

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SELECTMEN

and other

TOWN OFFICERS

of the

**TOWN OF ACWORTH  
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

For the year ending December 31, 2017

*Please bring this Town Report to Town Meeting on  
Tuesday, March 13, 2018*

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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 Mondays, 7:00PM
Conservation Commission	Second Wednesdays, 7:00PM
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Second 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 Torrey Greene , 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	Frank Emig - 2019 Jim Jennison - 2020
Town Clerk	Charlotte Comeau – 2019
Tax Collector	Marianne Nevelson - 2018
Treasurer	Melinda Loiselle - 2018
Administrative Assistant	Kathi Bradt
Local Auditor	Lisa DeValk - 2018
Moderator	John Luther - 2018
Election Inspectors	Sandra Binion - 2018 Linda Christie - 2018
Supervisors of the Checklist	Elizabeth Gowen - 2021 Rose Knight - 2022 Marianne Nevelson – 2023
Overseer of Public Welfare Health Officer	Board of Selectmen Toni Bowman
Trustees of Trust Funds	Paul Auger - 2018 Torrey Greene - 2019 Tim Perry - 2020
Library Trustees	Jennifer Aiken - 2018 Betsy Snider - 2018 Melinda Loiselle - 2019 Alva Grant - 2020 Guy Russell - 2020
Cemetery Trustees	Claudia Istel - 2018 Helen Frink - 2019 Lillie LeBlanc - 2020
Budget Committee	Jim Jennison – 2018 Conan Cook - 2018 Linda Christie - 2019 Bruce Bascom - 2019 Judy Aron - 2020 Sue Metsack - 2020 Frank Emig, Selectman

Planning Board	Rob Vogel - 2018 Henry Sipple - 2018 Cheryl Sanctuary - 2019 Jim Niedert - 2019 Mike Aron - 2020 Joe Fedora - 2020 Frank Emig, Selectman
Alternates	Vacant
Conservation Commission	Lillie LeBlanc - 2018 Helen Frink - 2018 Shawn Bowman - 2018 Beverly Buxton - 2019 Jim Jennison, Selectman
Alternates	Carole Wallace – 2019 Jennifer Bland - 2021
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







Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Expenditures Prior Year	Selectments Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Selectments Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
<b>General Government</b>								
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	\$3,350	\$1,592	\$4,600	\$0	\$4,600	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	06	\$69,914	\$69,066	\$69,699	\$0	\$69,699	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	06	\$11,150	\$9,139	\$10,230	\$0	\$10,230	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	06	\$15,000	\$18,554	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	06	\$20,195	\$20,794	\$21,454	\$0	\$21,454	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	06	\$2,400	\$1,947	\$2,050	\$0	\$2,050	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	06	\$14,200	\$11,366	\$13,400	\$0	\$13,400	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	06	\$18,780	\$14,925	\$17,250	\$0	\$17,250	\$0
4196	Insurance	06	\$25,619	\$25,421	\$27,467	\$0	\$27,467	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	06	\$1,198	\$1,198	\$1,211	\$0	\$1,211	\$0
4199	Other General Government		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>General Government Subtotal</b>		<b>\$209,556</b>	<b>\$201,752</b>	<b>\$205,111</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$205,111</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>								
4210-4214	Police	06	\$4,500	\$3,530	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance	06	\$9,600	\$9,600	\$9,600	\$0	\$9,600	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	06	\$51,577	\$51,577	\$39,577	\$0	\$39,577	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	06	\$8,100	\$1,948	\$5,600	\$0	\$5,600	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Public Safety Subtotal</b>		<b>\$73,777</b>	<b>\$66,655</b>	<b>\$59,277</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$59,277</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Airport/Aviation Center</b>								
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>





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<b>Highways and Streets</b>								
4311	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	06	\$351,547	\$286,463	\$349,687	\$0	\$349,687	\$0
4313	Bridges	06	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	06	\$3,000	\$3,189	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
4319	Other	06	\$91,900	\$128,355	\$97,500	\$0	\$97,500	\$0
		<b>Highways and Streets Subtotal</b>	<b>\$447,447</b>	<b>\$418,007</b>	<b>\$451,187</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$451,187</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Sanitation</b>								
4321	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	06	\$56,900	\$53,183	\$62,100	\$0	\$62,100	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup	06	\$2,000	\$1,907	\$7,300	\$0	\$7,300	\$0
4326-4329	Sewage Collection, Disposal and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		<b>Sanitation Subtotal</b>	<b>\$58,900</b>	<b>\$55,090</b>	<b>\$69,400</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$69,400</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment</b>								
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
		<b>Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Electric</b>								
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
		<b>Electric Subtotal</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>



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<b>Health</b>								
4411	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4414	Pest Control	06	\$850	\$536	\$800	\$0	\$800	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	06	\$6,720	\$6,220	\$6,253	\$0	\$6,253	\$0
	<b>Health Subtotal</b>		<b>\$7,570</b>	<b>\$6,756</b>	<b>\$7,053</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$7,053</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Welfare</b>								
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	06	\$0	\$0	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other		\$4,000	\$418	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Welfare Subtotal</b>		<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$418</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>								
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	06	\$1,850	\$1,557	\$1,850	\$0	\$1,850	\$0
4550-4559	Library	06	\$39,780	\$39,780	\$39,780	\$0	\$39,780	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	06	\$225	\$225	\$225	\$0	\$225	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	06	\$9,500	\$5,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
	<b>Culture and Recreation Subtotal</b>		<b>\$51,355</b>	<b>\$46,562</b>	<b>\$42,855</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$42,855</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Conservation and Development</b>								
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	06	\$700	\$549	\$700	\$0	\$700	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	06	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Conservation and Development Subtotal</b>		<b>\$2,700</b>	<b>\$2,549</b>	<b>\$2,700</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,700</b>	<b>\$0</b>



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<b>Debt Service</b>								
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
	<b>Debt Service Subtotal</b>		<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>								
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	06	\$207,556	\$187,122	\$47,556	\$0	\$47,556	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	06	\$682,720	\$700,413	\$442,524	\$0	\$442,524	\$0
	<b>Capital Outlay Subtotal</b>		<b>\$890,276</b>	<b>\$887,535</b>	<b>\$490,080</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$490,080</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>								
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	06	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Operating Transfers Out Subtotal</b>		<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
	<b>Total Operating Budget Appropriations</b>		<b>\$1,749,081</b>	<b>\$1,685,324</b>	<b>\$1,333,663</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,333,663</b>	<b>\$0</b>



Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	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)
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	05	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Truck purchase</i>						
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	07	\$0	\$0	\$8,000	\$0	\$8,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Fund Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund</i>						
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	08	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Fund Bridge CRF</i>						
<b>Total Proposed Special Articles</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$68,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$68,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>



Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	09	\$0	\$0	\$47,914	\$0	\$47,914	\$0
<i>Purpose: Truck purchase</i>								
<b>Total Proposed Individual Articles</b>			\$0	\$0	\$47,914	\$0	\$47,914	\$0



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
<b>Taxes</b>					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	06	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	06	\$23,290	\$15,000	\$15,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax	06	\$21	\$20	\$20
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	06	\$28,484	\$30,000	\$30,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Taxes Subtotal</b>			<b>\$51,795</b>	<b>\$48,020</b>	<b>\$48,020</b>
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees</b>					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits		\$285	\$0	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	06	\$175,193	\$151,950	\$151,950
3230	Building Permits	06	\$785	\$700	\$700
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	06	\$3,010	\$2,760	\$2,760
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal</b>			<b>\$179,273</b>	<b>\$155,410</b>	<b>\$155,410</b>
<b>State Sources</b>					
3351	Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	06	\$46,238	\$46,000	\$46,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	06	\$146,492	\$145,800	\$145,800
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	06	\$133	\$133	\$133
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		\$7,259	\$0	\$0
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>State Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$200,122</b>	<b>\$191,933</b>	<b>\$191,933</b>



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
<b>Charges for Services</b>					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	06	\$4,861	\$4,200	\$4,200
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Charges for Services Subtotal</b>			<b>\$4,861</b>	<b>\$4,200</b>	<b>\$4,200</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	06	\$102,741	\$1,000	\$1,000
3502	Interest on Investments	06	\$1,029	\$800	\$800
3503-3509	Other	06	\$6,439	\$2,220	\$2,220
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal</b>			<b>\$110,209</b>	<b>\$4,020</b>	<b>\$4,020</b>
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In</b>					
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		\$0	\$0	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$8,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal</b>			<b>\$8,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	05, 08, 09	\$0	\$97,914	\$97,914
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Other Financing Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$97,914</b>	<b>\$97,914</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues and Credits</b>			<b>\$554,260</b>	<b>\$501,497</b>	<b>\$501,497</b>



Budget Summary

Item	Prior Year	Selectmen's Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Ensuing FY (Recommended)
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$1,427,081	\$1,333,663	\$1,333,663
Special Warrant Articles	\$318,000	\$68,000	\$68,000
Individual Warrant Articles	\$12,000	\$47,914	\$47,914
Total Appropriations	\$1,757,081	\$1,449,577	\$1,449,577
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$816,881	\$501,497	\$501,497
<b>Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>\$940,200</b>	<b>\$948,080</b>	<b>\$948,080</b>



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TOWN OF ACWORTH  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES  
March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Elections – 10:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Absentee ballots opened at 3:00 p.m. finished at 3:10 p.m.  
Polls closed at 7:30 began counting ballots  
Counts given to Town Clerk to complete necessary paperwork,  
finished at 9:00 p.m.

Due to blizzard conditions on March 14<sup>th</sup>, the  
Business Meeting was held on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Selectmen – One person for three-year term  
**James Jennison** 66

Tax Collector - One person for one-year term  
**Marianne Nevelson** 87

Treasurer - One person for one-year term  
**Melinda Loiselle** 91

Local Auditor 1 for one-year term  
**Lisa DeValk** 85

Trustee of Trust Funds – On Person for three-year term  
**Tim Perry** 84

Cemetery Trustee – One Person for three-year term  
**Lillie LeBlanc (write-in)** 13

Library Trustee – One person for three-year term  
**Alva Grant** 88  
**Guy Russell** 86

Planning Board – Two Persons for three-year term  
**Michael Aron** 76  
**Joseph Fedora** 66

Budget Committee – Two persons for three-year term  
**Judy Aron** 43  
**Susan Metsack** 76

Supervisor of the Checklist–One person for six-year term  
**Marianne Nevelson** 89

**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.”

**Results of ballots cast:**

YES 79 NO 13

**ARTICLE TWO PASSED**

**Moderator John Luther called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at the Acworth Town Hall. John announced again for any voter that did not have their secret ballots to obtain them at this time from the Supervisors of the checklist. John went over a few rules of how the meeting would be conducted. His expectations were that in all discussions, people would be respectful to one another. He then asked all to stand and join him in the pledge of allegiance.**

**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 three moved by Ken Grant. Seconded by Judy Aron. With no discussion, article three was moved to vote by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE THREE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

**Article four moved by Jim Brown. Seconded by Bill Brodne. With no discussion, article four was moved to vote by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE FOUR PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**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 five moved by Mike Aron. Seconded by Jim Jennison.  
With no discussion, article five was moved to vote by voice vote.**

#### **ARTICLE FIVE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**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 six moved by Henry Sipple. Seconded by Ed Metsack.  
After some discussion, article six was moved to vote by voice vote.**

#### **ARTICLE SIX PASSED**

**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 seven moved by Jim Brown. Seconded by Mike Aron.  
After some discussion, article seven was moved to vote by voice vote.**

#### **ARTICLE SEVEN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**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 eight moved by Linda Christie. Seconded by Terry Berntsen.  
With no discussion, article seven was moved to vote by voice vote.**

#### **ARTICLE EIGHT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**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 nine moved by Bruce Bascom. Seconded by Sandra Binion. After much discussion, David Bascom motioned to move the question. Seconded by Jay Phinizy. Moving the question passed by voice vote. Article nine was moved to vote by voice vote.**

#### **ARTICLE NINE PASSED**

**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 ten moved by Jim Jennison. Seconded by Bill Brodne. After much discussion, Jim Jennison motioned to move the question. Seconded by David Bascom. Moving the question passed by voice vote. Article ten was moved to vote by voice vote.**

#### **ARTICLE TEN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**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 eleven moved by Ed Metsack. Seconded by Henry Sipple. After much discussion, Linda Christie motioned to move the question. Seconded by Mike Aron. Moving the question passed by voice vote. Petition received to request secret ballot vote. Moderator announced to vote by secret ballot and to use letter "A". Meeting recessed briefly to count ballots.**

**Results of ballots cast:**

**YES 11 NO 78  
ARTICLE ELEVEN DEFEATED**

**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 twelve moved by Linda Christie. Seconded by Jim Jennison.**

**After much discussion, John Balla motioned to amend the article to add the following wording to the end of the paragraph “No property to be disposed of for less than the appraised value or the legally entitled value of taxes, interests and fees without an affirmative vote at town meeting”. Seconded by Pete Toner.**

**After some discussion on the amendment Moderator moved to vote by voice vote on the amendment.**

**Amendment was defeated.**

**With no further discussion, article twelve was moved to vote by voice vote.**

## **ARTICLE TWELVE PASSED**

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

**Frank Emig gave thanks to Steve Holt for his six years of service on the Select Board and asked everyone to give him a round of applause.**

**Mike Aron wanted to recognize Wes Cubberly and the great job he has done on the Planning Board.**

**Linda Christie mentioned there were pies in the back of the room for sale to benefit the Acworth Sestercentennial.**

**With no further business, Henry Sipple motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mike Aron.**

**Adjourning the business meeting went to voice vote. Passed unanimously.**

**Moderator announced at 9:06 p.m. that the business meeting was adjourned.**

**Respectfully submitted by,**

**Charlotte Comeau  
Acworth Town Clerk**



**2017**  
**\$26.92**

## Tax Rate Breakdown Acworth

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$962,054	\$97,974,100	<b>\$9.82</b>
County	\$302,830	\$97,974,100	<b>\$3.09</b>
Local Education	\$1,149,082	\$97,974,100	<b>\$11.73</b>
State Education	\$218,214	\$95,657,100	<b>\$2.28</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,632,180</b>		<b>\$26.92</b>

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
<b>Total</b>			

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$2,632,180
War Service Credits	(\$7,700)
Village District Tax Effort	\$0
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$2,624,480

Stephan Hamilton Director of Municipal and Property Division New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration	10/19/2017
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TOWN OF ACWORTH  
MULTI-YEAR TAX RATE COMPARISON

11/27/2017

Rate per \$1,000	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	after reval 2011	pre reval 2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Town tax	9.82	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	11.10	10.66	9.69	9.24	8.79	8.65	7.92	7.55	7.55	7.12	6.85
State school tax	2.28	2.89	2.48	2.66	2.44	2.58	2.51	2.15	2.15	2.38	2.15	2.00
County tax	3.09	2.89	3.04	3.19	3.30	2.86	3.20	2.92	2.72	2.65	2.82	2.11
	26.92	26.33	25.21	23.85	22.62	21.66	21.19	19.24	19.49	19.05	19.14	17.59
<b>Taxes per \$100,000 of assessed value</b>												
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	100,000.00
Town taxes	982.00	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	1,173.00	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	228.00	289.00	248.00	266.00	244.00	258.00	251.00	215.00	215.00	238.00	215.00	200.00
County taxes	2,692.00	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
<b>Town valuation summary (per MS-1)</b>												
Land only												
current use	1,363,800	\$ 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
residential	33,038,400	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	722,600	745,700	874,700	874,700	874,700	906,300	906,300	995,100	962,700	364,700	364,700	364,700
subtotal	35,124,800	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	56,948,700	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	1,260,600	1,212,100	1,256,300	1,200,100	1,229,900	1,391,200	1,421,400	1,621,600	1,385,600	1,381,600	1,429,600	1,427,500
commercial	2,536,800	2,975,900	2,475,000	2,461,800	302,200	3,811,800	2,684,400	2,153,000	2,212,200	2,212,200	2,165,300	2,176,200
subtotal	60,746,100	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	2,317,000	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	98,187,900	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)	(13,800)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(15,000)
Elderly exempt	(200,000)	(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	97,974,100	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	(2,317,000)	(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	95,657,100	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
<b>Change in town valuation</b>												
Town valuation	98,187,900	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	726,382	1,540,140	385,247	203,191	(1,450,884)	1,796,062	(10,365,408)	1,548,844	1,737,991	366,255	910,470	(1,265,244)

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Detailed Statements of Receipts for 2017

	<u>Jan - Dec 17</u>
<b>3100 Received from tax collector</b>	\$ 2,648,550.38
See tax collector report for breakdown of details	
Bounced check not replaced	-
	<u>2,648,550.38</u>
<b>3200 Received from town clerk</b>	177,273.25
See town clerk report for breakdown of details	
Bounced check not replaced	-
	<u>177,273.25</u>
<b>3319 From Federal sources</b>	
3319.1 FEMA funds for road repairs	-
<b>3350 From State sources</b>	
3352 Meals and rooms distribution	46,237.91
3353 Highway block grant	146,492.24
3356 Forest land reimbursement	132.64
3359.2 Other State grants	7,259.19
	<u>200,121.98</u>
<b>3400 Revenue from services</b>	
3404 Transfer station fees	4,861.00
<b>3500 Miscellaneous sources</b>	
3501.1 Sale of Municipal properties	102,191.06
3501.2 Cemetery lot sales	550.00
3501.3 Gove lot timber sales	-
3502.1 Interest income on deposits	1,029.35
3503.1 Rent of town property	230.00
3506.1 Welfare lien reimbursements	-
3506.2 Dividend NH Municipal Assoc.	-
3506.3 Insurance proceeds	-
3508.1 Miscellaneous gifts	-
3509.1 Income from departments	2,231.63
3509.21 Recycling proceeds-paper	359.42
3509.22 Recycling proceeds-metal	2,618.86
3509.24 Electronics	-
3509.25 Planet Aid	240.60
3509.26 Batteries	628.20
3509.6 Reimbursed legal fees	-
3509.7 Reimbursed overpayments	130.00
3230.2 Building permits	785.00
3292.1 Driveway permit fees	240.00
3292.2 Planning board fees	545.00
3292.3 Sale of histories and maps	360.00
3292.5 Miscellaneous fees	70.00
3292.7 Equipment purchase reimbursement	-
	<u>112,209.12</u>
<b>3915 From special revenue funds</b>	
3915.2 Transfer from capital reserves for equipment	80,000.00
3915.4 Transfer from capital reserves for reval/maps	-
3915.7 Transfer from capital reserves for bridges	100,000.00
	<u>180,000.00</u>
<b>3916 Trust and agency funds</b>	
3916.1 Cemetery trust funds	-
<b>3917 Transfers from Conservation funds</b>	
3917.1 Transfers from forest maintenance funds	8,000.00
<b>Voted from fund balance</b>	<u>109,578.29</u>

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Total cash receipts for 2017 3,440,594.02



# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2017

	Jan - Dec 17
<b>4130 Town officers' salaries</b>	
Selectmen - Frank Emig	\$ 2,000.00
Selectmen - David Goodwin	2,000.00
Selectmen - Jim Jennison	2,000.00
Treasurer - Melinda Loiselle	2,499.90
Deputy treasurer - Greta Perry	1,000.00
Tax collector - Marianne Nevelson	5,846.13
Deputy tax collector - Linda Lacasse	2,153.81
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
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	27,749.72
<b>4140 Elections and vital statistics</b>	
Stipends-election officials	1,207.00
Checklists	-
Miscellaneous	128.06
Postage	-
Public notices	44.32
Training	60.00
Vital record fees	153.00
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	1,592.38
<b>4150 Town office expenses</b>	
Wages-administrative assistant	44,099.90
IRA substitute	1,823.80
Wages-office help	71.25
Health insurance	5,998.37
Computer, software and support	1,859.16
Deed office recording fees	-
Dues to Associations	1,075.00
Miscellaneous	150.91
Office equipment	731.30
Office supplies	1,291.03
Outside consultants	118.08
Postage	673.40
Public notices	44.99
Services of forester	543.50
Telephone	1,446.90
Tax collector expenses	5,449.72
Town clerk expenses	2,900.44
Town reports and Town Meeting	731.20
Trustees of Trust Funds expense	25.50
Workshops and training	32.01
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	69,066.46
<b>4152 Revaluation of property</b>	
Property assessing	6,988.84
Mapping	2,150.00
Revaluation maintenance	-
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	9,138.84
<b>4153 Legal expenses</b>	
Compliance	15,635.44
General Services	2,918.20
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	18,553.64

# TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

## Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2017

	<u>Jan - Dec 17</u>
<b>4155 Payroll tax expenses</b>	
Payroll taxes-cleaning/shoveling	137.65
Payroll taxes-dump attendant	1,008.92
Payroll taxes-election officials	92.32
Payroll taxes-forest fires	-
Payroll taxes-highway	13,432.21
Payroll taxes-planning board	114.30
Payroll taxes-road projects	361.29
Payroll taxes-town office	3,524.04
Payroll taxes-town officials	2,122.83
Payroll taxes expenses - other	<u>5.98</u>
	20,799.54
<b>4191 Planning and zoning</b>	
Wages - planning board	1,495.00
Miscellaneous expenses	24.70
Public notices	221.52
Recording and other expenses	96.24
Training	<u>110.00</u>
	1,947.46
<b>4194 Town hall expenses</b>	
Building compliance	1,002.46
Wages - cleaning and shoveling	1,772.97
Electricity	969.94
Fuel oil	2,477.48
Mowing	1,831.00
Repairs	3,100.80
Supplies	<u>211.19</u>
	11,365.84
<b>4195 Cemeteries</b>	
Corner markers	200.00
Hearse storage	280.00
Lawn Care	6,125.00
Miscellaneous expenses	-
Monument repair	3,000.00
Old cemetery	-
Tree work	<u>5,320.00</u>
	14,925.00
<b>4196 Insurance</b>	
Property and general liability	14,759.00
State unemployment insurance	2,899.00
Workmens compensation	<u>7,763.16</u>
	25,421.16
<b>4197 Regional planning associations</b>	
UVLSRPC annual dues	1,198.40

# TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

## Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2017

	Jan - Dec 17
<b>4210 Police</b>	
Contract services	130.00
Dispatch	3,400.00
	<hr/> 3,530.00
<b>4215 Ambulance</b>	9,600.00
<b>4220 Fire &amp; Rescue services</b>	39,577.00
<b>4290 Emergency management</b>	
Fire pond maintenance	-
Wages-forest fires	1,948.21
Forest fires-other costs	-
Planning and mitigation	-
FEMA grant expense - road repairs	-
	<hr/> 1,948.21
<b>4312 Highway maintenance</b>	
Wages-highway	170,068.96
IRA substitute	4,693.48
Health insurance	19,000.03
Crack sealing	-
Culverts	16,264.30
Emergency plowing	2,642.50
Equipment lease	-
Equipment rental	-
Calcium chloride	-
Materials	3,215.86
Miscellaneous	750.64
Pot hole repair	112.00
Roadside mowing	8,500.00
Road grading	-
Road signs	423.16
Salt	39,635.79
Small maintenance projects	3,738.42
Tree work	-
Trucking	17,418.00
	<hr/> 286,463.14
<b>4313 Bridge repairs</b>	-
<b>4316 Street lighting</b>	3,188.53
<b>4319 Highway - general expenses</b>	
Building compliance	301.70
Building maintenance	2,832.84
Diesel fuel	20,897.05
Drug testing	2,033.44
Electricity	3,447.16
Emergency tow	578.55
Gas	1,810.14
Heating fuel	5,996.45
Miscellaneous	262.73
New equipment	2,016.71
Radio communication	990.18
Repairs, parts	72,350.72
Safety	9,045.42
Shop supplies	3,138.48
Telephone	2,253.16
Training	400.00
	<hr/> 128,354.73

# TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

## Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2017

	<u>Jan - Dec 17</u>
<b>4324 Solid waste</b>	
Wages-dump attendant	13,260.68
Capital improvements	3,125.00
Comingle bin w/o glass	3,130.25
Compactor truck/rent/disposal	19,065.44
Demolition disposal fees	6,471.91
Electricity	812.64
Electronics recycling	-
Equipment	-
Fluorescent disposal	-
Freon extraction	-
Glass/ceramic disposal	1,058.10
Hazardous waste disposal	50.00
Metal disposal fees	1,140.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
Mixed paper disposal	2,654.10
Propane	-
Repair, maintenance, and permitting	322.90
Safety	270.95
Telephone	426.17
Tire disposal	828.25
Training	466.99
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	53,183.38
<b>4325 Landfill closure</b>	
Monitoring and maintenance	1,906.79
<b>4414 Animal control</b>	
Dog tags	91.93
State fees	319.50
Vet and boarding	124.44
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	535.87
<b>4415 Health and other agencies</b>	
Alstead Food Shelf	1,000.00
Big Brother Big Sister	250.00
Community Alliance of Human Services	-
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	643.00
West Central Behavioral Health	800.00
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	6,220.00
<b>4445 Welfare</b>	418.40
<b>4520 Recreation</b>	
Electricity	150.23
Mowing	1,265.00
Portable toilet	142.00
Program expense	-
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	1,557.23

# TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

## Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2017

	Jan - Dec 17
<b>4550 Library</b>	
Wages-library	23,016.94
Payroll taxes-library	1,757.26
Lawn maintenance	995.00
Miscellaneous	20.50
Library appropriation paid	<u>13,990.30</u>
	39,780.00
<b>4583 Memorial Day expenses</b>	225.00
<b>4589 Other culture and recreation</b>	
Sestercentennial	-
Other	<u>5,000.00</u>
	5,000.00
<b>4611 Conservation commission</b>	
CC association dues	266.00
Crescent Lake testing	228.00
Miscellaneous expenses	<u>55.00</u>
	549.00
<b>4619 Conservation preservation</b>	
Crescent Lake Milfoil Committee	2,000.00
<b>4902 Machinery, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>	
2015 Western Start truck	36,156.84
Equipment lease - excavator	-
Equipment lease - roller	11,386.80
Equipment-compactior	<u>-</u>
	47,543.64
<b>4909 Improvements other than buildings</b>	
Gravel crushing	75,000.00
Culvert replacement	94,897.97
Wages - road projects	928.02
Charlestown Road, section B	-
Crane Brook Road	356,364.83
Derry Hill Road	1,974.50
Town pit development	720.00
Town properties	<u>820.00</u>
	530,705.32
<b>4912 To special revenue funds</b>	
Cemetery lot sales reimbursement	-
<b>4915 To capital reserve funds</b>	
Capital reserve - bridges	-
Capital reserve - highway equipment	-
Capital reserve - revaluation	<u>8,000.00</u>
	8,000.00
<b>4916 To expendable cemetery trust fund</b>	
Transfers to trustees of trust funds	-
<b>Warrant Articles Voted</b>	
Grader replacement	139,578.29
Allen Road Bridge	169,707.25
AVFR	<u>12,000.00</u>
	321,285.54
<b>Total appropriation disbursements for 2017</b>	<u>\$ 1,693,330.22</u>

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Detailed Statement of Non-appropriation Disbursements 2017

	<b>Jan - Dec 17</b>
4931 Sullivan County	\$ 302,830.00
4933 FM Regional School District	1,368,441.00
4199 Tax collector abatements and overpayments refunded	2,135.41
Tax collector liens on unpaid taxes	-
CC - Conservation Commission expenses	500.00
CC - Hamblett land purchase	-
FMF - Forest maintenance plan expense	-
FMF - Forest maintenance transfers to general fund	8,000.00
<b>Total non-appropriation disbursements for 2017</b>	<b>\$ 1,681,906.41</b>

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Summary of Conservation Commission accounts for 2017

#### Conservation commission savings account

Beginning balance 1/1/17	\$ 5,114.75
Wetlands survey	\$ -
Orchard school scholarship	(500.00)
Hamblett land purchase	-
Interest income	2.41
Ending balance 12/31/17	\$ 4,617.16

#### Cons. Comm. forest maintenance savings account

Beginning balance 1/1/17	\$ 12,122.36
Timber sale proceeds	-
Timber bond reimbursement	-
Interest income	3.18
Transfer to general fund	(8,000.00)
Ending balance 12/31/17	\$ 4,125.54

**Town of Acworth**  
**Balance Sheets (General Fund, Comparative)**  
**December 31, 2017 and 2016**

	<b>31-Dec 2017</b>	<b>31-Dec 2016</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents		
Checking	\$ (37,530.81)	\$ (100,367.51)
Money market	1,122,198.66	980,647.42
Savings - Conservation Commission	4,617.16	5,114.75
Savings - Forest Maintenance Fund	4,125.54	12,122.36
Petty cash	150.00	150.00
Savings - performance bonds	1,500.00	1,500.00
	1,095,060.55	899,167.02
Taxes receivable		
Taxes receivable - property tax	202,233.48	194,137.33
Taxes receivable - timber yield tax	-	1,146.21
Tax liens receivable - 2012 levy	-	-
Tax liens receivable - 2013 levy	2,804.73	3,085.05
Tax liens receivable - 2014 levy	7,419.19	5,063.52
Tax liens receivable - 2015 levy	34,672.40	33,876.23
Tax liens receivable - 2016 levy	54,853.24	54,067.08
Allowance for abatements-property tax	56,364.00	56,364.00
	358,347.04	347,739.42
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,453,407.59	\$ 1,246,906.44
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Social Security Medicare, withheld & accrued	-	-
Deferred revenue - Prepaid property taxes	63,582.00	-
Deferred revenue - Unanticipated grants	72,086.46	-
School district payable	685,938.00	565,890.00
Fairpoint	56,364.00	56,364.00
Performance bond refundable	2,500.00	2,500.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	880,470.46	624,754.00
<b>Fund equity</b>		
Fund equity - unassigned	476,831.45	425,184.05
Fund equity - encumbered		
Encumbered - 2016 Horse Sheds	-	5,000.00
Encumbered - 2016 Sestercentennial	-	4,500.00
Encumbered - 2017 Beryl Mt Road Grind	22,000.00	-
Fund equity - Conservation Comm.	4,617.16	5,114.75
Fund equity - Forest Maintenance	4,125.54	12,122.36
Potential Net Income	65,362.98	170,231.28
	572,937.13	622,152.44
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 1,453,407.59	\$ 1,246,906.44

## 2017 Tax Collector's Report

The Board of Selectmen issued warrants for the collection of 2017 property taxes in the amount of \$2,623,767.00. Tax Collector remitted to Town Treasurer \$2,422,906.17 in 2017 tax payments, 92.3 % which is about the same as 2016 92.5%. The Town received prepayments on 2018 Property taxes in the amount of \$63,582.00.

In addition I received a warrant for 2017 Yield Taxes in the amount of \$21,357.75. On 12/31/2017 the balance due on 2017 yield taxes was \$0.00.

I will mail the delinquency notice for the 2017 Taxes in early February, 2018 to delinquent taxpayers alerting them to their delinquency and to notify them of the lien date for 2017 Taxes: August 6, 2018.

All properties with uncollected 2017 taxes on August 6, 2018 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 2015 is scheduled for tax deeding on October 29, 2018. 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 places you in a stronger position when a tax deed decision has to be made.

In 2017, 36 real estate liens for the levy of 2016 were executed. 5 Tax payers were scheduled for Tax Deeding. 3 Waivers were issued to the Tax Collector by the Board of Selectmen for payment plans and 2 Tax Deeds were executed.

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 bill has been redesigned. The black borders have been eliminated. The Tax Bills “look” very friendly.

Thank you, taxpayers for your prompt payments, your cooperation and your good cheer.

Marianne W Nevelson  
Tax Collector



Town of Acworth

COLLECTOR'S TRIAL BALANCE REPORT

Levy	Invoice Description	Ath	Issue	Beginning Balance	New Charges	Payments	Other Credits	Refunds	Ending Balance
2018	PROPERTY CREDIT MEMOS					-63,582.00			-63,582.00
2017	PROPERTY TAXES				2,623,767.00	-2,422,906.17		1,439.00	202,299.83
	TAKEN BY DEED (INV)						-6,272.00		-6,272.00
	INTEREST CHARGES				1,547.44	-1,547.44			
2016	PROPERTY TAXES			186,099.24	7,727.00	-112,789.33			81,036.91
	CONVERT TO LIEN - TAXES					-71,412.21			-71,412.21
	TAX ABATEMENTS						-9,624.70		-9,624.70
	INTEREST CHARGES				12,376.18	-12,376.18			
	OTHER CHARGES			25.00	228.00	-234.00			19.00
	CONVERT TO LIEN - CHRGS					-19.00			-19.00
2017	YIELD TAXES				21,357.75	-21,357.75			
	INTEREST CHARGES				16.25	-16.25			
2016	YIELD TAXES			1,146.21	785.78	-1,931.99			
	INTEREST CHARGES				29.54	-29.54			
2016	EXCAVATION TAXES				20.96	-20.96			
2016	TAX LIENS				79,494.01	-18,316.12			61,177.89
	TAKEN BY DEED (INV)						-6,835.65		-6,835.65
	INTEREST CHARGES				446.60	-446.60			
	OTHER CHARGES				595.00	-84.00			511.00
2015	TAX LIENS			53,499.08		-12,928.47			40,570.61
	TAKEN BY DEED (INV)						-6,216.21		-6,216.21
	INTEREST CHARGES				3,294.77	-3,218.68			76.09
	OTHER CHARGES			568.00	-27.00	-299.09			241.91
2014	TAX LIENS			33,608.23		-20,049.15			13,559.08
	TAKEN BY DEED (INV)						-6,248.39		-6,248.39
	INTEREST CHARGES			66.02	7,505.43	-8,159.36		642.16	54.25
	OTHER CHARGES			201.98	482.75	-684.73		54.25	54.25
2013	TAX LIENS			4,955.52		-2,204.79			2,750.73
	INTEREST CHARGES			54.00	1,416.43	-1,416.43			54.00
	OTHER CHARGES			54.00		-54.00			
2012	TAX LIENS			3,058.55		-3,058.55			
	INTEREST CHARGES			26.50	459.48	-485.98			
2010	TAX LIENS			-28.75					-28.75
	OTHER CHARGES			28.75					28.75
2016	COSTS NOT LIENED				1,390.00				1,390.00
	CONVERT TO LIEN - TAXES					-1,390.00			-1,390.00
	***** Grand Totals			283,362.33	2,762,913.37	-2,781,018.77	-35,196.95	2,135.41	232,195.39

## 2017 Town Clerk Report

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 Acworth website at [www.acworthnh.net](http://www.acworthnh.net).

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 2018. The 2017 license will expire on April 30th. Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Acworth website, scroll down and select the appropriate icon and follow the step-by-step instructions.



You will need 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.

Be sure to check out the town website at [www.acworthnh.net](http://www.acworthnh.net) if you haven't already. We have added a lot of new information this year.

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

## 2017 TOWN CLERK REPORT

(Continued)

### MOTOR VEHICLES

Vehicle Registrations	167,415.00
Clerk Fees	2,998.00
Title Fees	444.00
Title Transfer Fees	345.00
Municipal Agent Fee	3,595.00
E-Convenience Fee	166.50
E-Log Fee	48.75
Returned Check Fees	<u>75.00</u>
	<b>175,087.25</b>

### DOGS

Licenses Issued: **200**

Town Fees	756.00
State Fees	363.00
Late Fees	<u>66.00</u>
	<b>1,185.00</b>

### MARRIAGES

Licenses Issued: **3**

Town Fees	36.00
State Fees	<u>114.00</u>
	<b>150.00</b>

### FILING FEES

Vital Record Copies **6**

Town Fees	40.00
State Fees	45.00
UCC	<u>285.00</u>
	<b>370.00</b>

### MISCELLANEOUS

NH Statewide Checklist	<b>300.00</b>
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**REMITTED TO TREASURER** **177,092.25**

## 2017 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:

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	
Town Forest 211-1,201-135	121,700	
Owner unknown 222-21	8,300	
Farnsworth (Ball field) 222-4	52,800	
Buss Lot 226-1	8,400	
Champney 226-6	31,900	
Wunsch 229-17	141,500	
Onofrio 229-30	34,200	
Paige Wilson 229-36	34,600	
Paige Wilson 229-36.1	91,500	
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	\$1,397,900

### Land Acquired Through Gift or Purchase:

Pierce Brook 209-7	47,000	
Ward 218-4	22,300	
Town Wetlands 225-6,226-9	6,300	
Conservation Associates 225-7	62,900	
Hamblet 226-8.1	3,500	
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	\$295,300

**Total**

**\$2,212,800**

## 2017 Selectmen's Report

During 2017 the Selectmen oversaw replacement of the bridge on Allen Road and the 1983 grader, paving on Crane Brook Road, updating of employee and safety policies, what is hoped will be the end of the Connecticut Heights Road junkyard compliance matter and provided support to the Sestercentennial Committee's gala celebration.

Although both the Allen Road Bridge and Crane Brook Road paving were contracted for with outside companies, satisfactory completion required attention from the Board and Highway Supervisor Ed Babneau. Projects the size of those require on the ground monitoring despite competent contractors. That daily monitoring fell largely to Ed who reported back to the Board on a regular basis.

Safety was brought starkly to the forefront by a fatal accident suffered by a contractor working for the Town in June. Although responsibility has remained with the contractor the incident caused the Board and Highway Department to reexamine Town equipment and training. That incident and other matters which surfaced during the year resulted in a review of job descriptions, employee standards of conduct and drug testing. While recent years have been characterized by personnel changes the end of 2017 was notable for a crew which works well and conscientiously together.

The 5 year old issue of an unlicensed junkyard on Connecticut Heights Road is poised to be resolved in January 2018. Following court appeals of each step in the process, the Town expects to be in the position of overseeing a cleanup with the property owner.

The Board offered its support and its appreciation to the Sestercentennial Committee for carrying out a yearlong plan to help the Town honor its history. While events marked each month the August parade and fair exceeded all of our hopes and expectations. It was a testament to the talents and cooperative spirit of all Acworthians.

David Goodwin resigned from the Board effective January 8, 2018 due to personal reasons. State statute outlines that the remaining Selectmen appoint someone to fill the vacancy until the next election which occurs with the March Town Meeting. At that time the appointee and any other resident who has filed for the position will be voted in for a three year term. Selectmen are charged in State statute with oversight of the prudential affairs of the Town. This includes authorization of payments, establishing Town policies, oversight of departments and assessing, and building permitting. It often requires more than many realize. The Town is fortunate that residents come forward to participate in its government.

Acworth Board of Selectmen, Frank Emig and Jim Jennison

## 2017 Highway Department Report

The Department maintained the gravel roads and monitored and worked around the edges of replacement of the Allen Road Bridge and scores of culverts and the paving on Crane Brook Road.

We suffered a major setback following the fatal accident to one of the Town's outside contractors in June. Aside from the emotional stress of an incident like that we looked at all of our own equipment and procedures and made some seriously needed upgrades. The crew attended a multi-day safety course and recommitted to the practices which keep us all safe working around heavy equipment and earth moving.

Despite the best engineering both the Allen Road Bridge and Crane Brook Road paving required work on our part. At Allen Road paving gaps needed filling and guardrails correctly situated. On Crane Brook preliminary culvert work and follow up negotiations for shoulder work all took time.

Our biggest challenge all year involved equipment failure. There was not a week in which one truck or machine was not in need of work in our garage or an outside repair shop. All of this takes time away from actual work on the roads and costs the Town money. Our parts and repairs budget was almost double what it should have been in 2017. Because of that and because the Town received extra State Highway Block Grant money in 2017 we hope to replace two of our most unreliable trucks in 2018.

On the bright side Earl Kathan came on late last winter and devoted time to taking and passing testing for a trailer endorsement to his CDL license. This allows us to move our equipment without outside help. In addition to helping with plowing Scott Sanchas has worked on a number of vehicle maintenance projects in the garage which saves time transporting and Lester Tallman rejoined the crew this winter. Lester has worked for the department before and knows our equipment and plow routes. Rodney Dupuis and Bob Stocker have stayed with us as summer seasonal help.

We can't not mention the new grader. With help from Brian Clough we were able to evaluate it before buying. We said goodbye to the 1983 grader and have had good luck so far with the new to us 2005 John Deere.

The Garage phone hasn't changed, 835-6866. The messages are checked regularly and requests are addressed as soon as possible. We all appreciate your support.  
Acworth Highway Department, Ed Babneau, Supervisor

## 2017 Solid Waste Report

Waste_disposed	Type	Shipments	Tons	Cost	Income
	MSW	20	207.51	\$19,065	
	C&D	10	65.71	\$6,471	
	Hazardous	1		\$50	
	Tires	1		\$426	
<b>Waste recycled</b>					
	Comingle***	11	25.49	\$3,130	
	Bulbs				
	Electronics				
	Glass	2	18.69	\$1,058	
	Metal	8		\$1,140	\$2,618
	Paper**	12	30.73	\$2,654	\$359
	Planet Aid	4			\$240

### Measurable tonnage shipped for disposal

Municipal Solid Waste (Household Refuse)	207.5 tons
Construction and Demolition Debris and Bulky Waste	65.7 tons
Tires	
Total	273.2 tons

<u>Measurable recyclables shipped for processing *</u>	<u>74.9 tons</u>
Grand Total: Waste and Recyclables	348.1 tons

Recycling as a percentage of measurable tonnage\*\*\*\* 21.5%

\* Excluding propane tanks and incidental recyclables. Some tonnages 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

## 2017 Trustees of Trust Funds Report

On June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Alston Barrett, Chairman of Trustees of Trust Fund, lost his life in a pedestrian accident. He left a big gap and it took some time to recover from this shock and reorganize.

Tim Perry called for a meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to welcome Torrey Greene as a Trustee and to elect Paul Auger as acting chairman until new election for officers in 2018. The Trustees held four meetings in 2017: February 13<sup>th</sup>, June 26<sup>th</sup>, September 7<sup>th</sup>, and December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

The Trustees held in Trust for the Town of Acworth \$518,903.26 on 1/1/2017. This balance is allocated to 4 major categories of Trust Funds: Capital Reserve Funds: \$226,504.33, Cemetery Trust Funds \$134,265.91, Library Trust funds \$93,038.96, and Mitchell & Jeffrey Trust Funds \$65,094.16.

The Trustees disbursed to the Town of Acworth \$100,000.00 for the Allen Road bridge repair as per article 7 of the March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Town Warrant and \$80,000.00 for purchase of a used grader as per article 9 of the March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Town Warrant. The Library received \$240.00 in interest earnings.

The Trustee received \$8000.00 from the Town of Acworth for deposit in the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund established in 2010 as per article 8 of the Town Warrant of March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

The Funds in Trust earned \$3247.37 in interest through 11-30-2017.

On 11-30-2017 the Trustees held \$349,910.73 in Trust for the Town: Capital Reserve Funds: \$55,591.38, Cemetery Trust Funds: \$135,259.79, Library Trust Funds \$93,484.59, Mitchell & Jeffrey Trust Funds \$65,574.97.

In 2018 the Trustees are planning to revisit the possibility of investing in equities.

Trustees of Trust Funds  
Paul Auger  
Torrey Greene  
Tim Perry



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	Expended During Year	Balance Year End	Grand Total
n/a	Highway Equipment	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP	76,501.29	0.00	0.00	76,501.29	0.00	5,038.96	417.49	3,498.71	1,957.74	1,957.74
n/a	Dump Closure	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP	8,194.57	0.00	0.00	8,194.57	0.00	2,215.28	85.79	0.00	2,301.07	10,495.64
n/a	C P Road Paving	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,062.80	8.76	0.00	1,071.56	1,071.56
n/a	Ac. Elementary School CRF	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP	12,487.94	18,000.00	0.00	30,487.94	144.47	109.04	0.00	253.51	30,741.45	30,741.45
n/a	2010 Rental CRE	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP	0.00	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00	130.49	8.11	0.00	138.60	138.60	138.60
n/a	Bridge Repair or Replacement	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP	120,000.00	0.00	0.00	100,000.00	20,000.00	478.53	509.80	0.00	988.33	20,988.33
1913	Edward C Ball	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	326.28	7.13	0.00	333.41	872.16	872.16
1913	Julia A Buswell	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	101.49	9.72	0.00	111.21	1,188.71	1,188.71
1916	Mary L Bowers	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,616.25	0.00	0.00	1,616.25	960.62	21.24	0.00	981.86	2,598.11	2,598.11
1922	TW Place	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	269.38	0.00	0.00	269.38	90.12	2.98	0.00	93.10	362.48	362.48
1922	George W Neal	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	573.02	0.00	0.00	573.02	373.52	7.79	0.00	381.31	954.33	954.33
1924	William Warner	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	206.16	6.16	0.00	212.32	751.07	751.07
1925	Horace G Perham	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	269.38	0.00	0.00	269.38	67.30	2.78	0.00	70.08	339.46	339.46
1925	Henry A. Clark	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	697.36	14.64	0.00	712.00	1,789.50	1,789.50
1925	Laura L. McKee	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	317.58	7.04	0.00	324.62	863.37	863.37
1925	Abram Mitchell	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,023.63	0.00	0.00	1,023.63	652.55	13.81	0.00	666.36	1,689.99	1,689.99
1929	Charles K Wood	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	296.18	6.87	0.00	303.05	841.80	841.80
1930	Cynthia Finley	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	334.64	7.21	0.00	341.85	880.60	880.60
1930	Charles Elliot	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	269.38	0.00	0.00	269.38	67.74	2.79	0.00	70.53	339.91	339.91
1930	Hyraan Hayward	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	219.25	6.27	0.00	225.52	764.27	764.27
1931	Ada L. Wallace	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	697.35	14.64	0.00	711.99	1,789.49	1,789.49
1931	White-Ryder	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	511.81	0.00	0.00	511.81	326.40	6.91	0.00	333.31	845.12	845.12
1932	Orrett Eaton	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	134.69	0.00	0.00	134.69	97.73	1.92	0.00	99.65	234.34	234.34
1933	Samual A. Nye	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	180.68	5.93	0.00	186.61	715.36	715.36
1934	Ashton A Hemphill	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	334.59	7.21	0.00	341.80	880.55	880.55
1937	George W. Bus	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	334.59	7.21	0.00	341.80	880.55	880.55
1937	Frank McNaughton	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	334.59	7.21	0.00	341.80	880.55	880.55
1937	Walter Slader	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,616.25	0.00	0.00	1,616.25	1,060.24	22.06	0.00	1,082.30	2,698.55	2,698.55
1938	George W. Call	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	334.62	7.21	0.00	341.83	880.58	880.58
1939	Alger E Hemphill	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	334.62	7.21	0.00	341.83	880.58	880.58
1940	Charles M Thornton	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	334.62	7.21	0.00	341.83	880.58	880.58
1941	Gertrude C Reed	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	594.49	13.77	0.00	608.26	1,685.76	1,685.76
1941	Weston Kemp	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	334.62	7.21	0.00	341.83	880.58	880.58
1941	Olin R Kemp	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	269.38	0.00	0.00	269.38	167.09	3.60	0.00	170.69	440.07	440.07
1942	H W Allen	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	334.64	7.21	0.00	341.85	880.60	880.60
1943	Ellis Prentiss	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	109.94	5.35	0.00	115.29	654.04	654.04
1944	Almon E Clark	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	700.38	0.00	0.00	700.38	440.32	9.40	0.00	449.72	1,150.10	1,150.10
1944	Francis Bus	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	377.13	0.00	0.00	377.13	256.88	5.22	0.00	262.10	639.23	639.23
1945	Edwin S Chatterton	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,616.25	0.00	0.00	1,616.25	1,060.30	22.06	0.00	1,082.36	2,698.61	2,698.61
1946	Ernie Rugg	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	334.65	7.21	0.00	341.86	880.61	880.61
1946	Ewing Davis	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	808.13	0.00	0.00	808.13	530.21	11.03	0.00	541.24	1,349.37	1,349.37
1946	Carl Kemp	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	180.09	5.92	0.00	186.01	724.76	724.76
1946	W A Barney	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	334.66	7.21	0.00	341.87	880.62	880.62
1947	Fred Batchelder	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	283.19	6.77	0.00	289.96	828.71	828.71

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1947	The Bass Lot	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	594.54	13.77	0.00	608.31	1,685.81	
1951	Grace Wuzzy	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	334.65	7.21	0.00	341.86	880.61
1951	Horace Dexter	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	290.57	6.83	0.00	297.40	836.15
1952	Barrett C Finley	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	37.16	4.75	0.00	41.91	580.66
1952	George W Potter	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	334.64	7.21	0.00	341.85	880.60
1954	Roscoe Hull	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	697.39	14.64	0.00	712.03	1,789.53
1955	Clara Johnson	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	697.40	14.64	0.00	712.04	1,789.54
1957	C M Emerson	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	334.63	7.21	0.00	341.84	880.59
1957	Frank & J Metcalf	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	91.34	5.20	0.00	96.54	635.29
1957	N. G. & J Webster	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	334.61	7.21	0.00	341.82	880.57
1958	Freeman Campbell	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	109.91	5.34	0.00	115.25	654.00
1958	John Symonds	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	231.66	6.36	0.00	238.02	776.77
1958	Emier E Wheeler	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	808.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	808.13	293.37	9.13	0.00	302.50	1,116.63
1958	Arthur Perham	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	697.40	14.64	0.00	712.04	1,789.54
1959	Lufkin Robbins	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	334.63	7.21	0.00	341.84	880.59
1959	Clarence Jeffrey	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	334.63	7.21	0.00	341.84	880.59
1959	Reed-Wallace	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	235.75	10.83	0.00	246.58	1,324.08
1960	Hobart-Jones	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	697.36	14.64	0.00	712.00	1,789.50
1960	B K Barlow	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	283.14	6.77	0.00	289.91	828.66
1961	Solon L Neal	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	808.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	808.13	299.37	9.13	0.00	308.50	1,116.63
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1961	Arthur Potter	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	334.62	7.21	0.00	341.83	880.58
1961	Raymond C Davis	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	697.35	14.64	0.00	711.99	1,789.49
1962	Hayward, Liv. & Hol.	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	2,693.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,693.76	1,759.81	36.70	0.00	1,794.51	4,488.27
1962	D Moody & W Humley	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	697.40	14.64	0.00	712.04	1,789.54
1962	Charles Barlow	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	697.40	14.64	0.00	712.04	1,789.54
1962	Meader-Hemphill	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	808.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	808.13	530.18	11.03	0.00	541.21	1,349.34
1964	Charles & B Perry	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	630.02	14.06	0.00	644.08	1,721.58
1965	Win. & Belle Pihkin	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	808.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	808.13	530.14	11.03	0.00	541.17	1,349.30
1965	Herbert F Hartwell	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	673.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	673.44	460.88	9.36	0.00	470.24	1,143.68
1967	George W Walker	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	597.59	13.80	0.00	611.59	1,689.09
1968	H Reed & L Young	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	645.88	14.19	0.00	660.07	1,737.57
1968	Wm & Rufus Hillard	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	3,232.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,232.56	2,092.25	43.90	0.00	2,136.15	5,368.71
1969	Eva & Carl Grant	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	697.36	14.64	0.00	712.00	1,789.50
1969	Paul Balla	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	334.62	7.21	0.00	341.83	880.58
1969	Dorothy M Faught	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	697.35	14.64	0.00	711.99	1,789.49
1972	Myrtle F Reed	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	334.63	7.21	0.00	341.84	880.59
1977	Albin Dressell	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	888.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	888.94	611.57	12.36	0.00	623.93	1,512.87
1979	Everett Knight	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	703.94	14.66	0.00	718.60	1,996.10
1979	Earl Luther Sr.	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	703.81	14.65	0.00	718.46	1,995.96
1979	Scott Farley	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	270.42	6.66	0.00	277.08	815.83
1979	Edwin B Daplin	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	334.64	7.21	0.00	341.85	880.60
1983	Madeline & Leon Balla	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	33.47	4.73	0.00	38.20	576.95
1984	Corey-Ruiter Lot	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	-30.28	8.62	0.00	-21.66	1,055.84

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1985	Eva & Jos. Dempsey	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	3.91	0.00	-60.18	478.57	
1987	Ebesser Lot	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	808.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	808.13	-183.43	5.15	0.00	-178.28	629.85
1990	Streeter Lot	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	-461.78	5.09	0.00	-456.69	620.81
1991	George Wright	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	-272.66	2.20	0.00	-270.46	268.29
2000	Hammond Young	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	-682.39	3.27	0.00	-679.12	398.38
2003	Ernest & Geneva Lanphear Lo	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	-855.56	1.82	0.00	-853.74	223.76
1991	R Mitchell FBO Old Cem	Cemetery Trust	Citizens CAP	5,162.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,162.48	46.95	42.94	0.00	89.89	5,252.37
1991	R Mitchell FBO Cem Fund	Cemetery Trust	Citizens CAP	10,325.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,325.00	43.31	85.46	0.00	128.77	10,453.77
2005	Cemetery Trust Acworth Act	Cemetery Trust	Citizens CAP	12,324.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,324.24	246.81	103.62	0.00	350.43	12,674.67
1992	R & C Jeffrey Mem Lib Fun	Library	Citizens CAP	73,068.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	73,068.80	229.05	602.60	200.00	631.65	73,700.45
2000	S. Cooman Hislop FBO Sliby	Library	Citizens CAP	14,620.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,620.39	47.52	120.59	40.00	128.11	14,748.50
1916	Rebecca W. Madison	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	127.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	127.97	0.49	1.07	0.00	1.56	129.53
1924	W. L. Woodbury	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	853.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	853.15	6.68	7.11	0.00	13.79	866.94
1924	Abram Mitchell	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	405.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	405.25	1.42	3.36	0.00	4.78	410.03
1939	Walter Slader	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	139.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	139.97	0.49	1.17	0.00	1.66	141.63
1989	Madeline Lindsay	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	209.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	209.02	0.77	1.72	0.00	2.49	211.51
1989	Alan & Christine Barnard	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	89.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	89.58	0.27	0.73	0.00	1.00	90.58
1989	Friends of Library	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	85.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	85.32	0.25	0.70	0.00	0.95	86.27
1989	Anonymous Donation	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	42.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.66	0.23	0.37	0.00	0.60	43.26
1989	Sliby Library Donation	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	85.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	85.32	0.25	0.70	0.00	0.95	86.27
1989	G.F. & M.G. Hanson	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	170.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	170.63	0.60	1.42	0.00	2.02	172.65
1990	Alan & Christine Barnard	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	85.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	85.32	0.25	0.70	0.00	0.95	86.27
1990	Helen Smith	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	142.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	142.48	0.32	1.17	0.00	1.49	143.97
1990	Mary Smith	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	119.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	119.44	0.37	0.98	0.00	1.35	120.79
1990	Ellen Sawyer Sheldon	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	17.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	17.06	0.08	0.12	0.00	0.20	17.26
1991	Maude H. Woody	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	443.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	443.64	1.56	3.66	0.00	5.22	448.86
1999	Nancy Sandoe Mem	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	840.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	840.35	3.13	6.96	0.00	10.09	850.44
2000	Nancy Sandoe	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	213.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	213.29	0.77	1.78	0.00	2.55	215.84
2000	Ella & Leon Newton	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	853.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	853.15	3.22	7.04	0.00	10.26	863.41
2001	Nancy Poltrack	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	85.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	85.32	0.25	0.70	0.00	0.95	86.27
2003	J David Lyle	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	42.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.66	0.23	0.37	0.00	0.60	43.26
1991	R Mitchell FBO T/O Acworth	Town	Citizens CAP	5,162.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,162.48	141.05	43.72	0.00	184.77	5,347.25
1990	F Richard & C Jeffrey-VNA	Town	Citizens CAP	55,840.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	55,840.41	3,950.21	492.79	0.00	4,443.00	60,283.41
				<b>470,157.97</b>	<b>26,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>176,501.29</b>	<b>319,656.68</b>	<b>48,745.39</b>	<b>3,549.59</b>	<b>3,738.71</b>	<b>48,555.21</b>	<b>368,212.95</b>

## 2017 Library Trustees Report

The Acworth Library held its second annual chocolate event in February of 2017, featuring chocolate — lots of treats and decadent desserts! All who entered the contest were awarded with a cookbook chosen by Susan Metsack, Head Librarian. The attendees and chocolate makers enjoyed two hours of chocolate, chocolate and more chocolate!

We welcomed Alva Grant to the Board of Trustees, she was elected in March. In April a new librarian joined our staff. If you have not already made her acquaintance, please stop in to meet Andrea Alderman. Linda Thomson- Mohr and Nancy Fitz-Rapalje continue to fulfill their roles as librarians as well. Tanya Holt keeps our Library clean and beautiful. The Trustees thank all our staff for their continued service to our patrons.

Our Annual Book Sale was held in July and coordinated well with the Acworth Sestercentennial Celebration. We raised \$900 and look forward to another successful event in July 2018. Book donations are always appreciated for this sale. We will begin collecting donations in June of 2018 for this year's sale.

The Library one again held a Summer Reading Program for children and young adults. 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. A closing event was held on the lawn of the Library in August where the participants played old-fashioned games. Both Andrea Alderman and Jennasys Porter assisted with this event.

Our Library collection continues to grow in all categories. It is the core mission of the Library to provide information and entertainment through books. We love to promote reading to all audiences, adult and children.

We thank everyone for their patronage. Please stop by for a book recommendation. We look forward to seeing you at one of our 2018 events.

Acworth Silsby Library Trustees,  
Guy Russell, Melinda Loiselle, Alva Grant, Betsy Snider, Jennifer Aiken

## 2017 Librarians' Report

The Acworth Library had 3808 visits from patrons and visitors in 2017 and added 25 new patrons. We circulated 4544 books during the year and continue to add fiction, non-fiction, children's books and DVDs to our collection monthly.

We had 409 patron visits for computer use in 2017. 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, job hunting, working on school homework, researching hobbies and interests.

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

We had a summer reading program in which 25 young readers participated. Each participant received the gift of a new book from the Library. We hosted a party in August featuring games and crafts from "the olden days".

We have two Reading Groups meeting monthly. One group reads classics and the second reads general fiction. The groups meet on Sunday afternoons and 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 an on-going book sale set up in the small meeting room of the Town Hall. Please check it out. In 2018, 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 75 Nubanusit DVDs during the past year.

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 693 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, Andrea Alderman, Librarians;

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Susan Metsack, Acworth Silsby Library

## ACWORTH SILSBY LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT 2017

<u>ACCOUNT BALANCES</u>	<u>12/31/2016</u>	<u>12/31/2017</u>
CHECKING	\$543.52	\$592.52
SAVINGS	\$8,640.76	\$10,243.69
CD'S	<u>\$13,615.47</u>	<u>\$13,666.49</u>
	\$22,799.75	\$24,502.70

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2017 BUDGET</u>	<u>2017 ACTUAL</u>	
TOWN APPROPRIATION	\$39,780	\$39,780.00	
(SALARIES / TAXES / OTHER)			
OTHER INCOME			
CD & SAVINGS INTEREST	\$25	\$54.10	
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$600	\$619.90	
RESTRICTED INCOME :	\$300	\$455.00	
DESIGNATED INCOME :	\$2,300	\$1,818.64	
USE OF RESTRICTED LIBRARY FUNDS (Jeffrey Fund Int. for books)	<u>\$2,500</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
	\$45,505	\$42,727.64	
<u>EXPENSES (Library &amp; Town Funds)</u>			<u>Variance to Budget</u>
SALARIES & PAYROLL TAXES ( includes snow removal )	\$26,000	\$24,794.70	(\$1,205)
BOOKS (ADULT) & PERIODICALS	\$5,030	\$5,823.94	\$794
BOOKS (CHILDREN)	\$1,000	\$1,005.13	\$5
OTHER MATERIALS - DVD's	\$600	\$961.36	\$361
HEAT SYSTEM / HEATING FUEL	\$2,000	\$1,739.98	(\$260)
ELECTRICITY	\$1,300	\$886.57	(\$413)
COMMUNICATIONS (PHONE & DSL)	\$1,100	\$1,089.50	(\$11)
SUPPLIES & EQUIP.	\$750	\$817.21	\$67
POSTAL / BANK FEES / SVC CHG	\$150	\$116.00	(\$34)
LAWN CARE	\$1,400	\$995.00	(\$405)
DUES / FEES / TUITION	\$175	\$60.00	(\$115)
PROGRAMS / EVENTS	\$1,200	\$546.50	(\$654)
COMPUTER / COPIER	\$1,500	\$1,073.70	(\$426)
MISC. EXPENSE	\$300	\$229.00	(\$71)
BUILDING REPAIR (see resolution) See note below	\$2,000	\$886.10 *	(\$1,114)
CIVIC EXPANSION	\$1,000	\$0.00	(\$1,000)
GRANTS / DESIGNATED GIFTS	\$0	\$0.00	\$0
	<u>\$45,505</u>	<u>\$41,024.69</u>	<u>(\$4,480)</u>
<u>2017 EXPENSES USING RESTRICTED LIBRARY FUNDS (included above)</u>			
* BUILDING REPAIR / RENOVATION - Roof Slates Repaired/Replaced		\$901	

### 2018 DESIGNATED / RESTRICTED LIBRARY FUNDS

Richard & Clarence Jeffery Memorial Library Fund	\$11,610	(restricted gift)
Codman & Gertrude Hislop Book Fund	\$3,936	(restricted gift)
Designated income account from income-producing equipment	\$630	(designated income)
Civic Expansion / Community Outreach	\$2,216	(designated income)
Building repair / renovation Savings - Refinish Wood Floors	\$2,392	(designated income)
- Update Storm Windows		

## 2017 Cemeteries Report

The Acworth Cemetery Trustees and Sexton met monthly between April and November during 2017 to manage cemetery maintenance.

Sexton Kris Fenderson handles lot sales and answers questions about burials. Acworth residents and former residents may purchase the right of interment in the Hill Road cemetery. A six by twelve foot lot, adequate for one full-body burial, 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. These prices include cemetery maintenance and the \$200 cost of four stone corner markers, incised with the family initial, purchased from the Keene Monument Company. Cornerstones must be installed within 90 days after the lot is purchased. A stone with the name and dates of the deceased must be installed within six months of a burial. Plantings of shrubs or flowers are not permitted, as they hamper mowing and may overgrow or overshadow adjacent lots. Artificial flowers and decorations must be removed by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Our budget for 2018 reflects a decrease of \$1,000 as compared to the 2017 budget because we spent less on lawn care than projected. Our \$5,000 tree cutting budget was spent on removing one enormous, ancient pine tree north of the uppermost driveway in the Hill Road cemetery. Firewood went to an Acworth resident who paid to have it trucked to his home. Removing these huge old trees is expensive, but monuments, once broken, can seldom be repaired in a fashion that restores their original appearance. Keene Monument Company repaired a total of 124 headstones in both cemeteries this year. About 80% of the stones in the old Nye Road cemetery have now been straightened, and the fine old slate markers reveal interesting designs and epitaphs.

We thank Michael Hulser and Debby Hinman for passing along a 1950s typescript of burial records from the 1875 Gawin Gilmore map that hangs in the town office. Our records of burials from both cemeteries are quite complete and records through the 1950s are accessible in the Silsby Library's history archives. Newer records can be obtained from the Sexton or Trustees.

Our Sestercentennial year featured a September 24<sup>th</sup> cemetery walk. Sandra Binion and John Luther portrayed Elsie and Dote Pitkin; Maria Luther-Houghton played Maude Moody, Joel Eaton portrayed a church predecessor, Reverend Phinehas Cooke; and Claudia Istel played Edna Young. Alva Grant coordinated and directed the program, assisted by Ella Brown, Mary Hildreth, and Kathi Bradt.

Acworth's antique horse-drawn hearse is now visible in the newly restored horse sheds belonging to the Church. Ken Christie and his crew have done handsome work restoring the sheds and transporting the old hearse from the Del Genio's barn where it had been temporarily stored. We hope to raise funds for hearse restoration in the coming year.

Sexton: Kristian Fenderson

Cemetery Trustees: Helen Frink, Lillie LeBlanc, Claudia Istel

## **2017 Acworth Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, Inc. Report**

The Acworth Fire and Rescue Company, Inc. has had a busy year for a small fire company.

EMS calls 46

MVA calls 8

Fire calls 4

Tree down on wires 20

Forestry calls 1

Mutual Aid calls 5

Fires 5

False alarms 4

Mutual Aid EMS calls 1

Our donated ambulance has been retired due to mechanical failure beyond our finances and we are in need of volunteers to join our dedicated team.

It is sad to report that we are losing our senior member, Ken Grant. Ken has volunteered his services for 54 years. Please thank him when you see him around Town. We will dearly miss him.

Acworth Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, Inc., Steve Morris, Chief



## **2017 Planning Board Report**

The Planning Board is the venue for land use planning and permitting within the Town. In 2017 the Board processed applications for driveway permits, merging of lots, building on Class 6 roads and nonresidential uses of property. Some of these were only application considerations and others involved holding public hearings. In addition to such individual projects the Board also works on annual planning through the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), long term planning through maintaining the Town Master Plan and keeping our existing land use regulations up to date.

The CIP is developed with the Board of Selectmen and Highway Supervisor in the fall so it can be used in creating the following year budget. Over the past several years the CIP has focused on the rebuilding of Crane Brook Road. With that project near completion the 2018 CIP anticipates resurfacing work to begin on Beryl Mountain and Derry Hill Roads. The CIP also addresses large equipment investments and in 2018 that includes replacement of aging trucks in order to reduce repair costs.

The Town Master Plan originally written in 1979 is updated every 5 years. Our original plan is so comprehensive that recent updates have been in the form of addendums. In anticipation of the 2018 update the Board distributed a questionnaire in November 2017 to learn residents' current priorities. Approximately 140 questionnaires have been returned and the Board will use the tabulated results in updating the Plan. The Master Plan is our vision for the Town and all of your input is valuable. You can participate in this update by sitting in on Planning Board meetings this year.

During 2017 the Board completed its comparison of definitions used in the Zoning Ordinance and the Subdivision Regulations. The intention was to eliminate discrepancies between the two sets of definitions so that when a land use question is deliberated by the Board, the Zoning Board of Adjustment or the courts the Town has consistent grounds for its positions. The Board held a public hearing to take comment on its proposed changes and wrote Article 2 on the 2018 warrant to bring the definitions into agreement.

Board member Henry Sipple continues to serve as the Town's commissioner to the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission. His reports keep the Board aware of opportunities outside our borders.

The Planning Board meets monthly and would welcome residents interested in becoming alternate members. It is a way to learn about the Board and its various responsibilities.  
Acworth Planning Board

## 2017 Conservation Commission

The Acworth Conservation Commission is excited to welcome two new alternates, Liz Cubberley and Jennifer Bland. In addition to increasing our expertise in wetlands and wildlife, they help us cover all areas of our town. Our monthly meetings discuss environmental issues such as water quality, forestry, and changes to our roads and bridges. Other topics this year included ATV usage in town, hazardous waste disposal, and the proposed powerline on Luther Hill. Every year we monitor conservation easements in town, some on private land, and some public: the Gove Town Forest and the East Acworth wetlands. Remember that the public lands are open for everyone's use and enjoyment.

Our members also coordinate with other area committees. Chair, Shawn Bowman, represents Acworth on the Cold River Local Advisory Council. Beverly Buxton represented the Conservation Commission in updating Acworth's Hazard Mitigation Plan; the update maintains the town's eligibility for FEMA assistance in the event of natural disasters such as fire and flood. Members attended workshops on reviewing wetland permits, water quality monitoring, agricultural easements, and the tax benefits of conservation easements.

Our budget covers registration for meetings and workshops, sharing with Unity the cost of water quality monitoring at Crescent Lake, and an annual donation to Alstead's Orchard School to help cover tuition costs for Acworth children attending summer camps.

Lillie LeBlanc and Jim Jennison staffed a display of animal skulls and conservation land maps at the Acworth Sestercentennial on August 12<sup>th</sup>. We will plant two Sestercentennial magnolias on the library grounds during spring, 2018.

Green Up Day was held on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are grateful to all of the volunteers who cleaned up trash along town roads, and to the Acworth Highway Department for hauling it to the dump. Many townspeople pick up trash near their homes throughout the year.

As 2018 begins, we are planning a presentation, "Understanding Bobcats in New Hampshire," in February, and an April talk on Invasive Plants. Let us know if there are other topics you would like us to host.

If you are interested in conservation, land use, and wildlife, there are a number of websites and e-newsletters you can subscribe to:

<http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/about/mail-list.html> (New Hampshire Fish and Game)

[www.forestsociety.org](http://www.forestsociety.org) (The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests holds conservation easements on: the Gove Town Forest and the East Acworth wetlands.)

[www.nhacc.org](http://www.nhacc.org) (The New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions; Acworth is a member.)

The Acworth Conservation Commission meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7 PM in the town hall. Members of the public are always welcome to attend.

Conservation Commission

Chair: Shawn Bowman

Members: Jim Jennison (Selectmen), Helen Frink, Lillie LeBlanc, Beverly Buxton

Alternates: Carole Wallace, Liz Cubberley, Jennifer Bland

## 2017 Crescent Lake Association Report

In 2017 Crescent Lake Association celebrated 85 years of serving the local community. While we have seen anticipated growth of properties around Crescent Lake and the community at large, our mission remains the same: preserving the clean waters of Crescent Lake and improving our community through engagement and community service.

During our 2017 summer season Crescent Lake continued a long standing tradition-ensuring the boating and angler community enjoyed their visits to Crescent Lake- and did not bring with them invasive species that would ultimately harm the lake and property values. Our NH Lakes Association trained “Lake Hosts”, partially funded with your support, performed nearly 1000 courtesy boat inspections, looking for “hitch-hiking” weeds or invasive animals that have found sanctuary in other lakes and bodies of water across the state and region.

We’ve learned a great deal over 85 years. First, “community action” is beyond buzzword status, we conduct numerous activities on Crescent Lake that are the foundation of our invasive species program, beyond milfoil and other pests, we swim, snorkel, paddle, test, report, test some more. Our program earned Crescent Lake Association the 2017 Secchi Disk Award by New Hampshire Lakes Association for a comprehensive and effective program. Your annual support enabled us to increase our Lake Host program and be recognized for this award.

We hope you will continue to support Crescent Lake’s environmental efforts with your funding in 2018. After 85 years, the threats to clean waters remain constant. With your assistance and our vigilance, we’re making this lake, your lake, one of the few bodies of water in the state that today remains free of invasive species. We thank you for your continued support.

Crescent Lake Association, Keven Brenker, President

## 2017 Sestercentennial Committee Report

The Sestercentennial Committee thanks everyone who helped make Acworth's 250<sup>th</sup> celebration a huge success. There was at least one celebration each month, some of them annual events and some especially honoring Acworth's Sestercentennial. Co-Chairmen, Carole Wallace and Gordon Gowen express their gratitude to the hard-working Committee and to all the individuals and organizations who helped to make 2017 a very special year in Acworth. The first event of the year was the New Year's Day Pot Luck Luncheon sponsored by the Female Charitable Society at the Church on the Hill. In February, The United Church of Acworth held "Cabin Fever Talent Night", The Females hosted "Frosty Frolics" on February 12, and the Acworth Silsby Library hosted "Everything Chocolate" on February 19<sup>th</sup>. March brought a big snowstorm and Town Meeting Day. The Sestercentennial Committee hosted a "Town Meeting Dinner", The Village Store offered Corned Beef and Cabbage Night, and the Thibodeaus held their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual St. Patrick's Day Tractor Parade and Food Drive. In April the Female's had their spring rummage sale and the store hosted Italian Night. May was the month for "Wingstock" at the Acworth Village Store. On June 8, the students and staff of Acworth Center School presented their original Sestercentennial play, "These Acworth Hills" and the Village Store hosted their annual "Music Fest". In July, the Acworth Community Charitable Trust offered a Garden Tour and Plant sale and the Library had their annual book sale.

August was the month of the big Sestercentennial Celebration. There was a concert by the Yankee Male Chorus on August 10<sup>th</sup> and the Acworth Players presented a delightful play celebrating Acworth on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. The big parade, chicken barbecue and gala celebration was held on the 12<sup>th</sup>. The Female Charitable Society cooked up a roast pork supper on September 23, and a Contra Dance was held at the Town Hall on October 28. The Females sponsored a craft fair the first part of November and the Acworth Woman's Club had a special showing of Katy Haas' Acworth 250 video on November 12.

The Town of Acworth appropriated \$10,000.00 for the Sestercentennial budget. The committee is pleased and proud to announce that the cost to the Town for this celebration of historic proportion was around \$3,000.00. We couldn't have done it without contributions of money, time, and materials by individuals, families, organizations, and businesses. A special thank you to the Acworth Community Charitable Trust for a grant to cover the cost of printing the commemorative booklet. Thank you also to everyone who purchased advertising, t-shirts, posters, and other Acworth memorabilia.

It took a lot of planning, but we think that Acworth's 250<sup>th</sup> celebration was well worth the effort. The entire committee enjoyed working together to make this a year to remember. Acworth is a wonderful place to live and it was a pleasure to honor our home town with a lovely and memorable party.

—*Mary Hildreth, Secretary*  
*Acworth Sestercentennial Committee*

## 2017 Vital Statistics

<u>Decedent's Name</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Laclair, Patrick	Claremont	01/27/17
Christie, Leonard	Acworth	03/08/17
Barrett, Alston	Lebanon	06/27/17
Shattuck, Christopher	Acworth	08/27/17
Gagnon, Shirley	Acworth	09/04/17

### Acworth Resident Marriage Report January 1-December 31, 2017

<u>Person A's Name</u>	<u>Person B's Name</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>	<u>Date of Marriage</u>
Sturgeon, Adriane C	Gagnon, Kenneth F	Greenfield	04/23/17
Lord, Sarah S	Lord, Shaun S	Alstead	08/20/17

### Acworth Resident Birth Report January 1-December 31, 2017

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's/Mother's Name</u>
Skinner, Symone Ava	06/26/17	Keene	Skinner, Graham Williams-Skinner, Semyra
Beaulieu, Matilda Gail	09/17/17	Lebanon	Beaulieu, Christopher Beaulieu, Emily
Gowen, Katie Marie	12/25/17	Keene	Gowen, Blake Gowen, Kristen

## **2017 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.



