,800
Map 30 Lot 18	Denny Hill Rd.	1,830
Map 31 Lot 31	Kearsarge Mtn. Rd.	65,300
Map 31 Lot 63-3	Pumpkin Hill Rd.	25,600
Map 32 Lot 14	Cemetery Ln.	3,200
Map 32 Lot 17	Pine Grove Cemetery	00
Map 32 Lot 18	Cemetery Ln.	45,800
Map 34 Lot 24	Chemical Ln.	32,400
Total:		1,646,190

Town Clerk's Report

The first thing I want to say is "Thank You" for re-electing me Warner's Town Clerk last March 2015. I am grateful to serve the townspeople of Warner for another 3 year term.

Some folks are enjoying the break from winter while others are longing for enough snow to ski or snowmobile. One thing agreed - the warm weather is a distraction from the intense campaigning in NH takes as the First in the Nation Presidential Primary. There were no challenges to the February 9, 2016 Primary date.

2016 marks the 100th anniversary of the use of the Ballot Box. They were provided as a secure place for voters to cast ballots out of view of "intimidating influences". The Secretary of State's Office created a collage of some of the many boxes used in NH. The poster will be displayed at Town Hall and as always, Warner's ballot box can be seen at all 4 elections this year as well as at Town Meeting. 2016 Dates to remember:

March 8: Warner Town Election - Unregistered voters may register and vote

March 9: Annual Town Meeting, 7 PM, Warner Town Hall

May 31: Last day to change your party affiliation prior to the State Primary Election

September 6: Last day to register to vote before State Primary Election Day

September 13: STATE PRIMARY - Unregistered voters may register and vote

October 29: Last day to register to vote until the General Election

November 8: General Election - Unregistered voters may register and vote

All elections are held at Town Hall, 5 E Main St., Polls are open 8 AM to 7 PM, Absentee Ballots available until 5 PM the Monday before an election, Register to Vote at the Town Clerk's Office or on Election Day with a photo ID and proof of residency, 17 year old who will be 18 on or before the next election may register to vote.

April 30 - state deadline for licensing all dogs 4 months and older, Current rabies is required, After June 1 a \$1 penalty added per dog per month a license is late, July - Fines of \$25 per dog begin.

Motor Vehicle Renewals and Inspections may be done up to 4 months early. Please remember: MV information is non-public, the person making the transaction needs to present a Driver's License, the previous registration is required when Renewing or Transferring plates, model year 2000 and newer will always need the original title in a transaction, model years 1999 and older need one of the following: Copy or Original of the Title, last registration or a *Verification of Vehicle Number* form.

Residents may go to the Warner website, warner.nh.us, under Department > Town Clerk to: Renew or get an estimate for a New Vehicle, renew a Dog License or request a Birth, Marriage or Death record. Payment options include ACH, Credit or Debit Card. Requests are processed during office hours so please allow time when a registration is needed before month end.

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Residents and Non-Residents may register a Boat, Snowmobile or Off Highway Road Vehicle or buy a Fishing or Hunting license. Bring your drivers license, previous registration or complete information to renew or register. Snowmobile Club membership is available and reduces the cost of each snowmobile registration.

Passenger, Agriculture, Farm, Trailer and Motorcycle plates are available in the Office as well as Conservation +\$30, State Park +\$85 (allows all passengers in the vehicle to enter most of the NH State Parks for free) and Vanity plates +\$40 yearly.

There is helpful information and many forms available on-line: State of NH - nh.gov, Department of Safety, Motor Vehicle - nh.gov/safety/divisions/dmv/index.htm, Secretary of State's Office, Elections - sos.nh.gov/Elections.aspx, and Fish and Game Department - wildlife.state.nh.us/index.html

Do not hesitate to call the office 456-2298 ext 5 or 6 or email townclerk@warner.nh.us when you have questions or need information. Michele and I are happy to assist you or find someone who can. It is a pleasure to work for the residents of Warner.

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	472,195
Boat Permit Fees	1,070
Off Highway Road Vehicles Permit Fees	5,463
Dog Licenses	4,594
Dog License Penalties	448
Dog Fines	1,050
Miscellaneous License, Permits, Fees	425
Marriage Applications	915
Vital Record Copies	1,550
Uniform Commercial Code	465
Miscellaneous Revenue	223
Hunting and Fishing Licenses	2,118
Invalid Payment Outstanding 2015	(275)
Total:	490,241

*Respectfully submitted,
Judy Newman-Rogers
Town Clerk*

Tax Collector's Report
Year Ending December 31, 2015

	Levy for Year of this Report		Prior Years
Debits			
Uncollected	2,015	2,014	2013...
Property Taxes		377,846	27,067
Land Use Change Tax			
Yield Taxes			382
Excavation Tax			
Penalties			
Other Charges			
Property Tax Credits	-5,563		
Taxes Committed			
Property Taxes	7,483,632		
Land Use Change Tax	15,565	7,500	
Yield Taxes	4,619	15,796	
Excavation Tax		261	
Other Charges	35		
Overpayment			
Property Taxes	7,529		
Land Use Change Tax			
Yield Taxes			
Refund Interest/Penalties			
Interest			
Collected Interest	6,195	21,679	50
Penalties			
Costs Before Lien		2,616	
Total Debits	7,512,012	425,698	27,499

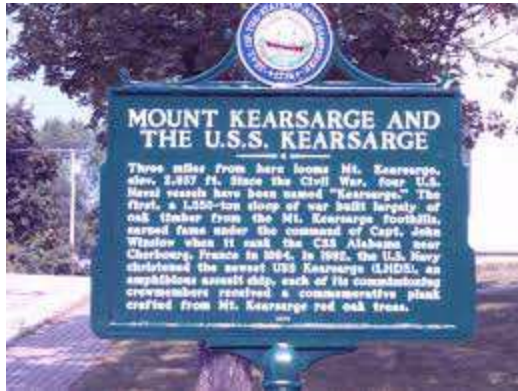
Tax Collector's Report (cont.)
Year Ending December 31, 2015

Credits	Levy for Year of this Report		Prior Years
	2015	2014	2013...
Remitted to Treasurer:			
Property Taxes	7,097,287	223,345	
Land Use Change Tax	14,965	7,500	
Yield Taxes	4,619	15,796	55
Interest	6,142	21,163	50
Penalties			
Excavation Tax		261	
Conversion to Lien		155,154	327
Cost not Liened		428	
Other Charges	35		
Abatements Made:			
Property Taxes	15,831	1,535	
Land Use Change Tax	600		
Yield Taxes			
Excavation Tax			
Interest	53	516	
Inventory Penalties			
Other Charges			
Current Levy Deeded	3,217		
Uncollected Taxes			
Property Taxes	379,231		27,067
Land Use Change Tax			
Yield Taxes	(0)		
Excavation Tax			
Penalties & Fees			
Property Tax Credit Balance	(9,968)		
Total Credits	7,512,012	425,698	27,499

Tax Collector's Report (cont.)
Year Ending December 31, 2015

Debits	Last Year's Levy		Prior Years
	2014	2013	2012...
Unredeemed Liens			
Balance		119,291	105,326
Liens Executed	166,153		
Interest & Costs Coll.	5,199	15,940	30,962
Total Debits	171,352	135,231	136,288
Credits			
Redemption	62,294	49,457	78,373
Interest & Costs Coll.	5,160	15,502	29,198
Abatements		394	562
Liens Deeded to Munic.	3,777	3,653	10,662
Balance End of Year	100,121	66,225	17,493
Total Credits	171,352	135,231	136,288

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



Tax Collector's Report (cont.)
List of Unredeemed Taxes as of December 31, 2015

	2014	2013	Prior
Akins, Wayne H. & Autumn L.	69	85	
Alwyn, Kyllan Cristant	1,157	1,118	
Anderson, Harry Jr. & Wanda	1,120	1,082	
Azmy, Gamil & Lois A.	1,802	1,740	
Bowers, Walter Jr. & Debbie	3,796	3,254	
Cote, Philip A. & Donna N.	1,449	1,435	84
Driscoll, Ronald J. & Jacqueline M.	29		6,726
Ericksen, Joseph M.	260		
Estabrooks, James D.	74		
Fairbanks, Daniel & Brittany Plaisted	735	711	
Farewell, Belinda & John E.	2,145	2,044	
Fisher, Richard	2,694		
Flanders Estate, Edith	1,754	1,694	
Flanders, David & Virginia			1,327
Gerrard, Stephen & Rita	1,525		6,275
Gould, William & Sherry	414		
Henriksen, Bruce & Judy	383	354	
Hodgman, Mary	4,135	4,010	
Holbrook, Marie E.	599	579	799
Howe, Ann Lawless	2,349		
Jones, Richard	490		
Keeler, Robert & Mary	5,087	2,445	
Kimball, Alex E.	1,593		
Klossner, Michael A.	3,662		

Tax Collector's Report (cont.)
List of Unredeemed Taxes as of December 31, 2015

	2014	2013	Prior
Lamprey, Chester & Angela M.	2,265	2,186	788
Latvian Lutheran Church Camp for Various buildings of others	183	166	
Letendre, Larry	2,760	2,664	
Locke, Brent H. & Brenda L. Meattey	1,742		
Lubien, Geoffrey & Maryann	9,858	9,301	
Mayo, Christopher & Ellen	3,478	3,357	1,493
Merrill, William Jr. & Kelly McComb	652		
Mingarelli, Ronald & Rosanne	4,707	2,480	
Neville, George T.	4,073	2,597	
Newman, Peter & Michael J. & Lisa Stasalovich	5,953		
Place, Estate of George & Betty	2,370	2,289	
Routhier, Richard R.	4,038	3,897	
Shaw, Donald H. Jr.	2,733	2,638	
Simon, Michael	4,457	4,302	
Smith, Frederick W. & Milton L. Jr.	470		
Suchomski, Matthew P.	4,293	4,143	
Thorpe, Lon & Katherine	2,652		
West River Road LLC	637	336	
Whiting, Dorothy H. & Fairfield Jr.	2,166	2,118	
Whiting, Dorothy H.	2,681	2,588	
Whittemore, Julie	633	612	
Totals	100,121	66,225	17,493

Respectfully submit,
Marianne Howlett
Tax Collector

Report of the Town Treasurer
Statement of Income
January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015

On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2015	2,019,484
Board of Selectmen	
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	17,842
Business Licenses, Permits, and Filing Fees	3,267
Building Permits	6,673
Shared Revenue	-
Meals & Room Tax	137,871
Highway Block Grant	120,488
Housing & Comm devlp-CDBG Grants	14,100
State and Federal Forest Land Reimb.	2,470
Other Grants (EM, Hwy, TS, CC, Cops...)	140,290
Income from Departments	78,579
Sale of Town Property	2,059
Interest on Investments	845
Rent of Town Property	29,670
Misc. Revenue	13,353
Trust and Agency Funds	1,110
Total Receipts - Board of Selectmen	568,616
Town Clerk	
Motor Vehicle, Boat & OHRV Permit Fees	478,728
Other Agencies, Permits, and Fees	11,574
Miscellaneous Revenue (including NSF Fees)	213
Total Receipts - Town Clerk	490,515

Report of the Town Treasurer (cont.)

Statement of Income

January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015

Tax Collector		
	2015 Property Tax	7,102,849
	2015 Property Tax Interest	5,984
	Property Tax - Prior Years	370,750
	Property Tax Interest - Prior Years	21,110
	2015 Land Use Change Tax	14,965
	2015 Land Use Change Tax Interest	158
	Land Use Change Tax - Prior Years	7,500
	Land Use Change Tax Interest	-
	2015 Timber Tax	4,619
	Timber Tax - Prior Years	16,177
	Timber Tax Interest	101
	Property Tax Redemption	190,125
	Property Tax Redemption Interest	49,859
	Gravel Pit Excavation Tax	261
	Gravel Pit Excavation Tax Interest	2
	Fees, Tax Lien	2,616
	NSF Fees	35
	Total Receipts - Tax Collector	7,787,110
	Total Receipts	8,846,242
	Expenditures	9,255,225
	Deposited to Conservation Commission	22,465
	Bank Statement Balance as of December 31, 2015	1,890,010
	Distributed as follows: Sugar River Bank	1,890,010
Note: The financial reports for 2015 had not been audited at the time the		
Town Report went to press. This information is subject to change,		
errors and omissions.		

Report of the Town Treasurer (cont.)

Special Accounts and Funds

January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015

Beautification Fund	
On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2015	3,164
Interest Earned	3
Deposits	-
Expenses	103
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2015	3,065
Chandler Reservation Fund	
On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2015	132,435
Interest Earned	674
Deposits	-
Expenses	-
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2015	133,110
Conservation Commission	
On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2015	93,229
Interest Earned	120
Deposits	27,765
Expenses	10,420
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2015	110,694
Hazardous Materials	
On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2015	4,025
Interest Earned	4
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2015	4,029
North Road Town Forest	
On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2015	10,511
Deposits	-
Interest Earned	4
Expenses	1,495
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2015	9,020

Report of the Town Treasurer (cont.)
Special Accounts and Funds
January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015

Planning Board Fees	
On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2015	23
Interest Earned	0
Deposits	512
Expenses	512
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2015	23
Timber Bond	
On Deposit Sugar River Bank, January 1, 2015	10,517
Interest Earned	7
Deposits	3,145
Withdrawals	3,639
Balance on Deposit, December 31, 2015	10,029

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Ayotte
Treasurer



Bookkeeper's Expenditure Report

Selectmen's Office		
Selectmen Salary	9,282	
Telephone	5,170	
Computer Expenses	5,267	
Town Report Printing	3,595	
Newsletter	1,591	
Dues & Subscriptions	2,367	
Office Supplies	2,371	
Postage	2,397	
Mileage	433	
Books & Periodicals	432	
Expense of Town Officers	2,142	
Meetings/Seminars	747	
Advertising	501	
Town Administrator Salary	67,295	
Secretary Salary	32,480	
		136,070
Elections		
Moderator/Asst. Moderator	100	
Supervisors of the Checklist Salary	1,122	
Postage & Advertising	49	
Supplies	241	
Meals	183	
		1,695
Finance		
Finance Office Salary	33,970	
Accounting Software	3,266	
Auditor Expense	18,747	
		55,983
Tax Collector		
Tax Collector Salary	37,741	
Deputy Tax Collector Salary	1,050	
Computer Expenses	1,936	
Tax Lien Research	1,079	
Printing	660	
Office Supplies	486	
Postage & PO Box Rent	2,554	
Meetings/Seminars/Mileage	70	
		45,576

Bookkeeper's Expenditure Report (cont.)

Treasurer		
Treasurer Salary	4,550	
Deputy Treasurer Salary	262	
		4,812
Town Clerk Expenses		
Town Clerk Salary	50,756	
Deputy Town Clerk Salary	23,427	
Computer Expenses	3,317	
Membership Dues	20	
Supplies	303	
Postage	600	
Mileage	299	
Books & Periodicals	18	
Meetings/Seminars	180	
Conference & Education	540	
		79,460
Trustee of Trust Funds		
Trustees Salary		500
Assessing		
Salary	23,813	
Outside Services	816	
Town Forester	231	
Registry of Deeds	99	
Appraisal Review	437	
Tax Maps	335	
Computer Expenses	2,725	
Office Supplies	1,129	
Postage	1,199	
Meetings/Seminars	40	
Mileage	209	
		31,033
Legal Expenses		13,287

Bookkeeper's Expenditure Report (cont.)

Benefits		
Social Security Costs	40,425	
Medicare Costs	12,243	
Health Insurance	76,279	
Life Insurance	276	
STD Insurance	942	
NH Retirement	20,948	
		151,113
Land Use Office		
Clerk Salary	18,845	
Legal Expense	57	
Registry of Deeds	106	
Supplies	354	
Mileage	71	
Tax Map	517	
Meetings/Seminars	510	
Advertising	1,280	
		21,740
General Government Buildings		
TH - Bldg Maint. Tech. Salary	2,966	
Custodian Salary	7,214	
TH - Electricity	3,547	
TH - Heating Fuel	8,671	
TH - Water/Sewer	1,056	
TH - Fire Alarm System	611	
TH - Supplies	1,054	
TH - Maintenance/Repairs	2,754	
TH - Mileage	470	
TH Equipment	550	
OGS - Electricity	4,044	
OGS - Heating Fuel	10,716	
OGS - Water/Sewer	1,361	
OGS - Sprinkler/Fire Alarm	312	
OGS - Maintenance/Repairs	4,610	
OGS - Propane	305	
		50,241
Cemeteries		
		12,165
American Legion		600

Bookkeeper's Expenditure Report (cont.)

Insurances		
Property Liability Insurance	42,167	
Unemployment Insurance	1,688	
Worker's Comp Insurance	54,978	
		98,833
Outside Services		
Central NH Region Planning Comm.	3,148	
CAP	15,792	
		18,940
Police/Animal Control		
Salary - Dept. Head	73,759	
Wages – Full time	178,168	
Wages – Part time	29,245	
Lawn Care Wages	81	
Building Custodian Wages	2,011	
Benefits - Health Insurance	63,121	
Benefits - Life Insurance	276	
Benefits - STD Insurance	966	
Benefits - NH Retirement	59,874	
Telephone	4,746	
Contract Services	13,674	
Electricity	3,999	
Heat	2,075	
Water / Sewer	836	
Uniforms	2,774	
Office Supplies	1,972	
Equipment Maintenance & Purchase	661	
Vehicle Fuel	7,754	
Cruiser Expense	3,026	
Safety Equipment	1,181	
Training	729	
Special Detail	9,277	
Building Maintenance	7,532	
		467,737

Bookkeeper's Expenditure Report (cont.)

Ambulance		70,504
Fire		
Salaries	7,089	
Fire Wages	50,832	
Telephone	1,724	
Electricity	2,340	
Heat	3,543	
Water / Sewer	561	
Equipment Maintenance	4,151	
Medical Supplies	6,471	
Supplies	846	
Vehicle Fuel	2,917	
Truck Maintenance	10,313	
New/Replaced Equipment	35,315	
Propane	43	
Fire Expenses	217	
Fire Prevention	720	
Training	3,870	
Dispatch Service	23,054	
Radio Maintenance	4,063	
Building Maintenance	1,854	
Forest Fires	2,744	
		162,667
Building Inspection		
Building Inspection Salary	1,890	
Books, Forms, Supplies	358	
Mileage Reimbursement	302	
Compliance Officer Salary	605	
		3,155
Emergency Management		
Salary	1,500	
Professional Services	1,750	
Telephone	624	
Supplies	14	
Equipment Maintenance	403	
Travel & Education	525	
LEPC Administration	38	
		4,854

Bookkeeper's Expenditure Report (cont.)

Highway		
Salary - Dept. Head	42,180	
Salary - Full Time	207,586	
Salary - Part Time	15,095	
Hydrant Maintenance	6,832	
Paving	109,819	
Block Grant Outside Rental	22,679	
Bridge Maintenance	28	
Line Striping	4,200	
Block Grant Gravel	37,472	
Benefits - Health Insurance	94,271	
Benefits - Life Insurance	359	
Benefits - STD Insurance	1,256	
Benefits - NH Retirement	31,250	
Telephone	1,673	
Outside Repairs	44,459	
Electricity	5,209	
Heat	5,925	
Silver Lake Dam	22	
Fire/Intrusion Alarm	425	
Uniforms	7,644	
Supplies	30,368	
Shop Repairs	6,392	
Gas/Diesel	61,320	
Parts	56,745	
Guardrails	18	
Calcium Chloride	3,221	
Culverts	11,768	
New Equipment	33,218	
Signs	436	
Safety Programs	1,369	
Block Grant - Winter Sand	27,215	
Salt	38,693	
		909,147
Street Lighting		10,311

Bookkeeper's Expenditure Report (cont.)

Solid Waste Disposal - Transfer Station		
Salary - Full Time	43,230	
Salary - Part Time	45,127	
Telephone	354	
Disposal Costs	7,725	
Electricity	4,571	
Heat	3,336	
Building Maintenance	967	
Fire Alarm System	312	
Uniforms	89	
Office & Shop Supplies	1,788	
Equipment Maint./Repairs	6,465	
Vehicle Fuel	665	
Improvements & Grounds Maint.	1,652	
Meetings/Seminars	522	
Safety Equipment/Programs	540	
Transportation	14,568	
Concord Regional	62,018	
Demo Tipping Fees	8,526	
NE Resource Recovery	198	
Recycling Costs	1,082	
Hazardous Waste Disposal	-	
		203,735
Health Department		
Salary	1,200	
		1,200
Lake Sunapee Region VNA		7,883
Welfare Department		
Administration	196	
Direct Assistance	7,026	
		7,222
Parks & Recreation		
Maintenance Salary	12,562	
Mileage	819	
Electricity	1,969	
Sanitation	2,222	
Ice Improvementse Rink	1,419	
Improvements & Maintenance	9,700	
Beach	47	
		28,738

Bookkeeper's Expenditure Report (cont.)

Pillsbury Free Library		
Payroll	112,083	
Total Insurance Benefits	18,377	
Retirement	5,031	
Social Security & Medicare	8,607	
Allotment Balance	45,673	
		189,771
Memorial Day		
		1,500
Conservation Commission		
Dues	270	
Supplies	82	
Grants	1,500	
		1,852
Fire Truck Loan Principal		
		20,666
Fire Truck Loan Interest		
		8,902
Hopkinton Land-Fill Closure		
		26,904
Capital Reserve Funds		
Hwy Rd Construction Projects CRF	149,000	
Hwy Equipment CRF	53,000	
Property Revaluation CRF	10,000	
Bridges CRF	-	
Exit 9 CRF	-	
Fire/Rescue Vehicles CRF	-	
Fire Dept Bldg/Renovation CRF	-	
Fire Equipment CRF	25,000	
New Fire Station Site/Design CRF	165,000	
Library Bldg CRF	42,000	
Odd Fellows Building CRF	5,000	
Transfer Station Equipment	-	
DPW Facility Improvements	5,000	
TH Bldg Improvements	10,000	
Police Vehicle CRF	10,000	
		474,000

Bookkeeper's Expenditure Report (cont.)

Other Funds/Items/Taxes		
C.C. - Land Acquisition Fund		-
KRSD - SAU #65 - School Tax		4,536,418
Merrimack County Tax		778,692
Warner Village Water Precinct Tax		98,240
Town Taxes Paid (Tax, Interest, Sale & Notification Costs)		166,153
State of NH (Vital Record Fees, Marriage Licenses, etc.)		3,322
NH Fish and Game		6,294
Bartlett Loop Project- 2015		283,602
CDBG Project (OGS Propane Heater)		14,100
Rail Trail Expense		1,031
Record Preservation Article		10,000
Tax Abatements		8,278
Refunds:		
Property Tax Over payment refunds		7,529
MV Refunds		215
Dog License Refund		3
Boat Registration Refund		9
Prior years Encumbrances:		
TH Roof Repairs		3,600
Transfer Plate Scales		1,695
Transfer Bobcat Tires		2,373
PD Building Siding		8,675
Laptops		2,200
Solar Array Consultatnt Fee		1,250
Total Expenditures		9,255,225

Project Expenses -Waldron Hill Road

Paving:	110,640
Weaver Brothers:	342,903
Materials/Part time/labor/etc.:	<u>82,845</u>
Total Cost of Project	536,388

Funding for this project came from the Highway Operating Budget and Highway Road Construction Capital Reserve Fund.

Equipment Expense

The Department of Public Works purchased a 2016 Ford F- 550 Dump Truck with plow and wing package. The cost of \$76,943.00 was funded from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Nancy Sibley Wilkins Trust Fund

Beginning Value as of January 1, 2015	152,599.66
Contributions	0.00
Net Investment Return	(2,959.65)
Foundation Fees	(1,482.70)
Distributions/Grants	(6,250.00)
Ending Value as of December 31, 2015	141,907.31

The Nancy Sibley Wilkins – Town of Warner Trust Fund was established under the will of Nancy Sibley Wilkins to benefit the Townspeople of Warner through causes found worthy by a board of four Trustees. The fund endowment (\$100,000.00) is managed by the NH Charitable Foundation. Distributions of income are by grants made from time to time as determined by the Trustees in response to grant and loan applications. In making grants, the Trustees will give priority consideration to projects undertaken by local non-profit organizations or public agencies for which grants will:

- ... Provide seed money, bridge funding, capital improvements or leverage for grantees to become more effective or to expand services or resources in order to confer greater general benefit to the people of Warner
- ... Support exemplary programs where modest amounts available will have the greatest impact
- ... Enable grantees to build diverse sources of support without dependence upon regular grants from the Trust

Applications for grants from the Trust may be submitted to any of the Trustees or the Selectmen’s Office at any time.

2015 Grant Distribution:

New Hampshire Telephone Museum For creating and developing a mobile tour application	2,500
Warner Historical Society - Tory Hill Author Series	1,500
Main Street Warner Literacy Committee for books/Author series/Simonds School	250
United Church of Warner Financial support to pay organizing events for USS Kearsarge Sailors	2,000

*Respectfully submitted,
Ray Martin, Trustee*

*David E. Hartman, Advisory Committee Member from the Board of Selectmen
Richard Hedrick - Advisory Committee Member from the Historical Society
Christine Perkins - Advisory Committee Member
from the United Church of Warner
George Smith - Advisory Committee Member and Member at Large*

*Report of the Almoners
of the Foster & Currier Funds
Year Ending December 31, 2015*

John Foster Fund

Balance on hand, January 1, 2015	0.00	
Received from the Trustees of Trust Funds, Warner	134.54	
Paid out during 2015:		
Assistance granted	-134.54	
Pillsbury Free Library	0.00	
Balance in Fund, December 31, 2015		0.00

Walter S. Currier Fund

Balance on hand January 1, 2015	12,235.53	
Received from the Trustees of Trust Funds, Warner	92.09	
Received from checking account interest	.98	
Received from CD interest	35.06	
Paid out for assistance during 2015	-393.46	
Balance in Fund, December 31, 2015		11,970.20

Summary of Accounts & Balances, December 31, 2015

Sugar River Bank (checking account)	1,949.66	
Sugar River Bank (Certificate of Deposit)	10,020.54	
		11,970.20
 John Foster Fund Balance	 0.00	
Walter S. Currier Fund Balance	11,970.20	
		11,970.20

*Respectfully submitted,
Jere Henley - Treasurer
Penny Sue Courser
O. Fred Hill*

Report of Trustees of Trust Funds

Capital Reserves

As of December 31, 2015

	Beginning Balance	Deposits/ Interest	Paid Out	Ending Balance
Capital Reserves				
New Waterloo Cem. Cap Equip.	11,515	17	0	11,532
Highway Equipment	126,495	53,083	-52,432	127,146
Fire/Rescue Vehicles Cap Res	214,044	443	-1,370	213,117
Cap Res Fire Equipment	6,763	25,048	0	31,811
Property Revaluation	122,400	10,493	-98,335	34,558
Fire Dept Bldg/Renovation	25,007	18	0	25,025
Highway Road Construction	444,413	429,327	-792,115	81,625
Bridge Replacement	84,535	110	-75,055	9,590
Town Hall Bldg. Improvements	17,088	10,060	-85	27,063
Exit 9 Improvements	110,218	965	-23,293	87,890
Purchase of Police Vehicles	26,988	10,165	0	37,153
Dry Hydrants	16,470	117	-35	16,552
Transfer Station Equipment	24,878	149	-2,400	22,627
Odd Fellows Bldg. Hazard Mit.	5,000	5,011	-2,944	7,067
Contingency Fund RSA 31:98-a	10,005	4	-10,009	0
Contingency Fund Art 19	0	10,003	0	10,003
New Fire Station Site & Design	0	165,668	0	165,668
Library Building Capital Reserve	0	42,000	-8,570	33,430
DPW Facilities Improvement	0	5,000	0	5,000
Capital Reserve Total	1,245,819	767,681	-1,066,643	946,857

Report of Trustees of Trust Funds

As of December 31, 2015

	Beginning Balance	Deposits/ Income	Paid Out/Fees	Ending Balance
<u>Town Cemeteries</u>				
Coal Hearth Cemetery	725	27	22	730
Schoodac Cemetery	6,598	248	199	6,647
Davisville Cemetery	10,155	381	306	10,230
Lower Warner Cemetery	2,059	77	62	2,074
Waterloo Cemetery	1,562	59	47	1,574
Tory Hill Cemetery	946	36	29	953
Melvin Mills Cemetery	223	8	7	224
New Waterloo Cemetery	23,347	1,284	707	23,924
Total	45,615	2,120	1,379	46,356
<u>Pine Grove Cemetery</u>				
Pine Grove Cemetery	47,972	1,893	514	49,351
Redington, Ida M Trust	8,056	378	1,359	7,075
Total	56,028	2,271	1,873	56,426
<u>Pine Grove Cemetery Association, Inc</u>				
Buswell, Augusta C	1,618	57	91	1,584
Clough, Zora C	3,235	114	182	3,167
Ferrin, Adelaide E	461	16	26	451
Hayes, Frances Redding	3,235	114	182	3,167
Total	8,549	301	482	8,368

Report of Trustees of Trust Funds (cont.)

As of December 31, 2015

	Beginning Balance	Deposits/ Income	Paid Out/Fees	Ending Balance
<u>Almoners of the Foster Currier Funds</u>				
Currier, Walter S.	3,905	147	160	3,892
Foster, John	5,705	214	130	5,789
Total	9,610	361	290	9,681
<u>Library Funds</u>				
Andrews, Alice G	1,116	42	34	1,124
Cheney, Perry H	1,116	42	34	1,124
Foster, John	3,347	126	101	3,372
Miner, Walter P	558	21	17	562
Mitchell, Lawrence	223	8	7	224
Subtotal	6,360	239	192	6,407
1/2 of Runels Fund income	6,592	1,028	368	7,252
Total	12,951	1,267	560	13,658
<u>KRH School Funds</u>				
Ancient School Fund	684	26	21	689
Clough, Zora	3,347	126	101	3,372
Flanders, Phoebe	954	36	29	961
Thompson, Arthur	8,674	326	262	8,738
Subtotal	13,659	513	412	13,760
1/2 of Runels Fund income	6,592	1,028	368	7,252
Total	20,251	1,541	780	21,012
<u>Simonds School Funds</u>				
Bartlett Trust Fund	68,977	2,384	1,658	69,703
Total	68,977	2,384	1,658	69,703
<u>Scholarship Funds</u>				
Warner Grange	7,765	267	51	7,981
Willis, Edward S	28,699	1,079	639	29,139
Total	36,464	1,345	690	37,119

Report of Trustees of Trust Funds (cont.)

As of December 31, 2015

	Beginning Balance	Deposits/ Income	Paid Out/Fees	Ending Balance
<u>Miscellaneous Funds</u>				
Cheney, Perry H	5,810	183	38	5,955
Neely, Robert S	391	12	3	400
Parsonage Fund	414	16	12	418
Public Land Fund	1,026	39	31	1,034
Tewksbury & Trumbull	3,967	124	26	4,065
Redington, Ida M Trust	162	64	174	52
Total	11,771	437	284	11,924
<u>Runels Fund</u>				
	39,166	1,464	1,988	38,642
Cap Gains & Income from Fidelity	11,404	0	0	11,404
Total	50,570	1,464	1,988	50,046
<u>Warner General Funds Trust</u>				
New Waterloo Cem Maint	13,804	462	91	14,175
Davisville Cemetery Maint	2,557	86	17	2,626
Total	16,360	548	108	16,800
Expendable Forest Fire Trust	47,061	24	0	47,085
Cemetery Expendable Trust	5,809	36	0	5,845
Radio Expendable Trust	1,072	7	0	1,079
Employee Health Insurance Expen	11,962	82	2,865	9,179
William D. Davis Savings	10,905	63	0	10,968
Rosa Valpey Memorial	6,418	13	1,556	4,875
Total	83,228	224	4,421	79,031
Total of all Trust Funds	420,374	14,265	14,513	420,126
Total of all Common Funds	325,742	14,040	10,092	329,690

TOWN WARRANT

For the Town of Warner
The State of New Hampshire

*To the inhabitanta of the Town of Warner, in the County of Merrimack,
in said state, qualified to vote in Town affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Warner Town Hall in said Warner, NH on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 beginning at eight o'clock in the morning, and ending at seven o'clock in the evening to elect officers of the Town by official ballot and to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1

To choose Town officers for the ensuing year.

The following Zoning Ordinance Amendment is the condensed versions of the full zoning changes that is being proposed and recommended by the Warner Planning Board. The complete version is available at the Land Use Office, the Selectmen's Office, the Town Website, and will be available at the polls on Town Election Day, March 8, 2016.

Article 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article XII Sign Requirements by reducing the number and types of temporary signs that require a permit, eliminating certain flags from regulation, clarifying certain items by rewording, and allowing signs painted directly on a building; and further to make the ordinance consistent with a recent decision of the U.S. Supreme Court by revising the purpose and creating content neutral sign requirements.

ADJOURN TO WEDNESDAY MARCH 9, 2016 @ 7:00 P.M.TOWN HALL

Article 3

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of \$392,400.00 (Three Hundred Ninety Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars) to construct a municipal solar panel array on town land near the transfer station, of this amount, \$75,000.00 (Seventy Five Thousand Dollars) is to come as a rebate from the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) for the first loan payment raised through taxation and the remaining balance of \$307,400 (Three Hundred Seven Thousand Four Hundred Dollars) to come from a combination of a grant from the Rural Development Office of the US Dept. of Agriculture and other long term financing? Furthermore, to authorize the issuance of up to \$307,400 (Three Hundred Seven Thousand Four Hundred Dollars) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; as well as apply for,

obtain and accept federal, state grants or other forms of aid and assistance which may be available for said project. It is estimated that the town will realize a net savings in the costs of electric power after loan payments starting in the first full year of power generation from the solar array. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 6-2). (2/3 Majority vote required.)

Article 4

Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 'lease to purchase' agreement in the amount of \$299,251.00 (Two Hundred Ninety Nine Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty One Dollars) payable over a term of seven (7) years for a new highway grader? Furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,750.00 (Forty Two Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars) for the first annual (2016) payment for this lease agreement? The annual lease payments for the seven-year lease will be \$42,750.00. Upon conclusion of this lease agreement the Town takes full ownership of the grader for \$1.00 (One Dollar). (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 8-0). (2/3 Majority vote required)

Article 5

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,026,049.00 (Three Million, Twenty Six Thousand, Forty Nine Dollars) as the 2016 Operating Budget for general municipal operations? This amount does not include appropriations contained in special and individual warrant articles addressed separately. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-1). (Majority vote required.)

Article 6

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the amount of \$735,000 (Seven Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Dollars) for the construction of the Roundabout on Route 103 near Exit 9 on I-89, of which \$490,245 (Four Hundred Ninety Thousand Two Hundred Forty Five Dollars), which represents two thirds (2/3) of the construction cost and \$114,000 (One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Dollars) which represents two thirds (2/3) of the design costs, will be reimbursed by the NH Department of Transportation; \$45,000 (Forty Five Thousand Dollars) will come from the Exit 9 Improvements Capital Reserve Fund and \$85,755 (Eighty Five Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty Five Dollars) will come from the unassigned fund balance? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 8-0). (Majority vote required.)

Article 7

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 (Twenty Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 8-0). (Majority vote required.)

Article 8

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Police Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 8-0). (Majority vote required.)

Article 9

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established New Fire Station Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 5-3). (Majority vote required.)

Article 10

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000.00 (Ninety Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Fire and Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 8-0). (Majority vote required.)

Article 11

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 (Twenty Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 8-0). (Majority vote required.)

Article 12

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Highway Road Construction Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 8-0). (Majority vote required.)

Article 13

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$110,000.00 (One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 8-0). (Majority vote required.)

Article 14

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 (Twenty Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 8-0). (Majority vote required.)

Article 15

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 (Twenty Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Odd Fellows Building Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of hazard mitigation? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 8-0). (Majority vote required.)

Article 16

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 (Forty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Town Hall Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 8-0). (Majority vote required.)

Article 17

Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the preservation of Town Records under the provisions of RSA 35:1 and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be placed in this fund? Furthermore, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 8-0). (Majority vote required.)

Article 18

Shall the Town vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate the amount of \$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be placed into the fund? This sum is to come from the General Fund. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the General Fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-1). (Majority vote required.)

Article 19

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 (Thirty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 8-0). (Majority vote required.)

Article 20

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 (Five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Library Building Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 8-0). (Majority vote required.)

Article 21

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 (Five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Conservation Commission Fund? This Fund is used to pay for expenses related to conserving property in town including acquiring conservation easements on land. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Not recommended by the Budget Committee, 6-2). (Majority vote required.)

Article 22

Shall the Town vote to adopt provisions of RSA 36-A: 4-a, I (b) to authorize the Warner Conservation Commission to expend funds for contributions to “qualified organizations” for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property? (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen). (Majority vote required.)

Article 23

To see if the town will vote to adopt the submitted petition to amend Article 12 of the 2015 Town Warrant? The amendment states the following tasks are to be undertaken as part of the process of vetting and purchasing a site for the new fire station:

1. Do not purchase property or pay for architectural designs until the State of New Hampshire and the Town of Warner Planning Board approves the driveway to the proposed property.
2. Do not purchase the property until permitting requirements regarding the construction of a new fire station over the town's aquifer are clarified and resolved.
3. Secure three (3) signed appraisals of the proposed property to be purchased.
4. Secure three (3) written bids from architectural design firms to design a new fire station based on specific building specifications and secure three (3) cost estimates to construct the station.
5. Provide an estimated cost of interest to "bond" the construction of a new fire station.
6. Site selection, expenditures to purchase the land, and expenditures for architectural design for the new fire station shall need prior approval by a majority vote of the legal residents of the Town of Warner attending a special town meeting.
7. Hold a minimum of 2 public hearings addressing all of the above issues and be open to the discussion of alternative sites.

(Submitted by Petition) (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen). (Majority vote required.)

Article 24

To see if the town will vote to rescind the requirement in amended Article 9 passed at the 2011 Town Meeting for the Board of Selectmen to hold a duly noticed public hearing prior to any expenditure of funds from the Capital Reserve Fund for Highway Road Construction? All other aspects of Article 9 will remain in effect. (Submitted & Recommended by the Board of Selectmen). (Majority vote required.)

Article 25

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue completely and absolutely the Class VI section of Mill Pond Lane and revert the land back to the abutting property owner of Map 16, Lot 37. This Class VI section begins 300 ft. from the beginning of the road, and traveling in a northeasterly direction for about 1200 ft. until the ROW terminates at Rte. 103. (Submitted & Recommended by the Board of Selectmen). (Majority vote required.)

Article 26

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

Given under our hands and seal this 17th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Warner Board of Selectmen

David Hartman, Chairman

Clyde Carson, Selectman

Allan N. Brown, Selectman

Budget Committee

As of the date of this article the Budget Committee is nearing the end of our Warner Budget preparation. The committee has met every Thursday since October 29, 2015 with the exception of three weeks containing holidays. The Planning Board's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) kicked off this year's work. The Committee reviewed the anticipated large capital expenditures that may be required in the next few years. In the following weeks the committee met with Selectmen, Town Administrator, Department Heads, Library Trustees, and Water District. All their submitted budgets were reviewed. The anticipated revenue sources for 2016 were also discussed. We wrapped up our work sessions with a review of the Capital Budget warrant articles.

Our anticipated final Operating Budget for 2016 was projected to increase by less than 2%. However, it may exceed \$3,000,000 for the first time in town history. At the time of this writing we are still working on the final numbers.

There are two totally different budgets considered by the Budget Committee. The first is the Operating Budget submitted by the Budget Committee. The Operating Budget is composed from the individual department budgets which identifies the expected expenditure of every dollar within each department. The Operating Budget is presented to the town in a single Warrant Article. The second is the Capital Budget which is comprised of all the large expenditures necessary to operate the town effectively and safely. Capital Budget expenditures are composed and submitted by the Selectmen as individual warrant articles at town meeting. Warrant articles may be edited several times after comment from the public and the Budget Committee. The Budget Committee reviews the final version and votes to recommend or not recommend. Our recommendation is published in the town report with the warrant article.

This year the town is planning to purchase a new police cruiser (Police Cruiser CRF), a truck for the highway department (Highway Equipment CRF), and replace the old town hall elevator (Town Hall Improvements CRF). The town will also consider several other warrant article appropriations. These will likely total more than \$550,000. One warrant article seeks approval to enter into a seven year lease for a new road grader. The cost for the leased grader is \$42,750 this year but will total \$299,250 over the term of the lease.

As you can see these proposed expenses will impact your tax dollar and town services. We encourage all Warner voters to attend town meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 2016. Hope to see you there!

Respectfully submitted,

<i>Michael Cutting - Chairman</i>	<i>Martha Mical - Vice Chairman</i>
<i>Kimberley Brown Edelmann</i>	<i>Martha Bodnarik</i>
<i>John Leavitt</i>	<i>Alfred Hanson</i>
<i>Allan Brown-Warner Selectman Representative</i>	
<i>Pete Newman – Warner Precinct Representative</i>	

Emergency Management

Another year has passed and we find that Warner continues to respond and address natural disasters. The Town was fortunate when an F-0 tornado came through in July. There were no injuries reported. However, a roof was ripped off a storage building on Kearsarge Mountain Road and tossed some 300 plus feet into the woods. Remember Residents - We have a responsibility to be prepared when disasters strike. Please visit the Town's web site for more information.

Early in 2015, New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management rolled out a new template for communities to use in updating local Emergency Operation's Plans. In that the Town's plan was due for an update, it was decided to use this template and receive a State EMPG Grant to assist. Warner was approved for funds in the fall. The Committee is currently working on the plan update and is expected to be completed in late spring 2016. Following the plan re-write, an exercise will be conducted to test our changes.

Warner's Hazardous Mitigation Plan received final approval from FEMA Region 1 in March of 2014. As part of the plan approval, our Hazard Mitigation Committee must meet to review Chapter 10 each year. The Committee did meet during 2015 to review and update this Chapter. The public is welcome and encouraged to serve on the committee. If you are interested in serving, please contact me.

I hope you are aware that work is underway to find a new location for the Fire Station that meets the need of the Fire Department for years to come.. The Town's Emergency Operation Center (EOC) is located on the second floor of the current Fire Station. FEMA states that EOC's are a location from which centralized emergency management can be performed during a major emergency or disaster which facilitates a coordinated response. This is the location were Town Officials and other organizations meet to address the needs of the town during an event. In planning for the new fire station it is a necessity to have adequate space for emergency management functions.

I would like to thank all involved with emergency management for your continued support and cooperation during the year. By continuing to work together, we will be better prepared when disaster strikes.

*Respectfully submitted,
Edward F. Mical
Coordinator*

Highway Department

2015 was a maintenance year. Jan. through March, mother nature kept the Highway crew busy with plenty of snow and ice. Winter sand pile depleted, salt shed empty it was a pleasure to see spring.

April brought us some rainy weather and a few muddy spots that needed attention. Crew spent time washing sanders and trucks changing gears from winter maintenance to preparation of equipment for summer projects.

In May we started the process of replenishing Winter Sand pile. We purchased 4,060 yards from Fred Hill and were fortunate to be able to get 2,500 yard from the Town gravel pit. We hauled 80 % with 10 wheeler allowing rest of crew to work on spring clean-up and road grading.

We had a Ford 550 truck due to be replaced so it was decided to replace the 2008 F550 instead of 2006 F550 due to the fact that 06 has had engine and transmission work done and is in much better mechanical shape. The 2015 Ford F550 was ordered from Hillsboro Ford and we received delivery in November. Cab and chassis delivered to Donovan Equipment for Plow and wing set up and dump body which we put in service end of December. With what little snow we have had so far this winter this vehicle has been a great addition to our fleet.

In June crew did some clearing at Town gravel pit in preparation for gravel crushing for Waldron Hill Road project. Merrill Construction moved in and crushed 7,580 ton 1.5" crushed gravel and 10,140 tons 6" minus gravel. This material for Waldron Hill Road project and for some of our gravel roads. Crew also started on road side clearing for Waldron Hill project. Purchased our salt supply in June also, 640 tons to fill building. Road grading and hauling gravel finished out the month.

July brought the start of the Waldron Hill project. 3,300' from Mike Dragon's to end of hot-top at the top of hill was reconstructed. This project included a tremendous amount of drainage. Thirteen catch basins and 4,000 +/- feet of underdrain and cross pipes installed to get a good handle on the tremendous amount of run off from hill. After drainage was done road bed excavated and reconstructed. Base pavement was laid down and paved swales in ditch lines. Project was completed around Sept. 15, 2015. We would like to thank Weaver Brothers Construction for their timely completion of project. We would also like to thank the residents of Waldron Hill and Blue Moon Farm for their patience during project.

August and September when not involved with Waldron Hill crew worked on roadside mowing, worked on softball field resurfacing at Riverside Park, road grading, culvert replacements and hauling gravel.

In October and November in an effort to extend the life of aging fleet of trucks the crew took on removing decayed dump body from 97 Mack and installed the sand spreader

Highway Department (cont.)

onto frame and making this the truck strictly a winter maintenance vehicle. With proper cleaning and prep work after winter work this truck should last a long time. Also the 98 Mack developed engine issues so the crew took on the project of replacing the engine in this vehicle. The crew provided the bulk of labor to remove and install engine and technical work done by Denis Inman. Would like to thank him for his help. With the repairs done on this vehicle should also extend it's service life.

In closing I would like to wish Nate Brown good luck in his future endeavors. Nate was our grader man and left us in September. Would like to Welcome Paul Raymond and Dan Cilley to the crew. Paul is our Foreman and Dan truck driver laborer. Paul joined us in October and Dan in November. Would like to thank the highway crew for all they do. The Town of Warner is very fortunate to have the crew we have.

*Respectfully submitted,
Timothy Allen
Director of Public Works.*



The new 2015 F550 with plow & sander

Fire Department



The Warner Fire and Rescue had a very busy year in 2015. We saw an increase in calls from 340 to 392. You will see a breakdown of the type of calls is listed at the end of this report.

The spring gave us a dry and windy time that produced many brush fires throughout the state. New Hampshire experienced an increased number of brush fires due to high winds and the lack of rainfall. Luckily, Warner only had two, but we were called for mutual aid to other towns to help out as part of the mutual aid system.

We did have two members leave the department this year. We would like to thank Sue Greenlaw for all her years of devotion and commitment in making the Warner Fire and Rescue what it is today. Sue retired with over twenty eight years as an EMT, and spent time as the Captain of the Rescue. The result of her many hours of work and guidance to the others on the department are still being seen. She will be missed and we wish her well. Another member, Rich Stanley, retired after moving out of town. Rich dedicated more than fifteen years of service, becoming Captain of the Rescue as well as taking on the position of Clerk and Treasure of the department for many years. In that position, Rich's work included being in charge of placing equipment and supply orders. Rich has joined the Bradford Fire and Rescue Department and we wish him well in his new venture. These two members of the Warner Fire and Rescue Department represented over forty three years of service, and have helped the department get to where it is today. I thank them and the department thanks them.

After almost forty years of being on our department, serving as a fireman, and working his way to the position of captain, Pooch Baker has decided to return to the position of fireman. Pooch continues to be an asset to the department because of all of his training and skills. He is often looked to for guidance and direction. His fluency in American Sign Language is a valuable resource that many departments lack. Warner is lucky to have his skills available to us.

Promotion this year included Brian Monaghan to Captain and Paul Raymond to Lieutenant. New members to the department include Matt Boyer, Sean Nichols and Mickey

Fire Department (cont.)

Violette. Sean and Mickey are the fourth generation of their family to be members of Warner Fire and Rescue.

We continue to work hard on the project of a new fire station. Conditions in our fire house have become crowded and unsafe. The station that was built in nineteen sixty four has served the town well. Because of new fire building regulations and safety regulations, Warner needs to complete this project in a timely manner. Some equipment has to be stored off site, at individual firemen's homes. Walking between the trucks as we are gearing up and loading onto the trucks is a safety hazard because of lack space. When we have to replace fire trucks they have to be custom built to fit the small size of the station, which can cost up to one hundred thousand dollars or more. We ask you to attend any future meetings on the subject of our building so that you are properly informed by listening to the years of work and research that has been put into this project. We are working hard to balance the needs of the fire department as well as the needs of the community, in a fiscally responsible way.

As always, I would like to thank the Highway Department and the Warner Police Department for their assistance at incidents, when needed. Also, as a reminder please check your smoke detectors and batteries twice a year and make sure your home is clearly numbered so we can find you in case you need help.

Incident Summary

Fires	52
Rescue & Medical Services	242
Hazardous Condition	15
Service Calls	11
Good Intent Calls	27
False Alarm & False Calls	44
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	1
Total Incident Count	392

*Respectfully submitted,
Ed Raymond, Fire Chief*

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The ability to obtain fire permits on line was initiated in 2015. Approximately 120 towns participated in the online system with over 4,000 permits issued. To obtain a permit on line visit www.NHfirepermit.com. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-3503 or www.des.nh.gov for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfl.org.

This past fire season burned **635 acres** which was the most recorded since 1989 when 629 acres burned. The fire season began in early April with the first reported fire occurring on April 8th. The largest fire was the 275 acre Bayle Mountain fire in Ossipee. This fire started on May 5th and burned for several days. The Bayle Mt. fire was also the largest individual fire in NH in over 25 years. There were also a number of other sizable fires in May which definitely kept NH's wildland firefighting resources stretched to the limit. These larger fires increased the average wildland fire size to 5.12 acres. As usual our higher fire danger days correlated well with the days that there were fires actually reported. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on Class III or higher fire danger days. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting capability was supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2015 season threatened structures, and a few structures were burned, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

2015 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 2015)

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

County Statistics

County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	15.3	11
Carroll	276	2
Cheshire	27.6	18
Coos	1.6	6
Grafton	22.6	17
Hillsborough	49.7	22
Merrimack	228	16
Rockingham	7	13
Strafford	5.5	15
Sullivan	1.1	4

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED		Total	Fires	Total Acres
Arson	7	2015	124	635
Debris	14	2014	112	72
Campfire	12	2013	182	144
Children	2	2012	318	206
Smoking	12	2011	125	42
Railroad	0			
Equipment	6			
Lightning	4			
Misc.*	67 (*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)			

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Police Department

I would like to commend and thank my staff on the Warner Police Department for providing the highest level of public safety to our residents and businesses in our community.

The department recently received two new preliminary breath test (PBT) units from the New Hampshire State Liquor Commission at no cost to the town. These units are the latest in breath alcohol testing technology and will assist officers with DUI as well as other alcohol related investigations.

A new cruiser was ordered in October which we took delivery of in January 2016. This cruiser replaced our previously owned 2010 sedan which was scheduled for replacement in 2016.

Officer Ben Tokarz continues to conduct our DARE program at Simond's Elementary School and continues to host our annual bicycle rodeo which is funded by the Rosa Valpey Memorial Fund.

We continue to encourage everyone to number your residence to assist emergency services in reaching you in a timely manner.

If you are planning to be out of town or away from your home for a period of time, please contact the Warner Police Department for a vacation house check. Your home will be checked during patrols to ensure that it is safe and secure.

We continue to provide fingerprinting that may be required for employment or volunteer work to all town residents.

I wish to thank the Fire Department and Highway Department, who we work with on a regular basis. Your support and assistance is greatly appreciated.

We encourage residents and businesses to report any suspicious activity that they may witness. The public continues to be a very valuable resource to our department. We appreciate your support and wish you all the best for the new year.

*Respectfully submitted,
William E. Chandler
Chief of Police*

Police Department

ACTIVITY STATISTICS 2015

<u>MOTOR VEHICLE</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
ACCIDENTS:	36	55
CITATIONS:	158	134
ASSIST MOTORIST:	47	36
WARNINGS:	895	940
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE:	1136	1,165
<u>CRIMINAL:</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
INVESTIGATION:	784	765
JUVENILE:	3	5
UNTIMELY DEATHS:	5	1
WARRANTS:	23	18
ARRESTS:	41	50
TOTAL CRIMINAL:	856	839
<u>DISPATCH USAGE/CALLS</u>	<u>7,716</u>	<u>7,805</u>

Health Officer

2015 has ended and 2016 has now begun. It was another steady year for the Health Officer. There were a few inspections done and I investigated some complaints from citizens. All in all it was a good year for the residents of Warner from the Health Officer perspective. As I continue for another year as Health Officer for the Town of Warner I would like to remind the residents of Warner of what I do. As Health Officer I am appointed by the Board Of Selectmen for a 3 year term. My scope of work is to enforce New Hampshire Public Health Rules and Laws as well as local ordinances and as a liaison between state officials and the local community on issues concerning local public health. Examples of some of these are:

Inspection of day care and foster homes, evaluation of septic system failures, and investigations of offensive odors.

The best way to reach me is to contact Mary Whalen at the Selectmen's office at 456-2298 ext. 2

*Respectfully submitted,
Paul DiGeronimo
Health Officer*



Welfare Officer's Report

In meeting the town's obligation as per RSA 165 while prudently managing town funds, the Welfare Officer requires that each applicant for town assistance complete a detailed application for assistance, which includes providing timely financial documentation pertaining to assets, monthly income and expenses. Upon thorough evaluation of the application and supporting documents, and using the town guidelines, the Welfare Officer determines whether the applicant is eligible for welfare assistance and if so, for how much. The town does not offer cash assistance to the applicant but rather pays current bills such as utility and rent directly, or provides vouchers for such items as food or gas, which are redeemed by the merchant to the Welfare Office. Every effort is made to refer an applicant to agencies and organizations that provide specialized assistance to the needy. State agencies such as the Division of Family Assistance, or organizations such as the Salvation Army, Community Action Program (CAP), and the NH Housing Finance Authority, offer a variety of services from food stamps and fuel assistance to loans for security deposits and back rent to avoid eviction. The applicant is required to make appointments and apply to these agencies. Aid from these sources reduces the burden on the town to provide town funds dedicated for these needs. 2015 has seen a change in the number of applicants over last year seeking financial assistance. Our experience is that a percentage of households that apply seem to have adequate income to meet their obligations but lack the knowledge and skills in effectively managing their household finances, therefore running short on cash or falling behind on monthly bills.

The table below provides a summary and breakdown of the types of assistance that was provided. Please note that not all who apply receive town assistance, a number of applicants, upon careful review of their circumstances, were not eligible for town assistance through this program.

Type of Assistance	# of people	2013 Cost	# of people	2014 Cost	# of people	2015 Cost
Rent	8	18,058	4	10,023	3	6,802
Mortgage	0	0	1	1,549	0	0
Fuel	2	968	1	439	1	194
Prescription	1	1,350	0	0	0	0
Electric	4	1,617	1	418	0	0
Propane	0	0	1	554	0	0
Car Repair	0	0	0	0	0	0
Car Payment	0	0	1	451	0	0
Denials	0	0	5	0	5	0
Pending/Withdrawn	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	15	21,993	14	13,435	9	6,996

*Respectfully submitted,
Jim Bingham
Welfare Officer*

Community Action Program (CAP)

The Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. generates funds through the mobilization of available Federal, State and local monies. Support for the local Area Center is derived from a combination of Federal appropriations and local tax dollars. This combination allows the Kearsarge Valley Community Action Program to provide a variety of services to the residents of your community, from the development of programs that meet local needs, to outreach, referral and direct assistance.

In 2015 we served the following:

6,875 meals to 1,375 people	\$34,375.00
Fuel Assistance to 191 people	\$68,130.00
Electric Assistance to 98 people	\$38,828.58
USDA Commodity surplus food to local food pantries distributed 405 cases	\$6,597.94
Neighbor helping Neighbor provided assistance to 2 people who are not eligible for fuel assistance	\$344.93
Weatherization provided 1 home with an energy efficient repair/replacement	\$9,489.00
Total	\$157,765.45

The staff of the Kearsarge Valley Area Center wishes to thank you and the Town of Warner for your support in the past. With your continued interest, we will be able to continue to provide needed services to the members of your community.

*Respectfully submitted,
Erin Reed
Area Director*

Transfer & Recycling Station

Perhaps to a greater degree than most the year 2015 has given us cause for reconsideration and ultimately reaffirmation of our mission. The changing nature of packaging and consumption is altering the volume and character of recyclable material coming into the facility while the turbulence of the commodities markets has reduced the immediate monetary value of said material. The breadth and depth of our means of waste disposal though currently stable is tenuous at best. The pace of evolution in the waste and recycling industries is such that a clear horizon proves elusive.

The Transfer Station inventory of heavy machinery is aging, some being original to the creation of the facility in 1989, leaving us with the prospect of block obsolescence in our equipment at a time when other municipal departments are facing their own demands of replacement and expansion. In this realm of ever shifting variables the challenge of finding the appropriate level of capital investment is steep.

However, given that change is a constant and available resources will most likely always be limited, leads us back to the conviction that the course that reduces the negative impact of our activities both environmentally and fiscally is a wise one worthy of continued pursuit. Towards this end we have sought to maintain our recycling infrastructure and refine our operational efficiencies.

In the spring of 2015 we employed the services of local contractor C.S. Welding & Repair to replace the floor of one of the balers there by extending its service life by several years. C.S.W. also fabricated and installed safety rails in the public access area of the trash compactor mitigating a hazard of concern. The work was competently executed and quite reasonable in price.

Purchased this spring was a pallet jack scale which allows us to weigh and record bales of recycled material. This will greatly enhance our ability to track the generation of material and insure the fairness and accuracy of sales.

Lastly, while our individual efforts might seem of little or no consequence and outright disposal the easier path we can collectively achieve revenue and savings of some significance as the accompanying figures illustrate.

*Respectfully submitted,
Varick Proper - Foreman*

Transfer & Recycling Station Revenue

	Quantity	Revenue	Expense	Cost Avoidance
AC/Refrigeration	90 units (metals)		746	
Construction/Demo.	112.33 tons		9,138	
Electronic Waste	12.31 tons		3,320	
Fluorescent Bulbs	2,748 units		432	
Propane	300 units		277	
Small Engine	(metals)			
Furniture	(MSW)			
Mattress/Boxspring	(MSW)			
Tires	(MSW)			
Bulk Waste	(MSW)			
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	796.77 tons		52,037	
Total Waste	921.41 tons disposed	12,831 tip fees	65,950	
Glass	57.46 tons		1,753	3,753
Cardboard	44.99 tons	3,659		2,987
Mixed Paper	94.62 tons	3,526		6,179
Plastic	13.67 tons	3,286		893
Aluminum	3.69 tons	4,050		241
Precious Metals	1.45 tons	1,137		95
Scrap Metals	49.39 tons	4,372		3,226
Steel Cans	5.21 tons	475		340
Batteries	1.14 tons	536		74
Vegetable Oil	145 gals			
Total Recycling		21,040		
Transportation			12,900	
Total Revenue		33,872		
Total Expense			80,603	
Total Avoidance	271.62 tons diverted			17,787

Pillsbury Free Library

The library held 133 programs (125 children's), and the Frank Maria Meeting Room was used 221 times by groups including Town Committees, Men's Club, DAR, Quilters, Beekeepers, Bible study, Bridge group, and 86 tutoring sessions. In addition to weekly story hours and monthly craft activities, children's programming included a Great Stone Face book voting party, an Autumn costume party, a musical play (Peter Pan), and a food drive by the Gr. 4-7 Book Nook reading group. The summer reading program "Every Hero has a Story" had 46 participating children who logged 1,879 books, and included visits by local heroes Sgt. Ron Carter, K-9 Trooper Cattabriga and paramedics Sean Toomey and Chris Collins. Lindsey Greenlaw and Georgia Flanders were our youth helpers this year. Programs for adults included a VE Day program, poetry readings, a movie, volunteer tea, an auction, flea market, and book sales.

Some technology improvements included adding two Chromebook laptops for public use, and an updated disc (DVD/CD/BluRay) player for meeting room programs, funded by the 2014 Warner Fall Foliage Festival. We also installed two new Chromebox computers for the web catalog stations and two improved wifi access points. To enable access to downloadable books and online materials at home, we lend out laptops, ebook readers and mp3 audiobook players. For use with our older material types, we now lend cassette and CD players and a portable DVD player.

Online genealogy and magazine resources are still available, and in 2015 we added Transparent Languages Online. Please ask us for the passwords. Museum Passes were used a total of 77 times. (McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center/Planetarium, Museum of N.H. History, Museum of Fine Arts, Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum, N.H. Telephone Museum, and The Fells).

Thank you to Dimentech.com, for hosting our <http://warner.lib.nh.us> website, and Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum and N.H. Telephone Museum for donating free passes for local use. As always, a huge thank you to our Trustees, and other continuing volunteers Judy Ackroyd, Nan Cogswell, Sally Metheany, Marcia Moyer, Robert Stuart, Elizabeth Dill, and Kendra West-Senor, as well as past volunteers Robert Aarons, Margaret Schirmer, and Edith Rumrill, and many others who helped with booksales and general assistance in 2015.

*Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Ladd, Library Director*

Pillsbury Free Library Statistics

Circulation (check outs)	2014	2015
Adult Books (incl. eBook*)	8,822	8,284
Children's/YA Books	17,334	16,027
Magazines (incl. on-line)	1,005	1,086
Audio/Video (incl. on-line)	8,540	8,615
Total	35,701	34,012

*Some eBooks are children's titles but we cannot count separately.

Collection Size	Owned 12/2014	Added 2015	Removed 2015	Owned 12/2015
Books	27,773	1,340	253	28,860
eBooks**	14	0	0	14
Audiobooks**	664	21	5	680
Music	242	3	3	242
Videos/DVDs	2,133	155	5	2,283
Mags./Newspapers	67	1	1	67
Electronic File Discs	25	0	6	19
Microfilm	105	0	0	105
Total	31,023	1,520	273	32,270

** plus eBooks and audio books available as free downloadables

Registered Borrowers

New: 118 Deleted/Deceased: 96 Total borrower cards: 3,243

Inter-Library Loans:

Items Borrowed: 602 Lent Out: 898 Total: 1,500

Computer Uses (includes wireless)

2,807

Equipment Borrowed

Projector: 26

Pillsbury Free Library Trustees

During this past year, the Trustees and the Librarian have continued to work toward implementing the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) grant that we were awarded in December of 2014. As noted in last year's Town Report, this grant money, combined with funds from the newly established Library Building Capital Reserve Fund and existing library funds, will be used for a permanent solution for handling water drainage off the original 1891 roof including repairing and sealing the exterior walls.

The LCHIP grant comes with very specific requirements to ensure that work done meets established preservation guidelines and quality standards. In 2015 we located and obtained agreements with expert window restoration, roofing/gutter and masonry contractors, who plan to complete the LCHIP grant work in 2016 when the weather is suitable. In addition, the Public Works Department will be installing the necessary drains and pipes where needed at the perimeter of the building. At this time, we feel that the majority, if not all, of the exterior work can be accomplished during 2016. Once the exterior work has been completed, we will then be ready to address the interior issues that have resulted from moisture infiltration.

At this year's Town Meeting, we are requesting \$5,000 be added to the Library Building's Capital Improvement Fund for ongoing and future building repairs, which include interior renovations, efficient lighting retrofits, and refinishing floors.

Last January, a group of volunteers formed The Circle of Friends of Pillsbury Free Library to help raise funds and assist in various projects for the Library. Their first project was a very successful Wine & Cheese/Silent Auction in March which raised \$5,107.75 toward the LCHIP matching grant! In April, they assisted the Librarian and Trustees in taking over the reins of the flea market at the Town Hall and also helped at our annual fall book sale. The Circle will be having another Wine & Cheese/Silent Auction event on March 19. If you are able to donate an item or service, please contact Joan (456-3664) or Carol (456-2393). New members are always welcome to the Circle, just call or ask for more information at the Library.

As always, the Trustees are very appreciative of the dedication and hard work provided by our Library Director, Children's Librarian, staff and volunteers. Each of them contributes in so many ways toward meeting the varied needs of our patrons.

I would like to complete this report by expressing our deep appreciation to the townspeople for voting to approve the creation of the Library Building Capital Reserve Fund at the 2015 Town Meeting. This fund was "seeded" with \$42,000 toward matching our \$50,000 LCHIP grant and for some other repairs. We believe this fund will be key to assuring that our town continues to have a vibrant, energy-efficient and beautiful Library for many years to come.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sara McNeil, Chair, Board of Trustees*

Pillsbury Free Library Funds

Report of Trust Funds January 1, 2015 ~ December 31, 2015

Report of Trust Funds				
	Balance	Credits	Debits	Balance
Eleanor Cutting	38,666	461	527	38,601
Frank Maria Fund	7,360	149	0	7,509
Mary Martin	6,483	125	0	6,608
Lloyd & Annie Cogswell	25,640	312	0	25,952
Richard & Mary Cogswell	115,808	2,498	1,442	116,864
Report of Non-Lapsing Funds				
	Balance	Credits	Debits	Balance
Copier/Printer	1,619	1,367	996	1,989
Fines & Fees	4,677	714	350	5,042
Donations Account	28,089	21,690	5,370	44,409
Report of General Operating Funds				
	Balance	Credits	Debits	Balance
General Operating Account	8,689	45,704	51,294	3,099
Other Funds: Personnel expenses paid via Town Finance Office as part of Library's allocation: 145,357.61				



Pillsbury Free Library
2015 Report of Income & Expenses

	Jan. ~ Dec. 2015
Income	
Book & Equipment Sales	1,834
Copy/ Printer Income	1,367
Donations, Grants & Rebates*	9,784
Fines & Fees	701
Government - Local	189,711
Interest Income	3,565
Trusts - Town & Redington	1,492
Transfer from Capital Reserve**	8,570
Total Income	217,084
Expense	
Copier/ Printer Expenses	563
Capital Expense	4,112
Collections	17,002
Donations/Grants Spent*	2,605
Misc. Operating Expenses	10,952
Personnel Expenses	145,358
Building Maintenance/Operation	23,450
Total Expense	203,981
Net Income *,**	13,041

* Some funds raised are reserved for LCHIP Grant matching in 2016.

** Capital reserve amount not paid out until January 2016.

The Board of Trustees would like to express gratitude to all who have contributed financial support through donations, including the Woman's Club, the Fall Foliage Festival, the Circle of Friends, and many individuals.

Respectfully submitted,
David E. Chmielecki
Treasurer, Board of Trustees

Conservation Commission

In 2015 the Warner Conservation Commission focused our activities on the Warner River and on passage of the warrant article explained below.

PROPOSED 2016 WARRANT ARTICLE RE EXECUTORY INTERESTS

Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(b) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds for contributions to “qualified organizations” for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property?

EXPLANATION

Adoption by warrant article of RSA 36-A:4-a, I (b) allows the town the option to assist in the acquisition of conservation easements within the town by “qualified organizations,” without requiring the town to retain a property interest in the easement, with its associated responsibilities for monitoring.

Ordinarily when the Warner Conservation Commission (WCC) recommends that the selectmen approve acquisition of conservation interests in land under RSA 36-A:4, I the town must retain an interest in the property. Adoption of this warrant article will give the selectmen some added flexibility with regard to those interests. The term “qualified organizations” under the statute means non-profit entities whose purpose it is to conserve land.

For example, the Ausbon Sargent Land Trust in New London, a “qualified organization,” has in the past requested town Conservation Fund money to pay exclusively for a survey on behalf of a local landowner working with them to place a conservation easement on their land. Currently, the WCC would only be able to agree to provide such funds if it retained a back-up interest (i.e. executory interest) in the easement. This would usually require the town to agree to monitoring responsibility in perpetuity, if Ausbon Sargent failed for some reason to monitor the easement.

With adoption of this article the Selectmen could choose, on a case by case basis, to approve an expenditure from the Conservation Fund for a related expense like a survey of the property, without the legal obligation to take on the responsibility of an executory interest in the property. Typically the WCC would only agree to recommend such an expenditure if the property were one which would further the aims of the town’s Conservation Plan. This would broaden the town’s ability to help facilitate desirable conservation efforts by private landowners.

The Warner Conservation Commission seeks voters’ support to pass this warrant article.

*Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Martin - Chair*

Chandler Reservation Committee

The Chandler Reservation Committee oversaw the identification of property boundary lines for the 618-acre Town Forest on the north side of North Road. The line was installed using the property survey completed in 2014 as the reference. Blazing was started at the end of 2014 prior to snowfall, and was completed late last spring. The blazes were allowed to weather over the summer, and then were painted with yellow boundary paint in autumn 2015 (red boundary paint was used along a short section of the southernmost line, from North Road). In total, approximately 24,325 feet (4.61 miles) were blazed and painted on this portion of the Town Forest.

The Committee also oversaw boundary line work for the 236-acre Town Forest located on the north side of Eaton Grange Road. The line was installed using the property survey completed in 2014 as the reference. Blazing for the property line was completed in autumn 2015, covering approximately 9,537 feet (1.8 miles). The blazes will be allowed to weather over the winter, and boundary paint will be installed in 2016.

The Committee plans to conduct at least one timber harvest on the Chandler Reservation in 2016. The harvest will be located off of Bean Road. The forester has begun setting up the project, including log landing location, skid trail layout, flagging the harvest perimeter, marking trees to be harvested, and identifying crop trees. As of this writing, the preliminary work is about 70 percent completed.

The Committee is considering at least one additional harvest on the Chandler Reservation during 2016.

*Respectfully submitted,
Chandler Reservation Committee
Stephen Hall
John France
Gerald B. Courser
Allison P. Mock*



Planning Board

During 2015 the Warner Planning Board held public hearings for and conditionally approved three Site Plans and two Lot Line Adjustments. The Board also held public meetings regarding five Conceptual Consultations and two Voluntary Lot Mergers. The Planning Board held public meetings to conduct annual Site Visits at three permitted commercial gravel pits. The Board reviewed but took no action on a notification from an adjoining town for a Project of Regional Impact.

Five Determination of Site Plan Review applications were submitted to the Land Use Office. Projects which do not reach established threshold in the Regulations may not require Planning Board action.

Revisions to the Subdivision Regulations and Site Plan Review Regulations were finalized and approved following a public hearing. The application form for a Home Occupation was revised and approved at a public meeting.

There were four site inspections reports submitted by the Compliance Officer in 2015. The Compliance Officer inspects boundary markers and site plan construction for compliance with approved plans.

The Planning Board resolved compliance issues on four previously completed site plans. The Planning Board sent a letter to the Board of Selectmen for a non-compliance issue on a subdivision plan.

A Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Subcommittee completed the 2016-2021 CIP Report. The Planning Board approved the CIP following a public hearing, and then sent it on to the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee for their use in the budget planning process.

Upon the request of the Board of Selectmen pursuant to RSA 41:14-a, the Planning Board reviewed and sent them recommendations for the selling of one lot of land owned by the Town and for the purchase of one lot of land which had been under consideration to be purchased by the Town for a new Fire Station.

In January 2015, the Planning Board proposed five Zoning Ordinance amendments for the March 2015 Town Meeting ballot and all were approved by the Town voters. In December 2015, the Planning Board was finalizing one proposed amendment for Town voters to consider at the March 2016 Town Meeting.

Ordinances, Regulations, Rules of Procedure, application forms, the CIP, the Master Plan, agenda, and meeting minutes are available for viewing on the Town's website or at the Land Use Office. Notifications for Public Hearings are posted at the Town Hall, Post Office, on the Town Website, and for certain situations published in the Concord Monitor. For any questions associated with Land Use in the Town, please contact the Land Use Office Secretary at 603-456-2298 x7.

Many thanks go to the volunteer members of the Planning Board for their time and efforts over the past year.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rick Davies, Chairman.*

Zoning Board of Adjustment

The Zoning Board of Adjustment hears and acts upon appeals for granting variances, special exceptions, equitable waivers and administrative decisions under the zoning ordinance. We translate the ordinances, which were voted on by the citizens of Warner, and decide whether to deviate, or not, from the ordinance for an applicant with the underlying goal of maintaining the intent of the ordinance. Town ordinances can be reference on the town website under the “Department/Zoning Board” tab.

The Zoning Board consists of volunteer members who are appointed by the Selectmen. There are five voting members and three alternate members. Alternate attend all meetings and stand in for voting members when absent, we can have up to five alternates.

Voting Members

Andrew Bodnarik (term ends 2017)
Rick Davies 2018
Kimberley Edelmann 2016 - Vice Chair
Janice Loz 2017 - Chair
J. Gorden Nolen 2017

Alternate Members

Howard Kirchner 2018
Beverly Howe 2016
Corey Giroux 2017

Two Special Exceptions and on Variance were granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment in 2015. Applications for both can be found on the town website.

Applications for hearings should be submitted to the Land Use Secretary, Lois Lord, three weeks prior to the scheduled meeting. Reference the town website (www.warner.nh.us under the “Meetings” tab) or postings at the Town Hall for meeting dates and times. Meetings are scheduled for the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall and are generally cancelled if we have no applications present to hold a hearing.

We enjoy serving the Town of Warner and work diligently toward maintaining the character of the town.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Loz - Chair

Building Inspector

Building Permits Issued in 2015

5	New Homes	0	Change of Use
2	Additions	4	Sheds/Like Structures
5	Porches	1	Decks
4	Garages	3	Business/Commercial
8	Interior Renovations	5	Barn
0	Pool	23	Solar Panel
0	Mobile Home	11	Generators/Electrical/Plumbing
0	Temporary Housing	0	Foundation
5	Furnace	1	Renewal
1	Cabin		

Permits are required and must be obtained by the property owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, change the occupancy or uses of a building or structure. Also permits are required to erect, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert, or replace any electrical (service panels, solar systems, outlet, lighting fixtures etc.), mechanical systems or plumbing (heating system, water heaters, water and drain lines, etc.). The installation is regulated by the State Building Code, RSA 155-A.

Items that are **exempt** from building permit requirements are as follows:

1. One-story detached accessory structure used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 200 square feet.
2. Fences not over 6 feet high.
3. Retaining walls not over 4 feet high.
4. Water tanks supported directly upon grade if capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons.
5. Sidewalks and driveways.
6. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
7. Prefabricated swimming pools that are less than 24 inches deep.
8. Swings and playground equipment.
9. Window awnings which do not project more than 54 inches.
10. Decks not exceeding 200 square feet in area that are not more than 30 inches above grade at any point. .

For assistance you can contact the Selectmen's office at 456-2298 ext. 2

*Respectfully submitted,
Tom Baye - Building Inspector*

Energy Committee

In 2007 at the Town Meeting, Article 25 established the Energy Committee by asking the Selectmen to appoint a volunteer committee to recommend “local steps to save energy and reduce emissions”.

The Warner Energy Committee (EC) has had another busy year. After finishing the 2014-2015 heating season wood bank activities, we have been planning the development of a photovoltaic solar array in an effort to offset and reduce the Town’s future electricity costs and carbon footprint. Initial efforts included vetting possible Town owned sites, meeting with vendors to judge viability, meeting with the Conservation Commission to gain input on potential sites, and evaluation of grant and rebate opportunities available to the Town. The ongoing efforts will also include a public information meeting on February 3 and March 3, 2016, at the Town Hall to present the project and answer questions. After two years of coordination, planning, and vetting, the project will be included as a warrant article this year.

A Button-Up Workshop sponsored by the Energy Committee, Pillsbury Free Library and the Warner Community Action Program was held on September 25th with Andy Duncan as the presenter.

The EC continues to track the progress of the design of a new Fire Station, especially related to energy efficiency and the potential to use renewable fuel sources.

The Community Wood Bank is coordinated by the Energy Committee and operates on donations of wood and volunteer labor. Dry firewood is made available to residents in crisis, for temporary assistance on an emergency basis. This is the fourth heating season the Wood Bank has been in operation.

Each October we hold an annual work day at the Transfer Station and this year everyone had a great time working together and sharing pizza afterward. This year’s work day resulted in more than 7 cords of wood being processed and stacked for the 2016-2017 heating season. We are grateful to numerous local donors including Charlie Mac’s, Schoodacs, R.C. Brayshaw & Company, DadoPrint, the many volunteers, and for the cooperation of our Town employees. Thanks to all who have helped.

A founding volunteer, tireless advocate, family-man and quintessential woodsman, Doug Newton passed this year. From the beginning thoughts of a wood bank, he was interested in helping and was always looking for methods to make the operation more efficient. His background, tutelage, insight, knowledge, humor, smile and friendship is sorely missed by the Wood Bank volunteers.

If you are interested in donating wood, volunteering for deliveries, or labor, or are in emergency need of wood, please contact the Selectman’s Office.

*Respectfully submitted,
Energy Committee*

Parks and Recreation

In 2015 Parks and Recreation continued to work on restoring and improving the parks infrastructure. The goal continues to be to restore and improve the parks in order to provide the town of Warner park space that inspires outdoor recreation and enjoyment. We spent 2015 completing the following; At Riverside Park we enlarged the existing little league field to accommodate rules changes in the Cal Ripkin League. Girls softball returned to Warner two years ago and last year we were able to completely re-do the softball field. A huge thank you goes to Tim Allen and the town highway crew for getting the softball field completed. We were also able to add a baby swing, a baby changing station and some additional restroom improvements. In 2016 we look to modify the middle baseball field and make it compliant with the Cal Ripkin League. We will also add a temporary fence to the girls' softball field to prevent balls being hit into the river. An additional fence will also be added to the middle field, which sees extensive use during the spring adult softball season. Adult activities at both Riverside and Bagley have increased dramatically in recent years and both the parks commission and volunteers from community continue invest their time to keep up with the demands of this usage. At Bagley Field, Warner Youth Sports was once again able to host soccer clinics and a fall tournament. Thank you to Alan Piroso for continuing to take such great care of the fields and for keeping them in the condition required to host so many events. We also purchased a new liner for the skating rink. Each year the reputation of the rink as a quality place to skate outdoors has grown and we see families and hockey players alike, using the rink seven days a week. In 2016 we will be adding some temporary lighting to the larger soccer field so that both kids and adults will have more opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. Also in 2015 Parks and Recreation became a proud member of the Adopt a Highway program. We will be in charge of a section on Route 103 in Warner, from Exit 7 to Farrell Loop. All our parks in Warner are in constant use, which we love to see and take pride in. We greatly appreciate all the volunteers through the local adult recreation and youth sports community for all the time and help they provide. We enjoy a full board of supportive and active volunteers. This has made it possible to get so much done with our budgeted dollars over the past few years. We are proud to continue to host the following; Warner Baseball, Girls Softball, Co-ed adult softball and Old School PE, Wildcat football and cheerleading, WYSA soccer programs, Ice skating and general use.

Many thanks to those who take the time to lend a hand and to those who support us.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Allen
Parks and Recreation Commission

Trustees of Town Cemeteries

The Trustees of Town Cemeteries are responsible for the condition of Warner's thirty cemeteries scattered throughout the town. Only one, the New Waterloo Cemetery adjacent to Route 103 going to Bradford, is the town's available public burial site. A resident interested in obtaining a cemetery lot can find information at the town's official web site (www.warner.nh.us), clicking on the Regulations & Publications tab, and scrolling down the page alphabetically to Cemetery Lots. One can also find scrolling down the same web page a helpful aid from the Town Master Plan, a 2011 Map of Community Facilities that locates most of the other numerous old burial sites. Interested folks can even view on the Warner Historical Society website (www.warnerhistorical.org) updated cemetery records for the New Waterloo, as well as the Pine Grove, Davisville, Schoodac, and Tory Hill Cemeteries, thanks to the work completed in the Fall of 2014 by Mary Cogswell and Don Wheeler.

2015's big accomplishment was the removal and installation of a new picket fence and gates at the picturesque Old Waterloo Cemetery by Lane Munroe of Home Solutions, LLC, along with Gary Young. This project has been on the 'to do' list for a long time, and the finished product makes this resting place truly stand out.

In addition, Gary is associated with a state-wide group called the Old Graveyard Association and hopes to pass on what methods are available for future headstone restoration that Lane and he can perform. Many thanks to Lane and Gary.

The Trustees also wish to thank this year the American Legion Post #39 for their continued dedicated upkeep of several town cemeteries. With the thorough maintenance done by Gary, Lane, and the local Legion volunteers we can all be proud of some of the most pleasant looking resting places in the area.

Thank you also to the residents and friends of Warner on their interest and support for our town's cemeteries.

*Respectively submitted,
Donald H. Wheeler
Penny Sue Courser
Gerald B. Courser
Mary E. Cogswell
Kenneth W. Cogswell*



Warner Historical Society

The Warner Historical Society began 2015 by joining forces in March with the United Church of Warner to provide pancake breakfasts to NH Maple Weekend visitors. We ended the year with another spirited contribution to the Festival of Trees and a very successful December Holiday Shopping Tour. In between, people began appearing around town proudly sporting t-shirts and caps with the WHS signature Mt. Kearsarge logos and the WHS volunteers were busy with activities and events.

May 2 - Upton Chandler House Museum opened Mt. Kearsarge: History & Images Around the Mountain.

May 8 - World War II Music and History program was presented on the 70th anniversary of VE Day (Victory in Europe).

July & August - In its 6th year, the Tory Hill Author Series presented four evening events with authors Larry Sullivan, Ben Hewitt, Robert Putnam and Elizabeth Marshall Thomas.

August 29 - 30 - The crew of the current (5th) USS Kearsarge visited and a ceremony was conducted unveiling a historic marker connecting Mt. Kearsarge to the original naval ship named USS Kearsarge.

August Publication of Mount Kearsarge: History, Stories, Legends and Folktales by Larry Sullivan with original artwork by Mimi Wiggin.

2015 came to an end with the publication of the 2016 WHS calendar Views of Mount Kearsarge.

As always, the Board of Directors is grateful for the tireless support of an energetic corps of volunteers who staff the Barn, serve as museum docents, and contribute to our various efforts in so many ways, large and small. We are thankful for the individuals who contribute financially through invaluable donations, by renewing their annual memberships and buying our merchandise and event tickets. We appreciate the area businesses that support our efforts and we encourage our members to support them in turn. We extend a very special "Thank you" to Executive Director, Rebecca Courser, whose energy, dedication and daily effort keep everything running smoothly.

You can find out what's in the works for 2016 by visiting www.warnerhistorical.org, and www.toryhillauthorseries.com or find us at www.facebook.com/warnerhistoricalsociety.

*Respectfully submitted,
Ralph Elwell - President*

Fall Foliage Festival

The 2015 Fall Foliage Festival was held on Columbus Day Weekend and featured a multitude of new musicians, new food vendors, and such traditional events as the Oxen Pull, the Woodsmen's Contest, Miller's Rides, and the Crafts on Main Street. The crowd this year was steady but not quite as robust as 2014. Due to the weather being lovelier on Sunday, the breakdown of attendance was more evident, although the buses were pretty full for the prime hours both days. The Grand Parade drew the crowds, featuring wonderful floats of many literary characters and their stories. Leapin Lena made her appearance again, and the local service and business organizations featured the truck and car highlights. A major thank you to the Warner Fire Department, Warner Police Department and area police for their support again this year. We also express our gratitude to Warner Power, who again, worked to make the festival a reality. A special thanks to all of the donors, establishments, and most of all, the volunteers who are so giving of their time and commitment. The generosity of so many people is a tremendous gift to this town tradition.

The financial outcome of this festival was not as successful as in 2014, based on the full rain-out on Friday night and the uneven attendance of the two days. However, it is with pride that the FFF membership voted to award financial gifts to the two requests put forth in 2015. Awards were made to the Kearsarge Regional Sophomore High School Class for its deposit toward a venue for its Junior Prom, and funding will provide new technology advancements for patrons of the Pillsbury Library. The KRHS Sophomore Class provided excellent volunteer support throughout the festival weekend, and the Pillsbury Library is always a donor to the festival's income each year. We thank both of them heartily. This decision helps to maintain the status of the festival as a non-profit organization who enables the support of other non-profit groups in our local area.

Thanks to a dedicated and energetic Board of Directors and the hundred plus volunteers, this festival endured and our 68th is in the plan book for next Columbus Day Weekend. A new board will be in place at the time of this report's publishing, and there will be much to accomplish. Thank you to the many, many people who give time, money, energy, and numerous types of support and investment to the Warner Fall Foliage Festival. May the festival live on for our future Warner generations. We look forward to working with several new members in 2016, and express welcome to our citizens who wish to contribute their time and energy to this great event.

To keep up to date with news about the upcoming festival visit: www.wfff.org OR our Facebook page: Warner Fall Foliage Festival.

The 2015 Board of Directors

Joan Dickinson Saunders, President

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Amber DuBois, Bookkeeper

Ron Bryson

Ben Dombrowski

Cassandra Place

Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice

Dear Friends:

On behalf of all the staff and volunteers of Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice (LSRVNA), thank you for the opportunity to provide home health and hospice services, personal care and community health services in Warner. Our Mission to provide care for individuals and families in home and community settings and enable people to stay in their homes for as long as possible is at the heart of all we do for Warner residents and residents throughout our 1,900 square-mile service area. As in previous years, our Board of Directors has pledged that, within its financial resources, LSRVNA will continue to serve those in need of care regardless of insurance coverage or financial circumstances. I am proud to report that, for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2015, LSRVNA employees served Warner in the following ways:

1. Provided 476 hours of nursing, therapy and in-home supportive care to 21 residents;
2. Provided 385 in-home nursing, therapy and social work visits to these residents. 12 visits were provided without any remuneration to LSRVNA. Visits provided under various Medicaid programs (NH Medicaid reimburses at less than 60% of visit costs);
3. Two residents received 112 visits through our hospice program and were able to spend their last days at home. Their families are provided 14 months of bereavement support and counseling after the death of their loved, at no cost;
4. 153 residents utilized our foot care, flu and blood pressure clinics as well as parent child, bereavement and other support groups.

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Jim Culhane
President & CEO*

Central NH Regional Planning Commission

Established in accordance with state law, the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) is a voluntary association of 20 communities in Merrimack and Hillsborough Counties. The Town of Warner is a member in good standing of the Commission. Ken Milender (CNHRPC Executive Committee) and Jonathan Lord are the Town's representatives to the Commission.

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

In 2015, the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission undertook the following local and region-wide activities:

1. Provided technical assistance services for member communities, including zoning ordinance development, grant writing assistance, plan review services, local master plan development, capital improvements program development and guidance, hazard mitigation guidance, and planning board process training.
2. Provided Hazard Mitigation Plan update development assistance to seven community Hazard Mitigation Committees and developed Plan implementation and evaluation documents available for use by all communities.
3. Completed Fluvial Geomorphic Assessment (FGA) planning activities for eight communities along the Piscataquog River, Turkey River, Soucook River, and Suncook River, including coordinating a public information meeting for the Suncook River FGA assessment results, and compiling data, preparing maps of river features, meeting with communities, and developing Hazard Mitigation Plan Addendums for several communities.
4. Completed the preparation of the Central NH Regional Plan which was adopted by the CNHRPC Full Commission on February 12, 2015.
5. Completed the preparation of the Central NH Region Broadband Plan which was adopted by the CNHRPC Full Commission on June 11, 2015.
6. Began the development of the CNHRPC Regional Brownfields Program through funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Tasks completed in 2015 included the formation of the regional Brownfields Advisory Committee and the initial steps to select qualified environmental professionals to will prepare assessments of potential brownfields sites in the region. For more information on brownfields and the CNHRPC Brownfields Program please go to www.cnhrpc.org/cnhrpc-brownfields-program.
7. Assisted the Currier and Ives Byway with its member towns of Henniker, Hopkinton, Webster, Warner, and Salisbury. In 2015, the Council continued to meet quarterly to support its efforts in public outreach to promote the Byway. Activities included an article showcasing the Byway in the Fall issue of Kearsarge Magazine and other outreach and fundraising events to occur in 2016.

Central NH Regional Planning Commission (cont.)

8. Provided assistance to the Warner River Nomination Committee, including representatives from Bradford, Warner, Sutton, Webster, and Hopkinton, related to the possible future nomination of the Warner River into the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program. Work included drafting the nomination document which includes inventorying natural resources including common, invasive, threatened and endangered species of animals and plants. Data on existing dams, community resources, and existing land use controls were also included. Regular meetings were held to discuss progress, various interests and to gain additional information from local knowledge.
9. Coordinated the activities of the CNHRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). Barbara Annis is the Town's TAC representative. In 2015, CNHRPC staff worked with the TAC to complete the preparation of the 2017-2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to ensure that the region's needs were adequately addressed in the State Ten Year Highway Transportation Plan (TYP). Information related to the TIP update process can be found at www.cnhrpc.org/transportation/transportation-improvement-program-tip.
10. Offered its member communities a Road Surface Management System (RSMS) program, through transportation planning activities, which provides an overview and estimate of a municipal road system's condition and the approximate costs for future improvements.
11. Completed over 200 traffic counts in the region as part of its annual Transportation Data Collection Program. In Warner, CNHRPC conducted fifteen (15) traffic counts along state and local roads.
12. Assisted five communities with the preparation of Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant applications for pedestrian and bicycle improvement projects.
13. Continued to support an enhanced volunteer driver program (VDP) in our region that was established in November 2011 through CNHRPC's 2010 Coordinated Transportation Plan efforts. In 2015, the VDP provided over 5,000 rides to seniors and people with disabilities for essential medical appointments and vital services that help the residents of our region remain independent. The goal of the planning effort was to reduce transportation costs for those in need while increasing coordination between existing transportation providers. For more information, visit .
14. Tracked state highway paving projects and coordinated with municipalities to ensure annual repaving and lane striping met community needs, with a particular emphasis on bicycle and pedestrian safety.
15. Conducted monthly Park & Ride vehicle occupancy counts at seven New Hampshire Park and Ride locations around the region as part of CNHRPC's transportation planning work program.
16. CNHRPC provided assistance to the Regional Trails Coordinating Council, a coalition of local rail trail and shared-use path groups in roughly the Salem-Manchester-Concord corridor. In 2015, the group worked on implementing tasks recommended in the Regional Trails Plan for the region. Activities included awareness and outreach activities such as distributing trail marker signs, developing interactive maps for the public, and other activities to promote the use and development of rail trails in the region.

Central NH Regional Planning Commission (cont.)

17. Provided assistance to NH Department of Transportation's (NHDOT) Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Advisory Committee (BPTAC), advising NHDOT on bicycle and pedestrian related matters. BPTAC activities included various projects such as level of traffic stress analysis, lane striping policies, and the development of a statewide bicycle and pedestrian traffic counting program.

18. CNHRPC provided assistance with the development of a regional transportation model comprised of over 400 traffic analysis zones as part of the I-93 Bow-Concord expansion project. The transportation model was developed using a base year of 2010 and a future year of 2035 using projections for population and employment. The model allows CNHRPC to demonstrate what effects specific demographic changes and roadway projects may have on traffic throughout the region.

19. CNHRPC completed a NHDES 604(b) impervious cover study for the Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee (UMRLAC) with its member towns of Bow, Concord, Boscawen, and Canterbury. CNHRPC completed the creation of an impervious cover GIS layer for the UMRLAC region, developed several maps of the region and each town displaying impervious cover and other pertinent map layers. Reports with a detailed discussion of local areas of concern were developed for each community.

20. Continued to acquire, update, and utilize Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data for planning, cartography, and analysis across all projects.

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

TOWN WARRANT
For the Town of Warner
The State of New Hampshire
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015
8:00 A.M. To 7:00 P.M.
WARNER TOWN HALL

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF WARNER, IN THE COUNTY OF MERRIMACK, IN SAID STATE, QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Warner Town Hall in said Warner, NH on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 beginning at eight o'clock in the morning, and ending at seven o'clock in the evening to elect officers of the Town by official ballot and to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1:

To choose Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Almoners of the Foster & Currier Funds

O. Fred Hill 296

Budget Committee

Martha Mical 261

Alfred Hanson 273

Chandler Reservation Committee

Allison Mock 295

Selectman

Clyde Carson 267

Tax Collector

Marianne Howlett 309

Town Clerk

Judith Newman-Rogers 301

Treasurer

Michael Bux 85

Michael Ayotte 155*

*(winner by Majority Votes)

Trustee of Pillsbury Free Library (1 year term)

John W. Warner 288

David E. Chmieleck 251

Trustee of Pillsbury Free Library (3 year term)

Michael S. Simon 275
Richard Knapik 264
Timothy Murphy 11 (write-in)

Trustees of Town Cemeteries

Penny Sue Courser 299
Gerald Courser 292

Trustee of the Trust Funds

John W. Warner 279

ARTICLE 2 YES - 301 NO - 18

Shall we permit the public library to retain all money it receives from its income-generating equipment to be used for general repairs and upgrading and for the purchase of books, supplies and income-generating equipment?

ARTICLE 3 YES – 253 NO – 59

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article II DISTRICTS, by adding language for amending and interpreting the official zoning map.

and,

Amend Article II DISTRICTS, by adopting the updated official zoning map and revision notes as posted in the Town Hall creating a current official zoning map to be dated March 10, 2015. This map clarifies with a higher level of description details but does not materially change previously approved town zoning district boundary line locations. Information was obtained from archive research.

ARTICLE 4 YES – 195 NO – 107

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article III Definitions, to revise the existing definition of Home Occupation and add a definition for Legal Resident;

and,

Amend Article IV General Provisions, section P, to revise Home Occupation requirements and delineate when Site Plan Review is required;

and,

Amend Table 1 - Use Regulation, Accessory Use item #1 Home Occupation, to reference Article IV P. requirements.

ARTICLE 5 YES – 224 NO – 84

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Table 1, Use Regulations – RETAIL AND SERVICES: Revise existing language by adding “or renting” as highlighted in the following:

Item #2. Retail establishment selling or renting general merchandise, including, but not limited to: dry goods, apparel and accessories, furniture and home furnishing, home equipment, small wares, and hardware and including discount and limited price variety stores

and,

Item #6. Establishment selling or renting new or new and used automobiles and trucks, new automobile tires and other accessories, aircraft, boats, motorcycles and household trailers.

ARTICLE 6 YES – 198 NO - 102

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Table 1, Use Regulations – RE-TAIL AND SERVICES: by adding a new item #19-a as follows:“Other amusement and recreation service, outdoor; excluding camping groups“, and indicate it to be allowed by Special Exception only in Zoning District C-1 Commercial.

ARTICLE 7 YES – 210 NO - 91

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article XII Sign Requirements by revising sections A & B to clarify sign requirements and the permit process; and add section E for Temporary Sign requirements.

ADJOURN TO WEDNESDAY MARCH 11, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M.

Moderator Ray Martin opened the Warner Annual Town Meeting at 7:00 PM, Wednesday, March 11, 2015. The audience stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and listened as Pastor Renee of The United Church of Warner gave the Invocation.

Moderator introduced Selectman David Hartman to speak about the 2014 Town Report Dedication. Selectman Hartman highlighted contributions by Rebecca Courser and her husband Richard Cook through their many years in Warner.

The Moderator said 327 voters or 17% of the total number of registered voters came through to vote on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, Election Day. He read the results of the votes and requested that winning candidates be sworn in at the Town Clerk’s Office.

Selectman Hartman reported on the past year's events in his “2014 Report of the Town”. He began by saying the loss of Tina Schirmer, a Pillsbury Free Library Trustee and Maxinine Kumin, a famous Poet are recorded in the Town Report Memorium.

He said Selectmen are presenting a flat operating budget for 2015 and Warrant Articles that will “move the town forward on several fronts” and gave a summation of Selectmen responsibilities.

1. As the Governing Body of the Town, Selectmen:
 - a. Oversee all aspects of Town government.
 - b. Enforce Town Ordinances.
 - c. Enforce State Laws.
 - d. Direct the efficient operation of all Town Departments including the prudent management of the Town’s finances and assets.
 - e. Strategically plan for the allocation of the Town’s resources.
 - f. Rely on the Capital Improvement Program as a tool to foresee future needs of the Town.

- g. Seek input from Town departments and staff, Elected Officials, Boards and Committees.
- h. Work closely with the Budget Committee throughout the budget preparation process.
- i. Seek advice and services available through the Regional Planning Commission, Community Development Finance Authority and other state and federal programs and agencies.
- j. Bring to the Town Meeting, articles that the legislative body will vote on.

Selectman Hartman gave a recap of 2014 major accomplishments:

1. Reconstruction of 1/2 of Red Chimney Road by the Town's crew.
2. Construction of the new cell tower on North Road.
 - a. On 1 acre of land leased from the Town for 25 years.
 - b. Estimated over 25 years to generate over \$750,000 for the Town.
3. Continued work towards the replacement of Bartlett Loop bridge that washed out in July 2013.
 - a. The precast concrete culvert structure is in place.
 - b. Project cost = \$275,000.
 - c. Town will be reimbursed 80% from State Bridge Aid.
4. At the 2013 Town Meeting a "straw poll vote" determined voters would choose a roundabout:
 - a. Solution to the traffic problems in the Rt 103 East/Rt 89 Exit 9 area of Warner.
 - b. Article 9 asks voters to vote on the final stage of the project to build a roundabout.
 - c. If Article 9 passes there is a good chance the roundabout will be constructed in 2015.
 - d. At present, final design plans are at Department of Transportation (DOT) awaiting final review and approval.
 - e. It is anticipated that completion of the roundabout will "calm traffic" at Exit 9 and also encourage development.
 - f. Design Engineer from McFarland and Johnson is available tonight to answer questions.
5. Selectmen will not present a proposal for a new Fire Station.
 - a. After money was spent on site acquisition, design and engineering, the Board felt there was a "fatal flaw" in the site.
 - b. Flaws in the East Main Street site seen in "retrospect":
 1. Site too small.
 2. Threatened by erosion by the Warner River.
 3. Much of the site is in the flood plain.
 - c. Selectmen created a Site Review Committee.
 1. Examined over 30 sites for a new station in & around town including the Town owned East Main St site.
 2. Committee created recommendations.
 3. Top 5 parcels reviewed by the Selectmen.
 4. Selectmen Brown will present details on the "rethinking of the project" later on when presenting Article 12.
 5. Thank You to committee members: Michael Amaral, Alfred Hanson,

Howard Kirshner, Ken Milender, Ed Raymond, Peter Wyman.

6. Odd Fellows Building is still the same “challenge” that it was in 2001 when a vote at Town Meeting authorized it’s purchase.
 - a. Lack of parking is the fundamental reason for it’s lack of development.
 - b. Town currently in a contract with a developer.
 - c. Selectman Allan Brown negotiated with the Kearsarge School District for the Town to obtain land for parking in the Odd Fellow Building area.
 - d. Voters approved the proposal at the January 2015 Deliberative Session for the School.
 - e. Before acting on the land transfer, the Town is waiting for the developer to present a workable project plan.
 - f. Hazardous waste in the building exists and needs to be mitigated even if the building is eventually torn down.
 - g. Article 16 asks for money to be added to a Capital Reserve Fund to re - mediate the contamination.
7. A Solar Array project to provide electricity for Town and Precinct buildings will not be presented tonight.
 - a. Selectman Carson and Energy Committee will continue work on the project.
 - b. Town spends \$50,000 annually on electricity.
8. Selectmen have applied for grants:
 - a. For energy efficiency improvements to the Old Graded School.
 - b. To conduct an Environmental Assessment of the State owned Department of Transportation Maintenance lot on Waterloo Street.
9. Selectmen will resume negotiations in April with TDS to renew a cable franchise agreement with Warner.
 - a. Expected is a plan from TDS to provide fiber optics.
10. If Article 13 passes, Waldron Hill Road will be rebuilt and the Selectboard also plan to:
 - a. Explore cost effective strategies to improve road maintenance.
 - b. Look at “innovative methods” to maintain a reliable fleet of highway equipment that is becoming more expensive to purchase.
 - c. Investigate options to lease equipment and contract services.
 - d. Find ways to avoid spikes in appropriations to cover basic needs.
11. Selectmen have appointed Tim Allen as Acting Director of Public Works
12. Selectmen thanked Treasurer Gail Holmes for her years of “outstanding” service in meeting her many fiscal management responsibilities.
13. George Saunders was acknowledged for his 12 years of contributions for Warner as the Kearsarge Regional School District Municipal Budget Committee Representative.
14. Principal Judy Pellettieri, retiring after 14 years at Simonds Elementary School, was wished many years in active retirement.
15. Adam Bates was thanked for a successful Warner Fall Foliage Festival.
16. Selectmen asked residents to volunteer for a Town board or committee.
17. Voters thanked for their confidence in the Board of Selectmen.
18. Quoting Jim Mitchell, Selectman Hartman said: “Something wonderful is happening Warner.”.

Michael Cutting, Budget Committee Chairman, presented the Proposed 2015 Budget (Presentation on file with these minutes)

Presentation included:

1. "Thank you" to Budget Committee members for a successful and budget process: Martha Mical, Kimberly Edeleman-Brown, Alfred Hanson, Martha Bodnarick, John Leavitt, Allan Brown, Selectman, Peter Newman, Precinct Representative.
 2. 2014 Appropriations = \$2,967,000
 3. 2014 Spent = \$2,903,000
 4. 2015 Proposed Budget = \$2,900,000
 5. 2015 Operating Budget 2015 highlights:
 - a. Gravel pit bond
 1. \$60,000 bond retired after 10 years.
 - b. Finance Department increase = \$15,000
 1. Selectmen changed bookkeeper position to salary and increased wages by \$12,000 to meet the "needs of Town and needs identified by auditors".
 - c. General personnel benefits = \$14,000 increase
 - d. Highway Dept
 1. \$16,000 increase in Benefit changes in plan choices by employees
 2. Waldron Hill Road project
 - a. \$17,000 to purchase culverts
 - b. \$6000 for gravel
 - c. \$2000 outside rental
 3. \$2000 for supply expenses for an aging fleet
 - e. Fire Dept = \$22,000 increase
 1. \$7200 increase in wages to cover attendance at training and classes
 2. \$15,000 increase given to begin replacement of breathing apparatus
 3. Grant also applied for to replace apparatus
 4. Article 15 requests \$25,000 to replace apparatus
 - f. Emergency Management = \$7600 increased
 1. To cover cost of professional services to revise Emergency Response Plan
 - g. Parks & Recreation
 - a. \$1700 to replace ice skating rink liner.
 - b. \$2300 in baseball field improvements to meet Cal Ripkin specifications
 - c. \$1000 increase in sanitation rentals
 - d. Additional money for mileage and electricity at the ice skating rink
 6. 2014 Capital Budget = \$495,000 spent, including deposits into Capital Reserve
 7. 2015 Capital Budget = \$576,000, an increase of 16.4% (\$81,000) over 2014.
 8. Adjustment became known approximately 4 hours earlier to Exit 9 Roundabout cost.
 - a. Increase of \$40,000 (1.2%) to project cost (Explanation to follow)
 9. 2014 appropriations = \$3,462,008
 10. 2014 spent = \$3,398,000
 11. 2015 budget = \$3,546,000, 2.4% increase, (\$84,000) over 2014 appropriations
 12. 2013 tax rate = \$9.19
 13. 2014 tax rate = \$9.29
 14. Projected 2015 tax rate = \$9.37, based on a conservative revenue estimate*
- *Estimate based on current town value due to the Town Revaluation still in process

The Moderator explained the modified Robert's Rules of Order that are used.

ARTICLE 8 PASSED

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 2,966, 835.00 (Two Million Nine Hundred Sixty Six Thousand, Eight Hundred Thirty Five Dollars) as a 2015 Operating Budget? This amount does not include amounts from any other warrant articles. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0) (Majority vote required.)

Moderator read the article. Motion and second made. Call for discussion. Hearing none, Moderator called for a vote. All in favor. Article 8 passed.

ARTICLE 9 PASSED AS AMENDED

AMENDED: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the amount of \$735,000 (Seven Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Dollars) for the construction of the Roundabout on Route 103 near Exit 9 on I -89, of which \$490,245 (Four Hundred Ninety Thousand two Hundred Forty Five Dollars, which represents 66% of project cost) will be reimbursed by the NHDOT, \$114,000 (One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Dollars) will come from General Fund Balance (NHDOT reimbursement for Phase 1 & 2 design), \$45,000 (Forty Five Thousand Dollars) will come from the Exit 9 Improvements Capital Reserve Fund and \$85,755 (Eighty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Five Dollars) will come from taxation.

ORIGINAL: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the amount of \$600,000 (Six Hundred Thousand Dollars) for the construction of the Roundabout on Route 103 near Exit 9 on I -89, of which \$400,000 (Four Hundred Thousand Dollars, which represents 66% of project cost) will be reimbursed by the NHDOT, \$114,000 (One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Dollars) will come from General Fund Balance (NHDOT reimbursement for Phase 1 & 2 design), \$45,000 (Forty Five Thousand Dollars) will come from the Exit 9 Improvements Capital Reserve Fund and \$41,000 (Forty One Thousand Dollars) will come from taxation. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7- 0) (Majority vote required)

Moderator read the Article. Motion and second made. Moderator introduced Selectman Clyde Carson to present. Referring to a powerpoint presentation, Selectman Carson explained:

1. This has been a 3-phase project over the last 3 years.
2. 2013 Town Meeting, \$42,000 was appropriated for a conceptual design.
3. Informal poll at 2014 Town Meeting, majority supporting a roundabout over a traffic light.
4. 2014 Town Meeting approved \$129,000 for phase 2, design and engineering of a roundabout.
5. Design plans are at the state awaiting approval.
6. When design plans for phase 2 are approved, Town will receive the state 2/3 reimbursement, \$114,000, (into the General Fund) with same amount asked for in Article 9 to help pay for phase 3, construction of the roundabout.
7. Phase 3 Town cost, \$735,000 - breakdown:
 - a. \$490,245 = state 2/3 reimbursement
 - b. \$114,000 = state 2/3 reimbursement for Phase 1 & 2 from the General Fund
 - c. \$45,000 from Capital Reserve

- d. \$85,755 raised by taxation
- 8. Original total project cost revised and increased from estimated \$771,000 to \$906,000.
 - a. State 2/3 reimbursement of \$906,000 = \$604,000 (up from \$514,000 on \$771,000)
 - b. Town 1/3 share of \$906,000 = \$302,755 (up from \$250,000 on \$771,000)
 - c. Town 1/3 share increase resulted in a need to increase amount to be raised by taxation (up from \$41,000 to \$85,755).

Gene McCarthy, Project Manager, McFarland and Johnson, referred to the original conceptual roundabout picture on display and to an up to date aerial display of the roundabout. He explained:

- 1. Original costs did not include landscaping or aesthetic improvements.
- 2. Several meetings were held where input received resulted in the desire for landscaping, hardscape and signage to “pizazz” the new intersection to make a “statement” as the entryway into Warner.
- 3. \$35,000 of increase includes: landscaping, “treatments” in center island, move the Warner sign from farther up Rt 103 closer to roundabout and lights in the center of the roundabout.
- 4. Original plan for sidewalks from the McDonald property east was changed per request, to be more “recreational” and to accommodate pedestrians and bicycles.
 - a. Five-foot sidewalk width increased to 10-foot wide .
 - b. Extended to North Road.
- 5. \$40,000 of cost increase for wider, longer sidewalk, more earth work and paving.
- 6. \$40,000 of cost increase for surveying the site which resulted in more grading, pavement, base material and drainage than planned in preliminary plan.
- 7. Cost savings included:
 - a. Less paving on the east side.
 - b. Truck apron will be stamped concrete not granite cobble.

Mr. McCarthy pointed to the driveways which are 99% on state property. He said he was very aware of residents concerns of how trucks get into the gas station. He said he met with the station owners who said because of the tight area of the station but there is no room for expansion.

Mr. McCarthy explained the proposed truck entry pointing out that one driveway is an entrance/exit for vehicles, there will be a median added along Rt 103 making that driveway a “right in and right out” with directional signage. John Leavitt, Budget Committee member, said up until 3:00 this afternoon the project cost was going to be presented as \$600,000 but, now is presented at \$735,000.

Mr. Leavitt said the Budget Committee and Selectmen have not had a chance to review the added costs. He said he was going to vote against the increases, having watched the engineers “slow walk” changes to the project without disclosing cost.

James Gaffney said the Warner Police Chief has said every year there have been no major accidents at the intersection and asked if that had changed for 2015? He said a roundabout creates many “unintended consequences”, foliage inside a roundabout is obstructive to a driver’s view, there will be a change in traffic patterns due to drivers

avoiding the roundabout and using Exit 8 which will increase traffic through the downtown area. He asked where the money is going that is being reimbursed to the Town?

Mr. McCarthy responded saying roundabouts slow drivers down, traffic will be “calmed” and people will be able to access the businesses in a “more uniform, safe manner.” He said landscaping is a necessary design element that causes drivers to slow down and drivers should be looking for a gap in traffic so they can circulate around and exit from the roundabout.

Richard Senor said posting clear, explanatory, directional signs before the roundabout would help alert drivers how to go through the roundabout.

Martha Bodnarick, Budget Committee member, said she did not like the cost increase, but understood the need. She said expanded sidewalks to North Road will allow the elderly to walk to the businesses and widening the sidewalk responds to many groups requesting a safe space for bikers. She said the project should be supported and voters should be concerned with how “non-car traffic” gets through the area.

Jim Hand expressed concern that the increase creates a “smaller window” in which any further cost overruns will bring the project up to \$1 Million. Selectman Carson said any increase in costs would be unforeseen during construction.

Mr. McCarthy responded saying these types of projects are “Locally Managed Projects” (LMP) and this is the meeting to authorize funding and cap spending. He said a mechanism in the contract exists that an “additional item” could be put aside and considered an “alternate”. He said the item would still be included in the bid and the Town can determine what to include to stay within the established cap. Mr. McCarthy said if an appropriation is approved tonight, he would have to maintain the project under that amount.

Joanne Hinnendael said this is the third year discussing this. She said she does not want to go through a traffic light to go into town. At the 2014 Town Meeting, by straw vote, the majority favored a roundabout. She agreed a blinking light would not slow down traffic and asked what the commercial businesses would be paying toward the project since it will be a benefit to them.

Charlie Albano asked for the traffic study on the number of vehicles a roundabout can support comfortably versus a traffic light. Mr. McCarthy replied that there was a traffic analysis done in October 2013 and results were presented along with a “Level of Service”, A for good through F for bad. He said both graded very good levels of service using the 20 year growth but the roundabout functioned better.

Rachel Parsons asked to hear from the Fire Chief concerning fire trucks going through a roundabout while other vehicles are in it versus all vehicles stopped at a traffic light. Fire Chief Ed Raymond said fire trucks have to abide by NH law.

Mr. McCarthy responded that his firm did not do a regional traffic study to determine what would happen in the outlining traffic area. He said he personally did not agree that

trucks and vehicles hauling trailers would avoid the roundabout. He said the commercial businesses at Exit 9 rely on the intersection for their truck deliveries, the roundabout is designed to accommodate trucks and many new Department of Transportation designs have been incorporated - like rounded curbing.

Selectman Carson referred to a powerpoint that showed state reimbursements of \$114,000 for Phase 1 & 2 and \$490,243 for Phase 3 and said that money will be used to pay for Phase 3 construction. He said the state requires the reimbursement go into the General Fund and in order to use it, Article 9 is asking voters to approve taking the \$114,000 out of the General Fund to pay for construction.

Rebecca Courser said the roundabout will also be for future sites developed in the Exit 9 area, it will make the new construction at those sites more feasible than a traffic light, the Charrette for Warner discussed a roundabout and the Warner Retailers have given the Selectmen signage designs that direct people to the Warner Village. She said Police Chief Chandler said the number of "near misses" is high. Ms. Courser said putting this project off another year will increase the cost and asked if the Town would lose the state reimbursement if the project is delayed.

Jim Bingham, Town Administrator, said the reality in terms of funds is that the money is already "out of the tax payer's pocket" and available to many towns competing for it. He answered that delaying the project may remove the offer for state funds.

Debra Buckley asked how many accidents have actually occurred in the past 5 or 10 years. Police Chief William Chandler said it is low in the Exit 9 area due to slow moving traffic. He added that there are better accident statistics for the Exit 9 on/off ramp area of Rt 103 because traffic is moving faster but the lack of statistics does not alleviate the fact that drivers in that area make their own order and it needs to be addressed.

John Leavitt said he would like to amend the total amount in Article 9 to \$600,000 but the Moderator said no Motion had been made yet to increase Article 9.

Phil Stockwell made a motion to move the question

Moderator said other hands were raised to speak and allowed additional speakers.

Sara McNeil asked who would be responsible for maintaining the landscape inside the roundabout? Mr. McCarthy answered that Rt 103 is a state road but landscaping and sidewalks are the Town's responsibility, standard with state property involved in projects.

Glen Moyer said he felt the bigger issue was the lack of official vote to approve building a roundabout even though money was approved for it. He referred to 2014 Town Minutes in the Town Report page 107. Selectman Carson said plans were presented and voters were asked what they preferred at the last Town Meeting with the consensus being a roundabout. Mr. Moyer agreed that plans were presented with the "intention" of building the roundabout but wanted to know when the official vote was taken.

Mrs. Bodnarick said each phase has been discussed, voted on, approved and now Phase 3 Construction is being presented for voters to “Approve or Disapprove” as a project to build a roundabout.

Moderator said at the 2014 Town Meeting voters approved Article 9, to “appropriate \$45,000 to the already established Exit 9 Capital Reserve Fund”. He said there was a vote to approve Phases 1 & 2, the Engineer Design of the project and agreed that a vote had not been taken to approve the project to build the roundabout. Passing Article 9 was appropriating money for completing design Phase 2. He said he believed the voters are at the point now to vote on the final stage of the project.

Christine Frost said she is looking forward to Market Basket continuing to pay \$90,000 in taxes, future developers contributing to and increasing the tax base and was supporting Article 9.

Selectman Carson made a motion to amend Article 9 to read: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the amount of \$735,000 (Seven Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Dollars) for the construction of the Roundabout on Route 103 near Exit 9 on I -89, of which \$490,245 (Four Hundred Ninety Thousand two Hundred Forty Five Dollars, which represents 66% of project cost) will be reimbursed by the NHDOT, \$114,000 (One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Dollars) will come from General Fund Balance (NHDOT reimbursement for Phase 1 & 2 design), \$45,000 (Forty Five Thousand Dollars) will come from the Exit 9 Improvements Capital Reserve Fund and \$ 85,755 (Eighty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Five Dollars) will come from taxation. Second.

Mr. Leavitt said up until 3 PM today the project cost was \$600,000. He stated again that no Budget Committee member, Selectmen or Town resident has had the opportunity to review the costs versus the benefit of the additional items.

Mr. McCarthy said the additional items would not be possible if the project reverts back to the original cost. He said there are some increases and decreases not connected to the additions which means other areas would have to be reduced, adjusted or eliminated to get back to the \$600,000.

Nancy Ladd asked the impact on the tax rate and the cost to add a bike path or sidewalk in the future.

Budget Committee Chair, Michael Cutting said the estimated tax rate he presented did include the passage of Article 9 as amended.

Mr. McCarthy said it is cost effective to have a contractor who is already on site do the sidewalk than to add one in the future but it could be done at a later date as could the landscaping.

Selectman Carson said that additional work at a later date would not have the 2/3 state funding.

A resident asked if the proposed bike path is connected to another area. Mr. McCarthy said the path is provided for “with in the limits of this project only”.

Selectman Allan Brown said the Town has been planning for years to extend sidewalks from the Old Graded School to Market Basket. He said extending the sidewalks during this project is a good opportunity toward that goal and would allow North Road residents to walk safely to Market Basket. He said he supported this to make the area look nice and wanted to continue forward to connecting the area to town.

Mrs. McNeil asked how long the project would take to complete. Mr. McCarthy said 4 months and concerns about maintaining access for customers and suppliers, it will be completed in stages.

Mr. Senor commented that the breakdown lanes in the Exit 9 area are the widest in Town and did not think a wide sidewalk would stop a car.

Debra Buckley asked how the roundabout would effect pedestrians crossing Rt 103. Mr. McCarthy showed a crosswalk connecting each side of Rt 103.

Moderator said a motion had been made to Move the Question. A vote was taken. Motion passed to move the question on the amendment.

Richard Senor requested a Paper Ballot with support of 5 voters. Moderator stated the Vote is on the amendment.

Results on the vote to amend Article 9: YES: 91 NO: 69 - Amendment passed

Moderator stated the next vote will be on Article 9 as Amended.

James Gaffney, supported by 5 voters, requested voting by Paper Ballot.

Alfred Hanson said Article 9 was amended and asked if the question had been moved. Moderator said voters moved the original Article in “the beginning”. Mr. Hanson said voters moved the amendment, not the article.

The Moderator explained the amendment was motioned, seconded, put on the floor and a vote was held on the amendment. He said the original Article 9 was motioned and seconded “to bring forward” and now a vote will be taken on Article 9.

Mr. Hanson asked the Selectmen if the project drawings that are at the state have been approved. Selectmen replied, “No”. He said voters are being asked to vote on drawings not approved by the state therefore what voters are voting on is really “unknown”, as a member of the Budget Committee requesting information, not much was provided but then at 3:00 o'clock this afternoon committee members were given the information that is being presented. Mr. Hanson said his point is about “how business is being conducted” not whether or not the town wants the roundabout.

Moderator told voters to use “Yes/No” paper ballot to vote. **Results for the vote on Article 9 as amended: YES: 87 NO: 68**

Michael Cutting made a motion to restrict reconsideration on Articles 8 and 9. Second.

Moderator explained “Restrict Reconsideration”.

John Leavitt stated a petition could cause a Town Meeting to be held. Moderator said a meeting could not be held sooner than 7 days and needed to be properly warned.

Moderator called for a vote, explaining a “Yes” vote would restrict reconsideration of Article 8 & 9 while a “No” vote was in favor of possibly bringing Articles 8 & 9 back up for discussion.

Vote taken, majority in favor to restrict reconsideration of Articles 8 & 9.

ARTICLE 10 PASSED

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be added to the already established Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7 – 0) (Majority vote required.) Moderator read the article. Motion and second made.

Assessing Clerk, Martha Mical, said Article 10 was asking to add money to the already established Capital Reserve Fund, if the money is not spent on utilities revaluation in 2015 it will remain in the fund for the 2020 revaluation. Current CRF balance = \$122,400. Hearing no discussion. Vote taken, majority in favor, Article 10 passed.

ARTICLE 11 PASSED

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to add to the already established Police Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7 – 0) (Majority vote required.) Moderator read the article. Motion and second made. Moderator introduced Police Chief William Chandler to present.

Chief Chandler said Article 11 was asking for funds to be added to the established Capital Reserve Fund (CRF). He said \$15,000 is the request necessary to be consistent with level funding the vehicle replacement CRF. But in 2014, as in 2015, he reduced the scheduled amount to \$10,000 to help keep the overall budget increase to a minimum. He said to replenish the funds and prepare for the scheduled 2017 replacement of the 2007 SUV future funding requests will have to be increased.

Suzanne Cummings asked if it would be advantageous to amend the request to \$15,000 and plan for \$15,000 in 2016? Chief Chandler said his reason was to not surprise voters next year. He said requests are balanced against other department requests and the point of Capital Reserves is to be prepared for known purchases. Hearing no further discussion, Moderator called for a vote. Majority in favor. Article 11 passed.

ARTICLE 12**PASSED**

Shall the Town establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purchase a new fire station site, and design and construction of a new fire station on that site, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$165,000 (One Hundred Sixty Five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in this fund? Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 4 – 3) (Majority vote required.) Moderator read the Article. Motion and second made.

Moderator introduced Selectman Allan Brown to present. (powerpoint presentation on file) Selectman Brown said:

1. Selectmen voted not to use the site purchased 2 years ago for a New Fire Station.
2. Selectmen voted to form a new committee to look at other pieces of land.
3. Assessing Clerk assisted in finding land that met the Selectmen's criteria for a site.
4. Martha and Committee were thanked for their hard work, time and commitment.
5. Location was the goal.
6. Staying within the preferred area the Fire Department desired.
 - a. Area of Exit 8 and a little beyond.
 - b. Kearsarge Mtn Road to Pattee Road, near the old Mesa Buildings.
 - c. State Sheds on Rt 103 near the Warner Transfer Station .
7. Committee reviewed about 41 lots in total on “paper” maps.
8. Physically went to 19 sites to evaluate.
9. Additional sites were suggested and although outside the Selectmen's site parameters, they were evaluated.
10. Evaluation included:
 1. Review for cost of site work and development of the land
 2. Slope and grade of the land
 3. Flooding issues
 4. Deed restrictions: Public Service rights, Right of Ways, etc
 5. Site availability: some sites were not on the market for sale
 6. Not desirable to incur the cost of removing a building and taking a home off the tax roll

Selectman Brown explained the top sites:

1. \$90,000, 8 acre parcel on sharp corner of Rt 103 East and Old Main Road. The site would need 10 feet of fill, the river created restrictions to building which would result in the roofline as the only thing seen from the road.
2. \$300,000, 4 acre lot abutting the Police Station lot on West Main Street on one side and Spilt Rock Road on the backside, the house would be sub-divided off leaving 2.9 acres for the Fire Station, deed restrictions included no commercial use, 12 Split Rock Rd property owners were contacted, and advice from legal counsel was to “stay away” even if there was only 1 “No”.
3. A Property owned by an elderly gentleman was a good location but not for sale.
4. A Property with a right of way for utilities was not for sale.
5. Recommended site is Map 34, Lot 20, 2.6 acres, scoring the highest ranking.
 - a. Did not make the top 4 because originally the lot was offered with the house and Selectmen did not want to buy the house.
 - b. Several weeks later, seller returned to say he would sell the land only.
 - c. Site is on West Main Street, 1/2 mile from the current Fire Station.

- d. Selectman Brown met with the state to discuss the driveway entrance
 1. Lot 20 was originally part of a 3-lot sub-division.
 2. 2 State Driveway permits were issued.
 3. State will not grant a third driveway permit.
 4. State said because the lot would be owned by a municipality the shared driveway could be widened, a circle could be created - anything the Town needed to do to prevent having problems entering and exiting.
 5. Selectman Brown pointed out the property boundaries on his powerpoint, showed where the sand and gravel area in the front of the property could be flattened, where trees needed to be cut to improve the visibility onto the road.
- e. Showed the buildable area is more area to build on and to create parking for 40 Fire Fighters than on the previous site and still meet setbacks from the brook and property lines.
- f. Another committee will be formed to review the building design on the lot.
- g. Although most of the site is flat, Selectman Brown pointed to an area that has a “divot” and spring melting runs down a gully eastward to the 2 neighbor's properties and homes.
- h. A contractor provide a rough estimate for a solution to that problem, a small retaining wall to redirect the water away from the abutting properties.
- i. Estimate for site prep at the previous site including water and sewer, was about \$350K.
- j. Estimate for site prep at Proposed site about \$200K (already has Town sewer & water) .
- k. New site is “more user friendly and cheaper to develop”.

Richard Senor asked if the State Shed near the Warner Transfer Station was considered. Selectman Brown said the state closed the shed 2 years ago but still uses it as a fuel depot. He said he called the Division 5 State Engineer who said it may be 5 years before the state knows what it will do with the shed and it is not going on surplus currently.

Fire Chief Ed Raymond added that the Department wanted to be located before the Exit 9 area, most Fire Fighters live on the east side of town, 75% of calls are on the that side, it did not seem efficient to have to drive through a roundabout or a light at Exit 9 to get to the Fire Station and then come back through a roundabout or light to go to a call.

John Leavitt made a motion to amend Article 12 by striking the last sentence and inserting, “ to name the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee as agents of said funds. A vote to approve expenditures shall require a 2/3 majority of members present at a meeting where at least a quorum of 6 members exist. A vote to be taken immediately following a Public Hearing on each expenditure.” Second.

Selectman Brown said the Budget Committee does not have the authority to spend money. Mr. Leavitt said the voting Legislative body could appoint anyone as an Agent to Expend.

Selectman Brown said he personally did not agree with Mr. Leavitt. He said voters should trust the Board of Selectmen and Clyde Carson just ran unopposed.

Martha Bondarick, member of the Budget Committee, said the RSA's do not authorize the Budget Committee to spend, it is not their job to expend funds or criticize the job the Selectment do. We elect representatives to do the job for us. She asked voters to not restrict the Selectmen in the responsibilities of their job. She said she is tired of the town thinking it can run by committee and "we have to have our Selectmen authorized to be agents to spend."

Mr. Leavitt said he agreed that the Budget Committee does not have the authority to spend and said there are no RSA's that give the Selectboard the authority to expend from a Capital Reserve fund; it is the Legislative Body that gives the Board or anyone else they choose, the authority to expend. He said Elected Officials do the business of the people by working for the people and it is the people's responsibility to guide them in their decision making. He said the current property the Town purchased for the Fire Station site may not have been purchased if there was more input from more citizens. He said it is not a matter of "trust" but of the government system of "checks and balances" and he is trying to draw more people into the process of how decisions are taking place on large expenses.

James Gaffney said in reviewing events of the past few years, they seemed very rushed with very little public input. He said it was not a matter of "trust", it's about "checks and balances."

A resident made a motion to move the question. Moderator said he recognized hands raised to speak and allowed them.

Gerald Courser asked what the price tag on the land was. Selectman Brown noted at the time the Article was presented for review, the Selectboard did not know what the "negotiated purchase price" would be but now they do \$125,000 - land only. He said the remaining \$40,000 would pay for engineers and for the architect to determine the cost of redesigning the current building plan and hopefully not lose all the money the Town has already paid to create it. Selectman Brown said a Building Committee will be formed and his intention is to know where the building is going before the design is addressed and his goal is to reuse the building plans.

Moderator said a motion was made to move the question on the amendment.

He read the amended article: Shall the Town establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purchase a new fire station site, and design and construction of a new fire station on that site, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$165,000 (One Hundred Sixty Five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in this fund? Then strike the last sentence, "Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund?" and insert: "To name the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee as agents of said funds. A vote to approve expenditures shall require a 2/3 majority of members present at a meeting where at least a quorum of 6 members exist. A vote to be taken immediately following a Public Hearing on each expenditure."

Vote on amendment, majority against. Motion failed.

Andrew Bodnarick made a motion to move the question and a request for a paper ballot was made. Moderator said there were hands raised by people who wanted to speak. Mr. Bodnarik withdrew his motion.

Mr. Bingham, Town Administrator, answered Cathy Creed, Article 12 is asking to “establish” a new CRF.

James Gaffney said this is similar to the process for the roundabout a few years ago: this Article is based on a foregone conclusion that the Town is authorizing building a new Fire Station, he believes there needs to be more discussion on exactly what the voters are authorizing and estimates would be appreciated by most people.

Moderator said a vote in the “Affirmative” is voting for purchasing land, engineering and redesign.

Martha Bodnarick said voting “No” is saying that there is no need for a new Fire Station while a “Yes” vote is to purchase land and prepare for the future – it is not to build a Fire Station.

Charlie Albano said he would like to reiterate that Checks and Balances are important. His questions to the Selectmen:

1. How much was spent on the Fire Station property (that the Town Currently owns)?
2. How much was spent on the Architectural drawings which were site specific?
3. Who approved the land purchase and the Architectural drawings (since he has been told there are no minutes of meetings when these actions took place and that there was no committee except the Selectmen and 1 or 2 members of the Fire Department)?

Mr. Albano re-stated how important it is to have Checks and Balances, for example: How was the purchase price negotiated? Were there 3 realtors who gave that bid? Were there 3 bids from Architectural Firms? He said there are a series of questions that everyone needs to pay attention to because Selectman Brown may have the best intentions for the Town but he is not an architect or a land surveyor or someone who sets property values. Mr. Albano said it was critically important every step of the way and he did not want to approve \$165,000 when there are only guesstimates on excavation work or a possibility that the property owner will sell for \$125,000 and what if the property is only worth \$55,000? He said he is not willing to spend his tax payments on the unknown. He said he had a Motion but wanted to hear the Selectmen’s answers first.

Selectman Brown said the expenses for the purchased Fire Station site:

Warren Street Architects, earthwork, hooking up water and sewer = \$125,751

Land purchase price = \$76,180

Remove the building on the land = \$3,255

An Engineer company = \$500

Tri-state permitting = \$1,350

Total = \$207,036

Selectman Brown said the owner did not want to sell the land without the house but he came back and said he would sell the land only asking a firm price of \$125,000 knowing that he may not be able to sell the house without the land. Selectman Brown said land only is assessed at \$80,000.

To question #3, Selectman Brown said he was not on the Board so he “assumes” the Selectmen at that time approved expenditures on land and architects. Mr. Albano said he was told there were no minutes of any of the processes and that is why Checks and Balances are important.

Selectman Brown said to answer a previously asked question of Mr. Albano’s concerning traffic, the count near Willow Brook, near the United Church of Warner is 3,800 cars a day.

Selectman Hartman responded saying he distinctly remembers being at meetings where the acquisition of the property and hiring the architect were discussed and the motions - although he could not state the dates. Mr. Albano restated that what the Selectmen said at the Public Hearing was that there were no meeting minutes.

Selectman Brown, addressing Fire Chief Ed Raymond, asked if there were minutes of those meetings? Chief Raymond responded, “No” and said he was not involved with the process when the land came up for sale but remembers there was a potential for a grant.

Mr. Albano said that almost a quarter of a million dollars was spent out of a Capital Reserve Fund with virtually no oversight other than by the Selectmen. He said the current site is unbuildable. He has gone through the grant process and can say that “homework” was not done. He said when talking now about expense as the “first line” of building a Fire Station he feels there are a lot more questions than answers. Mr. Albano said it is important to take the time necessary to make good decisions and to him this process seems rushed. He said Weaver Brothers Construction Company offered the sand pit site at/near exit 8, Schoodac Road, yet he has not heard a discussion on why that site can not be used other than Selectman Brown and another Selectman looked at the site and decided it was not an option.

Selectman Brown said a corner of the sand pit near the highway is what is being offered, it is an area that has had a lot of excavating, it would need a lot of fill, there would be a “lousy” approach to the site, the hill at the guardrail has a steep drop off and to make it “usable” does not “make any sense”.

Mr. Albano made a motion to amend Article 12 by adding:

1. No purchase of property until state driveway is approved
 2. 3 estimates of market value of property to be purchased
 3. 3 estimates of bids from architectural design firms to design the new Fire Station
 4. 3 estimates on cost of construction of the new Fire Station,
 5. All these findings are presented at a public hearing before final approval
- Second.

Chief Raymond said it was his understanding that the current building was designed using the footprint of the land, there were several different permits that were approved, the process took about 5 years and there was a lot of thought put into the project design.

Hearing no further discussion, Moderator called for a vote on the Amendment. He asked voters to hold up their ballot packets. YES - 47 NO - 63 Amendment failed.

Moderator called for a vote on Article 12 as originally presented. Paper Ballot called for supported by 5 voters. YES - 76 NO - 50 Article 12 Passed.

ARTICLE 13 PASSED

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$288,000.00 (Two Hundred Eighty Eight Thousand Dollars) to be added to the already established Highway Road Construction Capital Reserve Fund? \$139,000 (One Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Dollars) will come from General Fund Balance, \$149,000 (One Hundred Forty Nine Thousand Dollars) to come from taxation. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7 – 0) (Majority vote required.)

Moderator read the Article. Motion and second made.

Selectman Brown explained that the money will be used to reconstruct about 6/10 of a mile of Waldron Hill Road, from Flanders Road to the top of the hill, complete rehabilitation includes: culverts, gravel, clay and about 10,000 feet of underlay, some of the funds to support the project will come out of the operating budget and the road is very difficult to maintain in its current condition.

Asking for and hearing no questions, Moderator called for a vote, majority in favor. Article 13 passed.

David Karrick made a motion to restrict reconsideration on Article 10, 11, 12, 13. Second. Moderator explained again what it meant to restrict reconsideration and asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, vote taken, majority in favor, motion passed.

ARTICLE 14 PASSED

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$53,000 (Fifty Three Thousand Dollars) to be added to the already established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 4 – 3) (Majority vote required.)

Moderator read the Article and said the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund balance = \$126,496. Motion and second made.

Selectman Allan Brown explained the funds requested would keep the fleet in near stable condition as replacements are needed. He presented Tim Allen, Acting Director of Public Works, who had prices to purchase an F550.

Mr. Allen said they need to replace the 2008 550 Ford Dump Truck. He said the 2006 has had considerable repairs in the last 4 years and is in better condition, in his opinion, than the 2008 which is in need of engine and transmission repairs. He said costs to

replace the 2008 are approximately \$85,000: \$43,900 for cab and chassis and remainder for the body, plow assembly, stainless steel. He said he would recommend this purchase to keep up with the fleet replacement and take some stress off the older trucks. Asking for and hearing no questions, Moderator called for a vote on Article 14. He asked voters to hold up their ballot packets. Majority in favor. Article 14 passed.

ARTICLE 15

PASSED

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 (Twenty Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the already established Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7 – 0) (Majority vote required.) Moderator read the Article. Motion and second made.

Selectman Clyde Carson explained Article 15 would provide money to pay for necessary fire equipment. Fire Chief Ed Raymond explained that breathing apparatus equipment needed to be brought up to date and although a grant was applied for, it was not guaranteed.

Asking for and hearing no questions, Moderator called for a vote, majority in favor. Article 15 passed.

ARTICLE 16

PASSED

Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) to the previously established Odd Fellows Building Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of hazard mitigation of this Brownfield site? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 5 – 2) (Majority vote required.) Moderator read the Article. Motion and second made.

Selectman David Hartman explained the money will go towards the requirement that the Town clean up the hazardous waste in the building. He said the Town will be looked at favorably when it applies for grants to clean up the hazardous material if there is money in the fund.

Gerry Marsh asked if a time limit could be set and he does remember a 5-year time limit put on the building. Selectman Hartman said it was “open ended” without a time limit back in 2001 when the Town bought the building.

Rebecca Courser said she has been on the Odd Fellows Committee “forever”. Bob Irving is the current potential buyer and has a contract till May 2015 with the Town. Ms. Courser said although it takes time to go through the processes, it is better to have the building back on the tax roles than to tear it down.

John Leavett said as a Budget Committee member he has asked the Selectmen what plan “B” is if the building is not sold and there was no plan “B” stated at that time. He said after 15 years of the Town owning the building if there is no interest to take the building down then there should be a plan “B” because it costs the Town money to keep the building.

Ms. Courser said the building costs the Town because there are no taxes being collected on it, there has not been a lot of money put into the building by the Town and when there is no one interested developing then “Plan-B, The building has to come down” can be enacted.

James McLaughlin, Chairman of the Odd Fellows Building Committee, said the best estimate to tear the building down was approximately \$100,000.

James Gaffney said the money spent on the building is more than the \$5000 being asked for in Article 16, the issue is liability and if there is no Plan “B” or anyone else interested in it then the building should be put up for auction.

Richard Cook asked what the balance was in the established Odd Fellows Building Capital Reserve Fund and was told \$5000.

Motion made to move the question. Second. Vote taken. All in favor. Moderator called for a vote on Article 16, majority in favor. Article 16 passed.

Martha Mical made a motion to move Article 24 be heard next. Second. Question by Allan McCausland on the need to hear Articles out of order when there are residents present to hear all Articles not just a few.

Moderator called for a vote on the motion. Majority against. Motion failed.

ARTICLE 17 **PASSED**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Town Hall Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7 – 0) (Majority vote required) Moderator read the Article. Motion and second made.

Selectman Clyde Carson explained the money requested would be used toward the replacement of the Town Hall Lift, and the cost - approximately \$50,000.

Asking for and hearing no questions, Moderator called for a vote. Majority in favor. Article 17 passed.

ARTICLE 18 **PASSED**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) for the preservation of Town Records? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7– 0)(Majority vote required.) Moderator read the Article. Motion and second made.

Selectman Allan Brown explained the Town has gotten behind in preserving Town Records that it needs to preserve by law. Asking for and hearing no questions, Moderator called for a vote on Article 18. Majority in favor. Article 18 passed.

ARTICLE 19

PASSED

Shall the Town vote to establish a contingency fund in accordance with RSA 31:98-a for the current year to be used by the Board of Selectmen for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate the amount of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be placed into the fund? This sum is to come from the General Fund Balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the General Fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7- 0) (Majority vote required.) Moderator read the Article. Motion and second made.

Selectman Clyde Carson explained if the Town wants to establish a contingency fund then it must get approval at Town Meeting every year because the unspent funds are returned to the Town's General Fund at the end of the year. He said the contingency fund allows the Town to have funds available for any unexpected expenditures.

Motion made to move the question. Second. Vote taken. All in favor to move the question. Moderator called for a vote on Article 19. Majority in favor. Article 19 passed.

ARTICLE 20

PASSED as AMENDED

AMENDED: Shall the Town establish a Library Building Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for renovating and repairing the Pillsbury Free Library building and to raise and appropriate \$42,000 (Forty Two Thousand Dollars) to be placed in this Fund? Further, to name the Board of Trustees of the Pillsbury Free Library as agents to expend from said fund?

ORIGINAL: Shall the Town establish a Library Building Renovation Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for renovating and repairing the Pillsbury Free Library building and to raise and appropriate \$42,000 (Forty Two Thousand Dollars) to be placed in this Fund? Further, to name the Board of Trustees of the Pillsbury Free Library as agents to expend from said fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0) (Majority vote required.) Moderator read the Article. Motion and second made.

Sara McNeil, Library Trustee, presented a motion to strike the word “Renovation” from the name of the Capital Reserve to better represent the intention of the Capital Reserve Funds. Second.

Ms. McNeil explained there was a major roof leak, the drainage is very poor and several attempts to repair it have not worked and have cost a significant amount of money, repairs need to be made on the walls too.

Ms. McNeil said in the Fall of 2014 the Library received a \$50,000 LCHP (Land, Conservation Heritage Program) - Matching Fund Grant which is the reason for the request to establish a Capital Reserve. Discussion followed. Moderator clarified the CRF has a purpose and its use is limited to “renovating and repairing” the Pillsbury Free Library building.

Asking for and hearing no further questions, Moderator called for a vote on the amendment. Majority in favor. Amendment passed.

Moderator called for a vote on Article 20 as amended. Article 20 Passed as Amended.

ARTICLE 21 PASSED

Shall the Town establish a DPW Facility Improvements Capital Reserve Fund to make improvements to the DPW buildings, to raise and appropriate \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in this Fund and to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7 – 0) (Majority vote required.)

Moderator read the Article. Motion and second made.

Selectman Allen Brown explained that the fire at the Henniker Highway Facility was cause to review Warner's Highway Facility. He said Article 21 is asking for money to research the cost and possibility of installing a suppression system.

Selectman Brown answered Sara McNeil that the highway building does not have a sprinkler system. He said a few years ago the Town installed a sprinkler system in the current Fire Station.

James Gaffney said he understood the cause of the fire in Henniker to be electrical and that there are many considerations when suppressing a fire based on what started it. Selectman Brown said the money requested in Article 21 would be spent on an engineer with the expertise to advice the Town on what is needed.

Asking for and hearing no further questions, Moderator called for a vote on Article 21. Majority in favor. Article 21 passed.

ARTICLE 22 PASSED

To see if the town will vote to adopt NH RSA 673:6, 1(a) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to Appoint, within their sole discretion, 5 (five) or fewer alternate members to the Warner Planning Board. An alternate member appointed by the Board of Selectmen shall serve a term of 3 (three) years. (Majority vote required.) Moderator read the Article. Motion and Second made.

Moderator read the Article. Motion and second made.

Selectman Clyde Carson explained this is a “housekeeping” issue. The Selectmen could not find when the Town had adopted the RSA that allows them to appoint alternates. Rick Davies, Chairman of the Planning Board, said alternates are important because full members can not always be at every meeting and alternates need to be able to fill in. He said it is a learning process for alternates as they attend meetings and learn the laws and procedures the Planning Board follows.

James Gaffney made a motion to amend Article 22 to have Planning Board members elected.

Mr. Gaffney said the ordinances carry the weight of law, the Town voted on 4 changes proposed by the Planning Board on the Town Ballot that have a large impact on all residents. He said these are important positions and are worthy of being elected positions. No second. Motion failed.

Hearing no further questions, Moderator called for a vote. Majority in favor. Article 22 passed.

ARTICLE 23

PASSED

“Resolved that the State of New Hampshire provide a comprehensive meaningful system of funding for State Education needs. To see if the Town will vote to ask our governor and our state legislators to reform state funding for education with that reform to be directed to significant reduction of property taxes? The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the Select Board to the governor and state legislators informing them of the instructions from their constituents within 30 days of the vote.” (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required.)

Moderator read the Article. Motion and second made.

Selectman Clyde Carson reminded voters that a similar Article and resolution was approved in 2014, the resolution in Article 23 is being presented for a vote at several Town Meetings around the state, the goal is to start state level discussions about reducing Property Taxes, if people are not happy with the rate at which property taxes are growing then they need to vote in support of this Article and it is basically a message to the State House that they need to do something.

James Gaffney said he was not sure this Article addressed the core issues - local not state issues, voters could choose to go to any of the many meetings held, hopefully to directly impact how high taxes are in regards to the school budget in the Kearsarge District and the problem is whether or not people are willing to show up and put forth some input.

Motion to move the question. Moderator said there were 2 speakers then he would move the question.

Ben Frost said that the Supreme Court of the State disagrees.

John Leavett said he agreed it was a local issue: the problem is the expenditures of the school system, not the funding.

Vote taken on the motion to move Article 23. All in favor. Moderator called for a vote on Article 23. He asked voters to hold up their ballot packets. Majority in favor. Article 23 passed.

ARTICLE 24

PASSED

To see if the Town will direct the Board of Selectmen to place the town owned property identified as Map 29 Lot 001 (136 East Main Street) for sale prior to May 30, 2015. To be sold as described in said Deed as recorded at the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds on November 1, 2010. Sale of this property should take place as soon as possible. (Submitted By Petition) (Majority vote required.)

Moderator read the Article. Motion and second made.

Moderator introduced Barbara Annis who submitted the petition. She said she heard there was a possibility that the site purchased by tax dollars paid into a Capital Reserve Fund to build a new fire station might be used for another purpose. Mrs. Annis said if residents purchased the land through taxes, the land should be sold if it is not going to be used for the purpose it was purchased for and the money returned to the CRF for the New Fire Station.

She explained the petition:

1. Residents are “directing” the Board of Selectmen as opposed to “authorizing”,
2. The Board was given authority to sell land by voters at the 2012 Town Meeting by approving Article 12
3. Voters allowed to do that according to RSA 41:14-a
4. RSA 41:14-a states
 - a. The Board will go before the Conservation Commission and Planning Board for recommendation
 - b. 2 Public Hearing must be held no closer than 10 days apart
5. May 30, 2015 deadline gives the Board adequate time to schedule all the required meetings and comply with the law
6. “To be sold as recoded in said deed as recoded at the Registry of Deeds”
7. One “rumor” that Town may keep part of the property and place an easement on it for use by the Rails and Trails
8. Already is an easement on the property which there can be
9. Selectman Brown had suggested sub-dividing and selling the 2 tracts of land on the property separately
10. Mrs. Annis feels that with another easement or selling the property in smaller lots it will not be worth anything
11. Intent of the petition is to protect the town

James Gaffney asked if direction was required on how the proceeds from the sale of the land will be handled because it was money spent from a Capital Reserve? Mrs. Annis said the Department of Revenue said that was not allowed. She said money received from the sale of this property must go into the Town's General Fund and the next year at Town Meeting a Warrant Article could be presented to vote the amount the property was sold for to be taken from the (General Fund) and put back into the CRF for the Fire Station.

Rick Davies asked what was meant by: “Sale of this property should take place as soon

as possible”? Mrs. Annis said it does not mean “14 Years” (referring to the Odd Fellows Building discussion previous).

Charles Albano asked and was told the purchase price was \$76,180. It was clarified that the Article states to put the property up for sale “by May 30, 2015” and the “sell by date” is not set.

Motion to move the question. Vote taken and passed to move the question. Moderator called for a vote on Article 24. Majority in favor. Article 24 passed.

ARTICLE 25: Passed Over

To see if the town will establish a dog park on town owned land on East Main Street (Map 29, Lot 1), where dog owners can allow their dogs to exercise and run in safety and out of the way of activities at the other town owned parks and recreational fields. (Submitted By Petition)

Moderator said due to the Passing of Article 24 he would skip over Article 25. Peter Savlen, who submitted the petition, asked to speak. Moderator agreed.

Peter Savlen, briefly explained his reasons for submitting the Petition: He was approached by people who supported a Town area for dogs to run and the site is easy to get to by people walking or by people driving. He asked that people who were interested in pursuing a dog park to please contact him.

ARTICLE 26 FAILED

Shall the Town vote to rescind the Board of Selectmen’s authority to act as authorized agents of the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Funds? All Expenditures henceforth must be approved by majority vote of the legal voters present and voting at an annual or special town meeting as per RSA 35:15. (Submitted By Petition) (Majority vote required)

Moderator read the Article. Motion and second made. He introduced petitioner John Leavitt to present.

John Leavitt Made a Motion to Amend Article 26 to read:

Shall the town vote to rescind the Board of Selectman’s authority to act as sole authorized agents of the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Funds. All expenditures henceforth must be approved by a 2/3 majority of the three Selectmen and eight Budget Committee members in which a quorum of at least six members are present. Vote must be taken immediately following a public hearing on each proposed expenditure. Second.

Mr. Leavitt said he was going to pull the Article due to the vote on a similar Amendment he made earlier in the meeting but decided not to due to interest in the Amendment and that reconsideration can not happen unless there is a vote on the Article. He noted that a lot of the audience had left the meeting but if anyone was interested in reconsideration of the Article or Amendment to please contact him.

Hearing no further discussion, Moderator called for a vote on the amendment. Majority against. Amendment to Article 26 failed.

Moderator called for further discussion.

Andrew Bodnarick said he was tired of people trying to “change the law and quote what is not in the law.” He suggested the Selectboard consult with legal counsel on issues presented at tonight’s meeting and he was “thankful that they were voted down.

Calling for and hearing no further discussion, Moderator called for a Vote on Article 26 as originally presented. Majority against. Article 26 failed.

Motion by Allan McCausland to restrict reconsideration on Articles 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24,25, 26. Second. Vote taken by a show of paper ballot packets. Majority in Favor. Motion to restrict passed.

Motion made to adjourn. Second.

Vote taken..... All in favor.....Motion to adjourn passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:36 PM

*Respectfully submitted,
Judy Newman-Rogers
Town Clerk*



Resident Birth Report

Date and Place of Birth	Child's Name	Father's Name Mother's Name
02/16/2015 Concord, NH	Sybil Ruth Boddington	Hugh Boddington Sarah Dorner
03/24/2015 Concord, NH	River James Wesoja	Thomas Wesoja Margaret Martinez
03/27/2015 Concord, NH	Tessa Chantel Riedel	Marcus Riedel Rachel Raynes
05/07/2015 Concord, NH	Griffin Anthony Grogan	Joseph Grogan Kristen Grogan
05/31/2015 Manchester, NH	Anthony Robert Junkins Ari Michael Junkins	Tammy Junkins
06/20/2015 Warner, NH	Caroline Lydia Bates	David Bates Emma Bates
08/01/2015 Concord, NH	Samantha Helene Stafford	Justin Stafford Erin McFarland Stafford
09/14/2015 Concord, NH	Luke Edward Toomey	Sean Toomey Kathryn Toomey
09/29/2015 Concord, NH	Ripley Lorraine Demgard	Mark Demgard Jessica White
11/12/2015 Concord, NH	Autumn Rose Akins	Christopher Akins Christina Willey

Resident Death Report

Date and Place of Death	Decedent's Name	Military	Father's Name and Mother's Maiden Name
01/03/2015 Warner, NH	Ivar Martin	N	Herman Martin Tora Lindstrom
01/08/2015 Warner, NH	William Butler	Y	William Butler Edith Sweeney
01/09/2015 Warner, NH	Virginia Bates	N	Frank Messer Irma Foster
01/17/2015 Warner, NH	Ourice Rothwell	N	Peter Langevin Alphonsine Frenette
01/18/2015 Warner, NH	Patricia Heselton	N	Ralph Rockwood June Deflin
01/29/2015 Warner, NH	Mary Oliver	N	Alfred Thibault Beatrice Martin
02/18/2015 Warner, NH	Gerald Wright	N	Russell Wright Mary Ryan
02/27/2015 Warner, NH	Kiratsa Tarullo	N	Athamasi Vaeni Maria Mechidash
03/10/2015 Concord, NH	Thelma Mitchell	N	Clyde Partridge Blanche Stebbins
03/28/2015 Concord, NH	Robert O'Connor	Y	Robert O'Connor Marguerite Richel
06/09/2015 Concord, NH	Douglas Newton	N	William Newton Jr Karen Rigney

Resident Death Report

Date and Place of Death	Decedent's Name	Military	Father's Name and Mother's Maiden Name
07/17/2015 Concord, NH	Teresa Ryan	N	Patrick McGirr Irene Goodyear
08/01/2015 Warner, NH	Leo Petruzzi	Y	Daniel Petruzzi Santa Bruatti
09/03/2015 Warner, NH	William Hughlock	N	John Hughlock Margaret Knowles
09/13/2015 Warner, NH	Edith Rumrill	N	Christopher Swindlehurst Josephine Boynton
10/07/2015 Warner, NH	Bertha Cassidy	N	Frank Jarvis Unknown
10/09/2015 Warner, NH	Marilyn Tanner	N	Russell Morley Barbara Swift
10/24/2015 Concord, NH	Barbara Mailhot	N	Allyre Bourque Jeannette Health
11/01/2015 Concord, NH	Ethel Champney	N	Merle Young Kathlene Sloat
11/09/2015 Warner, NH	Lillon Walker	N	Ralph Walker Reba Sawyer
11/11/2015 Concord, NH	Marcia Jenkins	N	Frank Teel Anna Antonio
12/06/2015 Concord, NH	Eugene Newbegin	N	Charles Newbegin Gladys Damon

Resident Death Report

Date and Place of Death	Decedent's Name	Military	Father's Name and Mother's Maiden Name
12/21/2015	William Newton	N	Willard Newton
Warner, NH			Uldeen Simonin
12/28/2015	Susan Blake	N	Paul Abban
Manchester, NH			Joan Bradley



Resident Marriage Report

Date & Place	Name	Residence
03/28/2015	Reeve M Dallas	Haverhill, NH
North Haverhill, NH	Aimee L Queior	Warner, NH
05/12/2015	Zebulon D Eaton	Warner, NH
North Sutton, NH	Shelby L Beale	Warner, NH
05/16/2015	Alexander M Simoneau	New London, NH
Sunapee, NH	Alison S MacDonald	Warner, NH
06/20/2015	Derek K Otten	Warner, NH
Warner, NH	Heather L Powell	Warner, NH
06/27/2015	Cordovan N Horn	Warner, NH
Weare, NH	Heather M Durling	Contoocook, NH
07/18/2015	Cody J Richard	Warner, NH
Henniker, NH	Treste L Bean	Warner, NH
07/27/2015	Douglas R Welch	Warner, NH
Warner, NH	Joann E Hascup	Warner, NH
08/15/2015	Jacob O'Dougherty	Warner, NH
Pittsfield, NH	Kate L Osborne	Warner, NH
09/12/2015	Edward P Raymond III	Warner, NH
Warner, NH	Amanda E Prussman	Warner, NH
09/19/2015	Robert J Klawiter	Warner, NH
Epping, NH	Holly E Mathison	Warner, NH
10/10/2015	David H Berliner	Warner, NH
Warner, NH	Patricia J Weller	Warner, NH
10/17/2015	Justin R Bishop	Warner, NH
Goshen, NH	Emily M Patterson	Warner, NH
10/17/2015	Christopher J Beggs	Warner, NH
New London, NH	Meghan E Von Hassel	Warner, NH

Resident Marriage Report

Date & Place	Name	Residence
10/17/2015	Randy W Shampney Jr	Warner, NH
Warner, NH	Kalene R O'Connor	Warner, NH
12/31/2015	Allan W Partridge	Warner, NH
Warner, NH	Barbara L Beauchaine	Warner, NH

2014 Resident Marriage Report

(not included in the 2014 Town Report)

Date & Place	Name	Residence
05/03/2014	Jonathan K Lord	Warner, NH
Canterbury, NH	Lois G Hanlon	Warner, NH
05/10/2014	Jason A Paquette	Warner, NH
New London, NH	Elisa Anderson	Warner, NH
06/28/2014	Perry Sleasman	Warner, NH
Bradford, NH	Diane R Richter	Warner, NH
07/05/2014	Christopher A Buskey	Warner, NH
Springfield, NH	Darcie L Donnelly	Warner, NH
08/02/2014	Kenneth C Bartholomew	Warner, NH
Keene, NH	Wendy M Savlen	Warner, NH
08/18/2014	Joseph L Thompson	Warner, NH
North Hampton, NH	Rebecca L Goodrum	Warner, NH
09/20/2014	Adam P Burnham	Warner, NH
New London, NH	Tammy D Steffen	Warner, NH
09/20/2014	Chloe E French	Warner, NH
Franklin, NH	Dylon J Montminy	Warner, NH
09/29/2014	Siannaleigh R Miller	Warner, NH
Newbury, NH	Scott T Sullivan	Warner, NH
10/04/2014	Stephen R Labonte	Warner, NH
Plainfield, NH	Dianne M Swett	Warner, NH

*Warner Village Water
District
Annual Report
2015*

Commissioners

Peter Newman 2017
Peter F. Savlen, Jr. 2016
Daniel Lavoie 2018

Clerk

James McLaughlin 2016

Treasurer

Christine Perkins 2016

Deputy Treasurer

Linda Hartman 2016

Moderator

Kathy Carson 2017

Water Village District Staff

Superintendent - Charles Come, Jr.
Operator - Stanley Hannum
Administrative Assistant - Ray Martin

As always, the Commissioners invite the public to attend their bimonthly meetings, held on the second and fourth Monday of each month beginning at 9:00 AM at the Treatment Plant located at 55 West Joppa Road.

**WARRANT OF THE WARNER VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT
2016 ANNUAL MEETING
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the Warner Village Water District in the Town of Warner, in Merrimack County, in said State, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Town Hall in said Warner on Tuesday, the fifteenth day of March next, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

1. To see if the Village District will vote to raise and appropriate \$360,000 for the purpose of constructing a solar array to offset electrical costs, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$360,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the commissioners to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon a; further to authorize the commissioners to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state, or other aid, grants, gifts or other forms of assistance which may be available for said project. Recommended by the Commissioners and by the Budget Committee. (2/3 ballot vote required).
2. To choose one Commissioner for three years.
3. To choose a Clerk and a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
4. To hear the reports of the District Officers and Committees as printed in the Town Report for the preceding year and pass any vote relating thereto.
5. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred twelve thousand one hundred eighty-three dollars (\$412,183.00) for the operation, maintenance and improvement of the District's water and sewer systems. This amount does not include any other funds voted on this Warrant (Recommended by the District Commissioners and the Budget Committee).
6. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand one hundred seventy two dollars (\$40,172.00) to purchase a new plow and tool storage pick-up truck for the District. And to authorize the issuance of not more than \$40,172.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the commissioners to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon a; further to authorize the commissioners to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state, or other aid, grants, gifts or other forms of assistance which may be available for said purchase. Recommended by Commissioners and Budget Committee. (2/3 vote required)

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

Given under our hands and seal, this 8th day of February, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and sixteen.

Commissioners of the Warner Village Water District
PETER E. NEWMAN
PETER F. SAVLEN, Jr.
DANIEL LAVOIE



Warner Village Water District Commissioners' Report

2015 was a very busy year for the District. The task of maintaining and improving the Waste Water Treatment Facilities and the Water Supply System to ensure that these critical systems continue to meet the needs of the District is a challenge.

The Second Clarifier project, begun in 2014, has been completed and is up and running. This second clarifier brings the District into compliance with the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) regulations. Having a second clarifier gives the District the ability to remain operational, if there is a problem with either one of the clarifiers, rather than having to shut down.

Several customers experienced water supply freeze ups in early 2015. This was due primarily to the cold weather and areas which were not normally plowed to be uncovered, allowing the frost to settle deeper than normal. This caused pipes that were not installed deep enough to freeze. For properties that have a history of pipes freezing up during severe cold weather, the District permits the running of water during the winter months with an adjustment made to their bills to forgive the sewer portion.

In the spring, the District dealt with a 'cloudy water' problem. The occurrence of air bubbles in the water was caused by a defective well pump. The pump was repaired and at the same time the well was refurbished. This is a process that agitates the well in such a way as to remove any sediment that has settled on the well screens and obstructs the flow of water. This process is normally done on a scheduled basis and it was decided to do it now as long as the well was being worked on. It should be noted that at no time was there a problem with the quality of the water delivered.

Following DES' recommendation, the District has contracted with Eastern Analytical Services to carry out all testing required at the treatment plant. Daily samples for testing are picked up by EAS and tested at their lab, with the test results being sent to the District and to DES. This decision has proven to be beneficial to the District for a number of reasons. It eliminates the need to purchase chemicals and equipment for the District's lab, and costly periodic calibration checks of the its testing equipment. District personnel have gained 3 or 4 man hours a day that were formerly spent doing the required tests. Finally, the District is assured that the necessary tests are conducted and reported by a licensed lab, with the associated responsibility for accuracy.

Early in 2015, the District hired a temporary Superintendent, Joe Damour, while Chuck Come is in the process of obtaining his Class 2 operators license. A Class 2 licensed operator is required for the plant by DES to supervise and sign off on any paperwork that requires a signature. This arrangement has been approved by the state.

*Respectfully submitted,
Peter E. Newman, Chairman
Peter Savlen, Commissioner
Dan Lavoie, Commissioner*

Warner Village Water District

*Balance Sheet
December 31, 2015*

Assets				
Cash on hand, December 31, 2015				89,155
Accounts Receivable:				
	Water/Sewer Rents		23,346	
	Receivables-unbilled est.		43,755	
	Total Accounts Receivable			67,101
Total Assets				156,256
Liabilities				
	USDA RD Bond Clarifier		341,112	
	Nat'l Rural Water Bond Mill St.		4,060	
	USDA RD Bond Geneva St.		66,615	
	USDA RD Bond Latting Lane		515,574	
Total Liabilities				927,361
Excess of Assets Over Liabilities				-771,105
Value of Village District Property				
(per audit year end 12/31/2014)				
	Plant Building		598,760	
	Water/Sewer Mains		360,224	
	Plant Equipment		2,483,719	
	Land		54,700	
	Construction in progress		1,111,864	
	Less Accumulated Depreciation		-1,859,952	
Total				2,749,315

Warner Village Water District

Receipts & Payments

January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

Sources of Revenue:			
Property Taxes		\$98,240	
Water Supply Charges		\$105,147	
Sewer User Charges		\$197,909	
Service Charges		\$0	
Sale of Meters		\$135	
Interest on Investments		\$87	
Tie-in Fees		\$0	
Miscellaneous		\$35	
From Surplus		\$0	
From Bonds & Notes		\$0	
From Federal Grants		\$0	
Total Revenues			\$401,553
Less Total Expenditures			\$449,141
Net Income			-\$47,588
Plus Cash on Hand 12/31/14			\$136,743
Cash on Hand 12/31/15			\$89,155
Expenditures			
Administrative:			
Salaries		\$20,051	
Office Expense		\$6,994	
Audit		\$7,547	
Legal		\$0	
FICA/Medicare		\$10,664	
Employee Benefits		\$20,134	
Retirement		\$10,741	
Insurance		\$6,361	
Memberships/Education		\$765	
State Licenses/Fees		\$100	
Total Administrative			\$83,356
Contingency	(N.Village Rd.Exp)		\$1,474
Total Administrative + Contingency			\$84,831

Warner Village Water District

Water & Sewer Expense

January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

Water System:			
Salaries		36,526	
Meters		0	
Building Materials & Repairs		1,905	
Miscellaneous		385	
Electricity - Storage Tanks		361	
Tools		2,477	
Electricity - Royce Well		7,297	
Propane - Pump House		0	
Chemicals		397	
System Maintenance		8,925	
Testing		270	
Repairs - Outside Contractors		25,799	
Total Water			84,342
Sewer System:			
Salaries		85,232	
Lab Expense		8,398	
Supplies		705	
Truck Gas		3,310	
Truck Maintenance		3,983	
Sewer Materials		0	
Equipment Repairs		1,077	
Uniforms		1,222	
Chlorine/Chemicals		7,335	
Electricity - Plant		16,083	
Safety Equipment		0	
Miscellaneous		0	
Tools		659	
Building Maint. & Repair		406	
Service - Outside Contractors		43,875	
Sludge Removal		12,815	
Electricity - Pump Station		1,200	
Maintenance - Pump Station		0	
Propane - Plant		2,504	
Testing - EPA/State		8,905	
Total Sewer			197,709

Warner Village Water District

Long Term Debt

January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

Long & Short Term Debt:		
Bond Principal - Geneva	4,759	
Bond Principal - Mill Street Project	11,846	
Bond Principal - Latting Lane	18,224	
Loan Principal - Clarifier	8,888	
Bond Interest - Geneva St.	3,212	
Bond Interest - Mill Street Project	447	
Bond Interest - Latting Lane	17,604	
Note Interest - Clarifier	9,564	
Total Long Term Debt		74,544
Machinery, Vehicles, Equipment		0
New Construction		7,716
System Improvements		0
To Capital Reserve Fund		0
Total Expenditures		441,425

Warner Village Water District

Sources of Revenue

January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

Revenue Source	Estimated 2015	Actual 2015	Estimated 2016
Federal Grants	0	0	154,000
Water Supply System Charges	109,000	105,147	106,000
Sewer User Charges	205,000	197,909	205,000
Other Charges	0	135	0
Interest on Investments	150	87	90
Other Misc. Revenues	1,038	35	2,000
Precinct Tax	97,851	98,240	99,093
From Surplus	35,000	0	0
From Capital Reserve	0	0	0
From Bonds/Notes	0	0	246,172
Total Revenue	448,039	401,553	812,355

