

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SELECTMEN

and other

TOWN OFFICERS

of the

**TOWN OF ACWORTH
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

For the year ending December 31, 2016

*Please bring this Town Report to Town Meeting on
Tuesday, March 14, 2017*

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Regular Meetings and Events

Selectmen	First, third and fifth Mondays, 7:00PM
Town Clerk	Wed. 4:30PM-7:00PM Sat. 8:00AM-Noon
Tax Collector	Mondays, 8:30AM-12:30PM
Planning Board	Fourth Tuesdays, 7:00PM
Conservation Commission	Second Wednesdays, 7:00PM
Zoning Board of Adjustment	First Mondays for new business, 7:00PM
Cemetery Trustees	Regular or Special meeting dates posted Contact Kristian Fenderson, Sexton
Library Trustees	As needed, Guy Russell, chair
Trustees of Trust Funds	Regular or Special meeting dates posted Contact Alston Barrett, Meeting Chair
Selectmen's office	Mon.-Fri., 8:30AM-12:30PM, 835-6879
Highway Garage	Answering machine 835-6866
Transfer Station	Wed. 11:00AM-6PM, Sat. 9:00AM-6 PM, 835-6602
Library	Tues. & Thurs. 11:30AM-5:30PM, Sat. & Sun. 11:30AM-4:30PM, 835- 2150
Emergency	911 Fire 352-1100 State Police Troop C 358-3333

Town Officers and Committees

Board of Selectmen	Steven Holt - 2017 David Goodwin - 2018 Frank Emig - 2019
Town Clerk	Charlotte Comeau – 2019
Tax Collector	Marianne Nevelson - 2017
Treasurer	Melinda Loiselle - 2017
Administrative Assistant	Kathi Bradt
Local Auditor	Lisa DeValk - 2017
Moderator	John Luther - 2018
Election Inspectors	Sandra Binion - 2018 Linda Christie - 2018
Supervisors of the Checklist	Marianne Nevelson - 2017 Elizabeth Gowen - 2021 Rose Knight - 2022
Overseer of Public Welfare Health Officer	Board of Selectmen Toni Bowman
Trustees of Trust Funds	Tim Perry - 2017 Paul Auger - 2018 Alston Barrett - 2019
Library Trustees	Guy Russell - 2017 Kathi Bradt - 2017 Jennifer Aiken - 2018 Betsy Snider - 2018 Melinda Loiselle - 2019
Cemetery Trustees	Lillie LeBlanc - 2017 Claudia Istel - 2018 Helen Frink - 2019
Budget Committee	Susan Metsack - 2017 Judy Aron - 2017 Jim Jennison - 2018 Conan Cook - 2018 Linda Christie - 2019 Bruce Bascom - 2019 Steven Holt, Selectman

Planning Board	Wes Cubberly - 2017 Mike Aron - 2017 Rob Vogel - 2018 Henry Sipple - 2018 Cheryl Sanctuary - 2019 Jim Niedert - 2019 Frank Emig, Selectman
Alternates	Vacant
Conservation Commission	Lillie LeBlanc - 2018 Helen Frink - 2018 Shawn Bowman - 2018 Beverly Buxton - 2019 David Goodwin, Selectman
Alternates	Carole Wallace - 2019
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Lisa Earl - 2018 Shawn Bowman - 2018 Henry Sipple - 2018 Brian St. Pierre - 2019 John Balla - 2019
Alternates	Bill Willette - 2018
Energy Committee	Not currently active
Recreation Committee	Board of Selectmen
FMRSD Board	Linda Christie
Town Forester	Peter Rhoades
Tree Warden	G. Kristian Fenderson

**WARRANT FOR TOWN OF ACWORTH
MARCH 14, 2017**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Acworth, NH in the County of Sullivan in said state, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to bring your votes for Town Officers, and any other questions, to the Town Hall on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March next, at 10:00 of the clock in the morning at which time the polls shall be opened for voting on Articles 1 and 2 by use of the official ballot, and shall close not earlier than 9:00 of the clock in the evening; AND you are hereby notified that discussion and voting on Articles 3 through 13 shall commence at 7:30 of the clock in the evening on the same day, March 14 next at the Town Hall.

ARTICLE ONE: To vote by non-partisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

Selectmen: 1 for 3 Year Term
Tax Collector: 1 for 1 Year Term
Treasurer: 1 for 1 Year Term
Local Auditor: 1 for 1 Year Term
Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 for 3 Year Term
Library Trustee: 2 for 3 Year Terms
Cemetery Trustee: 1 for 3 Year Term
Budget Committee: 2 for 3 Year Terms
Planning Board: 2 for 3 Year Terms
Supervisor of the Checklist: 1 for 6 Years

ARTICLE TWO: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Acworth Zoning Ordinance language concerning Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) so that it will be consistent with recently passed State legislation. This State mandated housekeeping measure will not change the intent of the Ordinance to allow ADUs. Copies of the complete text of the proposed amendment are available for review at the Town office. The question on the Official Ballot will appear as:

“Are you in favor of amending the existing Acworth Zoning Ordinance language allowing Accessory Dwelling Units so that it will be consistent with recently passed State legislation? This State mandated change will not change the intent to allow ADUs.”

ARTICLE THREE: To see if the Town will vote to empower the Selectmen to serve as pound keepers, measurers of wood and fence viewers.

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$8,000 from the Forest Maintenance Fund into the general fund. Said funds were derived from sustainable timber harvests managed by the Conservation Commission.

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,427,081 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. Selectmen recommended \$1,434,581. The Budget Committee recommends this article. Majority vote required.

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$150,000 for the replacement of the Allen Road bridge with \$100,000 to be withdrawn from the Bridge Repair or Replacement Capital Reserve Fund established in 2014 and \$50,000 to come from Unassigned Fund Balance. The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this article. Majority vote required.

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund established in 2010. The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this article. Majority vote required.

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a used grader to replace the Town's 1983 grader for an amount up to \$160,000 with \$80,000 to be withdrawn from the Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, \$60,000 to come from Unassigned Fund Balance, and \$20,000 to come from taxation. The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this article. Majority vote required.

ARTICLE TEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 for the purpose of increasing the 2017 contract cost to the Acworth Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, Inc. The Budget Committee recommends this article. Majority vote required.

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue, subject to gates and bars, the following two roads: Nelson Road from Derry Hill Road to the residence owned formerly by Nelson now by Bascom, and Echo Valley Road from Route 123A to the residence owned by Warburton. The effect of this vote will be to turn both roads into Class VI highways, not maintained by the Town, and subject to gates and bars, pursuant to RSA 229:5, VII and RSA 231:21-a.

ARTICLE TWELVE: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, indefinitely unless rescinded, to dispose of real property acquired by tax deed by auction, sealed bids, or otherwise as justice may require.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this Town Meeting.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Acworth this 17th day of February, 2017. A True Copy of Warrant Attest: Board of Selectmen:
Steven Holt Frank Emig David Goodwin

Appropriations

Account Code	Description	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
General Government								
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	06	\$27,750	\$27,750	\$27,750	\$0	\$27,750	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	06	\$5,350	\$5,768	\$3,350	\$0	\$3,350	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	06	\$70,738	\$67,322	\$69,914	\$0	\$69,914	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	06	\$60,400	\$59,471	\$11,150	\$0	\$11,150	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	06	\$15,000	\$20,430	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	06	\$19,897	\$20,764	\$20,195	\$0	\$20,195	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	06	\$2,600	\$1,914	\$2,400	\$0	\$2,400	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	06	\$15,200	\$9,490	\$14,200	\$0	\$14,200	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	06	\$23,355	\$16,546	\$18,780	\$0	\$18,780	\$0
4196	Insurance	06	\$17,495	\$10,261	\$25,619	\$0	\$25,619	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	06	\$1,186	\$1,186	\$1,198	\$0	\$1,198	\$0
4199	Other General Government		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety								
4210-4214	Police	06	\$4,500	\$3,696	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance	06	\$9,600	\$9,600	\$9,600	\$0	\$9,600	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	06	\$39,577	\$39,577	\$39,577	\$0	\$39,577	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	06	\$4,100	\$23,465	\$15,600	\$0	\$8,100	\$7,500
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center								
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets								
4311	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	06	\$362,128	\$356,673	\$347,547	\$0	\$351,547	\$0
4313	Bridges	06	\$2,700	\$14,151	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	06	\$3,000	\$2,859	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
4319	Other	06	\$101,350	\$84,483	\$91,900	\$0	\$91,900	\$0

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Sanitation								
4321	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	06	\$58,250	\$56,035	\$56,900	\$0	\$56,900	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup	06	\$5,800	\$4,345	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
4326-4329	Sewage Collection, Disposal and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment								
4331	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric								
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health								
4411	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4414	Pest Control	06	\$900	\$572	\$850	\$0	\$850	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	06	\$6,854	\$6,854	\$6,720	\$0	\$6,720	\$0
Welfare								
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	06	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000	\$0
Culture and Recreation								
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	06	\$1,850	\$1,724	\$1,850	\$0	\$1,850	\$0
4550-4559	Library	06	\$39,115	\$39,115	\$39,780	\$0	\$39,780	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	06	\$200	\$225	\$225	\$0	\$225	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	06	\$10,200	\$5,500	\$10,000	\$0	\$9,500	\$0
Conservation and Development								
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	06	\$700	\$516	\$700	\$0	\$700	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	06	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0

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4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service								
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	06	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay								
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	06	\$58,556	\$58,531	\$47,556	\$0	\$47,556	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	06	\$464,500	\$378,679	\$532,720	\$0	\$532,720	\$0
Operating Transfers Out								
4912	To Special Revenue Fund	06	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Agency Funds	06	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$0
Total Proposed Appropriations			\$1,441,851	\$1,332,002	\$1,431,081	\$0	\$1,427,081	\$7,500

Special Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	09	\$0	\$0	\$160,000	\$0	\$160,000	\$0
4909	Purpose: Grader purchase							
	Improvements Other than Buildings	07	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	08	\$0	\$0	\$8,000	\$0	\$8,000	\$0
	Purpose: Fund Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund							
Special Articles Recommended					\$0	\$0	\$318,000	\$0

Individual Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4220-4229	Fire	10	\$0	\$0	\$12,000	\$0	\$12,000	\$0
	Purpose: Fund Fire Company operating request							
Individual Articles Recommended			\$0	\$0	\$12,000	\$0	\$12,000	\$0

Revenues

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	06	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	06	\$21,979	\$15,000	\$15,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax	06	\$22	\$20	\$20
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	06	\$40,885	\$30,000	\$30,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	06	\$15	\$15	\$15
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	06	\$162,310	\$146,750	\$146,750
3230	Building Permits	06	\$600	\$500	\$500
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	06	\$4,765	\$3,105	\$3,105
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	06	\$46,435	\$43,280	\$43,280
3353	Highway Block Grant	06	\$147,044	\$147,520	\$147,520
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	06	\$104	\$100	\$100
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	06	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	06	\$3,925	\$4,000	\$4,000
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	06	\$2,500	\$103,191	\$103,191
3502	Interest on Investments	06	\$806	\$600	\$600

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
3503-3509	Other	06	\$12,598	\$2,300	\$2,300
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	07, 09	\$82,000	\$180,000	\$180,000
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds	06	\$0	\$8,000	\$8,000
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	06, 07, 09	\$118,828	\$119,500	\$119,500
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$644,816	\$816,881	\$816,881

Budget Summary

Item	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Selectmen's Recommended Budget	Budget Committee's Recommended Budget
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$1,178,601	\$1,431,081	\$1,427,081
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	\$314,250	\$318,000	\$318,000
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	\$64,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$1,556,851	\$1,761,081	\$1,757,081
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$619,274	\$816,881	\$816,881
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$937,577	\$944,200	\$940,200

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF ACWORTH
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
March 8th, 2016
Elections – 10:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Absentee ballots opened at 4:00 p.m.
Business Meeting – 7:35 p.m. – 8:10 p.m.**

ARTICLE ONE: To vote by non-partisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

Selectmen – One person for three-year term	
Frank Emig	194
Town Clerk – One person for three-year term	
Charlotte Comeau	219
Tax Collector - One person for one-year term	
Marianne Wierenga-Nevelson	218
Treasurer - One person for one-year term	
Melinda Loiselle	218
Moderator – One person for two-year term	
John W Luther	224
Local Auditor 1 for one-year term	
Lisa DeValk	204
Trustee of Trust Funds – One Person for three-year term	
Alston W Barrett	203
Cemetery Trustee – One Person for three-year term	
Helen H Frink	211
Library Trustee – One person for three-year term	
Melinda Loiselle	216
Planning Board – Two Persons for three-year term	
James Neidert	190
Cheryl Sanctuary	194
Budget Committee – Two persons for three-year term	
Bruce Bascom	192
Linda Christie	182
Supervisor of the Checklist – One person for six-year term	
Rose Knight	219

ARTICLE TWO: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the amendment to the Acworth Zoning Ordinance concerning the use of storage containers by property owners. Copies of the amendment

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 for the replacement of the Forest Road bridge with \$50,000 to be withdrawn from the Bridge Repair or Replacement Capital Reserve Fund established in 2014 for that purpose, \$50,000 to come from Unassigned Fund Balance, and the remaining \$50,000 from taxation. The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this article. Majority vote required.

Article six moved by Judy Aron. Seconded by Linda Christie.
With no discussion, article six was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE SIX PASSED UNANIMOSLY

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in 2000. The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this article. Majority vote required.

Article seven moved by Rob DeValk. Seconded by Chris Noonan.
With no discussion, article seven was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE SEVEN PASSED UNANIMOSLY

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$49,250 for the revaluation of the Town and authorize the withdrawal of \$32,000 from the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund created in 2010 for that purpose. The balance of \$17,250 is to come from taxation. The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this article. Majority vote required.

Article eight moved by Ray Nabatoff. Seconded by Mike Aron.
After some discussion, article eight was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE EIGHT PASSED UNANIMOSLY

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of adding to operating budget Account 4312, Highway Maintenance, for the purpose of engaging an outside contractor to repair potholes in the Town's paved roads. The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this article. Majority vote required.

Article nine moved by Ken Grant. Seconded by Rob DeValk.
After much discussion, Ed Metsack motioned to move the question. Seconded by David Bascom. Moving the question passed by voice vote.
Article nine was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE NINE PASSED UNANIMOSLY

ARTICLE TEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,000 for the purpose of chip sealing the Charlestown Road. The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this article. Majority vote required.

Article ten moved by Susan Metsack. Seconded by Claudia Istel.
After some discussion, article ten was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE TEN PASSED UNANIMOSLY

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to pay for storage of the Town Hearse in the Horse shed owned by the United Church. This appropriation is the total amount of a ten-year lease of space at \$500 per year and is payable in full on completion of the Horse shed restoration. This article is to be nonlapsing for up to 2 years. The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this article. Majority vote required.

Article eleven moved by Helen Frink. Seconded by Carole Wallace
After some discussion, article eleven was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE ELEVEN PASSED UNANIMOSLY

ARTICLE TWELVE: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be deposited in the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund established in 2014 for the purpose of replacing the Allen Road Bridge with said funds to come from Unassigned Fund Balance. No additional taxation to be required. Selectmen recommend this article.

Article twelve moved by Mike Aron. Seconded by Carole Wallace.
After some discussion, article twelve was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE TWELVE PASSED UNANIMOSLY

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to return to having a part time police department. Submitted by petition.

Article twelve moved by Chris Noonan. Seconded by Steve Morris.
After much discussion, Chris Noonan motioned to move the question. Seconded by Ed Metsack.
Moving the question passed by voice vote
Article thirteen was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN DEFEATED

ARTICLE FOURTEEN: To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this Town Meeting.

With no further business, Henry Sipple motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jim Neidert.

Adjourning the business portion of the meeting went to voice vote. Passed unanimously.

Moderator announced at 8:10 p.m. that the business portion of meeting was adjourned and that anyone who wishes to vote may do so. There was one person that voted, polls closed at 8:15 p.m. Meeting was recessed at 8:15 p.m. to count ballots.

Counting of ballots completed at 9:15 p.m. The information was given to the Town Clerk to compile and complete necessary paperwork. Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Charlotte Comeau
Acworth Town Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

Municipal Services Division
2016 Tax Rate Calculation

TOWN PORTION

Gross Appropriations	1,556,851		
Less: Revenues	(481,393)		
Less: Fund Balance Used	(150,000)		
Add: Overlay	23,564		
Add: War Service Credits	7,900		
Net Town Appropriation	956,922		
Special Adjustment	-		
Approved Town Tax Effort		956,922	
Town Rate per \$1,000			9.84

SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget	-		
Regional School Apportionment	1,734,783		
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(418,357)		
Less: State Education Taxes	(237,313)		
Approved School Tax Effort		1,079,113	
Local School Rate per \$1,000			11.10

STATE EDUCATION TAXES

State Equalized Valuation (no utilities)	95,042,960		
State Education Rate per \$1,000	2.50		
Approved State School Tax Effort		237,313	
State Education Rate per \$1,000			2.50
based on local assessed valuation (no utilities) of \$95,031,550			

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	280,481		
Less: Shared Revenues	-		
Approved County Tax Effort		280,481	
County Rate per \$1,000			2.89

TOTAL COMBINED TAX RATE PER \$1,000			26.33
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Total Property Taxes Assessed	2,553,829
Less: War Service Credits	(7,900)
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX COMMITMENT	2,545,929

	local assessed valuation	tax rate per 1,000	taxes assessed
PROOF OF TAX RATE			
State Education Tax (no utilities)	95,042,960	2.50	237,607
All Other Taxes	97,197,718	23.83	2,316,222
		<u>26.33</u>	<u>2,553,829</u>

**TOWN OF ACWORTH
MUL-TI-YEAR TAX RATE COMPARISON**

12/27/2016

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	after reval 2011	pre reval 2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Rate per \$1,000											
Town tax	9.84	9.03	8.11	7.64	7.43	6.83	6.25	6.97	6.47	7.05	6.63
Local school tax	11.10	10.66	9.69	9.24	8.79	8.65	7.92	7.65	7.55	7.12	6.85
State school tax	2.89	2.48	2.66	2.44	2.58	2.51	2.15	2.15	2.38	2.15	2.00
County tax	2.89	3.04	3.19	3.30	2.86	3.20	2.92	2.72	2.85	2.82	2.11
	26.33	25.21	23.65	22.62	21.66	21.19	19.24	19.49	19.05	19.14	17.59
Taxes per \$100,000 of assessed value											
Land/Building	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
Town taxes	984.00	903.00	811.00	764.00	743.00	683.00	625.00	697.00	647.00	705.00	663.00
Local school tax	1,110.00	1,066.00	969.00	924.00	879.00	865.00	792.00	765.00	755.00	712.00	685.00
State school tax	289.00	248.00	266.00	244.00	258.00	251.00	215.00	215.00	238.00	215.00	200.00
County taxes	289.00	304.00	319.00	330.00	286.00	320.00	292.00	272.00	265.00	282.00	211.00
	2,633.00	2,521.00	2,365.00	2,262.00	2,166.00	2,119.00	1,924.00	1,949.00	1,905.00	1,914.00	1,759.00
Town valuation summary (per ms-1)											
Land only	1,364,660	\$ 1,184,730	1,290,290	1,277,940	1,938,450	1,967,530	2,075,970	2,080,920	2,071,740	1,682,880	1,679,410
current use	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
conserv restrict	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
residential	32,640,700	34,659,200	34,867,500	35,270,300	35,369,800	35,446,000	34,832,200	35,176,400	35,292,400	35,524,100	35,293,400
commercial	745,700	874,700	874,700	874,700	906,300	906,300	995,100	962,700	364,700	364,700	364,700
subtotal	34,751,060	36,718,630	37,032,490	37,422,940	38,214,550	38,319,830	37,903,270	38,220,020	37,728,840	37,571,680	37,337,510
Building only											
residential	56,367,700	53,433,900	53,059,200	52,112,000	51,893,700	51,220,100	61,591,900	60,799,100	59,550,700	59,160,000	58,435,400
manufact housing	1,212,100	1,256,300	1,200,100	1,228,900	1,391,200	1,421,400	1,621,600	1,385,600	1,381,600	1,429,600	1,427,500
commercial	2,975,900	2,475,000	2,461,800	302,200	3,811,800	2,684,400	2,814,200	2,153,000	2,212,200	2,165,300	2,176,200
subtotal	60,555,700	57,165,200	56,741,100	56,363,100	57,096,700	55,325,900	66,027,700	64,337,700	63,144,500	62,754,900	62,039,100
Public utilities	2,154,758	2,037,548	1,762,541	1,546,900	1,472,574	1,342,032	1,422,200	1,248,606	1,194,995	1,375,500	1,415,000
valuation totals	97,461,518	95,921,378	95,536,131	95,332,940	96,783,824	94,987,762	105,353,170	103,806,326	102,068,335	101,702,080	100,791,610
Blind exempt	(13,800)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(15,000)
Elderly exempt	(250,000)	(220,000)	(220,000)	(195,000)	(249,700)	(244,700)	(249,100)	(249,100)	(234,100)	(314,100)	(319,100)
value for local taxes	97,197,718	95,686,378	95,301,131	95,107,940	96,504,124	94,713,062	105,074,070	103,527,226	101,804,235	101,357,980	100,457,510
less utilities	(2,154,758)	(2,037,548)	(1,762,541)	(1,546,900)	(1,472,574)	(1,342,032)	(1,422,200)	(1,248,606)	(1,194,995)	(1,375,500)	(1,415,000)
value for state ed tax	95,042,960	93,648,830	93,538,590	93,561,040	95,031,550	93,371,030	103,651,870	102,278,620	100,609,240	99,982,480	99,042,510
Change in town valuation											
Town valuation	97,461,518	95,921,378	95,536,131	95,332,940	96,783,824	94,987,762	105,353,170	103,806,326	102,068,335	101,702,080	100,791,610
Valuation change	1,540,140	385,247	203,191	(1,450,884)	1,796,062	(10,365,408)	1,546,844	1,737,991	366,255	910,470	(1,265,244)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Detailed Statements of Receipts for 2016

	<u>Jan - Dec 16</u>
3100 Received from tax collector	\$ 2,635,603.98
See tax collector report for breakdown of details	
Bounced check not replaced	-
	<u>2,635,603.98</u>
3200 Received from town clerk	164,185.36
See town clerk report for breakdown of details	
Bounced check not replaced	-
	<u>164,185.36</u>
3319 From Federal sources	
3319.1 FEMA funds for road repairs	-
3350 From State sources	
3352 Meals and rooms distribution	46,435.13
3353 Highway block grant	147,043.86
3356 Forest land reimbursement	104.24
3359.2 Other State grants	-
	<u>193,583.23</u>
3400 Revenue from services	
3404 Transfer station fees	3,925.00
3500 Miscellaneous sources	
3501.1 Sale of Municipal properties	-
3501.2 Cemetery lot sales	2,500.00
3501.3 Gove lot timber sales	-
3502.1 Interest income on deposits	805.84
3503.1 Rent of town property	445.00
3506.1 Welfare lien reimbursements	-
3506.2 Dividend NH Municipal Assoc.	-
3506.3 Insurance proceeds	1,195.00
3508.1 Miscellaneous gifts	250.00
3509.1 Income from departments	-
3509.21 Recycling proceeds-paper	132.84
3509.22 Recycling proceeds-metal	1,938.35
3509.24 Electronics	49.20
3509.25 Planet Aid	323.35
3509.26 Batteries	-
3509.6 Reimbursed legal fees	8,263.97
3230.2 Building permits	600.00
3292.1 Driveway permit fees	30.00
3292.2 Planning board fees	515.00
3292.3 Sale of histories and maps	1,561.00
3292.5 Miscellaneous fees	431.04
3292.7 Equipment purchase reimbursement	367.34
	<u>19,407.93</u>
3915 From special revenue funds	
3915.2 Transfer from capital reserves for equipment	-
3915.4 Transfer from capital reserves for reval/maps	32,000.00
3915.4 Transfer from capital reserves for bridges	50,000.00
	<u>82,000.00</u>
3916 Trust and agency funds	
3916.1 Cemetery trust funds	-
3917 Transfers from Conservation funds	
3917.1 Transfers from forest maintenance funds	-
Voted from fund balance	<u>118,828.00</u>

Total cash receipts for 2016 **3,217,533.50**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2016

	<u>Jan - Dec 16</u>
4130 Town officers' salaries	
Selectmen - Frank Emig	\$ 2,000.00
Selectmen - David Goodwin	2,000.00
Selectmen - Steven Holt	2,000.00
Treasurer - Melinda Loiselle	2,499.90
Deputy treasurer - Greta Perry	1,000.00
Tax collector - Marianne Nevelson	6,999.98
Deputy tax collector - Linda Lacasse	999.96
Town clerk - Charlotte Comeau	9,499.88
Health officer - Toni Bowman	250.00
Deputy health officer - Tamsen Howes	250.00
Local auditor - Lisa Devalk	250.00
	<hr/> 27,749.72
4140 Elections and vital statistics	
Stipends-election officials	4,839.50
Checklists	-
Miscellaneous	436.20
Postage	-
Public notices	120.14
Training	-
Vital record fees	372.00
	<hr/> 5,767.84
4150 Town office expenses	
Wages-administrative assistant	44,099.90
IRA substitute	1,823.80
Health insurance	5,274.16
Computer, software and support	987.44
Deed office recording fees	-
Dues to Associations	1,025.00
Miscellaneous	157.37
Office equipment	1,466.51
Office supplies	1,448.13
Outside consultants	197.17
Postage	792.84
Public notices	20.52
Services of forester	481.25
Telephone	1,416.77
Tax collector expenses	5,246.15
Town clerk expenses	2,545.76
Town reports and Town Meeting	314.00
Trustees of Trust Funds expense	25.20
Workshops and training	-
	<hr/> 67,321.97
4152 Revaluation of property	
Property assessing	6,951.54
Mapping	2,379.50
Revaluation maintenance	890.00
	<hr/> 10,221.04
4153 Legal expenses	
Compliance	15,152.82
General Services	5,277.27
	<hr/> 20,430.09

TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2016

	Jan - Dec 16
4155 Payroll tax expenses	
Payroll taxes-cleaning/shoveling	140.07
Payroll taxes-dump attendant	1,024.98
Payroll taxes-election officials	370.21
Payroll taxes-forest fires	252.79
Payroll taxes-highway	12,491.98
Payroll taxes-planning board	114.29
Payroll taxes-road projects	733.22
Payroll taxes-town office	3,513.14
Payroll taxes-town officials	2,122.84
	<hr/> 20,763.52
4191 Planning and zoning	
Wages - planning board	1,495.00
Miscellaneous expenses	32.00
Public notices	165.49
Recording and other expenses	221.90
Training	-
	<hr/> 1,914.39
4194 Town hall expenses	
Building compliance	920.10
Wages - cleaning and shoveling	1,663.01
Electricity	1,267.97
Fuel oil	2,238.10
Mowing	2,610.00
Repairs	326.98
Supplies	464.24
	<hr/> 9,490.40
4195 Cemeteries	
Corner markers	800.00
Hearse storage	360.00
Lawn Care	7,600.00
Miscellaneous expenses	-
Monument repair	2,196.00
Old cemetery	-
Tree work	5,590.00
	<hr/> 16,546.00
4196 Insurance	
Property and general liability	7,134.50
State unemployment insurance	3,126.00
Workmens compensation	-
	<hr/> 10,260.50
4197 Regional planning associations	
UVLSRPC annual dues	1,185.92

TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2016

	Jan - Dec 16
4210 Police	
Contract services	296.00
Dispatch	3,400.00
	<u>3,696.00</u>
4215 Ambulance	9,600.00
4220 Fire & Rescue services	39,577.00
4290 Emergency management	
Fire pond maintenance	-
Wages-forest fires	5,471.30
Forest fires-other costs	17,807.71
Planning and mitigation	186.12
FEMA grant expense - road repairs	-
	<u>23,465.13</u>
4312 Highway maintenance	
Wages-highway	157,617.23
IRA substitute	5,673.09
Health insurance	16,875.09
Crack sealing	9,335.02
Culverts	59,668.30
Emergency plowing	-
Equipment lease	-
Equipment rental	-
Mag chloride	3,743.34
Materials	3,600.19
Miscellaneous	1,357.24
Pot hole repair	1,986.07
Roadside mowing	7,975.00
Road grading	-
Road signs	1,488.05
Salt	29,877.31
Small maintenance projects	22,649.16
Tree work	5,000.00
Trucking	9,827.50
	<u>336,672.59</u>
4313 Bridge repairs	14,151.00
4316 Street lighting	2,858.97
4319 Highway - general expenses	
Building compliance	50.00
Building maintenance	1,804.13
Diesel fuel	18,186.94
Drug testing	920.60
Electricity	1,943.70
Emergency tow	165.00
Gas	2,194.23
Heating fuel	6,135.38
Miscellaneous	449.23
New equipment	1,417.98
Radio communication	-
Repairs, parts	46,742.04
Safety	139.00
Shop supplies	2,170.36
Telephone	2,164.69
Training	-
	<u>84,483.28</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2016

	<u>Jan - Dec 16</u>
4324 Solid waste	
Wages-dump attendant	13,398.60
Capital improvements	2,235.00
Comingle bin w/o glass	2,605.70
Compactor truck/rent/disposal	22,660.48
Demolition disposal fees	5,020.50
Electricity	941.65
Electronics recycling	868.78
Equipment	-
Fluorescent disposal	120.80
Freon extraction	468.00
Glass/ceramic disposal	1,285.50
Hazardous waste disposal	50.00
Metal disposal fees	990.00
Miscellaneous	188.11
Mixed paper disposal	3,407.25
Propane	390.00
Repair, maintenance, and permitting	-
Safety	-
Telephone	425.01
Tire disposal	685.00
Training	294.50
	<u>56,034.88</u>
4325 Landfill closure	
Monitoring and maintenance	4,344.74
4414 Animal control	
Dog tags	89.49
State fees	452.50
Vet and boarding	30.00
	<u>571.99</u>
4415 Health and other agencies	
Alstead Food Shelf	1,000.00
Big Brother Big Sister	250.00
Community Alliance of Human Services	500.00
Fall Mountain Friendly Meals	1,000.00
Home Healthcare Hospice & CS	1,000.00
Monadnock Family Services	1,114.00
Red Cross	413.00
S W Community Services	777.00
West Central Behavioral Health	800.00
	<u>6,854.00</u>
4445 Welfare	-
4520 Recreation	
Electricity	150.50
Mowing	1,450.00
Portable toilet	-
Program expense	123.80
	<u>1,724.30</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2016

	Jan - Dec 16
4550 Library	
Wages-library	23,422.01
Payroll taxes-library	1,778.85
Lawn maintenance	1,337.50
Miscellaneous	40.36
Library appropriation paid	<u>12,536.28</u>
	39,115.00
4583 Memorial Day expenses	225.00
4589 Other culture and recreation	
Sestercentennial	5,500.00
4611 Conservation commission	
CC association dues	266.00
Crescent Lake testing	250.00
Miscellaneous expenses	-
	<u>516.00</u>
4619 Conservation preservation	
Crescent Lake Milfoil Committee	2,000.00
4902 Machinery, vehicles & equipment	
2015 Western Start truck	36,156.84
Equipment lease - excavator	10,987.85
Equipment lease - roller	11,386.80
Equipment-compactior	-
	<u>58,531.49</u>
4909 Improvements other than bdigs	
Gravel crushing	75,000.00
Wages-road projects	9,584.60
Charlestown Road, section B	-
Crane Brook Road	188,348.07
Derry Hill Road	-
Town pit development	510.00
Town properties	<u>183.00</u>
	273,625.67
4912 To special revenue funds	
Cemetery lot sales reimbursement	2,500.00
4915 To capital reserve funds	
Capital reserve - bridges	100,000.00
Capital reserve - highway equipment	15,000.00
Capital reserve - revaluation	-
	<u>115,000.00</u>
4916 To expendable cemetery trust fund	
Transfers to trustees of trust funds	250.00
Warrant Articles Voted	
Chip seal Cold Pond Road	-
AVFR	-
2015 Truck Purchase	-
Charlestown Road Chip seal	36,225.00
Pothole contract	20,000.00
2016 Values update	49,250.00
Forest Road Bridge	<u>68,828.00</u>
	174,303.00
Total appropriation disbursements for 2016	<u><u>\$ 1,447,251.43</u></u>

TREASURER'S REPORT

Detailed Statement of Non-appropriation Disbursements 2016

	<u>Jan - Dec 16</u>
4931 Sullivan County	\$ 280,481.00
4933 FM Regional School District	1,316,426.00
4199 Tax collector abatements and overpayments refunded	-
Tax collector liens on unpaid taxes	-
CC - Conservation Commission expenses	4,150.00
CC - Hamblett land purchase	4,966.46
FMF - Forest maintenance plan expense	1,900.50
Total non-appropriation disbursements for 2016	<u>\$ 1,607,923.96</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT

Summary of Conservation Commission accounts for 2016

Conservation commission savings account

Beginning balance 1/1/16	\$ 14,226.02
Wetlands survey	\$ (3,650.00)
Orchard school scholarship	(500.00)
Hamblett land purchase	(4,966.46)
Interest income	5.19
Ending balance 12/31/16	<u>\$ 5,114.75</u>

Cons. Comm. forest maintenance savings account

Beginning balance 1/1/16	\$ 4,254.38
Timber sale proceeds	7,863.56
Timber bond reimbursement	-
Interest income	4.42
Transfer to general fund	-
Ending balance 12/31/16	<u>\$ 12,122.36</u>

Town of Acworth
Balance Sheets (General Fund, Comparative)
December 31, 2016 and 2015

	31-Dec 2016	31-Dec 2015
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents		
Checking	\$ (100,367.51)	\$ (7,660.75)
Money market	980,647.42	780,119.53
Savings - Conservation Commission	5,114.75	14,226.02
Savings - Forest Maintenance Fund	12,122.36	4,254.38
Petty cash	150.00	150.00
Savings - performance bonds	1,500.00	1,500.00
	<u>899,167.02</u>	<u>792,589.18</u>
Taxes receivable		
Taxes receivable - property tax	194,137.33	208,874.40
Taxes receivable - timber yield tax	1,146.21	137.54
Tax liens receivable - 2011 levy	-	8,232.96
Tax liens receivable - 2012 levy	3,085.05	9,174.70
Tax liens receivable - 2013 levy	5,063.52	31,357.96
Tax liens receivable - 2014 levy	33,876.23	56,628.53
Tax liens receivable - 2015 levy	54,067.08	-
Allowance for abatements-property tax	56,364.00	42,862.00
	<u>347,739.42</u>	<u>357,268.09</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,246,906.44</u>	<u>\$ 1,149,857.27</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Social Security Medicare, withheld & accrued	-	466.46
Prepaid property taxes	-	3,532.15
Prepaid yield taxes	-	914.00
School district payable	565,890.00	531,132.55
Fairpoint	56,364.00	42,862.00
Performance bond refundable	2,500.00	2,500.00
	<u>624,754.00</u>	<u>581,407.16</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>624,754.00</u>	<u>581,407.16</u>
Fund equity		
Fund equity - unassigned	425,184.05	502,745.05
Fund equity - encumbered		
Encumbered - 2016 Horse Sheds	5,000.00	
Encumbered - 2016 Sestercentennial	4,500.00	
Fund equity - Conservation Comm.	5,114.75	14,226.02
Fund equity - Forest Maintenance	12,122.36	4,254.38
Potential Net Income	170,231.28	47,224.66
	<u>622,152.44</u>	<u>568,450.11</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 1,246,906.44</u>	<u>\$ 1,149,857.27</u>

2016 Tax Collector's Report

The Board of Selectmen issued warrants for the collection of 2016 property taxes in the amount of \$2,546,168.00. Tax Collector remitted to Town Treasurer \$2,360,068.76 in 2016 tax payments, 92.5 %, which is about the same as 2015, 91.5%.

In addition I received warrants for 2016 Yield Taxes in the amount of \$21,841.15 and 2016 Gravel Taxes for \$22.56. On 12/31/2016 the balance due on 2016 yield taxes was \$1,146.21.

I will mail the delinquency notice for the 2016 Taxes in early February, 2017 to delinquent taxpayers alerting them to their delinquency and to notify them of the lien date for 2016 Taxes: August 7, 2017.

All properties with uncollected 2016 taxes on August 7, 2017 will receive a Tax Lien regardless of the amount of taxes. Liens are an expensive proposition – 18% interest plus various fees. Please pay.

The unpaid Tax levy of 2014 is scheduled for tax deeding on October 30, 2017. I recommend that those taxpayers start paying off immediately and contact me with their plan as to how they are going to deal with their tax debt. Having a plan in place is a stronger position when a tax deed decision has to be made.

In 2016, 41 real estate liens for the levy of 2015 were executed. 4 Tax payers were scheduled for Tax Deeding. 2 Waivers were issued to the Tax Collector by the Board of Selectmen for payment plans and 2 waivers for anticipated sale of properties. In the meantime those properties have been sold and all back taxes and interest collected. Please note: Tax Deed waivers can be rescinded with a thirty day notice and only the act of executing a tax deed to the Town of Acworth is waived. All back taxes and interest stay in effect.

Payments are entered as received on the day of the postal cancellation. You do not have to wait for a Monday to see me personally. Payments can be dropped off at the Town Offices, but I prefer that you put your payments in the mail. If everything else fails you can call me to make an appointment for when it is convenient for you.

New this year: The Tax Commitment and the Tax Bills are posted on the Acworth Town Clerk's web site. Thank you Charlotte!

Thank you to most of the taxpayers for your prompt payments and cooperation.

Marianne W Nevelson
Tax Collector

COLLECTOR'S TRIAL BALANCE REPORT
Sequenced By Taxpayer Name - Range: First to Last
Invoice Codes: All Invoice Codes
Levy Range: All Years

Period: 01/01/16 to 12/31/16				Tax Authority: MS61 Totals Format					
Levy	Invoice Description	Ath	Issue	Beginning Balance	New Charges	Payments	Other Credits	Refunds	Ending Balance
2016	PROPERTY CREDIT MEMOS			-308.75		308.75			
2016	PROPERTY TAXES				2,546,168.00	-2,360,068.76			186,099.24
	INTEREST CHARGES				1,600.24	-1,600.24			
	OTHER CHARGES				50.00	-25.00			25.00
2015	PROPERTY TAXES			205,342.25		-131,780.44			73,561.81
	CONVERT TO LIEN - TAXES					-72,757.61			-72,757.61
	TAX ABATEMENTS						-804.20		-804.20
	INTEREST CHARGES				12,689.86	-12,689.86			
	OTHER CHARGES			25.00	50.00	-75.00			
2016	YIELD TAXES				21,841.15	-20,694.94			1,146.21
	OTHER CHARGES				5.75	-5.75			
2015	YIELD TAXES			137.54					137.54
	CONVERT TO LIEN - TAXES					-137.54			-137.54
	INTEREST CHARGES				76.19	-76.19			
2014	YIELD TAXES			-120.00		120.00			
	OTHER CHARGES			120.00		-120.00			
2016	EXCAVATION TAXES				22.56	-22.56			
2015	TAX LIENS				81,185.00	-27,685.92			53,499.08
	INTEREST CHARGES				1,843.01	-1,843.01			
	OTHER CHARGES				737.00	-169.00			568.00
2014	TAX LIENS			56,137.03		-22,528.80			33,608.23
	INTEREST CHARGES				5,447.94	-5,381.92			66.02
	OTHER CHARGES			491.50		-289.52			201.98
2013	TAX LIENS			31,165.85		-26,210.33			4,955.52
	INTEREST CHARGES			-27.90	8,371.39	-8,289.49			54.00
	OTHER CHARGES			220.01	108.00	-274.01			54.00
2012	TAX LIENS			9,121.70		-6,063.15			3,058.55
	INTEREST CHARGES				4,624.62	-4,598.12			26.50
	OTHER CHARGES			53.00		-53.00			
2011	TAX LIENS			8,232.96		-8,232.96			
	INTEREST CHARGES				4,117.11	-4,117.11			
2010	TAX LIENS			-28.75					-28.75
	OTHER CHARGES			28.75					28.75
2015	COSTS NOT LIENED				1,427.50				1,427.50

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	CONVERT TO LIEN - TAXES					-1,427.50			-1,427.50
	***** Grand Totals			310,590.19	2,690,365.32	-2,716,788.98	-804.20		283,362.33

2016 Town Clerk Report

I enjoy performing my responsibilities and serving as Acworth's Town Clerk and have done so since 2004.

I want to take the opportunity to list some of the services available at this office for those of you that may be new in town. I am responsible for registering and titling vehicles. I complete marriage license applications, process birth, marriage and death certificates, file wetland permit applications, pole licenses and dog licenses. I accept voter registration forms, mail absentee ballots, prepare the town ballot and administer the oath of office to any newly elected or appointed Town Official. Notary Public services are also available. There is more information as well as various printable forms on the Town Clerk website at www.acworthnhtownclerk.com.

My office hours are Wednesday from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday morning from 8:00 to noon unless posted otherwise. If I close the office during these hours, I will post this information ahead of time either in the Acworth Community Newsletter, at the Acworth post office, the Acworth Village Store, town hall office and on the Town Clerk website.

It will soon be time to renew your dog licenses for 2017. The 2016 license will expire on April 30th. Beginning June 1st a \$1.00 per month late fee is assessed.

As a reminder, there is the option of renewing your registration and/or dog license or apply for a vital record copy on the Internet. To do this, go to the Town Clerk website, scroll down and select the appropriate icon and follow the step-by-step instructions.



Please be sure to make out two checks for vehicle registration and print out the confirmation. Make out one check to The Town of Acworth and the other to The State of NH DMV. Mail the confirmation in with your checks and keep a copy for yourself until you receive your registration in the mail. You are able to renew your registrations up to four months in advance.

If you do not have a computer and would like to access the Internet for these services, you could go to the village store or library.

For everyone's safety, the office may be closed during inclement weather, if you are unsure or have any questions, please call the office at 835-6879.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Comeau
Acworth Town Clerk

2016 TOWN CLERK REPORT
(Continued)

MOTOR VEHICLES

Vehicle Registrations	155,070.41
Clerk Fees	2,904.00
Title Fees	462.00
Title Transfer Fees	420.00
Municipal Agent Fee	3,468.00
E-Convenience Fee	169.50
E-Log Fee	47.45
Returned Check Fees	<u>100.00</u>
	162,641.36

DOGS

Licenses Issued: **193**

Town Fees	753.00
State Fees	376.50
Late Fees	<u>94.00</u>
	1,223.50

MARRIAGES

Licenses Issued: **6**

Town Fees	42.00
State Fees	<u>258.00</u>
	300.00

FILING FEES

Vital Record Copies	
Town Fees	108.00
State Fees	122.00
Filing Fees	7.00
UCC	<u>15.00</u>
	252.00

REMITTED TO TREASURER	<u>164,416.86</u>
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2016 Schedule of Town Real Properties and Values

Town Hall and Land 229-1	\$182,800	
Flagpole Lot 229-2	18,600	
Town Common 229-3	27,000	
Library and Land 229-32	139,400	
Hill/Lynn triangle 229-49	8,200	
Town Garage and Transfer Station 253-11	143,600	\$519,600
Land Acquired Through Tax Collector's Deeds:		
Euras, Inc. 201-1	21,400	
Euras, Inc. 201-5	14,500	
Euras, Inc. 201-6	239,600	
Paul Assoc. 201-8	198,200	
Crescent Lake 201-36	21,900	
Hurd 201-107 and 108	452,600	
Murzda 206-1	30,600	
Farrell 206-8	36,200	
Owner unknown 207-6	34,900	
Zacharie 207-14	13,100	
Owner unknown 210-20.1	2,900	
Augustinowicz 210-27	36,600	
Howard Estate 210-39	32,400	
Gove/Fournier (Town Forest) 211-1,201-135	723,000	
Owner unknown 222-21	8,300	
Farnsworth (Ball field) 222-4	52,800	
Buss Lot 226-1	8,400	
Champney 226-6	31,900	
Onofrio 229-30	34,200	
Paige Wilson 229-36	34,600	
Ball 230-3	11,200	
Callum 234-18	25,400	
Owner unknown 234-19	42,400	
Roberts 236-10	38,500	
Jennison 240-9	68,400	
Moto 241-18	19,300	
Prouty 250-2	6,600	\$2,266,000
Land Acquired Through Gift or Purchase:		
Pierce Brook 209-7	47,000	
Ward 218-4	22,300	
Peirera/Diggert (Town Wetlands) 225-6,226-9	102,700	
Conservation Associates 225-7	62,900	
Hamblet 226-8.1	34,300	
Stebbins Road 229-58	11,100	
Five Points School House 231-8	8,900	
Nye Road Cemetery 234-8	25,400	
Lubetkin/Cemetery 234-13	31,200	
Hill Road Cemetery 234-24	43,000	
Mill Pond Acre/Mica Shed 246-17	31,500	
Prince 246-57	2,200	\$422,500
Total		\$3,208,100

2016 Selectmen's Report

Compliance, the revaluation and infrastructure absorbed most of the Selectmen's attention during 2016.

In 2008 the new owner of a parcel on Connecticut Heights Road began accumulating an assortment of motor vehicle and other materials. Town requests for compliance with driveway and building permits went unheeded and debris began to be deposited in the Town right of way. Without success the Town attempted to have a licensed junkyard established in order to control the increasing accumulation. In 2014 an abutter promised litigation against the Town for not enforcing the junkyard provision in our Zoning Ordinance. After two years the Town received a court order allowing it to proceed with a clean-up of the property. The court levied responsibility on other parties involved for some of the Town's expenses. Still this issue consumed considerable time, appearing on the Board's agenda each month in 2016.

Selectmen are charged with responsibility for property assessing. In the past that meant Board members assessing each property. Today the State's mandate to towns requires accuracy, fairness and accessibility to oversight. Assessing is computerized so it can be analyzed and evaluated. As a result towns employ assessing companies to maintain and update values. In 2016 the Town contracted with Municipal Resources, Inc. to conduct the 5 year, State mandated, values update. Although the contractor does the physical work of visiting and recording properties it falls to Selectmen to follow the work and approve the results. Our values update resulted in an increase in overall Town value driven mostly by an increase in residential and commercial properties.

The majority of the Board's time was spent on infrastructure in all its aspects. In two or three meetings each month Selectmen worked with highway supervisor Ed Babneau going over work completed and work planned, equipment repairs needed and personnel issues. Overseeing the Forest Road Bridge replacement, the Crane Brook Road project, a collapsed culvert on Crescent Lake Road and weekly in-house road maintenance took the most time at regular meetings. Developing cost effective ways to keep equipment running and supporting Ed in the human resources matters which are inherent in maintaining a work force filled out the Board's agendas.

Entering the Town's Sestercentennial year we can see progress. Clean up of an unlicensed junkyard is in sight, the Town is appreciating in value, Crane Brook Road is nearing completion, one bridge replacement is complete and the second is in preparation. Our greatest resource is all of those who work or contribute their time to keeping the Town going. Our meetings are posted and open to everyone.

Acworth Board of Selectmen, Frank Emig, David Goodwin, Steven Holt

2016 Highway Department Report

In addition to regular road and equipment maintenance the Highway Department was overseer of contracted work on Forest Road Bridge, Crane Brook Road and Crescent lake Road in 2016.

Grading, graveling and ditching started on Heino Road in April and continued through the season to Lynn Hill, Gove, Grout Hill, Ball, Black North, Livermore, Keyes Hollow, Underwood, Lufkin, Ryan, Bascom Farm, Sam Putnam, Campbell, Milliken Brook, Grange Hall, McLaughlin, Saw Mill, Meader, Royce and Nye Roads. Pot hole patching was done throughout the season on Cold Pond, Beryl Mountain, Forest, Charlestown and Derry Hill Roads. Tree clearing, road postings, Transfer Station cleanup and beaver dam control were all part of the year's regular road maintenance. The crew also worked on two areas which have needed attention for some time. The intersection at Derry Hill and Duncan Roads was reworked to accommodate truck traffic and the deteriorated pavement at the intersection of Beryl Mountain and Saw Mill Roads was replaced.

Equipment maintenance was one of the areas the department saved money. Trucks and heavy machines received regular shop maintenance and expenses for parts and repairs came in under budget over the year. Ed Babneau's Highway Supervisor biweekly reports tracked repairs for the Board of Selectmen. The unusually mild winter weather also allowed material savings which were put toward purchasing for 2017 projects at lower year end prices.

On capital projects, our crew worked with outside contractors on the reclamation and graveling of Crane Brook Road. The resulting saving allowed more drainage work to be completed than had been planned putting completion of the project within reach in 2018.

The collapse of a standing culvert on Crescent Lake Road was a reminder that the unexpected can alter the best laid plans. We were fortunate to find a company which had the right equipment and could fit the project into its late season schedule.

We had some turnover in personnel during the year with John Lyman and Ralph Campbell moving on to other employment. Don Porter and Scott Sanchas stepped in to help out with plowing. Ernie Porter has been with the department a few years now and Rodney Dupuis and Bob Stocker come on seasonally. The Garage phone hasn't changed, 835-6866. The messages are checked regularly and requests are addressed as soon as possible. Ed and the crew appreciate your support.
Board of Selectmen for Acworth Highway

2016 Solid Waste Report

Waste_disposed	Type	Shipments	Tons	Cost	Income
	MSW	25	244.5	\$22,660	
	C&D	7	52.9	\$5,020	
	Hazardous	1		\$50	
	Tires	1	4.1	\$685	

Waste recycled

Comingle***	9	26.7	\$2,605	
Bulbs	1		\$120	
Electronics	1		\$868	\$49
Glass	2	25.8	\$1,285	
Metal	6		\$990	\$1,938
Paper**	8	35.97	\$3,407	\$132
Planet Aid				\$323

Measurable tonnage shipped for disposal

Municipal Solid Waste (Household Refuse)	244.5 tons
Construction and Demolition Debris and Bulky Waste	52.9 tons
Tires	<u>4.1 tons</u>
Total	301.5 tons

Measurable recyclables shipped for processing * 88.4 tons

Grand Total: Waste and Recyclables 389.9 tons

Recycling as a percentage of measurable tonnage**** 22%

- * Excluding propane tanks and incidental recyclables. Metal tonnage not available.
- ** Paper includes newsprint, cardboard, magazines, and all other clean paper fiber.
- *** Co-mingled includes clean aluminum, plastic or tin beverage and food containers.
- **** This has remained consistent in recent years.

Board of Selectmen office

2016 Trustees of Trust Funds Report

“The Trustees of Trust Funds are fiduciaries and hold both public [Capital Reserve Funds] and private funds [Trust Funds] in trust for the purposes permitted by Statute.” Handbook for Trustees, State of NH, Department of Justice, Charitable Trusts Unit. It follows that Trustees have a duty of loyalty, care, and obedience to uphold the laws and Constitution of the State. Taking the oath of office is a personal contract between the State of New Hampshire and the trustees. With this in mind the trustees devoted much attention to making sure the purposes of the trusts and capital reserve funds were respected.

The trustees held five meetings during 2016 on: January 25, April 18, May 23, June 20, and July 11. During the year our bank (RBS Citizens Bank) announced plans to implement a “revision of financial management transactional systems”. This revision has been introduced, implemented, and is now successfully operating. Cyber- security and functionality of complex financial transactions between bank and trustees have been updated and improved.

The amount of interest income for all accounts (both private and public) rose steadily over the year with six interest rate increases. Beginning in January 2016 the rate was 0.01% by December the interest rate was 0.65%.

The annual seminars for all trustees and town officers were held throughout the state, sponsored by the Charitable Trust Unit of the State of N.H. Department of Justice one of which we attended and in which we participated. This annual seminar enables us to keep up with changes, amendments, court cases, and Attorney General’s opinions relating to statutes; that is a significant part of our job description. The participatory format of the seminars allows us to hear from many other trustees; learning from their mistakes, experiences, and interactions with other town officials.

Respectfully submitted,
Trustees of Trust Funds

Tim Perry,
Paul Auger,
Alston W. Barrett

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF ACWORTH ON DECEMBER 31, 2016														
Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL					INCOME				Grand Total	
				Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or Losses	Withdrawals	Balance Year End	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year Amount	Expended During Year			
n/a	Highway Equipment	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP	61,501.29	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	76,501.29	4,835.88	203.08	0.00	5,038.96	81,540.25	
n/a	Dump Closure	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP	8,194.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,194.57	2,184.37	30.91	0.00	2,215.28	10,409.85	
n/a	C/P Road Paving	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,062.80	3.13	0.00	1,062.80	1,062.80	
n/a	Ac. Elementary School CRF	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP	36,799.42	3,274.78	0.00	27,586.26	12,487.94	91.13	53.34	0.00	144.47	12,632.41	
n/a	2010 Revall CRE	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP	32,000.00	0.00	0.00	32,000.00	0.00	40.77	89.72	0.00	130.49	130.49	
n/a	Bridge Repair or Replacement	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP	70,000.00	100,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	120,000.00	23.00	455.53	0.00	478.53	120,478.53	
1913	Edward C Ball	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	323.70	2.58	0.00	326.28	865.03	
1913	Julia A Buswell	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	98.00	3.49	0.00	101.49	1,178.99	
1916	Mary L Bowers	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,616.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,616.25	952.94	7.68	0.00	960.62	2,576.87	
1922	TW Place	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	269.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	269.38	89.05	1.07	0.00	90.12	359.50	
1922	George W Neal	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	573.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	573.02	370.70	2.82	0.00	373.52	946.54	
1924	William Warner	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	203.97	2.19	0.00	206.16	744.91	
1925	Horace G Perham	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	269.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	269.38	66.32	0.98	0.00	67.30	336.68	
1925	Henry A. Clark	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	692.10	5.26	0.00	697.36	1,774.86	
1925	Laura L. McKen	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	315.02	2.56	0.00	317.58	856.33	
1925	Abraham Mitchell	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,023.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,023.63	647.57	4.98	0.00	652.55	1,676.18	
1929	Charles K Wood	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	293.68	2.50	0.00	296.18	834.93	
1930	Cynthia Finley	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	332.05	2.59	0.00	334.64	873.39	
1930	Charles Elliot	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	269.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	269.38	66.75	0.99	0.00	67.74	337.12	
1930	Hyram Hayward	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	216.99	2.26	0.00	219.25	758.00	
1931	Ada L Wallace	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	692.09	5.26	0.00	697.35	1,774.85	
1931	White-Ryder	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	511.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	511.81	323.90	2.50	0.00	326.40	838.21	
1932	Oarlett Eaton	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	134.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	134.69	97.02	0.71	0.00	97.73	232.42	
1933	Samual A. Nye	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	178.56	2.12	0.00	180.68	719.43	
1934	Ashton A Hemphill	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	332.00	2.59	0.00	334.59	873.34	
1937	George W. Buss	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	332.00	2.59	0.00	334.59	873.34	
1937	Frank McNaughton	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	332.00	2.59	0.00	334.59	873.34	
1937	Walker Slader	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,616.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,616.25	1,052.28	7.96	0.00	1,060.24	2,676.49	
1938	George W. Call	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	332.03	2.59	0.00	334.62	873.37	
1939	Alger E Hemphill	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	332.03	2.59	0.00	334.62	873.37	
1940	Charles M Thornton	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	332.03	2.59	0.00	334.62	873.37	
1941	Gertrude C Reed	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	589.53	4.96	0.00	594.49	1,671.99	
1941	Weston Kemp	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	332.03	2.59	0.00	334.62	873.37	
1941	Olin R Kemp	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	269.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	269.38	165.79	1.30	0.00	167.09	436.47	
1942	James Jeffrey	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	332.05	2.59	0.00	334.64	873.39	
1942	H W Allen	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	332.05	2.59	0.00	334.64	873.39	
1943	Ella Prentiss	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	108.02	1.92	0.00	109.94	648.69	
1944	Almon E Clark	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	700.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	700.38	436.95	3.37	0.00	440.32	1,140.70	
1944	Francis Buss	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	377.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	377.13	254.99	1.89	0.00	256.88	634.01	
1945	Edwin S Chatterton	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,616.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,616.25	1,052.94	7.96	0.00	1,060.90	2,676.55	
1946	Horace Rugg	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	332.06	2.59	0.00	334.65	873.40	
1946	Eving Davis	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	808.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	808.13	526.24	3.97	0.00	530.21	1,338.34	
1946	Carl Kemp	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	177.98	2.11	0.00	180.09	718.84	
1946	W A Barney	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	332.07	2.59	0.00	334.66	873.41	
1947	Fred Batchelder	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	280.77	2.42	0.00	283.19	821.94	

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	PRINCIPAL				INCOME			
			Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or Losses	Withdrawals	Balance Year End	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Balance Year End
1947	The Bess Lot	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	589.58	4.96	594.54
1951	Grace Muzzy	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	332.06	2.59	334.65
1951	Horace Dexter	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	2.46	290.57
1952	Barent C Finley	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	35.47	575.91
1952	George W Potter	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	2.59	873.39
1954	Roscoe Hull	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	692.13	332.05	334.64
1955	Clara Johnson	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	5.26	697.39
1955	C W Emerson	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	692.14	5.26	697.40
1957	Frank & J Metcalf	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	2.59	334.63
1957	N. G. & J Webster	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	1.88	91.34
1958	Freeman Campbell	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	2.59	334.61
1958	John Symonds	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	1.92	109.91
1958	Timar E Wheeler	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	808.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	2.28	231.66
1958	Arthur Perham	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	808.13	3.97	530.15
1959	LuAnn Robbins	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	5.26	697.40
1959	Clarence Jeffrey	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	2.59	334.63
1959	Reed Wallace	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	3.91	235.75
1960	Hobart Jones	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	5.26	697.36
1960	B K Barlow	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	2.42	821.89
1961	Soloni Neal	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	808.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	808.13	296.08	299.37
1961	Soloni Neal	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	808.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	808.13	526.20	530.17
1961	Arthur Potter	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	332.03	334.62
1961	Raymond C Davis	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	692.09	697.35
1962	Hayward Liv & Hol	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	2,693.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,693.76	1,744.60	1,757.81
1962	D Moody & W Huntley	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	5.26	697.40
1962	Charles Barlow	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	5.26	697.40
1962	Weader-Hemphill	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	808.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	808.13	526.21	530.18
1964	Charles & B Perry	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	624.94	630.02
1965	Wm & Belle Pitkin	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	808.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	808.13	526.17	530.14
1965	Herbert F Hartwell	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	673.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	673.44	457.53	460.88
1967	George W Walker	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	592.81	597.79
1968	H Reed & L Young	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	640.76	645.88
1968	Wm & Rufus Hillard	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	3,232.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,232.56	2,076.46	2,092.25
1969	Iva & Carl Grant	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	697.10	697.36
1969	Paul Balla	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	332.03	334.62
1969	Dorothy N Fought	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	692.09	697.35
1971	Harry D Kemp	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	692.09	697.35
1972	Wyrle E Reed	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	332.04	334.63
1977	Albin Dressell	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	888.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	888.94	607.12	611.57
1979	Everett Knight	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	698.63	703.94
1979	Larl Luther Sr.	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	698.50	703.81
1979	Scott Farley	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	268.01	270.42
1979	Edwin B Dallen	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	332.05	334.64
1983	Madeline & Leon Balla	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	31.78	33.07
1984	Corey Kuter Lot	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	-33.39	-30.28
										1,047.22

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF ACWORTH ON DECEMBER 31, 2016

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL					INCOME			
				Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or Losses	Withdrawals	Balance Year End	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year Amount	Expended During Year	Balance Year End
1985	Eva & Jos. Dempsey	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	-65.50	1.41	0.00	-64.09
1987	Elesser Lot	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	808.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	808.13	-185.29	1.86	0.00	-183.43
1990	Streeter Lot	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	-463.61	1.83	0.00	-461.78
1991	George Wright	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	-273.43	0.77	0.00	-272.66
2000	Hammond Young	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	-683.57	1.18	0.00	-682.39
2003	Ernest & Geneva Lanphear Lo	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	-856.22	0.66	0.00	-855.56
1991	R Mitchell FBO Old Cem	Cemetery Trust	Citizens CAP	5,162.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,162.48	31.48	15.47	0.00	46.95
1991	R Mitchell FBO Cem Fund	Cemetery Trust	Citizens CAP	10,325.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,325.00	12.53	30.78	0.00	43.31
2005	Cemetery Trust Acworth Acct	Cemetery Trust	Citizens CAP	9,574.24	2,750.00	0.00	0.00	12,324.24	212.03	347.78	85.00	2,240.00
1992	R & C Jeffrey Mem Lib Fun	Library	Citizens CAP	73,068.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	73,068.80	96.42	217.63	85.00	229.05
2000	S. Codman Hislop FBO Slisby	Library	Citizens CAP	14,620.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,620.39	18.96	43.56	15.00	47.52
1916	Rebecca W. Madison	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	127.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	127.97	0.08	0.41	0.00	0.49
1924	W. L. Woodbury	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	853.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	853.15	4.11	2.57	0.00	6.68
1924	Abram Mitchell	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	405.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	405.25	0.23	1.19	0.00	1.42
1939	Walter Slader	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	139.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	139.97	0.07	0.42	0.00	0.49
1989	Madeline Lindsay	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	209.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	209.02	0.13	0.64	0.00	0.77
1989	Alan & Christine Barnard	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	89.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	89.58	0.01	0.26	0.00	0.27
1989	Friends of Library	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	85.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	85.32	0.01	0.24	0.00	0.25
1989	Anonymous Donation	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	42.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.66	0.07	0.16	0.00	0.23
1989	Slisby Library Donation	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	85.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	85.32	0.01	0.24	0.00	0.25
1989	G.F. & M.G. Hanson	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	170.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	170.63	0.09	0.51	0.00	0.60
1990	Alan & Christine Barnard	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	85.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	85.32	0.01	0.24	0.00	0.25
1990	Helen Smith	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	142.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	142.48	-0.11	0.43	0.00	0.32
1990	Mary Smith	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	119.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	119.44	0.04	0.37	0.00	0.37
1990	Ellen Sawyer Sheldon	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	17.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	17.06	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.08
1991	Maude H. Moody	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	443.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	443.64	0.24	1.32	0.00	1.56
1999	Nancy Sandoe	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	840.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	840.35	0.62	2.51	0.00	3.13
2000	Nancy Sandoe Mem	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	213.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	213.29	0.12	0.65	0.00	0.77
2000	Ella & Leon Newton	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	853.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	853.15	0.66	2.56	0.00	3.22
2001	Nancy Poltrack	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	85.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	85.32	0.01	0.24	0.00	0.25
2003	J. David Lyle	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	42.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.66	0.07	0.16	0.00	0.23
1991	R Mitchell FBO T/O Acworth	Town	Citizens CAP	5,162.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,162.48	125.30	15.75	0.00	141.05
1990	F Richard & C Jeffrey-VNA	Town	Citizens CAP	55,840.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	55,840.41	3,772.69	177.52	0.00	3,950.21
				458,719.45	121,024.78	0.00	109,586.26	470,157.97	47,143.43	1,701.96	100.00	48,745.39
												518,903.36

Part 4. Trustees of Trust Funds (if applicable)

Questions

Yes No N/A

- 1 Do the Trustees maintain individual historical records for each trust fund?
- 2 Have the Trustees reviewed and adopted an investment policy? (RSA 31:25)
- 3 Document how year-end trust funds are invested:

✓ _____

✓ _____

of Actual Bank Accounts

- Checking account
- Passbook accounts
- Certificates of deposits
- Other (describe Citizen Bank Trust Acct)
- Other (describe _____)
- Other (describe _____)

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- 4 Do Trustees maintain journal accounting records to track all receipt and disbursement activity?
- 5 Were disbursements based only on approved vouchers?
- 6 Were disbursements made to individuals or organizations other than the municipality?

✓ ✓ ✓

If yes, explain: _____

- 7 Document who prepares the MS-9 and MS-10 forms:

Citizen Bank trust account
Name Title

- 8 Have Trustees of trust funds reviewed and approved the MS-9 and MS-10 forms?

✓

Part 4. Trustees of Trust Funds Testing

MS-9 Report

Yes No N/A

- 1 Do beginning balances reported match the prior year MS-9 end of year balances?

✓ _ _

If no, explain problems/discrepancies encountered:

- 2 Do "new funds created" for established trust funds (e.g., capital reserve, expendable trust funds) match expenditures/ transfers reported in the current year general fund general ledger?

✓ _ _

If no, explain:

- 3 Do "withdrawals" from established trust funds (e.g., capital reserve, expendable trust funds) match revenues/transfers reported in the current year general fund general ledger?

✓ _ _

If no, explain:

- 4 Do interest/investment income amounts appear reasonable?

✓ _ _

If no, explain:

Increase of interest .15% to .45%

MS-10 Report

- 5

Do the "Grand Total of Principal and Income at End of Year" balances on the MS-10 match the "end of year balances" on the MS-9?

Yes

No

N/A

✓

If no, explain:

- 6

Were "end of year fair value" balances of the MS-10 proven to bank statements and/or investment portfolio reports?

✓

If no, explain:

Observations - Part 4. Trustees

Comments on procedures or areas of weakness:

Well thought out system with lots of checks
and balances

Recommendations:

none at this time

Trustees section completed by:

Date: 1-15-17

[Signature]

2016 Library Trustees Report

The Acworth Library held its first annual chocolate event in February of 2016, featuring chocolate — lots of treats and decadent desserts! We had over 30 entries of chocolate desserts and treats entered by patrons of all ages! The crowd voted on their favorites and the 1st and 2nd place chocolatiers as voted by the crowd were Taylor Porter and Rylie Porter.

Our annual Book Sale was held in July and coordinated well with the Acworth Charitable Trust's Art Event. We raised \$680 and look forward to another successful event in July 2017. Book donations are always appreciated for this sale. We will begin collecting donations in June of 2017 for this year's sale.

The Children's Summer Reading Program returned this year with 20 students enrolled. All participants in the summer program were given the gift of a book to thank them for their participation and for their love of reading. The Library sponsored The Mariposa Museum and their program *Games from Around the World*, a fun and educational program, which introduced games from many countries that can be played by both children and adults. Participants learned about the origin of games like Nim, Mancala, Achi, and Tangram. Some of these games date back thousands of years ago and are still played today.

Jane Kelly and her Birds of Prey visited the Acworth Community in September. All in attendance enjoyed this well attended event. She brought with her five rescued birds, all of which had a very interesting history and background. Jane is described as "*The creator and operator of an Epping rehabilitation facility dedicated to the rescue and care of injured raptors – birds of prey such as hawks, owls, falcons*" in recent publications.

We thank everyone for their patronage. Please stop by for a book recommendation or even for the latest DVD. We look forward to seeing you at one of our 2017 events to coincide with the Acworth Sestercentennial.

Respectfully submitted,
Guy Russell
Melinda Loiselle
Kathi Bradt
Betsy Snider
Jennifer Aiken
Trustees, Acworth Silsby Library

2016 Librarians' Report

Acworth Silsby Library had 3800 visits from patrons and visitors in 2016 and welcomed 26 new patrons. We circulated 4407 books during the year and continue to add fiction, non-fiction, children's books and DVDs to our collection monthly.

We had 549 patron visits for computer use in 2016. We have a high speed DSL internet connection and computers for public use as well as a wireless connection. Patrons use our computers for a variety of activities such as checking e-mail, looking for jobs, preparing school work, researching hobbies and interests.

The Acworth School students and teachers visit the library weekly during the school year. At Halloween, we gave each student a book as well as treats.

We had a summer reading program in which 22 young readers participated. Each participant received the gift of a new book from the Library. We hosted Games from Around the World presented by the Mariposa Museum in July.

We have two Reading Groups meeting monthly, one is reading classics and the second is reading general fiction. New members are always welcome.

Our annual Book Sale was held in July, raising additional funds for the Library. We thank all who participated either by donating or purchasing books. We have have an on-going book sale set up in the small meeting room of the Town Hall. Please check it out. In 2017, book donations will be accepted at the Library after June 1st.

We are an active member of the Nubanusit cooperative, which provides a collection of movies that rotate bi-monthly among 22 local libraries. Patrons borrowed 115 Nubanusit DVDs during 2016.

Inter-library loans (ILL) continue to be a popular way for patrons to read books not owned by our library. We have access to books at all NH libraries and many of the NH college libraries. A total of 790 books circulated via the ILL system.

We thank our patrons, volunteers and all who assisted us throughout the year.

Susan Metsack, Linda Thomson-Mohr, Nancy Fitz-Rapalje, Librarians;

Phone 835-2150; E-mail acworthlibrary@myfairpoint.net

Website www.acworthlibrary.org

Library hours: Sat and Sun 11:30am-4:30pm; Tue and Thur 11:30am-5:30pm

Susan Metsack

Acworth Silsby Library

ACWORTH SILSBY LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT 2016

ACCOUNT BALANCES	12/31/2015		12/31/2016
CHECKING	\$4,544.58		\$543.52
SAVINGS	\$5,226.61		\$8,640.76
CD'S	\$13,598.33		\$13,615.47
\$23,369.52		\$22,799.75	
2016		2016	
BUDGET		ACTUAL	
INCOME			
TOWN APPROPRIATION	\$39,115		\$39,115.00
(SALARIES / TAXES / OTHER)			
OTHER INCOME			
CD & SAVINGS INTEREST	\$15		\$20.76
MISCELLANEOUS	UNRESTRICTED INCOME	\$700	\$514.75
INCOME			
RESTRICTED INCOME :	TRUST FUNDS & GIFTS, GRANTS	\$200	\$645.00
DESIGNATED INCOME :	BK SLS, FINES, CIVIC EXP., EQUIP	\$2,250	\$2,432.02
USE OF RESTRICTED LIBRARY	\$1,450		\$0.00
FUNDS (Jeffrey Fund Int. for books)			
\$43,730		\$42,727.53	
Variance to			
EXPENSES (Library & Town Funds)		Budget	
SALARIES & (includes snow	\$24,000	\$25,200.86	\$1,201
PAYROLL TAXES removal)			
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	\$5,580	\$6,835.70	\$1,256
OTHER MATERIALS -	\$500	\$557.24	\$57
DVDs			
HEAT SYSTEM / HEATING	\$3,000	\$1,499.33	(\$1,501)
FUEL			
ELECTRICITY	\$1,300	\$951.89	(\$348)
COMMUNICATIONS	\$1,100	\$1,095.90	(\$4)
(PHONE & DSL)			
SUPPLIES & EQUIP.	\$800	\$539.03	(\$261)
POSTAL / BANK FEES /	\$150	\$116.72	(\$33)
SVC CHG			
LAWN CARE	\$1,400	\$1,337.50	(\$63)
DUES / FEES / TUITION	\$200	\$60.00	(\$140)
PROGRAMS / EVENTS	\$1,000	\$1,126.06	\$126
COMPUTER / COPIER	\$2,000	\$1,334.60	(\$665)
MISC. EXPENSE	\$500	\$73.76	(\$426)
BUILDING	See note below	\$2,568.71	*
REPAIR (see			\$569
resolution)			
CIVIC EXPANSION	\$200	\$0.00	(\$200)
GRANTS / DESIGNATED	\$0	\$0.00	\$0
GIFTS			
\$43,730	\$43,297.30		(\$433)
2016 EXPENSES USING RESTRICTED LIBRARY FUNDS (included above)			
* BUILDING REPAIR / RENOVATION	- Roof Slates Repaired/Replaced		\$2,569
2017 DESIGNATED / RESTRICTED LIBRARY FUNDS			
Richard & Clarence Jeffery Memorial	\$11,430		(restricted gift)
Library Fund			
Codman & Gertrude Hislop Book Fund	\$3,876		(restricted gift)
Designated income account from	\$612		(designated income)
income-producing equipment			
Civic Expansion / Community Outreach	\$1,216		(designated income)
Building repair / renovation	New furnace, Roof Slate	\$1,278	(designated income)
Savings			
Repair, etc.			

2016 Cemeteries Report

Acworth's cemetery trustees and sexton meet between April and November on the fourth Thursday of the month at 4 PM in the town hall. Visitors are always welcome.

Again this year we received an inquiry from a town resident about home burial. New Hampshire does not prohibit burials on private property, but does require that the landowner provide a detailed map showing the burial location to the cemetery trustees, and to be placed in the property file in the town office. A description of the burial location becomes part of the property deed. Future landowners must permit descendants of the deceased to enter the property to visit the grave of their relative. Thus burying human remains on privately owned land becomes a permanent encumbrance on the property. Scattering cremains or ashes is not problematic.

Green burial, without embalming or a cement vault, is permitted in the Acworth cemetery. Resources for people interested in foregoing the services of funeral homes can be found at www.grievinggreen.com and at www.nhfuneral.org.

The cost of a cemetery plot has now increased by \$50 to cover the increase in the price of cornerstones (now \$200 per set) from the Keene Monument Company. A six by twelve foot lot, adequate for one full-body burial, now costs \$400, and a twelve by twelve foot lot (space for two full-body burials) costs \$550. A twelve by twenty-four foot lot is priced at \$1050. Three sets of cremains can be interred in the space normally taken by a single full-body burial. Purchasers are actually buying the right to inter, not the plot of land itself, which cannot be sold to a third party, but only sold back to the town for the original price at which it was purchased.

We expect that our antique horse-drawn hearse, presently stored in a privately-owned barn, can be moved to the church-owned horse sheds near the town pound next year in time for the celebration of Acworth's 250th anniversary on August 12, 2017.

In May a severe windstorm felled a large maple limb in the cemetery near Hill Road. Unidentified volunteers cut up the limb and cleared it away. While we appreciate good intentions, cemetery sexton Kris Fenderson needs to pre-approve any cemetery work in order to ensure that no monuments are damaged in the process. This fall we had two enormous dead maples removed from the Hill Road Cemetery and expect that expenses for tree removal will continue to be a major expense in our budget.

The September 18th Cemetery Walk featured trustee Claudia Istel portraying Edith Kemp, Acworth's first woman selectman. Denise Lindgren played Sally Miner Pearson. John Luther and Sandra Binion played Harvey and Belle Lincoln, and Dennis and Sally Eaton impersonated Captain Woodbury and his wife, early owners of their home at the southwest edge of the town Common. Members of Acworth's Female Charitable Society re-enacted the formation of their organization two hundred years ago, in 1816, the year without a summer.

Respectfully submitted, Helen H. Frink, Claudia Istel, and Lillie LeBlanc, Acworth Cemetery Trustees; Kristian Fenderson, Sexton

2016 Acworth Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, Inc. Report

The Acworth Fire Company has been busy this year with a total of 110 calls up from 85 last year.

We started 2016 with two structure fires. We also responded to a number of auto accidents on Route 123A and River Road due to increased speed after the repaving.

The majority of our calls were medical. Medical supply costs have increased and we are required to carry additional provisions such as Epi-Pens and Narcan.

The Company has requested additional funding this year because of those increases along with increases in training, insurance and communications. Please keep that in mind as you vote.

Sincerely, Acworth Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, Inc.

Chief Steve Morris

2016 Planning Board Report

During the year the Planning Board addressed applications for two annexations, one subdivision, two nonresidential site plans and for utility cutting on scenic roads. The process for each of those involved notifying abutters and holding public hearings. In addition the Board held a Joint Board Meeting and met with Selectmen to update the Town's Capital Improvement Plan.

The spring Joint Board Meeting is an opportunity for Town boards to discuss plans and areas of concern together. In 2016 the conversation covered road conditions and the difficulty of maintaining current spending levels, permitting structures including greenhouses and the responsibility of landowners to maintain driveway culverts.

Road spending was revisited during the Capital Improvement Plan update in October. In order to get to roads which are deteriorating an increase in capital spending was recommended by both the Selectmen and Planning Board. The projected increase would allow work to take place on more than one road seasonally.

For some time there has been a question as to whether small structures should require permitting. The Joint Boards Meeting consensus was to continue permitting all structures because it assures compliance with setbacks in addition to serving as an assessing tool. In follow up work which included researching other towns' regulations, the Planning Board came to consensus that permitting of greenhouses also be consistent with other structures in order to maintain setback requirements.

During the year the State adopted legislation allowing accessory dwelling units. Cities and towns were given a window in which to make their regulations consistent with the new State law. The Planning Board reviewed the ADU provisions it endorsed in 2015 and presented updated language to be included in the 2017 ballot bringing the Town into compliance.

Currently the Planning Board is working on eliminating inconsistencies between the definitions used in the Town Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations. The Board also plans a review of the Master Plan goals in preparation of the 2018 plan update.

Board member Henry Sipple agreed to serve as the Town's commissioner to the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission. His attendance at regional planning meetings is a useful link to resources and information.

The Planning Board meets monthly and all are welcome. Alternate member positions are available.

Acworth Planning Board

2016 Conservation Commission

This year the Acworth Conservation Commission completed the work connected with Nancy Hamblet's donation of 5.48 acres on the Keyes Hollow Road, a gift approved at last year's town meeting. That parcel has now been added to the Acworth wetlands, under a conservation easement held by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. Costs for surveying the entire 76-acre Acworth Wetlands and expenses for deeding the Hamblet easement were paid from our Conservation Fund. That fund contains half the income generated from the Land Use Change Tax, paid to the town by purchasers who convert land out of current use. We can also use the fund to assist landowners placing conservation easements on their privately owned property. Again this year we also contributed \$500 for tuition assistance for Acworth children attending summer camps at Alstead's Orchard School.

The Gove Town Forest generates income for the town through managed timber harvests. Last year ash trees were cut in advance of anticipated damage from the emerald ash borer. The timber harvest on the steeper portion of Gove Hill will be completed this year when the ground freezes. Our town meeting warrant includes an article transferring \$8,000 from the Conservation Commission's Forest Maintenance Fund -- proceeds from last year's ash cut -- to the town's general fund.

Much of our work this past year focused on monitoring and photographing conservation easements and reporting the results to the easement holders. New Hampshire's Land Conservation Incentive Program, managed through the state Office of Energy and Planning, holds easements on 1,362 acres of private land in Acworth, including forest, sugar orchard, and farm land. The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests also holds easements on numerous private lands, as well as 372 acres of town-owned forest and wetlands, where hunting is permitted, and the privately owned 529-acre Black North easement, open to the public for hiking, bird-watching, and snowmobiling on established trails. The town is fortunate to preserve so much open land, and to offer such a wide expanse for public enjoyment.

Each spring the Conservation Commission organizes an annual Green-Up Day. We are grateful to the schoolchildren, 4-Hers, and youth groups who cleaned up trash, and to the many townspeople who regularly pick up roadside litter near their homes. The Acworth Conservation Commission meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7 PM in the town hall. We review logging permits (Intents to Cut) and communications from the state Department of Environmental Services such as septic permits and dredge and fill applications. We also receive invitations to many statewide events related to conservation, wildlife, and forestry. Members of the public are always welcome to attend. Please let us know if you are interested in becoming an alternate member.

Conservation Commission Chair: Shawn Bowman

Members:

Dave Goodwin, Board of Selectmen

Helen Frink

Lillie LeBlanc

Beverly Buxton

Carole Wallace, alternate

2016 Crescent Lake Association Milfoil Committee Report

Crescent Lake Association conducted over 1075 courtesy boat inspections during the 2016 summer season. Our Lake Host program, one of the most effective in the NH Lakes program continues to have a positive impact on the water quality of Crescent Lake, even though we know we are the “last defense” in mitigating invasive species (plants & animals) from the lake.

Crescent Lake Association employed 6 full-time Lake Hosts in 2016 and welcomed the return of several paid hosts and volunteers from the 2015 season. Our program works due to the very exacting training the Lake Hosts get from NH Lakes Association and the diligence each brings to every shift. The total program costs continue to rise while the incident of invasive plant and animal life creeps closer to the shore of Crescent Lake from elsewhere. In 2016 a 27” walleye fish was caught, which undoubtedly came from the Connecticut River (where it is known to inhabit) and several “domestic” ducks were left by some persons who thought Crescent Lake might be a good home. Unfortunately, the ducks’ wings had previously been clipped and they had to be captured and removed prior to ice settling in. The ducks fought off attacks by other predators this season and we hope folks will understand the need to keep certain species in their native locales and not “dropped off” at the public access point simply because it is convenient for them.

Our 11% rise in boat traffic in 2016 represents what we believe to be a trend in recreational boating with the popularity of kayaks and stand-up paddleboards, along with the usual power boat traffic. For 2017, NH DES will enforce a new law, prohibiting the trafficking of invasive weeds and mandating boaters drain their vessels in the body of water they have just visited before leaving – this is intended to prevent “cross-pollination” of water from one body of water to the next. We’ll report next season on the success of this new law.

The \$2,000.00 annual financial contribution from Acworth goes a long way in supporting our program and we hope you will continue to support us at the same level or **increase your support**. The 757 paid Lake Host hours continue to present a challenge in inspecting each and every boat arriving at the Crescent Lake Road ramp. The costs to operate the Aquatic Invasive Species Program continue to rise and we look to every avenue to keep our costs in line with the expected benefit of a clean Crescent Lake. We are always grateful for your continued support.

Thank you.

Kevin Brenker

President, Crescent Lake Association, AIS Program Point Person
Box 131 Acworth NH

2016 Sestercentennial Committee Report

It's finally here! This is the big Sestercentennial Year for Acworth. The Committee is busy making plans for the gala event on August 12, 2017. There's something for everyone with events planned for each month of 2017. Two Hundred and Fifty Years is a big reason to celebrate our wonderful little hill town. The Sestercentennial Committee has been working hard to make this an event of historic proportions and we need your help and participation. We hope that you will all join us in celebration!

The Committee sponsored a t-shirt design contest in 2016 where entrants were asked to design a t-shirt to commemorate Acworth's 250th. The winner of the adult contest is Dean Gowen. Acworth school children submitted entries for kid's tees, with Rylie Porter and Teya Bryan submitting the winning designs. Great job by everyone who participated and thank you for your interest.

A 2017 calendar has been published and is available depicting people and places of Acworth and noting special events planned for our big year. They are available at the Town Office, the Library, and on our web-site. We also have commemorative t-shirts in adult and children's sizes. Chris Salmon has designed a sun-catcher depicting our magnificent meetinghouse steeple along with the dates of the Sestercentennial that are available in 3 colors; amethyst, blue, and amber.

Thanks to Judy Aron and Charlotte Comeau, Acworth's 250th is on social media. Find us on:

Facebook at the Community Page named Acworth Sestercentennial and the URL is www.facebook.com/Acworth-Sestercentennial-1543943372565908/

You Tube at the You Tube Channel called Acworth 250th NH at the URL www.youtube.com/channel/UCta8WW-2adwHephpnBY4ETA

Instagram at acworth250 at the URL <https://www.instagram.com/acworth250/?hl=en> and our website is www.acworth250.net.

The Committee sold food at Town Meeting and at the polls this past year to raise funds for the celebration. We are working on a commemorative booklet and will be contacting townspeople for articles, pictures, and advertising. Katy Haas is creating a video depicting Town events and people of Acworth. Maps are being drawn up and historic sites identified and marked. The hard work continues and we need vendors and helpers for August 12. We hope that you will all come to see the parade and stay and enjoy the music, games, food, entertainment and vendors. Celebrate Acworth!

250th Committee Co-Chairmen,
Gordon Gowen & Carole Wallace
Mary Hildreth, Secretary

2016 Merger Notice

If you owned real estate lots that were involuntarily merged, 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 without your consent for zoning, assessing or taxation purposes;

No previous owner consented to the merger.

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

Make a request to the Board of Selectmen no later than December 31, 2021.

Once restored:

Your properties will again become separate lots; however, they must still conform to existing land use ordinances.

This Notice shall be posted in a public place from January 1, 2012 until December 31, 2021 and be published in the Town's Annual Report from 2011 through 2021.

Acworth Resident Death Report January 1-December 31, 2016

<u>Decedent's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Tallman, Gloria	73	Acworth	03/25/16
Smith, Magdalene	63	Acworth	04/20/16
Brodne, Sheila	57	Acworth	05/17/16
Bascom, Harvey	94	Keene	05/26/16
Wood, Francis	94	So. Acworth	08/14/16
Smeltzer, John	70	Claremont	09/30/16
Jacobson, Ronald	73	Keene	10/06/16
Santolucito, Sandra	69	Acworth	12/14/16
Mathauser, Thomas	73	Acworth	12/25/16

Acworth Resident Marriage Report January 1-December 31, 2016

<u>Groom's Name</u>	<u>Bride's Name</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>	<u>Date of Marriage</u>
Lein, Alan D	Wood, Nancy E	Acworth	06/11/16
Hemmings, Jay W	Heath, Kelsey L	Alstead	08/27/16
Gowen, Tomothy G	Neal, Christine G	Acworth	09/10/16

Acworth Resident Birth Report January 1-December 31, 2016

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's/Mother's Name</u>
Stacy, Coralyn Jean	03/17/16	Keene	Stacy, Corey Stacy, Nicolyn
Fowler, Krislen Anne	07/15/16	Lebanon	Fowler, Selina
Haines, Charles Mclane	08/09/16	Keene	Haines, Wesley Smith, Courtney
Eaton, John Henry	08/17/16	Keene	Eaton, Joel Eaton, Rachelle
Franks, David Nathaniel	12/25/16	Keene	Franks II, Donald Franks, Elizabeth

