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New Hampshire



Year ending December 31, 2016



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**TOWN OF LANCASTER
Annual Report**

Year Ending December 31, 2016

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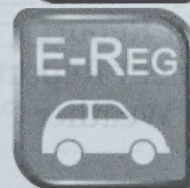
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2017 DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY 1	Fiscal Year Begins
JANUARY 11	Public Budget Hearing for School District
JANUARY 25	First day for Candidates to declare for Town & School District Election
FEBRUARY 3	Last day for Candidates to declare for Town & School District Election
FEBRUARY 6	Annual School Meeting (Deliberative session S/B 2 – Snow date February 4)
FEBRUARY 9	Public Budget Hearing for Town Budget
MARCH 1	Deadline to file for an abatement from your property taxes following the date of notice of tax
MARCH 14	Annual Town Meeting & Vote on School Warrant (per Senate Bill 2)
APRIL 1	All property both real and personal, assessed to owner this date
APRIL 7	Rabies Clinic at the Lancaster Fire Station, 5PM – 7PM
APRIL 15	Last day to file an exemption or credit application on your property taxes following the date of notice of tax
APRIL 30	Dog Owners should license their dogs by this date
MAY 31	After this date, a \$25 forfeiture charge may be imposed for any unlicensed dogs
JULY 1	First half of the semi-annual tax billing due - commences to draw interest at 12 percent after this date
DECEMBER 1	Second half of the property tax due - unpaid real estate and personal taxes commence to draw interest at 12 percent

*Mark your
calendar*



2016 TOWN OFFICERS

Elected Officials

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Expires 2017

Expires 2018

Expires 2019

David Stickney

Leo J. Enos

Leon H. Rideout

TREASURER

Expires 2017

Ann M. Huddleston

TOWN CLERK

Expires 2017

Jean Oleson

MODERATOR

Expires 2018

John L Riff, IV

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Expires 2017

Expires 2018

Expires 2019

Peter Riviere

Michelle McVetty

Jeffrey A. Gilman

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Expires 2018

Expires 2020

Expires 2022

Maryrose Corrigan

Ellie Emery

Sandra E. Doolan

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Expires 2017

Expires 2017

Expires 2017

Expires 2017 (Selectboard Representative)

Expires 2018

Expires 2018

Expires 2018

Expires 2019

Expires 2019

Expires 2019

Joyce McGee

Allan Carr

Greg Westcott (resigned)

David Stickney

John Eddy

Linda Upham-Bornstein

Herbert Richardson

Dana Southworth

Chris McVetty

Keith Kopp

Sandra Doolan

(Clerk)

**2016 TOWN OFFICERS
(continued)**

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Expires 2017	Benjamin Gaetjens-Oleson
Expires 2018	Linda Hutchins
Expires 2019	Michael W. Nadeau

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Expires 2017	Michael W. Nadeau
Expires 2018	Donald Williams
Expires 2019	Lucy Wyman

EMMONS SMITH FUND COMMITTEE

Expires 2017	Irene Schmidt
Expires 2018	Michael W. Nadeau
Expires 2019	John E. Brooks

COL. TOWN SPENDING COMMITTEE

Expires 2017	Joshua Smith
Expires 2017	Richard McGinnis (resigned)
Expires 2017	Brent Shallow (appointed)
Expires 2017	Cindy Normandeau
Expires 2018	Zachary Colby
Expires 2018	Donna Church
Expires 2018	Jillian Hammond
Expires 2019	Mandy Scott
Expires 2019	Gail McVetty
Expires 2019	Regina Lavoie

COL. TOWN INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Sarah Desrochers (resigned)	Celeste Pitts
David Fuller, Jr	Charles Schmidt (resigned)
Jeffrey A. Gilman	Douglas Shearer
Betsy Hutchings (resigned)	

**2016 TOWN OFFICERS
(continued)**

Appointed Boards/Committees

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Expires 2017	Tricia Frenette
Expires 2017	Richard Bernier
Expires 2018	William H. Potter, Jr, Chairman
Expires 2018	Donald Freddette (resigned)
Expires 2018	Steven Young
Expires 2019 (Alternate)	Chris McVetty
Expires 2019	David Atkinson, Vice Chairman
	Jean Oleson
	(Clerk)

PLANNING BOARD

Expires 2017	Mark St. Pierre, Chairman
Expires 2017	Andrew Nadeau
Expires 2017	Mark Frank, Vice Chairman
Expires 2017 (Alternate)	Donald Doolan
Expires 2018	Ben Southworth
Expires 2018	Rusty Scott
Expires 2018 (Alternate)	Barbara Peaslee-Smith (resigned)
Expires 2018 (Alternate)	Benjamin Pellerin (appointed)
Expires 2019	Justin Carter
Expires 2019 (Alternate)	Penelope Noyes
Expires 2019 (Alternate)	Gregory Westcott
Expires 2019 (Alternate)	Richard McCarten
	Leo J. Enos
	Leon Rideout
	Sandra Doolan
	(Selectman)
	(Selectman, Alternate)
	(Clerk)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Expires 2017	John Accardi	Expires 2019	Robert Elwell
Expires 2017	Kim Votta	Expires 2019	Paul Theroux
Expires 2018	Allan Carr	(Selectmen)	Leon Rideout
Expires 2018	Paul Crane, Chairman		

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Expires 2017	Robert Fink
Expires 2018	Jeffrey Gilman
Expires 2019	Gerrie Scott
Expires 2020	Jacqueline McKenna
Expires 2021	Mark Frank

**2016 TOWN OFFICERS
(continued)**

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Expires 2020 Benjamin Gaetjens-Oleson

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION REPRESENTATIVE

Expires 2020 Benjamin Gaetjens-Oleson

NORTH COUNTRY SCENIC BYWAYS COUNCIL

Expires 2020 Benjamin Gaetjens-Oleson

MT WASHINGTON REGIONAL AIRPORT COMMISSIONER

John Ogle

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Benjamin Gaetjens-Oleson

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Dennis Patnoe, Chairman

Tim Charbonneau

Al Pryor

Randy Flynn

Steven Jones

Jean Oleson

Dean Flynn

Timmy Bilodeau

Clarence Dingman

INSPECTORS OF THE ELECTION

REPUBLICAN

Expires 7/31/2018

Expires 7/31/2018

Karen Ryder

Marilyn Crane

DEMOCRAT

Expires 7/31/2018

Expires 7/31/2018

Barry Crawford

Janet Jacques Mason

2016 TOWN OFFICERS (continued)

FULL-TIME TOWN EMPLOYEES

Dennis Donnelly, Highway Foreman (Retired August 2016)	November 1976
Edward Samson, Jr, Town Manager	May 1979
Michael Nadeau, Finance Director	January 1980
Jean Oleson, Town Clerk	March 1984
Barbara Robarts, Librarian	May 1985
Wendy Houghton, Police Clerk	April 1988
Timmy Bilodeau, Water/Sewer Dept Supervisor	June 1993
William McMann, Highway	December 1992
Peter Roy, Highway	April 1996
Dennis Patnoe, Transfer Station Supervisor	April 1997
Steven Jones, Asst. Chief-EMS Officer in Charge	March 1998
Edward & Denise Wood, Recreation Dept	October 2001
William Brown, Transfer Station	August 2002
Timothy Brown, Highway Foreman	October 2002
Charity Blanchette, Tax Collector	March 2003
Randy Flynn, Fire Chief	June 2003
Arthur Dunn, Highway	June 2003
Tim Charbonneau, Patrol Officer	December 2004
Clarence Dingman, Mechanic	February 2005
Justin McMann, Water/Sewer Dept	May 2005
Al Pryor, Recreation Dept	September 2005
James Gainer, Highway	August 2008
Benjamin Gaetjens-Oleson, Planning/Zoning Coordinator	October 2009
William Colborn, Police Chief	July 2012
David Lyons, Patrol Officer (resigned)	September 2012
Brad Willey, Sergeant	November 2012
Benjamin Stewart, Patrol Officer (resigned)	December 2013
Wendy Roberts, Prosecutor	January 2014
Jeremy Brann, Patrol Officer	February 2016
Brian Matson, Patrol Officer	June 2016
Dean Flynn, Water/Sewer Dept	August 2016
Rian Matthews, Patrol Officer	November 2016

SUMMARY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 8, 2016

At 7:30 pm Moderator John L Riff IV opened the Annual Meeting.

Moderator Riff asked the WMRHS JROTC to bring the colors forward and lead all in the Pledge of Allegiance. He introduced Isabella Gaetjens-Oleson who sang the National Anthem.

Moderator Riff explained the rules of procedure for this evenings meeting and reminded those present that non-residents must have a majority vote to speak.

Article 1 – Election of Officers

Selectman, Leon H Rideout	3 year term
Moderator, John L Riff IV	2 year term
Supervisor of the Checklist, Sandra E Doolan	6 year term
Trustee of Trust Funds, Jeffrey A Gilman	3 year term
Library Trustee, Michael W Nadeau	3 year term
Cemetery Trustee, Lucy K Wyman	3 year term
Emmons Smith Committee, John E Brooks	3 year term
Budget Committee	
Dana Southworth	3 year term
Keith Kopp	3 year term
Chris McVetty	3 year term
Colonel Town Spending Committee	
Mandy Scott	3 year term
Regina LaVoie	3 year term
Gail McVetty	3 year term
Cindy Normandeau	1 year term

Article 2 – Solar PV Arrays

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$320,000.00) for the purpose of installing solar PV arrays at the Transfer Station, Wastewater Treatment Lagoons and Wastewater Treatment Chlorinator Building; Three Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$320,000.00) of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. (Voted on by written ballot after discussion – 2/3rds ballot vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

Article 2 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

At 7:43 pm discussion ended and Moderator Riff opened the polls for voting on Article 2 and they remained open for 1 hour.

Article 2 carried with the 2/3rds required, 113 yes and 8 no with one blank ballot.

Article 3 – Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Million Five Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Forty Eight Dollars (\$5,528,448.00) which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include any other Warrant Articles.

Article 3 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 3 carried

Article 4 – Capital Reserve Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) to be added to the following Capital Reserve Fund accounts previously established for the purpose and in the amounts indicated:

Highway	\$40,000
Fire Department	\$20,000
Library	\$ 5,000
Cemetery	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
Total	\$70,000

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

Article 4 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 4 carried.

Article 5 – New Grader

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Three Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$93,570.00) for the second payment on the three year lease/purchase agreement entered into in 2015 for a new grader with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance.

Article 5 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 5 carried.

Article 6 – Dump Truck

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand Dollars (\$177,000.00) for the purchase of a Dump Truck and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

Article 6 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 6 carried.

Article 7 – New Ambulance

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$97,500.00) for the purchase of a new ambulance with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance.

Article 7 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 7 carried.

Article 8 – New Sidewalk Plow

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000.00) for the purchase of a new sidewalk plow with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance.

Article 8 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 8 carried.

Article 9 – New Police Cruiser

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) for the purchase of a new police cruiser with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance.

Article 9 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 9 carried.

Article 10 – Forestry Support Vehicle

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for the purchase of a Fire Department forestry support vehicle and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the Fire/EMS Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

Article 10 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 10 carried.

Article 11 – Sale of Town Owned Property

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell certain Town owned property (land/building) shown on tax map P05, Lot 023 approx .26 acres located at 59 Depot Street, (land/building) shown on tax map P11, Lot 005 approx. .295 acres located at 22 Mechanic Street and (building only – mobile home) shown on tax map R17, Lot 043 – PM – 087, 87 Rogers Campground Road. Said property will be sold by the Town on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem prudent with cost of survey and land transfer to be borne by the purchaser.

Article 11 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 11 carried.

Article 12 – CASA

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the support of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of New Hampshire.

Article 12 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 12 carried.

Article 13 – American Red Cross

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Three Dollars (\$1,533.00), for the support of the American Red Cross.

Article 13 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 13 carried.

Article 14 – Tri-Town Public Transit

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for the support of the Lancaster-Whitefield-Littleton Tri-Town Public Transit route.

Article 14 was moved and seconded. Article 14 carried.

Article 15 – Senior Wheels Demand Response Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for the support of Senior Wheels Demand Response Program.

Article 15 was moved and seconded. Article 15 carried.

Article 16 – White Mountain Mental Health

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty One Dollars (\$5,921.00) for the support of Northern Human Services/White Mountain Mental Health.

Article 16 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 16 carried.

Article 17 – Child Advocacy Center of Coos County

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$3,280.00) for the support of the Child Advocacy Center of Coos County.

Article 17 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 17 carried.

Article 18 – Senior Meals Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500.00) for the support of the North Country Senior Meals Program.

Article 18 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 18 carried.

Article 19 – Chamber of Commerce

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Six Hundred Forty Dollars (\$1,640.00), \$.50 per capita, for the support of Northern Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Article 19 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 19 carried.

Article 20 – Center for New Beginnings

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to help support the Center for New Beginnings in Littleton, which provides counseling and mental health services to individuals throughout the North Country.

Article 20 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 20 carried.

Article 21 – Mt Washington Regional Airport

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Six Hundred Ninety One Dollars (\$4,691.00) for the Town's share of the operating budget for the Mt Washington Regional Airport for the current fiscal year.

Article 21 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 21 carried.

Article 22 – Caleb Caregivers

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$4,260.00) for the support of the Caleb Caregivers.

Article 22 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 22 carried.

Article 23 – Tri-County CAP

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$4,600.00) for the support of the Tri-County Community Contact programs.

Article 23 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 23 carried.

Article 24 – New Dam at Martin Meadow Pond

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the purpose of completing the engineering and construction of a new dam at the outlet of Martin Meadow Pond. This appropriation will only be used if necessary to complete the project (last money in). Any unused portion (or all) will be returned to the Town. (By Petition) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

Article 24 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 24 carried.

Article 25 – St Paul's Episcopal Church Backpack Program

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800) to assist with the cost of the weekend "Backpack" feeding program for twenty five (25) Lancaster Elementary School students which St Paul's Episcopal Church, 113 Main Street,

Article 25 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 25 carried.

Article 26 - To transact other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Donald Williams thanked the town officials for a job well done preparing the budget.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean E Oleson
Town Clerk

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Town of Lancaster completed a number of projects in 2016 that saved thousands of dollars annually in electric costs.

The conversion to LED street lighting that was completed during the summer, will save the residents approximately \$20,000 each year.

The solar project for which funding was approved at the 2016 Town Meeting was also completed. The project was completed under budget. This was accomplished by utilizing town employees to install the equipment. Each department changed their schedules to allow employees to assist in the project. The Town is fortunate to have a master electrician as a full-time employee. Transfer Station Superintendent Dennis Patnoe volunteered his electrician skills to aid in the installation. Dennis worked with the employees to successfully install solar panels at the transfer station, chlorinator building, and waste water lagoons. Everyone involved in this project enjoyed doing so and worked great together. I am proud of their accomplishments and the townspeople should also be proud. The skills of Lancaster's employees are superior to most.

Many people that are involved in the solar business cannot believe what we accomplished and the savings realized.

We are planning to start construction of the Summer Street drainage project this spring. Horizon Engineering is finalizing the design for the project and we expect to bid the project in March of 2017.

The roundabout at the northern intersection of Route 2 & 3 was completed. Many people were concerned that this project was going to be a driver's nightmare. It, in fact, proved to be the best option for this intersection and is functioning great.

The dam reconstruction at Martin Meadow Pond has been completed. We again have the ability to regulate the ponds water depth. Recent years saw extremely low water levels and hindered launching boats.

In 2017, it is anticipated that the bridge across the Connecticut River on Bridge Street will be replaced by NHDOT.

I wish to thank everyone that has supported our efforts and thereby allowing them to happen. We hope to continue improving our Town's infrastructure and moving forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Samson
Town Manager

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Well another year has come and gone, and with that we have seen some big changes in personnel. In 2016, Dennis Donnelly, our highway foreman, has retired after 40 years of service to the Town. Tim Brown took over the helm as our new highway foreman. He has some big shoes to fill. I have no doubt he will do a fine job. In 2017, our long time Town Clerk Jean Oleson will retire after 30+ years. Both she and Dennis will be missed. We wish them a very happy retirement, as they have earned it.

We are moving ahead with the Summer Street project in 2017 along with other infrastructure projects which will keep our town crew busy. We have moved into the future with 3 solar arrays which will help cut our electric bills considerably. This work could not have been done without our dedicated employees. We thank them all!

We would like to thank all the volunteers for their dedication and hard work. The Town would not be able to run as efficiently without you.

Respectfully,

David Stickney
Chairman



Photo compliments of Jody Whiting

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Year 2016

To say we were busy during 2016 will go down as an “understatement” for sure. We hit the floor running on January 3rd and we didn't stop for very long at any given moment until the first of December.

We held multiple sessions for registrations and additions to the voter checklist and for change of party affiliation. There were training sessions that we attended for new rules that were put in place do to the various elections of the year.

We were asked to go to the Nursing Home and register new residents that have voted all of their lives. We also went and helped them to fill out their applications for absentee ballots, when necessary. It is always a great time when we go there. They have so many wonderful stories to share about when they first voted and what has taken place during their life time.

As always we also do sessions for the White Mountains Regional School District for their Deliberative Budget Session as there is voting for the school articles and board members during the day of Town Meeting.

With 4 elections this year we had a lot of new registrations. We also sent out 30 letters to those voters who have not voted in a long time, have moved away, or have just changed their address and we did not know about it. If you do move, even if it is just across town, it would help tremendously if you would let us know so we can keep our records up to date. It saves a lot of confusion on voting day.

A lot of great things happened during voting this year. Gopi Dugan-Henrikson came in and registered to vote at Town Meeting. It was his 18th birthday. He was pretty proud of it, as were we. We also had another great moment, a long-time resident of Lancaster became a US Citizen in February and voted for the first time on Town Meeting Day, March 8, 2016. Our congratulations to Colin Sutherland. (We were able to get him to pose for a picture)



As we close out 2016 and start into a new year, 2017, we want to say “many, many thanks” to our Town Clerk Jean Oleson for all of the help she has given us over the years. She has been our Mentor in so many ways that we can't begin to list them. We wish you all the best in your retirement – we truly are going to miss you. Take care and keep in touch.

Just to let you know, you don't have to wait until we hold a session to register to vote, you can go into the Town Office and register with the Town Clerk. You will need to have some form of identification stating that you are a resident of Lancaster, such as a rent receipt, utility bill, driver's license, passport or anything that shows that you are domiciled in Lancaster.

As always it is good to bring some form of ID with you when you come to vote.

We know that some do not like to do this, but we are only going by the rules that are given to us.

We appreciate all that you do to help us to make the voting process run smoothly and we want you to know "YOUR VOTE DOES COUNT."

Supervisors of the Checklist

Sandra E. Doolan

Ellie Emery

Maryrose Corrigan



TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Registration of Motor Vehicles	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees Collected	\$548,154.42	\$582,335.61	\$611,783.66
NH Motor Vehicle		46,484.68	202,768.74
Municipal Agent Fees Collected	12,392.00	12,696.00	12,738.00
Motor Vehicle Waste Fees	<u>10,911.00</u>	<u>11,016.00</u>	<u>11,091.00</u>
Total Collected	<u>\$571,457.42</u>	<u>\$652,532.29</u>	<u>\$838,381.40</u>
Dog Licenses	<u>\$ 4,998.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,882.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,715.50</u>
<u>Town Record Fees</u>			
Automobile Title Applications	1,656.00	1,690.00	1,742.00
Recreation Vehicle Registrations	3,524.00	1659.00	1,695.00
Municipal Agent Fees Collected	156.00	75.00	81.00
Renewal Fees	3,242.00	3,271.00	3,324.00
Boat Registrations	969.23	856.79	846.36
Municipal Agent Fees Collected	710.00	655.00	595.00
Certified Copies of Vital Records	10,170.00	11,135.00	9,630.00
UCC'S	975.00	915.00	1,170.00
Marriage Intentions	1,485.00	1,185.00	800.00
Log Fee	193.05	207.90	245.70
Convenience Fee	346.50	357.00	405.00
Recording Fees and Tax Liens	5.00	10.00	25.00
Licenses and Fees	<u>498.00</u>	<u>1,292.00</u>	<u>771.00</u>
Total Collected	<u>\$23,929.78</u>	<u>\$23,308.69</u>	<u>\$21,330.06</u>
Total Remitted to Treasurer	<u>\$600,385.20</u>	<u>\$680,722.98</u>	<u>\$864,426.96</u>
Number of motor vehicle permits issued	<u>4,445</u>	<u>4,567</u>	<u>4480</u>
Number of boat registrations issued	<u>137</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>113</u>
Number of OHRV registrations issued			<u>25</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Jean E. Oleson, Town Clerk

2016 was a very busy year for elections. The Presidential Primary was held February 9th with 840 ballots cast. That is approximately 100 more ballots cast than in 2012. The town election was held on March 8th. Elected town officers were voted in for another term and all warrant articles passed at the evening meeting. On September 13th the State Primary was held with 544 ballots cast, 149 more than in 2014. Last but not least the big election on November 8, 2016 with 1652 ballots cast, which is only one more than was cast in 2012, which really surprised me as I thought the turnout would be a lot larger based on what went on during the campaign.

As of October 2016 the town clerk's office has been accepting one check for registrations. It has been very popular with customers. This was the first step before going to credit cards.

NEW – in early 2017 the Town Clerk will be accepting credit cards for registrations, vital records and dog licenses.

Don't forget to renew your dog license by April 30th to avoid a penalty. Rabies clinic will be held on Friday April 7, 2017 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Lancaster Fire Station.

Any motor vehicle whose manufacturer's model year is 2000 or newer now requires a title. Titles that are mailed and returned to the State because a person has moved are kept forever. They are not forwarded. To get the title you have to contact the Title Bureau. You can get several motor vehicle forms from the Dept of Safety website. You can also check availability of a vanity plate on the Dept of Safety website.

You can now request certified copies of vital records on line through EVITALS. Just go to the Town's website and go to the Town Clerk's page.

This is my last message for the Town of Lancaster's Annual Report. Following Town Meeting I will be retiring after 33 years as your town clerk. I have enjoyed my job and all the people I have met and worked with over the years. Thank you to all the town employees, past and present, in all town departments with whom I've had the pleasure to work with. Thank you to all of the town's citizens that have walked through the door during my tenure – it has been a pleasure to serve you. Although bittersweet, I am looking forward to retirement and the freedom to do what I want, when I want to do it. Our small town and the north country region that we all treasure will remain my home. I will fill my time with family, friends, and volunteer activities. I wish you all the happiness that I hope to enjoy.

Visit the town's website at www.lancasternh.org. There is a lot of valuable information on the site with links to the different departments.

Town Clerk Email Address: townclerk@lancasternh.org

- Web Sites:
- Department of Safety DMV: www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/dmv
- Office of Information Technology: www.nh.gov/oit
- Vital Records: http://sos.nh.gov/vital_records.aspx

The Annual Rabies Clinic is Scheduled
For Friday April 7th, 2017
At The Lancaster Fire Station
From 5pm-7pm

The Following prices are for Dogs and Cats
Rabies: \$13.00
Distemper: \$13.00
Lyme Disease: \$32.00
Feline Leukemia: \$29.00





Dog Licensing

Save a tree and renew with me 

Along with the popular *online* Vehicle Registration service, E-Reg, the Town of Lancaster now offers Dog License Renewals to be requested *online* via the Town

Web Site.

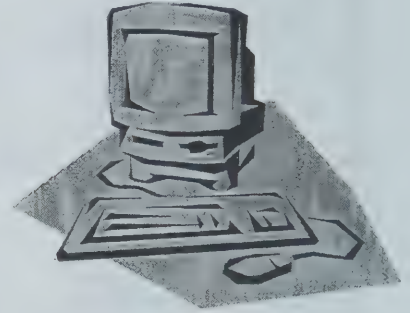
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The Town Clerk Of Lancaster Presents E-REG!

The Town of Lancaster is proud to bring you E-Reg,
Auto Registrations On Line !



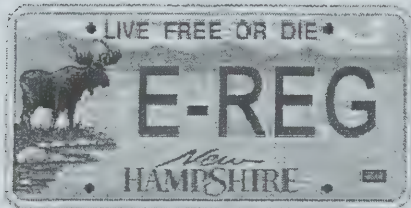
Renew your Auto, Trailer, Truck or RV On Line
fast and easy Renew your registration anytime, on line

Renew in your Birth Month !

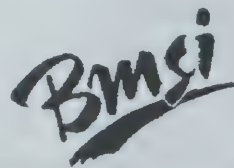
Also allowed:

One month early; one month before your birth month or the DOB of the first owner listed on current registration

Two month late; two months after your birth month or the DOB of the first owner listed on current registration



Lancaster Town Clerk, Jean Oleson
25 Main Street
Lancaster, NH 03584
Phone: (603) 788-2306



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Town Manager and Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Lancaster
Lancaster, New Hampshire 03584

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Lancaster, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit includes performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities

As discussed in Note 1.B.3. to the financial statements, management has not determined its liability or annual cost for postemployment benefits other than pensions (OPEB) in governmental and business-type activities. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that management recognize OPEB expense for the required contributions and a liability for unpaid contributions, which would increase the liabilities, decrease net position, and increase expenses of the governmental and business-type activities. The amount by which this departure would affect the liabilities, net position and expenses of the governmental and business-type activities is not reasonably determinable.

Adverse Opinion

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the respective financial position of the governmental and business-type activities of the Town of Lancaster as of December 31, 2015, or the respective changes in financial position thereof for the fiscal year then ended.

Unmodified Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Lancaster as of December 31, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note I.B.5. to the financial statements, in 2015 the Town adopted new accounting guidance regarding the accounting and reporting for pensions. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the pension related schedules on pages 35 and 36 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquires of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

The Town of Lancaster has not presented a management's discussion and analysis. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have determined that the management's discussion and analysis is necessary to supplement, but is not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Lancaster's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. They are the responsibility of management and were derived from, and relate directly to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

December 19, 2016

Robert J. Greene, PLLC

ASSESSING REPORT

2016

The Lancaster real estate market again showed little change during 2016. Sale prices are still below their peak of 10+ years ago, and while there are few foreclosures, sellers often have to discount their asking prices to close a sale. Ratio studies indicate that the 2013 assessment update is still maintaining good equity overall among different classes of property and between various neighborhoods. Our assessment (equalization) ratio is still over 100%, which means that properties are, on average, selling for less than their assessed values.

Lancaster is committed to maintaining a quality property assessment system and accurate physical data is the foundation for an equitable system. This year the town will be continuing its cyclical reinspection / data verification program as recommended by the State of New Hampshire. Data collectors and assessors visit properties that have been flagged for review from building permits, planning and zoning board action, and recent sales. This is supplemented with other properties, either by street, neighborhood, or just randomly to check measurements and verify other physical information. In most cases, a visit by the assessor will consist of measuring all buildings on a property and a brief interior inspection to review the building characteristics and condition. They carry photo identification and their vehicles are on file with the town office and police department.

For 2017, a review of the town's current use properties will continue as well. With over 640 parcels in current use, this is not a minor undertaking. Lancaster ranks well in the top 10 of New Hampshire towns for the number of parcels enrolled in current use. We will likely be sending out a mailing requesting updated information for properties under stewardship and other special categories.

The assessing function also assists with 911 addressing, the maintenance of the town's tax maps, processing exemption and preservation easement applications, reviews deeds and other property transfers, and carefully considers all appeals and abatement requests. We continue to monitor the real estate market and our assessment base in preparation of another assessment update for 2018. Our overriding goal is to maintain and defend a fair and equitable assessment base for all taxpayers.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Call
Northtown Associates

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The tax department offers the convenience of paying your property taxes, water & sewer online. Also available online is the ability to look up assessment data. This allows individuals to review their assessment and for businesses to work more efficiently. Visit our website – www.lancasternh.org. Navigate to the Tax Collector page under the Town Government drop-down menu. On the Tax Collector page you will see the icons to the right. Click on “Assessment Data Review Online” icon and it will bring you to the assessment kiosk. There you can look up an account either by name, address or map & lot. This is the same method used to “Review or Pay” your taxes online.

Assessment Data
Review Online

Property Taxes
Review/Pay Online

The following dates I would like to make the taxpayer aware of in the up coming year:

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|----------|--|
| February | Delinquent Notices will be mailed |
| April | Water Meters read the 1 st week of April
Water/Sewer bill mailed the 2 nd week of April
Delinquent notices due date is the 14 th
Lien process begins with issuing an impending lien notice on any unpaid taxes after the delinquent due date
Impending deed notices will be mailed to property owners and mortgage holders on any outstanding 2014 tax liens (2014 tax levy) |
| May | Due date on 1 st Issue Water/Sewer bill
Impending lien notice due date is the 19 th
Liens will be executed on the 19 th on any unpaid delinquent taxes after the impending lien due date. Mortgage notices mailed within 45 days of this date
Execute tax collectors deeds on May 31 st on any outstanding 2014 tax liens (2014 tax levy) after the impending deed due date |
| June | Issue 1 st Issue Property Tax bill |
| July | Due date on 1 st Issue Property Tax bill |
| October | Water Meters read 1 st week of October
Water/Sewer bill mailed 2 nd week of October |
| November | Issue 2 nd Issue Property Tax bill
Due date on 2 nd Issue Water/Sewer bill |
| December | Due date on 2 nd Issue Property Tax bill |

Respectfully submitted,
Charity Blanchette, Tax Collector



Tax Collector's Report

Form Due Date: **March 1 (Calendar Year), September 1 (Fiscal Year)**

Instructions

Cover Page

- Select the entity name from the pull down menu (County will automatically populate)
- Enter the year of the report
- Enter the preparer's information

For Assistance Please Contact:

NH DRA Municipal and Property Division
Phone: (603) 230-5090
Fax: (603) 230-5947
<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

ENTITY'S INFORMATION

Municipality: County: Report Year:

PREPARER'S INFORMATION

First Name Last Name

Street No. Street Name Phone Number

Email (optional)



Debits

Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
			Year: 2015	Year: 2014	Year: 2013
Property Taxes	3110		\$461,527.02		
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120		\$4,500.00		
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Other Taxes	3189		\$127,489.33	\$276.80	
Property Tax Credit Balance		(\$2,837.87)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance					

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies	
			2015	
Property Taxes	3110	\$6,853,130.00		
Resident Taxes	3180			
Land Use Change Taxes	3120			
Yield Taxes	3185		\$19,714.87	
Excavation Tax	3187		\$1,183.14	
Other Taxes	3189	\$858,949.42	\$3,217.00	
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Add Line				

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
			2015	2014	2013
Property Taxes	3110	\$17,290.62	\$2,454.87		
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
-					
Add Line					
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$5,584.59	\$40,553.71	\$33.12	
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				

Total Debits		\$7,732,116.76	\$660,639.94	\$309.92	
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Credits

Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2015	2014	2013
Property Taxes	\$6,499,087.60	\$283,711.76		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes		\$4,500.00		
Yield Taxes		\$19,714.87		
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$5,569.59	\$35,444.71	\$33.12	
Penalties	\$15.00	\$5,109.00		
Excavation Tax		\$1,183.14		
Other Taxes	\$733,479.49	\$65,471.08	\$276.80	
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$242,524.51		
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Add Line				
Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2015	2014	2013
Property Taxes	\$53.00	\$2,764.87		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes	\$1,231.30	\$216.00		
-				
Add Line				
Current Levy Deeded	\$160.00			



Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2015	2014	2013
Property Taxes	\$374,255.37			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes	\$124,078.63			
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$5,813.22)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance				
Total Credits	\$7,732,116.76	\$660,639.94	\$309.92	



Summary of Debits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2015	Year: 2014	Year: 2013
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year			\$180,054.96	\$168,060.94
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year		\$264,604.70		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)		\$5,457.33	\$14,975.63	\$52,743.61
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Add Line				

Total Debits		\$270,062.03	\$195,030.59	\$220,804.55
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Summary of Credits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2015	2014	2013
Redemptions		\$58,655.03	\$47,275.17	\$90,976.18
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Add Line				
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190		\$5,457.33	\$14,975.63	\$52,743.61
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Add Line				
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens			\$495.14	\$4,072.68
Liens Deeded to Municipality		\$2,407.88	\$2,110.99	\$2,458.29
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110		\$203,541.79	\$130,173.66	\$70,553.79

Total Credits		\$270,062.03	\$195,030.59	\$220,804.55
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1. CERTIFY THIS FORM

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.

Preparer's First Name

Preparer's Last Name

Date

Charity

Blanchette

1/3/2017

2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM

Please save and e-mail the completed PDF form to your Municipal Bureau Advisor.

3. PRINT, SIGN, AND UPLOAD THIS FORM

This completed PDF form must be PRINTED, SIGNED, SCANNED, and UPLOADED onto the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal (MTRSP) at <http://proptax.org/nh/>. If you have any questions, please contact your Municipal Services Advisor.

PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION

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.

Charity Blanchette, Tax Collector

Preparer's Signature and Title



SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Submit to the Department of Revenue Administration by September 1

Instructions

Note: for ease of use please begin at the last section and work forward.

REPORTS REQUIRED: RSA 21-J:34 as amended, provides for certification of valuations, appropriations, estimated revenues and such other information as the Department of Revenue Administration may require upon reports prescribed for that purpose.

NOTE: The values and figures provided represent the detailed values that are used in the city/towns tax assessments and sworn to uphold under Oath per RSA 75:7. Please complete all applicable pages and refer to the instructions for individual items.

For Assistance Please Contact:

DRA Municipal and Property Division
Phone: (603) 230-5090
<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

Data has been imported into the form from an external source. All form calculations have been disabled.

ENTITY'S INFORMATION ?

Entity Type: Municipality Village

Municipality: County: Original Date:
Revision Date:

ASSESSOR

Assessor's Name

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.

MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

Municipal Official 1

Municipal Official 2

Municipal Official 3

Municipal Official 4

Municipal Official 5

Municipal Official 6

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

PREPARER'S INFORMATION

Preparer's Name

Phone Number

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.

Email (optional)



Municipality Values

Value Land Only (Exclude amount listed in lines 3A, 3B and 4) (?)

		Number of Acres	Assessed Valuation
1-A	Current Use (At current values) RSA 79-A (?)	24,740.26	\$2,105,090
1-B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B (?)	1.25	\$199
1-C	Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C (?)		
1-D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D (?)	1	\$10,200
1-E	Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F (?)		
1-F	Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved) (?)	2,699.12	\$43,526,900
1-G	Commercial/Industrial Land (excluding Utility Land) (?)	590.65	\$16,029,100
1-H	Total of Taxable Land (?)	28,032.28	\$61,671,489
1-I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land (?)	2,740.75	\$8,195,700

Value Buildings Only (Exclude amount listed in lines 3A and 3B) (?)

		Number of Structures	Assessed Valuation
2-A	Residential (?)		\$140,409,540
2-B	Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31 (?)		\$3,698,100
2-C	Commercial/Industrial (excluding Utility buildings) (?)		\$47,780,900
2-D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D (?)	8	\$23,460
2-E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F (?)		
2-F	Total of Taxable Buildings (?)		\$191,912,000
2-G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings (?)		\$37,347,100

Utilities and Timber (?)

		Assessed Valuation
3-A	Utilities (?)	\$17,091,800
3-B	Other Utilities (?)	
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5 (?)	
		\$270,675,289



Exemptions

		Total # Granted	Assessed Valuation
6	Certain Disabled Veterans (RSA 72:36-a) ¹		
7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA (72:38-b V) ¹		
8	Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities (RSA 72:37-a) ¹		
9	School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption (RSA 72:23-IV) ¹		
10a	Non-Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption (RSA 72:12-a) ¹		
10b	Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption (RSA 72:12-a) ¹		

11 Modified Assessed Valuation and Total Exemptions (Line 5 minus lines 6-10) ¹ **\$270,675,289**

Summation of Exemptions ¹

	Amount Per Exemption	Total # Granted	Assessed Valuation
12	Blind Exemption (RSA 72:37) ¹		
13	Elderly Exemption (RSA 72:39-a & b)	18	\$441,200
14	Deaf Exemption (RSA 72:38-b) ¹		
15	Disabled Exemption (RSA 72:37-b) ¹		
16	Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:70) ¹		
17	Solar Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:62) ¹	11	\$143,150
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:66) ¹		
19	Add'l School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemptions (RSA 72:23 IV) ¹		

20 Total Assessed Valuation of Exemptions (Line 11 plus lines 12-19) **\$584,350**

Calculations

21 NET VALUATION: Used To Compute Municipal, County, and Local Education Tax Rates (Line 11 minus Line 20)	\$270,090,939
22 LESS UTILITIES: (Line 3A) Do not include the value of other utilities listed in Line 3B	\$17,091,800
23 NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES TO COMPUTE STATE EDUCATION TAX (Line 21 minus Line 22)	\$252,999,139

Notes:



Utility Summary: Electric, Hydroelectric, Renewable - Misc., Nuclear, Gas/Pipeline, Water & Sewer

Utility Value Appraiser (1)

Who Appraises/Establishes the Utility Value in the Municipality? (If multiple, please list)

George Sansoucy

If the Municipality Uses DRA Utility Values, is it Equalized By The Ratio? Yes No

SECTION A

List Electric Companies (1)

Electric Company	Assessed Valuation
PSNH DBA EVERSOURCE ENERGY	\$11,713,400
A1 Total of all Electric Companies listed in this section:	\$11,713,400

List Gas Companies (1)

Gas Company	Assessed Valuation
PORTLAND PIPE LINE CORPORATION	\$5,378,400
A2 Total of all Gas Companies listed in this section:	\$5,378,400



List Water and Sewer Companies (2)

Water/Sewer Company

Assessed Valuation

A3 Total of all Water and Sewer Companies listed in this section:

Grand Total Valuation of all Sect. A Utility Companies

\$17,091,800

SECTION B

List Other Utility Companies (1)

Other Utility Company

Assessed Valuation

B1 Total of All Other Companies listed in this section (must agree with line 3B):



Tax Credits and Exemptions

Veterans' Tax Credits ?

Credit Description	Limits	Number of Individuals	Estimated Tax Credits
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Veterans' Tax Credit/Optional Veterans' Tax Credit (RSA 72:28) (\$50 Standard Credit, \$51 up to \$500 upon adoption by city/town)	\$100	143	\$14,300
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surviving Spouse (RSA 72:29-a) "The surviving spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces of the United States..." (\$700 Standard Credit, \$701 up to \$2,000 upon adoption by city or town)	\$700		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability (RSA 72:35) "Any person who has been honorably discharged from the military service of the United States and who has total and permanent service-connected disability, or who is a double amputee or paraplegic because of service-connected injury..." (\$700 Standard Credit, \$701 up to \$2,000 upon adoption by city or town)	\$1,400	9	\$12,600
		152	\$26,900

Disabled and Deaf Exemption Report ?

	Disabled Exemption Report (RSA 72:37-b)		Deaf Exemption Report (RSA 72:38-b)	
	Single	Married	Single	Married
Income Limits <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Asset Limits <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

Elderly Exemption Report - RSA 72:39-a ?

First Time Filers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Granted Elderly Exemption for Current Tax Year			Total Number of Individuals Granted an Elderly Exemption for the Current Tax Year & Total Number of Exemptions Granted			
Age	#	Amount Per Individual	Age	#	Max Allowable Exemption	Total Actual Exemption Granted
65-74		\$20,000	65-74	1	\$20,000	\$20,000
75-79		\$25,000	75-79	8	\$200,000	\$200,000
80+		\$30,000	80+	9	\$270,000	\$221,200
				18	\$490,000	\$441,200
Income Limits	Single	\$18,400	Asset Limits	Single	\$35,000	
	Married	\$26,400		Married	\$35,000	

Community Tax Relief Incentive - RSA 79-E ?

Adopted: Yes No

Taxation of Qualifying Historic Buildings - RSA 79-G ?

Adopted: Yes No

Taxation of Certain Chartered Public School Facilities - RSA 79-H ?

Adopted: Yes No



Property Reports

Current Use Reports - RSA 79-A

	Total Number of Acres Receiving Current Use	Assessed Valuation	Other Current Use Statistics	Total Number of Acres
Farm Land	4,227.76	\$1,273,786	Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	9,907.84
Forest Land	11,385.92	\$550,249	Removed from Current Use During Current Tax Year 2016	
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	8,356.42	\$266,926	Owners in Current Use	334
Unproductive Land	343.2	\$6,343	Parcels in Current Use	644
Wet Land	426.96	\$7,786		
	24,740.26	\$2,105,090		

Land Use Change Tax

Gross Monies Received for Calendar Year (Jan 1 through Dec 31)			\$18,375
Conservation Allocation	Percentage	10	And/Or Dollar Amount
Monies to Conservation Fund			\$1,837
Monies to General Fund			\$16,538

Conservation Restriction Assessment Report - RSA 79-B (must file PA-60)

	Total Number of Acres Receiving Conservation	Assessed Valuation	Other Conservation Restriction Assessment Statistics	Total Number of Acres
Farm Land			Receiving 20% Recreation Adjustment	
Forest Land	1.25	\$199	Removed from Conservation During Current Tax Year	
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship				
Unproductive Land				Total Number
Wet Land			Owners in Conservation	1
			Parcels in Conservation	1
	1.25	\$199		

Discretionary Easements - RSA 79-C

Total Number of Acres	# of Owners	Assessed Valuation	Description of Discretionary Easements Granted (e.g. Golf Course, Ball Park, Race Track)

Taxation of Farm Structures and Land Under Farm Structures - RSA 79-F

Total Number Granted	Total Number of Structures	Total Number of Acres	Assessed Valuation Land	Assessed Valuation Structures



Tax Increment Financing Districts - MS 162-F

TIF District Name	Date of Adoption/ Modification	Original Assessed Value	Unretained Captured Assessed Value	Amount used on page 2	Retained Captured Assessed Value	Current Assessed Value



1. CERTIFY THIS FORM

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.

Preparer's First Name

Preparer's Last Name

Date

Edward

Samson

10-21-16

2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM TO THE EQUALIZATION BUREAU

Please save and e-mail the completed, fillable PDF form to the Equalization Bureau at equalization@dra.nh.gov.

3. PRINT, SIGN, AND UPLOAD THIS FORM TO THE MTRSP

This completed PDF form must be PRINTED, SIGNED, SCANNED, and UPLOADED onto the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal (MTRSP) at <http://proptax.org/nh/>. If you have any questions, please contact your Municipal Bureau Advisor.

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

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.

Edward Samson
Preparer's Signature

Jan Case
Assessor's Signature

David Stearns selectman
Governing Body Member's Signature and Title

Governing Body Member's Signature and Title

Lee J. ... selectman
Governing Body Member's Signature and Title

Governing Body Member's Signature and Title

James ... selectman
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Fund Balance Retention

Enterprise Funds and Current Year Bonds	\$1,157,305
General Fund Operating Expenses	\$9,828,536
Final Overlay	\$58,606

DRA has provided a reference range of fund balance retention amounts below. Please utilize these ranges in the determination of the adequacy of your municipality's unrestricted fund balance, as currently defined in GASB Statement 54. Retention amounts, as part of the municipality's stabilization fund policy [1], should be assessed dependent upon your governments own long-term forecasts and special circumstances. Please note that current best practices published by GFOA recommend, at a minimum, that "...general purpose governments, regardless of size, maintain unrestricted fund balance in their general fund of no less than two months of regular general fund operating revenues or regular general fund operating expenditures." [2],[3]

[1] The National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting (NACSLB), (1998), *Framework for Improved State and Local Government Budgeting: Recommended Budget Practices (4.1)*, pg. 17.
 [2] Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), (2009), *Best Practice: Determining the Appropriate Level of Unrestricted Fund Balance in the General Fund*.
 [3] Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), (2011), *Best Practice: Replenishing General Fund Balance*.

2016 Fund Balance Retention Guidelines: Lancaster

Description	Amount
Current Amount Retained (19.81%)	\$1,947,356
17% Retained (<i>Maximum Recommended</i>)	\$1,670,851
10% Retained	\$982,854
8% Retained	\$786,283
5% Retained (<i>Minimum Recommended</i>)	\$491,427

NOTICE: The current fund balance retained amount is above the maximum recommended threshold.

2016 RSA 198:4-b II School Fund Balance Retention Guidelines: Lancaster

If a school district has adopted RSA 198:4-b II by a vote of the legislative body, the school district may retain year-end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed, in any fiscal year, 2.5 percent of the current fiscal year's net assessment pursuant to RSA 198:5, for the purpose of having funds on hand to use as a revenue source for emergency expenditures and overexpenditures under RSA 32:11, or to be used as a revenue source to reduce the tax rate. This retained fund balance is not cumulative. The maximum allowed fund balance retention has been calculated as:

	Net Assessment	2.5% of Net Assessment
Local School	\$0	\$0
White Mountains Regional School District	\$17,890,407	\$447,260



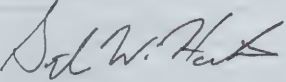
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Tax Rate Breakdown Lancaster

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$2,445,461	\$270,090,939	\$9.06
County	\$1,151,241	\$270,090,939	\$4.26
Local Education	\$2,704,067	\$270,090,939	\$10.01
State Education	\$577,290	\$252,999,139	\$2.28
Total	\$6,878,059		\$25.61

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Total	\$0		\$0.00

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$6,878,059
War Service Credits	(\$26,900)
Village District Tax Effort	\$0
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$6,851,159

 Stephan Hamilton Director of Municipal and Property Division New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration	11/2/2016
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Appropriations and Revenues

Municipal Accounting Overview

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Total Appropriation	\$6,553,243	
Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance)		(\$3,822,218)
Fund Balance Voted Surplus		(\$371,070)
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0
War Service Credits	\$26,900	
Special Adjustment	\$0	
Actual Overlay Used	\$58,606	
Net Required Local Tax Effort	\$2,445,461	

County Apportionment

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net County Apportionment	\$1,151,241	
Net Required County Tax Effort	\$1,151,241	

Education

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net Local School Appropriations	\$0	
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$6,763,191	
Net Education Grant		(\$3,481,834)
Locally Retained State Education Tax		(\$577,290)
Net Required Local Education Tax Effort	\$2,704,067	
State Education Tax	\$577,290	
State Education Tax Not Retained	\$0	
Net Required State Education Tax Effort	\$577,290	

Valuation

Municipal (MS-1)

Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	\$270,090,939	\$268,123,793
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	\$252,999,139	\$252,125,093

Village (MS-1V)

Description	Current Year
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TOWN OF LANCASTER TAX RATES



<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>STATE</u>
1975	\$4.10	\$1.04	\$2.90	\$0.16	
1976	\$4.55	\$1.27	\$3.07	\$0.21	
1977	\$4.60	\$1.02	\$3.29	\$0.29	
1978	\$5.30	\$1.27	\$3.83	\$0.20	
1979	\$5.45	\$1.36	\$3.75	\$0.34	
1980	\$6.03	\$1.60	\$4.09	\$0.34	
1981	\$6.27	\$1.56	\$4.24	\$0.47	
1982	\$7.37	\$1.97	\$4.82	\$0.58	
1983	\$7.92	\$1.43	\$5.90	\$0.59	
1984	\$7.26	\$1.22	\$5.46	\$0.58	
1985	\$6.78	\$1.27	\$4.88	\$0.63	
1986	\$7.07	\$1.43	\$5.07	\$0.57	
1987	\$6.52	\$1.88	\$3.82	\$0.82	
1988	\$17.05	\$5.46	\$2.33	\$9.26	Re-evaluation
1989	\$21.10	\$5.52	\$2.54	\$13.04	
1990	\$23.05	\$5.58	\$2.30	\$15.17	
1991	\$22.20	\$6.25	\$2.42	\$13.53	
1992	\$24.18	\$6.24	\$2.74	\$15.20	
1993	\$30.78	\$7.66	\$3.48	\$19.64	Trend Factoring
1994	\$30.34	\$7.63	\$2.93	\$19.78	
1995	\$30.34	\$7.63	\$3.24	\$19.47	
1996	\$32.10	\$8.15	\$3.50	\$20.45	
1997	\$34.85	\$8.22	\$3.86	\$22.77	
1998	\$34.85	\$8.20	\$3.91	\$22.74	
1999	\$26.70	\$8.87	\$3.98	\$7.01	\$6.84
2000	\$29.24	\$8.58	\$3.78	\$10.11	\$6.77
2001	\$29.50	\$8.65	\$4.13	\$9.98	\$6.74
2002	\$33.16	\$9.65	\$4.60	\$12.50	\$6.41
2003	\$24.58	\$7.69	\$3.36	\$10.19	\$3.34
2004	\$24.58	\$7.08	\$4.19	\$10.69	\$2.62
2005	\$22.88	\$6.90	\$3.59	\$9.64	\$2.75
2006	\$24.43	\$7.25	\$3.99	\$10.52	\$2.67
2007	\$23.17	\$7.15	\$3.80	\$9.53	\$2.69
2008	\$19.51	\$5.99	\$3.89	\$7.47	\$2.16
2009	\$18.08	\$7.03	\$3.48	\$5.27	\$2.30
2010	\$18.52	\$7.75	\$3.54	\$5.05	\$2.18
2011	\$18.53	\$7.29	\$4.01	\$5.02	\$2.21
2012	\$20.73	\$7.94	\$4.18	\$6.41	\$2.20
2013	\$23.35	\$9.32	\$4.05	\$7.74	\$2.24
2014	\$23.40	\$9.10	\$4.63	\$7.53	\$2.14
2015	\$27.49	\$9.80	\$4.72	\$10.64	\$2.33
2016	\$25.61	\$9.06	\$4.26	\$10.01	\$2.28

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

<u>MAP/LOT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
P11-003	Town Hall, 25 Main Street Fire Station, 10 Mechanic Street Highway Garage, 16-18 Mechanic Street
P11-031	Police Station, 11 Mechanic Street
P11-026	Lancaster EMS Building, 19 Mechanic Street
P06-082	Weeks Memorial Library, 128 Main Street
R13-063	Water Treatment Plant, 300 Pleasant Valley Road
P06-051	Col. Town Recreation, 16 High Street
R13-031	Col. Town Community Camp, 38 Community Camp Road
R09-068	Transfer Station, 121 Water Street Main Pump Station, 60 Heath Street
R09-065	Lagoons & Chlorine Building, 140 & 150 Water Street
R10-065	Salt Shed & Reservoir, 106 Prospect Street
R01-019	Water Tank, Industrial Park Road
R01-017	Pump Station, 673 Main Street
P01-004	Pump Station, 458 Main Street
P07-070	Pump Station, 55-59 Middle Street
R11-055	Pump Station, 55 Grange Road Pump Station, North Road Pump Station, Indian Brook, Summer Street
P06-043	Wilder Cemetery, Main Street
P06-070	Summer Street Cemetery, 89 Summer Street
R28-004	Martin Meadow Pond Cemetery, Martin Meadow Pond Road
P06-001	Centennial Park, Main Street
P06-048	Cross Park, Main Street
P11-035	Soldier Park, Main Street
P07-085	Drew Park, 109 Main Street
P07-004	Municipal Parking Lot, Main Street
P07-120	Municipal Parking Lot, Bunker Hill Street
P05-058	Summer Street Cemetery Entrance
P07-005	Welcome Center, 25 Park Street
P07-019	Fire Museum, 30 Park Street
P12-023	Riverside Drive (Ice Retention Dam)
P14-028	Holton Park
P14-029	Holton Park
R01-015	Industrial Park
R01-048	Pines, Main Street
R04-006	Island in Israel River
R04-008	Main Street – B&M RR
R04-034	School Street, behind Courthouse
R05-001	Town Forest, Causeway Street
R10-032	Riverside Drive
R11-056	Grange Road
R26-027	111 Martin Meadow Pond Boat Access
P06-071	Summer Street (Cemetery)
P14-037	Holton Park
R12-001	Pleasant Valley Road
P05-023	59 Depot Street
R17-043-PM-87	87 Rogers Campground Road
P11-005	22 Mechanic Street
P06-059	55 Summer Street

INVENTORY OF MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT

HIGHWAY

1965 Joy Compressor
1985 Eager Beaver Roller SRH300
1989 Mobil Street Sweeper
1992 Compactor
1993 Homemade Cold Patch Trailer
2003 Power Eagle Pressure Washer
2003 Chevrolet K2500 Pickup
2005 International 7400 Dump Truck
2005 Exmark Mower
2009 Sterling L8500 Dump Truck
2009 Sterling 1½ ton Dump Truck
2010 Case 621EXT Loader
2010 Sterling Dump Truck
2010 John Deere Excavator
2011 HUDS Trailer
2013 John Deere Loader/Backhoe
2014 Holder Sidewalk Plow
2014 Wells Cargo Trailer
2015 John Deere Grader
2017 Western 4700SF Dump Truck
- 5000 Watt Generator

WATER & SEWER

1994 Power Jet Sewer Machine
1994 Trench Box
1995 Load Rite Trailer
2000 Mack Dump Truck
2002 Muffin Auger Monster
2003 Wells Utility Trailer
2009 Ford F350 Pickup
2010 Ingersoll Air Compressor
2013 Ford F250 Pickup

CEMETERY

1991 John Deere Tractor
2013 Gravely Mower
2016 Gravely Mower

TOWN OFFICE

2013 Ford Taurus

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1930 Hose Cart
1934 Maxim Pumper
1984 Snowcraft Trailer
1996 Carmate Trailer
1998 Freightliner Rescue Van
2002 Polaris 6x6
2003 Newman Pumper
2008 Ingersoll Rand Light Tower
2009 Ford Expedition
2009 Newman Ladder Truck
2010 Ford E350 Van Ambulance
2011 International Tanker
2011 Ford E450 Ambulance
2012 Ford E450 Ambulance
2013 Ford E450 Ambulance
2013 HME Pumper
2016 Ford F250 Pickup
2017 Ford E350 Ambulance

TRANSFER STATION

2004 MSW Trash Compactor
2005 Volvo L50E Wheel Loader
2009 Bobcat Skidsteer
2011 Demogrinder
2012 Glass Pulverizer
- Box Trailers (13 units)
- Balers (4)
- Oil Filter Crusher
- Waste Oil Furnace

POLICE

2013 Ford Expedition – Cruiser
2015 Ford Expedition – Cruiser
2017 Ford Expedition – Cruiser
2010 Box Utility Trailer

COL. TOWN RECREATION

1987 Ford Tractor
2003 GMC 2500 Pickup
2007 Polaris Sportsman
2010 Exmark Mower
2010 Kioti CK30 Tractor

TOWN OF LANCASTER

FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

DETAILED STATEMENT OF REVENUES:

	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>	<u>UNDER (OVER)</u>
<u>Taxes:</u>			
Property Tax	\$ -	\$ 6,838,767.15	(\$6,838,767.15)
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 72,000.00	\$ 95,728.30	(\$23,728.30)
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$5,000.00
Yield Taxes	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,714.87	(\$714.87)
Interest & Penalties	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 107,263.33	(\$32,263.33)
Excavation Tax	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,183.14	(\$183.14)
Total Taxes	\$ 172,000.00	\$ 7,062,656.79	(\$6,890,656.79)
<u>Intergovernmental Revenues:</u>			
Highway Block Grants	\$ 98,741.00	\$ 106,978.24	(\$8,237.24)
State & Federal Forest Lands	\$ 3,759.00	\$ 4,154.00	(\$395.00)
Railroad Tax	\$ -	\$ 196.16	(\$196.16)
Room & Meals Tax	\$ 170,235.00	\$ 183,103.32	(\$12,868.32)
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 272,735.00	\$ 294,431.72	(\$21,696.72)
<u>Special Grants for Projects:</u>			
LCHIP	\$ -	\$ 200.00	(\$200.00)
Emergency Management/Supp Plan	\$ -	\$ 44,540.27	(\$44,540.27)
250th Anniversary Celebration	\$ -	\$ 163.50	(\$163.50)
Summer Street Project	\$ -	\$ 236,238.14	(\$236,238.14)
Hazard Mitigation Plan Update	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	(\$6,000.00)
Lighting Rebate	\$ -	\$ 725.00	(\$725.00)
Solar Project	\$ -	\$ 252,722.01	(\$252,722.01)
Fire--Equipment	\$ -	\$ 326,343.55	(\$326,343.55)
Fire--Radio Enhancement Project	\$ -	\$ 4,185.00	(\$4,185.00)
Total Special Grants	\$ -	\$ 871,117.47	(\$871,117.47)
<u>Income from Departments:</u>			
Motor Vehicle Permits Fees	\$ 502,157.00	\$ 611,783.66	(\$109,626.66)
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 28,857.00	\$ 31,601.76	(\$2,744.76)
Town Office Revenues	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,050.99	(\$50.99)
Lancaster Conservation Commission	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$1,000.00
Martin Meadow Pond Dam	\$ -	\$ 34,200.00	(\$34,200.00)
Planning & Zoning	\$ 2,650.00	\$ 1,538.27	\$1,111.73
Police Department	\$ 14,100.00	\$ 3,387.98	\$10,712.02
Police--Lancaster Fair	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 19,375.44	\$2,624.56

EMS/Fire Department	\$ 900,000.00	\$ 964,499.27	(\$64,499.27)
Highways & Streets	\$ 500.00	\$ 15.00	\$485.00
Solid Waste--CD	\$ 68,350.00	\$ 79,202.51	(\$10,852.51)
Pay-As-You-Throw Bags	\$ 80,658.00	\$ 74,227.50	\$6,430.50
Water Department	\$ 493,181.00	\$ 479,597.83	\$13,583.17
Sanitation Department	\$ 372,549.00	\$ 426,151.25	(\$53,602.25)
Lancaster Municipal Cemeteries	\$ 37,100.00	\$ 43,285.14	(\$6,185.14)
William D. Weeks Memorial Library	\$ 21,554.00	\$ 36,319.41	(\$14,765.41)
Col. Town Spending Committee	\$ 254,852.00	\$ 254,852.00	\$0.00
Motor Vehicle Waste Fees Fund	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 9,743.66	(\$1,643.66)
5 Cents Cans	\$ 6,475.00	\$ 7,199.00	(\$724.00)
Total Income from Departments	\$ 2,817,083.00	\$ 3,080,030.67	(\$262,947.67)

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Insurance	\$ -	\$ 3,971.30	(\$3,971.30)
Interest	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,799.01	\$200.99
Notes & Bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00
Sale of Town Property	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$2,000.00
Sale of Town Equipment	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 411.00	\$589.00
Sale of Town Timber	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00
Capital Reserve Funds	\$ 202,000.00	\$ 226,918.00	(\$24,918.00)
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 209,000.00	\$ 235,099.31	(\$26,099.31)

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS & REVENUES	\$ 3,470,818.00	\$ 11,543,335.96	(\$8,072,517.96)
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DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES:

	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>	<u>UNDER (OVER)</u>
<u>General Government:</u>			
Executive	\$ 90,635.00	\$ 91,922.00	(\$1,287.00)
Election, Registration & Vital	\$ 55,719.00	\$ 54,182.97	\$1,536.03
Financial Administration	\$ 295,398.00	\$ 279,018.44	\$16,379.56
Legal Expenses	\$ 60,500.00	\$ 11,031.48	\$49,468.52
Personnel Administration	\$ 786,184.00	\$ 762,937.53	\$23,246.47
Fire Dept Grants--Forestry	\$ -	\$ 1,064.91	(\$1,064.91)
Fire Dept Grants--Radio Enhancement Pj	\$ -	\$ 177,192.95	(\$177,192.95)
Special Grants--Emergency Management	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	(\$4,000.00)
Special Grants--Lanc Historical Society	\$ -	\$ 750.00	(\$750.00)
Special Grants--Hazard Mitigation	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	(\$3,000.00)
Special Grants--Small Business Loans	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	(\$25,000.00)
Special Grants--Surveillance Systems	\$ -	\$ 8,757.00	(\$8,757.00)
Planning & Zoning	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 12,465.61	\$534.39
General Government Buildings	\$ 45,200.00	\$ 44,460.12	\$739.88
Lancaster Municipal Cemeteries	\$ 55,308.00	\$ 73,138.08	(\$17,830.08)
Insurance & Bonds	\$ 130,636.00	\$ 141,020.64	(\$10,384.64)
Advertising & Regional Association	\$ 16,640.00	\$ 16,640.00	\$0.00
Total General Government	\$ 1,549,220.00	\$ 1,706,581.73	(\$157,361.73)

Public Safety:

Police Department	\$ 563,500.00	\$ 546,563.77	\$16,936.23
Police Department--Lancaster Fair	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 16,880.12	\$5,119.88
EMS/Fire Department	\$ 660,060.00	\$ 717,690.20	(\$57,630.20)
Safety Committee	\$ 107.00	\$ -	\$107.00
Total Public Safety	\$ 1,245,667.00	\$ 1,281,134.09	(\$35,467.09)

Highways & Streets:

Highways & Streets	\$ 768,552.00	\$ 741,711.27	\$26,840.73
Street Lighting	\$ 41,000.00	\$ 40,239.06	\$760.94
Total Highways & Streets	\$ 809,552.00	\$ 781,950.33	\$27,601.67

Solid Waste, Water & Sanitation Departments:

Solid Waste Collection	\$ 40,820.00	\$ 43,960.00	(\$3,140.00)
Solid Waste--MSW	\$ 80,658.00	\$ 76,908.83	\$3,749.17
Solid Waste--CD	\$ 201,825.00	\$ 204,458.95	(\$2,633.95)
Water Department	\$ 493,181.00	\$ 453,768.65	\$39,412.35
Sanitation Department	\$ 372,549.00	\$ 308,081.16	\$64,467.84
Total Solid Waste, Water & Sewer Depts	\$ 1,189,033.00	\$ 1,087,177.59	\$101,855.41

Health Administration:

Health Officer & Expenses	\$ 900.00	\$ 800.00	\$100.00
Animal Control	\$ 600.00	\$ 80.00	\$520.00
Health Agencies & Hospitals	\$ 23,912.00	\$ 23,912.00	\$0.00
Total Health Administration	\$ 25,412.00	\$ 24,792.00	\$620.00

Welfare:

Town Welfare	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 38,842.27	\$11,157.73
Court Appointed Special Advocates	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$0.00
Tri-County Community Action	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 4,600.00	\$0.00
Caleb Caregivers	\$ 4,260.00	\$ 4,260.00	\$0.00
American Red Cross	\$ 1,533.00	\$ 1,533.00	\$0.00
Tri-Town Public Transit Route	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$0.00
Senior Wheels Demand Response	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$0.00
North Country Meals Program	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$0.00
Child Advocacy Center	\$ 3,280.00	\$ 3,280.00	\$0.00
Center of New Beginnings	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$0.00
Total Welfare	\$ 73,673.00	\$ 62,515.27	\$11,157.73

Culture & Recreation:

Motor Vehicle Waste Fees/5 Cents Cans	\$ 14,575.00	\$ 15,644.04	(\$1,069.04)
Lancaster Conservation Commission	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 990.00	\$2,010.00
Skating Rink	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,042.60	\$3,957.40

Col Town SC--Water	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 2,182.50	\$1,017.50
Col Town SC--Sewer	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,715.90	\$784.10
Col Town SC--Operating Expenses	\$ 84,092.00	\$ 84,091.58	\$0.42
Col Town Spending Committee	\$ 254,852.00	\$ 254,852.00	\$0.00
Mt. Prospect Ski Club	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$0.00
Park Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,336.84	(\$2,336.84)
Town Band	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$0.00
Patriotic Purposes	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$1,000.00
Town Events	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 742.52	\$2,257.48
Mt. Washington Regional Airport	\$ 4,691.00	\$ 4,691.00	\$0.00
William D. Weeks Memorial Library	\$ 262,202.00	\$ 261,660.78	\$541.22
Total Culture & Recreation	\$ 650,112.00	\$ 641,949.76	\$8,162.24

Debt Service:

Long Term Notes & Bonds (P/I)	\$ 21,704.00	\$ 21,704.36	(\$0.36)
Interest--Abatement	\$ -	\$ 87.74	(\$87.74)
Total Debt Service	\$ 21,704.00	\$ 21,792.10	(\$88.10)

Capital Outlay & Special Projects:

New Ambulance	\$ 97,500.00	\$ 97,105.43	\$394.57
H&S--Equipment	\$ 93,570.00	\$ 92,055.59	\$1,514.41
Police--New Cruiser	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 39,663.62	\$336.38
Martin Meadow Pond Dam	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 290,430.49	(\$265,430.49)
Summer Street Project	\$ -	\$ 55,881.79	(\$55,881.79)
Rotary Junction Project	\$ -	\$ 34.88	(\$34.88)
Solar PV Arrays	\$ 320,000.00	\$ 252,722.01	\$67,277.99
H&S--Dump Truck	\$ 177,000.00	\$ 176,918.00	\$82.00
H&S--Sidewalk Plow	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 132,554.00	\$7,446.00
Fire--forestry Support Vehicle	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$0.00
Backpack Feeding Program	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$0.00
Total Capital Outlay & Special Projects	\$ 918,870.00	\$ 1,163,165.81	(\$244,295.81)

Capital Reserve Funds:

Highway Department	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$0.00
EMS/Fire Department	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$0.00
Weeks Memorial Library	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$0.00
Lancaster Municipal Cemeteries	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$0.00
Total Capital Reserve Funds	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$0.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES

	<u>\$ 6,553,243.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,841,058.68</u>	<u>(\$287,815.68)</u>
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REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS FOR THE TOWN OF LANCASTER ON DECEMBER 31, 2016

Date Created	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Fund	How Invested	Principal Beginning Balance	New Funds Created	Withdrawals/ Bank fees	Principal Ending Balance	Income of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Income Balance End of Year	Cumulative Gain (Loss)	Total Principal & Interest
1914	Lyman Blandin Fund	Benefit of Needy	Invest	\$ 80,823.38	\$ -	\$ (821.83)	\$ 80,001.55	\$ 106,946.71	\$ 7,249.30	\$ (821.83)	\$ 113,374.18	\$ 45,536.07	\$ 238,911.80
1880	Cemetery Fund	Perpetual care	Invest	263,024.41	-	(1,154.94)	261,869.47	9,491.30	11,609.18	(11,602.77)	9,497.71	46,630.79	317,997.97
1926	Helen W C Denison Fund	Care of Cross Park	Invest	8,126.58	-	(70.19)	8,056.39	10,379.68	518.18	(70.19)	10,827.67	3,201.85	22,085.91
1932	Jas. L Dow Fund	Beauty Parks & Streets	Invest	7,249.58	-	(65.97)	7,183.61	10,162.67	486.51	(65.97)	10,583.21	2,988.42	20,755.24
1910	Historical Trust	Compile History of Town	Invest	1,199.30	-	(10.48)	1,188.82	1,564.62	76.01	(10.48)	1,630.15	465.95	3,284.92
1920	Emmon Smith Fund	Benefit of Needy	Invest	74,754.60	-	(409.36)	74,345.24	28,093.38	2,998.14	(409.36)	30,682.16	17,377.45	122,404.85
1918	Geo. M. Stevens Fund	Beauty Cemetery	Invest	190,604.49	-	(822.36)	189,782.13	7,754.99	8,628.22	(8,608.80)	7,774.41	31,635.08	229,191.62
1910	Library - Trust	Benefit Weeks Library	Invest	23,925.90	-	(104.99)	23,820.91	308.23	763.35	(624.27)	447.31	4,975.54	29,243.76
2008	Noyes Lecture Fund	Education	Invest	242,271.43	-	(1,089.02)	241,182.41	15,091.51	10,838.19	(16,786.25)	9,143.45	43,305.94	293,631.80
	Total Common Funds			\$ 891,979.67	\$ -	\$ (4,549.14)	\$ 887,430.53	\$ 189,793.09	\$ 43,167.08	\$ (38,999.92)	\$ 193,960.25	\$ 196,117.09	\$ 1,277,507.87
1935	Monahan Trust	Benefit of Public Nursing	Invest	\$ 1,071.60	\$ -	\$ (16.44)	\$ 1,055.16	\$ 3,262.17	\$ 122.41	\$ (16.44)	\$ 3,368.14	\$ 750.71	\$ 5,174.01
	Sub-total			\$ 1,071.60	\$ -	\$ (16.44)	\$ 1,055.16	\$ 3,262.17	\$ 122.41	\$ (16.44)	\$ 3,368.14	\$ 750.71	\$ 5,174.01
1998	C/R - Bridge Repair	Bridge Repair	ICS	\$ 219,245.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 219,245.90	\$ 2,096.95	\$ 221.84	\$ -	\$ 2,318.79	\$ -	\$ 221,564.69
1987	C/R - Industrial Dev	Business & Industry Dev	ICS	91,468.95	12,736.86	(25,000.00)	79,205.81	4,037.10	48.10	-	4,085.20	-	83,291.01
2007	C/R - Cemetery	Infrastructure Improvements	ICS	9,865.40	5,000.00	(14,680.00)	185.40	51.55	6.32	-	57.87	-	243.27
2008	C/R - Fire/EMS Fund	Purchase of Fire/EMS Equip	ICS	26,826.43	20,000.00	(25,000.00)	21,826.43	1,212.29	19.89	-	1,232.18	-	23,058.61
1980	C/R - Highway	Purchase Highway Equip	ICS	169,561.64	40,000.00	(176,918.00)	32,643.64	551.81	193.47	-	745.28	-	33,388.92
2007	C/R - Water System	Maintenance & Improvements	ICS	16,516.94	-	-	16,516.94	165.55	8.22	-	173.77	-	16,690.71
2014	C/R - Transfer Station Facility	Transfer Station addition	ICS	228,425.03	-	-	228,425.03	2,973.28	2,404.43	-	5,377.71	-	233,802.74
2001	C/R - Weeks Library	Building Repairs	ICS	68,043.21	5,000.00	-	73,043.21	222.00	35.58	-	257.58	-	73,300.79
2002	C/R - Police Dept.	Future Costs of Equip & Bldg	ICS	32,367.55	-	-	32,367.55	165.21	13.71	-	178.92	-	32,546.47
1980	C/R - Sanitation	Purchase Sanitation Equip	ICS	55,093.43	-	-	55,093.43	219.49	27.63	-	247.12	-	55,340.55
1993	C/R - Town Hall	Town Hall Improvement	ICS	141,811.00	-	-	141,811.00	13,535.88	155.36	-	13,691.44	-	155,502.44
1999	C/R - Town Reval	Future Revaluation	ICS	110,673.10	-	-	110,673.10	661.82	111.47	-	773.29	-	111,446.39
2001	C/R - Col. Town Spend	Capital Improvements	ICS	45,880.62	-	-	45,880.62	570.23	23.21	-	593.44	-	46,474.06
2001	C/R - PAYS Program	P-A-Y-T Program	ICS	6,000.00	-	-	6,000.00	2,471.84	4.14	-	2,475.98	-	8,475.98
1980	C/R - Water	Purchase Water Dept Equip	MMA	240.52	-	-	240.52	0.51	-	-	0.51	-	241.03
	Sub-total of Town C/R's			\$ 1,222,019.72	\$ 82,736.86	\$ (241,598.00)	\$ 1,063,158.58	\$ 28,935.51	\$ 3,273.57	\$ -	\$ 32,209.08	\$ -	\$ 1,095,367.66
1984	WMRHS - Scholarships	Scholarships	Invest	\$ 14,885.06	\$ 6,328.00	\$ (793.28)	\$ 20,419.78	\$ 158,427.68	\$ 6,814.12	\$ (12,757.90)	\$ 152,503.90	\$ 45,690.25	\$ 218,613.93
1915	Sally Falkenham	Scholarships	Invest	27,214.96	-	(130.44)	27,084.52	3,521.51	922.76	(3,130.44)	1,313.83	6,663.85	35,062.20
2004	Chapin C Brooks Fund	Benefit of Lancaster School	Invest	7,302.13	-	(36.27)	7,265.86	2,992.41	264.32	(36.27)	3,220.46	(73.11)	10,413.21
2004	Hancock Library Fund	Benefit Library at LES	Invest	50,940.58	-	(183.60)	50,756.98	1,135.25	1,337.24	(183.60)	2,288.89	(379.09)	52,666.78
1998	C/R - Road & Drive Repair	Road/Drive Repair - District	ICS	96,744.95	-	(88,620.00)	8,124.95	205.09	37.95	-	243.04	-	8,367.99
2011	C/R - Athletic Fields	Field Upgrades	ICS	75,000.00	-	-	75,000.00	191.97	37.65	-	229.62	-	75,229.62
1994	C/R - Bldg/Grnds Maint.	School Bldgs Grnds Maint.	ICS	318,249.93	68,915.59	-	387,165.52	4,463.22	375.22	-	4,838.44	-	392,003.96
1987	C/R - Forestry	Develop Land	ICS	14,587.88	-	-	14,587.88	48.46	7.31	-	55.77	-	14,643.65
1998	C/R - School Plow Veh	Purchase Plow Equipment	ICS	35,949.93	-	-	35,949.93	114.31	18.00	-	132.31	-	36,082.24
2009	C R Arthur T. Paradiice	Career & Technical	ICS	34,603.81	18,460.83	-	53,064.64	90.97	24.13	-	115.10	-	53,179.74
	Sub-total of School Funds			\$ 675,479.23	\$ 93,704.42	\$ (89,763.59)	\$ 679,420.06	\$ 171,190.87	\$ 9,838.70	\$ (16,088.21)	\$ 164,941.36	\$ 51,901.90	\$ 896,263.32
	FUNDS			\$ 2,790,550.22	\$ 176,441.28	\$ (335,927.17)	\$ 2,631,064.33	\$ 393,181.64	\$ 56,401.76	\$ (55,104.57)	\$ 394,478.83	\$ 248,769.70	\$ 3,274,312.86
	Investments			1,599,438.00									
	ICS/MMA Accounts			1,674,874.86									
				<u>3,274,312.86</u>									

TOWN OF LANCASTER, NH

Treasurer's Report

December 31, 2016

ACCOUNT BALANCES 01.01.2016

General Fund	\$	369,712.65	
ICS Account	\$	2,877,846.20	
MBIA General Fund	\$	1,197.96	
Motor Vehicle Waste Fees	\$	30,599.54	
Municipal Cemeteries	\$	29,793.24	
Municipal Cemeteries Equipment	\$	2,679.99	
Payroll Account	\$	7,503.09	
Police Activities Fund	\$	1,853.31	
Summer Street Project	\$	-	
Electronic Payment Account	\$	500.00	
Farmers' Market Fund	\$	-	
TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCES 01.01.2016			\$ 3,321,685.98

RECEIPTS/TRANSFERS 2016

General Fund	\$	16,855,105.52	
ICS Account	\$	5,403,917.02	
MBIA General Fund	\$	6.26	
Motor Vehicle Waste Fees	\$	11,025.99	
Municipal Cemeteries	\$	43,682.44	
Municipal Cemeteries Equipment	\$	2.70	
Payroll Account	\$	2,249,039.68	
Police Activities Fund	\$	-	
Summer Street Project	\$	236,238.14	
Electronic Payment Account	\$	249,773.59	
Farmers' Market Fund	\$	-	
TOTAL RECEIPTS/TRANSFERS 2016			\$ 25,048,791.34

EXPENDITURES/TRANSFERS 2016

General Fund	\$	(16,950,738.77)	
ICS Account	\$	(5,100,000.00)	
MBIA General Fund	\$	-	
Motor Vehicle Waste Fees	\$	(15,643.73)	
Municipal Cemeteries	\$	(19,853.83)	
Municipal Cemeteries Equipment	\$	-	
Payroll Account	\$	(2,248,593.92)	
Police Activities Fund	\$	-	
Summer Street Project	\$	(236,238.14)	
Electronic Payment Account	\$	(249,773.59)	
Farmers' Market Fund	\$	-	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/TRANSFERS 2016			\$ (24,820,841.98)

ACCOUNT BALANCES 12.31.2016

\$ 3,549,635.34

Respectfully submitted,
Ann M. Huddleston, Treasurer

STATEMENT OF BOND DEBT

WATER FILTRATION PLANT

2.0386 percent
\$2,000,000.00

Amount of Original Note

Payable to: New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank

<u>Maturities</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
February 2017	73,000.00	15,925.00
August 2017		14,465.00
February 2018	76,000.00	14,465.00
August 2018		12,565.00
February 2019	79,000.00	12,565.00
August 2019		10,985.00
February 2020	83,000.00	10,985.00
August 2020		9,325.00
February 2021	87,000.00	9,325.00
August 2021		7,150.00
February 2022	91,000.00	7,150.00
August 2022		4,875.00
February 2023	96,000.00	4,875.00
August 2023		2,475.00
February 2024	99,000.00	2,475.00
	\$684,000.00	\$139,605.00

COL. TOWN POOL

4.09 percent
\$245,624.34

Amount of Original Note

Payable to: Passumpsic Savings Bank

<u>Maturities</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
January 2017	8,152.83	2,699.35
July 2017	8,362.20	2,489.98
January 2018	8,493.34	2,358.84
July 2018	8,704.06	2,148.12
January 2019	8,847.92	2,004.26
July 2019	9,060.05	1,792.13
January 2020	9,217.15	1,635.03
July 2020	9,422.89	1,429.29
January 2021	9,601.47	1,250.71
July 2021	9,816.60	1,035.58
January 2022	10,001.83	850.35
July 2022	10,218.55	633.63
January 2023	10,418.74	433.44
July 2023	10,603.88	215.06
	\$130,921.51	\$20,975.77

WILLIAM D. WEEKS MEMORIAL LIBRARY2.4986 percent
\$650,000.00

Amount of Original Note

Payable to: New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank

<u>Maturities</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
February 2017		6,820.00
August 2017	25,000.00	6,820.00
February 2018		6,320.00
August 2018	26,000.00	6,320.00
February 2019		5,930.00
August 2019	27,000.00	5,930.00
February 2020		5,660.00
August 2020	28,000.00	5,660.00
February 2021		5,100.00
August 2021	29,000.00	5,100.00
February 2022		4,520.00
August 2022	30,000.00	4,520.00
February 2023		3,920.00
August 2023	31,000.00	3,920.00
February 2024		3,145.00
August 2024	33,000.00	3,145.00
February 2025		2,320.00
August 2025	34,000.00	2,320.00
February 2026		1,470.00
August 2026	36,000.00	1,470.00
February 2027		570.00
August 2027	38,000.00	570.00
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	\$337,000.00	\$91, 550

WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT BOND3.3896 percent
\$2,460,000.00

Amount of Original Note

Payable to: New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank

<u>Maturities</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
February 2017		41,187.50
August 2017	61,000.00	41,187.50
February 2018		39,967.50
August 2018	64,000.00	39,967.50
February 2019		39,007.50
August 2019	66,000.00	39,007.50
February 2020		38,347.50
August 2020	67,000.00	38,347.50
February 2021		37,007.50
August 2021	70,000.00	37,007.50
February 2022		35,607.50
August 2022	72,000.00	35,607.50
February 2023		34,167.50
August 2023	75,000.00	34,167.50
February 2024		32,292.50
August 2024	79,000.00	32,292.50

February 2025		30,317.50
August 2025	83,000.00	30,317.50
February 2026		28,242.50
August 2026	87,000.00	28,242.50
February 2027		26,067.50
August 2027	91,000.00	26,067.50
February 2028		24,702.50
August 2028	94,000.00	24,702.50
February 2029		22,352.50
August 2029	99,000.00	22,352.50
February 2030		19,877.50
August 2030	104,000.00	19,877.50
February 2031		17,277.50
August 2031	109,000.00	17,277.50
February 2032		14,552.50
August 2032	114,000.00	14,552.50
February 2033		12,700.00
August 2033	118,000.00	12,700.00
February 2034		9,750.00
August 2034	124,000.00	9,750.00
February 2035		6,650.00
August 2035	130,000.00	6,650.00
February 2036		3,400.00
August 2036	136,000.00	3,400.00
	<u>\$1,843,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,026,950.00</u>

WELFARE DEPARTMENT

The Town of Lancaster provides assistance to families and individuals with identified and verified needs as required by law.

The Basic Legal Duty

The basic local welfare duty is described in RSA 165:1, I, which says:

Whenever a person in any town is poor and unable to support himself, he shall be relieved and maintained by the overseers of public welfare of such town, whether or not he has a residence there.

This simple statement imposes substantial responsibilities. The word “whenever” means there is no time limit to the duty to assist. The word “shall” means that no municipality may treat the program as optional, even when the local budget for the task has been fully expended. The duty includes all persons, not just those who can be classed as a “resident.” The local welfare program truly constitutes the “safety net” for all persons in the state of New Hampshire.

There are many number of things a person or family may require in order to meet their basic needs. Sometimes, the question becomes: What must be done today so that this person or family has shelter, heat, lights, and food *today*? This is different from assistance programs based in federal or state helping agencies. Those programs have specific and limited responsibilities, and they have time to process applications. For example, Medicaid is only a medical assistance program, while Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) is limited to economic assistance. The local welfare official will deal with the full range of needs presented by an individual or a family, and must be prepared to respond promptly to those needs.

The amount spent in 2016 is as follows:

WELFARE ACCOUNTABILITY

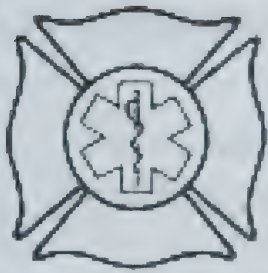
	Food	Rent	Fuel	Medical	Electric	Other	Total
January	\$140.00	\$1,677.00	\$209.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,170.95
February	\$70.00	\$1,160.00	\$173.90	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$1,703.90
March	\$70.00	\$2,399.31	\$365.00	\$554.88	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$4,139.19
April	\$120.00	\$1,700.00	\$225.00	\$169.45	\$334.00	\$0.00	\$2,548.45
May	\$225.00	\$4,038.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$305.00	\$0.00	\$4,568.00
June	\$70.00	\$3,143.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,243.00
July	\$145.00	\$3,115.15	\$0.00	\$10.95	\$132.44	\$0.00	\$3,403.54
August	\$395.00	\$75.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$328.75	\$0.00	\$798.96
September	\$240.00	\$53.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$575.49	\$300.00	\$1,168.49
October	\$335.00	\$5,028.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$474.30	\$0.00	\$5,837.30
November	\$200.00	\$3,153.55	\$764.72	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$4,518.27
December	\$20.00	\$390.55	\$744.65	\$13.30	\$521.11	\$0.00	\$1689.61
					Revenue	-\$416.00	
					Actual Expenditure	\$35,789.66	

The Town of Lancaster attempts to recover the monies whenever possible. Assisted individuals can be required to pay the monies back to the town. Assisted individuals can be required to participate in a workfare program in exchange for the assistance provided.

Respectfully submitted:

Edward Samson
Welfare Director





Lancaster Fire Department

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2016 Annual Report

2016 was a record breaking year for the Lancaster Fire Department. The EMS division experiences a significant incident increase to a total of 2020 incidents. This is a record for the department, with the highest being approximately 1700 incidents in a year.

At the Annual Awards Dinner, the following members were recognized for their years of service to the department: 5 years - Michael Brigati and Paul Ingersoll, 10 Years - Missy Medina and Mike Russell, 15 years - Trevor Bates, 20 Years - Steven Jones, 35 Years - Randy Flynn. Also, Ron Wert was awarded the 2016 EMS Attendant of the Year Award and Alex Kopp was awarded the Lt. Donald White Firefighter of the year Award. Brandon White was awarded the 2016 Explorer of the Year award.

During 2016 the department continued to offer free smoke detectors, which were originally purchased with grant funds. Please take a moment to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and check all your escape routes. Take time to have a fire drill at home!

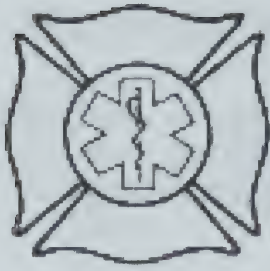
The members and officers of the Lancaster Fire Department would like to thank all the members of the community for the support that you have given to the Department over the past year. We are honored to serve the community of Lancaster and are very proud of the quality Department that you have allowed us to achieve.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Jones
Assistant Chief



Photos compliments of Jody Whiting



Lancaster Fire Department

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EMS

Medical	701
Transfers	1319

Total EMS Calls 2020

Lancaster	1417
Jefferson	67
Lunenburg	62
Gilman	27
Guildhall	17
Granby	2
Non-contractual	428

A1	670
A2	241
A3	829
A4	280

FIRE

Vehicle Fire	3
Chimney Fire	5
CO Alarm	3
EMS Assist	10
False Alarm	18
Good Intent	2
Haz-Mat	0
Mutual Aid	12
MVC	21
Other Rescue	1
Structure Fire	5
Wildland Fire	4

Total Fire Calls 87

Lancaster	63
Guildhall	4
Lunenburg	5
Whitefield	4
Groveton	2
Dalton	2
Jefferson	2
Stratford	5



Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

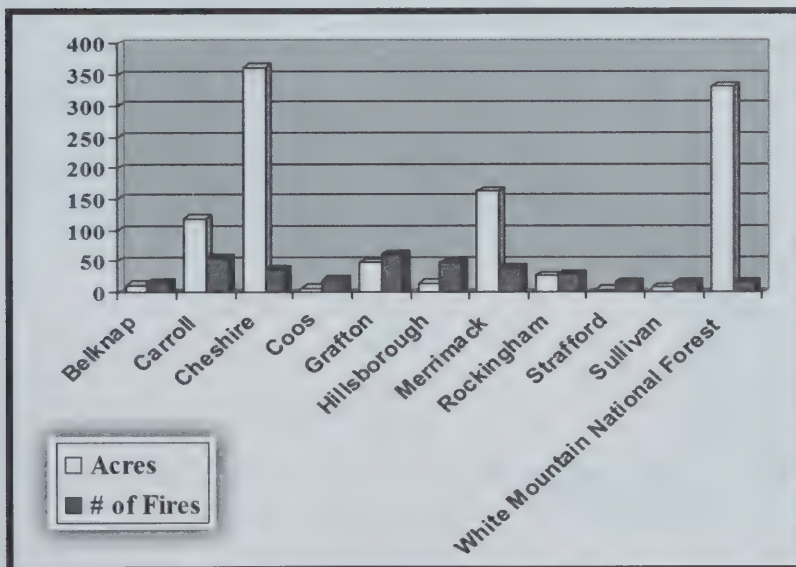
Over the past two years, New Hampshire has experienced its busiest fire seasons since 1989. 1,090 acres burned during the 2016 season. The White Mountain National Forest experienced its largest fire since becoming a National Forest, burning 330 acres in the town of Albany in November. Fires falling under state jurisdiction burned 759 acres, with the largest fire of 199 acres occurring in Stoddard. The extremely dry summer led to a busy fall fire season with large fires occurring into mid-November. Drought conditions hampered fire suppression efforts and extended the time needed to extinguish fires. Your local fire departments and the Division of Forests & Lands worked tirelessly throughout the year to protect homes and the forests. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on high fire danger days. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping many fires small due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire detection efforts were supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high.

Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2016 season threatened structures, and a few structures were burned, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

As we prepare for the 2017 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting www.NHfirepermit.com. The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services (DES). You are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-3503 or www.des.nh.gov for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdf.org.

2016 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 2016)



HISTORICAL DATA		
YEAR	NUMBER of FIRES	ACRES BURNED
2016	351	1090
2015	124	635
2014	112	72
2013	182	144
2012	318	206

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

(These numbers do not include the WMNF)

Arson	Debris Burning	Campfire	Children	Smoking	Railroad	Equipment	Lightning	Misc.*
15	85	35	10	12	2	18	9	148

(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES!

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

2016 Annual Report

2016 was another routine year for the Health Department. The majority of the complaints that we handled were tenant landlord disputes. In all cases we were able to work with both parties and bring the disputes to a peaceful resolution. We continued to work with the Fire Department to solve these problems from a safety and health situation.

We continue to investigate and enforce many state laws and administrative rules as they pertain to public health. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (603) 788-3221.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Jones
Health Officer



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SAMPLE BALLOT

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER

To vote, fill in the square(s) completely next to your choice(s), like this:
Write-In: To vote for a write-in candidate, write the person's name on the line provided and fill in the square.

NON-PARTISAN BALLOT TOWN OF LANCASTER, N.H. TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017

SELECTMAN:

3 years. Vote for not more than one.

Barry Crawford _____

David Stickney _____

EMMONS SMITH FUND:

3 years. Vote for not more than one.

Irene Schmidt _____

TREASURER:

3 years. Vote for not more than one.

Ann M Huddleston _____

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

3 years. Vote for not more than three.

Alan Cormier _____

Jon Gainer _____

TOWN CLERK:

3 years. Vote for not more than one.

Charity Blanchette _____

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS:

3 years. Vote for not more than one

COLTOWN SPENDING COMMITTEE:

3 years. Vote for not more than three.

Cindy Normandeau _____

Penelope A W Noyes _____

Brent Shallow _____

Joshua Smith _____

LIBRARY TRUSTEE:

3 years. Vote for not more than one.

Benjamin Gaetjens-Oleson _____

CEMETERY TRUSTEE:

3 years. Vote for not more than one.

Michael W Nadeau _____

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NON-PARTISAN BALLOT
TOWN OF LANCASTER, N.H.
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017

COL TOWN INVESTMENT COMMITTEE:

no term limit. Vote for not more than three.

Julie Aldrich _____

Cindy Normandeau _____

Tyler Rancourt _____

Dana Southworth _____

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF LANCASTER
LANCASTER TOWN WARRANT 2017

To the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Coos qualified to vote in town affairs, you are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, 25 Main Street, in said Lancaster on Tuesday the 14th day of March, at Eight O'clock in the forenoon to act upon the subjects hereinafter mentioned. The polls will be open at said meeting place on said date from Eight O'clock in the forenoon to act upon Article 1 by written ballot. The business meeting will be held at 7:30 P.M. at the above mentioned Town Hall to act upon the remaining articles.

ARTICLE 1: To choose One (1) Selectman for Three (3) years; One (1) Treasurer for Three (3) years; One (1) Town Clerk for Three (3) years; One (1) Trustee of Trust Funds for Three (3) years; One (1) Library Trustee for Three (3) years; One (1) Cemetery Trustee for Three (3) years; One (1) Emmons Smith Fund Committee member for Three (3) years; Three (3) Budget Committee members for Three (3) years; Three (3) Colonel Town Spending Committee members for Three (3) years; Three (3) Colonel Town Investment Committee members (no term limit).

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Million Seven Hundred Fifty One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty One Dollars (\$5,751,251.00)** which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include any other Warrant Articles.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00)** to be added to the following Capital Reserve Fund accounts previously established for the purpose and in the amounts indicated:

Highway	\$40,000
Fire Department	\$20,000
Library	\$ 5,000
Cemetery	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
Total	\$70,000

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ninety Three Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$93,570.00)** for the final payment on the three year lease/purchase agreement entered into in 2015 for a new grader with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Sixty Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00)** for the purchase of turn out gear for the Fire Department with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00)** for the purchase of a new pickup with plow for the Highway Department with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$190,000.00)** to pay the balance of the cost of installing solar PV arrays at the Transfer Station, Wastewater Treatment Lagoons and Wastewater Treatment Chlorinator Building with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00)** for the paving of Garland Road from Grange Road to Marshall Road, 1.5 miles, with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell certain Town owned property (land/building) shown on tax map P06, Lot 059 approx .18 acres located at 55 Summer Street. Said property will be sold by the Town on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem prudent with cost of survey and land transfer to be borne by the purchaser.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of RSA 79-E to allow the Board of Selectmen to accept for consideration requests for community revitalization tax relief incentives. Tax relief may be granted for a "qualifying structure" as defined by RSA 79-E:2, II, and only to the extent allowed under RSA 79-E.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)** for the support of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of New Hampshire.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Three Dollars (\$1,533.00)**, for the support of the American Red Cross.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00)** for the support of Tri-County Transit.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty One Dollars (\$5,921.00)** for the support of Northern Human Services/White Mountain Mental Health.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500.00)** for the support of the North Country Senior Meals Program.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Six Hundred Forty Dollars (\$1,640.00)**, \$.50 per capita, for the support of Northern Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)** to help support the Center for New Beginnings in Littleton, which provides counseling and mental health services to individuals throughout the North Country.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Thousand Six Hundred Ninety One Dollars (\$4,691.00)** for the Town's share of the operating budget for the Mt Washington Regional Airport for the current fiscal year.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00)** for the support of the Caleb Caregivers.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$4,600.00)** for the support of the Tri-County Community Contact programs.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800)** to assist with the cost of the weekend "Backpack" feeding program for twenty five (25) Lancaster Elementary School students which St Paul's Episcopal Church, 113 Main Street, Lancaster, NH, currently funds. This figure represents 10% of the cost of the food, and is operated by an all-volunteer group.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to adopt additional Veterans Property Tax Credit for Honorable Discharged Veterans in accordance with HB 430 in conjunction with NHRSA 72:28 "Veterans Tax Credit". (By Petition)

ARTICLE 23: We, the undersigned, support the request being made by Tri-County CAP, Inc, for Town of Lancaster funding in support of the Coos ServiceLink Resource Center in the amount of **Three Thousand Ninety Dollars, (\$3,090)**. (By Petition)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 24: To transact other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this _____ day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

/s/ _____
David Stickney

/s/ _____
Leo Enos

/s/ _____
Leon Rideout
Board of Selectmen, Lancaster, NH

A TRUE OF COPY OF WARRANT ATTEST:

/s/ _____
David Stickney

/s/ _____
Leo Enos

/s/ _____
Leon Rideout

Appropriations

Account Code	Description	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Enacting FY (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations Enacting FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Enacting FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Enacting FY (Not Recommended)
General Government								
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	02	\$90,635	\$91,922	\$91,535	\$0	\$91,535	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	02	\$55,719	\$54,183	\$53,269	\$0	\$53,269	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	02	\$295,398	\$279,018	\$306,878	\$0	\$306,878	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	02	\$60,500	\$11,031	\$45,500	\$0	\$45,500	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	02	\$786,184	\$982,703	\$853,400	\$0	\$853,400	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	02	\$13,000	\$12,466	\$13,000	\$0	\$13,000	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	02	\$45,200	\$44,460	\$45,200	\$0	\$45,200	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	02	\$55,308	\$73,138	\$51,025	\$0	\$51,025	\$0
4196	Insurance	02	\$130,636	\$141,021	\$150,251	\$0	\$150,251	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	02	\$16,640	\$16,640	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$0
4199	Other General Government	02	\$107	\$0	\$107	\$0	\$107	\$0
Public Safety								
4210-4214	Police	02	\$585,500	\$563,444	\$585,500	\$0	\$585,500	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	02	\$660,060	\$717,690	\$751,440	\$0	\$751,440	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center								
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$4,691	\$4,691	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets								
4311	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	02	\$768,552	\$741,711	\$814,002	\$0	\$814,002	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	02	\$41,000	\$40,239	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Sanitation								
4321	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection	02	\$40,820	\$43,960	\$46,800	\$0	\$46,800	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	02	\$282,483	\$281,368	\$286,715	\$0	\$286,715	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326-4329	Sewage Collection, Disposal and Other	02	\$14,575	\$15,644	\$14,575	\$0	\$14,575	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment								
4331	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric								
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health								
4411	Administration	02	\$900	\$800	\$900	\$0	\$900	\$0
4414	Pest Control	02	\$600	\$80	\$600	\$0	\$600	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	02	\$17,991	\$23,912	\$17,991	\$0	\$17,991	\$0
Welfare								
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	02	\$50,000	\$38,842	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other		\$30,394	\$24,473	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Culture and Recreation								
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	02	\$361,644	\$358,221	\$376,927	\$0	\$376,927	\$0
4550-4559	Library	02	\$262,202	\$261,661	\$262,202	\$0	\$262,202	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	02	\$4,000	\$743	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development								
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	02	\$3,000	\$990	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service								
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal		\$320,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	02	\$21,704	\$21,792	\$21,704	\$0	\$21,704	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay								
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$573,070	\$563,297	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$25,000	\$599,069	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out								
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$70,000	\$70,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer	02	\$372,549	\$308,081	\$375,321	\$0	\$375,321	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water	02	\$493,181	\$453,769	\$490,409	\$0	\$490,409	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Agency Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Proposed Appropriations			\$6,553,243	\$6,841,059	\$5,751,251	\$0	\$5,751,251	\$0

Special Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Enacting FY (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations Enacting FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Enacting FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Enacting FY (Not Recommended)
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	23	\$0	\$0	\$3,090	\$0	\$3,090	\$0
	Purpose: Coos ServiceLink Resource Center							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	03	\$0	\$0	\$70,000	\$0	\$70,000	\$0
	Purpose: Appropriate to Capital Reserve Funds							
	Special Articles Recommended		\$0	\$0	\$73,090	\$0	\$73,090	\$0

Individual Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Enacting FY (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations Enacting FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Enacting FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Enacting FY (Not Recommended)
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	16	\$0	\$0	\$1,640	\$0	\$1,640	\$0
	Purpose: Northern Gateway Chamber of Commerce							
4301-4309	Airport Operations	18	\$0	\$0	\$4,691	\$0	\$4,691	\$0
	Purpose: Mt Washington Regional Airport							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	15	\$0	\$0	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500	\$0
	Purpose: North Country Senior Meals Program							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	11	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
	Purpose: CASA							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	21	\$0	\$0	\$800	\$0	\$800	\$0
	Purpose: Backpack Feeding Program							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	14	\$0	\$0	\$5,921	\$0	\$5,921	\$0
	Purpose: Northern Human Services/White Mountain Mental Health							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	20	\$0	\$0	\$4,600	\$0	\$4,600	\$0
	Purpose: Tri County CAP							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	19	\$0	\$0	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000	\$0
	Purpose: Caleb Caregivers							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	13	\$0	\$0	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000	\$0
	Purpose: Tri-County Transit							

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4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	12	\$0	\$0	\$1,533	\$0	\$1,533	\$0
	Purpose: American Red Cross							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	17	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
	Purpose: Center for New Beginnings							
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	06	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000	\$0
	Purpose: New Pickup with Plow							
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	04	\$0	\$0	\$93,570	\$0	\$93,570	\$0
	Purpose: Payment on New Grader							
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	05	\$0	\$0	\$65,000	\$0	\$65,000	\$0
	Purpose: Purchase Turn Out Gear							
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	08	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000	\$0
	Purpose: Paving							
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	07	\$0	\$0	\$190,000	\$0	\$190,000	\$0
	Purpose: Solar Arrays							
Individual Articles Recommended				\$0	\$571,755	\$0	\$571,755	\$0

Revenues

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	02	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	02	\$19,715	\$15,000	\$15,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	02	\$95,728	\$80,000	\$80,000
3187	Excavation Tax	02	\$1,183	\$1,000	\$1,000
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	02	\$107,263	\$75,000	\$75,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	02	\$611,845	\$502,157	\$502,157
3230	Building Permits	02	\$580	\$700	\$700
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	02	\$31,615	\$28,857	\$28,857
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	02	\$183,103	\$183,103	\$183,103
3353	Highway Block Grant	02	\$106,978	\$106,978	\$106,978
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	02	\$4,154	\$4,154	\$4,154
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		\$196	\$0	\$0
3379	From Other Governments		\$871,118	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	02	\$184,167	\$190,075	\$190,075
3409	Other Charges	02	\$964,499	\$900,000	\$900,000
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	02	\$411	\$3,000	\$3,000
3502	Interest on Investments	02	\$3,799	\$4,000	\$4,000

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
3503-3509	Other	02	\$385,599	\$347,714	\$347,714
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)	02	\$426,151	\$375,321	\$375,321
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)	02	\$479,598	\$490,409	\$490,409
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$226,918	\$0	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	06, 04, 08, 05, 07	\$0	\$538,570	\$538,570
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$4,704,620	\$3,851,038	\$3,851,038

Budget Summary

Item	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Selectmen's Recommended Budget	Budget Committee's Recommended Budget
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$5,528,448	\$5,751,251	\$5,751,251
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	\$617,800	\$73,090	\$73,090
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	\$406,995	\$571,755	\$571,755
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$6,553,243	\$6,396,096	\$6,396,096
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$4,065,288	\$3,851,038	\$3,851,038
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$2,487,955	\$2,545,058	\$2,545,058

Budget Committee Supplemental Schedule

1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee		\$6,396,096
Less Exclusions:		
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	4711	\$0
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	4721	\$21,704
4. Capital outlays funded from Long-Term Bonds & Notes		\$0
5. Mandatory Assessments		\$0
6. Total Exclusions (<i>Sum of Lines 2 through 5 above</i>)		\$21,704
7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Line 1 less Line 6)		\$6,374,392
8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (<i>Line 7 x 10%</i>)		\$637,439
Collective Bargaining Cost Items:		
9. Recommended Cost Items (Prior to Meeting)		\$0
10. Voted Cost Items (Voted at Meeting)		\$0
11. Amount voted over recommended amount (<i>Difference of Lines 9 and 10</i>)		\$0
Mandatory Water & Waste Treatment Facilities (RSA 32:21):		
12. Amount Recommended (Prior to Meeting)		\$0
13. Amount Voted (Voted at Meeting)		\$0
14. Amount voted over recommended amount (<i>Difference of Lines 12 and 13</i>)		\$0
15. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted		\$0
Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted At Meeting: (Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 15)		
		\$7,033,535

LANCASTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

The 2016 year started with two major incidents that the Police Department responded to. First, the pharmacy at Rite Aid was robbed at knife point. Our Department responded and with the assistance of the Berlin Police Department we were able to identify and take the perpetrator into custody within 24 hours where he remained until sentenced to the NH State Prison. Two days later, the Department responded to a domestic violence call where shots were fired. The Department rapidly responded, securing a perimeter and evacuating neighbors to ensure their safety as well as keeping the shooter from escaping. Ultimately, the incident concluded with the only injured party being the perpetrator who took his own life prior to the NH State Police SWAT Team entering the home. The department also solved the burglary of Colonel Town and F.B. Spaulding and since the apprehension of the responsible individual, the Department has not received any further burglary complaints and fewer theft complaints.

Our officers responded to 4434 calls for service, which include reporting of offenses, motor vehicle accidents, motor vehicle lockouts, medical emergencies, deaths, disputes, fingerprint requests, animal complaints and a variety of other community policing activities. The department made 118 arrests comprised of offenses committed within our town as well as on warrants for pending charges brought by other law enforcement agencies. Seven individuals were indicted for felony offenses and of the seven, one remains awaiting disposition, one charge was nol prossed and the remaining five were sentenced to imprisonment, three to the NH State Prison and two to the Coos County House of Corrections. Additionally, 34 individuals were prosecuted for Class A misdemeanor offenses with 16 receiving stand committed sentences to the House of Corrections and the remaining receiving suspended or deferred sentences. The remaining 71 individuals were prosecuted for various Class B misdemeanor or violation level offenses, including 14 DWI offenses.

In addition to the annual Lancaster Fair, there were also two festivals hosted at Rogers Campground this year, specifically the Annual Porcupine Freedom Festival and Hemp Fest. Both events were well attended and occurred without any major incidents reported.

The department has continued to experience staffing changes with Officer Sean Rodden leaving the department due to relocating and Officer Benjamin Stewart being hired by the United States Secret Service. Officer Brian (Boo) Matson, who was raised in Jefferson, NH and served in the US military, joined the department and attended the NH Police Academy this past fall. The department also recently hired Rian Matthews, who grew up in Lancaster and is a graduate of Plymouth State University. Rian is currently attending the NH Police Academy and is expected to graduate in May, which will bring the department up to full staff.

The members of the Lancaster Police thank you for your continued support and ask members of the community to report any criminal or suspicious activity when observed.

Respectfully,

William H. Colborn
Chief of Police

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Many of you may already know that longtime Highway Foreman, Dennis Donnelly, retired from his position with the town after more than 30 years of service. I have been given the honor of replacing him as superintendent for a crew of excellent workers. Dennis has been a great leader for the department and we would certainly not be in the great position we are in now if not for his great skills and dedication. I appreciate everything Dennis has done for the town and look forward to continuing his work in the future.



2016 saw Lancaster's Highway Department taking a break from large road projects and, with other departments, used their extensive talents on installing PV solar arrays. The town's generous support at last year's Town Meeting laid the groundwork for a very ambitious project to install over 100kW of solar power at three town sites: the Transfer Station, Wastewater Lagoons and Wastewater Chlorinator Building. The project always anticipated utilizing town staff to do much of the work but the final tasks and quality of the work impressed even professional PV installers. Over 400 feet of solar panels were installed at the Wastewater Lagoon and each individual rack is lined up and level with the next. The other two at the Transfer Station and Chlorinator Building have the same quality in their final product and show the care this department and others of the town take when doing their jobs. While always evident when completing road repairs and rebuilds the fact that their skill can be transferred to something completely different with the same exceptional quality is a compliment and asset to Lancaster.

Although much of the department's staff and equipment was utilized with the solar project we were able to complete a much needed face-lift to one of the town's parks. Cross Park, located at the corner of Main and High Streets, celebrates one of Lancaster's heroes, Colonel Edward E. Cross. Colonel Cross led the 5th NH Volunteer Regiment during the Civil War and fought in some of the fiercest battles such as Antietam and Gettysburg where he was known as one of the hardest fighting officers in the army. The park that bears his name was in need of better landscaping and regrading of the hillside to allow better visibility from each street. Highway department men eased the slope of the banks along Main and High Streets, replaced overgrown trees and bushes and installed a new stockade fence along one side. The work completed may not be considered important but maintaining the beauty and respecting the history of Lancaster is of value to all that work for the town.

In addition to the special projects we complete there is never a shortage of regular maintenance on town roads and our important equipment. Roadside ditching is completed throughout the year to ensure stormwater runoff stays off the roads. Culverts are inspected, cleaned and replaced when necessary and dirt roads are regraded to allow better runoff and smoother ride. All this as well as most special project work is completed with department staff and equipment. Utilizing in-house staff and equipment saves the town money and brings an immense level of pride to the Highway Department.

I would like to offer my thanks to the men of the Highway Department for continuing their exceptional work ethic after I replaced Dennis Donnelly. I would also like to thank the residents and taxpayers of Lancaster for their continued support of our efforts. Not only is their patience at times of road work appreciated but also their support for that work, as it only benefits us all. I look forward to reporting similar good stories in years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Brown, Highway Foreman

December 8, 2005

The Town of Lancaster employs the following **inclement weather policy** (RSA 231:92-a): All sidewalks in Town will be maintained with the exception of the following:

Depot Street (from Wolcott Street to the end of Depot Street)
Elm Street (from Spring Street to Governor's Terrace)
Fletcher Street
Portland Street
Richardson Street
Water Street

The above sidewalks are not plowed due to width deficiencies or due to low priority use. Please note that sidewalk plowing, clearing, and sanding is the final priority in a storm event. Therefore, sidewalks will be plowed as soon as personnel are available after having cleared all primary and secondary roads and streets within Lancaster. In some cases, sidewalks will not be cleared until after a storm event has ended. Vehicles parked on the sidewalk will be ticketed and/or towed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Board of Selectmen
Lancaster



LANCASTER TRANSFER STATION

Annual Report for 2016

Thank you, again, to the great recyclers of Lancaster for helping us to have another good year. Some of the recycling prices are on a downhill slide because of the price of oil, but I believe they will stabilize and come back. Please notice that we still produce more recyclables than MSW. This year we should start seeing some revenues from the solar panels at the Recycling Center.

We had another good year in recycling, here are our numbers:

	Product	Tons	Pounds
#1	Corrugated Card Board	183	366,000
#2	News Paper	15.15	30,300
#3	Office Paper	15	30,000
#4	Low Grade Paper	84.5	169,000
#5	Tin Cans	10.3	20,600
#6	Aluminum Cans	4.98	9,960
#7	Plastic Jugs	13.85	27,700
#8	Plastic Bags & Junk Plastic	5.1	10,200
#9	Glass	140	280,000
#10	Tires	18.40	36,800
#11	Scrap Metal	104.81	209,620
#12	Compost	80	160,000
#13	Shingles	55	110,000
#14	Textiles	4	8,000
#15	Batteries	.80	1,600
#16	Electronics	16.2	32,400
#17	Used Oil for Heat	4	8,000
	Total	755.09	1,510,180

Municipal Solid Waste Shipped to Mt. Carberry Landfill 497.91 Tons

Demolition Waste Shipped to Mt. Carberry Landfill 561.49 Tons

497.91 tons of MSW divided 3300 residents divided by 365 days =
.82lbs of Trash per day for each residents of Lancaster.

755.09 tons of Recyclables divided 3300 residents divided by 365 days =
1.25 lbs. of Recyclables per day for each resident of Lancaster.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Dennis Patnoe Supervisor



LANCASTER WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Lagoon Wastewater Treatment Facility

E.P.A. # NH0100145

During the year 2016, the Lancaster Lagoon Treatment Facility operated efficiently, we experienced no major State or E.P.A. violations and continue to discharge quality treated wastewater as required by National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements. In 2016, the Lancaster Wastewater Facility treated and discharged 237,980,000 gallons of treated wastewater to the Connecticut River with an average discharge rate of 652,000 gallons per day. The months of February and March proved to be the highest effluent flow.

Grange Wastewater Treatment Facility

E.P.A. #NH0101249

The Grange Wastewater Facility serves 14 residential homes and discharged 1,202,000 gallons of treated wastewater into Otter Brook with an average discharge rate of 3,293 gallons per day (design flow 3,500 gpd), the months of November and December with the highest flow. Future plans are to continue to inspect the collection system for inflow and infiltration.

Lancaster Water Treatment Facility

E.P.A. #1291010

In 2016 the Lancaster Water Facility produced 131,007,930 gallons of water with an average flow rate of 358,925 gallons per day. The months of March and August were most demanding. The average annual fluoride concentration was 0.74mg/l and average chlorine residual was 0.95mg/l. The Water Facility experienced no water quality violations and continues to monitor and test for sources of problems and concerns. We are continuously providing superior, reliable and safe drinking water to the consumers of Lancaster.

Respectfully Submitted

Timmy J. Bilodeau
Chief Operator

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Although Lancaster was fortunate enough to not have experienced a severe disaster or emergency event their Emergency Management team was still busy. The emergency communications project to improve the coverage and consistency of the region's emergency services communications was completed and the results were better than anticipated. During testing it was discovered that the coverage area was far wider than hoped making for much safer conditions for our first responders. A continuation of this project is now in the works to upgrade the main terminal equipment in the region's dispatch center.

Lancaster did not see any major events to test their emergency management systems yet they continued to plan for the eventuality. Through much of the year members of Lancaster's police, fire, EMS and other departments as well as residents met to upgrade both the town's Emergency Operations and Hazard Mitigation plans. Both documents are important resources for the management team to refer to when responding to a disaster or emergency.

The Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) is a requirement which needs to be updated every 5 years. The plan identifies potential hazards within Lancaster and outlines possible mitigation strategies. Items identified in the plan give birth to larger projects to reduce the chances of the disaster happening. Without a current Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) the town would not qualify for FEMA disaster aid so its continual update is a necessity.

While its periodic update is not required an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) is just as important as an HMP. The EOP outlines the general response tasks emergency personnel are responsible for. Many people would be called upon in case of a severe emergency and having an outline for each one's responsibilities will help ensure a swift and orderly response to the emergency.

A critical element of any emergency response is identifying the town's most needy people. Knowing who requires oxygen or has a service animal is important when prioritizing evacuations or shelter placement. Creating a functional needs list for the emergency response team to refer to when needed could help save the lives of those in greater need. The functional needs form following this report is the first step in creating that list. If you or someone you know would require more immediate or special attention in case of a widespread emergency please complete the form and return it to the town office. Copies will also be available during election of town officers and on the town's website.

While no emergency drills were practiced in 2016 one is being planned for 2017. By partnering with the elementary school, hospital and nursing home, Lancaster's first responders get a more realistic opportunity to test their plans and skills. This collaboration is important to ensuring any weakness in response is identified and corrected as soon as possible. We try to organize a joint drill once a year to test various scenarios.

If anyone ever has questions about Lancaster emergency preparedness or would like to be considered as a volunteer when needed please contact me at 603-788-3391.

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin Gaetjens-Oleson
Emergency Management Director

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FUNCTIONAL NEEDS FORM

TOWN OF: LANCASTER, NH

Do you require assistance in an emergency? Filling out this form could provide emergency responders with valuable information that can help them better assist you at the time of an emergency.

Please fill out and return this form to the Lancaster Town Hall, ATTN: EMD soon as possible. If someone you know requires assistance during an emergency, please urge them to complete and return this form. This form should be filled out each year to keep our records up-to-date.

*This information will be kept confidential and is for local official use only. This information is being requested on a **volunteer** basis and is for informational purposes for town officials and emergency responders if needed. Submitting this form **does not represent a guarantee** of services based on specific needs, but may serve as a useful document at the time of an emergency.*

Yes/ I am the person who will need assistance during an emergency:

Relative/person we can notify to assist you in an emergency:

Name:

Name:

Address:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

City/State/Zip:

Phone (Home):

Phone (Home):

Phone (Cell):

Phone (Cell):

Email:

Phone (Work):

Please mark an "X" in EACH box that applies to your needs:

Mobility & Transportation Issues

- I have significant mobility issues
- I must use a wheelchair to get around
- I must use a walker/cane to get around
- I will need special assistance to evacuate my home as I am a person of size
- I will need wheelchair accessible transportation to successfully evacuate
- I will need an ambulance to successfully evacuate

Medical Issues

- I require the use of oxygen
- I have hearing difficulties; my TTY number is _____
- I have special dietary needs

Other

- I do not speak English
- I have a service animal; he/she is a _____ and weighs _____ pounds

COLONEL TOWN RECREATION

There were many improvements made to the facilities and grounds in 2016. A new sign was put out front, which was purchased with funds donated by the Lou Leaver Memorial Fund. Bill Grady was a huge help, setting up the sign's electrical wiring, as well as offering a generous deal on the whole project. The stairs near the front entrance were also redone, and we would like to thank Whipple Masonry. They did an awesome job fixing the steps. The carpeting in various parts of the building, including the hallways, stairs, and office spaces, were replaced. It looks so much nicer! Likewise, the tennis courts were completely repainted and resurfaced using money from the Lou Leaver Memorial Fund.

The seasonal activities continued to do well. In addition to the annual Father/Daughter Dance (which was as popular as ever, thanks in large part to the help of Zac Colby, who did a wonderful job as the DJ for the fifth year in a row), we also hosted the 2nd Annual

Mother/Son Movie Night. There were cool prizes and "movie-style" food options available (popcorn, hot dogs, cotton candy, etc.) at the event. It was definitely a fun time for everyone! The Halloween Carnival was also an exciting evening, with the kids enjoying numerous new games.

Unfortunately, one of the Carnival's most treasured activities—the bouncy house—will no longer be available due to safety and insurance concerns. This year's annual Bonnet Parade and Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Rotary Club, was very well attended, as was the annual window painting contest. Thank you to David Fuller, the owner of the Rialto Theatre, for sponsoring the event. Also, a new painting activity was offered this year; Gail Betts threw the first "Paint Night" at Colonel Town in December, and it was a blast! Participants were encouraged to talk, laugh, and relax while painting with friends and loved ones. We look forward to hosting this event again at later dates.

Safe Haven had a particularly successful summer, as children enjoyed a variety of activities and local field trips due to the generosity of many people and local businesses. Specifically, this was one of Safe Haven's most lucrative years in terms of attendance, with over 90 different children appearing at least once during the summer. These high numbers seem to have also boosted Safe Haven's attendance for the regular school year, with 27 kids now coming on a consistent basis. This is a huge increase from last year, and we hope that these numbers continue to rise. We accepted four-year-old children for the first time ever, and it worked out wonderfully. Also, a few different locations were added to the trip schedule for the kids during the summer, including Storyland and Fort Jefferson. Thank you to Lancaster Dental and Berlin City Auto Group for paying the bus fees for some of these trips.

We had a tremendous turnout for our seasonal sports. During the soccer season, over 110 children between the ages of three and twelve participated in Colonel Town programs. We would like to express gratitude to all the soccer sponsors, including Shippee Family



Eye Care, Fitch Fuel, and Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank. For basketball, it was a very successful year. Over 120 children were signed up, and amazingly, 70 of those kids were eight years old or younger, which bodes well for the future of basketball at Colonel Town. Furthermore, the 5/6 Boys went undefeated in both regular season games and tournament games, winning all six tournaments they entered and finishing with an impressive 44-0 record overall. Not only did the boys demonstrate great sportsmanship throughout the entire season, but they also showed why basketball requires a “team effort,” always working together and sharing the credit. Similarly, the 5/6 Girls finished their season on a strong note, winning the Bob Lowe Tournament and earning second place at the St. Johnsbury Rotary Tournament. Start Smart Basketball and Kids Gym were also quite popular this year. We were pleased that these programs were so well-attended and received by parents, because they offer an essential introduction to a child’s future athletic career. Thank you, once again, to Passumpsic Savings Bank for sponsoring basketball this year. As for baseball and softball programs, the Great North Woods (consisting of boys between the ages of eleven and twelve) did an awesome job, winning the District Tournament and playing competitively at States. Thank you to our many baseball and softball team sponsors, including North Country Ford, Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank, Schurman Motor Co., Shippee Family Eye Care, Berlin City Auto Group, AMS, Fitch Fuel, VFW, Lancaster Rotary, McDonald’s, and George M. Stevens.



Scott Kleinschrodt led another successful season of wrestling, and his dedication to the program is undeniable, as evidenced by the fact that his numbers keep growing. Last year, 27 kids participated in wrestling, and this year, the number was up to 30. Our seasonal gymnastics program was also extremely popular, and instructor Jackie Schanlaber always does a terrific job teaching the fundamentals to the kids. Jackie has also created a faithful following at her Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday fitness classes. Seniors on the Move, taught by Kelly Brooks, continues to grow as well. Last year, Seniors on the Move averaged between 45 and 50 participants, while this year, that number has increased to between 60 and 70! Both Kelly and Jackie always do a great job keeping their classes fun and engaging for the people involved, and we feel very lucky to have them. Nick Lawrence helped create three new adult sport leagues this year—basketball, softball, and flag football—and he did an excellent job organizing, coordinating, and overseeing these programs. We wish Nick lots of luck at his job as a recreational specialist at the Manchester Job Corps.

A special thanks to all the volunteers that assisted in the maintenance of the community camp, which was rented out nearly every weekend. Many events took place there, including several birthday parties, weddings, and reunions, as well as a visit by Safe Haven kids, who learned survival skills while in the woods. There was also some great fishing at the camp, as the pond was stocked with trout. During the fall season, the community camp function hall will not be available due to ongoing repairs, but the nine

grille sites will still be available for use. The gym and the parlor were also rented out numerous times this year for benefits, fundraisers, and other small events.

It can't be said enough – volunteers are crucial to our organization's success. This year's Volunteer of the Year is awarded to a man who has strived his whole life to make Colonel Town a better place for everyone: Richard (Dick) McGinnis. Dick has dedicated countless hours to this recreation, and as a member of the Spending Committee for over a decade, he epitomizes the phrase "lifetime volunteer." Dick has personally solicited donations from businesses on behalf of Colonel Town, and he has donated his own money to our recreation so that we could acquire big ticket items, such as a new copy machine and car. As if personally spending one's own hard-earned time and money was not enough, Dick also always volunteers at a variety of Colonel Town functions, including the Father/Daughter Dance, Halloween Carnival, and tournaments. Most importantly, we greatly admire his positive spirit and sportsmanship at all sporting events. Thank you, Dick! We will truly miss you.

In closing, we would like to thank all the staff that work so hard to make Colonel Town the best place it can be. We would also like to extend a big thank you to all the volunteers, coaches, and program leaders for another incredible year. Many of our programs, camps, and teams couldn't survive without your commitment!

Respectfully submitted,
Edward & Denise Wood,
Directors



**“It’s Not Me.
It’s Not You.
It’s Us!!!”**



Colonel Town Recreation 2017 Proposed Budget

	2014 Budget	2014 Actual	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Proposed	Amount of Difference	% of Difference
INCOME									
Fees									
Community Camp Fees	2,000.00	2,620.00	2,750.00	1,510.00	2,000.00	2,588.00	2,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
Facility Fees	3,200.00	1,771.00	2,000.00	2,290.00	2,000.00	2,437.00	2,200.00	\$ 200.00	10.0%
Pool Fees	14,000.00	12,009.50	12,500.00	13,044.50	12,750.00	11,698.00	12,000.00	\$ (750.00)	-5.9%
Program Fees	43,665.00	37,877.96	38,000.00	45,246.60	41,200.00	46,984.66	44,000.00	\$ 2,800.00	6.8%
Safe Haven Tuition	42,500.00	47,340.26	47,500.00	59,507.12	57,000.00	69,960.00	63,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	10.5%
Total Fees	105,365.00	101,618.72	102,750.00	121,598.22	114,950.00	133,667.66	123,200.00	\$ 8,250.00	7.2%
Miscellaneous Income									
Banner Advertisements	3,200.00	2,000.00	3,200.00	3,675.00	3,200.00	2,525.00	3,200.00	\$ -	0.0%
Capital Reserve Funds Transfer	0.00	0.00	0.00	36,353.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ -	0.0%
Checking Interest	45.00	16.88	15.00	6.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ -	0.0%
Donations	3,500.00	1,725.00	3,500.00	411.72	1,402.06	7,368.88	1,500.00	\$ 97.94	7.0%
Fuel Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,840.15	0.00	\$ -	0.0%
Merchandise for Sale	1,500.00	390.16	1,000.00	385.00	1,000.00	1,751.50	1,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
Pool Training Reimbursement	800.00	895.00	800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ -	0.0%
Snack Bar Income	9,200.00	6,818.58	8,000.00	10,509.40	8,500.00	11,053.23	9,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	11.8%
Total Miscellaneous Income	18,245.00	11,845.62	16,515.00	51,341.15	14,102.06	28,538.76	15,200.00	\$ 1,097.94	7.8%
Town Funding									
Operating Income	69,090.57	69,091.00	84,091.58	84,091.58	84,091.58	84,091.58	89,920.72	\$ 5,829.14	6.9%
Sewer	3,000.00	2,435.25	2,500.00	2,304.15	2,500.00	1,715.90	2,500.00	\$ -	0.0%
Water	3,700.00	2,943.75	3,200.00	2,751.25	3,200.00	2,182.50	3,200.00	\$ -	0.0%
Total Town Funding	75,790.57	74,470.00	89,791.58	89,146.98	89,791.58	87,989.98	95,620.72	\$ 5,829.14	6.5%
Trust Income									
Trust Income	110,000.00	108,000.00	112,816.65	118,816.65	132,177.00	132,177.75	131,734.38	\$ (442.62)	-0.3%
Total Trust Income	110,000.00	108,000.00	112,816.65	118,816.65	132,177.00	132,177.75	131,734.38	\$ (442.62)	-0.3%
TOTAL INCOME	309,400.57	295,934.34	321,873.23	380,903.00	351,020.64	382,374.15	365,755.10	14,734.46	4.2%

Colonel Town Recreation 2017 Proposed Budget

	2014 Budget	2014 Actual	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Proposed	Amount of Difference	% of Difference
EXPENSE									
Administrative Expenses									
Audit Fee	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	\$ -	0.0%
Office Supplies	2,400.00	2,393.81	2,400.00	2,605.36	2,400.00	3,116.19	2,600.00	\$ 200.00	8.3%
Postage and Delivery	450.00	449.98	450.00	444.45	450.00	438.43	450.00	\$ -	0.0%
Rec./Conf. Meetings	700.00	671.00	700.00	240.00	700.00	865.00	700.00	\$ -	0.0%
Software and Processing Fees	500.00	473.95	500.00	648.95	3,000.00	3,955.91	4,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	33.3%
Telephone	1,850.00	2,170.07	2,184.00	1,992.56	2,184.00	2,103.76	2,184.00	\$ -	0.0%
Web Site	2,775.00	3,194.83	2,775.00	3,265.40	1,650.00	1,135.00	1,650.00	\$ -	0.0%
Total Administrative Expenses	9,475.00	10,153.64	9,809.00	9,996.72	11,184.00	12,414.29	12,384.00	\$ 1,200.00	10.7%
Automobile Expenses									
Gas	2,300.00	2,510.78	2,600.00	1,399.85	2,600.00	1,183.71	2,600.00	\$ -	0.0%
Vehicle Maintenance	1,000.00	989.38	1,000.00	851.31	1,000.00	1,071.38	1,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
Total Automobile Expenses	3,300.00	3,500.16	3,600.00	2,251.16	3,600.00	2,255.09	3,600.00	\$ -	0.0%
Community Camp Expenses									
Electric	2,300.00	2,117.17	2,200.00	2,190.25	2,200.00	2,244.44	2,050.00	\$ (150.00)	-6.8%
Maintenance	1,500.00	1,499.99	1,500.00	1,439.69	1,500.00	2,504.76	1,500.00	\$ -	0.0%
Total Community Camp Expenses	3,800.00	3,617.16	3,700.00	3,629.94	3,700.00	4,749.20	3,550.00	\$ (150.00)	-4.1%
Equipment									
Equipment - New	2,200.00	3,312.95	2,200.00	2,214.41	2,200.00	9,612.48	2,500.00	\$ 300.00	13.6%
Equipment Repairs	1,000.00	1,429.30	1,000.00	1,855.80	1,500.00	1,415.72	1,500.00	\$ -	0.0%
Total Equipment	3,200.00	4,742.25	3,200.00	4,070.21	3,700.00	11,028.20	4,000.00	\$ 300.00	8.1%
House and Grounds									
Colonel Town's Cemetery Lot	325.00	220.00	225.00	245.00	225.00	250.00	275.00	\$ 50.00	22.2%
Fuel	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	11,083.50	16,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
Maintenance - House & Grounds	40,000.00	10,466.05	32,000.00	23,065.31	25,977.00	25,214.19	24,777.00	\$ (1,200.00)	-4.6%
Trash	1,350.00	1,135.00	1,250.00	1,088.00	1,250.00	1,203.00	1,250.00	\$ -	0.0%
Total Maintenance	57,675.00	27,821.05	49,475.00	40,398.31	43,452.00	37,750.69	42,302.00	\$ (1,150.00)	-2.6%

Colonel Town Recreation 2017 Proposed Budget

	2014 Budget	2014 Actual	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Proposed	Amount of Difference	% of Difference
Insurance									
Disability Insurance	371.00	370.88	371.00	370.86	371.00	405.93	430.98	\$ 59.98	16.2%
Health Insurance	23,202.00	23,228.76	25,086.00	24,776.36	27,517.12	26,402.12	28,685.00	\$ 1,167.88	4.2%
Liability Insurance	4,330.00	2,873.14	4,330.00	4,182.00	4,330.00	4,493.02	4,330.00	\$ -	0.0%
Life Insurance	371.00	370.84	371.00	370.86	371.00	370.02	430.98	\$ 59.98	16.2%
Workers' Comp Insurance	4,392.00	5,416.00	5,000.00	5,169.00	5,733.00	5,009.87	5,733.00	\$ -	0.0%
Total Insurance	32,666.00	32,259.62	35,158.00	34,869.08	38,322.12	36,680.96	39,609.96	\$ 1,287.84	3.4%
Payroll Expenses									
Payroll - Admin	45,309.42	45,309.70	46,349.42	46,349.42	46,349.42	46,369.70	48,500.00	\$ 2,150.58	4.6%
Payroll - Maintenance	43,830.46	41,187.54	44,870.46	43,963.41	44,870.46	39,681.25	44,870.46	\$ -	0.0%
Payroll - Pool	18,500.00	16,089.97	18,500.00	18,232.38	18,500.00	17,450.99	18,500.00	\$ -	0.0%
Payroll - Programs	7,500.00	6,500.78	7,500.00	8,936.03	9,500.00	9,021.19	9,500.00	\$ -	0.0%
Payroll - Safe Haven	27,290.00	32,296.74	34,000.00	33,407.33	38,800.00	46,434.98	44,100.00	\$ 5,300.00	13.7%
Payroll Taxes									
Payroll Taxes - Admin	3,466.17	3,466.19	3,545.73	3,545.73	3,545.73	3,547.29	3,710.25	\$ 164.52	4.6%
Payroll Taxes - Maintenance	3,306.58	3,321.63	3,401.35	3,543.91	3,401.35	3,226.85	3,401.35	\$ -	0.0%
Payroll Taxes - Pool	1,415.25	1,227.51	1,415.25	1,392.38	1,415.25	1,335.00	1,415.25	\$ -	0.0%
Payroll Taxes - Programs	574.00	480.68	574.00	688.01	726.75	690.17	726.75	\$ -	0.0%
Payroll Taxes - Safe Haven	2,087.69	2,500.33	2,601.00	2,564.25	2,968.20	3,551.14	3,373.65	\$ 405.45	13.7%
Retirement	8,070.00	8,062.76	8,294.02	7,923.03	9,305.36	9,241.23	9,481.43	\$ 176.07	1.9%
Unemployment	1,000.00	141.64	1,000.00	103.34	600.00	112.48	300.00	\$ (300.00)	-50.0%
Total Payroll Expenses	162,349.57	160,585.47	172,051.23	170,649.22	179,982.52	180,662.27	187,879.14	\$ 7,896.62	4.4%
Pool Expenses									
Chemicals	2,750.00	3,082.29	2,750.00	3,667.87	3,100.00	4,292.51	3,800.00	\$ 700.00	22.6%
Electricity	4,600.00	4,591.32	4,600.00	4,178.72	4,400.00	3,524.58	4,400.00	\$ -	0.0%
Fuel	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	\$ -	0.0%
Maintenance	2,000.00	1,961.56	2,000.00	2,548.53	2,500.00	4,209.53	2,500.00	\$ -	0.0%
Programs	500.00	157.48	350.00	299.61	350.00	231.78	350.00	\$ -	0.0%
Training	800.00	895.00	800.00	1,398.00	800.00	450.00	800.00	\$ -	0.0%
Total Pool Expenses	11,850.00	11,887.65	11,700.00	13,292.73	12,350.00	12,708.40	13,050.00	\$ 700.00	5.7%

**Colonel Town Recreation
2017 Proposed Budget**

	2014 Budget	2014 Actual	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Proposed	Amount of Difference	% of Difference
Program Expense									
Background Checks/Training	200.00	231.00	230.00	103.25	230.00	177.00	730.00	\$ 500.00	217.4%
Charter Fees/Insurance/League	1,900.00	1,116.00	1,750.00	1,556.97	1,750.00	1,208.00	2,600.00	\$ 850.00	48.6%
Grant Requests Expenditures	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
Merchandise for Sale	1,500.00	677.78	1,000.00	700.47	1,000.00	1,636.11	1,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
Merit Awards/Scholarships	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	\$ -	0.0%
Referees/Umpires	7,535.00	4,797.50	6,000.00	4,830.00	5,300.00	5,580.00	5,600.00	\$ 300.00	5.7%
Refunds	400.00	539.80	400.00	275.00	400.00	169.00	400.00	\$ -	0.0%
Snack Bar Supplies	6,000.00	5,657.05	5,500.00	5,373.55	5,500.00	6,204.53	5,500.00	\$ -	0.0%
Supplies/Others	15,750.00	15,716.48	15,750.00	20,204.39	19,000.00	24,660.86	21,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	10.5%
Volunteer Gifts	1,000.00	977.10	1,000.00	971.63	1,000.00	1,128.71	1,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
Total Program Expense	37,485.00	30,912.71	34,830.00	35,215.26	37,380.00	41,964.21	41,030.00	\$ 3,650.00	9.8%
Safe Haven Expenses									
Events	1,700.00	1,687.50	1,700.00	2,997.87	3,000.00	3,792.66	3,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
Food/Supplies	750.00	738.99	1,250.00	1,550.77	1,800.00	3,092.05	2,800.00	\$ 1,000.00	55.6%
Summer Shirts	750.00	583.00	750.00	868.50	900.00	1,219.54	900.00	\$ -	0.0%
Supplies	250.00	250.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ -	0.0%
Telephone	450.00	450.02	450.00	455.65	450.00	488.68	450.00	\$ -	0.0%
Total Safe Haven Expenses	3,900.00	3,710.24	4,150.00	5,872.79	6,150.00	8,592.93	7,150.00	\$ 1,000.00	16.3%
Utilities									
Electric	7,000.00	5,465.31	5,500.00	6,267.13	5,500.00	7,036.25	5,500.00	\$ -	0.0%
Sewer	3,000.00	2,435.25	2,500.00	2,304.15	2,500.00	1,715.90	2,500.00	\$ -	0.0%
Water	3,700.00	2,943.75	3,200.00	2,751.25	3,200.00	2,182.50	3,200.00	\$ -	0.0%
Total Utilities	13,700.00	10,844.31	11,200.00	11,322.53	11,200.00	10,934.65	11,200.00	\$ -	0.0%
Capital Outlay		11,217.26		40,647.60		12,617.94			0.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	339,400.57	311,251.52	338,873.23	372,215.55	351,020.64	372,358.83	365,755.10	\$ 14,734.46	4.2%
NET INCOME	-30,000.00	-15,317.18	-17,000.00	8,687.45	0.00	10,015.32	0.00		

Colonel Town Recreation 2017 Proposed Budget

2014 Budget	2014 Actual	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Proposed	Amount of Difference	% of Difference
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2014 Capital Outlay:

- Community House Electric/Wiring \$2,074.50
- Bath House and hot water heater wiring \$642.76
- Remainder of house trim project \$6,500
- House porch roof project \$2,000

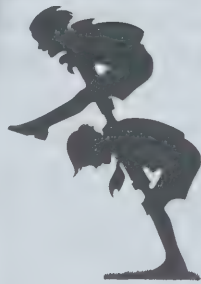
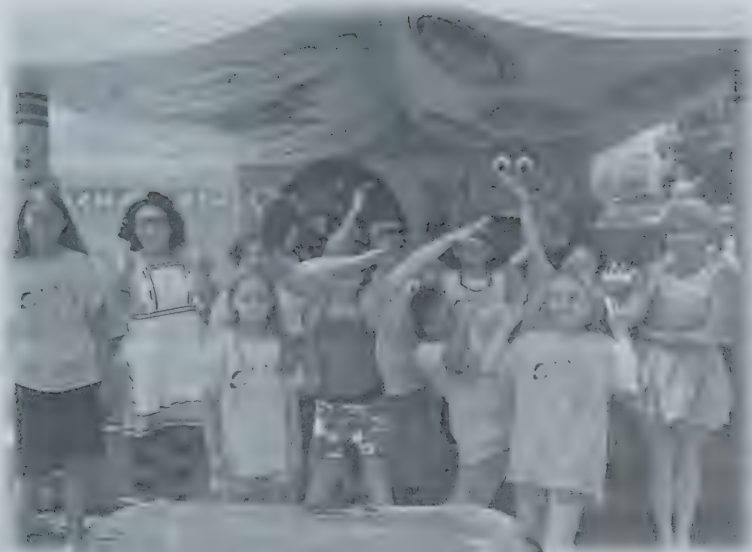
2015 Capital Outlay:

- Community House Electric/Wiring \$446.79
- Lifeguard Building Solar Repairs \$311.75
- Pool Filtration System/Water Main Repairs \$2,767.92
- Community House Parking Lot Paving \$27,853.15
- Community House Carpet/Carpet Tiles \$8,309.01
- Gym Water Fountain \$958.98

2016 Capital Outlay:

- Community House Front Sign \$5,042.88
- Community Camp Playground Equipment \$2,287.24
- Community House Granite Step Repair \$1,250
- Community House Carpet \$4,037.82





Report to the Citizens of Lancaster, Beneficiaries of the Col. Francis L. Town Trust:

The Trust's market value as of 12/31/2015 was \$3,769,901.87. As of 12/31/2016, the total market value of the Trust was \$3,942,307.66, which included \$5,734.98 of income earned in 2016, but to be distributed in 2017. The increase in the market value of the Trust for 2016 was 4.57%, reflecting all income except carry over noted above, less expenses having been distributed to Colonel Town Spending Committee during the year. As of 12/31/16, the Trust's portfolio is balanced at 53.8% Equities; 42.0% Fixed Income; and 4.2% Cash.

Total income earned for 2016 was \$144,743.87 representing a total asset yield of 3.67% to ending market value as of 12/31/2016; as compared to income of \$136,162.92 recognized in 2015. Distributions for 2016 to the Col. Town Spending Committee totaled \$132,177.75, up from \$118,816.65 last year. The carry-over amount of \$6,451.98 earned in 2015 was included the 2016 distributions. Also included was Bond Accretion of \$1,577.88. This represents an 11.25% increase in net funds distributed to Col. Town, after a 10.02% increase the prior year. Income is trending in the right direction. This is another record total since Passumpsic Financial Advisors took over the account at the end of 2007. Expenses were deducted from income as follows: \$6,813.50 which was half of the Passumpsic Savings Bank management fee of .35% of assets, \$784.51 foreign taxes withheld; \$2,477.99 in amortization of premium bonds, transfer to principal due to taxable spin off of HCP Inc. of \$4,225.00, NH State Filing Fee of \$75.00; premium on insurance bond of \$400.00, and Probate Court cost of \$85.00. The Probate filing will be completed by Passumpsic Savings Bank as part of their management agreement with the Trust.

In August of 2015, Passumpsic Savings Bank agreed on a reduced asset based management fee of .35% of assets, locked in for 10 years. The management fees totaled \$13,627.10 in 2016, \$15,355.06 in 2015, \$15,620.63 in 2014, \$13,768.58 in 2013, \$12,199.99 in 2012, \$10,693.66, in 2011, and \$9243.73 in 2010.

2016 will be remembered as a year of loss for our Committee. Due to members relocating outside of Lancaster, we regretfully accepted the resignations of long time members Sarah Desrochers, Betsy Hutchings, and Charles Schmidt. The Committee wishes to thank all three for their services over the years. We look forward to the March 2017 elections and having three new members elected to serve on our committee.

Respectfully submitted,

TRUSTEES FOR THE TOWN OF LANCASTER UNDER WILL OF FRANCIS L. TOWN
(COLONEL TOWN INVESTMENT COMMITTEE)

Douglas Shearer, Treasurer
David Fuller, Jr.
Jeffrey Gilman
Celeste Pitts

LANCASTER MUNICIPAL CEMETERIES

2016

The Trustees of the Lancaster Municipal Cemeteries oversee and maintain six cemeteries: Summer Street Cemetery (located across from the Col. Town field and at the end of Cemetery Street), Wilder Cemetery on Main Street (on the hill between the Methodist and Christian Science Churches), #10 Cemetery (located on Martin Meadow Pond Road), Marden Cemetery (located on North Road), a one-person lot (located on South Lancaster Road, and Wentworth Cemetery (located on Pleasant Valley Road).

Roger Emery, Jr was hired by the cemetery trustees to be the new supervisor. Jeffrey Johnson was also hired to assist the supervisor with the cemetery maintenance.

The Supervisor and his Assistant did a very good job in maintaining all of the above cemeteries. We would like to take this opportunity to show our appreciation by thanking them for a job well done.

A new road pavement was completed at the Summer Street Cemetery in Division 6 (in the back of the cemetery). We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Town of Lancaster- Highway Crew for a job well done with the preparation of the road. Central Asphalt Paving Company of Jefferson did the paving job at the cost of \$14,680.00. This expense was reimbursed from the Capital Reserve Fund--Cemetery held by the Trustees of Trust Funds approved by the Cemetery Trustees.

Several trees were cut down by the Town Highway Crew since they were dead or dying. Again, the crew did a very good job at no cost to the cemetery's budget. A couple of trees had been planted thanks to one of the trustees, Lucy Wyman. And we will continue to plant trees and develop a few flower beds. Some of the fencing had been repaired and painted.

At any time, if anyone should see someone doing any inappropriate things, please call one of the Cemetery Trustees listed below, or report the incident to the Lancaster Police Department immediately. We would greatly appreciate it.

As a reminder, every year, we usually request that the people remove the faded ornaments, dead flowers or plants, and other lawn decorations by May 1st in preparation for the clean-up for Memorial Day and the summer months. It will be very helpful to have them removed in the fall as well. No dogs are allowed at any of the cemeteries. Rules and Regulations reports are available upon requests.

We have received many favorable comments about the condition of the cemeteries. We, as the committee, are proud of our cemeteries. We welcome any ideas and comments you may have, whether they are good or bad. And we also welcome any donation of flowers, bulbs and plants.

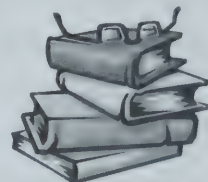
Respectfully submitted,

Cemetery Trustees—Don Williams, Michael W. Nadeau & Lucy Wyman

WILLIAM D. WEEKS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Annual Report 2016

The word for “library” comes from the Latin word for “book,” and many people assume that libraries are merely repositories for books and other print materials. In fact, most libraries today provide services way beyond dispensing books. The Weeks Memorial Library’s programs include language classes, travel nights, tax preparation, and high school equivalency tutoring for adults. There are special children’s programs four out of five afternoons each week plus wonder play for the youngest children Tuesday mornings and story hour every Thursday morning. During 2016 the library provided 69 adult programs with an attendance of 780 people, 28 tween/teen programs with an attendance of 163, and 263 children’s programs with an attendance of 4078 children. Because e-books have increased in popularity, the library participates in the New Hampshire State overdrive program. Thousands of audio-books and a growing number of e-books can be downloaded from Overdrive by anyone with a Lancaster library card.



Four public computers and building-wide wireless access are available. Filling out job applications which now have to be done on line or figuring out how to configure a letter or a resume can be challenging, and staff assists with computer issues when possible. We do ask that teenagers have written permission to use the computers, and children under 12 must have an adult present.

The Trustees of the library are responsible for the maintenance of the building, and during 2016 they arranged for the replacement of the front side walk. 2017 will see the repainting of all the exterior trim.

The library’s collection is nearing 65,000 items. Because of the size of the collection the Weeks Memorial Library is one of the most active interlibrary loan providers in the state, providing close to 2500 items to other libraries during 2016.

Circulation for the year was greater than 33,000 items, and there are more than 2500 active library patrons. Library borrowing cards are free for Lancaster permanent residents and tax-payers and all children in the Lancaster Elementary School. A growing number of non-residents pay a fee for borrowing privileges as well.

The Friends of the Library continue their support for the library, providing assistance in planning programs, setting and running two very successful book sales each year, and funding items which do not fit within the library’s regular budget. Anyone interested in joining the Friends may attend their monthly meetings at 5 PM on the first Wednesday of the month.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Robarts, Librarian

BUILDING PERMITS

The Town of Lancaster reviewed and approved for new buildings, additions, and renovations. The following is a summary of the permits:

Permit #	Owner	Location
16-001	Colles Stowell (renewal 15-003)	121 Martin Meadow Pond Rd
16-002	Red Stag Rental, LLC (renewal 10-059)	653 Main Street
16-003	Gregory Cloutier	78 Main Street
16-004	Lancaster Congregational Church	142 Main Street
16-005	Charles Ball, Sr & Roxanne Hartlen (Renewal of 15-004)	38 Ingerson Road
16-006	Joseph Briere	259 Pleasant Valley road
16-007	Andrew Hartford	93 Bunker Hill Street
16-008	Cathy Connelly	4 Wesson Road
16-009	Roger M. Russell	31 McGary Hill Road
16-010	Tricia & Wayne Frenette	96 Page Hill Road
16-011	Ryan & Valerie Christopher	41 Water Street
16-012	Robert W. Quimby	93 Stebbins Hill Road
16-013	T & T Mountain Investments, LLC	243 Main Street
16-014	Daniel Mahoney	4 Prospect Street
16-015	Richard Bonneville	204 North Road
16-016	Douglas A. Corrigan	426 Main Street
16-017	Derrick Felch	49 Garland Road
16-018	Roland & Rhonda Caron (renewal 15-019)	Spaulding Hill Road
16-019	Craig Young	120 Summer Street
16-020	Douglas & Katherine McMann	516 North road
16-021	Andrew Merrow	214 North Road
16-022	Edward S. McFarland, Jr.	27 Hodge Road
16-023	Mike & Keith Kopp	30 Middle Street
16-024	Nancy Flynn	20 Bridge Street
16-025	David Lajoie	29 Grange Road
16-026	Neal & Joan Wells	24 Wesson Road
16-027	David Emery (revision 15-036)	298 Main Street
16-028	Wayne & Tricia Frenette	96 Page Hill Road
16-029	Eversource	425 Main Street
16-030	Francis Gardner	3 Prospect Street
16-031	Jay & Kathy-Jean Lavoie	16 Prospect Street
16-032	Beverly Nash Esson	Portland Street
16-033	Wayne & Tricia Frenette	96 Page Hill Road
16-034	Glen Lucas	140 Elm Street
16-035	B. P. Lee Realty, LLC	26 Bunker Hill Street
16-036	Kevin Whiting (renewal 15-037)	68 Buffalo Road
16-037	Diana Gendreau	63 Summer Street
16-038	133 Main Street, LLC	133 Main Street
16-039	Colles Stowell (renewal 16-001)	121 Martin Meadow Pond Rd
16-040	John S. & Kathy J. Trumbull	80 Rowell Road

PLANNING BOARD

This year the Board held hearings on the following cases:

Case# 786 – **Isaac & Mara Hicks** – Applicants request a minor subdivision to divide 1 lot consisting of approximately 9.01 acres with frontage on Spring Street into two lots. Said minor subdivision will result in lot 1 – 1.36 acres and lot 2 – 7.65 acres. Land zoned Residential. (Tax Map R09 – Lot 055 (9.01 acres), 14 Spring Street).

Case# 787 – **Varsity Wireless, LLC (Applicant) & Beverly J. Nash Esson (Owner)** – Applicant requests approval to construct a wireless telecommunications facility consisting of a 180 foot wireless telecommunications tower and accessory equipment on Owner's land off Portland Street. Said facility will utilize an existing access off Portland Street for vehicular as well as utility access. Land zoned Agricultural. (Tax Map R17 – Lot 040 (60.15 acres), Portland Street).

Case# 788 – **Douglas J. Copson** – Applicant requests a minor subdivision to divide 1 lot consisting of approximately 20.11 acres with frontage on Prospect Street into two lots. Said minor subdivision will result in lot 1 – 16.38 acres and lot 2 – 3.73 acres. Land zoned Agricultural. (Tax Map R26 – Lot 035 (20.11 acres), Prospect Street).

Case# 789 – **Katrina McLaughlin** – Applicant requests a minor site plan to change the use of a mixed use property from residential rental/retail to residential rental/small animal veterinary clinic. Said change of use would require no alteration to the existing building footprint or exterior site improvements, other than facade and lighting alterations. Some interior renovations will be required. Land zoned Commercial. (Tax Map P09 – Lot 060 (0.416 acres), 21 Elm Street).

During the past year the Board also approved voluntary mergers, reviewed the Master Plan, discussed possible land use changes and participated in a discussion with North Country Council on Resilient Communities. Some members took part in the annual Planning/Zoning Conference organized by the State of NH Office of Energy and Planning.

The Planning Board consists of 6 full members and 5 alternates as well as a Selectboard representative and their alternate. All members are volunteers appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

The Planning Board meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall unless otherwise scheduled. Deadline for submission of an application is 20 days prior to the meeting date. If you are interested in serving on the Planning Board please contact the Town Office at 788-3391. Your name will be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark M. St. Pierre, Chairman
Mark Frank, Vice Chairman
Justin Carter
Andy Nadeau
Rusty Scott
Ben Southworth
Leo J. Enos, Selectmen's Rep

Leon Rideout, Selectmen's Rep Alternate
Donald Doolan, Alternate
Greg Westcott, Alternate
Ben Pellerin, Alternate
Rick McCarten, Alternate
Penny Noyes, Alternate
Sandra Doolan, Clerk

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

In 2016 the Zoning Board of Adjustment met to welcome new members, elect a chairman and vice chairman and act on a request for an area variance.

Case #511 **John S. & Kathy J. Trumbull** for an Area Variance Concerning article 5.04, "Setbacks in the Agricultural District". Applicants wish to construct a 24' X 28' garage, on slab approximately 20' from the side property line when 40' is required. Lot Zoned Agricultural. (80 Rowell Road, Tax Map R07-Lot 018, 2.23 acres). **GRANTED**

The Zoning Board consists of five full members and one alternate. All members are volunteers appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

The Zoning Board meets on the last Wednesday of each month, when required, at 6:30 PM in the second floor meeting room of the Town Hall. Deadline for submission of application is 14 days prior to the meeting. If you are interested in serving on the Zoning Board of Adjustment, please contact the Town Office at 788-3391. Your name will be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

William H Potter Jr, Chairman
David Atkinson, Vice Chairman
Richard Bernier
Tricia Frenette
Chris McVetty, Alternate

CALEB CAREGIVERS

Celebrating 21 years of service to Seniors in 8 towns of southern Coos and northern Grafton Counties, Caleb helps maintain clients' independence by providing friendly visiting, telephone reassurance, and most importantly, transportation to doctor's appointments and shopping so that they may remain in their own homes and avoid the high cost of institutionalization.

These services are provided entirely by volunteers recruited, trained, background checked and scheduled by 2 part-time Caleb employees. The volunteers are insured for liability and received supplemental vehicle liability coverage if doing transportation.

Last year, as with most years of operation more than 40 volunteers provided over 2,500 hours of service and traveled close to 30,000 miles as Caleb Volunteers supporting about 250 clients. As with all volunteer operated groups, demand exceeds supply and Caleb is no exception to this rule. As a result we carry a waiting list for services. Hopefully a new hire to do more volunteer recruitment and training to whittle and eliminate that backlog and to offer services to more seniors.

In the last several years Caleb has economized on staff time, office space and miscellaneous costs to live more within its means and to make fund raising less a daily burden.

Today we are a stable operation overseen by a volunteer Board of Directors and fulfilling its mission with little fanfare.

Those interested in volunteering or receiving services can contact Caleb Caregivers at 837-8179 weekday mornings till 12:30 or by writing to Caleb at 16 Highland Street #98, Whitfield, NH 03598.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Riviere



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Center for New Beginnings

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Dear North Country Neighbor:

The Center for New Beginnings has been quietly helping local individuals and families around the North Country, some of whom are your friends, family members, neighbors and employees, lead happier, more stable and productive lives for 30 years. The Center was founded with a main focus of services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Today our nonprofit organization is dedicated to improving the lives of people who struggle with depression, anxiety, grief, trauma, marital problems, and many other difficulties. The children and teenagers we see come with a myriad of challenges that reflect the social, cultural, and economic struggles of our time. *We are also working hard to answer the need of those suffering with addiction – a widespread problem.*

We are often asked “what makes you different from Northern Human Services?” We are not a federally funded community mental health center. We are an independent non-profit. We provide short term care for acute issues, rather than long term care for more chronic cases. There is a significant need for both types of services. We both have substantial wait lists. We are continuously looking to add more qualified providers.

Thankfully, with the Affordable Care Act, more and more of our clients have insurance coverage. However many of these policies carry high deductibles and co-pays. A deductible of three or five thousand dollars is not unusual – and for many this means getting help is out of their reach.

This is why your assistance is so valuable.

In 2016, The Center for New Beginnings provided services to 500 individuals. We logged 6300 patient appointments. Thirty-one of our clients reside in Lancaster. The funds donated by area communities allow us the flexibility to assist our clients who have difficulty meeting their high deductibles or co-pays. Our “scholarship fund” or sliding scale program allows us to meet the needs of a client who might otherwise be unable to continue care due to the financial burden.

When people are mentally healthy they are better employees, more conscientious parents, and able to positively contribute to our community. Healthy children do better in school, control behaviors that are disruptive in class, and grow up to be resilient adults. Individuals who are mentally stable are much less likely to commit crimes or wreak havoc among their families, coworkers, and acquaintances. Everyone benefits from a population that is mentally healthy.

*A Special Place for Children & Families. Excellent care and caring..
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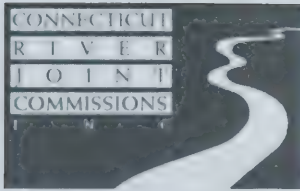
Please contact us if you would like to learn more about the counseling services we provide for individuals and their families, or our Employee Assistance Program, a confidential counseling and referral resource program for employees and their family members to help them deal with personal and work-related issues.

Good works have always relied upon the generosity of good people. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Board of Directors
The Center for New Beginnings
Tony Poekert, Board Chairman, Dalton
Nancy Dickowski, Bethlehem

Lisa Romprey, Bath
Ellen Malessa, Easton
Susan Dunn, Littleton

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Connecticut River Joint Commissions – 2016 Town Report

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CRJC continues its mission to preserve the visual and ecological integrity and working landscape of the Connecticut River Valley. With five local subcommittees and over 100 volunteers, it is guiding the watershed's growth by reviewing and commenting on proposed actions, from large scale development projects including the Northern Pass, to proposed regulatory changes, such as shoreland protection rules.

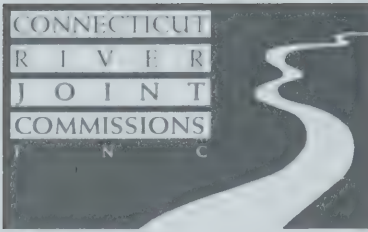
CRJC assisted with the installation of new wake speed signs at launches in VT and NH, and supported the Connecticut River Watershed Council with the 25th Source-to-Sea Cleanup. Along with the Conte Wildlife Refuge, CRJC is working to present educational programs about the river and clean water in the watershed.

Of note, during FY2016 the CRJC actively participated in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) relicensing of the three TransCanada hydroelectric dams on the lower Connecticut by reviewing studies performed by TransCanada and communicating its concerns about project operations to FERC, particularly those related to erosion, mercury, climate change and economic impact.

CRJC advocates for the establishment of a mitigation and enhancement fund for the southern reach of the river as a means to compensate for unavoidable impacts from dam operations. In this role, CRJC Commissioners met with the governors of both VT and NH to draw attention to the relicensing process and enlist their support.

At the Commission annual meeting in June 2016 the following officers were elected to serve during the FY2017: *Rick Walling, President (NH); Jason Rasmussen, Vice President (VT); Mary Sloat, Treasurer (NH); Steven Lembke, Secretary (VT).*





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CRJC Riverbend Subcommittee Annual Report - 2016

The Riverbend Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions consists of two volunteers nominated by each of the following municipalities: Guildhall, Lunenburg, Concord, Waterford, Barnet, Ryegate and Newbury in Vermont; and Lancaster, Dalton, Littleton, Monroe, Bath and Haverhill in New Hampshire.

With members representing a variety of interests representing two states, five counties, and thirteen towns along 70 miles of the Connecticut River, the Riverbend Subcommittee provides a local voice to help steward the resources of a significant portion of the Connecticut River Watershed. The Subcommittee provides information and assistance to the states, towns, and landowners on projects near the river. The Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. Specific responsibilities include providing advice to NHDES, VANR and municipalities on matters pertaining to the river; reviewing and commenting on proposed permits and plans; and developing and periodically updating a corridor management plan. Subcommittee members continued to bring a valuable contribution of expertise and local knowledge to the table for the assistance of landowners, municipalities and state agencies.

In addition, in 2016 the Subcommittee hosted presentations on the Clean Water/Healthy Trout program; met jointly with the Ammonoosuc River LAC to learn about and discuss the scenic impacts of Northern Pass; hosted a discussion on the sale of the TransCanada hydropower dams in the region; and hosted a presentation on the Vermont's Clean Water Initiative. The Subcommittee also reviewed New Hampshire's boat accesses and boat access maps for the N.H. Public Water Access Advisory Board. In addition, members assisted with an inventory of boat launch speed limit signs, which resulted in the production and installation of signs with New Hampshire speed limits at Vermont Fish & Wildlife and TransCanada launches (N.H. laws govern activities on the river.)

Meetings are open to the public and we welcome any citizens who are interested in the management of the Connecticut River to become members of the Riverbend Subcommittee. There are currently openings on the Subcommittee in several communities. If you are interested in working with volunteers from area communities on river conservation issues, and serving as a liaison to your municipal boards, we encourage you to attend a meeting to learn more. Please contact our Planning Coordinator Tara Bamford (tara.bamford@crjc.org) for more information.

LANCASTER RENAISSANCE Great North Woods Welcome Center

This past summer saw over 2,500 visitors to the Welcome Center. There were 38 states and 14 countries represented.

The building is sporting a new coat of paint on the back and left sides with a plan for this coming summer to do the other two sides.

Lancaster Rotary Club, Lancaster Lions Club, The Northern Gateway Chamber of Commerce and the local Republican group all make regular use of the center. The center is also available for small gatherings.

In order to keep as small a budget as possible we do not hire any janitorial help. Therefore we owe a huge thank you to all the groups who clean up and keep the center ready for use.

The proceeds from the projects sponsored by Lancaster Renaissance contribute to the upkeep of the building while the committee oversees the care of the building.

This year a new event was added to the well-known events of Lancaster Street Fair and Olde Tyme Christmas. Lancaster Fall Fest provided some Sunday afternoon fun at the park. The fest was held the first Sunday in October and will continue to be an annual event.

The Lancaster Renaissance Committee wishes to thank the citizens of Lancaster for their continued support.

NOYES FREE LECTURE FUND

The committee was pleased to bring John Cafferty and the Beaver Brown Band for a spirited concert at Town Hall on July 15, 2016.

The generosity of a trust made many years ago makes it possible to have programs presented at no cost for admission.

This coming May you can look forward to a presentation by The von Trapp Trio.

The Noyes Lecture Committee is comprised of the following: Linda Hutchins, Domenic Pallaria, Bud Hikel, Sara Desrochers, Jay Riff, Milou Thayer

LANCASTER ICE SKATING RINK

Despite warm winters with temps in the unlikely balmy range, volunteers maintaining the ice rink behind the county courthouse have managed to provide quality skating and hockey experiences to multitudes of enthusiasts from Lancaster and numerous surrounding towns. Nights typically find college and older young adults playing hockey and hanging out under the lights and in the warming hut.

Battling the whimsical weather fluctuations are a handful of volunteers who clear the rink of the numerous small snowfalls and then, if temperatures and forecasts allow, make ice on a surface prepared to preserve that ice even on bright, sunny winter days.

There are numerous techniques employed for ice-making including a large, hockey rink hose for major applications of water (an early season necessity to level the surface for full coverage) and then employing a backyard Zamboni (basically a riding mower converted with stainless steel blades to chop high spots) towing a trailered, insulated sap tank containing hot water to ensure water flow at below zero temps. Though



this operation appears to be magic making the real story begins in the late summer and fall when volunteers seal cracks in the pavement, ply the town's Transfer Station to scavenge discarded white latex paint that is mixed and spread over the 200X80 foot rink surface to reflect the winter's sun and lighten the dark asphalt below. Additionally, the crew repairs the hockey boards, fill in the base of the boards so that ice making water stays in the rink and does not seep out and a dozen other chores to lighten the load and make ice making as easy as possible.

There are myriad duties to ensure the optimal skating season in an otherwise sub-optimal winter season.

Thanks to the town's Budget Committee a small stipend pays the cost of lighting and heating the building and installing the equipment necessary to heat hot water on demand for ice making. Rolling equipment includes a large snow-blower, a pavement sweeper (which clears the numerous light snowfalls and clears the surface of skaters' ice chips for a new day of skating or in preparation for making new ice) a riding mower with tire chains, trailer and sap tank.

Newly installed this year is a ramp walkway from the shack to the ice surface.

Additional volunteers and skaters are always welcomed. Conditions and operations can be found on Facebook at Lancaster NH Ice Rink.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Riviere

MT. PROSPECT SKI CLUB

The ski club has had several challenging years. Two years ago we had snow and a new rope but the motor failed. Thanks to the generosity of North Country Motors, the fortitude of Arland Tyler and the ingenuity of various volunteers the new motor was up and running by April at which point it was so warm that the new engine overheated. We had a great, sunny day on the slopes, nonetheless with a little bit of skiing and a lot of merriment.

The following season there was no snow and the tow did not open once. Subsequently, this year, the club has had to hustle to make the most of the early snow. The rope was running over New Year's weekend and there was a good turnout on the last day of the year. Club volunteers and our loyal EMT Lori Comeau keep this local icon going. We thank the town for its steadfast support.

The club would like to acknowledge and thank John Chessman for his years of mowing: it's a wet, steep hill and we appreciate his skill and dedication to our enterprise! We could not have done it without you John!

Lucy K. Wyman, for Mt. Prospect Ski Club



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MOUNT WASHINGTON REGIONAL AIRPORT ANNUAL REPORT

The Mount Washington Regional Airport experienced some major changes in 2016. The airport management has undergone a dramatic change in the composition of the Commission which is tasked with the operation and management of our regional airport. We are pleased to report that seven new commissioners, with various talents and experiences, joined the board. Our new commissioners have already demonstrated the motivation and commitment to ensuring the safe operation of the airport and to the promotion of the airport to expand its use by the aviation community and the public, including local community members, and which will economically contribute to all member towns.

The Airport Commission has worked hard to streamline and economize expenditures to continue the airport's maintenance and operation, ensuring that the airport is being fiscally prudent while maintaining the operational requirements imposed by the Federal Aviation Administration. Through the efforts of our volunteers, the airport has taken some tasks in-house which previously have been contracted out, resulting in substantially-reduced operating expenses. The Commission has also renegotiated contracts and sought bids for other necessary services to ensure that the airport is operating at the lowest cost possible. The Commission is committed to endeavoring to maintain a fiscally responsible budget. Conversely, the Commission is also working to create funding sources to alleviate the municipalities contributions to support the airport. For instance, the airport is in the process of investigating the installation of a surveillance system to assist in the collection of user fees and have also reexamined the structure of leased property at the airport to increase revenues.



In 2016, the Airport completed three significant projects and was awarded grant funding for a fourth which is scheduled for completion in 2017. First, the airport completed an Obstruction Study which identifies obstruction hazards to the runway patterns. Over the next few years, the Commission will be working to mitigate those identified obstructions. The airport also completed a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program and has replaced the failed septic system with a new system for the terminal building. Finally, the Airport was awarded grant funding to resurface the runway which is much needed due to the deterioration of the runway surface and numerous cracks in the asphalt which have occurred over the last decade.

The Commission has also commenced a promotional campaign to attract visitors to our community while also making our beautiful country airport an attraction for our local community members. This fall we hosted a Fall Foliage Fly-In event, which was funded entirely through the generous contributions of twenty-seven local businesses and staffed by 30 volunteers. The event was promoted to 185 regional airports, and advertised to the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, which has approximately 385,000 members, as well as on Social Flight, a website for aviation events. The airport received numerous calls and emails from interested aviators. The event spanned two days and included an antique tractor show, a classic car cruise-in, foliage tours, an historic tour of the Omni Mount Washington, a large scale model railroad display with rides, airplane and helicopter rides, a model airplane show, a hangar dance featuring the Wicked Smart Horn Band on Saturday evening and a free pancake breakfast on Sunday morning

sponsored by the Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund and hosted by the Whitefield Lions Club. We were very pleased that, despite the weather, the event had an attendance in excess of 1,000 people. The Commission has researched the demographics of the aviation community, learning that community expends significant funds on travel and tourism. As such, the Commission plans on continuing to host events to attract aviators to enjoy our area attractions, lodging, dining and shopping, while also providing an avenue for all local community members to utilize the airport.

The Commission is also investigating the possibility of commuter air service to our area. Currently, the Lebanon airport has commuter air service through Cape Air which provides service from the Lebanon-Hanover area to Boston and the New York metropolitan area. Numerous members of the community have expressed interest in similar service being brought to our area. To better service our communities, the Commission is actively investigating the obstacles and requirements to provide a similar level of service to the North Country.

Finally, we express our appreciation and gratitude to all the businesses, volunteers and townspeople for supporting the Mount Washington Regional Airport as we continue to expand the utilization of the airport to enhance tourism and business growth in the North Country.



As the Regional Planning Commission serving 51 municipalities and 25 Unincorporated Places of Northern New Hampshire, North Country Council continues to move forward as a proactive resource for our communities, partners and the region, providing professional economic development, community, regional, transportation and solid waste planning services to serve your needs. Here are some of the highlights from the past year:

- Played key, supportive role in helping to secure \$800,000 in funding for infrastructure improvements at the former Wausau paper mill site in Groveton, as well as \$25,000,000 for construction of the new Morrison Senior Living Community in Whitefield.
- Provided grant writing and technical assistance to assist communities.
- Designated to administer Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) grants within the region.
- Coordinated household hazardous waste collection events serving 26 towns in the region.
- Administered funds that enabled Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Transport Central, Tri-County Community Action Program and Advance Transit to reimburse volunteer drivers for 5,549 trips provided to the elderly or disabled.
- Completed over 150 traffic counts throughout the region to provide consistent and reliable data for use when planning infrastructure improvements.
- Completed the last of four federally-funded scenic byway corridor management plans and staffed North Country Scenic Byways Council to maintain the state byway designation.
- Administered grant for the study of the Mad River to identify options for saving Campton Village water infrastructure from costly streambank erosion.
- Provided member municipalities with guidance on records storage, prime wetlands designation, private development on federal land, bonding, interpretation of local regulations, and to several communities with the process for cell tower review, master plan updates and capital improvement programming. Dues provided match funding to enable some additional hands-on assistance with updates to local land use regulations, zoning amendments, downtown revitalization, and MTAG and hazard mitigation grant applications.
- Assisted Coos County Planning Board with review of Balsams redevelopment plans.
- Facilitated bulk purchase by communities of the NH Planning and Land Use Regulations
- Developed a guide to help cities and towns learn how to better promote sustainable business.
- Partnered with Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association (NNECAPA) to post case studies from ME, NH and VT showcasing successful community development projects in rural communities.

All of us here at North Country Council look forward to serving your community. NCC is your organization. We are here to serve you. We are dedicated to both supporting our individual members and promoting our region's success. We look forward to working with you in the months ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Robinson
Executive Director



January 20, 2017

Northern Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce Lancaster Town Report

The Northern Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce continues to strengthen and grow the diversity of members from all 12 towns that we represent. This past year, 2016, the Northern Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce continues to work with our local businesses, NH Grand, and communities.

This past year the chamber has worked to help expand marketing and visibility for Lancaster, NH. The chamber obtained a matching JPP Grant which allowed the chamber to market the Town of Lancaster, the experiences in Lancaster and our businesses. We produced rack cards, brochures, and social media marketing. The printed marketing materials were distributed at local businesses and Real Estate companies in our area. The Chamber helped to market the Grand Prix, which ultimately cancelled because of poor weather conditions. The chamber has donated several tables to the Welcome Center. The Chamber also hosts a Paint Nite once a month that is open to all. We have hosted many mixers this past year to highlight businesses and their roles in our area. The Chamber hosted a National School Choice Week at Lancaster Elementary School where 120 scarves were given out to the students and support staff. The Chamber also made a monetary donation to the first Fall Festival in Lancaster. The Chamber works with Ride the Wilds and NH Grand to market our area to increase tourism to the town. We marketing many QuickBooks seminars, Lion and Rotary events, Fireman's Auction, town events, blood drives and fundraising events such as Heart and Sole.

The chamber is dedicated to help the Grand Prix and their efforts to market and grow this annual event. This past year we have grown the chamber's membership, we have worked with local newspapers and social media to spread the word on business after hour and all local area events, advertised business workshops. Our weekly chamber newsletter informs our members on local programs to expand their businesses. This included grant opportunities, free advertising, helpful accounting workshops, social media and tips to increase productivity of ones employees, as well as advertise community and fundraising events to strengthen the whole community.

The towns of Lancaster, Jefferson, Whitefield, Groveton, Dalton, Northumberland, Stark, Stratford, and Randolph New Hampshire and Gilman, Guildhall, and Lunenburg, Vermont are well represented by the Board of Directors and committee members.

Our funding comes from membership dues, fund-raising activities, and town appropriations. Continued support through these resources ensures that we are able to market and therefore grow our local businesses and communities.

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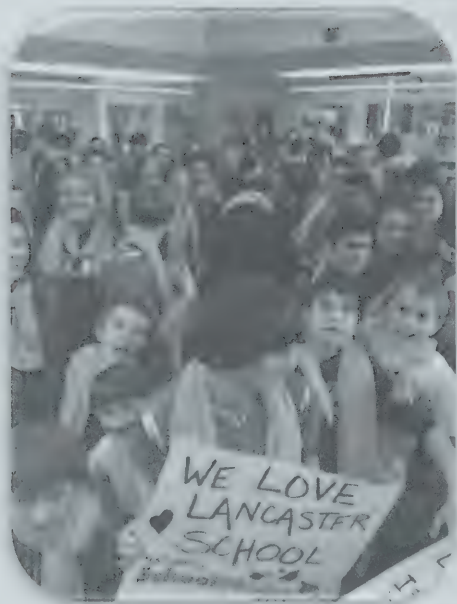


As always we thank the towns, local businesses and residents for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Board members:

Julie Aldrich, Erik Becker, Brian Bresnahan, Timothy Boudreau, Diane C. Daley, Linda Hutchins, John Jaworowski, Cindy Normandeau, Toni Pierce, Amanda Simino, Lisa Tetreault, Kim Tuite.



TOWN OF LANCASTER – 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

On behalf of Northwoods Home Health & Hospice, we want to thank you for your continued support. Without your investment in the mission of our agency and your continuing commitment to your neighbors, we could not have served the health care needs of many of your residents. Our mission states that we will ensure access to quality care within the communities in which our patients live, and provide local and high quality care with positive outcomes to our patients in Coos County while controlling the cost of care through innovative programs and the use of shared resources. We take great care, conservancy and management of our financial resources that we receive from the Town of Lancaster and all of the towns throughout Coos County.

Northwoods Home Health & Hospice is one of only a few licensed Medicare Homecare certified agencies and the only Medicare Hospice provider in Coos County and the number of hospice patients and their families that we have been honored to care for has more than doubled over the last couple of years. The total number of home health and/or hospice visits provided to the residents of Lancaster in 2016 was nearly 5,000 visits. These visits were provided by registered nurses, licensed nursing assistants, social workers, physical and occupational therapists, homemakers and hospice volunteers.

The following is a breakdown of the three distinct continuum of care models that we proudly provide to your community: (1) medical skilled care professionals licensed by either the New Hampshire Board of Medicine, Nursing or New Hampshire Office of Allied Health, (2) specially trained hospice professionals focusing on end of life care and (3) long term care professionals who provide supportive services to community members to help keep patients living independently in their communities for as long as possible. All medically necessary services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

During the course of 2016, a lot of planning went in to the prospective of an early 2017 formal affiliation of North Country Home Health & Hospice (Littleton, NH) with the North Country Healthcare System. This is a very positive move for North Country Home Health & Hospice, being part of an outstanding healthcare system in the North Country, as it will allow us all to continue to provide patients with high quality, cost effective healthcare – in the home, along with many other positives that an affiliation can bring.

As part of this affiliation, Northwoods Home Health & Hospice and North Country Home Health & Hospice began the process of coming together. This is a very exciting and positive move forward to ensure financial stability for both Agencies, and continued access to high quality home health, hospice and support services.

In conclusion, we continue to be fully committed to providing the best possible care to you and your community members. You can depend on us as we always strive to provide the highest level of care possible in the comfort of your own home. We want to extend a very special thank you to all the residents of Lancaster for their continued support of our quality home care and hospice services and we look forward to continuing to be there for you and your families.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Counter
President



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Community Contact

Coos Community Contact is the field services arm of the Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc.'s Fuel and Electric Assistance Programs. Community Contact assists low-income, elderly and disabled persons to apply for energy assistance programs to alleviate part of the financial burden of heating the home and/or electric usage. Outreach staff also provide any and all clients with information and referral services to other programs and area assistance services.

Outreach services are provided in Berlin, Lancaster and Colebrook during the open seasons of the programs. Requests for assistance are also accepted through mail, email and fax to make the process of applying easier for households that do not have transportation, cannot take time off of work, or have difficulty attending a face-to-face appointment for any reason. It is Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc.'s intention to make applying for assistance as easy as possible.

Between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016 Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. provided the following in Fuel, Electric, Weatherization and Commodity Food Assistance to 358 Lancaster residents:

Program	Households	Dollar Amounts
Fuel Assistance	159	\$135,168.73
Weatherization	5	\$29,272.49
Electric Assistance	137	\$87,786.19
USDA Surplus Food *Allocated to Local Food Pantries	57	\$21,947.38
Total:	358	\$274,674.79

Our task here at Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. is to serve our clients with excellent supports and care, while delivering services as efficiently and effectively as possible. We cannot do this without the support and partnerships of the communities we all reside in. Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. has a long standing partnership with the town of Lancaster and is committed to serving all clients and households. We thank the community of Lancaster for its continued financial support of the program, so that we may be able to continue to provide services to our neighbors in need.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Brochu, MPA
 Energy, Elder & Outreach Services Division Director
 Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc.



Senior Meals Program

The Senior Meals Program is a Tri-County Community Action Program Inc., offering both home-delivered and congregate dining to the communities of Coos County. The home-delivered meals service meets the needs of individuals age 60 and over and disabled or chronically ill adults ages 18-59 who are unable to prepare meals for themselves by providing well-balanced nutritious meals. Home-delivered or “Meals on Wheels” serves the frailest and most vulnerable of our populations and it promotes the opportunity for individuals to age healthy and remain in their community within their home.

The Senior Meals congregate or “community” dining program serves the senior citizens in Coos County with a purpose to reduce hunger and food insecurity, offers socialization and provides nutrition education to assist older adults in aging healthy. The congregate dining is offered in convenient and accessible community settings, Colonel Town Recreation Center, McKee Inn and the Christ United Church on a routine schedule.

In fiscal year 2016, Senior Meals Program served Lancaster residents 1,560 congregate meals and 11,367 to home-delivered meals to 148 unduplicated clients (an increase of 3.7% from 2015). The Senior Meals Program in fiscal year 2016 prepared 135,153 meals county-wide to senior citizens and homebound residents in need of nutritional assistance.

Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. has a long-standing partnership with Lancaster and is committed to serving the elder and homebound residents with dignity and respect promoting healthy aging and independent living. The agency thanks the community of Lancaster for its continued financial support of the program, so that we may be able to continue to provide services to our neighbors in need.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Brochu, MPA
Energy, Elder & Outreach Services Director
Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc.



ServiceLink Program

Coos ServiceLink Resource Center is a program of Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. providing guidance, support and choice for individuals of all ages, income levels and abilities. Options Counseling services provide individuals with guidance, support and choices related to long-term services and supports, access to family caregiver information and supports, and counseling to understand access and options to Medicare and Medicaid.

Coos ServiceLink Resource Center provides outreach to clients in Lancaster, Colebrook and Berlin, and at client's homes when necessary. During 2016, Coos ServiceLink Resource Center provided assistance through 618 Lancaster client contacts, and 7,773 client contacts throughout Coos County. Of those 7,773 client contacts, 614 were Medicaid recipients and 684 were Medicare recipients. Coos ServiceLink Resource Center saved tax payers a total of \$87,000 in Medicare expenses during 2016 through counseling and referral services. Dollars that are able to stay within client's household budgets allowing their monthly budgets to stretch further.

Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. and the Coos ServiceLink Resource Center are dedicated to serving Lancaster residents through Options Counseling and information and referral services. The agency thanks the community of Lancaster for its financial support of the program, so that we may be able to continue to provide services to our neighbors in need.

Respectfully,

Andrea Brochu, MPA
Energy, Elder & Outreach Services Director
Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc.

TRI-COUNTY TRANSIT

Tri-County Transit provides rides to residents in Coos, Carroll, and northern Grafton Counties. Trips are provided via our wheelchair accessible buses and by volunteer drivers. Last year 1,333 trips were provided to 105 unduplicated residents. 822 of these trips were for medical appointments, 12 were for visiting, 8 were for legal services, 148 were to get to employment, 266 were for shopping, 73 were to enjoy social activities and events, and 4 were for other reasons.

Trips were provided through our long distance transportation program by volunteer drivers utilizing their personal vehicles. These volunteers drive residents to medical facilities outside Tri-County Transit's usual service area for specialized services and treatments to centers such as Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Catholic Medical Center, Fletcher Allen Hospital in Burlington, Vermont, Maine Medical Center in Portland, Maine, and various other medical facilities. Volunteer drivers receive mileage reimbursement and we are always needed. If anyone has some time they can donate to drive someone unable to drive themselves to a medical appointment to a medical facility outside of our regular service area please contact us at 1-888-997-2020.

2016 Northern Human Services Director's Report

White Mountain Mental Health

I am happy to report that there has been a great deal of positive activity this year at Northern Human Services. It has not been a year without challenges, but challenges are opportunities to develop creative, efficient, accountable innovations. Some highlights:

- Very complex and ill people are now being intensively supported, 24/7, using a team-based treatment approach called "Assertive Community Treatment" (ACT). As a result, hospitalizations are avoided and community safety is increased.
- Our telemedicine services have been updated to a totally secure, web-based system. Telemedicine was adopted several years ago to meet the need for immediate evaluation of people who come to our local hospital emergency rooms in crisis. In partnership with all seven hospitals in the NHS service area, hours of wait time and costly and dangerous travel have been eliminated by this service.
- Children in need of expert evaluation by a Child Psychiatrist are being seen by a psychiatrist from Dartmouth via tele-medicine from our Littleton office. Without this innovative program, children from our area would need to travel to Lebanon and wait months for an appointment.
- People who commit non-violent crimes as the result of mental illness continue to be offered support, resources and treatment through our collaboration with the Grafton County Mental Health Court.
- In this tough economy, employment is a huge challenge for many of our clients. To respond to this need, we have hired an additional Supported Employment Specialist, trained in assisting persons with mental illness to seek, obtain and keep jobs. This is one of the "evidence-based practices" we have implemented, using methods that have been proven to be effective in studies across the country.
- We continue to offer our staff high quality continuing education through a contract with an online learning company, saving substantial money and time and offering our employees a huge array of educational options.

All of these varied activities depend on the support of our towns. This year we served 64 people from the Town of Lancaster, providing 151.07 hours of counseling. Of these hours, 50.80 were provided to persons in crisis who needed immediate, sometimes life-saving, intervention. Even when a community does not have a large number of uninsured persons seen during the year, your funding helps us maintain our all-important 24/7 emergency services system, with a psychiatrist always on call, which is so costly for us to maintain but so important for the community.

Thank you for your continued support of our services. We want to be here when you need us.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane C. MacKay, LICSW
Area Director

**TOWN OF LANCASTER
RESIDENT DEATH REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016**

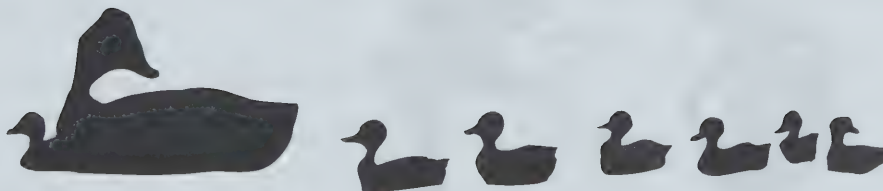
Date of Death	Name of Deceased	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
January			
06	Muriel Hicks	Amy Paquet	Blanch Clavett
07	Robert Fisher	Harley Fisher	Eloise Devereaux
12	Orville Dixon	Lamarr Dixon	Anna Simonds
14	Marguerite Cargill	Clarence Kelly	Lila Potter
17	Jeremiah Gillen	Ed Miller Jr	Bertha Turcotte
24	Gladys Lovering	Herbert Riff	Mary Mcque
24	Yoshiko Simino	Miyaechi Seguchi	Haru Magima
February			
01	Gerald Kumm	Harry Kumm	Ruth Bischoff
04	Peter Dowse	Howard Dowse	Marion Daley
09	Jeannette Arsenault	Adelard Gregoire	Imelda Hache
17	Therese Hall	Joseph Blais	Alice Roy
19	David Baird	Walter Baird	Anna MacDonald
20	Janette Gilbert	Joseph Barney	Rose Smith
24	David Holden	Robert Holden	Berta Blakslee
24	Lucy Mastrullo	Antonio Tocci	Antonette Magnella
26	Jane Hayes	Merrill Carter	Eva Martin
March			
03	Marie Kenneally	Thomas Kenneally	Evon Cote
03	Beverly Phillips	Albert Flynn	Gladys Palmer
08	Gregory Ewing	William Ewing	Judy Woford
16	Brenda Gonyer	Robert Gonyer	Madeline Brigham
17	Mi Bell	Yong Kim	Song Kim
21	Kenneth Bronson	Bernard Bronson	Luella Ball
April			
14	Fred Goslant	Mitchell Goslant	Agnes Gonyer
16	Erling Roberts	John Roberts	Myrtle Johannesen
18	Dorothy Beliveau	Felix Breault	Florence Parrish
22	Louis Boudrias	Urgel Boudrias	Adrienne Cherest
May			
04	Janice Dyer	Philip Cantin	Annie Mcharg
11	Richard Just	Kenneth Just	Anna Vollmers
12	Sidney Hunt	Sidney Hunt	Blanche Peters
21	Lisette Sutherland	Romeo Rousseau	Therese Grise
June			
05	James Cliche	Williams Cliche	Hazel Baldic
09	Elizabeth Mercier	Bernard Thomas	Anna Jordan
27	Marcel Morrissette	Cleophas Morrissette	Louise Bilodeau
30	Harry Dyer Jr	Harry Dyer Sr	Eleanor Blackwell

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July			
04	Robert Durant	George Durant	Margaret Solley
07	Iris Baird	Forrest Wilcox	May Taylor
21	Elizabeth Cadieux	Richard Stephenson	Ruby Fairbrother
24	Leona Albert	Remi Albert	Marie Lebouthillier
August			
03	Alton Covell	Almon Covell	Helen Hartlen
05	Leonard Perkins Sr	William Perkins	Nellie Sheridan
10	Maurice Corriveau	Joseph Corriveau	Lorraine Jacques
18	Jennie Wheeler	Albert McAllister Sr	Beatrice Styles
29	Alberta Jacques	James Barkas	Genevieve Gould
Sept			
06	Barbara Braun	Leonard Anderson	Nelle Bales
08	Marilyn Kellner	Thomas Daly	Sarah Cassidy
14	Richard Webster	Richard Webster	Dora Braband
October			
10	Edward Mackillop Sr	Edward Mackillop	Marguerite Kennett
23	Kenneth Fraser Jr	Kenneth Fraser Sr	Georgia Libby
25	Andrew Bergin	Carl Bergin	Edith Pike
November			
08	Donald Dewolf	L Dewolf	Martha Monkman
12	June Crowell	Harry Frasier	Doris Merrill
21	Henry Ryder Jr	Henry Ryder Sr	Harriet Perron
27	Jeffrey Elliott	Robert Elliott	Marilyn Caveney
December			
13	Christopher Moynihan	Unknown	Unknown
20	Iris Frechette	Winfield Stiles	Mary Jevett

**TOWN OF LANCASTER
RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT
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<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Name of Child</u>	<u>Name of Father</u>	<u>Name of Mother</u>
Jan 16	Hayden Thomas	Caleb Gross	Samantha Gross
Jan 17	Robert Michael	Joseph Hertel	Hannah Marshall
Feb 17	Kayson Davlyn	Scott Rice	Paige Oldham
Feb 18	Lucas Marshall	Todd Moren	Brandylee Moren
Feb 23	Zoey Judith	Timothy Brown	Angela Donovan
Mar 04	Reagan Lorraine	William Thompson IV	Miranda Thompson
Mar 15	Elizabeth Maureen	James Samson Jr	Savanah Turgeon
Mar 16	Silas Adler	Cody Ingerson	Angela Beaton
Apr 06	Carter John	Robert Spaulding	Jordan Spaulding
Apr 13	Vincent Stephen	Stephen Belmont	Jillian Belmont
Apr 20	Gavin Xavier	Scott Chamberlin	Amber Schmidt
May 02	Paisleigh Mae	Travis Stoddard	Dakota Landry
July 12	Wyatt Michael	Jason Roussell	Michaela Palmer
July 29	Owen William	Robert Quimby Jr	Erin Quimby
Aug 10	Rowan Jude	Alex Webster	Megan Webster



**TOWN OF LANCASTER
RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT
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Date	Name & Residence of Person A	Surname & Residence of Person B	Place of Marriage
Mar 19	Jeannine M Guthridge Lancaster, NH	Todd A Kenison Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
June 25	Nicole A Dewolf Lancaster, NH	James M Chernisky Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
Aug 26	Aaron M Boesch Lancaster, NH	Danielle M Dulac Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
Sept 10	Kayla A Donnelly Lancaster, NH	Zachary H White Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
Sept 17	Sara A Jobes Lancaster, NH	Nicholas L Ingerson Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
Dec 24	Wolf-Dieter R Dehne Lancaster, NH	Ursula I Hanners Lancaster, NH	Whitefield
Dec 29	George E Woods Sr Lancaster, NH	Donna L Lynch Lancaster, NH	Jefferson
Dec 31	Michael A Cross Whitefield, NH	Dawn M Fountain Lancaster, NH	Jefferson



2017 Town Report

Report from Your North Country Senator Jeff Woodburn



Dear Constituent,

It is an honor to serve as your State Senator representing District 1, which includes 58-rural, northern communities, encompassing 27 percent of the state's landmass. It is a region larger than two states and 17 foreign countries and containing fewer than twenty people per square mile.

The North Country, including the White Mountains region, has a uniquely different culture, landscape, economy and history than the rest of the state. It is my focus to ensure that State government understands this and doesn't forget us. Our needs, challenges and opportunities are different. At the top of my priority list is stabilizing our fragile economy while improving the quality of life for all our people. First and foremost, this means advocating for policies and projects that expand business and entrepreneurial opportunities that will raise stagnant wages.

Over the years, we've made important bipartisan investments that disproportionately benefited our region in the previous sessions and I will fight efforts to repeal them. I support our continued efforts to expand access to health care, reduce the burden of uncompensated care at local hospitals, invest in local road and broadband infrastructure and build a budget that reflects the needs of rural areas.

In the Senate, my goal has been to be practical and to work with everyone to get results for our region. But voting is only a part of my work, I have been accessible and available to my constituents, holding town hall meetings, office hours and tours for state leaders. I have tried when possible and appropriate to bend state government to meet the needs of rural people and rural communities.

I love being the voice for the North Country and am constantly inspired by our people and places that make our beloved home so special.

Be in touch, if I can be of assistance to you or your community.

Regards,

Jeff Woodburn

North Country Senator

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ANNUAL REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR KENNEY, DISTRICT ONE

As I start my 4th year of service to you and the State of New Hampshire in Council District I, I am grateful, committed and honored to serve you.

I continue to work with the Governor, Council and Legislature on the important issues impacting the State. The Heroin and Opioid epidemic has been the number one issue. The Council has supported over \$25 million in contracts for prevention, treatment and recovery programs. In addition, the Council supported several millions of dollars for Law Enforcement Operation of Granite Hammer to interdict and prevent drug smuggling.

Economic development is still my top priority for the Northern most Council District and I will work with community and business leaders to assist in the creation of jobs and economic opportunity. I am committed to the Balsams project in Dixville Notch and I worked to form a nine member Laconia State Property Committee to support the Executive Branch with the future sale of that property. Good news stories include the expansion of Vermont NSA manufacturing into Groveton to create over 70 jobs, the expansion of River Valley Community College into the old Lebanon College building in Lebanon and the new addition of the \$7 million Marine Patrol Headquarters Building in Gilford.

I join with the NH Congressional Delegation - Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Senator Maggie Hassan, Congresswoman Annie Kuster and Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter in working with other New England states and our northern Canadian friends to seek economic opportunities and relationships.

The Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan process working with the Department of Transportation and the Regional Planning Commissions was completed upon passage by the Legislature and signature of the Governor in June. The plan focuses on preservation, maintenance and safety of existing pavement and bridge infrastructure throughout the State. The US Congress passed the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, which provides increased federal funding to the State of New Hampshire over the next five years. Contact William Watson at NH DOT for any additional details at 271-3344 or bwatson@dot.state.nh.us.

The 2017 session of the NH House and Senate will address legislation that deals with the heroin and opioid crisis, sustainment of Medicaid expansion, federal health care opportunities and funding, business and workforce development. Again, I'll be watchful of proposed legislation passing costs on to the county and local levels of government. Stay close to your local state senator and house members.

The Governor and Council are always looking for volunteers to serve on the dozens of boards and commissions. If you are interested, please send your resume to Governor Chris Sununu, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301 attention Meagan Rose Director of Appointments/Liaison or at (603) 271-8787. A complete list is available at the NH Secretary of State website at www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm.

My office has available informational items: NH Constitutions, tourist maps, consumer handbooks, etc. I periodically send, via email, a list of my schedule for the week. Send me your email address to be added to the list if you would like at Joseph.Kenney@nh.gov. Contact my office any time I can be of assistance to you.

Serving you,
Joe

Entire Counties of Coos and Grafton, the incorporated place of Hale's Location, the towns of Albany, Alton, Andover, Bartlett, Brookfield, Center Harbor, Chatham, Conway, Cornish, Croydon, Danbury, Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Gilford, Grantham, Hart's Location, Hill, Jackson, Madison, Meredith, Middleton, Milton, Moultonborough, New Durham, New Hampton, New London, Newport, Ossipee, Plainfield, Sanbornton, Sandwich, Springfield, Sunapee, Tamworth, Tilton, Tuftonboro, Wakefield, Wilmot, and Wolfeboro, and the cities of Claremont and Laconia.

