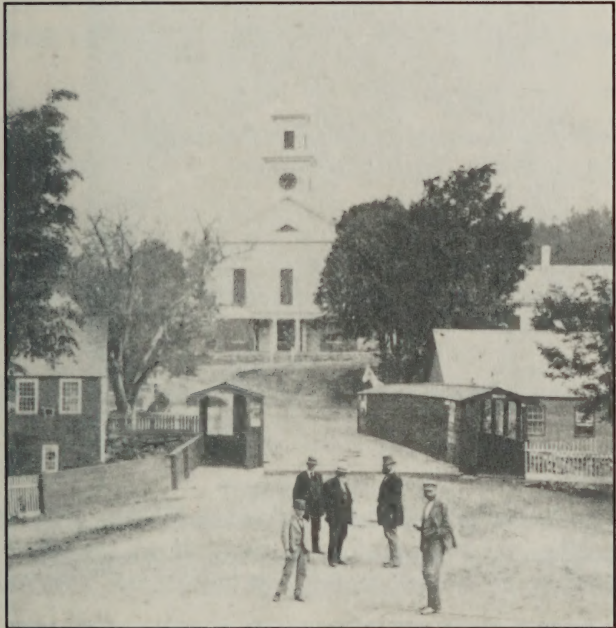


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ALSTEAD, NH



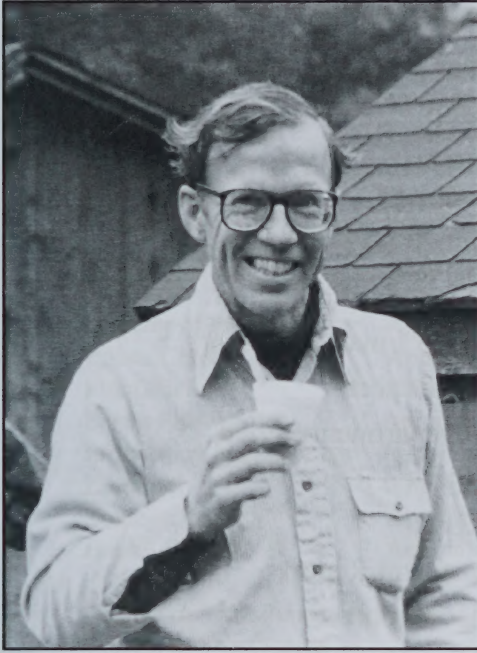
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31

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TOWN MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013

DEDICATION



WILLIAM H. MORAN

Selectman 2002 through 2010

Give us courage and gaiety and the quiet mind.
Spare to us our friends, soften to us our enemies.
Bless us, if it may be, in all innocent endeavors.
If it may not, give us the strength to encounter
that which is to come, that we be brave in peril,
constant in tribulation, temperate in wrath, and in
all changes of fortune and down to the gates of
death, loyal and loving one to another.

– *Robert Louis Stevenson*

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TOWN OFFICIALS
2012

Joel C. McCarty	Selectman	Term End 2013
Michael Jasmin	Selectman	Term End 2014
Matthew Saxton	Selectman	Term End 2015
Peter Rhoades	Moderator	Term End 2014
Gloria Seddon	Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Term End 2015
Pam Allen	Deputy Town Clerk	Appointed
Hans Waldmann	Treasurer	Term End 2014
David Crosby	Director of Public Works	Appointed
Marcelo D'Alessandro	Police Chief	Appointed
Kim Kercewich	Fire Chief	Appointed
Kim Kercewich	Forest Fire Warden	Appointed
Clarence Meyer	Emergency Management	Appointed
Shelli Huntley	Librarian	Appointed
Hans Waldmann	Zoning Officer	Appointed
Randall Rhoades	Health Officer	Appointed
Reginald Clark	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term End 2013
Roberta (Suzie) Young	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term End 2014
Bruce A. Bellows	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term End 2015
Heather Jasmin	Library Trustee	Term End 2013
Mary Lou Huffling	Library Trustee	Term End 2013
Jeff Small	Library Trustee	Term End 2014
Matthew Gilette	Library Trustee	Term End 2014
Susan Norlander	Library Trustee	Term End 2015
Barbara (Bobbie) Wilson	Supervisor of Checklist	Term End 2014
Penny Gendron	Supervisor of Checklist	Term End 2016
Ethel Gendron	Supervisor of Checklist	Term End 2018
Inspector of Elections		
Richard Miller	Holly Gay	Jodi Kercewich
Melissa Fredricksen	Gene Wilson	Cathy Moore

Alternate Inspector of Elections

Rachel Kilburn	Joanne Stevens	Sandy Greene
Frances Thibault	Lenore Irion	
David Konesko	Planning Board	Term End 2013
Randy Rhoades	Alternate Member	Term End 2013
Ellen Chase	Planning Board	Term End 2014
Peter Rhoades	Planning Board	Term End 2014
Joyce Curll	Planning Board	Term End 2015
Gloria Seddon	Planning Board	Term End 2015
Matthew Saxton	Ex-Officio Member	Term End 2015
Samuel Sutcliffe	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2013
Joseph H. Cartwright	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2013
David Konesko	Alternate	Term End 2013
Dennis Molesky	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2014
Hans Waldmann	Alternate	Term End 2014
Kevin Clark	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2015
John Mann	Alternate	Term End 2013
Sarah Webb	Conservation Commission	Term End 2013
Joyce Curll	Alternate	Term End 2014
David Moody	Conservation Commission	Term End 2014
Nan Montgomery	Conservation Commission	Term End 2015
Marilou Blaine	Conservation Commission	Term End 2015
Reginald Clark	Cemetery Commission	Term End 2013
Roberta (Suzie) Young	Cemetery Commission	Term End 2014
Bruce Bellows	Cemetery Commission	Term End 2015
Robert Pearson	School Board Member Alstead Rep. Fall Mt. Consolidated School Officer	Term End 2013

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 adopting Zoning Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board? This Amendment revises the definition of “Home Occupation or Business” to make it clear that this use is permitted to occur as a new use or in a new building, with no aspect required to be pre-existing.”

YES

NO

ARTICLE 3 “Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment alters the terminology in the table of uses, by replacing the word “permitted” with the word “allowable” and clarifying that many allowable uses require a permit from the zoning administrator. This amendment does not substantively alter the way any regulation applies to any piece of property.”

YES

NO

ARTICLE 4 “Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment adds a new ‘Enforcement’ section to the Sign Ordinance, stating that the ordinance may be enforced using any of the remedies which state law provides for zoning ordinance enforcement.”

YES

NO

ARTICLE 5 “Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment #4, as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment adds wording to Section VII.B.1.b of the Wireless

Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance, requiring an applicant for a conditional use permit under that Ordinance to provide a list of all municipalities within a 20-mile radius of a proposed facility, and to pay the cost of notifications and mailings to those municipalities.”

YES

NO

ARTICLE 6 “Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment #5, as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment would repeal an existing regulation requiring telecommunications facility applicants to agree to hold the Town harmless for extraordinary fire or safety events.”

YES

NO

ARTICLE 7 “Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment #6, as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment would clarify that telecommunications facility applicants may be required to pay reasonable fees, including for regional notifications, for the Town’s administrative costs, and for costs of investigative studies that may be required.”

YES

NO

ARTICLE 8”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 \$1,634,348? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$1,509,663?, 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 9: "Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$130,000 (one hundred thirty thousand dollars) to pave as many miles on Gilsum Mine Road and North Road as \$130,000 will allow for this purpose?"

Recommended by The Board of Selectmen

Majority vote required

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #8, the operating budget.

YES

NO

ARTICLE 10:"Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$135,000 (one hundred thirty five thousand dollars) to repair the bridge on Hill Road?"

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Majority vote required.

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #8, the operating budget.

YES

NO

ARTICLE 11:"Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) to stripe the paved roads?"

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Majority vote required.

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #8, the operating budget.

YES

NO

ARTICLE 12:”Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$215,000 (two hundred fifteen thousand dollars) to be placed in the following Capital Reserve Funds?

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Ambulance (est. 1992)	2,500
Police (est. 2012)	2,500
Bridges (est. 2012)	25,000

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Majority vote required

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #8, the operating budget.

YES

NO

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Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Majority vote required.

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #8, the operating budget.

YES

NO

ARTICLE 14:” Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 (three thousand dollars) for stone repairs at the North Cemetery?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Majority vote required

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #8, the operating budget

YES

NO

ARTICLE 15 “Shall the Town vote to rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2), as adopted by the Town of Alstead on March 12, 1996, so that the official ballot will no longer be used on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law?”

Recommended by the Alstead Board of Selectmen.

3/5 majority vote required

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 Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
4130-4139	Executive	5	65043	70037	65943	
4140-4149	Election_Reg & Vital Statistics	5	37051	34466	32252	
4150-4151	Financial Administration	5	50012	46735	50762	
4152	Revaluation of Property	5	26000	16481	20000	
4153	Legal Expense	5	6000	5166	14000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	5	178710	181325	232816	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	5	8900	5168	8900	
4194	General Government Buildings	5	154650	136739	189700	
4195	Cemeteries	5	3500	10506	3500	
4196	Insurance	5	21532	21532	22271	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	5	6000	7256	7500	
4199	Other General Government					
PUBLIC SAFETY						
4210-4214	Police	5	145600	134893	145600	
4215-4219	Ambulance	5	34700	29742	37200	
4220-4229	Fire	5	65410	56086	71900	
4240-4249	Building Inspection					
4290-4298	Emergency Management	5	30022	27288	22411	
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)	5	12000	668	12000	
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER						
4301-4309	Airport Operations					
HIGHWAYS & STREETS						
4311	Administration	5	53433	51466	53433	
4312	Highways & Streets	5	360600	334755	367200	
4313	Bridges					
4316	Street Lighting	5	5000	4616	5000	
4319	Other					
SANITATION						
4321	Administration	5	56900	48631	53850	
4323	Solid Waste Collection					
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	5	79500	72158	80510	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up					
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other					

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WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT						
4331	Administration					
4332	Water Services					
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other					
ELECTRIC						
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation					
4353	Purchase Costs					
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance					
4359	Other Electric Costs					
HEALTH						
4411	Administration	5	1000	0	1000	
4414	Pest Control					
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	5	13000	12204	13000	
WELFARE						
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist	5	40600	29756	40600	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymts					
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other					
CULTURE & RECREATION						
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	5	15500	9779	15500	
4550-4559	Library	5	30000	31031	30000	
4583	Patriotic Purposes	5	3000	3080	3000	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation					
CONSERVATION						
4611-4612	Admin & Purch. of Nat. Resources	5	1500	949	1500	
4619	Other Conservation					
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing					
4651-4659	Economic Development					
DEBT SERVICE						
4711	Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes					
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes					
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	5	4500	1963	3000	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service					

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CAPITAL OUTLAY						
4901	Land					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment					
4903	Buildings					
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs					
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT						
4912	To Special Revenue Fund					
4913	To Capital Projects Fund					
4914	To Enterprise Fund					
	- Sewer					
	- Water					
	- Electric					
	- Airport					
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds					
4919	To Fiduciary Funds					
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL			1509663	1384476	1604348	

Use page 5 for special and individual warrant articles.

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****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 nonlapping or nontransferable article

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.VI)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensnuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensnuing FY (Not Recommended)
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	\$9	\$122,500	\$122,500	\$215,000	
4916	To Exp. Tr. Fund					
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds					
SPECIAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			122500		215000	

****INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

"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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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.VI)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensnuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensnuing FY (Not Recommended)
4909	Paving Gilsam Mine Road	6	\$130,000	\$140,000	\$130,000	
4909	Repair Hill Road Bridge	7			\$135,000	
4902	Getter Off Road Vehicle	13		\$25,186		\$25,186
4909	Striping Paved Roads	11	\$9,375	\$9,375	\$10,000	
4909	Repair Cemetary Stones	14			\$2,000	
4902	Dodge Truck	6	\$105,159	\$105,159		
4903	Insulating the Library Ceiling	10	\$30,000	\$30,000		
4909	Concrete Box Culvert	8	145803	135803		
INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			420337		278,000	

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Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		2000	7050	2000
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Yield Taxes		5000	14796	6000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		40000	59307	45000
	Inventory Penalties			404	
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		250	333	250
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES					
3210	Business Licenses & Permits				
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		250000	247456	250000
3230	Building Permits		500	725	500
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		3000	3326	3000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
FROM STATE					
3351	Shared Revenues				
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		86519	86632	86519
3353	Highway Block Grant		85379	84959	84959
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		3	2	2
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Grants		7200	12338	15000
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		35000	35000	35000
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
3401-3406	Income from Departments		45000	49634	45000
3409	Other Charges				
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property				
3502	Interest on Investments		10000	6019	6000
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
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		105159	105159	
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds		90000	112439	90000
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				
OTHER FINA					
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amount Voted From Fund Balance		114775	114775	
	Estimated Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes			162000	
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			879785	1102394	669230

****BUDGET SUMMARY****
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	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	1509663	1604348
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	122500	215000
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	420337	278000
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	2052500	2097348
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	879785	669230
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	1172715	1428118

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**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 15th of January, 2013 next at 7:00 PM for a public hearing on the proposed operating budget and the Town Meeting Warrant.

The first session will be held on Tuesday, the 5th day of February, 2013 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 12th day of March, 2013 for the election of town officers and voting by ballot on all warrant articles. The polls will be open on Tuesday, March 12th, from 10:00 AM until 7:00 PM.

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

ARTICLE 2 To see if the Town will vote to adopt the proposed Small Wind Energy System Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board in Zoning Amendment No. 1. Copies of the complete proposal are on file for public inspection at the Town Office and will be available the day of the voting. The following question will appear on the Official Ballot:

"Are you in favor of Zoning Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amendment No. 1 adds small wind energy systems (wind system with a capacity less than 100 kilowatts, primarily for on-site consumption) as a use allowed in all zoning districts with a special exception granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The amendment includes a

new ordinance detailing the application requirements and procedures."

ARTICLE 3 To see if the Town will vote to adopt provisions pertaining to separate dwelling units, as proposed by the Planning Board in Zoning Amendment No. 2. Copies of the complete proposal are on file for public inspection at the Town Office and will be available the day of the voting. The following question will appear on the Official Ballot:

"Are you in favor of Zoning Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amendment No. 2 makes three minor changes removing ambiguities pertaining to separate dwelling units, This amendment clarifies that a separate detached dwelling unit is permitted by Special Exception, and also clarifies that the conversion of any space to a separate dwelling unit requires a zoning permit."

ARTICLE 4 To see if the Town will vote to make the Town's zoning enforcement provisions consistent with state law by adopting Zoning Amendment No. 3, as proposed by the Planning Board. Copies of the complete proposal are on file for public inspection at the Town Office and will be available the day of the voting. The following question will appear on the Official Ballot:

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Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to adopt Zoning Amendment #4, concerning public notice under the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board. Copies of the complete proposal are available for review at the Town Office and will be available

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a) Executive	\$ 65,943
b) Election, Registration, & Vitals	32,252
c) Financial Administration	50,762
d) Revaluation of Property	20,000
e) Legal Expense	14,000
f) Personnel Administration	232,816
g) Planning & Zoning	8,900
h) General Government Buildings	189,700
i) Cemeteries	3,500
j) Insurance	22,271
k) Advertising & Regional Assns	7,500
l) Police	145,600
m) Ambulance	37,200
n) Fire & Forest Fire	71,900
o) Emergency Management	22,411
p) Communications	12,000
q) Street Lighting	5,000
r) Highways & Streets	420,633
s) Sanitation/Solid Waste	134,360
t) Health Agencies	14,000
u) Welfare/Direct Assistance	40,600
v) Parks & Recreation	15,500
w) Library	30,000
x) Patriotic Purposes	3,000
y) Conservation Commission	1,500
z) Interest on T.A.N.s	3,000

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
Majority vote required.

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Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Majority vote Required

This appropriation is in addition to Article #8, the operating budget.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 (three thousand dollars) for stone repairs at the North Cemetery.

Recommended by the Selectmen

Majority vote required.

This appropriation is in addition to Article #8, the operating budget.

ARTICLE 15 :Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2), as adopted by the Town of Alstead on March 12, 1996, so that the official ballot will no longer be used on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law?

Recommended by the Alstead Board of Selectmen
3/5 majority vote required.

ARTICLE 16 To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 28th day of January, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen.

Joel C. McCarty, Chairman

Michael Jasmin

Matthew D. Saxton

2012 Annual Report Selectmen's Report

The year began as usual thinking of department budgets, line items, 2011 realities, and 2012 possibilities. During discussions and by observations, adjustments were made to reflect our collective best prognostications for 2012. The discussion during budget building involves many voices--the more the better. It is by open sharing that the most realistic budgets take form, and we are grateful for all the ideas, and most of the opinions, we can gather.

One of the specific changes in the budget involved down-shifting by the county. Dispatch of County services was always included in the County budget. The Commissioners made a change by NOT including dispatch in their budget, and now billing separately each town (on a per capita basis) for dispatch. Alstead's share is just short of \$20,000. This is in addition to Alstead's payment to the County, which was \$526,051. for 2012. (For a little context, our payment to the County in 2005 was \$281,946.)

It was decided to separate striping of the Town's paved roads from the highway budget, and to offer it as a free-standing article on the Warrant. It seemed, in the past, to be the orphaned child of the general highway budget, and was ill attended to. Matt is not the only one who is glad the article passed and the roads have been striped. We can all see better at night, especially in the rain and fog.

In March, Matt Saxton was re-elected to the Board, and Joel McCarty was elected Chairman.

As the grass greened we were approached by WiValley of Keene. They are in the business of installing high-speed internet equipment on 'existing assets', they told us. We offered them the Town's tower on Cobb Hill. (We have a policy in place to offer any Town real-estate, especially roof

tops, to communications providers, subject to Planning Board review, and revision.) They took care of the rest. Some specific areas of Town that had no access at all to high speed anything found themselves wasting hours looking at cute cat videos on YouTube.

Mud season was a hum-dinger! There wasn't much frost in the ground last winter, but what frost there was came out all at once over a day or two. Some of you probably remember. The highway guys did their best pouring gravel and stone, to the result we all saw. That single week ate \$32,000 worth of gravel, which crimped the gravel projects for the rest of the year.

The paperwork for US Cellular cell tower on Cobb Hill finally came together, and in April they were ready to get it done 'yesterday'. The contractors for the road-building part of the project went into high gear. They first approached the Selectmen for permission to upgrade the class VI Grant road, starting at the Cobb Hill Road end, to where it joins the private road on the Blanchflower property. We made some stipulations, and gave approval for the work. And, to make a long boring story short---OUR CELL PHONES WORK!

While we're on the subject: As the year ended, AT&T was nearing completion of their own new tower in Alstead Center, which will bring coverage to more underserved areas of Town.

In the Spring we gave permission to have a book bin from out of Town installed at the Transfer Station for the collection of donations. OOPS! We learned that the book donations to the Thrift Store at the Transfer Station make more \$ than anything but the clothes. So we had the out- of- town book bin sent back. Donate your unwanted, taking-up-too-much-space, I-never-look-at-them-anyway books to the Thrift Store. Your donations of useful things to the Thrift Store help to support the Friendly Meals.

We had the pavilion on Millot Green moved to where the Bragg House (To Be or Not to Be) once stood, and a Farmers' Market grew up around it. Lots of wholesome, local stuff---the tomatoes were spectacular! The Bragg Lane Community Garden was also a big success. Winter Farmers' Market now running, more modestly, at various times at either the Fire Station/Town Hall or McQuire's Bakery.

We talked for months and months about street lights, and last summer we had about half of them taken away. There were a few unintended errors, which we sorted out. We are saving about half of \$13,000.

We put out requests for bids to replace the Vilas Pool main building's roof, and settled on the standing seam roof you see on the building now. We also had the chimney rebuilt from below the roof line, and had lots of electrical upgrades completed. These projects were paid for by the Vilas Trust income that had accumulated.

Free Day at the Dump cost the Town \$6300. (We had budgeted \$4000.) A great quantity of stuff was dragged out from behind garages and sheds and made its way to proper recycling or disposal. We won't do this every year, but we like the idea. Our dedicated, resourceful staff works especially hard to make the Free Day happen, and we thank them.

When the last school bus went down Hatch Hill from Mill Hollow on the last day of school in June, NHDOT closed 123 and started digging what was later described as a 'vast hole'. Camp Brook Road was the detour (again). We had several complaints about all of that, and we did that which seemed sensible. Not everyone was happy, but we had only two accidents, neither resulting in personal injury, and we got through it. NHDOT was done on time, and had the road open for the first day of school.

The road is DONE. Seven years, altogether, it took, and about \$28,000,000. Twenty-eight million dollars! 80% or so was Federal Highway Funds.

The Library Trustees approached us for clarity on the Town's participation in the upkeep of the building and the good stuff that happens inside it. We formalized a plan that has the Library Trustees spending their time and Shedd-Porter funds running the book lending and the programs, and the Selectmen dealing with the maintenance of the magnificent structure that is our Library.

In the summer we met with NHDES Dam Bureau representatives who kindly came to us to discuss the various issues with the Vilas Dam. We explained our limitations for funding improvements and repairs, and explained our goals for the pool. We have gathered proposals for the flow studies DES is demanding, and will decide on an engineer shortly. We have a chicken and egg problem with opening the gate, which DES is requiring. We must dredge against the dam to open the gate, but we can't dredge without DES say-so. Eventually the right things will happen.

We got into some trouble on the South Woods Road in a road improvement project, displeasing some landowners with tree cutting. Our due diligence, or so we thought, involved gentlemen's agreements, which went awry. All this resulted in a new written policy which prescribes a future of written understandings and day-glow spray paint on doomed trees.

The Library, as a consequence of the 2012 Warrant Article for insulation passing, was sealed and insulated. To say that the planning, figuring, thinking, and consulting that went on before the work began was extensive is to under-appreciate the effort. Our thanks to John Mann who took on the project and saw it through to its completion. No big project can

succeed without a champion to keep banging on it. And bang he did, for a year and a half. Thanks, John. And thanks also to all the others who helped make it happen. Data collection continues, and we expect to be reporting significant energy savings going forward. Next Library project will be a community sewing bee to make insulated drapes for those graceful single-paned windows.

We don't miss the bay windows that we took out of the west end of the Town Offices. They were rotting, and leaked heat. There is a new large dry erase board in the meeting room, and more than enough new wall in the Historical Society Room for another bookcase.

We had a Public Hearing in the summer in East Alstead to talk about the Gilsum Mine Road. The consensus in the room was to spend the million dollars and fix the road right. Even so, we can't bring ourselves to jump that far. The 2013 Warrant shows where we landed. Thanks to Glenn Elsesser for being willing to run what must seem by now endless 'what-if' scenarios against the Capital Improvement Plan / Schedule / Wish List.

September 25th was the Public Hearing to talk about Vilas Pool and the grounds. There was a good and worthwhile discussion. Many, many happy memories of the Pool were shared. The Vilas Pool Committee was re-instituted after a decade's hiatus. The new committee's significant energy should be a great help in bringing Vilas Pool to a proud place in this new century.

We were in the middle of an ordinary Selectmen's meeting on October 16 when the table began to shake!
EARTHQUAKE!! It was very exciting-----We learned it was magnitude 4.6, centered in Maine.

We are always glad when our Police Chief drops in on our meeting. So he did in the fall one evening. He had with him,

and proceeded to demonstrate, his invention--- what we have come to call Frankenradar. It is a contraption that can be programmed to record the speed of every car passing its cabled-to-a-tree or hidden in a bush location for a specified period of time-- an hour, or a day, for instance. This information is useful for traffic study, and can also time-stamp a particular daily speeding law-breaker, leading to his/her eventual encounter with a real live ticket-writing officer. Good work Chief!

We took time in 2012 to update the Employee Handbook as ideas for clarity occurred. A comprehensive policy book helps keep things predictable and understandable for both employers and employees. You are of course encouraged to review a copy at the Municipal Offices at your convenience. We hope to have it, and more, up on the Town website before the All Star Break. The Town website is due for an overhaul, and we have a quiet, volunteer, plan to make this happen.

One day in the Fall a NHDOT bridge inspector dropped in and closed Hill Road where it passes over a big culvert that is decaying, and is on the State's Red List. The detour over Darby Brook Road is not far, but represents a pain in the butt nevertheless. There is an Article on the 2013 Warrant to fix the culvert, and open the road. There has been some mild outrage at this highhanded behavior; are we talking about the same 'bridge'?, is it really dangerous?, etc. Alternatives have been floated around, and several local folks have offered informed opinions and even donated expertise. We won't know the ramifications of all options in time for the vote, but the Warrant Article we have put forward would put us on track to implement the 'by-the-book' solution in 2013, which in turn would position us for State Bridge Aid (if the program still exists . . . not earlier than 2024.)

One more thing--- A sidewalk along Mechanic Street is in the planning stages again. Chief D'Alessandro is Championing

the effort (see above). NHDOT and Southwest Regional Planning Commission are also involved, and have contributed some volunteer effort on the front end. This sidewalk will add considerable safety to pedestrians of all sizes on their way to/ from the school. It's a complex and time-consuming process but one worth following to the letter, since the reward is 100% funding support, providing all the boxes are properly checked.

So, another year has passed. We in the Selectmen's Office are glad and pleased to be part of this successful community. We continue to admire the dedication of the highway guys, the firemen and firewomen, and the newly-revitalized ambulance squad, and all the other folks, elected and otherwise, who pitch in day and night to make it go. We are but a small part of a well-functioning subset of humanity. The list of Alstead-ians who spend part of their time each day/ week/ month to add something of value to the greater good is very long. The value of the many contributions made is tremendous. This is how it should be. We are fortunate indeed.

Joel, Mike, Matt

2012 Annual Report Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Please note that 1999 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.

The State is starting the process of enabling town clerks to process boat registrations. Boat registrations are still not available at this office.

Reminder! Dog licenses are to be 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.

Pam and 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, 2012**

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Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	\$249833.03
Dog Licenses	3276.00
Dog Fines	150.00
Vitals	1105.00
ISF Fees	75.00
Misc.	143.75
Total Debits	\$254582.78

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Remittance To Treasurer

Motor Vehicle Fees	\$249833.03
Dog Licenses	3276.00
Dog Fines	150.00
Vitals	1105.00
ISF Fees	75.00
Misc.	143.75
Total Credits	\$254582.78

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)230-5090

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of Alstead Year Ending 2012

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES BEG. OF YEAR*		Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)				
			2011	2010	2009		
Property Taxes	#3110		35602.92	79.33			
Resident Taxes <i>Penalty fee</i>	#3180		950.00				
Land Use Change	#3120						
Yield Taxes	#3185		3171.00				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187						
Utility Charges <i>Interest</i>	#3189		.03				
Property Tax Credit Balance**		<4007.79>					
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance**		< >					
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR			For DRA Use Only				
Property Taxes	#3110	4017360.00					
Resident Taxes	#3180						
Land Use Change	#3120	7050.00					
Yield Taxes	#3185	14796.00					
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	332.00					
Utility Charges	#3189						
<i>Other charge</i>		2200				18.00	
OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS							
Property Taxes	#3110						
Resident Taxes	#3180						
Land Use Change	#3120						
Yield Taxes	#3185						
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187						
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	2891.52	21407.05	8.80			
Resident Tax Penalty <i>lien cost</i>	#3190		2941.50				
TOTAL DEBITS		\$4038444.73	\$384500.50	\$ 88.13	\$ 0		

*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

**Enter as a negative. This is the amount of this year's amounts pre-paid last year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a.

**The amount is already included in the warrant & therefore in line #3110 as positive amount for this year's levy.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of Alstead Year Ending 2012

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	Levy for Year of This Report	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
		2011	2010	2009 - - -
Property Taxes	3543939.51	218601.81	7923	-
Resident Taxes				-
Land Use Change	7050.00			
Yield Taxes	14669.00	3086.00		
Interest (include lien conversion)	2891.52	21407.08	8.80	
Penalties		404.00		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	333.00			
Utility Charges				
Conversion to Lien (principal only)		141015.40		
<i>COSTS NOT LIENED</i>		238.00		
DISCOUNTS ALLOWED				
ABATEMENTS MADE				
Property Taxes	226.00			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes		85.00		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd				
Utility Charges				
<i>Other Charge</i>	22.00	55.00		
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED				
UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR #1080				
Property Taxes	469183.90	<457.79>		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes	127.00			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd				
Utility Charges <i>Penalty</i>		76.00		
Property Tax Credit Balance**	<4911.76>	<10.00>		
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance**	< 7.21>			
TOTAL CREDITS	\$4038444.73	\$384500.50	\$ 88.13	\$ 0

**Enter as a negative. This is the amount of taxes pre-paid for next year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a
(Be sure to include a positive amount in the appropriate taxes or charges actually remitted to the treasurer).

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of Alstead Year Ending 2012

DEBITS

	Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
	2011	2010	2009	2008 - -
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beg. Of Year		134754.46	64818.77	32220.59
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	151612.85			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	1772.21	13443.24	19382.78	600.17
TOTAL DEBITS	\$153385.06	\$148197.70	\$84201.55	\$32820.76

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER		Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
		2011	2010	2009	2008 - -
Redemptions		22517.40	49532.01	52586.08	1193.74
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	#3190	1772.21	13443.24	19158.78	625.17
Refund			(442.10)		
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens					
Liens Deeded to Municipality					
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year	#1110	129095.45	85664.55	12486.69	31001.85
TOTAL CREDITS		\$153385.06	\$148197.70	\$84201.55	\$32820.76

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

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE *Blaine B. ...* DATE 1/23/13

2012 Treasure Report for the Town of Alstead, NH

	STARTING BAL. 01/01/2012	INCOME THROUGH 12/31/2012	Out going during. 2012	2012 Yr. end Bal,
		Town Clerk	\$257,711.78	
		Tax Collector	\$4,118,857.05	
		Selectmen	\$338,685.02	
		Direct Deposits	\$180,984.45	
		Bank Interest	\$6,018.98	
		TAN	\$600,000.00	
Alstead's Money Market	\$892,181.79		\$601,962.73	\$997,365.95
Alstead's Checking	\$119,686.69		\$4,867,729.26	\$47,067.82
	Total		\$5,502,257.28	\$1,044,433.77
IN & OUT Accuracy within 1/10%				
Vilas Pool	\$70,245.50	\$26,690.02	\$47,634.80	\$49,300.72
CD	\$51,648.02	\$246.74	\$0.00	\$51,894.76
Ckg.	\$3,029.33	\$0.00	\$1,025.37	\$2,003.96
Savory Trust	\$1,082.86	\$1.10	\$0.00	\$1,083.96
Ambulance, gift from Barbar	\$15,506.82		\$0.00	\$15,533.99
Conservation Comm.	\$61,591.72	\$3,081.69	\$1,174.36	\$63,499.05

2012 Annual Report
Alstead Department of Public Works

Spring of 2012 brought a very bad mud season. Thirty two thousand dollars was spent on stone for the problem areas on all of the dirt roads. Culverts were replaced on Pratt and Homestead Roads. Several trees were cut by Hakey Logging on the Southwoods Road to open it up and let the sun shine in on it. Several miles of ditching was also done. Prepare yourself for a replay of last year's mud season.

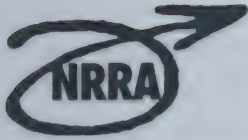
The culvert on Homestead road had material added to build the road up over it. Ledge was removed between Tom Pratt's and Pratt Road and used for the road way. This helped to cover 500 yards of glass from the Transfer Station along with bank-run gravel from Garland's pit.

Lots of "grading" and "road-side mowing" was done this year, but as always it's hard to keep up with both.

Thank you to all of you who voted for the new Dodge Ram 5500 which we took delivery of on January 8th, 2013. The mileage as of January 14, 2013 is 144 miles. It looks really nice and we're hoping it will run as well.

Parks and Rec Department do a lot of work year round keeping the grass mowed and the sidewalks and paths clear. A job that they do that sometimes goes unnoticed is all the maintenance work on town equipment which helps keep costs down.

Respectfully submitted
David Crosby, DPW Supervisor



"Partnering to make recycling strong through economic and environmentally sound solutions"

Northeast Resource Recovery Association, 2101 Dover Road, Epsom, NH 03234
Telephone: (603) 736-4401 or 1-800-223-0150 Fax: (603) 736-4402
E-mail: info@nrna.net Web Site: www.nrra.net

Town of Alstead, NH

Congratulations for being such active recyclers!

Below please find information on the positive impact this recycling has had on your environment.

The recyclable materials listed below were sent to market to be remanufactured into new products through your non-profit recycling organization, the Northeast Resource Recovery Association.

Recyclable Material	Amount Recycled In 2012	Environmental Impact! Here is <u>only one</u> benefit of using this recycled material rather than natural resources (raw materials) to manufacture new products.
Aluminum Cans	8900 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to run a television for 905,664 hours!
Paper	109.61 tons	Saved 1,863 trees!
Scrap Metal	53 tons	Conserved 52,699 pounds of coal!

2012 Annual Report

Alstead Police Department

Year 2012 was my first full calendar year serving as your Police Chief and I can say, without hesitation, that it has been enjoyable and rewarding. I am lucky enough to be surrounded by professional staff within my department and also within our town offices, our Alstead Fire and Ambulance Departments, Highway and of course our Selectmen.

With that said, I will attempt to summarize some of the more news worthy events and statistics that occurred in 2012.

The Alstead Police Department handled a total of 658 Calls for Service in 2012. A partial list of our more frequent or significant call types is as follows:

Disorderly Conduct (10), Scams and Fraudulent Activities (9), Harassment (9), Animal Complaints (47), Motor Vehicle Manner of Operation (34), Fingerprinting Service (18), Found/Lost Property (13), Background Check/Records Request (56), Alstead School Assist (14), Vacant House Checks (25), VIN checks (26), Emergency Medical Service Performed (30), Road Hazards (4), Suspicious Incidents (41), Thefts (21), Burglaries (2), Burglary Alarms (16), Sexual Assaults (4), Assaults (3), Drug Case (3), Suicide Threat or Attempt (1), Domestic Disturbance (13), Shots Fired (4), Wanted Person (2), Walk in or Phone Assists (30), Assist Other Jurisdiction (44), Civil Issues (22), Check Welfare (15), Community Policing (19), Vandalism (8), Child Abuse/Neglect (1), Motor Vehicle Accidents (16).

Furthermore, the Alstead Police made 24 arrests over the course of the year with at least two of the arrests resulting in a Grand Jury indictment.

Motor vehicle speed enforcement was significantly stepped up in 2012 due to speed enforcement grant award by the New Hampshire Highway Safety agency. Alstead officers stopped 463 motorists and of

those 463 stops, 79 motorists were issued tickets versus 384 warnings. **As a reminder to all motorists, please be cognizant of your speed especially in our school zone.**

Since I'm on the topic of speed, I should mention that the Alstead Police does have a new (home made) piece of equipment that can do speed studies. So far we have conducted studies on Mechanic Street and Pratt Road. Forest Road near the Marlow Town line will be next. **If you would like specifics on how the speed study device operates or want a study completed on your street please contact the PD.**

About burglaries and thefts....in 2012 Alstead Police received reports of only 2 burglaries. This number is way down from previous years: 10 burglaries in 2011, 14 burglaries in 2010, and 10 burglaries in 2009. It's excellent news that we are seeing such a drop in our burglary rate. I'd like to believe that good old fashion police work dropped our burglary rate but we just don't have enough data to prove that yet. Let's see how we end up in 2013. Thefts, on the other hand, have gone up. Alstead investigated 21 theft complaints in 2012, up from 8 in 2011.

Quick suggestions on protecting your home, property and neighborhood: lock your doors when no one is home, maybe get an alarm if you feel it's appropriate, lock your car doors when you park somewhere even in your driveway at night, if you own a gun...get a safe and keep your guns locked up. If you see a car or person that just seems to not belong in your neighborhood...please call the police and let us check it out.

About our schools: concerns of school safety is on many of our minds. As your Police Chief, town resident and a parent, I too have those concerns. Rest assured the Alstead Police Department has an excellent working relationship with our principal Gail Rowe and over the next several months we will be working hard to make reasonable safety improvements.

About Connecticut Valley Crime Stoppers: a citizen volunteer board of directors from Alstead, Walpole, Goshen and Langdon has been established. Crime Stoppers is a non-profit group formed to help local law enforcement solve crimes through an anonymous tip phone line and potential cash rewards for tips that lead to arrest. The tip line, 1-888-680-8477, is for people wanting to give crime tips but remain anonymous. The tipline is not for emergencies. Please continue to use 911 for emergencies or call our regular police non-emergency phone number 835-6277 to speak with Alstead officers.

Respectfully Submitted
Marcello D'Alessandro

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Chief Marcello D'Alessandro
Alstead Police Department
15 Mechanic Street
PO Box 137
Alstead, NH 03602

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mdalessa@alsteadpolice.net

2012 Annual Report Alstead Fire Department

Last year was a busy year for the Fire Department with an increase in total call volume, including almost a 25% increase in motor vehicle accident responses.

It has also been a very busy year with training. We have 5 members who, by the time this report is published, will have taken their Firefighter Level I (218 hours of classroom and practical training) test. We also have one member who has just completed Firefighter Level II (116 hours of classroom and practical training). This training alone represents over 1,206 man hours. Upon successful completion of the Firefighter Level I class, 15 members of our department will have Firefighter Level I Certification.

Other various trainings attended were: Hazardous Materials Decontamination, Clandestine Drug Laboratories & Improvised Explosive Devices, Rural Water Supply, Electrical Emergencies, Farm Rescue & Hazards, State Forestry Training and a Mock Stabbing Drill at Vilas Middle School, which involved Fire, Police, Ambulance, faculty and staff. Members participated in CAT Shock at Fall Mountain Regional High School. We presented Fire Prevention Training at Alstead Primary School and the Orchard School.

An important reminder to everyone: if you do not have visible house numbers, it could result in a delay in our arrival, so please put your numbers up where they are visible from the road.

Last year's very dry summer created the potential for brush fires and the probability of them burning deep into the ground, as was the case in the surrounding areas. Fortunately, we were not affected directly, but we assisted Stoddard with a brush fire in their town. Again, due to the ice damage from years past and wind damage still in the woods from the last few years, there is great potential for

more fires this year, especially if the upcoming summer is as dry as last year. I would like to remind everyone that with no snow cover (100' radius) permits are required to burn clean and untreated brush only. I also ask that when you are burning with snow cover, that you contact myself or one of the Deputy Wardens in town.

I would like to list our present apparatus, including year of manufacture and location:

Engine 1-Manufactured in 1987-housed-Village Fire Station
Engine 3-Manufactured in 2000-housed-East Station

Both Engines carry 1000 gallons of water, have a 1250 gpm pump and carry assorted hose, hand tools and equipment.

Tanker 1-Manufactured in 2007-housed-East Station-carries 3000 gallons of water and has a 500 gpm pump.

Rescue 1-Manufactured in 1984-housed-Village Station-carries Jaws of Life, cribbing, hand rescue tools and basic EMS equipment.

Brush 1-Manufactured in 1967-housed-East Station-carries 200 gallons of water, assorted Forestry hand tools and back pack pumps.

Brush 1 is on loan from the State of New Hampshire, Division of Forests and Lands to the Alstead Fire Department. It is insured and maintained by the town and registered by the State of New Hampshire.

I would like to thank the members of the department for their service and dedication to the department and the town of Alstead. Also, I would like to thank the community for their support and assistance over the last year. We are always looking to enlarge our roster and anyone wishing to join the department may contact a member or the Municipal Office for information and an application.

Activity Report 2012

Motor Vehicle Accidents-21
Trees and/or Wires down-9
Assist the Ambulance-9
Mutual Aid-6
Automatic Alarms-6
Structure Fires-5
Chimney Fires-5
Smoke Investigations-5
Flooding-3
Illegal Burns-2
Elevator Alarms-2
Carbon Monoxide Alarms-2
Explosion Investigations-2
Compactor Fires-2
Car Fire-1
Assist the Power Company-1
Hazardous Material Spill-1
Hurricane Stand-by-1
Fire Department Meetings-13
Fire Department Drills-11

Respectfully submitted,

Kim J. Kercewich, Chief, Alstead Fire Department

2012 Annual Report Alstead Ambulance

We wish to thank the people of Alstead for their support of the ambulance and especially those who have decided to serve by joining the ambulance squad.

We have seen a slight increase of calls this past year but thanks to the new members who joined and those who upgraded to EMT from First Responder, the squad is now staffed by more active members than we have had in the past few years. In addition we have two members of the Fire department who have started on the EMT course and they will complete their training by early summer.

The ambulance squad had 110 calls in the past year. We transported 70 patients to the hospital, 28 of those calls required advanced level care. (Diluzio Paramedic)

There were 18 MVC (motor vehicle accidents), 16 falls, 15 chest pain, 11 breathing problem, 5 assaults, as well as other assorted medical problems requiring attention.

There were 8 calls that did not require medical attention once we arrived and another 23 that either did not require transport or where transport was refused.

We had one MVC with multiple patients and required a second ambulance from Diluzio ambulance for transport of the second patient. In addition there were 7 calls that we did not have sufficient members on hand for transport and Diluzio ambulance was used for transport.

As always we welcome new members and if interested you can inquire at the town office or contact me directly at 603-835- 6115.

Respectfully submitted,
Anton Elbers
Captain Alstead Ambulance

2012 Annual Report Alstead Conservation Commission

Arbor Day Celebration

It was another beautiful spring day when the Alstead Conservation Commission celebrated its 12th annual Arbor Day on April 20 at Vilas School. Principal Gail Rowe welcomed all students and guests. David Moody led the Pledge of Allegiance. He then spoke of the first Arbor Day in 1872, when Julius Sterling Morton, a journalist from Nebraska realized that the wind was blowing away the prairie soil of that state. In order to stem the erosion, Morton suggested planting trees. Selectman Michael Jasmin read the Arbor Day proclamation, which declares the Town of Alstead an official Arbor Day Town. Winners of the annual poster contest were announced. There were 28 submissions and the theme this year was “the use of trees.”

Poster Contest winners were:

- 1st Nicholas Roentsch
- 2nd Maria Luther-Houghton
- 3rd Erika Wilson
- 4th Jacob Shoemaker

The winners in the artistic recognition category were: Deilia Bashaw, Tess Marsden, and Maddison Simano.

Thanks go to David Crosby who planted the shad bush that was purchased through Ginny and Truman Breshears. The Shad Bush is the first to bloom in the spring and so-called because it is usually in bloom when the shad are running up the New England rivers. It has abundant white blossoms in the spring, and yellow to red foliage in the fall. The red berries are edible and often taken by birds.

Kindergarten students through 4th graders sang "Because of Trees" under the direction of Lillie LaBlanc. Vilas 8th grade students read original poems. The students were Shawnette Fowler, Josie Holt, Patrick Shoemaker, Destry Nebelski, Sophie Bushey, Dylan Plaisted, and Courtney Prentiss. Students in grades 5-8 who are members of the Vilas Chorus sang "Trees For America," also directed by LeBlanc.

Before the main celebration, elementary and middle school students got to see:

Tina Christie and Bruce Bellows team up to show an extensive collection of wood logs representing the trees in the area and in other parts of North America

Mike Jasmin work with students on a trellis made from saplings

Baskets brought along by Carolyn Kemp of Chesterfield and a demonstration of how to make a melon basket.

DES Violations

One violation on Lake Warren is still pending and being handled by the NH Department of Environmental Services.

Another violation occurred on a Class VI road off of Pratt Road. A culvert was installed to drain a wetland. After some investigation, the party responsible for installing the culvert could not be identified. DES was notified but since the violator was unknown, the department could do nothing and said it was up to the town to rectify the situation.

Pine Cliff Road

The Commission received complaints from a couple of residents on Pine Cliff Road, which borders one side of Lake Warren. The Selectmen arranged a meeting with lake residents and people living along or near Pine Cliff Road. At the meeting on August 14, at the Second Congregational Church, a packed house of lake residents complained about the following

- Erosion along the lake's banks

- Soil going into the lake

- Drivers speeding on the road

- Pedestrian Safety

- The number of trucks using the road

- Tree & Shrub destruction along the road perimeters

- Disregard of property lines by road crew during grading and snow plowing

The water quality of Lake Warren is a primary concern of the commission. In January the commission voted to notify the Selectmen of their belief that the road should be narrowed to 21 feet and a buffer placed between the road and lake to reduce the erosion and soil going into the lake. The commission is willing to provide names of native plants and shrubs that would make a good buffer. The commission also advised that a swale on the other side of the road would help to absorb runoff.

Earth Day

Earth Day occurred April 21. Turnout was relatively light 10 – 12 miles of road recorded on the map and 150 blue bags handed out during the two-week signup period before and after scheduled Earth Day event. A delicious breakfast was available on the Town Office porch on the day of cleanup. It also was lightly attended.

Easement monitoring of Wellman Pond and the Burroughs properties were completed. We are investigating a possible violation on one of the properties.

AT&T Cell Tower on Route 12A Alstead Center. This site was reviewed along with Audra Klumb of Klumb Environmental. Permitting was obtained from DES to place a culvert in the access road to the tower.

Morning Sun Retreat Center and development sites were reviewed as their deed restrictions.

The commission worked with the Lake Warren Association to complete the **Lake Warren Management Plan**. It was accepted by DES in September 2012. This makes it possible to apply for grants.

Two trails in the Town Forest were initiated in the fall of 2011. One, a nature trail, has been mostly completed; the other, a trail to the old homestead cellar and sugar house, is partially completed. Signs, brochures, and blazes will be complete on both trails by this summer.

Energy Report

Pursuant to the 2012 Warrant Article authorizing \$30,000 to insulate the Shedd Porter Library, early steps in the project began in the summer and the insulation proper began in late fall. The walls of the attic were sprayed with two-part closed-cell foam, with the two chimneys insulated instead with rock wool in accordance with fire code. The old roof was sealed with the same foam and further insulated with 18 inches of cellulose, to achieve approximately R-50.

A wooden platform was built across the dome at approximately the old dome window level and sealed and insulated the same way. Outer dome walls under the roof were also sprayed, all this providing an air-sealed and insulated “thermal boundary and air boundary” spanning across the entire building. Airtight hatches are on all access points. Catwalks provide convenient access throughout the old roof area, allowing the cellulose insulation to remain undisturbed and thus intact.

Existing PVC drainage pipes were “tented” under rigid insulating foam before spraying so that warmth from below can protect them from freezing. The so-called “ladder room” between the attic floor level and the old roof level has been treated with fire resistant paint and a lock will be installed on the inspection door to the lower attic, in accord with fire code.

The project was not completed in 2012, due to a number of factors, but is complete as of the writing of this report in mid-January. A HOBO monitor is in place to measure fuel usage, so that an early indication of fuel savings (adjusted for different average outside temperatures during the measurement periods) should be possible by budget hearing; the project had been justified by the prospect of a 42 percent reduction in fuel use from the winter of 2011-2012 (adjusted for average temperatures). The public spaces should already feel more comfortable because the ceilings will no longer be cold.

The contractor’s bid was significantly higher than \$30,000, and this bid was closely matched by a bid from Thermal House of Brattleboro, Vermont. The Library Trustees offered up to \$7,000 and Alstead elected to do some of the carpentry on its own, at significant overall savings.

This brief description tells only part of the whole story. The level of volunteerism and vision shown by the people in Alstead and the surrounding region was absolutely essential to the success of this project, and bodes well for our collective future.

Respectfully submitted by

Marilou Blaine, Sarah Webb, and John Mann

**The Alstead Conservation Commission meets the first
Wednesday of the month at the Town Offices, 5-7 p.m.**

**Commissioners are : Sarah Webb, Marilou Blaine,
David Moody, Nan Montgomery; alternates Joyce Curll,
and John Mann**

2012 Annual Report

Shedd Porter Memorial Library Trustees Report

As we enter the sestercentennial year of our beloved town and look ahead to a bright and hopeful 2013, we also reflect back on 2012 and remember the many wonderful and revitalizing happenings at our historic and charming library. The past year brought fruitful advances in our technologies, a deeper cultivation of our collections and programs, a new permanence to our devoted staff, and greater efficiency to our infrastructure.

In 2012, the Trustees were delighted to see continuing upward trends in patron visits, circulation, and the general use of services as detailed in Director Huntley's report. We hope to see these trends continue in 2013 as the library integrates new tracking and cataloging technology designed to help patrons find the books and information they are looking for in the most efficient way possible, using our own collection, and the expansive resources of the greater New Hampshire library community. Equitable and systematic access to knowledge should be a goal of any good library and the Trustees will work to develop a comprehensive strategic plan for our library in the coming year that builds upon the steps taken in 2012.

Our successful and exciting reading programs as well as our other library sponsored events continue to draw patrons of all ages. The coming year promises to bring fresh and intriguing guest programming to complement perennial favorites and the much adored Holmes Summer Reading Program. Director Huntley continues to bring her consistent creativity and excellent judgment in selecting programming that matches well with the interests of our adult patrons and the passions of our young ones. So, in 2013, keep an eye on our website and your mailbox and remember to mark your calendars as events

unfold.

Perhaps you've noticed that it seems warmer and cozier in the library this winter. Well, that's because it is! We are eternally grateful for the good citizens of Alstead and their willingness to commit \$30,000 for the library insulation project that won broad support on last year's town warrant. The project was completed to our satisfaction and we look forward to quantifying the energy savings as early as this spring. As we all know, more efficient, better insulated buildings use less energy and save money over the long term. We believe the voters and taxpayers of Alstead made a wise and forward thinking investment by approving this project and we hope to prove it with lower energy costs in the years ahead. A special mark of gratitude is in order for John Mann. John's tireless devotion and tenacity for detail shepherded this project from conception to completion. This project would not have happened without his vision and perseverance.

The trustees would also like to express our immutable thanks to the dedicated staff and volunteers who bring life to our library and animate our visits with their faithful presence. We are particularly pleased to announce that Shelli Huntley has been promoted from her interim librarian position into the permanent role of Director of the Shedd Porter Memorial Library. Shelli's leadership, genuine enthusiasm and spirited vision have been instrumental in the progress we have made over the last two years and we are overjoyed that she has agreed to stay with us. Likewise, the library would not function as it does not function as it does without the steadfast efforts of our Assistant Librarian, Gaale Klein and Facilities Technician, Sam Kong and, of course, our invaluable volunteers Jessi Dussault, Melanie Marsden, Judi Bellows, Margaret Perry, Ellen Chase, Cynthia Phippen, Lindy Norlander and Shelley Wasklewicz. Finally, we

acknowledge that the library's advancements over the past two years would not have been possible without the strong foundation set by Barb Davis, who left to serve in the Peace Corps. The Trustees would like to welcome her back to the area and thank her for her years of hard work and dedication to our library. Thank you all.

Any of us who visit the library regularly can testify to the positive changes afoot. Many of you have noticed the shiny new bronze plaque that tastefully adorns the granite façade. This new addition serves to remind us all of the ongoing benevolence of the Shedd family and that this wonderful bequest is now permanently listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. We offer lasting thanks to the Shedd family and also to the regular patrons who make our library such a vibrant part of our community. In the exciting year ahead, we encourage infrequent patrons, and especially those of you who may not have used the library before, to stop in for a visit, enjoy the fellowship of your neighbors and take full advantage of all the resources contained within the walls of our cherished institution.

With respect and gratitude,

The SPML Board of Trustees

Matt Gillette – Chair

Sue Norlander – Vice Chair

Jeff Smull – Treasurer

Mary Lou Huffling – Assistant Treasurer

Heather Jasmin – Secretary

2012 Annual Report

Shedd Porter Memorial Library Report

In 2012, we completed our first significant step toward full automation. Residents can now find the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library's catalog online at www.sheddporter.wordpress.com. We are currently barcoding all of our holdings, with the goal of finalizing the digitization process by year's end. Automation will improve our efficiency, greatly reducing the time spent on many administrative tasks.

The year was a busy one in other ways as well. In 2012, we added 810 items to our collection, welcomed 92 new patrons, circulated 13,623 items and were pleased to have 8,402 visits from community members. Happily, these figures mark an increase in the use of the library. In comparison to 2011, our circulation was up by 2,386 checkouts and patron usage increased by 585 visits. 274 of our patrons visited us electronically by taking advantage of the library's membership in the New Hampshire Downloadable Books Consortium to download a total of 382 audiobooks and 913 ebooks. These checkouts represented 9.4% of our checkouts for the year. We took advantage of our affiliation with the state library to borrow 527 items from libraries around the state. The interlibrary loan system is essential to helping us fulfill patron requests. Because our catalog is now digitized and available for statewide viewing, we also loaned out 246 of our items to other New Hampshire libraries. With funds provided by the Shedd-Porter family, we purchased an additional public access computer and also a computer for the circulation desk. As a result, 1,055 community members visited the library to use our computers or access the internet via our high speed connection.

The summer months brought a sweet hum of activity to the library as we celebrated the state reading theme of *Dream Big, Read!* The Marion K. Holmes Summer Reading Program was quite a success. We hosted six weeks of events for families including a visit from the Mariposa Museum, a sing-a-long with Marek Bennett, Sweet Dreams - a pillow case, tie dye event with Jessi Dussault, Aboriginal Dreamtime with Betsy Stacey, an exciting, live animal show, put on by the W.I.L.D. Center of New Hampshire and an ice cream party. We had a total of 194 people attend the summer programs! In addition to the weekly events, the library also hosted a reading club for young readers. Children kept a reading log for weekly prizes and each child received a gift card to Toadstool Books. We had 33 children keep summer reading logs, reading a self-reported total of 597 books. Special thanks go out to the Holmes family for its continued support of the summer reading program.

I am grateful for the generous efforts and enthusiasm of library volunteers Jessi Dussault, Melanie Marsden, Judi Bellows, Margaret Perry, Ellen Chase, Cynthia Phippen, Lindy Norlander and Shelley Wasklewicz. They worked 359 hours for the library in 2012, covering books, organizing our collection and helping digitize our holdings. Gaale Klein and Sam Kong have continued their excellent work at the library and do a great deal to help it run smoothly. Lastly, I thank all the members of the Library Board of Trustees, Matt Gillette, Jeff Smull, Susan Norlander, Heather Jasmin & Mary Lou Huffling. In their capacity as trustees, they give generously of their time and talent, providing vision, oversight, stewardship and support to the library and its staff.

Alstead's Sestercentennial year promises to be an active and productive one for us. We hope to finish our automation by the

end of the year. Our trustees plan to work on a long range vision for the library. The library will continue to host events for the public each month. During the summer months, we will open the doors to fun as we celebrate this year's theme, *Dig into Reading!* Our weekly storytime, led by Jessi Dussault, is now offered at a new time, Friday afternoons at 3:15. We encourage you to check our website (sheddporter.wordpress.com) frequently for information about our collection and programs. As always, we welcome patron suggestions, requests and input and look forward to seeing you in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelli Huntley, Director

Shedd-Porter Memorial Library
 Income & Expense Summary
 01/01/12 – 12/31/12

Cash On Hand (COH) 01/01/12:

Savings Account	\$44,636
Checking Account	<u>19,226</u>

Total COH 01/01/12: 63,862

Income:

Donations:	2,361
Shedd Fund:	1,225
Book Sale Room	533
Miscellaneous	247
Overdue Book Contributions	135
Town of Alstead	<u>89</u>

Total Income 01/01/12 – 12/31/12: 4,590

Expenditures:

Books, CDs, DVDs, & Magazines	11,862
Technology	2,027
Programs	1,947
Supplies	1,498
Development	754
Building	644
Fixtures	<u>120</u>

Total Expenses 01/01/12 – 12/31/12 18,852

COH 12/31/12:	
Savings Account:	44,680
Checking Account:	<u>4,920</u>
Total COH 12/31/12:	\$49,600

Payroll Expense 01/01/12 – 12/31/12:

Salaries:	\$29,314
FICA & Medicare:	<u>1,717</u>
Total Payroll Expense:	\$31,031
(Paid by Town of Alstead:	30,000)
(Paid by Shedd –Porter Library:	1,031)*
*Paid on 01/10/13	

Certificates of Deposit Balances on 12/31/12:

Ruth Lufkin Gleason Book Fund #1:	\$8,071
Ruth Lufkin Gleason Book Fund #2:	6,288
Marion Holmes Summer Reading Fund #1:	2,764
Marion Holmes Summer Reading Fund #2:	1,231
Maxine Craig Book Fund:	1,816

Respectfully Submitted,
 Jeff Smull
 Treasurer

**2012 Annual Report
Trustees of Trust Funds**

There were no new funds created during 2012.

Because our funds are still showing a very small return, we have consulted an Investment Company that serves many New Hampshire town's trustees. We believe that with their help, we can receive a much better return on our investments.

Respectfully Submitted,
Trustees of Trust Funds

Bruce A. Bellows
Reginald Clark
Roberta Young

2012 Annual Report Cemetery Commission

Care of our seven cemeteries has been accomplished through the dedicated efforts of Reginald Clark, Kevin Beal, and Ernie and Jean Rhoades.

For a number of years, we had warrant articles asking for money to repair broken, leaning and fallen monuments and grave stones in our cemeteries. Much work was accomplished and most of our cemeteries greatly improved. With the downturn in the economy in 2009, we have not asked for more money to continue this work. However, this year, we have placed an article on the warrant asking for \$3,000 to continue work on the stones in North Cemetery in East Alstead.

We would like to thank you for your past support and for your support of this article.

Respectfully submitted,
Alstead Cemetery Commission

Bruce Bellows
Reginald Clark
Roberta Young

2012 Annual Report

Cold River Advisory Committee

The Cold River Local Advisory Committee (CRLAC) functions to advise the Towns of Acworth, Alstead, Langdon, Lempster, and Walpole on the protection and enhancement of the Cold River. It reviews river corridor projects that require state and federal permits and works to promote improvements to the river and its tributaries. It also seeks to enhance public awareness of issues affecting the health of the river environment.

Accomplishments during the year:

- Completion of fund raising for further restoration of Warren Brook which includes \$87,400 from DES and \$58,300 of matching funds.
- Signed permission from two private landowners to proceed with Warren Brook renovation. Initiated approval process with State legislators to approve use of State lands for this purpose.
- Assisted hydrologist in making final designs for renovation and layout of vernal pools and walking trail along Warren Brook.
- Assisted in discussions relating to improvements in erosion problems in South Acworth and the overall condition of Vilas Pool.
- Continued water quality monitoring of the Cold River which included over 70 stream and pond sites sampled on multiple occasions. This information forms a data

base of over ten years for local and state officials. Overall water quality is good and has remained stable over the years that this program has been maintained.

- Actively participated in the Lake Warren management plan workgroup and prepared a comprehensive review of historical water quality data for the Lake Warren Association. Congratulations are due to the Association on completing their management plan this year and obtaining a significant grant for the initial phases of plan implementation.

Longtime member Dr. Charles Montgomery retired this year. The Committee has welcomed Gary Speed as his replacement. Also, the Committee has written to each board of selectmen to encourage them to fill vacancies and to nominate alternates and to recommend associate members to insure the long term health of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick Ernst, Chair

Acworth: Deborah Hinman

Alstead: Carol Drimmond,, Michael Heidorn, Samuel Sutcliffe

Langdon: Catherine MacDonald

Lempster: None

Walpole: Joseph Dion, Fred Ernst, Gary Speed

2012 Annual Report

Fall Mountain Friendly Meals

2012 provided the Friendly Meals folks with another year of fellowship and sharing good times together. We are enjoying our 25th year of breaking bread together every Tuesday and Thursday at 11o'clockish at the Alstead Fire Station. People come from all the towns to enjoy delicious home cooked, full course meals cooked and served with love. The people who come enjoy being together and enjoy each others company. Many of those who come live alone and it feels good to be with others and have a good hot meal. The Friendly Meals is food for the body and their spirit.

We have an awesome crew of dedicated faithful volunteers from all the towns. Many have been volunteering for most of if not all of the 25 years. The volunteers prepare and transport the food, set up the meal site, do all the clean up, serve the meals, prepare all the meals on wheels, and then volunteers deliver the meals on wheels. These fantastic groups of dedicated caring people have brought much joy and love into the lives of others.

In 2012 we provided 27,864 meals to individuals in all the five towns of the Fall Mountain area. We average delivering 195 to 200 meals each Tuesday and Thursday to people in all the towns. Many people are able to still stay in their homes and have good food because of the meals. The meals on wheels also provide someone stopping by to say hello and chat for a bit. They look forward to having a visitor and a good meal. We are thankful for all the time and love that goes in to making all this happen twice every week.

The Friendly Meals is entirely supported by local donations. We do not receive any state or federal assistance. We get some government surplus. All donations are used to purchase food or supplies to serve the food. We are grateful for the many peoples and groups that donate to us and help make the Friendly Meals possible. The Friendly Meals has no administrative expenses.

We also appreciate the delicious fresh vegetables donated by the local farmers and growers. The people loved them. Fresh veggies are so healthy for our people and they taste so good.

We are also participating in the Feinstein Foundation Million Dollar Challenge Against Hunger for the 16th year. All monetary donations and each food donation will count toward the grant. The Challenge is from March 1 to April 30. We hope and pray we will do well.

We are so thankful to the Town of Alstead for the use of the Alstead Fire Station these 25 years and for the use of the building on Bragg Lane for our kitchen. It has been a wonderful gift that has touched the lives of so many people over these years. We are also grateful to the Town of Langdon for donating space adjacent to the Foodshelf for us to store the Friendly Meals food before we bring it to the kitchen in Alstead. It works so well.

Thank you for your continued support. Many people are blest by the meals program. We are grateful for your caring and love for these 25 years. It means so much.

2013 will be another wonderful year together every Tuesday and Thursday.

Respectively Submitted,

Mary Lou Huffling, Director
P. O. Box 191
Alstead, NH 03602

2012 Annual Report Fall Mt. Emergency Foodshelf

2012 was a year filled with community spirit and neighbors helping neighbors. The generosity, love and caring that was given to the Foodshelf and all those we served was unbelievable and so heart warming to experience people caring so much for one another.

In 2012 the number of people needing help with food was greater than ever. We had new families coming for help almost every day we were open. In spite of the low amount of food available at times at the NH Foodbank, they were very generous in sharing what they had. The cost food continues to increase and we try very hard to find the most reasonable places to buy food and continue to track sales. There is no State or Federal funding provided. All monetary donations being received are used to buy food and personal care items and vehicle maintenance cost. The Foodshelf has no administrative costs.

Thanks to the love and generosity of so many people of all ages everyone who came to the Foodshelf left with a good supply of nutritious food and knowing that people care about their well being. In 2012, 11,755 times families came to the Foodshelf sites for food. These families included 41,086 individuals. We provided them with food for approximately 1,258,764 meals. We were also able to provide 982 families with Thanksgiving dinner boxes and 831 families with Christmas boxes. People were thrilled to receive the wonderful food filled boxes. Many left with tears in their eyes.

We and those we serve greatly appreciate our towns for their support. We are grateful to the towns of Langdon and Charlestown for providing space for our sites. Both sites serve us and our clients well. They are very accessible for clients and for the truck loads of food we bring in. They are gifts that help so many. We appreciate the other town's monetary donations helping with the

purchase of food. It is so heartwarming to think of the many, many local families and individuals, local business, churches (many who do a monthly food collection), organizations, our schools and their staffs, Girl Scouts, Boy scouts, 4-H Groups and others who did tremendous monetary and food collections. We couldn't have met the need with out their tremendous support.

For the fifth year we had of Grow a Row for the Foodshelf program. It was a tremendous success. So many local farmers and families regularly brought in a wide variety of fresh local grown vegetables and fruits. People were so excited to have fresh veggies and fruits to eat. Many families canned and/or froze some veggies and fruits for the winter. What a gift to so many of their neighbors. Local farmers and growers are already talking about their plans for fruits and veggies for the Foodshelf this year. It will be great. Local grown is the best.

We are benefiting greatly from the wonderful program "Fresh Rescue" provided by Feeding America and Shaw's Supermarket. We are also benefiting greatly from the produce donated by Black River Produce, and baked goods from Bouyea-Fassetts Bakery in Keene, Price Chopper and from Brattleboro, Vermont. We appreciate the support given to us by Walmart and we have been receiving government surplus to help with our program for which we are very grateful. Our great Provider is always taking care of us and those we help.

Everything we do to help our neighbors at the Foodshelf is possible because of the tremendous love and dedication of our many volunteers from many towns who give so much of themselves and their time to helping others. Everyone works hard to make it all happen from trucking all the food, ordering, shopping, stocking shelves and freezers, helping the clients, and all that makes it all come together in a very positive way and everyone who comes to us needing help gets a good supply of food and leaves with good feelings.

For the 16th year we will once again be participating in the Feinstein Foundation Million Dollar Challenge Against Hunger. The challenge is from March 1 to April 30. All monetary donations and each donated food item counts as a dollar toward the proportional matching grant. People are always so generous during this time. It always helps us so much. Hopefully there will be many food drives. The food items add up quickly.

Thank you all for the support you have given us over these 30 plus years. 2013 will be another wonderful year of caring and helping our neighbors in need.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Lou Huffling, Director

2012 Annual Report Alstead Historical Society

During 2012, the Alstead Historical Society (AHS) held three program meetings. In April, Prof. Jere Daniell discussed the historical background of Alstead's three colonial charters. This was followed in July by Prof. Tom Hubka's illustrated lecture based on his book, *Big House, Little House, Back House, Barn; The Connected Farm Buildings of New England*. Finally, in August, Bruce Bellows and Sam Sutcliff presented *A Photographic Walking Tour of Alstead Center* based on historic photographs from the AHS collections. We are pleased to report that all of these programs were very well attended. We are grateful to the First and Third Congregational Churches for the use of their facilities and to the NH Humanities to Go program for grants that made Profs. Danielle and Hubka's presentations possible.

During the year, AHS assisted the Historical Society of Cheshire County in preparing an exhibit on water power mills in Cheshire County. The exhibit, *The History of Water Powered Mills in the Monadnock Region* will be on view at the society's headquarters in Keene until Saturday, June 29, 2013.

The society has also been active in preparations for Alstead's 250th anniversary in 2013. Bruce Bellows and other members of the board of trustees, together with members of the Alstead Sestercentennial Committee have developed a series of coordinated events between April and October of 2013 that are listed in the *1763-2013 Alstead's Sestercentennial Calendar*. The calendar is available for sale at the Town Office, the Library, and other places along with a number of other souvenir items.

Margaret Perry continued work on a number of projects related to records stored in the AHS Office in the Alstead Municipal Building. Six volunteers joined her in this endeavor in 2012. Joanne Wildes is creating a master index to all the burial sites in Alstead's cemeteries. This index will greatly assist our efforts to answer genealogical requests for information and to help descendents locate the graves of their ancestors in Alstead. Carol Reller completed an index of marriages in the Baptist Church and is beginning to examine the contents of town warrants. The warrants reflect the major issues of the town during the 18th and 19th centuries. Marie Harling, Syrene Porter, and Melinda Sweeney clipped and sorted a great number of newspaper articles that

are related to Alstead. Syrene is known to many through her maintenance of the *Alstead Chronicles* page on FaceBook. Cathy Jahos has photocopied Marion Nicholl Rawson's *Alstead History Notes* (Books 1 & 2) that she used in preparing her book, *New Hampshire Borne a Town.*(1942) about Alstead. Every time we make copies of such material, a copy is placed in the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library as well as the AHS library. In this way, we are striving to make more of our records accessible to the public.

One exciting discovery near the end of the year, was the print of a glass negative of the First Congregational Church in Alstead Center that was build in 1793 to replace the previous structure built about 1780. The second, larger building housed the town hall on the first floor and the church nave on the second floor. The picture must have been taken sometime before 1882 because the church burned in that year and was replaced by the current building in 1883. Ellen Chase is preparing a paper model of the church showing as much detail as can be verified from the image and leaving the rest blank.

AHS is grateful for all assistance and would welcome others who would like to take on short-term projects. Please drop by the AHS office any Wednesday between 1 and 4 p.m. and speak with Margaret Perry.

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 the participation of anyone who has an interest in preserving Alstead's history.

Respectfully submitted,
David Moody
Recording Secretary
Bruce A. Bellows
President, Alstead Historical Society

2012 MARRIAGES

Person A	Residence	Person B	Residence	Place of Marriage	Date
Bowen, Mark R.	Alstead	Grant, Julie K.	Alstead	Jackson	05/12
Verma, Anshika	Cambridge, MA	Hansen, Martin	Alstead	Alstead	06/16
Molesky, Garrett	Alstead	Fisk, Hailey	Alstead	Alstead	06/30
Beer, Joshua	Alstead	LaRock, Aylan D.	Alstead	Langdon	07/28
French, Caleb A.	Alstead	Michaud, Tiffany M.	Alstead	Keene	09/08
Raney, Daniel C.	Alstead	Laird, Amanda L.	Alstead	Walpole	09/08
Reney, Wallace A.	Surry	O'Brien, Lela M.	Alstead	Alstead	09/13
VanAlstyne, Benjamin	Alstead	Keenan, Emma E.	Alstead	Alstead	09/16
Livengood, Lonn M.	Alstead	Murray, Louisa D.	Alstead	Alstead	09/22
Campbell, Warren H.	Alstead	Croteau, Barbara A.	Alstead	Alstead	10/06

2012 BIRTHS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Father's/Partner's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
01/03	Keene	Hartnett, Liam James	Hartnett, Timothy	Smidutz,
Alexandria				
01/31	Keene	Rullo, Lia Sophia	Rullo, Christopher	Cannon, Laura
02/27	Keene	Hewey, Bodhi Fiske	Hewey, Christopher	Fiske, Suzanna
05/10	Keene	Hanson, Sawyer Wayne	Hanson, Joshua	Hanson, Christi
05/15	Peterborough	Draper, Chloe Alexis	Draper, Michael	Draper, Carissa
05/16	Keene	Saunders, Alexandra Faith	Saunders Jr. Jeffrey	Armstrong,
Meaghan				
05/25	Keene	Cooke, Elliot Mae	Cooke, Zachary	McMahan, Kelly
06/05	Keene	King, Madison Skye	King Jr. Raymond	Smith, Amy
07/23	Keene	Trainor, Emma-Lee Rose	Trainor, Andrew	Trainor, Michelle
08/02	Keene	Putnam, Aubree Jewel	Putnam, Eric	Putnam, Caroline
08/28	Keene	Fitzgerald II, Jeremy Lynn	Fitzgerald, Jeremy	Michelle, Moore
10/05	Keene	Washer, Adam Aurelius	Washer, Jason	Washer, Melanie
10/28	Lebanon	Gray, Gavin Charles	Gray, Travis	Gaspardino-Gray,
Lisa				
11/25	Keene	Stoddard, Carson Joel	Stoddard, Joel	Stoddard,
Heather				
12/01	Keene	Pierson, Drake Zander	Pierson, Christopher	Pierson, Charlene

2012 Deaths

<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Date</u>
Haskins, Franklin	Keene	01/10
Burroughs, Doris	Keene	01/25
Vaillancourt, Jean	Lebanon	01/26
Babneau, Doris	Peterborough	02/03
Porter Jr., Frederick	Alstead	02/28
Sweeney, Betty	Keene	03/22
Moodie, Gordon	Alstead	05/14
Pienkos, Angela	Keene	05/18
Saxton, Marti	Alstead	07/19
Porter, Ted	Lebanon	07/21
Degiorgio, James	Alstead	08/01
Diehl, David	Alstead	08/03
Champney, Gary	Westmoreland	08/25
Spencer, Cynthia	Keene	09/0
Moran, William	Alstead	11/25

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