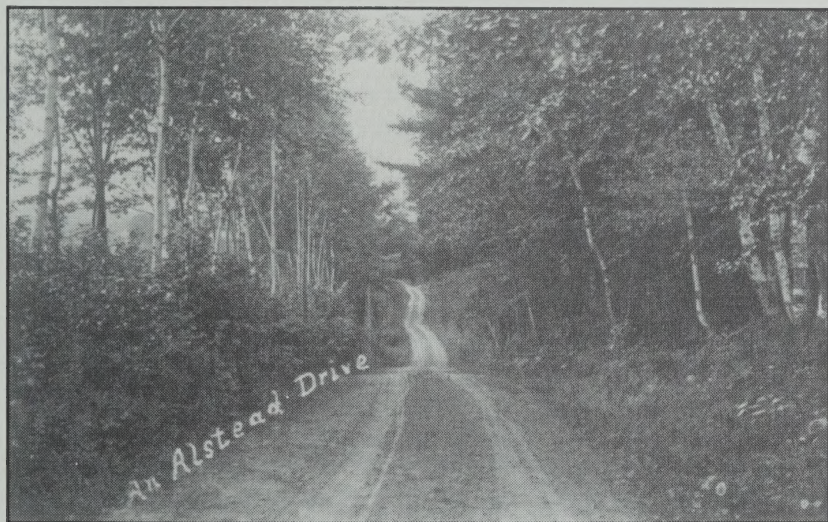


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## Annual Reports

Of The Selectmen And Other Town Officers of the Town of

## ALSTEAD, NH



FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31

2009

TOWN MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010



**TOWN INFORMATION**  
[www.alsteadnh.org](http://www.alsteadnh.org)

Selectmen 835-2986 Meeting on Tuesdays, 7:00 PM

Town Clerk – Tax Collector 835-2242  
Hours: Monday thru Wednesday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Thursday 8:00 AM - 5:45 PM

Planning Board – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month @ 7:00 PM

Zoning Board of Adjustment – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month @ 7:30 PM  
Zoning Officer: Hans Waldmann 835-6138

Health Officer: Randall Rhoades 835-9018 evenings  
Asst. Health Officer: Lelemae O'Brien 835-2349

Conservation Commission – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month @ 5:00 PM

Fire Department  
Regular Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month, 7:00 PM  
Ambulance/Rescue Squad – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month, 7:00 PM  
Drills held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month, 7:00 PM

Library Hours 835-6661  
Wednesday 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
Thursday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Friday, 12 PM to 6 PM  
Saturday, 9:00 AM to 12 Noon

Transfer Station Hours 835-2425  
Wednesday, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Saturday, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Town Highway Garage 835-2428

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TOWN OFFICIALS  
2009

Joel C. McCarty	Selectman	Term End 2010
William M. Moran	Selectman	Term End 2011
Matthew D. Saxton	Selectman	Term End 2012

Peter Rhoades	Moderator	Term End 2010
Gloria Seddon	Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Term End 2012
Hans Waldmann	Treasurer	Term End 2011
David Crosby	Director of Public Works	Appointed
Robert Bromley	Police Chief	Appointed
Kim Kercewich	Fire Chief	Appointed
Kim Kercewich	Forest Fire Warden	Appointed
Jack Michnovetz	Emergency Management	Appointed
Barbara Davis	Librarian	Appointed
Hans Waldmann	Zoning Officer	Appointed
Randall Rhoades	Health Officer	Appointed
Reginald Clark	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term End 2010
Roberta (Suzie) Young	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term End 2011
Bruce A. Bellows	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term End 2012

Heather Jasmin	Library Trustee	Term End 2010
Mary Lou Huffling	Library Trustee	Term End 2010
Tafi Brown	Library Trustee	Term End 2011
Erin Heidorn	Library Trustee	Term End 2011
Susan Norlander	Library Trustee	Term End 2012

Penny Gendron	Supervisor of Checklist	Term End 2010
Ethel Gendron	Supervisor of Checklist	Term End 2012
Barbara (Bobbie) Wilson	Supervisor of Checklist	Term End 2014

Inspector of Elections

Hannalore Hancock	Sandra Greene	Gertrude Putnam
	JoAnne Stevens	

Alternate Inspector of Elections

Holly Gay	Rachel Kilburn	Richard Miller
	Jodi Kercewich	

Richard Nalevanko	Planning Board	Term End 2010
David Konesko	Planning Board	Term End 2010
Randall F. Rhoades	Alternate	Term End 2011
Peter Rhoades	Planning Board	Term End 2011
Rosemarie Caffrey	Planning Board	Term End 2012
Joyce Curll	Planning Board	Term End 2012
Gloria Seddon	Planning Board	Term End 2012
Matthew Saxton	Ex-Officio Member	Term End 2012
Samuel Sutcliffe	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2010
Joseph H. Cartwright	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2010
David Konesko	Alternate	Term End 2010
Dennis Molesky	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2011
Hans Waldmann	Alternate	Term End 2011
Richard Minard	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2012
Dirk Doughy	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2012
Sarah Webb	Conservation Commission	Term End 2010
Joy Nalevanko	Conservation Commission	Term End 2010
W. Daniel Hall	Conservation Commission	Term End 2011
David W. Moody	Conservation Commission	Term End 2011
Joyce Curll	Alternate	Term End 2011
John Mann	Alternate	Term End 2011
Marilou Blaine	Conservation Commission	Term End 2012
Reginald Clark	Cemetery Commission	Term End 2010
Roberta (Suzie) Young	Cemetery Commission	Term End 2011
Bruce Bellows	Cemetery Commission	Term End 2012
Robert Pearson	School Board Member Alstead Rep. Fall Mt. Consolidated School Officer	Term End 2010
Alan Dustin	FMRSD Budget Committee	Term End 2010

# 2010 BALLOT

## TOWN OF ALSTEAD

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:** Place a cross (x) in either the YES or NO box after each article.

**Article 2.** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town’s Zoning Ordinance which amends a portion of the first sentence of Article iii (E) (2) as follows (italic face words constitute the proposed changes to the sentence): “Lots in all districts shall have a minimum of two hundred (200) feet of *continuous* frontage on a *road(s)* or *street(s)* which: “This amendment clarifies the Ordinance to require that a lot or parcel of land must possess continuous frontage in an amount as required under this provision of the Town’s Zoning Ordinance in order to meet the requisite frontage under this requirement.”

Majority vote required

YES

NO

**Article 3:** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town’s Zoning Ordinance which amends the first sentence of Article VI (E) by removing the phrase “*and/or no Frontage*” from the sentence which would then read as follows: “In any district, notwithstanding the limitations imposed by other provisions of this Ordinance, nothing shall prevent the construction of a permitted Building or the establishment of a Permitted Use on a lot with less than the prescribed area and/or prescribed Frontage if such lot legally existed on the effective date of this



Ordinance provided that:..."

Majority vote required

YES

NO

Article 4:"Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance which amends Article VII (F) (1) by replacing the standards for a variance under this provision with the new statutory requirements for a variance (RSA 674:33) which shall state as follows (*italic face words constitute proposed changes*): "The Board of Adjustment may on appeal, grant a Variance from the provisions of this Ordinance if the Board makes findings of fact that each of the following conditions are present:

- i. *The Variance will not be contrary to the public interest;*
- ii. *The spirit of the ordinance is observed;*
- iii. *Substantial justice is done;*
- iv. *The values of surrounding properties are not diminished;*
- v. *Literal enforcement of the provisions of the Ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship.*

(A) For purposes of this subparagraph, "unnecessary hardship" means that, owing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the area:

- i. *No fair and substantial relationship exists between the general public purposes of the Ordinance provision and the specific application of that provision to the property; and*
- ii. *The proposed use is a reasonable one.*

(B) If the criteria in subparagraph (A) are not established, an unnecessary hardship will be deemed to exist if, and only if, owing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the area, the property



*cannot be reasonable used in strict conformance with the Ordinance, and a Variance is therefore necessary to enable a reasonable use of it”*

**This amendment simply incorporates the State’s mandated requirements for a variance into the Town’s Zoning Ordinance in accordance with RSA 674:33.”**

**Majority vote required**

**YES**

**NO**

**Article 5. “Shall the Town of Alstead vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$1,447,007? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$1,397,646 which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alstead or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.**

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

**Majority vote required.**

**YES**

**NO**

**ARTICLE 6: “Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty thousand six hundred twenty-five dollars (\$130,625) to finish paving Thayer Brook Road and**

**the apron of Corbin Road?**

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

**Majority vote required.**

**This appropriation is in addition to Article 5, the operating budget.**

**YES**

**NO**

**ARTICLE 7: "Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one-hundred fifty-nine thousand dollars (\$159,000) to be placed in the following Capital Reserve Funds and to authorize the withdrawal of up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from fund balance (surplus), with the remainder of fifty-nine thousand (\$59,000) to be raised from taxation?"**

<b>Highway Capital Reserve Fund (est. 1988)</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund (est. 1992)</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund (est. 1992)</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund (est. 2004)</b>	<b>\$ 9,000</b>
<b>Town Hall (est. 2009)</b>	<b>30,000</b>

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

**Majority vote required.**

**This appropriation is in addition to Article 5, the operating budget.**

**YES**

**NO**

**ARTICLE 8 "Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand (\$200,000) to purchase a replacement for**

**the 1984 existing Rescue Truck, for the Fire Department, and to authorize the withdrawal of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund (est. 1992) for that purpose, with the remainder of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to be raised by taxation?**

**Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen  
Majority vote required.**

**This article is in addition to Article 5, the operating budget.**

**YES**

**NO**

**ARTICLE 9: "Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) for the Town's Land Conservation Fund established in 1988 for the acquisition of land, easements, development rights determined to be of significant environmental value to the Town. Under RSA 36:A amounts from this fund may be spent for these purposes without further town meeting approval, if approved by the Selectmen, and by the Conservation Commission, after holding a public hearing?"**

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.  
Majority vote required.**

**This appropriation is in addition to Article 5, the operating budget.**

**YES**

**NO**

**ARTICLE 10:"Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of building needs for the Shedd Porter Memorial**



**Library and raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in that fund?**

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen  
Majority vote required.**

**This article is in addition to Article 5, the operating budget.**

**YES**

**NO**

**ARTICLE 11: "Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand three hundred seventy-two dollars (\$15,372) to purchase three containers: one 40 yard roll-off container, and two 40 yard open top containers for the Transfer Station and to authorize the withdrawal of four hundred seventy seven dollars (\$477) from the Expendable Recycling Trust Fund established in 2005 for that purpose?"**

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen  
Majority vote required.**

**This appropriation is in addition to Article 5, the operating budget.**

**YES**

**NO**

**ARTICLE 12: "Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to remove, setback 8 feet, and reconstruct the stone wall along High Street from the Historical Building towards the Post Office?"**

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

**Majority vote required.**

**This appropriation is in addition to Article 5, the operating budget.**

**YES**

**NO**

**ARTICLE 13:”Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000) to have a contractor remove, and reuse, or recycle the Bragg Building and to authorize the withdrawal of thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000) from fund balance (surplus) for that purpose.?”**

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

**Majority vote required.**

**This appropriation is in addition to Article 5, the operating budget.**

**YES**

**NO**

**ARTICLE 14:”Shall the Town vote to discontinue the Police Capital Reserve Fund created in 1992? Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality’s general fund.”**

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

**Majority vote required.**

**YES**

**NO**

**ARTICLE 15:”Shall the Town vote to discontinue the**

**Expendable Recycling Trust Fund established in 2005 for that purpose. Said funds with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund?**

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen  
Majority vote required.**

**YES**

**NO**

**ARTICLE 16: (By Petition) Shall the Town vote to approve the following Resolution to be forwarded to our State Representative(s), our State Senator, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President.**

**Resolved: The citizens of New Hampshire should be.**

**YES**

**NO**



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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuig FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensuig FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4130-4139	Executive	5	66792	65346	68125	
4140-4149	Election,Reg.& Vital Statistics	5	30141	27362	33657	
4150-4151	Financial Administration	5	49971	42427	50832	
4152	Revaluation of Property	5	21000	17035	44500	
4153	Legal Expense	5	15000	3906	15000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	5	151500	140366	162000	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	5	8950	7420	8900	
4194	General Government Buildings	5	161400	106997	161400	
4195	Cemeteries	5	3500	3500	3500	
4196	Insurance	5	18350	18119	20914	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	5	6000	5980	6000	
4199	Other General Government					
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4210-4214	Police	5	138943	138063	145256	
4215-4219	Ambulance	5	34700	22778	34700	
4220-4229	Fire	5	62800	53340	65640	
4240-4249	Building Inspection					
4290-4298	Emergency Management	5	15300	2106	3300	
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)	5	2000	4769	2000	
<b>AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4301-4309	Airport Operations					
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4311	Administration	5	52749	53437	53733	
4312	Highways & Streets	5	344000	352531	344000	
4313	Bridges					
4316	Street Lighting	5	13000	8329.73	13000	
4319	Other					
<b>SANITATION</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4321	Administration	5	27075	28921	31075	
4323	Solid Waste Collection					
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	5	69475	68749	69475	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up					
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other					

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<b>WATER DISTRIBUTION &amp; TREATMENT</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration					
4332	Water Services					
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other					
<b>ELECTRIC</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation					
4353	Purchase Costs					
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance					
4359	Other Electric Costs					
<b>HEALTH</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration	5	1000	285	1000	
4414	Pest Control					
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	5	13000	11949	13000	
<b>WELFARE</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	5	30000	26517	30000	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments					
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other					
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	5	11500	12339	11500	
4550-4559	Library	5	30000	30000	35000	
4583	Patriotic Purposes	5	3000	3080	3000	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation					
<b>CONSERVATION</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources	5	1500	1500	1500	
4619	Other Conservation					
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING					
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes					
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes					
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	5	15000	0	15000	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service					

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<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment					
4903	Buildings					
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.					
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund					
4913	To Capital Projects Fund					
4914	To Enterprise Fund					
	Sewer-					
	Water-					
	Electric-					
	Airport-					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund*					
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917*					
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds*					
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds					
4919	To Fiduciary Funds					
<b>OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL</b>			1397646	1244143	1447007	

\* Use special warrant article section on next page.





\*\*SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES\*\*

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3.VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

1 Acct. #	2 PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	3 Warr. Art.#	4 Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	5 Actual Expenditures Prior Year	6 Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)	7 Appropriations Ensuing FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
	Capital Reserve Funds	\$7	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$159,000	
	Land Conservation Fund	\$9	\$12,000		\$14,000	
	Establish Library Capital Reserve	\$10			\$5,000	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">**INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES**</div>						
SPECIAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	\$178,000	XXXXXXXXXX

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". Individual warrant articles might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

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	Thayer Brook Road	\$6	\$186,512	\$186,512	\$130,625	
	Transfer Station Containers	\$11			\$15,372	
	Move High Street Stonewall	\$12			\$20,000	
	Remove Bragg Building	\$13			\$13,000	
	Replace Rescue Truck	\$8			\$200,000	
	Rolloff Truck	\$10	\$45,000	\$45,000		
	Generators	\$6	\$23,000	\$24,848		
	Cemetery Stone Repair	\$8	\$500	\$500		
	Police Vehicle	\$7	\$27,524	\$26,596		
INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	\$78,997	XXXXXXXXXX

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Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
<b>TAXES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		5000	1526	5000
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		8000	5414	8000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		35000	37007	35000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)			533	250
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3210	Business Licenses & Permits				
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		250000	253184	250000
3230	Building Permits		250	650	500
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		2400	3253	3000
3311-3319	<b>FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
<b>FROM STATE</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3351	Shared Revenues		13500		
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		75000	90138	90138
3353	Highway Block Grant		80079	83184	89200
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement			4	3
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)				
3379	<b>FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS</b>				30000
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3401-3406	Income from Departments		60000	67806	35000
3409	Other Charges				
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3501	Sale of Municipal Property				
3502	Interest on Investments		15000	19371	15000
3503-3509	Other				



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Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		45000	45000	477
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		18524	18524	50000
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds		65000	105148	80000
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amount VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")		99000	99000	100000
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes		22000	22000	
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE &amp; CREDITS</b>			793753	851742	791565

**\*\*BUDGET SUMMARY\*\***

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	1397646	1447007
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	102000	178000
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	287036	378997
<b>TOTAL Appropriations Recommended</b>	1759602	2004004
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	793753	791565
<b>Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised</b>	965849	1212439

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TOWN OF ALSTEAD**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Alstead in the County of Cheshire, in said State qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Municipal Building in said Alstead on Tuesday, the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010 next at 7:00 PM for public hearing on the proposed operating budget and the Town Meeting warrant.

The first session will be held on Tuesday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Alstead Town Hall for final explanation, discussion, or amendment, if necessary, of the articles on the warrant.

The final session of the annual Town Meeting will be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010 for the election of town officers and voting by ballot on all warrant articles. The polls will be open on Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 AM until 7:00 PM.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2: To see whether the Town will vote to adopt Zoning Amendment No. 1 (frontage clarification) as proposed by the Planning Board. A copy of the complete text of the proposal is on file and available for review at the Municipal Office. The following question will appear on the official ballot:

"Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance which amends a

portion of the first sentence of Article III (E) (2) as follows (bold face words constitute the proposed changes to the sentence): "Lots in all districts shall have a minimum of two hundred (200) feet of *continuous* Frontage on a *road(s) or street(s)* which:..." This amendment clarifies the Ordinance to require that a lot or parcel of land must possess continuous frontage in an amount as required under this provision of the Town's Zoning Ordinance in order to meet the requisite frontage under this requirement."

Majority vote required.

Article 3: To see whether the Town will vote to adopt Zoning Amendment No. 2 (limiting the grandfathering of Lots with no frontage) as proposed by the Planning Board. A copy of the complete text of the proposal is on file and available for review at the Municipal Office. The following question will appear on the official ballot:

"Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance which amends the first sentence of Article VI (E) by removing the phrase "*and/or no Frontage*" from the sentence which would then read as follows: "In any district, notwithstanding the limitations imposed by other provisions of this Ordinance, nothing shall prevent the construction of a permitted Building or the establishment of a Permitted Use on a lot with less than the prescribed area and/or prescribed Frontage if such lot legally existed on the effective date of this Ordinance, provided that:..."

Majority vote required.

Article 4 To see whether the Town will vote to adopt Zoning Amendment No. 3 (updating variance standards, consistent with state law ) as proposed by the Planning Board. A copy of the complete text of the

proposal is on file and available for review at the Municipal Office." The following question will appear on the official ballot:

"Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance which amends Article VII (F) (1) by replacing the standards for a variance under this provision with the new statutory requirements for a variance (RSA 674:33) which shall state as follows (bold face words constitute proposed changes): "The Board of Adjustment may on appeal, grant a Variance from the provisions of this Ordinance if the Board makes findings of fact that each of the following conditions are present:

- I. *The Variance will not be contrary to the public interest;*
- II. *The spirit of the ordinance is observed;*
- III. *Substantial justice is done;*
- IV. *The values of surrounding properties are not diminished;*
- V. *Literal enforcement of the provisions of the Ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship.*
  - (A) *For purposes of this subparagraph, "unnecessary hardship" means that, owing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the area:*
    - i. *No fair and substantial relationship exists between the general public purposes of the Ordinance provision and the specific application of that provision to the property; and*
    - ii. *The proposed use is a reasonable one.*
- (B) *If the criteria in subparagraph (A) are not established, an unnecessary hardship will be deemed to exist if, and only if, owing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the area, the property cannot be reasonably used in strict conformance with the Ordinance, and a Variance is therefore necessary to enable a reasonable use of it."*

This amendment simply incorporates the State's mandated requirements for a variance into the Town's Zoning Ordinance in accordance with RSA 674:33."

Majority vote required.



Article 5: Shall the Town of Alstead vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$1,447,007? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$1,397,646, which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alstead or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

a) Executive	\$ 68,125
b) Election, Registration & Vitals	33,657
c) Financial Administration	50,832
d) Revaluation of Property	44,500
e) Legal Expense	15,000
f) Personnel Administration	
	162,000
g) Planning & Zoning	8,900
h) General Government Buildings	161,400
i) Cemeteries	
	3,500
j) Insurance	20,914
k) Advertising & Regional Assns.	6,000
l) Police	145,256
m) Ambulance	34,700
n) Fire & Forest Fire	65,640
o) Emergency Management	3,300
p) Communications	2,000

q) Street Lighting	13,000
r) Highways & Streets	397,733
s) Sanitation/Solid Waste	100,550
t) Health Agencies	14,000
u) Welfare/Direct Assistance	30,000
v) Parks & Recreation	11,500
w) Library	35,000
x) Patriotic Purposes	3,000
y) Conservation Commission	1,500
z) Interest on T.A.N.s	15,000

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.  
Majority vote required.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty thousand six hundred twenty five dollars (\$130,625) to finish paving Thayer Brook Road and the apron of Corbin Road.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.  
Majority vote required.

This article is in addition to Article 5, the operating budget.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty nine thousand dollars (\$159,000) to be placed in the following Capital Reserve Funds and to authorize the withdrawal of up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from fund balance (surplus), with the remainder of fifty nine thousand (\$59,000) to be raised from taxation.

Highway (est. 1988)	\$50,000
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Fire Department (est. 1992)	\$50,000
Ambulance (est. 1992)	\$20,000
Cemetery (est. 1992)	\$ 9,000
Town Hall (est. 2009)	\$30,000

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Majority vote required.

This article is in addition to Article 5, the operating budget.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate The sum of two hundred thousand (\$200,000) to purchase a replacement for the 1984 existing Rescue Truck, for the Fire Department, and to authorize the withdrawal of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund (est. 1992) for that purpose, with the remainder of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000)to be raised by taxation.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Majority vote required.

This article is in addition to Article 5, the operating budget.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000) for the Town's Land Conservation Fund established in 1988 for the acquisition of land, easements, development rights determined to be of significant environmental value to the Town. Under RSA 36:A amounts from this fund may be spent for these purposes without

further town meeting approval, if approved by the Selectmen, and by the Conservation Commission, after holding a public hearing.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Majority vote required.

This article is in addition to Article 5, the operating budget.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of building needs for the Shedd Porter Memorial Library and raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in that Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Majority vote required.

This article is in addition to Article 5, the operating budget.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand three hundred seventy two dollars (\$15,372) to purchase three containers: one 40 yard roll-off container, and two 40 yard open top containers for the Transfer Station and to authorize the withdrawal of four hundred seventy seven dollars (\$477) from the Expendable Recycling Trust Fund established in 2005 for that purpose.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Majority vote required.



This article is in addition to Article 5, the operating Budget.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to remove, setback 8 feet, and reconstruct the stone wall along High Street from the Historical Building towards the Post Office.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.  
Majority vote required.

This article is in addition to Article 5, the operating budget.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000) to have a contractor remove, and reuse, or recycle 80% of the Bragg Building.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.  
Majority vote required.

This article is in addition to Article 5, the operating budget.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Police Capital Reserve Fund created in 1992. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.  
Majority vote required.

This article is in addition to Article 5, the operating

budget.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Expendable Recycling Trust Fund established in 2005 for that purpose.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Majority vote required.

This article is in addition to Article 5, the operating budget.

Article 16: (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to approve the following Resolution to be forwarded to our State Representative(s), our State Senator, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President.

Resolved: The citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines "marriage".

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

Capital Reserve Plan as of 12/15/09

**TOWN OF ALSTEAD  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN**

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Paving Capital Reserve \$132,000 Finish paving Thayer Brook Road	Paving Capital Expenditure \$175,000 Rebuild 1.2 miles of Gilsum Mine Road (4 corners to Pine Cliff Road)/half the job	Paving Capital Expenditure \$175,000 finish the other half of the job on Gilsum Mine Road, which includes paving	Paving Capital Expenditure \$200,000	Paving Capital Expenditure \$200,000	Paving Capital Expenditure \$250,000
Highway Capital Reserve \$50,000	Highway Capital Reserve \$50,000 Purchase 550 truck for \$75,000 (take all from CR)	Highway Capital Reserve \$50,000 Purchase 550 truck for \$75,000 (take all from CR)	Highway Capital Reserve \$50,000 Purchase 10-wheeler for \$200,000 (take \$100,000 from CR)	Highway Capital Reserve \$50,000	Highway Capital Reserve \$50,000 Replace 350 truck \$50,000 new/used grader (approx \$250,000)
Fire Dept Capital Reserve \$50,000	Fire Dept Capital Reserve \$125,000	Fire Dept Capital Reserve \$125,000	Fire Dept Capital Reserve \$50,000	Fire Dept Capital Reserve \$50,000	Fire Dept. Capital Reserve \$50,000
Rescue Truck purchase For \$190,000 (take \$50,000 from CR)		enlarge doors at Village Station \$20,000	Fire Pumper purchase for \$400,000 (take \$400,000 from CR)		
Ambulance Capital Reserve \$20,000	Ambulance Capital Reserve \$20,000  Purchase Ambulance for \$140,000 (\$100,000 from CR)	Ambulance Capital Reserve \$20,000	Ambulance Capital Reserve \$20,000	Ambulance Capital Reserve \$20,000	Ambulance Capital Reserve \$20,000
Cemetery Capital Reserve \$9,000	Cemetery Capital Reserve \$9,000				
Land Conservation \$14,000	Land Conservation \$14,000	Land Conservation \$14,000	Land Conservation \$14,000	Land Conservation \$14,000	Land Conservation \$14,000
Town Hall Capital Reserve \$30,000	Town Hall Capital Reserve \$30,000	Town Hall Capital Reserve \$30,000	Town Hall Capital Reserve \$30,000	Town Hall Capital Reserve \$30,000	Town Hall Capital Reserve \$30,000
Library Roof Capital Reserve \$					
Bridge Work Capital Reserve \$					

## **2009 Annual Report Selectmen's Report**

In March, Matt Saxton was re-elected to the Board, and Joel McCarty, in the third year of his term, was named Chairman.

2009 was another relatively peaceful year in the Selectmen's Office.

Our new used truck that hauls the containers that we fill at the Transfer Station is working well. We are saving thousands of dollars per year by taking over this work in the Public Works Department. We now control when a tank leaves, and can therefore manage the waste stream more efficiently. It is our collective goal to have the tanks empty enough to be able to hold everything that comes in on a Wednesday or Saturday.

A new regulation this year commands that only brush may be burned at the Transfer Station; all other wood, painted or not, must go into the demolition/construction-debris tank.

After last year's Town voting we Selectmen appointed a committee to look at the possibilities for a new Rescue Truck for the Fire Department. The Rescue Truck is an important asset to our community, and indeed, to our area served by Mutual Aid. It is dispatched to fires, car accidents, and any other emergency where personal injury is evident or possible.

Large equipment has become very expensive, and we have had discussions regarding the future, small towns, property taxes, and new equipment costing multiples of \$100,000.



We have discussed the possibility of greater cooperation among adjoining towns with other local Boards of Selectmen as to large equipment. We wonder if it is necessary, prudent, and efficient for each town to purchase and operate and maintain say, an excavator, and wonder further if each and every town needs the same assortment of new fire trucks or road maintenance equipment. Do we need to fund by property taxes overlapping capacity town to town? Langdon shares our transfer Station, and is a successful example of efficiency that crosses Town lines.

The last big fire truck Alstead bought cost \$185,000. That was 10 years ago. A new rescue truck could cost as much as that, and the next fire truck planned for purchase in 2013 is expected to cost \$400,000. Can it be done? What alternatives are there? That was the charge to our new committee, this time specifically looking at the Rescue Truck.

All who were involved would probably agree that the 2009 committee process was unsatisfactory, and that no shared consensus on a new Rescue Truck was reached. We Selectmen were disappointed. So we have resolved to recall the committee whether or not the Town votes in the affirmative for the article on the Warrant which asks for a new Rescue Truck.

The Town Offices building had its trim cleaned and painted. The sills of the bay windows on the south end of the building have been patched one more time, and the replacement of those windows is on the list of energy use reduction projects.

To Be or Not To Be: The Bragg house (near the new bridge in the village) and its possible saving or removal was discussed at two public hearings (and other places, no

doubt). The consensus recognizes that we are all sad to lose another building in the Village, but modern potential uses for the old house run smack into the Americans with Disabilities Act (which has made a marvelous difference in the daily lives of any of us who are not as bipedal as most other people, or as we ourselves used to be). This increases renovation costs substantially. And the building is too small for most public uses. So, the 2010 Warrant asks for funds to remove the house in an environmentally responsible manner.

We Selectmen are continuing the discussion about tuitioning Alstead resident students to school in Walpole. We have had, (and will have more) discussions with the School Board and the school district's Superintendent. We are determined to find a satisfactory resolution to this taxation issue.

Fuel oil at \$4.50, and the risk that it might return at that price someday, got us lots more interested in energy use in Town buildings. Some very good volunteer energy has arisen around this issue. There have been energy audits done at each Town building. The most comprehensive audit was done at the Library, but good ideas have been suggested for each of the buildings. Each idea carries a cost, of course, and we are learning about the many grant and program opportunities that help pay for improvements. The light bulbs have been changed at the Town Offices, and the results have been satisfactory except in the rest rooms, which are oddly dim. Look for more improvements to occur as funding will permit. If you are interested in this effort to reduce energy use, we hope you will get involved at the Town level! Contact the Selectmen's office, or get directly to John Mann at 835-9095. He is a nice guy who will appreciate any expertise or help you could offer.

Thayer Brook Road was base-coat paved in June, and the finish coat is planned for this year, provided the warrant article is approved. Then the road will be DONE for the next twenty years, we expect. Paving over a road that has been completely rebuilt from the drainage up lasts vastly longer than paving over ledge protrusions and quicksand. The next target of this sort of rebuild in years to come is the Gilsum Mine Road from the blinking light to the Pine Cliff Road, which, as you know, is worse than dreadful (and one of the two most heavily traveled roads in Town that we maintain).

We would like to express our thanks to the NH Department of Transportation and to Cold River Bridges for a beautiful new bridge in the Village! Well done!

We Alstead-ians, and all the 2400 other vehicles that pass through Town every day on Rt 123 will have a break from construction equipment, flag persons, and delays this coming summer. NHDOT is surveying, engineering, and drafting in 2010 in preparation for a last push of construction in 2011. After that, the job to repair the damage wrought by the Flood will have been completed, with some improvements to make future damage to the infrastructure less likely.

This year Alstead is being required to squeeze two years of the work included in our property assessing contract into one by The NH Department of Revenue Administration. This is less than ideal, but must be dealt with. The Selectmen's Office will keep everyone informed about the process as it goes forward. We should all have updated assessments on our December 2010 tax bill. It is almost certain that the new assessments will be lower on properties that have not been

improved since the last update in 2005.

We feel privileged to work with a terrific group of people! A wide array of talents is represented, and appreciated. We are glad to so many of you get involved in the process of running Alstead, which will always be as wonderful a place as we will make it by our collective effort and participation. There is always room for another volunteer, and a great many - and various- opportunities to which you could add your particular interest and energy. Let us know how you would like to help! (The Zoning Board and the Planning Board each have vacancies.)

Thanks all for a good year! We are glad to get to know so many of you in the course of Town business, and are glad to feel your support---Thank you!

Joel Bill Matt



**2009 Annual Report  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector**

Please note that 1996 cars and up require a title to be registered. If you purchase vehicles in this age bracket from an individual make sure they have the title.

For older vehicles - in addition to the bill of sale you need one of the following documents:

- a. Previously issued N.H. Registration.
- b. Valid Out of State Title.
- c. Verification of VIN (Form 19A).

If you have any question regarding a new registration, you may call the office. It is important to have the proper paperwork. I can process renewal registrations by mail if necessary. Please call for the amounts due. This information is very important; therefore I have it in my report every year.

Reminder! Dog licenses renewed by April 30. For a new license please bring a rabies certificate with you. Also if the dog has had an update of rabies vaccination since the last registration please bring a copy of certificate.

For those unable to pay all their taxes at once please note that any payment even if not the full amount due will reduce the interest to be paid.

I thank you for your support this year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gloria Seddon  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

**REPORT OF THE ALSTEAD TOWN CLERK  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

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Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	\$253183.58
Dog Licenses	3252.50
Dog Fines	225.00
Vitals	837.00
Total Debits	\$257498.08

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Remittance To Treasurer

Motor Vehicle Fees	\$253183.58
Dog Licenses	3252.50
Dog Fines	225.00
Vitals	837.00
Total Credits	\$257498.08

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
 Summary ToTax Accounts  
 Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009  
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Uncoll. Taxes – Beginning Fiscal Year	2009	2008
Property Taxes		\$379351.20
Yield Tax		1161.00
Land Use Change		
Taxes Committed This Year:		
Property Taxes	\$4056700.00	
Land Use Change	1546.00	
Yield Taxes	15900.00	
Excavation Tax	533.02	
Other Charges		332.00
Overpayment		
Property Taxes	5211.87	
Int. Coll. on Delinquent Taxes	3207.77	17120.70
Lien Costs		2442.50
 Total Debits	 \$4083098.66	 \$400407.40

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Remit to Treasurer Fiscal Year:	2009	2008
Property Taxes	\$3690292.97	\$259838.38
Land Use Change	1526.00	
Yield Taxes	5414.00	
Excavation Tax	533.02	
Interest	3207.77	9725.16
Conversion To Lien		130454.86
Other Char		332.00

Abatements Made:		
Property Taxes	177.00	57.00
Land Use	20.00	
Current Levy Deeded	1976.00	
Uncollected Taxes		
Property Taxes	369465.90	
Yield Taxes	10486.00	
 Total Credits	 \$4083098.66	 \$400407.40

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS**  
 Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009

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	2008	2007	2006	2005
Liens Bal.:				
Beginning of Fiscal Year		73145.53	31420.16	12703.95
Liens Exe.	130454.86			
Int. & Costs	1836.29	6739.48	7101.06	1079.67
 Total Debit	 132291.15	 79885.01	 38521.22	 13783.62

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Remitted to Treasurer:				
Redem.	22969.33	23945.60	22085.44	1912.67
Int. & Costs	1836.29	6739.48	7101.06	1079.67
Deed Town	2143.67	2009.85	1899.18	2037.03
Lien Bal.	105341.86	47190.08	7435.54	8754.25
 Total Credits	 132291.15	 79885.01	 38521.22	 13783.62



**2009 Annual Report  
Highway Department Division  
Public Works Department**

The Highway Department of Public Works recovered \$53,000 dollars, less 12 ½ percent which was the Towns portion, from the December 2008 Ice Storm. This money was obtained through FEMA. The trash truck and excavator was used to clean up downed trees and limbs. There is still some clean-up work to be done in the East part of the Town.

The Highway Department also put up 4,000 yards of sand for the winter. The sand was purchased from Garland's Pit on Hill Road, crushed by John Burroughs's Crushing, and hauled to the Town Barn by three Town truck in four days.

I was out of work for approximately five weeks due to open-heart surgery to repair my Mitral Valve, but now I feel fine and have no health problems. The rest of the Highway Department kept things running smoothly in my absence. Thanks guys!

The base coat was paved on Thayer Brook Road. We added Rap (reprocessed pavement) shoulders to reinforce the road edges.

Culverts were replaced on Camp Brook Road (6 pipes), Upper Old Settlers Road (1 pipe), Pratt Road (1 pipe), Cobb Hill Road (2 pipes), and Vilas Road (1 pipe). Ditching was done in conjunction with the culverts to direct the water to the pipes.

The Highway Department rebuilt 1700 feet of Homestead Road. We replaced 2 culverts, and added road stabilization fabric over the top of the old road. The base material used on Homestead Road consisted of the old village bridge crushed up to 3" along

with the glass from the Transfer Station. An additional 750 yards of 1 ½" crushed gravel was used for the top coat.

Catch Basins were cleaned. Roadside mowing was done. Gravel Roads were graded and in some cases gravel added to them. There was also some dead tree removal around town.

David Crosby  
DPW Supervisor

### **2009 Annual Report Alstead Transfer Station**

All went well at the Alstead Transfer Station this year.

We trucked:	61 loads of trash to Wheelabrator
	24 loads of C&D to Keene
	16 loads of commingle to Keene
	21 loads of paper to Keene
	16 loads of scrap metal to Advanced Recycling
	<u>1</u> load of tires (3 ½ tons) to Routhier & Sons
Total trips	139

Northeast Resource Recovery Association of Epsom, NH reported that by recycling our paper (116.81 tons), we saved 1,986 trees, and by recycling our Scrap Metal (67 tons), we conserved 67,243 pounds of coal.

David Crosby  
DPW Supervisor

## 2009 Annual Police Report Alstead Police Department

The Alstead Police Department has seen an increase in activity and calls for service in 2009 when comparing the statistics from 2008. The department handled 567 total incidents in 2009 up from 489 incidents in 2008. Specifically, we had 20 arrests in 2009 up from 14 in 2008, 20 motor vehicle accidents up from 13 in 2008 and 30 traffic tickets up from 21 in 2008.

Furthermore, the list below shows some of the more popular cases handled by the department in 2009:

Family Dispute	22
Alstead Ambulance	32
Civil Issue	9
Civil Standby	12
Vacant House Check	16
Public Nuisance	16
Assist Motorist	18
Departmental Assist	42
Vin Checks	19
Fingerprinting Service	15
Manner of Operation	18
Community Policing	11
Burglary	6
Thefts	18
Vandalism	10
Bad Checks	8
Disorderly Conduct	5
Animal Involved Incidents	37
Involuntary Emergency Admissions	4
Simple Assaults	4

In other news, the Alstead Explorers received the Public Service Post of the Year award from the Daniel Webster Council at their

annual recognition dinner. Their work on the 911 House Sign project was a major factor in receiving the award. To date they have distributed 37 signs throughout Alstead and some in

Langdon. The 911 House Sign Project is a joint community policing effort between the Police, the Alstead Ambulance and the Explorers. This project is still active for any residents that wish to obtain the house signs. The house signs are highly reflective and can help first responders better find your home during an emergency. Signs can be ordered at the Transfer Station or at the Town Clerk's office. Signs can also be ordered online at [www.alsteadexplorers.com](http://www.alsteadexplorers.com) , Explorer Josh McGarvey created this website and he has been instrumental in streamlining the ordering process.

The police department obtained a grant for bicycle helmets which will be given out to all participants of a bicycle rodeo which the department hopes to hold with the assistance of school parents sometime this spring.

Cameron Prior will continue to work as the part time animal control officer while he attends college for Criminal Justice studies. Unlicensed and dogs without proper vaccinations will continue to be a priority with fines and court appearances being applied after one documented warning.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Bromley  
Police Chief



## **2009 Annual Report Alstead Fire Department**

Calls were down approximately 10% from last year, making for a slightly calmer year for the fire department. However, calls still show a steady rise in the average of calls per year due to the ever increasing request for assistance in various types of problems and emergencies.

The year's very wet summer caused a large decrease in the number of brush fires in the area. But, due to the large amount of damage still in the woods, as a result of the ice storm of 2007, there is still a great potential for larger scale brush fires, due to the increased amount of downed, dead fuel. A dry season will make the situation much worse, should it happen. I would remind everybody that, with no snow cover, permits are required to burn clean, untreated wood and brush only. Also in 2012, unless the law is changed, it will become illegal to burn anything but brush. The burning of lumber and construction scraps will no longer be allowed.

Again the department asks for your support for the purchase of a new rescue truck sufficient to meet the needs of the town and the department for the next 25 years or more.

We had members attend numerous trainings which included classes at Meadow-wood and neighboring towns. This training included: Dart Landing Zone Class, SCBA and Firefighter II classes at Meadowood, Statewide forestry training in Pembroke and a Wildland Firefighter II Class in Lempster. One member also attended a class at The National Fire Academy. We had mutual aid drills with Acworth in town and in Marlow. Fire Prevention presentations were made at the elementary school and the Orchard School.

I would like to thank the members of the department and the community for their support and assistance over the last year. Also, we are always looking to enlarge our roster. Anyone wishing to join the department may contact a member of the department or the Municipal Offices for information.

### Activity Report 2009

Motor Vehicle Accidents	17
Mutual Aid	16
Chimney Fires	6
Trees/Wires Down	8
Smoke Investigations	6
Automatic Alarms	5
Illegal Burns	3
CO Alarms	2
Flooded Cellars	2
Car Fires	1
Dumpster Fires	1
Haz-Mat	1
Subject stuck in elevator	1
Stand by during power outage	1
Stand by during dispatch outage	1
Monitor Water Levels	1
Meetings	11
Drills	19

Kim Kercewich  
Fire Chief

## **2009 Annual Report Alstead Ambulance**

Alstead Ambulance responded to 122 calls in this past year, a slight increase over the 114 calls the previous year.

There were 14 Motor Vehicle Accidents that the Ambulance responded to with 6 requiring patient transport. 10 calls were for Patient Assist only, and we had 1 structure fire standby where we transported a firefighter for medical treatment to Cheshire Medical Center. The rest of the calls (97) were assorted medical calls.

The Ambulance Squad has 15 members currently. In the past year our members logged 736 hours responding to calls, and had 370 hours of combined meeting and training.

As a majority of the members currently reside closer to the East Station, we are continuing to house the ambulance in the East Station, but at any time that we can add new members living in the village district we would gladly resume having the ambulance on a rotating schedule between the stations. We are always looking to have new members join our squad. If you'd like to serve your community as part of the ambulance squad, please inquire for more information at the Town Office.

As Ambulance Captain I attended a series of meetings with our Emergency Management Director Jack Michnovetz at Cheshire Medical in preparations for H1N1. The focus was on planning for vaccine distribution. The outbreak was not as severe as was thought possible and therefore not all plans were carried through. But it was a valuable training exercise for all involved as preparation for possible future pandemics or other emergencies.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anton Elbers  
Captain, Alstead Ambulance

## 2009 Annual Report Cemetery Commission

Annual upkeep of Alstead's seven cemeteries consisted of mowing, trimming, fall clean-up of leaves, and removal of brush and dead trees. Reginald Clark and William and Jean Rhoades perform 95% of these jobs. Occasionally the highway department and other companies assist in the maintenance of our cemeteries.

This year we used the money raised to repair head stones and monuments in West Cemetery on Route 123 in East Alstead.

We received \$4,800 from FEMA for damage to grave stones caused by the ice storm last winter. We will use these funds to continue our work repairing stones during 2010. Because we received this money and the economy is so bad, we do not have a warrant article to raise money this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reginald Clark  
Roberta Young  
Bruce Bellows

## 2009 Annual Report Trustees of Trust Funds

The revenue from our trust funds (capital reserves, cemetery, school, library, historical society, scholarships, etc.) remained very low through 2009. We all hope the interest rates will improve during 2010.

New funds established during 2009:

Patrick and Darlene Newton/Ralph and Beverly Moore \$400.00

Cemetery lots are available and may be purchased by contacting Reginald Clark at 835-6007.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Alstead Cemetery Commission

Reginald Clark  
Robert Young  
Bruce Bellows



## 2009 Annual Report Conservation Commission

Throughout the winter, early in 2009, the Conservation Commission reviewed and processed the information gleaned from the two Community/Conservancy Partnership Forums held in 2008. It was clear that Alstead residents valued preserving clean water, the habitat for the wildlife we have in abundance, and working farms and sustainable forestry. This taskforce, including all of the Conservation Commissioners, resource persons from the Monadnock Conservancy and other Alstead residents, worked to create a questionnaire that show the prioritized values and a list of the special places in Alstead that should be considered when conserving open spaces. These questionnaire surveys were shared with residents at the Town Festival, the Transfer Station and at a number of public meetings. The information gathered was then used to formulate an Open Space/Conservation Plan as called for in the Alstead Master Plan adopted in 2007. After a Public Hearing in December, the Planning Board voted to accept this Plan as a chapter in Alstead's Master Plan.

Again this year Commission members attended a variety of workshops pertaining to conservation easements, open space, invasive species, and other conservation issues to expand their knowledge and share it with the Alstead community. Five Commissioners also attended the NH Association of Conservation Commissioners Annual Meeting that was filled with a variety of workshops and field trips.

The National Arbor Day Foundation awarded the town of Alstead "Tree City" status for the seventh consecutive year. During the Arbor Day celebration on May 1st at the Vilas Alstead Primary

School, the Conservation Commission received a new Tree City flag and a seven-year sticker for the Town sign. Sara Marsden received first place in the State of NH for her poster that was

submitted to the National Arbor Day Foundation Poster Contest. Students read poems and essays about trees and the Middle School Chorus sang. A Sugar Maple was planted behind the Middle School in memory of Ethan Kirby.

A re-certification application for Tree City status for 2009 has been submitted to the National Arbor Day Foundation.

Approximately 180 people participated in the Earth Day Cleanup on May 2nd. Residents attended a community breakfast on the porch of the Town office and then joined work crews to pick up trash along 55 miles of road. The Warren team of horses pulled a wagon up Hill Road to assist workers collecting trash. "Litter Free New Hampshire" donated 800 assorted daffodil bulbs to Alstead for our effort. Bulbs were distributed to Scout troops for planting and to residents who helped with the clean up.

In September, the Commission sponsored a walk on the Montgomery conservation easement. Participants hiked through an old logging road to an active beaver dam and pond.

In November, Commissioners monitored conservation easements held by the town by walking the properties and filing reports with the Society of the Protection of NH Forests and the NH Office of State Planning.

The Conservation Commission meets at the Town office at 5 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. Our meetings are open to the public and we welcome interested residents. With the resignation of Joy Nalevanko, after almost nine years of service, there are currently five Conservation Commissioners and two Alternates.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Nalevanko

The Alstead Conservation Commission: Marilou Blaine, Dan Hall, John Mann, David Moody, and Sarah Webb  
Alternates: Nan Montgomery and Joyce Curll

**The Alstead Conservation Commission aims to work in partnership with the community to assess and conserve natural resources by providing education and encouraging outdoor recreation, wise land use, and best land management practices.**

## **2009 Annual Report**

### **Shedd-Porter Memorial Library Board of Trustees**

The Trustees would like to thank our enthusiastic Librarian, Barbara Davis, our Assistant Librarian, Gaale Klein, and our custodian, Sam Kong. Thanks as well to the many volunteers: Judy Bellows, Melanie Marsden, Margaret Perry, Ellen Chase, Jessie Dussalt and Cynthia Phippen, without whom our library wouldn't function as smoothly as it does. The creator and editor of the colorful LIBRARY LOWDOWN, our newsletter, is Colleen Heidorn, 11 years old. Thank you, Colleen. Volunteers are always welcome!

We would also like to extend our gratitude to Jeanne Moody for her service as a trustee and to Heather Jasmin for filling the remainder of Jeanne's term as trustee.

Did you ever wonder exactly what the Library Trustees do? They assure the long-term health of the library overall, while supporting the Librarian in her administration of the library's regular operations. In short, Barbara runs the day to day operations of the library; we make sure that she has a place to run. The Trustees represent the library to the taxpayer. The Trustees represent the taxpayer to the library.

The Trustees and the Librarian prepare the annual budget and we work with the Selectmen as the budget is presented to the voters for their approval. We receive income from the original Shedd Family Library Endowment as well as from the trusts administered by the Trustee of Trust Funds. (Did you know that in the eyes of the IRS, public libraries are treated as a 501 C (3)?)

These administrative and financial obligations require that we be familiar with the several sets of State laws governing management of both the library and the public and private monies involved. The Trustees are currently working to conform to these regulations and

laws... not only the NH State financial laws and regulations but also the NH Library Laws. We just approved a Mission Statement: "The Shedd-Porter Memorial Library is a welcoming source for information and a meeting place that nurtures a sense of community, with respect for all." We have written some Policies, and we will be writing more. (It is the Librarian who implements these Policies.) Among other things that we must do, we will be writing the By-Laws for the Library. In order to understand our obligations, some of us are members of the NH Library Trustees Association and we attend annual and area meetings. To understand the legal, "Money", aspect of our job, we attend seminars given by the Assistant Director of the Attorney General's Charitable Trusts Unit.

We also look after the well-being, maintenance and preservation of the historic library building, which celebrates its Centennial in 2010! Throughout the years this has taken much time both during our regular meetings and outside of the regular meetings due to persistent maintenance issues, mostly having to do with roof leaks and pointing. Roof work was done this year. We see an ongoing need for roof work and pointing in the future. Since July, Tafi Brown has been monitoring the effect of each weather event on the library and how the repairs and weatherization we have implemented or that we have had installed are responding. We ask your support for the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund for future building needs.

This year we received a small (matching) Preservation Services Grant, sponsored by the NH Preservation Alliance and the NH Division of Historical Resource's Preservation Services Grant Program. This grant was also financed in part with Federal funds from the National Park Service. A Simple Building Assessment is in process. Once completed it will prioritize our buildings needs. This will be useful for future planning and will also allow us to



apply for more grant-funded assistance. Having this Simple Building Assessment is also a prerequisite should we ever desire to be listed on the NH State Registry of Historic Places or the National Registry of Historic Places.

2009 saw the beginnings of weatherization of the building. The downstairs windows now have interior storm windows. The front doors have been weather stripped and the transom window has an interior storm window. A 7 day thermostat was installed. A Building Energy Audit of the library was completed and preparations are underway for future implementation of some of the suggestions. We are grateful to John Mann for his volunteer help with weatherization of the building.

The library was vandalized in the late spring. The building required extensive cleaning by a professional company. The back door required repair. Luckily our collections were not damaged. We are grateful to our Police Department.

Recent changes to the appearance of the Library are wonderful examples of generosity. John Allen donated his services to rewire, upgrade and update the globe lights which now cast a beautiful glow over the library every night. The Schweppe Family, descendants of the Shedd-Porter Family, donated half the cost for the creation and installation of the new sign in front of the library. These two events add to the beauty of the village, encourage participation in Library events and, we believe, further a sense of pride in the library we are so privileged to call ours. The Trustees are grateful for donations such as these and intend to continue to welcome such opportunities in the future.

For residents of the town who do not have access to cable or high speed internet service, or who want to save money, don't forget, the library now has DSL!

We are looking forward to celebrating the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library's Centennial this summer!

Notice of Trustee meetings are always posted at the Library, at the Post Office, at the Town Offices, and on the Town's website. The meetings are open to the public. Minutes and more are posted on the Town's website.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Shedd-Porter Memorial Library Board of Trustees  
Kathryn Brown (Tafi), Chair  
CONTACT \_Con-41A097BCC7 \c \s \l Erin Heidorn  
Mary Lou Huffling, Treasurer  
Heather Jasmin, Secretary  
Susan Norlander, Corresponding Secretary

## 2009 Annual Report Shedd Porter Memorial Library

Centennial Year! How lucky we all are to have this wonderful building in the town of Alstead. It is an honor for me to work in it.

There have been many accomplishments this past year and many more things to keep working on. We now have high speed internet and Wi Fi as well. Currently there are two older computers for the public to use and plenty of space on the beautiful tables for your lap tops.

Serving the public in as many ways as possible is a top priority. Besides internet access we can do inter-library loans from libraries anywhere in the state. The state van does not come to Alstead but you should have your request in about two weeks. Preschool story hour happens every Thursday at 10:30 thanks to volunteer Jessie Dussalt. Children, parents, and grandparents have been enjoying Jessie's enthusiasm and musical talents every week. There is a monthly program every second Saturday of the month @10 am. The programs are free and are often given by community members. If you have a skill you'd like to share please contact me. The school outreach program has been a great success. As librarian I visit both the Alstead and Sarah Porter schools every other week. K-4th grades receive a story and books from the library. It's been fun to get to know the children and some of them have started bringing their parents to the library!

Some of the programs in 2009 were as follows: Alstead author/astrologer Celeste Longacre spoke about her book Love Signs, collage making with Lianna Haubrich, felting flowers with Nichole Chazaud Telar, a horse and rider photography exhibit by Vanessa Wright called The Literary Horse, The Holiday Read and

most recently the Sleepover in the Shedd. Thses are just a few and by no means a complete list. The summer reading program was really a blast this year, with the final day culminating with pony

rides on the back lawn of the library given by Kim Mastrianni of Langdon, who brought her two ponies for the event.

The statistics at the library continue to rise. Patrons, materials checked out, program attendance and volunteer hours are all recorded each day the library is open. There are currently 820 registered patrons, with 571 residing in Alstead and 148 from Langdon. The rest come from surrounding towns or are summer residents. Everyone is welcome of course!

There are no overdue fines but there is a box on the desk and I am not shy about asking people do donate if their materials are late - or just for fun! I have found people to be generous, however there are still many overdues which take a significant amount of time to process.

The windows downstairs in the children's room have been weatherized and the space has been significantly warmer than in the past. I am currently working on redesigning the Juvenile and Young Adult section of the library. As I write this I am also writing a grant through the Fall Mountain Educational Endowment Association to involve students at Fall Mountain High School to help with this project. (the grant is pending)

I have a long wish list for the library and I'd like to share it with you now - comfortable chairs, in good condition, more rugs, floor lamps, newer computers, a few more plants, and all overdues returned.

There are some very hard working volunteers at the moment and they should be thanked. Margaret Perry and Ellen Chase have been working on the card catalog all year. It's a big job and they have done wonders with it. Jessie Dussalt, whom I have already mentioned - deserves to be mentioned again. Judy Bellows is an amazing card typist and Melanie Marsden has been helping with the overdue system and many other small but important tasks. Cynthia Phippen also comes faithfully to process the books, while the special ed. department at Fall Mountain High School brings students all year long, every week, to help with various projects. I am grateful to all of them. There are plenty of tasks and I am always looking for more volunteers.

Our main centennial celebration will take place in August with speakers, and art exhibit, and music, but smaller events will take place before that. Watch for notification on our new sign in front of the library which you may be able to read at night thanks to John Allen who volunteered his time to fix the globe lights on the steps.

Books, movies, music, magazines, audio cd's, internet access, programs, meeting your fellow community members - we've got it all. It's free, it's fun, it's your library.

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Davis  
Librarian



# SHEDD PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

## 2009 FINANCIAL REPORT

### Checking Account

Opening Balance: \$26,533.63  
Deposits: \$21,848.03  
Total: \$48,381.66  
Expenses: \$30,289.47  
Year End Balance: \$18,092.19

### Deposits:

Shedd Fund: \$1648.98  
Town of Alstead: \$13,464.46  
Trustee of Trusts: \$3,987.71  
Donations: \$1,513.33  
Grants: \$1,233.55

Total: \$21,848.03

### Expenses:

Utilities: \$1,704.13  
Miscellaneous: \$158.03  
Building Maintenance: \$17,558.44  
Office: \$1,232.42  
Books: \$7,237.32  
Periodicals: \$732.87  
Videos, CDs, DVDs: \$785.78  
Programs: \$540.48  
Trustee and Librarian Expenses: \$340.50

Total Expenditures: \$30,289.47

Salaries \$20,428.68

FICA: \$1,563.13

Non Lapsing Fund Balance as of Dec. 31, 2009 \$8,557.62

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT BALANCES DEC 31, 2009

Ruth Lufkin Memorial Book Fund: \$6,120.25

Ruth Lufkin Gleason Book Fund: \$8,124.55

Maxine Craig Book Fund: \$1,764.04

Marion K, Holmes Summer Reading Program Fund: \$2,700.82

Marion Holmes Summer reading program Fund: \$1,202.01

Respectfully Submitted

Mary Lou Huffling

Treasurer

**2009 Annual Report**  
**Alstead's Office of Emergency Management**

Emergency Management transitioned from developing procedures to training and implementation. The town letter/survey was well received with a significant number of families offering their homes for temporary housing when required. There also were many offers for equipment/skills that would be critical during a town-wide emergency.

More than a dozen people joined the citizen volunteer group. Training to date has included security (traffic, check points and flow control) which was taught by the police department. The fire department/ambulance squad reviewed the process for evaluating and clearing damaged structures and doing welfare checks. Currently a list is being developed of citizens who might require monitoring and/or assistance. In addition to the citizen volunteers, the training meetings are also attended by Police, Emergency Service Explorers, Fire Department, Ambulance squad and the Health and Safety Officers.

The following is a reminder of a critical policy. "If the power or phone service (widespread) is out for more than four hours the East and Village Fire stations will be manned for communication/information purposes." Both Fire stations now have generators of sufficient capabilities that will make these buildings fully functional during an emergency.

Jack Michnovetz, Emergency Management Director

## **2009 Annual Report Alstead Historical Society**

Renovation of the Maybelle H. Still Memorial Building continued in 2009 under the LCHIP grant that we received in December 2007. UV glass was installed in the west-facing windows of the exhibition space on the ground floor of the museum to protect exhibits from fading and damage from sunlight. The glass also will add to the insulation of the walls on that side of the building. Utilizing eight large bureaus left over from the Town during the 2005 flood relief efforts, Bruce Bellows designed and constructed a set of innovative shelving and display areas for museum artefacts. The bureau tops will provide display areas while the drawers will be used for storage, something we sorely lacked in the past. Also during the year, Bruce replaced the wire screens on the first floor windows on the west side of the building with sheets of Lexan to improve the appearance of the windows.

Throughout the year, Bellows Construction tore up the decayed floor of the reference room, insulated it and replaced it with southern yellow pine. Black and white tiles were installed on the floor of the museum's entry way and on the floor of a new gift shop to the right of the entrance. The Society purchased, and will install next year, a large dehumidifier for the reference room and a composting toilet for the old rest room in the gift shop. A task that remains to be done on the second floor of the building is to replace the old, yellowed, window shades with new Mylar UV shades. This will improve the appearance of the exterior of the building and greatly reduce light damage to the museum displays. Finally, both floors of the museum are now handicap accessible. A three-foot wide door and wooden ramp at the northeast corner of the building can be reached by car. From Pleasant Street east of the museum there is a horizontal paved walkway to the ground floor entrance. The work cost more than \$75,000 of which LCHIP provided \$35,240. The Society's project greatly benefited from

substantial discounts on materials and labor from local contractors and suppliers and from the volunteer efforts of AHS members.

During 2009 AHS sponsored four public programs. At our first program on April 15, Dr. Robert Goodby of Franklin Pierce University presented a well-attended lecture entitled "Digging Native History in New Hampshire. This program was supported by a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council. At our second program on November 18, Bruce Bellows and David Moody presented "Judy Checchi's Walking Tour of Alstead Village" to a standing-room-only audience in the Alstead Town Hall. For a number of years, Ms. Checchi, a retired teacher from the Alstead Primary School, introduced her students to the history of Alstead by showing them pictures of what the town looked like in the early 1900s. She then took the children on a walking tour of the village. We combined Ms. Checchi's slides with images from our own extensive collection of historic photographs to create a presentation of over 130 images. We intend to repeat this program and present additional pictorial tours of other parts of Alstead during 2010.

Ian Relihan, one of the three student editors of the Alstead 2005 flood book, returned for his third year to finishing cataloging the books in the AHS library. Margaret Perry continues to work on cataloging manuscripts and researching genealogy in the AHS Office in the Town Municipal Building, on Wednesday afternoons. Please drop in to say hello. This is an excellent time to ask questions, buy a town history, or drop off photographs, letters, or artifacts that you think might be of interest to the AHS.

The AHS Trustees meet the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectman's office in the Town Municipal Building. Meetings are open to the public. AHS welcomes anyone



who has an interest in preserving Alstead's history.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce A. Bellows  
President, Alstead Historical Society

## **2009 Annual Report Fall Mountain Emergency Foodshelf**

2009 was a very challenging year for the Foodshelf. There was an increase in the number of families needing food, the cost of food increased, and the NH Food Bank did not have as much food to purchase as they have had in the past. However, the good news is we were able to meet the challenge due to the caring of so many in our local communities. We were able to help everyone who came to us by providing them with a week to two weeks worth of wholesome, nutritious food. We provided food for the 7200 families that came to us for help. These families included 23,978 individuals of all ages. We were able to provide them with at least 719,340 meals. What a blessing!

We at the Foodshelf and those we serve are truly grateful to the many people who contributed food and money to purchase food throughout the year. We are thankful to the local people, the local churches (some of which are doing monthly food and monetary collections for us), the Fall Mt Regional School District Staff and students, the local organizations and many businesses who did wonderful food and monetary collections for us. Also many local grocery stores, food wholesalers, supermarkets, discount stores, USDA, and the NH Food Bank have made some wonderful donations of food. The spirit of giving and caring for others that is so strong among the folks of our area is so inspiring. Our people truly do care about the well being of one another. If the rest of the

world took care of one another as we do here no one would ever be hungry again. When people are going through difficult times it helps to know that people care.

We are thankful for the many people who so freely and lovingly give of themselves by volunteering at the Foodshelf. As you can imagine we acquire and distribute huge quantities of food and it takes many hours and many hands to see that everyone has the food they need. Much love goes in to making all this a reality. Our Great Provider has truly blest us.

We and those we serve are grateful to the local towns for their support. The Langdon Town Office Building is a wonderful site. It is very accessible and central to the towns we serve. We will be moving our Charlestown site in February to a new site on Woodrise Road. The new site will work well for us too. We are grateful to Langdon and Charlestown for providing us with such great sites.

For the 13<sup>th</sup> year we are once again participating in the Feinstein Million Dollar Challenge Against Hunger. All monetary donations and each food item donated from the 1<sup>st</sup> of March to the 30<sup>th</sup> of April counts as a dollar, and both will qualify us for a proportional share of the million dollars. We will be very, very grateful for any monetary donation or food items donated during this time.

We at the Foodshelf and all those families you have helped thank you again for your generous support, love, and caring!!!

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Lou Huffling

## **2009 Annual Report**

### **Fall Mountain Friendly Meals**

The Fall Mountain Friendly Meals had another fun year of breaking bread together every Tuesday and Thursday at 11ish at the Alstead Fire Station. We provided 25,352 congregate and meals on wheels to people in the five towns of the Fall Mountain area.

We serve full course home cooked meals. Our meals are prepared in our new kitchen which we love. The kitchen and the Fire Station where we serve are provided by the Town of Alstead. We store our food and all our paper products needed for serving at the Langdon Town Office Building. We are grateful to both towns for providing the space so the meals program can continue.

It is a truly wonderful program providing not only a nutritious hot meal cooked with love but an opportunity for the people to have lunch together and have a good time being with other folks. People journey from all the towns to have a chance for a good meal and companionship. The meals on wheels provides a wonderful meal and someone stopping by to say hello and chat for a few minutes. Many people are able to stay in their homes because of the meals. The Friendly Meals is food for the body and food for the spirit.

We have many, many volunteers from all the towns that make it possible for the program to continue. There are sixty three (63) volunteers from all the towns who participate in the Friendly Meals program by either preparing and transporting food, setting up the meal site and cleaning up the kitchen and meal site, serving and delivering meals on wheels. It is an awesome experience people coming together to bring a good meal and joy to the lives of others. The volunteers are truly a fantastic group of very dedicated caring people. Many have been volunteering for years. We thank you every one.

The entire program is supported by donations received from people of the Fall Mountain area along with a small FEMA Grant. We also annually receive a small portion of the Feinstein grant. All

proceeds from the Alstead thrift Shop are donated to the Friendly Meals.

The Fall Mountain Friendly Meals is once again participating in the Feinstein Foundation Million Dollar Challenge Against Hunger. From the 1<sup>st</sup> of March to the 30<sup>th</sup> of April all donations given to the Friendly Meals will qualify us for a proportional share of the million dollars. All donations will be used to purchase food and paper products for serving. We appreciate all the support we have been given.

2010 will be another wonderful year together at the Friendly Meals.

## **2009 Annual Report Alstead Planning Board**

The Alstead Planning Board had another busy year with twenty-four meetings, plus a number of site visits. Three of these were Joint Meetings with the Zoning Board of Adjustment, to discuss amendment proposals to the Town's Zoning Ordinance, a Joint Public Hearing Process for Special Exceptions and Site Plan Review approval, and a Municipal Law Update session with the Town Attorney.

Throughout the year, the Planning Board continued their work on the Capital Reserve Plan with different Department Heads and the Selectmen. The Board adopted Rules of Procedures. The Board continued to be busy with follow-up issues on previously approved Applications with conditional approvals. There were a large number of preconceptual consultations throughout the year, regarding both Applications received, as well as many other potential Applications.

The Alstead Planning Board received seven minor subdivision requests, six of which were approved, and one of which was withdrawn. One Site Plan Review Application was received and approved. There were also four other Public Hearing processes held throughout the year pertaining to proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments, the Bragg Lane House informational meeting, approving the Land Conservation Plan 2009 as a chapter in the Town's Master Plan, and the Planned Residential Development amendment to the Subdivision Regulations – the latter two of which were approved and adopted.

The regular meeting of the Alstead Planning Board is held on the second Monday of each month at the Alstead Municipal Building at 7:00 PM. Work meetings are scheduled, as needed, on the fourth Monday of the month. Anyone interested in participating is welcome.



The Board would like to welcome Matt Saxton as the ex officio to the Board. **The Board has openings, and a great need, for Alternate Members.** If interested, please contact any Member of the Planning Board, or Members of the Select Board, for more information. We would welcome your participation and input!

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Marsden/Administrative Assistant

Peter Rhoades, Chairman  
Rich Nalevanko  
Rose Marie Caffrey  
Matt Saxton/ex officio

Gloria Seddon  
David Konesko  
Joyce Curll  
Randy Rhoades-Alternate

**2009 Annual Report  
Alstead Zoning Board of Adjustment**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment had fifteen meetings this year, and received one Variance request, which was denied, and one Special Exception request, which was approved with conditions. Three of the Board meetings were held as joint meetings with the Planning Board, to discuss a few amendment proposals to the Town's Zoning Ordinance, and to hold a Municipal Law Update session with the Town Attorney. There were several preconceptual visits from people in the community regarding possible work they plan to do.

The ZBA meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30PM, at the Alstead Municipal Building. The public is always welcome.

The Board would like to thank Member Richard Minard for all his years of service to the Town on this Board. He retired in November. **The Board is currently lacking a Full Member, and is also looking for at least one additional Alternate Member.** Any citizen interested in becoming a Member is encouraged to contact any Member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, a Member of the Select Board, or the Town Clerk. **Your participation would be welcomed, and is truly needed!**

Dennis Molesky, Chairman  
Joseph Cartwright, Vice Chairman  
Samuel Sutcliffe, Member  
Dirk Doughty, Member  
Hans Waldmann, Alternate Member  
David Konesko, Alternate Member

Respectfully submitted,  
Melanie Marsden, Administrative Assistant

**2009 Annual Report**  
**Cold River Local Advisory Committee**  
**New Hampshire**

The Cold River Local Advisory Committee (CRLAC) consists of citizens nominated by the Select Boards from the Cold River Watershed communities of **Acworth, Alstead, Langdon, Lempster, and Walpole** and appointed by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES).

These representatives volunteer their time to help municipal boards and residents monitor the natural, cultural, scenic and scientific resources of the Watershed. The CRLAC also reviews river corridor projects needing state and federal permits and evaluates water-related issues of local and statewide significance.

**CRLAC ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2009**

**Municipal Conservation, Planning & Post-Flood Issues**

- Assisted residents/boards/business owners with the resolution of a variety of potential water quality degradation issues.
- Supported local and state efforts to fund stream restoration projects in flood-damaged areas and to develop partnerships with federal wildlife officials for habitat improvements.
- Completed the Watershed Management Plan created on behalf of local boards and residents, and submitted it to the Department of Environmental Service (DES) in accordance with DES guidelines.
- Assisted the Lake Warren Association in evaluating the feasibility of developing a sub-watershed management plan.
- Worked with a town consultant who will assess the stabilization work done on Warren Brook.

- Participated with the Alstead Community Conservation Taskforce.

### **Workshops, Events & Education**

- Presented copies of the newly completed Watershed Management Plan to each of the communities and the two lake associations, generally through the Conservation or Planning Board committees of those communities,
- Presented seminars on ground water/wells/and local geology at the Shedd-Porter and Vilas School libraries in Alstead.
- Co-led with the Nature Museum of Grafton Vermont a presentation at the mouth of the Cold River on the biology/dynamics, plants, fish and habitat of small rivers.
- Provided to each town on the Cold River copies of our CRLAC approved minutes.
- Participated in a conference on cyanotoxins in New Hampshire waters and a DES meeting reporting development of the state-wide water resource plan.
- Provided a display at the Alstead July Festival and Lempster Old Home Day in August.
- Worked on getting “Designated River Signs” for the River.
- Participated with New Hampshire Fish and Game in stocking the Cold River with 100,000 salmon fry.

### **Water Quality and Quantity Monitoring**

- Completed the seventh year of our voluntary sampling program, including three routine and twelve additional water quality monitoring events on the Cold River and its tributaries. In 2009 monitoring teams spent approximately 170 field hours collecting 1273 samples at over 75 sites.

- Analyzed for pH, dissolved oxygen, conductivity, turbidity, temperature, river height, bacteria, and nitrogen and phosphorus compounds.
- Applied for and received DES funding for additional analyses.
- Assisted state/federal officials and particularly the United States Geologic Survey (USGS) with the site selection for a new flow gauging station (on High Street in Alstead between the library and the new bridge over the Cold River) and saw it through to working status. It monitors (in real time) air and water temperature, water elevation and flow and may be reached live on line at [http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nh/nwis/uv/?site\\_no=01154950](http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nh/nwis/uv/?site_no=01154950).
- Participated in the design of a kiosk to house the gauging station and to provide three panels for public information on water resources. USGS will be using one of the panels and we will be sharing two with DES and the Town of Alstead. New information will be placed in the kiosk as it becomes available.
- Met with local water quality sampling teams comprised of residents on Crescent Lake and Lake Warren

### **Membership**

- Received two new members to our Committee: Fred Ernst (Walpole) and Richard Morrison (Langdon).

The CRLAC welcomes your participation in any of our projects and is actively seeking additional members from the towns of Acworth and Lempster. We generally meet the fourth Thursday of each month, 7-9 PM, usually in the Alstead Town Offices. Please contact any CRLAC member for additional information.



Sincerely,

**Charles H. Montgomery MD and Jennifer Polcari  
Co-Chairs**

**Acworth:** Deborah Hinman (Immediate Past Chair and Scribe).

**Alstead:** Carol Drummond, Michael Heidorn, and Samuel Sutcliffe.

**Langdon:** Catherine MacDonald (Membership, 603-835-6386), Richard Morrison, and Jennifer Polcari (Co-Chair, 603-835-2326).

**Lempster:** Susan Lichty.

**Walpole:** Fred Ernst, Austin Hunter, and Charles Montgomery (Co-Chair, 603-756-3965).

2009 BIRTHS

<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Father's/Partner's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
Keene	Pierson, Harmony Rose	Pierson, Christopher	Pierson, Charlene
Keene	Vogel, Lydia Elyse	Vogel, Stephen	Vogel, Gina
Keene	Stacey, Mackensie Claire	Stacey, Joseph	Bennett Stacey, Betsy
Lebanon	Charlebois, Brooke Audrey		Charlebois, Marissa
Keene	Young, Christian Steven		Fisher, Sarah
Peterborough	Young, Paul Louis	Young, Peter	Young, Lisa
Keene	Readey, Rihanna Catherine	Readey, Cameron	Readey, Monique
Keene	Huffman, Raelynn Marie	Huffman, James	Guyette, Amanda
Keene	Hanneman Barratt, Devaraux Kath	Hanneman, Kyle	Barratt, Amanda
Lebanon	Pratt, Christopher Edward	Pratt, Paul	Pratt, Kathleen
Lebanon	Grace, Sapphire Rose-Ann	Grace, James	Grace, Angela
Lebanon	O'Brien, Liam Anthony		O'Brien, Misty
Keene	Cooke, Alexa EvelynRose	Cooke, Zachary	Clark, Jill
Keene	Crosby, Chase Michael	Crosby, Jason	Burns, Lindsey
Keene	Russell, Mckailah Jean	Russell, Derreck	Russell, Sherri
Keene	Cody, Emmett Joseph	Cody, David	Cody, Susan
Keene	Oatley, Abigail Marie	Oatley, Kevin	Oatley, Krista

2009 MARRIAGES

<u>Person A</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Person B</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>	<u>Date</u>
Hunting, Gerald H.	Alstead	Hunting, Sandra	Alstead	Alstead	01/15
Grace, James B.	Alstead	Fisher, Angela R.	Alstead	Alstead	02/22
Sodders, Vincent R.	Alstead	Luther, Emily K.	Crosby, TX	Surry	04/11
Landry, Roger R.	Alstead	Elton, Gail L.	Alstead	Walpole	07/05
Patnode, Nathan E.	Alstead	Poitras, Robin M.	Alstead	Keene	08/15
Smith, Alexander K.	Alstead	Fennessey, Heather B.	Drewsville	Alstead	08/29
Quaile, Christopher	Alstead	Ward, Krystee	Alstead	Langdon	09/05
Shepa, Joseph	Alstead	Bumell, Elizabeth	Alstead	Walpole	10/04
Hubbard, Michael P.	Walpole	Smidutz, Danielle M.	Alstead	Spofford	10/24

2009 Deaths

<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Date</u>
Hughes, Carole	Keene	01/04
Linnus, David	Lebanon	01/17
Esslinger, Robert	Westmoreland	02/01
Melquist, Randall	Alstead	02/23
Kirby, Ethan	Alstead	04/25
Albere, Ann	Westmoreland	04/29
Hall, Jason	Alstead	05/16
Gray, Charles	Alstead	05/27
Veith, Lawrence	Alstead	07/01
Lucia, Ralph	Alstead	07/14
Golec, Ronald	Alstead	07/26
Mason, Erma	Keene	08/11
Martin, Allena	Alstead	08/17
Haverty, Kevin	Alstead	08/30
Seibert, Loretta	Westmoreland	09/27
Blair, Stephen	Alstead	10/06
Smith, Stanley	Alstead	11/08





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