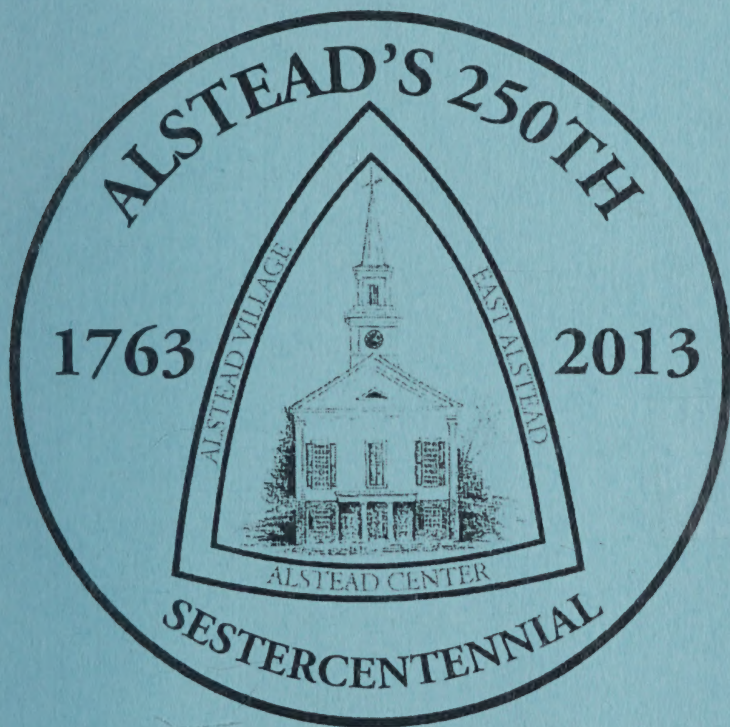


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Annual Reports

Of The Selectmen And Other Town Officers of the Town of

ALSTEAD, NH



FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31

2013

TOWN MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014

TOWN INFORMATION

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 – 2nd Monday of the month @ 7:00 PM

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

Health Officer: Randall Rhoades 835-9018 evenings
Asst. Health Officer: Michael Jasmin 835-2802

Conservation Commission – 1st Wednesday of the month @ 5:00 PM

Fire Department

Regular Meeting – 2nd Monday of the month, 7:00 PM
Ambulance/Rescue Squad – 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:30 PM
Drills held on the 4th 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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DEDICATION



Howard Weeks

Howard spent his childhood summers in the '30's and '40's in the same house he retired to on Hill Road. His Darby Brook Farm offered organic vegetables and apples (before it was cool) and always his sunny grin which brightened the dreariest day.

He was a long-time active member of the Conservation Commission, serving our community and its natural setting.

Howard personified gratefulness, and was a great friend to many.

DEDICATION



(Roberta) Susie Young

We all knew Susie either as Town Clerk/Tax Collector (1972 – 1990) or as the ready smile at the Alstead Post Office for many years

Susie was pleasant, thoughtful, and always an enthusiastic participant in our community, sharing her time and ideas.

She loved our town, and its people. We are glad to have had her so prominently among us.

TOWN OFFICIALS 2013

Michael Jasmin	Selectman	Term End 2014
Matthew Saxton	Selectman	Term End 2015
Joel C. McCarty	Selectman	Term End 2016
Peter Rhoades	Moderator	Term End 2014
Gloria Seddon	Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Term End 2015
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
Roberta (Suzie) Young	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term End 2014
Bruce A. Bellows	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term End 2015
Reginald Clark	Trustee of Trust Fund	Term End 2016
Jeff Smull	Library Trustee	Term End 2014
Matthew Gilette	Library Trustee	Term End 2014
Susan Norlander	Library Trustee	Term End 2015
Heather Jasmin	Library Trustee	Term End 2016
Mary Lou Huffling	Library Trustee	Term End 2016
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
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
Davis Konesko	Planning Board	Term End 2016
Randy Rhoades	Alternate Member	Term End 2016
Dennis Molesky	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2014
Hans Waldmann	Alternate	Term End 2014
Kevin Clark	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2015
Samuel Sutcliffe	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2016
Joseph H. Cartwright	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2016
David Konesko	Alternate	Term End 2016
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
John Mann	Alternate	Term End 2016
Sarah Webb	Conservation Commission	Term End 2016
Roberta (Suzie) Young	Cemetery Commission	Term End 2014
Bruce Bellows	Cemetery Commission	Term End 2015
Reginald Clark	Cemetery Commission	Term End 2016
Jim Elsessor	School Board Member	Term End 2014
	Alstead Rep. Fall Mt.	
	Consolidated School Officer	

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

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

ARTICLE 2”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 \$1,477,784? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$1,634,348?, 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?

Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Majority vote required

YES

NO

ARTICLE 3: “Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars) to be placed in the Highway Capital Reserve Fund (est. 1986)?

Recommended by The Board of Selectmen

Majority vote requiredThis appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget.

YES

NO

ARTICLE 4:”Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000(fifty thousand dollars) to be placed in the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund (est. 1992)?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Majority vote required.

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget.

YES

NO

ARTICLE 5:”Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$0.00 (zero dollars) to be placed in the Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund (est. 2009)?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Majority vote required

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget.

YES

NO

ARTICLE 6:”Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be placed in the Shedd Porter Library Capital Reserve Fund (est. 2010)?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Majority vote required.

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget.

YES

NO

ARTICLE 7:” Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 (two thousand five hundred five hundred dollars to be placed in the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund (est. 1992)?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Majority vote required

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget

YES

NO

ARTICLE 8 “Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 (two thousand five hundred dollars) to be placed in the Police Capital Reserve Fund (est. 2012)?

Recommended by the Alstead Board of Selectmen

Majority vote required

This is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget

YES

NO

ARTICLE 9 “Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars) to be placed in the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund (est. 2012)?

Recommended by the Alstead Board of Selectmen

Majority vote required

This is in addition to Warrant Article #2, 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 Transfer Station capital improvements and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 (two thousand five hundred dollars)to be placed in that fund.?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Majority vote required

This is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget

YES

NO

ARTICLE 11”Shall the Town vote to purchase a 2015 one ton 5500 Dodge Truck with stainless steel body for the DPW Department and to raise and appropriate the sum off \$112,966(one hundred twelve thousand nine hundred sixty six dollars) for this purpose, and to authorize the withdrawal of the entire \$112,966 (one hundred twelve thousand nine hundred sixty six dollars) for this purpose from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund with no additional amount to be raised by 2014 taxation?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Majority vote required

This is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget

YES

NO

ARTICLE 12"Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000(forty five thousand) for the repair of the 1994 John Deere Grader for the DPW Department?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Majority vote required

This is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget

YES

NO

ARTICLE 13 "Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of 0.00 (zero dollars)for the dredging of the area by the Vilas Pool Dam Gate?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Majority vote required

This is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget

YES

NO

ARTICLE 14 "Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 (five thousand dollars) for tree removal in the Town Cemeteries?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Majority vote required

This is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget

YES

NO

ARTICLE 15"Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 (six thousand dollars) for inspection of the Vilas Pool Pedestrian Bridge?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Majority vote required

This is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget

YES

NO

ARTICLE 16”Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$0.00(zero dollars) to stripe the paved roads?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Majority vote required

This is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget

YES

NO

ARTICLE 17”Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$0.00(zero dollars) to repair the portion of the Darby Brook that was damaged by the June and July 2013 rains, and of this total, to accept a grant of \$0,00 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), with the remaining \$0.00 to come from taxation?

Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Majority vote required.

This is in addition to Article #2, the operating budget

YES

NO

ARTICLE 18”Shall the Town vote to raise an appropriate the sum of \$0.00 (zero dollars) to pave North Road and the aprons on Old Settlers Road, Pine Cliff Road and Camp Brook Road?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Majority vote required

This is in addition to Article #2, the operating budget

YES

NO

ARTICLE 19:Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$0.00(zero dollars) to purchase two electronic signs, and of that total to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and accept a grant to cover \$0.00(zero) of the cost, with the remaining 0.00 dollars to come from taxation?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Majority vote required

This is in addition to Article #2, the operating budget

YES

NO

ARTICLE 20"Shall the Town adopt the provision whereby the governing body (or Budget committee) shall establish a base budget for the fiscal year (not including warrant articles), to be raised by local taxes, in the amount \$0.00 approximately the base budget for the 2012 budget year, not including warrant articles?"

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen

3/5 vote required

This is in addition to Article #2, the operating budget

YES

NO

ARTICLE: 21"Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body (or budget committee) shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised for the base budget (not including Warrant Articles), by more than 3% or \$60,000 whichever is less?
By Petition

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen

3/5 vote required

YES

NO

ARTICLE 22"Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2), 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 Board of Selectmen

3/5 majority vote required

YES

NO

ARTICLE 23"Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to

dispose of a lien or tax deeded property in a manner other than as provided in RSA 80:42, as justice may provide indefinitely unless rescinded.

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

YES

NO

ARTICLE 24”To see if the Town will urge:

That the New Hampshire State Legislature join nearly 500 local municipalities and 16 other states, including all other New England states, in calling upon Congress to move forward a constitutional amendment that:

- 1) guarantees the right of our elected representatives and of the American people to safeguard fair elections through authority to regulate political spending, and**
- 2) clarifies that constitution rights were established for people, not corporations.**

That the New Hampshire Congressional delegation support such a constitutional amendment once it is approved by Congress and sent to the State for ratification.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted in writing by the Selectmen to Alstead’s congressional delegation, and to Alstead’s state legislators, and to the President of the United states, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, within 30 days of the vote,. By Petition.

YES

NO

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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)	Appropriation Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
4130-4139	Executive		65943	64336	70555	
4140-4149	Election Reg & Vital Statistics		32252	24603	37662	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		50752	46379	54912	
4152	Revaluation of Property		20000	15025	20000	
4153	Legal Expense		14000	12274	14000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		232816	167653	204900	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		8900	9136	8900	
4194	General Government Buildings		209700	209344	172900	
4195	Cemeteries		3500	3500	3500	
4196	Insurance		22271	22669	23722	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc		7500	6722	7500	
4199	Other General Government					
PUBLIC SAFETY						
4210-4214	Police		155600	147173	155600	
4215-4219	Ambulance		37200	29849	37200	
4220-4229	Fire		71900	53123	74702	
4240-4249	Building Inspection					
4290-4298	Emergency Management		22411	23965	28459	
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)		12000	16235	12000	
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER						
4301-4309	Airport Operations					
HIGHWAYS & STREETS						
4311	Administration		53433	54050	57700	
4312	Highways & Streets		367200	420046	368700	
4313	Bridges					
4316	Street Lighting		5000	4889	5000	
4319	Other					
SANITATION						
4321	Administration		58850	46034	52875	
4323	Solid Waste Collection					
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		80510	74344	79900	
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		1000	225	1000	
4414	Pest Control					
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		13000	11946	13000	
WELFARE						
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.					
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymts					
445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		40600	38731	40600	
CULTURE & RECREATION						
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		15500	15788	18500	
4550-4559	Library		30000	30000	35000	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		3000	3033	3000	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation					
CONSERVATION						
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources		1500	1500	1500	
4619	Other Conservation			530		
631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing					
651-4659	Economic Development					
DEBT SERVICE						
4711	Princ - Long Term Bonds & Notes					
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes					
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		3000	702	3000	
790-4799	Other Debt Service					

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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)
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			1634348	1553804	1606287	

Use page 5 for special and individual warrant articles.

****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

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	10	\$215,000	\$215,000	\$217,500	
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund					
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds					
	Base Budget	20				\$1,510,000
SPECIAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			215000		217500	

****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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
	2015 5600 Dodge Truck	11			\$112,966	
	Repair 1996 Grader	12			\$55,000	
	Tree Removal	14			\$5,000	
	Stripe Paved Roads	16	\$10,000	\$9,794	\$10,000	
	Paving	18	\$130,000	\$129,670	\$80,000	
	Repair Portion of Darby Brook	17				\$65,000
	Dredge Vilas Pool	13				\$15,000
	Cemetery Tree Removal	14			\$000	
	Vilas Bridge Inspection	15			\$6000	
	Repair Hill Road Bridge		135000	113920		
	Cemetery Stone Repair		3000	1163		
INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			278000		273966	

1	2	3	4	5	6
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	530	1
3160	Resident Taxes				
3185	Yield Taxes		6000	18013	12
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		45000	58174	45
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		250	657	5
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES					
3210	Business Licenses & Permits				
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		250000	272892	260
3230	Building Permits		500	825	5
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		3000	2395	2
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
FROM STATE					
3351	Shared Revenues				
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		86519	86434	864
3353	Highway Block Grant		84959	81319	815
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		2	2	
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		15000	8050	22
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		35000	35000	35000
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
3401-3406	Income from Departments		45000	64122	450
3409	Other Charges				
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property				
3502	Interest on Investments		6000	2775	250
3503-3509	Other				

1	2	3	4	5	6
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				11296
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds		90000	116847	10500
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amount Voted From Fund Balance				
	Estimated Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes				
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			669230	748035	792191

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	1634348	1606287
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	215000	217500
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	278000	273966
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	2127348	2097753
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	748035	792191
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	1379313	1305557

**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 14th of January, 2014 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 Saturday, the 1st day of February, 2014 at 10:00 AM at the Vilas School Gymnasium 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 11th day of March, 2014 for the election of town officers and voting by ballot on all warrant articles. The polls will be open on Tuesday, March 11th, from 10:00 AM until 7:00 PM.

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

Article 2 Shall the Town 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 \$,1,606,287? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$1,634,348, 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.

a) Executive	70,555
b) Election, Registration, & Vitals	37,662
c) Financial Administration	54,912
d) Revaluation of Property	20,000
e) Legal Expense	14,000
f) Personnel Administration	204,900
g) Planning & Zoning	8,900
h) General Government Buildings	172,900
i) Cemeteries	3,500
j) Insurance	23,722
k) Advertising & Regional Assns	7,500
l) Police	155,600
m) Ambulance	37,200
n) Fire & Forest Fire	74,702
o) Emergency Management	28,459
p) Communications	12,000
q) Street Lighting	5,000
r) Highways & Streets	426,400
s) Sanitation/Solid Waste	132,775
t) Health Agencies	14,000
u) Welfare/Direct Assistance	40,600
v) Parks & Recreation	18,500
w) Library	35,000
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.

Article 3 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 (seventy five thousand dollars) to be placed in the Highway Capital Reserve Fund (est. 1988).

Majority vote required.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget.

Article 4 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 (seventy five thousand dollars) to be place in the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund (est. 1992).

Majority vote required.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget.

Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) to be placed in the Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund (est. 1992).

Majority vote required.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget.

Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 (twenty five thousand dollars) to be placed in the Shedd Porter Library Capital Reserve Fund (est. 2010).

Majority vote required.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget.

Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 (two thousand five hundred dollars) to be placed in the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund (est. 1992).

Majority vote required.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget.

Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 (two thousand five hundred dollars) to be placed in the Police Capital Reserve Fund (est. 2012).

Majority vote required.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

This is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget.

Article 9 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 (twenty five thousand dollars) to be placed in the Bridges Capital Reserve Fund (est. 2012).

Majority vote required.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

This is in addition to Warrant Article #2, 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 Transfer Station capital improvements and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 (two thousand five hundred dollars) to be placed in that fund.

Majority vote required.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

This is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget.

Article 11 To see if the Town will vote to purchase a 2015 one ton 5500 Dodge Truck with stainless steel body for the

DPW Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$112,966 (one hundred twelve thousand nine hundred sixty six dollars) for this purpose, and to authorize the withdrawal of that entire \$112,966 (one hundred twelve thousand nine hundred sixty six dollars) for this purpose from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund with no additional amount to be raised by 2014 taxation.

Majority vote required.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

This is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget.

Article 12 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000 (fifty five thousand) to repair the 1994 John Deere Grader for the DPW Department.

Majority vote required.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

This is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget.

Article 13 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of not more than \$25,000 (twenty five thousand dollars) to dredge Vilas Pool so the gate can be opened.

Majority vote required.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen

The Selectmen voted 1 Yes, 1 No, 1 abstention

This is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget.

Article 14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$5,000 (five thousand dollars) for tree removal in the Town Cemeteries.

Majority vote required.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
This is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget.

Article 15 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 (six thousand dollars) for the inspection of the Vilas Pool Pedestrian Bridge.

Majority vote required.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
This is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget.

Article 16 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) to stripe the paved roads.

Majority vote required.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
This is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget,

Article 17 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of \$65,000 (sixty five thousand dollars) to repair the portion of the Darby Brook that was damaged by the June and July 2013 rains, and of this total, to accept a grant of \$48,750 (forty eight thousand seven hundred fifty dollars) from the US Dept. of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), with the remaining \$16,250 (sixteen thousand two hundred fifty dollars) to come from taxation.

Majority vote required.
Not recommended by the Selectmen
The Selectmen voted 1 Yes, 1 No, 1 Abstention

This is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget.

Article 18 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 (eighty thousand dollars) to pave North Road and the aprons on Old Settlers Road, Prentice Hill Road, and Camp Brook Road.

Majority vote required.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

This is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 (five thousand dollars) to purchase two electronic signs, and of that total to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and accept a grant to cover \$2,500 of the cost, with the remaining \$2,500 (two thousand five hundred) to come from taxation.

Majority vote required.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

This in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget.

Article 20 "Shall we adopt a provision whereby the governing body (or budget committee) shall establish the base budget for fiscal year 2014 (not including warrant article), to be raised by local taxes, in an amount of \$1,510,000 (approximately the base budget for the 2012 budget year, not including warrant articles)." By Petition

3/5 vote required

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen

This Article is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget.

We have been advised by the Town Attorney that this Article is not legal.

Article 21 "Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body (or budget committee) shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised for the base budget (not including Warrant Articles), by more than 3% or \$60,000 whichever is less?" By Petition.

3/5 vote required.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen

1 Yes 2-No

Article 22 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?

3/5 majority vote required.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 23 To see if the Town of Alstead will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of a lien or tax deeded property in a manner other than as provided in RSA 80:42, as justice may provide indefinitely unless rescinded.

Majority vote required.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 24 To see if the town will urge:
That the New Hampshire State Legislature join nearly 500 local municipalities and 16 other states, including all other New England states, in calling upon Congress to move forward a constitutional amendment that:

- 1) guarantees the right of our elected representatives and of the American people to safeguard fair elections through authority to regulate political spending, and
- 2) clarifies that constitution rights were established for people, not corporations.

That the New Hampshire Congressional delegation support such a constitutional amendment.

That the New Hampshire State Legislature support such an amendment once it is approved by Congress and sent to the State for ratification.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted in writing by the selectmen to Alstead's congressional delegation, and to Alstead's state legislators, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, within 30 days of the vote. By Petition.

Article 25 To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 27th day of January, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen.

Michael Jasmin, Chairman

Matthew D. Saxton

Joel C. McCarty

2013 Annual Report Selectmen's Report

Another year began, as they do in the office, with the ongoing discussions about putting the next Town Warrant together. Many people are reached out to in this process, which begins in earnest in October every year. The department heads are scheduled two at a time for a particular Tuesday meeting where they describe the budget they have prepared for the discussion with the Selectmen and whoever else is attending, taking questions and being part of a thorough airing of the whys whats and wherefores.

In 2013 we celebrated the Town of Alstead's Sestercentennial. Two hundred fifty years of being in community as an official town! Led by Bruce Bellows and the Historical Society, we were able to celebrate every day when we looked at our Alstead Calendars and then through the year through the many events, documents, and festivities that were available. We hope that you you, like us, are proud of the heritage of Alstead.

It is in this stage of the larger process when the discussion is free-est. All sorts of ideas get bounced off the wall, batted around, run up the flagpole--pick your metaphor. Some fraction of all this comes up in the discussions week after week, and when consensus is reached, or at least approached, some things make it onto the Warrant. But lots of ideas in the ongoing discussion are not ready for prime time, and do not get on the Warrant. The articles on the Warrant are those which The Selectmen and the others in the room agreed were proper additions to the Warrant. And, for those of you who wonder, that is why the Selectmen 'recommend' so many of the Warrant Articles.

What does it mean "Recommended by the Selectmen", anyway?

Legislation requires the Selectmen to take a position on money articles, no exceptions. Some non-money articles may or may not show a recommendation, at our discretion, or as other law requires. When we recommend an Article, we mean that in our judgment, in our broadest understanding, *this* particular expenditure is in the best interests of the Town. We are not blind to the financial implications of these recommendations, though these are, by definition, personal and widely variable. Think of the Selectmen's recommendation as a stand-alone endorsement of a particular Article. We are neither required nor permitted to offer an opinion that *all* Warrant Articles should pass (or fail). We will provide Article by Article information elsewhere as to tax impact, but we must leave it to you to do the math on your own bill.

We are glad to have the regular participation of residents at the weekly meetings, and appreciative of the expertise they bring to the discussions. We are grateful also for the expertise that we solicit in the Town, which is generally freely given. Information is power! What do YOU know that the process would benefit from? We are pleased to have folks at the meetings. Whether you want to come and just watch, come and help, or come to give us the dickens---Come on down! Every Tuesday at 7 PM. Sometimes there is pie, sometimes there is cake. Always there is good will and good discussion.

So the 2013 meetings, Budget Hearing, and Deliberative Session were held, and in the end, the Warrant passed. The 2013 Total Appropriation was \$2,127,348 roughly, \$70,000 (3.6%) more than 2012. But there was a hitch---more about that in a minute.

In March, Joel McCarty was re-elected to the Board, and Mike Jasmin was elected Chairman.

The early part of the year brought the beginnings of some issues that would go on all year, as it turned out. Some other things went quickly enough.

The Town Barn was repaired where there had been some rot and damage. We think of that building as newish, but in fact it is 26 years old. Gravity and weather work continuously against us all, and rust never sleeps.

We instituted a revised Purchase Order Policy: Proposed purchases in a department of more than \$500 require a purchase order, except in the DPW (Department of Public Works) where the threshold is \$5000. Around this new policy there is also enough discussion about planned purchases, so surprises are unusual.

The first of several meetings about enough grant money to replace the water system at Well Hill Co-op on the Gilsum Mine Road was held in January. The process was painful, and not without threats of litigation, but we got through it amicably enough in the end. The last meeting on this topic was December 30, where agreements were exchanged. The work will begin in the Spring.

The new Vilas Pool Committee was getting going in March. Lots of energy in these folks! There was much good communication between the Selectmen and the Committee shared just about every week. We all worked toward the shared goals of a fun Summer at Vilas Pool, and carrying it off in a way that keeps a paper trail of the \$\$ (all of which was drawn from the accumulated interest on the Trust for Vilas Pool), a trail coherent enough to satisfy Plodczik and Sanderson, the Town's auditors.

This coming year at Vilas Pool will be no less active than it was last year. We look forward to the energy of many

talented volunteers, who will be lightly but effectively managed by a smaller committee who will be appointed by the Selectmen. The smaller committee's main responsibility will be to manage the finances. If you would like to participate in either of these ways, please let us know about you!

On March 16th there was a fire at the Friendly Meals kitchen. And we learned again how the community values and supports the programs. The kitchen was back in business in a week. Thanks to all who had a part in putting the place back together!

We worked some more on the Personnel Policy Book, clarifying, adjusting, and making it more relevant to our circumstances. You may not already know that things like a "Personnel Policy" or a "Cell Tower Ordinance" start in Alstead as a cut and paste of policies or ordinances that already exist somewhere else. No sense in trying to re-invent the wheel. So we start with something written to suit some other Town, and tune it up to suit our own Town. It is a continuous process as issues crop up, and as circumstances or technologies change.

Gilsum Mine road was shimmed and paved in April. It will be smooth for a little while. But it is certainly better than it was. A complete rebuild of that road, and the million plus \$ it would cost, is beyond the reach of our ability to tax ourselves.

2013 had more than its fair share of neighbor disputes. Somehow these tend to end up in the Selectmen's Office. So we do what we can for justice. Ultimately, all these situations were resolved, or getting, at least, closer to closure.

There is a new cell tower in Alstead Center. This one was built by AT&T. Technology is getting here, creeping. Too

many families in Town still have not enough access to a high speed connection. The next thing that may help here is an emerging partnership with County government and our neighboring Towns---details are scarce since all this info is less than a month old. We're asking voters to approve modest amounts of grant writing (\$1250) and potential grant matching funds to apply for participation in the Connect America Fund which is designed to bring some competition to the broadband landscape.

In June after a modern interview process, from an applicant pool of 16 we hired our new, second full time Police Officer. You have met him, maybe. He is Roger Landry, a native of Alstead, a veteran, and by the end of last summer, a Certified NH Police Officer. He lives in the village. Welcome, Roger!

The East Alstead Fire Station got a new roof. We chose standing seam metal again (the main building at Vilas Pool was done that way last year) because life cycle costing demonstrates without a doubt that this is the least expensive roof in the long run, and you can not beat the Warranty. The siren and cupola were removed. We expect to sell the siren through a municipalities-only web auction site one of our most attentive voters has found and helped us to test drive.

Hill Road was still closed in June. The bids we received to repair the culvert averaged double the amount the Warrant article had to spend, which was \$130,000. What to do? At one Selectmen's meeting we had two engineers attending from east of here--over where most of NH's people live, (where they hate the Income Tax.) They told us, from their extensive experience, that the average large culvert replacement in NH costs --are you ready?--\$925,000.00.

Joel learned of a new idea for solving just such a problem, and after some more investigation, that's what we decided to

do. We bought two manufactured temporary bridges, and installed them as you've seen. It ain't pretty, but the road is open. And, when we make, someday, the permanent repair of that culvert, the two manufactured temporary bridges can be sold back to the manufacturer, or dragged out of there and used somewhere else to prevent another 10 month road closure somewhere in Town. There is also some interest, though it is hard to tell how much interest, in closing the portion of this road that embraces the expensive, crumbling infrastructure. Expect at least one Public Hearing and much discussion of this topic in 2014.

Speaking of road closures---At the end of June, and especially at the beginning of July, it rained. A lot. At the worst of it 12 different roads were closed due to flooding and/ or washouts. Our terrific highway crew gave up sleep that weekend and had all the roads open again with temporary fixes. Gravel, gravel, gravel. It seems to happen every year lately that something in this report calls for that word three times in a row. FEMA came and looked at all the damage, and promised \$\$\$. So far, we have received promises of about \$69,000 for that weekend's damage. There may well be more money to come---we can't guess with confidence at the amount.

12-A washed out again where it slid downhill in 2005. We were all glad when it opened again in December, after a \$2.8 million (State and Federal dollars) for as permanent a fix as any of the Works of Man may be. Many of us know Pratt Road better than we used to, and better than the denizens of that road liked, but we're in this together.

In August the Sestercentennial Committee did a bang up job of bringing the Town together for a marvelous parade and a family day on Millot Green featuring old time crafts and exhibits which were busy all afternoon. The Committee is to be heartily congratulated for its dedicated effort of nearly two

years to envision, plan, and execute many fascinating outings/ tours/ presentations, all of which illustrated some facet or other of Alstead and its history over the last 250 years.

In early November, with the highway budget completely spent (thanks to the road damage in early July), we slammed the brakes on spending to the extent possible, and asked the NH Dept. of Revenue Administration for permission to overspend the budget if that became necessary. Permission was granted, but we managed to stay within the appropriated bounds, ending the year with a small surplus.

In the middle of November the tax bills were mailed. Even though the voters appropriated only \$74,848 more in 2013 than in 2012, the Town portion of the tax rate went up \$2.40 and the total tax rate went up \$4.34, meaning that all our tax bills went up 19%, which is about \$1,000 for a property assessed at \$200,000.

The difference is explained by where the money that was appropriated by the voters and spent by the Selectmen came from. In 2012 we used \$168,000 of surplus to lower the tax rate then by about a dollar. We bought a truck for \$110,000 and drew all of that money from the Capital Reserve Fund for DPW. Other revenues from the State were higher then. But in 2013 we had not enough surplus to draw from, we bought no new capital equipment and so drew nothing from a capital reserve fund, and State revenues were down a bit.

What this all means is that in 2013 we had to raise, by new taxation, \$457,000 more than we did in 2012. On top of all that, the School rate went up \$1.63, and the County rate went up 34 cents. That is the tax spike.

So, what can we expect for the future? It is hard to presuppose what the NH Legislature will do about revenue sharing with the Towns. Will School Building Aid ever come back? Will the County Delegation vote to build a new County nursing home?

The 2014 Town Deliberative Session (Saturday February 1, 2014 @ 10AM Vilas Gym) has not happened as of this writing. At this meeting the proposed Warrant may change. But if the warrant does not change, and every money article passes in March, the Town rate would go down some, assuming other revenues (car registrations etc. etc. and Rooms and Meals Tax) stay the same. So we are definitely not expecting one tax spike to be followed by another.

We can say again that we are pleased to be supported by a Town that functions well. We are grateful for the team of employees we have who keep it all going, and no less grateful for the innumerable volunteers on the Boards, Commissions, Library, Fire Dept. and Ambulance.

There are challenges ahead for Alstead, and all little towns, as the economy for some remains hard. But, working all together, and speaking up, and attending meetings, we can expect to find the answers we need in our collective wisdom.

Mike, Matt, Joel

2013 Annual Report Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Please note that 2000 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 are doing a transfer from one car to another you need your previous registration on the vehicle you are transferring your plates from.

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.

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, 2013

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Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	\$269,918.07
Dog Licenses	2,378.00
Dog Fines	125.00
Vitals	625.00
ISF Fees	175.00
Misc.	35.00
Total Debits	\$273,256.07

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Remittance To Treasurer

Motor Vehicle Fees	\$269,918.07
Dog Licenses	2,378.00
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Total Credits	\$273,256.07

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of Alstead Year Ending 2013

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES BEG. OF YEAR*		Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)					
			2012	2011	2010 -			
Property Taxes	#3110		469176.69	391.79				
Resident Taxes	#3180							
Land Use Change	#3120							
Yield Taxes	#3185		127.00					
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187							
Utility Charges	#3189							
Property Tax Credit Balance**		<4911.76 >						
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance**		< >						
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR			For DRA Use Only					
Property Taxes	#3110	491635.60						
Resident Taxes	#3180							
Land Use Change	#3120	530.00						
Yield Taxes	#3185	18013.00						
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	699.00						
Utility Charges	#3189							
Other Charge		25.00				37.00		
OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS								
Property Taxes	#3110	605.00						
Resident Taxes	#3180							
Land Use Change	#3120							
Yield Taxes	#3185							
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187							
Lien Costs			2525.00					
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	4006.09	19646.78					
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190							
TOTAL DEBITS		\$483532.33	\$491512.47	\$391.79	\$ X			

*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 Atsund Year Ending 2013

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	Levy for Year of This Report	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
		2012	2011	2010
Property Taxes	432,7009.56	469,176.69	391.79	
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change	530.00			
Yield Taxes	9,980.00	1,270.00		
Interest (include lien conversion)		19,646.78		
<i>Penalties COSTS before lien</i>		2,525.00		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	657.00			
Utility Charges <i>other charge</i>	25.00	37.00		
Conversion to Lien (principal only)		141,505.47		
<i>Interest</i>	38,983.30			
DISCOUNTS ALLOWED				
ABATEMENTS MADE				
Property Taxes	964.59			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes	4,183.00			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	42.00			
Utility Charges				
<i>Interest</i>	46.20			
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED				
UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR #1080				
Property Taxes	486,504.88			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes	3,850.00			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd				
Utility Charges <i>Interest</i>	11.59			
Property Tax Credit Balance**	< 2,429.79 >			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance**	< >			
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 483,532.33	\$ 491,512.47	\$ 391.79	\$ X

**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 Ajstoad Year Ending 2013

DEBITS

	Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
	2012	2011	2010	2009
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beg. Of Year		129095.45	85664.55	43458.54
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	151037.50			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	2819.64	9211.92	21474.20	1148.25
TOTAL DEBITS	\$153857.14	\$138307.37	\$107600.75	\$46606.79

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER		Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
		2012	2011	2010	2009
Redemptions		30302.44	42514.70	62583.91	76.75
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	#3190	2819.64	9211.92	21474.20	1123.25
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens		248.82	249.28		
Liens Deeded to Municipality					
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year	#1110	130486.24	86326.47	23542.64	43406.79
TOTAL CREDITS		\$153857.14	\$138307.37	\$107600.75	\$46606.79

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 *William S. ...* DATE 1/31/14

2014 Alstead's Treasurer Report

Alstead's Account	Cks. Outstanding Dec.2012	Starting Bal	in	out	Cks outstanding Dec. 2013	Bal. Dec. 2013
MM		\$997,365.00	\$7,263,185.00	\$7,740,160.00		\$520,390.00
Ckg	\$283,260.00	\$47,067.00	\$4,839,449.00	\$5,696,369.00	\$252,961.00	(\$273,632.00) Approx
ICS		\$0.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00		\$1,000,000.00
Vilas Pool		Starting Bal.	in	out		Bal. Dec.31 2013
MM		\$49,300.72	\$40,249.61	\$34,156.01		\$55,394.32
CD		\$50,436.00	\$1,387.00	\$0.00		\$51,823.00
Ckg.		\$2,003.96	\$11,300.74	\$9,448.18		\$3,856.52
Savory Trust		\$1,083.96	\$1.08	\$0.00		\$1,085.04
Ambulance, gift from Barbara		\$23,563.94	\$179.00	\$8,182.00		\$15,560.94
Conservation Comm.		\$63,499.05	\$3,723.05	\$500.00		\$66,722.10

2013 Annual report

Alstead Department of Public Works

I would like to start out by thanking Kim, Michael, Ernie, Brad, Randy, Scott and Don for their dedication to their work as individuals and as part of the D.P.W. team. A team that is truly dedicated above and beyond their jobs to “our town” and “our community”. Thank you!

October and November 2013 started with multiple ice storms leaving the D.P.W. hardly a chance to catch its breath, plowing, sanding, and salting non-stop.

Last spring was the best in a long time as far as mud was concerned, hardly any at all. However the heavy rain that came the end of June and beginning of July made up for the mud season by causing lots of problems. Every road in town with the exception of Murphy Hill Road had some sort of issue due to the rain. Minor and major repairs were spent on repairing all the damage. FEMA money is on the way to off-set the cost of these repairs.

A lot of “General Maintenance” work was done including grading, graveling, and ditching roads. Southwoods road got a lot of necessary and overdue attention. The D.P.W. spent time removing trees and stumps. Culverts were replaced and ditching was done. Gravel was added to the washed out areas caused by the excessive rain, along with grading the road.

Thank you,
David Crosby
DPW Supervisor

2013 Annual Report
Alstead Transfer Station Report

**Congratulations and Thanks
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!
Aluminum Cans	6780 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to run A television for 689,933 hrs.
Paper	105.76 tons	Saved 1,798 trees
Scrap Metal	50 tons	Saved 50,063 lbs of coal!

2013 Annual Report Alstead Police Department

I would like to start off my annual report by thanking the citizens of Alstead for your continued support. It is a pleasure to work for all of you and I stand committed to providing the town a well balanced police service that enforces laws but simultaneously is committed to fairness and community relations. Staffing has changed quite a bit in 2013. Former Police Chief Robert Bromley has taken a step back from working regular patrol hours to enjoy his retirement. I have hired a replacement for his position, Officer Roger Landry. Officer Landry graduated the full time police academy in September 2013 and is now working regular patrol shifts in Alstead. He is a long time Alstead resident and an excellent addition to the department. Officer Landry is currently attending EMT school to become cross trained as a police officer / EMT, which has been a long standing benefit of our department since it was implemented by Chief Bromley. Administrative Assistant Michele Koson has also retired in 2013. She served the police department part time for more than a decade and worked under three different police chiefs. Her presence in the department is missed. I hired Dave Olmstead to fill Michele Koson's position. Dave Olmstead will also cross train and is scheduled to begin his part time police officer training in a couple weeks. I anticipate him becoming part time officer certified by May. Dave Olmstead, also resides in Alstead, and is a certified Firefighter / EMT for both our Alstead Ambulance and Fire Squads. Officer Cameron Prior, also of Alstead, continues to work full time for the Winchester Police Department, and is on a per diem basis here in Alstead. He is a certified drug recognition expert through Winchester Police and I am lucky to draw from his expertise when needed.

Below is a brief summary of the Alstead Police Stats for 2013:

In 2013, we handled a total of 589 calls for service, made about 208 motor vehicle stops , made 19 arrests and completed 60 incident reports.

Some of the more relevant calls for service were 28 motor vehicle accidents, 24 EMT related calls, 39 Suspicious Incident Calls, 15 Thefts, 3 Burglaries, 1 Assault, 1 Drug Case, 9 Domestic, 2 missing persons, 20 Walk-Ins, 19 Assist Other Jurisdictions, 2 Bad Checks, 24 Civil Issues, 12 Welfare Checks, 6 Trespass Complaints, 8 Vandalism, 5 Threatening, 5 Child Abuse/Neglect, 9 Disorderly Conduct, 14 Frauds, 16 Harassment, 41 Animal Complaints, 63 Alstead school assists, 18 VIN checks, 29 Vacant House checks, 8 subpoenas served, 6 burglary alarms.

Some of the more relevant incident reports were for.....1 untimely death, 1 mentally ill person, 1 violation of protection order, 5 Operating After Suspension, 2 Reckless Driving, 5 DWI's, 2 for Poss of Drugs, 2 Simple Assaults, 3 Criminal Threatening, 2 Sexual Assaults, 2 Stalking, 6 Thefts, 2 Identity Thefts, 2 Bench Warrants, 1 Runaway

Marcello D'Alessandro
Police Chief

2013 Annual Report Alstead Fire Department

Last year was a busy year for the Fire Department with a 10% increase in calls.

In addition to the type of calls we are used to responding to, we had to deal with flooding of roads due to heavy rain, making some of the road impassable and during this heavy rain we responded to an occupied vehicle trapped by rising waters.

Over the past year members attended training that included: hybrid car extrication, railroad safety training for both passenger and freight trains and a rural water supply Mutual Aid training in Marlow.

Fire Prevention Training was held at the Alstead Primary School and at Paper Mill Village at 49 Pleasant Street. A Fire Prevention presentation and courtesy inspections were done at Timberowners of New England

We have two new dry hydrant installations. One is at the intersection of Pratt Road and Cheney Hill Road, which will greatly alleviate a water supply problem on Pratt Road. The other is on Forest Road in East Alstead at the Meunier residence. We would like to thank both property owners for their generosity in assisting with these installations.

I would like to remind everyone that 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.

I would also 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 2013

Motor Vehicle Accidents-19
Mutual Aid Calls-16
Trees and/or Wires Down-12
Flooding-7
Structure Fire-5
Outside Fire-4
Carbon Monoxide Alarms-4
Automatic Fire Alarms-4
Furnace Malfunctions-3
Elevator Alarm-2
Chimney Fires-2
ATV Accidents-2
Vehicle Fires-2
Brush Fires-2
Oven Fires-1
Illegal Burns-1
Electric Stove Problems-1
High Water Rescue-1
Odor Investigations-1
Set up Landing Zone for Medical Helicopter-1
Fire Department Meetings-12
Fire Department Drills-7

Respectfully submitted,

Kim J. Kercewich, Chief
Alstead Fire Department

2013 Annual Report Alstead Ambulance

This past year was another busy one for Alstead Ambulance and its members.

We responded to 111 calls this past year with an additional 11 calls covered by Diluzio Ambulance either because we were already on a call or we had insufficient members available to form a crew to transport the patient.

There were 18 Motorized Vehicle Crashes and 3 fire standby's with the remainder of the calls being assorted medical causes. 36 calls required paramedic or ALS intercept with Diluzio ambulance providing coverage to us.

We have 13 members currently with 3 members enrolled in EMT class that will be completed in June of this year.

Alstead police officer Roger Landry is one of those who is acquiring EMT certification and will be continuing the much appreciated role of Alstead police in supporting our Ambulance service. Daytime coverage is often the most difficult to have members available but with trained EMT police officers on duty we can respond quickly to medical emergencies.

As always we continue to welcome new members and if you have an interest in learning more about what EMS is about please contact me.

Our regular meeting/training night is the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anton Elbers
Captain Alstead Ambulance
(603) 835-6115

**2013 Annual Report
Trustee of Trust Funds**

One new Cemetery fund established during 2013:

Edith Crosby	\$200.00
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Addition to existing cemetery fund:

_____ Walker	\$400.00
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At the beginning of 2013, we withdrew all of the trust funds invested with the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment pool and Selected the Mackensen Investment Company of Hampton, New Hampshire, to manage out funds. This has proven to be a prudent move as our returns have greatly improved.

We are looking forward to the election of a new trustee to fill the position vacated by the passing of Roberta (Susie) Young, along time trustee and devoted servant of the Town of Alstead.

Respectfully submitted,
Trustees of Trust Funds

Bruce Bellows
Reginald Clark

2013 Annual Report Cemetery Commission

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

A portion of the money raised by Article 14, was expended to start the work of repairing and straightening head stones in North Cemetery. This project was not completed because of weather and time conflicts.

We want to recognize and thank Ann Delancy of East Alstead for her donation of \$2,500.00 so that a portion of the stone wall on the south boundary of North Cemetery could be rebuilt. This beautiful rebuild was done by Scott Taylor, with his assistant, Kevin Beal.

A large maple tree, dying from old age, was removed from the east boundary of Mapleside Cemetery as it posed a danger to people and grave stones.

Cemetery lots may be acquired by contacting Reginald Clark, 603-835-6007.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cemetery Commission

Bruce Bellows
Reginald Clark

2013 Annual Report Alstead Conservation Commission

ARBOR DAY always occurs in April and it commemorates 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.

For 13 years the Alstead Conservation Commission has remembered this important conservation date and celebrated it with students at Vilas School and Alstead Elementary School. A recent highlight of the event is a demonstration by local woodworkers. This year five people donated their time.

Peter White wowed the students by creating a spoon out of a simple block of wood.

Lark Leonard, who is always comfortable with children, explained how to cane a chair.

George Whipple and Betty Woodell delighted youngsters with tales and explanations of lumbering in Alstead Center in 1910. They talked about the photographs provided by Bruce Bellows and demonstrated how to use the tools of that time period.

Albert Dole answered many question as he made a paneled door.

The regular Arbor Day celebration continued with Principal Gail Rowe welcoming students, teachers and guests.

Conservation Commission David Moody led the Pledge of Allegiance and spoke of the first Arbor Day.

Selectman Mike Jasmin read the Arbor Day proclamation, which

declares the town of Alstead an official Arbor Day town.

Commissioner Sarah Webb told the students about the Conservation Commission's efforts in clearing two new trails in the Town Forest. One is called "Nature Trail" and may be entered from Old Settlers Road. The second is Farmstead Trail" near the Newell Pond boat launch. This trail includes an old cellar hole, well and stone walls for enclosing animals.

Commissioner Marilou Blaine announced the winners of the annual poster contest. There were 28 submissions and the theme this year was "Alstead and Arbor Day through the Years."

Winners were" 1st Katie Nelson
2nd Avery Honey
3rd Leanne Thompson
4th Jacob Lord and Courtney Solomon

No tree was planted this year because of possible renovations to the school.

Kindergarten students through 4th-graders sang "Because of Trees" under the direction of Lillie Leblanc. Vilas 8th-graders read poems.

EARTH DAY CLEANUP Residents who took assigned road sections or chose ones near their homes helped with roadside cleanup on Earth Day weekend. Two and one-half miles of state road (12A and 123) and fourteen and one-half miles of town roadside were picked up. One hundred blue bags were filled and several tires were collected. Thank you all who participated and that includes the town road crew who picked up the blue bags after they were filled.

TOWN FOREST TRAILS Not only do we talk the talk, we walk the walk on the new trails in the Town Forest. Two new tails were

created by the Conservation Commission and volunteers handy with loppers and chain saws.

The “Nature Trail” was completed in June with an interpretive walk and talk by Tom Wessels, author of “Reading the Forested landscape.” This trail had an entrance sign created by cabinetmaker Peter White with design input by Ellen Chase. This first section ends with a rustic bridge over the outlet of Newell Pond. John Asseng of Marlow made the bridge and he and Jonathan Balla did much of the heavy clearing on this trail.

The second trail, known as the “Farmstead Trail,” was completed in October by Con Com volunteers and chain-saw work by forester Peter Rhoades. We celebrated the completion of this section of trail with an interpretive walk and talk on the forest structure and forest management, led by Peter.

Now all we need to do is connect the two trails so young and old can enjoy the beauty and diversity of our Town Forest.

HOWARD WEEKS MEMORIAL Long-time Alstead resident and conservationist Howard Weeks died this summer. Howard was a member of the Conservation Commission for many years and spearheaded many projects. Besides his own organic gardening practices, he planted much of the garden at Paper Mill Park, destroyed by the flood. He was a member of the Commission when the Town Forest near Newell Pond was approved by voters.

Upon his death, his three children asked that contributions be made to the Alstead Conservation Commission. The Commission received \$1,470 and will use the money for a sign at the entrance to the Farmstead Trail in his memory. After the sign is finished in late spring or early summer, there will be a walk in his memory.

NUTRIENT LOADING STUDY FOR LAKE WARREN The Conservation Commission has been working with the Lake Warren

Association to protect the lake from premature aging. To that end, with the benefit of a section 604b Grant from the federal government through NH DES, the Lake Warren Association, with the support of the Conservation Commission among others, developed a Lake Management Plan, which has been accepted by the Alstead Planning Board into the Town's Master Plan.

With the help of an additional 604b Grant, the Lake Association is working with Southwest Region Planning Commission on a Nutrient Loading Study to address the question of the excess phosphorus and chlorophyll in the lake.

In August, a group of 20 volunteers joined the hired consultants in conducting a survey of properties in the watershed to gather information about potential storm-water runoff areas, home occupancy and septic systems from which a scientific model of the lake will be prepared. Identifying potential causes of the excess phosphorus will prepare the way to apply for an additional grant to help with mitigation. The study should be completed by the fall of 2014.

MONADNOCK CONSERVANCY WOODLOT FORUMS On September 12 and October 9, the Conservation Commission co-sponsored two “Wood’s Forums” at the Orchard Hill Community Center in East Alstead. Each forum was organized by the Mondanock Conservancy in cooperation with the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, the Harris Center for Conservation Education, and the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension.

The two events were attended by a total of 40 people who took advantage of these opportunities to learn more about woodlot management, ask questions, and hear stories about the experience of residents who own conserved forests.

David and Jeanne Moody, owners of Beaver Wood Tree Farm in Alstead Center, described how they came to purchase their property in 1979 and manage it with the assistance of forester Dave Kent. Many years ago, Ben Allison, first chairman of the Alstead Conservation Commission, had talked to the Moodys about the possibility of placing a conservation easement on their property. Like an acorn, Ben's idea took time to sprout. The Moodys placed a conservation easement on their land in 2010.

There were many questions asked about how to manage small wood lots, how to find a forester, how to improve wildlife habitat on your land, and where to find additional information. Steve Roberge, Cheshire County Forester, and Emily Hague, Monadnock Conservancy, were on hand to guide the discussions and to direct people to relevant information resources.

The Commission is grateful to all the co-sponsoring organizations and to Orchard Hill Breadworks for supporting the Commission's continuing efforts to preserve open space and to be good stewards of land in Alstead.

The Alstead Conservation Commission meets the first Wednesday of the month from 5-7 p.m. Members are co-chairs Marilou Blaine and Sarah Webb, David Moody, Nan Montgomery, Donna Sabin, and alternate Joyce Curl.

2012 Annual Report

Shedd Porter Memorial Library Report

2013 was an exciting year for Alstead, full of activities and community involvement. At Shedd-Porter Memorial Library, we were pleased to be part of the town wide sescentennial celebration. Programs at the library were very well attended, with a grand total of 2,744 people participating in our events. This number marks the highest rate of participation we have on record. Whether it was Bob Lindemann's slideshow and talk about his time in Africa, Barb Davis' presentation about her work in Paraguay and the Peace Corps, Jim Pecora's lively discussion about mining in the region, or the local art show, beautifully orchestrated by Ellen Chase, many of our programs showcased the talents, interests and achievements of community members. It was a delight to have so many friends and neighbors volunteer their time and enthusiasm to help with our programs. I hope that other members of our community will similarly participate in the coming year.

The Marion K. Holmes Summer Reading Program brought area children to the library for weekly events and reading incentives. It began when we asked Eleanor Elbers and kids from her Open Doors program to help us make a mural celebrating last summer's reading program, *Dig into Reading!* They brainstormed, painted and began the mural at the Orchard School and then brought it to the library for a mural making workshop with our storytime kiddos. During the summer, we had six weeks of events including a concert with New Hampshire musician Steve Blunt, Mummies and the Treasures of Egypt with Terry from the Mariposa

Museum, an afternoon of sandcastle fun with Jessi Dussault, a live animal show, a scavenger hunt at the town garden with Betsy Stacey and an ice cream party. We had a total of 212 patrons attend our summer programs. In addition, 28 children signed up for the reading club and kept reading logs. They self-reported reading 595 books! We remain grateful to the Holmes family for their continued support of our summer programming.

In 2013, the library was extremely busy in other ways as well. We added 745 items to our shelves, welcomed 71 new patrons, circulated 15,241 items and were pleased to have 10,628 visits from community members. These statistics reflect increased use of the library. In comparison to 2012, our circulation was up by 1,978 checkouts and patron usage increased by 2,226 visits. 266 patrons visited us electronically, taking advantage of our subscription to New Hampshire Downloadable Books Consortium to download 1,284 items. We made robust use of the state-wide interlibrary loan program this year; we borrowed 946 items from other libraries and loaned out 328 of our items to libraries all over the state. 1,407 patrons enjoyed the use of our high-speed connection, accessing the internet on one of our three patron computers or connecting their own devices to our network.

We continued our work barcoding the collection, with approximately 75% of the collection barcoded at this point. We hope to complete this massive undertaking by summer. Staff, volunteers and trustees have put in hundreds of hours on this time consuming project, and I am grateful for their dedication. I had many volunteers give generously of their time helping with a variety of tasks from covering books to organizing the book sale

room; they logged 346.25 hours at the library in 2013. Staff members Gaale Klein, Jessi Dussault and Sam Kong have all continued their excellent work at the library and do a great deal to keep it running smoothly. Lastly, I am thankful to our trustees, Matt Gillette, Mary Lou Huffling, Heather Jasmin, Jeff Smull and Susan Norlander. They work conscientiously for the library every year, but have outdone themselves this year by working to improve our investment strategy and develop a long-range strategic plan which will benefit the town for many years to come.

The library will continue to host monthly events in the coming year. 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

2013 Annual Report

Shedd-Porter Memorial Library Trustees

Last year was an exciting time for Alstead as we marked our town's 250th anniversary. The reinvigorated activity at Vilas Pool, the various Sestercentennial events around town and the engaging programs at the library combined to make 2013 joyous and memorable. The trustees are honored to have such committed and enthusiastic support from our patrons and volunteers and are proud to witness the community spirit that continues to make our town such a great place to live.

It is against this backdrop that the trustees of the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library are delighted to report that overall library usage was up once again, marking the fifth consecutive year of increases in checkouts and patron visits. We view this as a testament to the thoughtful work of our dedicated staff coupled with the deep affection that the town repeatedly demonstrates for our beloved library.

In this spirit, over the course of 2013, the trustees reexamined the various financial trusts under our supervision which we feel had been underperforming. Our goal, of course, has been to maximize the returns on principal while maintaining the conservative, sustainable investment strategy required by our charter. After thoughtful consideration we chose to hire Mackensen & Company, a respected New Hampshire-based fiduciary, who will serve in a management and advisory role moving forward. Mackensen & Co. has already proven to be

prudent and effective at managing other Alstead trust funds and we are confident that they will provide the same quality of investment with our library funds.

Late last year the trustees began to formalize a long-term strategic plan for our library and we are now moving to gather feedback around what we want our library to look like in the future. We envision a space that melds the old with the new and meets the challenges and opportunities presented by the advance in information technology. After all, a good library should be one that offers free and equal access to information, whether that be between the covers of a classic book or on the pages of the ubiquitous digital universe. Throughout the coming year we are planning to distribute patron surveys and questionnaires to aid us in our planning. Your honest input will be critical in assessing the needs of our community and the shape of the library in years to come.

With 2013 now behind us, the Trustees of the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library wish to express our heartfelt thanks for everyone who helped to make this a record year the library. First, to our outstanding staff, Shelli Huntley, Gaale Klein, Jessi Dussault and Sam Kong, all of whom strive to make our library an invaluable source of information, as well as a welcoming place for all. Secondly, we are always grateful to the wonderful guests and program participants who bring vitality and exuberance, not only to our library, but to the entire community. Also, to our fantastic volunteers, your time and effort is an essential piece of making our library an efficient operation. The work you do has extraordinary value to us and we would have a very different

library without you. Finally, we humbly thank those who make financial contributions to the library which aids in providing our programming, growing our collection and expanding our offerings. Of course, none of our activities would be possible without our patrons, the citizens of Alstead and Langdon. Thank you all.

The trustees meet in public session every second Thursday of the month at 7PM in the library. Please feel free to stop by and let your voice be heard. We appreciate your continued support 2014 and welcome your thoughts and ideas as we make our library even better in the year ahead.

With respect and gratitude,

The SPML Board of Trustees

Matt Gillette – Chair

Susan Norlander – Vice Chair

Jeff Smull – Treasurer

Mary Lou Huffling – Assistant Treasurer

Heather Jasmin - Secretary

Shedd-Porter Memorial Library
Income & Expense Summary
01/01/13 – 12/31/13

Cash On Hand (COH) 01/01/13:	
Savings Account	\$44,680.42
Checking Account	<u>4,919.79</u>
Total COH 01/01/12:	49,600.21

Income:	
Donations:	6,394.49
Investment Earnings:	1,375.92
Cash Receipts:	853.32
Other:	<u>473.44</u>
Total Income 01/01/13 – 12/31/13:	9,097.15

Expenditures:	
Building Maint. & Improvements:	12,158.85
Books, CDs, DVDs, & Magazines:	11,783.47
Programs & Events	2,186.08
Technology	1,696.37
Wages	1,031.34
Supplies	450.55
Development:	257.63
Office Expenses	213.02
Miscellaneous:	<u>301.27</u>
Total Expenses 01/01/13 – 12/31/13	30,078.58

COH 12/31/13:	
Savings Account:	27,680.42
Checking Account:	<u>938.38</u>
Total COH 12/31/13:	\$28,618.80

Payroll Expense 01/01/12 – 12/31/12:	
Salaries:	\$29,620.03
FICA & Medicare:	<u>2,266.53</u>
Total Payroll Expense:	\$31,886.56
(Paid by Town of Alstead:	30,000.00)
(Paid by Shedd –Porter Library:	1,886.56)*
*Paid on 01/16/14	

Unrestricted Book Funds Balances on 12/31/13:

Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Pitcher & Rosalie Piracci Fund:	
\$25,003.76	
Ruth Lufkin Gleason Book Fund:	14,379.14
Marion Holmes Summer Reading Fund:	4,012.71
Maxine Craig Book Fund:	<u>1,824.00</u>
Total Book Funds Balance	\$45,219.61

Restricted Trust Fund Balance on 12/31/13:

Mr. & Mrs. John & Mary Porter Shedd Fund:	\$90,822.36*
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*The Shedd-Porter Memorial Library is restricted to receiving only earnings from this fund and cannot draw on the principal.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Jeff Smell
 Treasurer, Shedd Porter Library Trustees

2013 Annual Report Alstead Historical Society

The Alstead Historical Society and its members were busy during 2013 assisting the Sestercentennial Committee with many of the activities presented during our 250th celebration.

We spent time at the museum cleaning and setting up exhibits for the three open house tours. We presented all five of our photographic tours of Alstead Center, Alstead Village (2), Mill Hollow and East Alstead, circa 1910.

We continue to receive gifts to all to our collection, large and small. Three of the larger items received in 2013 were (1) a history, photo's and a collection of wooden items manufactured at Winham's Mill, located on Mechanic Street, from Stella Winham and family, (2) a complete set of ice harvesting tools from Dale and Lorraine Dustin, and (3) a large quantity of Alstead photo's, documents, ledgers, books and business papers from the late 1700's thru the 1800's from Margaret Bost, which was a collection of her late son, Donald Bost.

Margaret Petty, Joanne Wilde, and Marie Harling have been working at our office in the municipal building diligently organizing archival files of photographs, newspaper articles, maps, family histories, and many other topics.

I would like to thank everyone for their donations to the Alstead Historical Society and to all those members and people who help to organize and preserve Alstead, s history.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alstead Historical Society
Bruce Bellows
President

2013 Annual Report Alstead Planning Board

The Alstead Planning Board held fourteen meetings this past year. In March, for the first time in many years, the Board suspended their regular work meetings held on the fourth Monday of each month unless one was needed. The Alstead Planning Board received two minor subdivision requests, one scenic road public hearing request, and held a public hearing for the Lake Warren Comprehensive Lake Inventory Management Plan – all of which were approved - the last one is to be included in the Town's Master Plan document.

Throughout the year, the Planning Board had several preconceptual consultations regarding possible future Applications. The Planning Board continued working with AT&T to finalize the permit for the cell tower on Alstead Center Road.

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

The Board has openings, and a great need, for two Full Members and 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
Joyce Curl
Ellen Chase
Randy Rhoades-Alternate

Gloria Seddon
David Konesko
Matt Saxton/ex officio

2013 Annual Report Alstead Zoning Board of Adjustment

The Zoning Board of Adjustment had twelve meetings this year. It was a quiet year for activity before the Board with only one Variance and one Special Exception request, both of which were approved. There were a few preconceptual visits from people inquiring about ongoing projects and possible proposed projects.

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

The Board is looking for one additional Member, and 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
Kevin Clark, Member
Hans Waldmann, Alternate Member
David Konesko, Alternate Member

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Marsden, Administrative Assistant

2013 Annual Report

Cold River Local 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 the issues affecting the health of the river environment.

Activities during 2013 included:

- Reviewed permit application for sludge placement on Putnam Farm, Woods Fields in Langdon and Walpole, making comments to Mr Alexis Rastorguyeff of DES
- Reviewed alteration of terrain application submitted to the Town of Acworth for excavation at the town's highway and transfer station facility off Beryl Mountain Road in Acworth. Comments made to Mr Mauck of NHDES.
- Hosted a meeting NHDES, EPA, and the Town of Alstead to review work funded by them to restore Warren Brook. This included a review of the designs used. Keene Sentinel was invited to the meeting and wrote an extensive article of the meeting and the history of the river since the flood of 2005.
- Also, our committee wrote an article for the Walpole Clarion summarizing the same meeting with NHDES and EPA.
- NHDES has granted an additional \$25,000 to be used in 2014 to repair the restoration work done on Warren Brook after the storm in June. They have also extended their grant of \$87,400 to do further restoration work in 2014 and 2015. CRLAC

continues to work with Sean Sweeney, of Headwater Hydrology, to obtain necessary matching funds to complete the third phase of restoration.

- 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 eleven years for state and local officials. Overall water quality is good, and has remained stable over these years.
- Provided technical watershed information to and hosted a watershed field trip in April for students from the Community College of Vermont. Demonstrated water sampling techniques and discussed flood impacts and restoration approaches with the class.
- Science teachers from the area held several field trips with their classes to conduct water quality experiments to understand issues relating to the health of the river.

Longtime member Carol Drummond retired this year. Three retired members, Austin Hunter, Howard Weeks, and Joe Dion, passed away as well. The Committee welcomed Kim Lewis from Walpole as a replacement for Joe.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick Ernst, Chair

Acworth: Deborah Hinman, Carol Wallace

Alstead; Michael Heidorn, Samuel Sutcliffe,

Langdon: Catherine MacDonald

Lempster: None

Walpole: Fred Ernst, Gary Speed, Kim Lewis

2013 Annual Report
Fall Mountain Emergency Foodshelf

P. O. Box 191
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2013 was a very heartwarming year. It was filled with much love, generosity, and caring for others. The spirit of kindness and reaching out to help others in need was very much alive in the Fall Mt area and in the hearts of our many donors.

In 2013 many more people needing help with food came to the Foodshelf than ever before. We were so thankful we never had to turn anyone away because we didn't have food to give them. Thanks to the many, many donors we had enough food to feed all who came to us for help. We do not receive any state or federal funding so we rely on our local support. All monies donated are used to purchase food, toilet paper, and our vehicle maintenance cost. The Foodshelf has no administrative costs.

In 2013, 15,909 times families came to the Foodshelf sites for food. These families included 46,102 individuals. We provided them with approximately 1,459,148 nutritious meals. Everyone who came left with a good supply of nutritious food and feeling cared about. The Foodshelf provides food for the body and food for the spirit. We were so blest we were able to provide 1,159 Thanksgiving dinner boxes at both our sites and 995 Christmas dinner boxes. People were so happy to receive the wonderful boxes filled with holiday foods for their family. Christmas and Thanksgiving are the two most special family days for sharing a meal together in America today. We were able to help the needy families have a wonderful dinner to celebrate with their loved ones. There were many tears and smiles of joy when they picked up their dinner boxes.

We at the Foodshelf and those we serve are truly grateful to the towns for their continued support. We are very thankful for the towns of Charlestown and Langdon for providing space for our sites. Both sites are very accessible for our clients and provide adequate parking for loading their groceries. Both sites make unloading truck loads of food convenient. With the need for food so great we often will get a 5000 to 7000 pound load of food to unload. We are also very thankful to the towns of Walpole, Acworth and Alstead for their monetary support.

We realize how blest we are when we think of the many families and individuals, local businesses, churches (many who do monthly food collections), organizations, our schools and their staff, the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4H Groups, and others who did such tremendous food and monetary collections. It is a phenomenal community effort that makes it all come together so the needs of our neighbors for food are met. We are grateful for the Town of Walpole Reuse Center for providing us with banana boxes, egg cartons and plastic bags which are very helpful.

For the 6th year our “Grow a Row for the Foodshelf” was a wonderful success. Many local farmers especially Pete’s Stand and Green Wagon Farm and many local families and gardening groups regularly donated many varieties and large quantities of fresh local grown produce. Our clients were so excited and grateful to have fresh vegetables and fruit to eat. Many families canned and froze some of the veggies and fruit to have for the winter. Our pickle man made at least 100 jars of pickles and relish to share with the families who come for food. We distribute donated canning jars and freezer bags to those interested in preserving. Many local farmers and gardeners are looking forward to sharing their gifts of produce with us. What a wonderful gift to so many of our neighbors.

Throughout the year we have benefited greatly from the bread and produce donated by Black River Produce, Bouyea-Fassetts Bakery in Keene, Shaws, Price Chopper, and a Vermont Bakery. We also greatly appreciate the support given to us by Mr.G’s, the NH Food Bank, Walmart, and we have been receiving government surplus to help with our food supply. Our Great Provider is always taking care of those we serve. We have never had to turn anyone away because we didn’t have enough food.

One of our biggest blessings and what makes it possible for us to help our needy neighbors is all the wonderful volunteers. Our volunteers are truly dedicated and put much love and caring into helping our clients. They all work hard and together to make it all happen. Some do trucking, some ordering, some loading and unloading truckloads of food (sometimes 6,000 to 7,000 pounds of food), shopping, stocking shelves and freezers, paper work, and helping our clients. It all comes together to make it a very positive experience for people in need to come to the

Foodshelf. They leave with a good supply of nutritious food and feeling cared for and happy they came.

In the fall a NH family foundation challenged us to raise \$20,000 for food and they would match it. Thanks to all the generous people who care so much we met the challenge before Thanksgiving. The challenge has been such a blessing because it has greatly helped us keep a steady supply of food. We are grateful to all who contributed.

For the 17th year we will once again participate in the Feinstein Foundation “Million Dollar Challenge Against Hunger”. The challenge is from March 1 to April 30th. All monetary donations and each donated food item counts as a dollar toward the proportional matching grant. This year Allen Feinstein is allowing us to take pledges of donations and count them toward the grant. Everyone is always so generous and caring during this time. It helps so very much. We hope and pray there will be many food drives. The numbers of food items donated add up quickly. It is always such a wonderful feeling knowing people care so much. Thank you all so very much for the kind and generous support you gave the Foodshelf and those we serve in 2013 and throughout our 30 plus years. It is so heartwarming to be part of such caring and loving communities where people truly care about the well being of others. If the rest of the world was like our area what a world it would be. Many blessings to everyone for this year!

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Lou Huffling, Director

2013 Annual Report
Fall Mountain Friendly Meals
P. O. Box 191
Alstead, NH 03602

2013 was another truly wonderful year at the Friendly Meals. Our 26th year is another year of good fellowship and fun times as we break bread together every Tuesday and Thursday at 11 o'clockish at the Alstead Fire Station. People come from all the towns to enjoy a nutritious full course home cooked meal cooked and served with love. Many of the folks who come live alone and enjoy being with other folks. They have fun together and enjoy each others company. Friendly Meals is food for the body and food for the spirit.

The spirit of happy volunteerism is alive and well and living at the Friendly Meals. The dedicated group of volunteers has made the meals program successful for these 26 years. Many of the wonderful folks have been volunteering for the 26 years or most of them. Volunteers transport food from the storage area in Langdon to the kitchen, they help cook and transport the cooked food to the Fire Station, and they set up the meal site, serve the meals, prepare the meals on wheels, deliver all the meals on wheels, and clean up. These wonderful giving volunteers have brought good meals and much joy and love into the lives of so many people.

In 2013 we provided 27,306 hot meals to individuals in all the five towns in the Fall Mountain area. We averaged delivering 195 to 200 meals each Tuesday and Thursday to people in all the towns. The meals help people have good healthy home cooked food and allows them to stay in their homes. It is good to have someone stopping buy to bring the meals and to talk for a bit. People look forward to having the meals and the visit. We are so blest to have so many folks who give of their hearts and time to deliver all the meals twice a week. It is a beautiful gift.

We are so grateful to the Town of Alstead for the use of the Alstead Fire Station these 26 years and for the use of the building on Bragg Lane for our kitchen. It has been such a wonderful gift that has touched the lives of so many people over these many years. We are thankful to the Town

of Langdon for donating the use of the space adjacent to the Foodshelf for the storage of food before we take it to the kitchen. It works well. We are thankful for the many donations and volunteers that helped repair the kitchen after the truck fire. The outpouring of caring and generosity was wonderful. Thanks to the kindness of the Masons we were able to cook at St. Paul's Masonic Lodge until our kitchen was back in operation. It was quickly repaired and all is well.

Last summer we were blest with many delicious fresh vegetable and fruit from our local farmers and gardeners. The people loved them. Fresh produce is so healthy and tastes so good.

The Friendly Meals is entirely supported by local donations. We do not receive any state or federal assistance. We do get a little government surplus. All donations are used to purchase food and supplies for serving the food, and vehicle maintenance. The Friendly Meals has no administrative costs. We are thankful for the many people and groups that donate to us and help make the Friendly Meals possible for all our folks.

Once again for the 17th year the Friendly Meals is participating in the Feinstein Million Dollar Challenge Against Hunger. All monetary donations, each food item donated, and all pledges will count toward the grant. The Challenge is from March 1st to April 30th. We hope and pray we will do well as we always have.

Thank you for your continued support and kindness these 26 years. Many people's lives have been touched and blest by the meals program. It means so much to so many.

2014 will be another wonderful year of sharing meals together every Tuesday and Thursday.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Lou Huffling,, Director

2013 MARRIAGES

Person A	Residence	Person B	Residence	Place of	Date
Damaziak, Adam W.	Alstead	Houle, Jessica L.	Alstead	Walpole	05/18
Clark, Alexander S.	Alstead	Moore, Suzanne n.	Alstead	Jaffrey	07/20
McGarvey, Joshua R.	Fort Rucker, Al	Thompson, Emily R.	Alstead	Alstead	08/11
Verar, Ignacio P.	Alstead	Martin, Sharee L.	Alstead	Alstead	10/19
Mastaler, Emily	Alstead	McAuliffe, Jon L.	Alstead	Alstead	11/01
Lohman, Robert P.	Alstead	Putnam, Roscoe H.	Alstead	Alstead	12/29

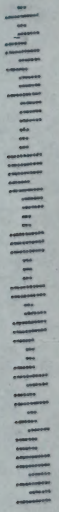
2013 BIRTHS

<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>
01/14	Peterborough	Black, Eli William	Black, Cory	Cooke, Janelle
02/20	Keene	Mousley, Krissalyn Emily	Mousley, Chris	Mousley, Pauline
03/23	Keene	Desmond, Finnegan Jacob	Millar Desmond, Timothy	Desmond, Anne
04/03	Keene	Gallup, Noah Francis	Gallup, Michael	Anderson, Sonja
04/06	Keene	Crosby, Jayden Michael	Crosby, Jarid	Seavey, Thomasa
04/14	Keene	Crawford, Katie Lee	Crawford, Benjamin	Crawford, Jennie
04/18	Lebanon	Pratt, Harper Marie	Pratt Jr. Michael	Reilly, Breige
05/01	Keene	Beer, William Harvey	Beer, Joshua	Beer, Ajalan
05/29	Keene	Meek, Mei Sya Karen	Meek, Jr., Richard	Meek, Hsiao Yen
06/27	Keene	Rounds, Isabella Amy	Rounds, Corey	Rounds, Mariah
09/22	Keene	French, Bruin Caleb	French, Caleb	French, Tiffany
10/22	Keene	Short, Skylar Leigh	Short, Brandon	Raney, Laurene
10/27	Keene	Elliott, Sadie Lee Rebecca	Elliott III, Guy	Brown, Samantha
12/18	Keene	Royea, Claire Ellen		Royea, Daisy

2013 Deaths

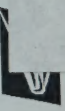
<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Date</u>
Burton, Irma	Westmoreland	01/28
Breshears, Virginia	Londonderry	02/09
Young, Roberta	Lebanon	02/19
Hammond, Mary	Lebanon	03/22
Walker, Dorothy	Westmoreland	05/18
Shand, Craig	Alstead	09/07
Ochal Sr., Robert	Keene	09/20
Laird Sr., Harold	Keene	09/20
Piva, Norman	Westmoreland	10/04
Robison, Betty	Keene	10/21

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