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## Regular Meetings and Events

Selectmen	Second and fourth Mondays, 7:00PM
Town Clerk	Tues. 5:30PM-8:00PM Sat. 8:00AM-11:00AM
Tax Collector	Mon. 8:30AM-12:30PM
Planning Board	Last Wed. of the month, 7:00PM
Conservation Commission	Second Wed. of the month, 7:00PM
Zoning Board of Adjustment	First Wed. of the month, 7:00PM
Cemetery Trustees	Regular or Special meeting dates posted Contact Kristian Fenderson, Sexton
Library Trustees	Second Thurs. of the month, 2:30PM
Trustees of Trust Funds	Regular or Special meeting dates posted Contact: Alston Barrett, Meeting Chair
Selectmen's office	Mon.-Fri., 8:30AM-12:30PM, 835-6879
Highway Garage	Answering machine 835-6866
Transfer Station	Wed. 11:00AM-6PM, Sat. 9:00AM-6 PM, 835-6602
Library	Tues. & Thurs. 11:30AM-5:30PM, Sat. & Sun. 11:30AM-4:30PM, 835- 2150
Emergency	911 Fire 352-1100 State Police Troop C 358-3333

## Town Officers and Committees

Board of Selectmen	Tom Esslinger - 2012 Gretchen Abendschein - 2013 Steven Holt - 2014
Town Clerk	Charlotte Comeau - 2013
Tax Collector	Marianne Nevelson - 2012
Treasurer	Scott Luther-Houghton - 2012
Administrative Assistant	Kathi Bradt
Local Auditor	Brenda Melius - 2012
Moderator	John Luther - 2012
Supervisors of the Checklist	Gordon Gowen - 2012 Elizabeth Gowen - 2015 Rose Knight - 2016
Overseer of Public Welfare Health Officer	Board of Selectmen Toni Bowman
Trustees of Trust Funds	Paul Auger - 2012 Alston Barrett - 2013 Tim Perry - 2014
Library Trustees	Joanne Brown - 2012 Joanne Smith - 2012 Melinda Loiselle - 2013 Guy Russell - 2014 Tanya Holt - 2014
Cemetery Trustees	Claudia Istel - 2012 Helen Frink - 2013 Ken Reed - 2014
Budget Committee	Jim Jennison - 2012 Linda Brenneman - 2012 Craig Oshkello - 2013 Rob Vogel - 2013 Susan Metsack - 2014 John Tuthill - 2014 Tom Esslinger, Selectman

Planning Board	Craig Oshkello - 2012 Rob Vogel - 2012 Doug Robinson - 2013 Stella Herpel - 2013 Laurence Williamson - 2014 Wes Cubberly - 2014 Steven Holt, Selectman
Alternates	Betsy Snider - 2012 Norm Bernaiche - 2012 Debby Hinman - 2013
Conservation Commission	Helen Frink - 2012 Sandy Brewer - 2012 Debby Hinman - 2013 Sue Paton - 2013 Rob DeValk - 2014 Gretchen Abendschein, Selectman
Alternates	Shawn Bowman - 2012 Lillie Leblanc - 2013
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Frank Emig - 2012 Lisa Earl - 2012 Stella Herpel - 2013 Gail Wilson - 2013 Rob DeValk - 2014
Alternates	Shawn Bowman - 2013
Energy Committee	Not currently active
Recreation Committee	Mary Lord
FMRSD Board	James Elsesser
Town Forester	Peter Rhoades
Tree Warden	G. Kristian Fenderson

**WARRANT FOR TOWN OF ACWORTH  
MARCH 13, 2012**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Acworth, NH in the County of Sullivan in said state, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to bring your votes for Town Officers, and any other questions, to the Town Hall on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March next, at 10:00 of the clock in the morning at which time the polls shall be opened for voting on Articles 1 and 2 by use of the official ballot, and shall close not earlier than 9:00 of the clock in the evening; AND you are hereby notified that discussion and voting on Articles 3 through 11 shall commence at 7:30 of the clock in the evening on the same day, March 13 next at the Town Hall.

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

- Selectmen: 1 for 3 Year Term
- Tax Collector: 1 for 1 Year Term
- Treasurer: 1 for 1 Year Term
- Local Auditor: 1 for 1 Year Term
- Moderator: 1 for 2 Year Term
- Supervisor of the Checklist: 1 for 6 Year Term
- Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 for 3 Year Term
- Library Trustee: 2 for 3 Year Terms
- Cemetery Trustee: 1 for 3 Year Term
- Budget Committee: 2 for 3 Year Terms
- Planning Board: 2 for 3 Year Terms

ARTICLE TWO: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the amendment to the Acworth Zoning Ordinance (concerning its updating with regard to trailers, mobile homes and recreational vehicles) as proposed by the Planning Board. Copies of the complete amendment are available for review in the Town Office and will be available the day of voting. The following question will appear on the Official Ballot:

“Are you in favor of the amendment to the existing Town of Acworth Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? The amendment updates the Ordinance language regarding trailers, mobile homes and recreational vehicles.”

ARTICLE THREE: To see if the Town will empower the Selectmen to serve as pound keepers, measurers of wood and fence viewers.

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

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$10,000 from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund into the General Fund. Said funds were derived from sustainable timber harvests managed by the Conservation Commission in accordance with the Town Forest Management Plan. Submitted by the Conservation Commission.

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$1,104,123.00 for general municipal operations with \$50,000 to be applied to general municipal operations from unreserved fund balance. The Selectmen support the Budget Committee recommendation. This article does not include Special or Individual articles addressed.

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) to be placed in the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund created in 2010 for the next state required values update in 2016.  
The Budget Committee and the Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 2000.  
The Budget Committee and the Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a 2012 Ford 550 truck to replace the one-ton for the sum of eighty seven thousand, four hundred dollars (\$87,400) and to authorize the withdrawal of eighty seven thousand, four hundred dollars (\$87,400) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 2000 to pay for the purchase.  
The Budget Committee and the Selectmen recommend this article.

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

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Acworth this 20th day of February, 2012. A True Copy of Warrant Attest: Board of Selectmen:  
Gretchen Abendschein, Tom Esslinger, Steven Holt

ACCT #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS	
					Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended)	Ensuing Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)	Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended)	Ensuing Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>								
4130-4139	Executive	6	27,750.00	26,999.96	25,250.00		25,500.00	
4140-4149	Election, Reg & Vital Statistics	6	2,000.00	1,622.63	4,000.00		4,000.00	
4150-4151	Financial Administration	6	69,764.00	68,967.80	70,814.00		70,814.00	
4152	Revaluation of Property	6	45,400.00	39,287.26	12,500.00		12,500.00	
4153	Legal Expense	6	30,000.00	62,004.54	20,000.00		20,000.00	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	6	25,645.00	17,683.82	18,146.00		18,146.00	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	6	4,700.00	3,327.23	4,050.00		4,050.00	
4194	General Government Buildings	6	13,300.00	9,221.62	10,760.00		10,760.00	
4195	Cemeteries	6	15,100.00	12,472.01	17,150.00		17,150.00	
4196	Insurance	6	14,937.00	14,973.07	17,080.00		17,080.00	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	6	1,082.00	1,082.90	1,113.00		1,113.00	
4199	Other General Government							
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>								
4210-4214	Police	6	8,000.00	9,000.00	8,000.00		8,000.00	
4215-4219	Ambulance	6	9,600.00	9,600.00	9,600.00		9,600.00	
4220-4229	Fire	6	34,000.00	34,000.00	36,000.00		36,000.00	
4240-4249	Building Inspection							
4290-4298	Emergency Management	6	19,000.00	9,272.95	15,000.00		15,000.00	
4299	Other (Including Communications)							
<b>AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER</b>								
4301-4309	Airport Operations							
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>								
4311	Administration							
4312	Highways & Streets	6	316,348.00	309,183.89	388,320.00		321,042.00	48,450 to 4909, 18,828 to 48
4313	Bridges	6	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00		1,000.00	



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<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS (cont.)</b>								
4316	Street Lighting	6	2,000.00	2,117.06	2,000.00		2,000.00	
4319	Other (Highway General)	6	98,300.00	106,472.25	103,900.00		103,900.00	
<b>SANITATION</b>								
4321	Administration							
4323	Solid Waste Collection							
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	6	73,875.00	81,752.34	74,650.00		74,650.00	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up (Landfill monit)	6	7,000.00	1,914.86	7,000.00		7,000.00	
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other							
<b>WATER DISTRIBUTION &amp; TREATMENT</b>								
4331	Administration							
4332	Water Services							
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other							
<b>ELECTRIC</b>								
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4359	Other Electric Costs							
<b>HEALTH/WELFARE</b>								
4411	Administration							
4414	Pest Control (Animal control)	6	1,000.00	1,466.39	1,500.00		1,000.00	500.00
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	6	8,000.00	4,530.00	8,030.00		8,030.00	
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.							
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other	6	10,000.00	1,324.26	10,000.00		10,000.00	

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ACCT.#	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Enslung Fiscal Year (Recommended)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Enslung Fiscal Year (Recommended)	Enslung Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)	Enslung Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)	Enslung Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>								
4520-4529	6	2,300.00	1,531.96	1,650.00			1,650.00	
4550-4559	6	27,550.00	27,550.00	35,460.00			37,960.00	
4583	6	200.00	200.00	200.00			200.00	
4589		500.00	0.00	0.00			0.00	
<b>CONSERVATION</b>								
4611-4612	6	700.00	487.54	700.00			700.00	
4619	6	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00			2,000.00	
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>								
4711								
4721								
4723	6	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00			1,000.00	
4790-4799								
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>								
4901								
4902	6						18,828.00	
4903								
4909	6	200,275.00	205,320.14	255,000.00			243,450.00	11,550.00
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>								
4912		7,900.00	14,213.13					
4913								
4914								

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	<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT (cont.)</b>							
	- Electric							
	- Airport							
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
4919	To Fiduciary Funds							
	<b>OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL</b>		1,080,226.00	1,079,581.61	1,161,873.00		1,104,123.00	60,500.00

\*\*SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES\*\*

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32.3.VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriations to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trusts funds; or 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

1 ACCT.#	2 PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	3 Warr. Art.#	4 Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	5 Actual Expenditures Prior Year	6 SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Enacting Fiscal Year (Recommended)	7 (Not Recommended)	8 BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Enacting Fiscal Year (Recommended)	9 (Not Recommended)
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund (HW Equip)	8	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00		30,000.00	
4916	To Exp. Tr. Fund							
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund (Reval)	7			8,000.00		8,000.00	
	<b>SPECIAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED</b>		30,000.00		38,000.00		38,000.00	

\*\*INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES\*\*

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

1 ACCT.#	2 PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	3 Warr. Art.#	4 Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	5 Actual Expenditures Prior Year	6 SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Enacting Fiscal Year (Recommended)	7 (Not Recommended)	8 BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Enacting Fiscal Year (Recommended)	9 (Not Recommended)
	One ton replacement (lease with escape clause)				18,670.00		0.00	18,670.00
	One ton replacement (purchase with capital reserve funds) Art. 9				0.00		87,400.00	
	<b>INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED</b>				18,670.00		87,400.00	

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Est. Revenues
<b>TAXES</b>					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		5,537.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		6,418.47	8,000.00	8,000.00
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		26,279.99	28,500.00	28,500.00
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		71.36	75	75
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>					
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		30.00		
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		130,342.16	131,725.00	131,725.00
3230	Building Permits		420.00	450.00	450.00
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		4,811.30	4,220.00	4,220.00
3311-3319	<b>FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
<b>FROM STATE</b>					
3351	Shared Revenues				
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		39,822.19	40,482.00	40,482.00
3353	Highway Block Grant		145,311.33	137,096.00	137,096.00
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		229.75	230.00	230.00
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)			2,500.00	2,500.00
3379	<b>FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS</b>				
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>					
3401-3406	Income from Departments		10,967.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
3409	Other Charges				
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		48,799.00	0.00	0.00
3502	Interest on Investments		2,716.96	2,000.00	2,000.00
3503-3509	Other		16,610.54	14,000.00	14,000.00
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Est. Revenues
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN (cont.)</b>					
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		20,000.00	0.00	87,400.00
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds		1,895.20	700.00	700.00
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				10,000.00
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>					
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amounts Voted From Fund Balance		81,000.00	0.00	50,000.00
	Estimated Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes				
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE &amp; CREDITS</b>			<b>541,262.25</b>	<b>379,978.00</b>	<b>527,378.00</b>

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

	PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)	1,080,226.00	1,161,873.00	1,104,123.00
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	30,000.00	38,000.00	38,000.00
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	0.00	18,670.00	87,400.00
<b>TOTAL Appropriations Recommended</b>	<b>1,110,226.00</b>	<b>1,218,583.00</b>	<b>1,229,523.00</b>
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)		379,978.00	527,378.00
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised		838,605.00	702,145.00

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: 122,952  
 (See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

Supplemental tax rate information:

2012 tax impact of budget committee's proposed budget, based on 2011 assessed values:

Proposed operating budget	\$ 7.01
Proposed special warrant articles	0.40
Proposed individual articles	-
	<u>\$ 7.41</u>

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2012 proposed local tax increase per \$100,000 of assessed value \$ 58.00

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TOWN OF ACWORTH  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES  
March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Elections – 10:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. and 10:20 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.  
Business Meeting – 7:30 p.m. – 1:30 a.m. 3/10/10

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

Results of ballots cast – declared winners' names are noted in **bold print**.

Selectmen – One person for three-year term		
Kenneth P. Christie		136
<b>Steven M. Holt</b>		<b>172</b>
Tax Collector - One person for one-year term		
<b>Marianne Wierenga-Nevelson</b>		<b>276</b>
Treasurer - One person for one-year term		
<b>Scott Luther-Houghton</b>		<b>283</b>
Local Auditor 1 for one-year term		
<b>John Tuthill (write-in)</b>	<i>declined</i>	<b>3</b>
Trustee of Trust Funds – One Person for three-year term		
<b>Tim Perry</b>		<b>261</b>
Cemetery Trustee – One Person for three-year term		
<b>Kenneth Reed (write-in)</b>		<b>38</b>
Planning Board – Two Persons for three-year term		
<b>K. Wesley Cubberley</b>		<b>245</b>
<b>Laurence Williamson</b>		<b>177</b>
Library Trustee – Two persons for three-year term		
<b>Guy Russell</b>		<b>258</b>
<b>Tanya Holt (write-in)</b>		<b>38</b>
Budget Committee – Two persons for three-year term		
John W. Balla		156
<b>Susan Metsack</b>		<b>231</b>
<b>John Tuthill</b>		<b>183</b>

ARTICLE TWO: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Amendment to the Acworth Zoning Ordinance (concerning description of the Village Districts) as proposed by the Planning Board. Copies of the complete amendment are available for review at the Town

Office, and will be available the day of voting. The following question will appear on the Official Ballot:

“Are you in favor of the amendment to the existing Town of Acworth Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? The amendment replaces the existing descriptions of the Acworth and South Acworth Village Districts boundaries with the boundaries shown on the 2010 Property Maps, produced by Cartographic Associates, Inc.”

**Results of ballots cast:**

**YES    200    NO    73**

**ARTICLE TWO PASSED**

ARTICLE THREE: Do you approve of having 2 sessions for the annual town meeting in this town, the first session for choice of town officers elected by an official ballot and other action required to be inserted on said official ballot and the second session, on a date set by the selectmen, for transaction of other business?

*(The effect of this article, if adopted, would be to allow the selectmen to schedule the deliberative session of town meeting on some day other than the day of town elections. Article 3 is not an article calling for the adoption of the “SB2” Official Ballot Referendum form of town meeting. That option is instead being proposed in Article 4.)*

**Results of ballots cast:**

**YES    86    NO    206**

**ARTICLE THREE FAILED**

ARTICLE FOUR: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Acworth on the second Tuesday of March? By petition; requires 3/5 vote.

**Results of ballots cast:**

**YES    70    NO    236**

**ARTICLE FOUR FAILED**

ARTICLE FIVE: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14-b to delegate the determination of the default budget to the Acworth Budget Committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14. By petition; requires 3/5 vote.

*(Article 5, if adopted, will take effect only if Article 4 is also adopted, because the “default budget” is a concept, which exists only under the “SB2” Official Ballot Referendum form of town meeting.)*

**Results of ballots cast:**



ARTICLE FIVE FAILED

At 7:00, Moderator John Luther announced for voters to go to the Supervisors of the checklist to obtain secret ballots for the upcoming meeting.

Moderator John Luther called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8th, 2011 at the Acworth Town Hall. He announced again for any voter that did not have their secret ballots to obtain them at this time from the Supervisors of the checklist. John announced that the polls would be open after the meeting for those who still had not voted. He then asked all to stand and join him in the pledge of allegiance.

Before Moderator began reading the warrant, Jim Brown moved that no item of the agenda may be brought up for reconsideration except at a properly warned adjournment of this meeting to take place on a date no sooner than March 18, 2011.

After brief discussion, 5 legal voters made a request, to vote by secret ballot, which Moderator granted. Request went to vote by secret ballot using letter "A". Meeting recessed briefly to count ballots.

Results of ballots cast:

YES 98

NO 40

REQUEST PASSED

Moderator then began reading the warrant.

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Town will accept the minutes of the Town Meeting of March 9th, 2010.

Article six moved by Jim Brown. Seconded by Rob Vogel.

Peter Toner moved to amend the minutes in the town report of 2010 Town Meeting in regards to article nine as acted upon at the 2010 Town Meeting to include the discussion that made reference to the loader being a 1998 John Deere Model 544E with 15,237 hours of use and to be purchased from Nortrax Co. of Springfield, VT and that this information to become part of the town of Acworth's permanent records.

After brief discussion, amendment was moved to vote by voice vote. Moderator was unsure of vote so asked to vote again by show of hands.

Results of hand cont:

YES 45

No 78

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE SIX FAILED

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

### **ARTICLE SIX PASSED**

*ARTICLE SEVEN:* To see if the Town will empower the Selectmen to serve as pound keepers, measurers of wood and fence viewers.

**Article seven moved by Ralph Balla. Seconded by Brian Gendron.  
With no discussion, article seven was moved to vote by voice vote.**

### **ARTICLE SEVEN PASSED**

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

**Article eight moved by Marianne Nevelson. Seconded by Sally Eaton.  
With no discussion, article eight was moved by voice vote.**

### **ARTICLE EIGHT PASSED**

*ARTICLE NINE:* To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sixty two thousand nine hundred dollars (\$62,900) for the purpose of purchasing an excavator as listed in the 2011 Capital Improvement Plan for the Town. The Budget Committee recommends this article.

**Article nine moved by David Lacasse. Seconded by Marcie Maynard.  
After much discussion, Bruce Bascom, motioned to move the question. Seconded by Lyman Young.  
Moving the question was passed by voice vote.  
Moderator announced there was a request by 5 legal voters to vote by secret ballot and to use letter "B". Meeting recessed briefly to count ballots.**

#### **Results of ballots cast:**

<b>YES</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>86</b>
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### **ARTICLE NINE FAILED**

*ARTICLE TEN:* To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) to be placed in the Highway Equipment capital reserve fund. It is the intent of the Selectmen to take up and consider this article only if Article 9 is defeated. The Budget Committee and the Selectmen recommend this article.

**Article ten moved by Rob Vogel. Seconded by Ralph Balla.  
After much discussion, Jim Jennison moved to amend the article to \$30,000.00.  
Seconded by Jim Brown.  
After further discussion on the amendment, Ralph Balla motioned to move the question. Seconded by Rudy Klein.  
Moving the question of the amendment was passed by voice vote.  
Amendment was moved to vote by voice vote.**

Moderator was unsure of vote so asked to vote again by show of hands.

**Results of show of hands:**

**YES 82 NO 52**

**AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE TEN PASSED**

After further discussion and clarification from the budget committee on the article, David Bascom moved the question. Seconded by Ralph Balla.

Moving the question was passed by voice vote.

Article ten as amended was moved to vote. Moderator announced there was a request by 5 legal voters to vote by secret ballot and to use letter "C". Meeting recessed briefly to count ballots and to distribute additional secret ballots in case needed.

**YES 81 NO 65**

**ARTICLE TEN AS AMENDED PASSED**

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$1,080,226 for general municipal operations with \$81,000 to be applied to general municipal operations from fund balance. This article does not include Special or Individual articles addressed. The Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article eleven moved by Marianne Nevelson. Seconded by Jim Brown.

After much discussion, and questions on various budget line items, Bruce Bascom motioned to move the question. Seconded by Mary Lord.

Moving the question was not passed by voice vote.

Tom Esslinger motioned to amend this article to increase the budget by 15,000 for salt for a total of \$1,095,226. Seconded by Marianne Nevelson.

After some discussion Ralph Balla moved question. Seconded by Ed Metsack.

Moving the question was passed by voice vote.

Amendment was moved to vote by voice vote.

**AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE ELEVEN FAILED**

After further discussion on the budget, Brian Gendron motioned to move the question. Seconded by Ralph Balla.

Moving the question passed by voice vote.

Article Ten was moved to vote by voice vote.

**ARTICLE ELEVEN PASSED**

ARTICLE TWELVE: To see if the Town will vote as recommended by the Conservation Commission Town Lands Committee and the Selectmen to sell the Onofrio Lot (229-30) acquired by tax deed in 1997, located on Cold Pond Road, consisting of five acres, with an assessed value of \$38,900 and to authorize the Selectmen to proceed with the sale by advertising for sealed bids. The Budget Committee recommends this article.

**Article twelve moved by Marianne Nevelson. Seconded by Olga Bassinne. After some discussion, Claude Bassinne motioned to move the question. Seconded by Ralph Balla. Moving the question passed by voice vote. Article twelve was moved to vote by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE TWELVE PASSED**

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to validate the Town's purchase of the Stebbins Road fire pond from Acworth Volunteer Fire and Rescue, Inc. for one dollar in 1988 but not voted on by Town Meeting. The Budget Committee recommends this article.

**Article thirteen moved by Ralph Balla. Seconded by Dan Jones. With no discussion, article thirteen was moved to vote by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE THIRTEEN PASSED UNANIMOSLY**

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

**With no further business, Ralph Balla motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jim Brown.**

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

**Moderator announced at 10:20 p.m. that the business portion of meeting was adjourned and that anyone who wishes to vote may do so.**

**Polls opened at 10:20 p.m. and closed at 10:30 p.m. Meeting was recessed to count ballots.**

**Counting of ballots completed at 12:15 a.m. The information was given to town clerk to compile, complete necessary paperwork, and call/fax in results to various places.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted by,



Charlotte Comeau  
Acworth Town Clerk

**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION**

Municipal Services Division  
2011 Tax Rate Calculation

**TOWN PORTION**

Gross Appropriations	1,110,226		
Less: Revenues	(389,213)		
Less: Fund Balance Used	(81,000)		
Add: Overlay	49		
Add: War Service Credits	6,800		
Net Town Appropriation	<u>646,862</u>		
Special Adjustment	<u>-</u>		
Approved Town Tax Effort		646,862	
<b>Town Rate per \$1,000</b>			<b>6.83</b>

**SCHOOL PORTION**

Net Local School Budget	-		
Regional School Apportionment	1,486,969		
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(432,911)		
Less: State Education Taxes	<u>(234,560)</u>		
Approved School Tax Effort		819,498	
<b>Local School Rate per \$1,000</b>			<b>8.65</b>

**STATE EDUCATION TAXES**

State Equalized Valuation (no utilities)	100,886,141		
State Education Rate per \$1,000	<u>2.33</u>		
Approved State School Tax Effort		234,560	
<b>State Education Rate per \$1,000</b>			<b>2.51</b>
based on local assessed valuation (no utilities) of \$93,371,030			

**COUNTY PORTION**

Due to County	302,681		
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>-</u>		
Approved County Tax Effort		302,681	
<b>County Rate per \$1,000</b>			<b>3.20</b>

**TOTAL COMBINED TAX RATE PER \$1,000**

**21.19**

Total Property Taxes Assessed	<u>2,003,601</u>
Less: War Service Credits	<u>(6,800)</u>
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY TAX COMMITMENT</b>	<u><u>1,996,801</u></u>

	<b>local assessed valuation</b>	<b>tax rate per 1,000</b>	<b>taxes assessed</b>
State Education Tax (no utilities)	93,371,030	2.51	234,560
All Other Taxes	94,713,062	<u>18.68</u>	<u>1,769,041</u>
		<u>21.19</u>	<u>2,003,601</u>

**TOWN OF ACWORTH  
MULTI-YEAR TAX RATE COMPARISON**

Rate per \$1,000	after reval 2011	pre reval 2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	after reval 2006	pre reval 2006	2005	2004	2003
Town tax	6.83	6.25	6.97	6.47	7.05	6.63	4.31	9.22	7.59	6.22	5.11
Local school tax	8.65	7.92	7.65	7.55	7.12	6.85	7.02	15.02	13.97	15.40	12.31
State school tax	2.51	2.15	2.15	2.38	2.15	2.00	1.98	4.23	4.14	4.03	4.97
County tax	3.20	2.92	2.72	2.65	2.82	2.11	1.77	3.79	4.06	4.10	3.93
	21.19	19.24	19.49	19.05	19.14	17.59	15.08	32.26	29.76	29.75	26.32

**Taxes per \$100,000 of assessed value**

Land/Building	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
Town taxes	683.00	625.00	697.00	647.00	705.00	663.00	431.00	922.00	759.00	622.00	511.00
Local school tax	865.00	792.00	765.00	755.00	712.00	685.00	702.00	1,502.00	1,397.00	1,540.00	1,231.00
State school tax	251.00	215.00	215.00	238.00	215.00	200.00	198.00	423.00	414.00	403.00	497.00
County taxes	320.00	292.00	272.00	265.00	282.00	211.00	177.00	379.00	406.00	410.00	393.00
	2,119.00	1,924.00	1,949.00	1,905.00	1,914.00	1,759.00	1,508.00	3,226.00	2,976.00	2,975.00	2,632.00

**Town valuation summary (per ms-1)**

Land only	1,967,530	2,075,970	2,080,920	2,071,740	1,682,880	1,679,410	1,707,520	864,580	864,580	986,930	1,204,150
current use	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,500	2,500	2,110	2,550
conserv/ restrict	35,446,000	34,832,200	35,176,400	35,282,400	35,524,100	35,293,400	37,167,400	16,190,046	16,190,046	16,099,150	16,041,950
residential	906,300	995,100	962,700	964,700	364,700	364,700	403,500	35,300	35,300	12,300	12,300
commercial	38,319,830	37,903,270	38,220,020	37,728,840	37,571,680	37,337,510	39,278,420	17,092,426	17,092,426	17,100,490	17,260,950
subtotal	51,220,100	61,591,900	60,799,100	59,550,700	59,160,000	58,435,400	57,602,800	28,023,850	28,023,850	27,424,050	26,957,100
Building only	1,421,400	1,621,600	1,385,600	1,381,600	1,429,600	1,427,500	1,429,600	768,500	768,500	706,800	757,800
manufct housing	2,684,400	2,814,200	2,153,000	2,212,200	2,165,300	2,176,200	2,199,100	1,160,300	1,160,300	1,159,000	1,156,400
commercial	55,325,900	66,027,700	64,337,700	63,144,500	62,754,900	62,039,100	61,231,500	29,952,650	29,952,650	29,289,850	28,871,300
subtotal	1,342,032	1,422,200	1,248,606	1,194,995	1,375,500	1,415,000	1,546,934	754,902	754,902	950,921	1,418,067
Public utilities	94,987,762	105,353,170	103,806,326	102,068,335	101,702,080	100,791,610	102,056,854	47,799,978	47,799,978	47,341,261	47,550,317
valuation totals	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)
Blind exempt	(244,700)	(249,100)	(249,100)	(234,100)	(314,100)	(319,100)	(162,500)	(140,000)	(140,000)	(155,000)	(147,500)
Elderly exempt	94,713,062	105,074,070	103,527,226	101,804,235	101,357,980	100,457,510	101,879,354	47,644,978	47,644,978	47,171,261	47,387,817
value for local taxes	(1,342,032)	(1,422,200)	(1,248,606)	(1,194,995)	(1,375,500)	(1,415,000)	(1,546,934)	(754,902)	(754,902)	(950,921)	(1,418,067)
less utilities	93,371,030	103,651,870	102,278,620	100,609,240	99,982,480	99,042,510	100,332,420	46,890,076	46,890,076	46,220,340	45,969,750
value for state ed tax											

**Change in town valuation**

Town valuation	94,987,762	105,353,170	103,806,326	102,068,335	101,702,080	100,791,610	102,056,854	47,799,978	47,799,978	47,341,261	47,550,317
Valuation change	(10,385,408)	1,546,844	1,737,991	386,255	910,470	(1,265,244)	54,256,876	-	458,717	(209,056)	338,172

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Detailed Statements of Receipts for 2011

	<u>Jan - Dec 11</u>
<b>3100 Received from tax collector</b>	\$ 2,108,981.13
See tax collector report for breakdown of details	
Less adjustment for credit memo reported on line 3501.1	(1,819.00)
	<u>2,107,162.13</u>
<b>3200 Received from town clerk</b>	131,740.66
See town clerk report for breakdown of details	
2010 bounced check replacement received in 2011	309.50
2011 bounced check not replaced	(10.50)
2011 miscellaneous overpayment refunded	(11.00)
	<u>132,028.66</u>
<b>3350 From State sources</b>	
3352 Meals and rooms distribution	39,822.19
3353 Highway block grant	145,311.33
3356 Forest land reimbursement	229.75
3359.2 Other State grants	51,765.00
	<u>237,128.27</u>
<b>3400 Revenue from services</b>	
3404 Transfer station fees	10,967.00
<b>3500 Miscellaneous sources</b>	
3501.1 Sale of municipal properties	48,799.00
3501.3 Gove lot timber sales	8,876.13
3502.1 Interest income on deposits	2,716.96
3506.4 Refund of prior year payment	521.73
3509.1 Income from departments	506.50
3509.21 Recycling proceeds-paper	5,608.50
3509.22 Recycling proceeds-metal	9,832.91
3509.23 Recycling proceeds-electronics	140.90
3230.2 Building permits	420.00
3292.1 Driveway permit fees	240.00
3292.2 Planning board fees	1,552.63
3292.3 Sale of histories and maps	480.00
3292.4 Dump Stickers	230.00
3292.5 Miscellaneous fees	652.17
	<u>80,577.43</u>
<b>3915 From special revenue funds</b>	
3912.4 Transfer from capital reserves for revaluation	20,000.00
<b>3916 Trust and agency funds</b>	
3916.1 Cemetery trust funds	1,895.20
<b>Total cash receipts for 2011</b>	<u><u>2,589,758.69</u></u>

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2011

Jan - Dec 11

### 4130 Town officers' salaries

Selectmen-Gretchen Abendschein	\$	2,000.00
Selectmen-Thomas Esslinger		2,000.00
Selectmen-Steven Holt		2,000.00
Treasurer-Scott Luther-Houghton		5,000.06
Tax collector-Marianne Nevelson		6,500.00
Deputy tax collector-Susan Metsack		999.96
Town clerk-Charlotte Comeau		7,999.94
Health officer-Toni Bowman		250.00
Deputy health officer-Tamsen Howes		250.00
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		26,999.96

### 4140 Elections and vital statistics

Stipends-election officials		1,341.00
Postage		96.80
Public notices		108.83
Vital record fees		76.00
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		1,622.63

### 4150 Town office expenses

Wages-administrative assistant		35,814.00
Health insurance		6,210.34
Annual auditing		3,720.00
Bank service charges		30.00
Computer, software and support		4,332.50
Deed office recording fees		48.44
Dues to Associations		712.98
Miscellaneous		466.05
Office equipment		1,119.98
Office supplies		1,582.19
Outside consultants		3,169.99
Postage		1,088.63
Public notices		581.26
Services of forester		753.30
Telephone		1,357.64
Tax collector expenses		3,888.93
Town clerk expenses		3,071.57
Town reports		933.00
Workshops and training		87.00
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		68,967.80

### 4152 Revaluation of property

2011 Values update		28,900.70
Property assessing		8,214.06
Mapping		2,060.00
Revaluation maintenance		112.50
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		39,287.26

### 4153 Legal expenses

62,004.54



# TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

## Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2011

Jan - Dec 11

### 4150 Payroll tax expenses

Payroll taxes-cleaning/shoveling	135.64
Payroll taxes-dump attendant	1,641.31
Payroll taxes-election officials	102.59
Payroll taxes-highway	10,422.22
Payroll taxes-planning board	95.48
Payroll taxes-road engineering	481.34
Payroll taxes-town office	2,739.79
Payroll taxes-town officials	2,065.45
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	17,683.82

### 4191 Planning and zoning

Wages - Planning Board	1,248.00
CIP updating	877.50
Miscellaneous expenses	44.18
Public notices	714.67
registry recording fees	442.88
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	3,327.23

### 4194 Town hall expenses

Wages - cleaning and shoveling	1,772.75
Electricity	925.67
Fuel oil	2,628.77
Miscellaneous	25.00
Mowing	2,240.00
Repairs	1,471.57
Supplies	157.86
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	9,221.62

### 4195 Cemeteries

Cemetery maps	65.00
Miscellaneous expenses	192.01
Mowing	3,270.00
Stone restoration	4,540.00
Tree Work	4,405.00
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	12,472.01

### 4196 Insurance

Property and general liability	7,256.07
State unemployment insurance	2,135.00
Workmens compensation	5,582.00
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	14,973.07

### 4197 Regional planning associations

1,082.90

### 4210 Police

Contract services	5,600.00
Dispatch	3,400.00
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	9,000.00

# TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

## Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2011

	<u>Jan - Dec 11</u>
<b>4215 Ambulance</b>	9,600.00
<b>4220 Fire &amp; Rescue services</b>	34,000.00
<b>4290 Emergency management</b>	
Culvert warrant article	8,811.43
Planning and mitigation	<u>461.52</u>
	9,272.95
<b>4312 Highway maintenance</b>	
Wages-highway	136,237.75
Health insurance	17,252.28
Culverts	17,525.00
Mag chloride	3,781.68
Materials-gravel and crushing	48,203.60
Miscellaneous	545.32
Mower, chipper and equip rental	15,113.02
Road signs	39.37
Salt	36,361.41
Sand screening and piling	10,000.00
Small maintenance projects	16,103.21
Trucking	<u>8,021.25</u>
	309,183.89
<b>4313 Bridge repairs</b>	-
<b>4316 Street lighting</b>	2,117.06
<b>4319 Highway - general expenses</b>	
Building maintenance	4,237.41
Diesel fuel	24,534.03
Electricity	812.65
Gas	4,418.11
Heating oil	5,287.73
Miscellaneous	237.46
New equipment	29,568.31
Radio communication	931.89
Repairs, parts	33,680.15
Safety	420.39
Supplies	958.89
Telephone	<u>1,385.23</u>
	106,472.25
<b>4324 Solid waste</b>	
Wages-dump attendant	21,455.35
Capital improvements	14,676.04
Waste oil grant expenses	2,900.00
Comingle bin w/o glass	364.50
Compactor trucking/rental fees	23,610.95

# TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

## Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2011

	<u>Jan - Dec 11</u>
Demolition disposal fees	10,539.98
Electricity	611.63
Electronics recycling	292.65
Fluorescent disposal	112.70
Freon Extraction	176.00
Hazardous waste disposal	469.60
Metal disposal fees	999.02
Miscellaneous supplies	830.64
Mixed paper disposal	2,700.00
Repair and amintenance	100.00
Safety	243.85
Telephone	446.35
Testing/ash disposal	92.72
Tire disposal	262.90
Training	313.50
Water and toilet	553.96
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	81,752.34
<b>4325 Landfill closure</b>	
Monitoring	1,151.00
Permit renewal	763.86
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	1,914.86
<b>4414 Animal control</b>	
State fees	275.53
Dog tags	131.45
State fees	433.00
Vet and boarding	628.41
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	1,468.39
<b>4415 Health and other agencies</b>	
Alstead Food Shelf	600.00
Community Alliance of Human Ser	500.00
Fall Mountain Friendly Meals	400.00
Home Healthcare Hospice & CS	1,000.00
Red Cross	250.00
S W Community Services	900.00
West Central Behavioral Health	880.00
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	4,530.00
<b>4445 Welfare</b>	1,324.26
<b>4520 Recreation</b>	
Electricity	89.96
Mowing	740.00
Portage toilet	502.00
Program expense	200.00
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	1,531.96

# TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

## Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2011

	<u>Jan - Dec 11</u>
<b>4550 Library</b>	
Wages-library	18,817.51
Payroll taxes-library	1,439.55
Miscellaneous	22.00
Library appropriation paid	<u>7,270.94</u>
	27,550.00
<b>4583 Memorial Day expenses</b>	200.00
<b>4611 Conservation commission</b>	
CC association dues	200.00
Crescent Lake testing	242.54
Miscellaneous expenses	<u>45.00</u>
	487.54
<b>4619 Conservation preservation</b>	
Crescent Lake Milfoil Committee	2,000.00
<b>4909 Improvements other than bdlgs</b>	
Wages-road engineering	6,292.00
Cold Pond Road project	187,704.04
Town gravel pit development	5,385.00
Town property expenses	<u>5,939.10</u>
	205,320.14
<b>4912 To special revenue funds</b>	
Conservation commission fund - luct	5,537.00
Forest maintenance fund - Gove lot timber sales	<u>8,876.13</u>
	14,413.13
<b>4915 To capital reserve funds</b>	
Capital reserve - highway equipment	30,000.00
	<u>30,000.00</u>
<b>Total appropriation disbursements for 2011</b>	<b>\$ <u>1,109,781.61</u></b>

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Detailed Statement of Non-appropriation Disbursements and Prior Year Encumbered Amounts for 2011

	<u>Jan - Dec 11</u>
<b>4931 Sullivan County</b>	\$ 302,681.00
<b>4933 FM Regional School District</b>	1,032,709.29
<b>Tax collector abatements and overpayments refunded</b>	6,851.16
<b>Tax collector liens on unpaid taxes</b>	64,494.01
<b>Desbien land purchase for conservation purposes</b>	
Unanticipated 2011 LCHIP grant	46,766.00
Anticipated 2010 Moose Plate grant	4,999.00
Encumbered 2010 fund balance	<u>60,104.34</u>
<b>Total non-appropriation disbursements for 2011</b>	<b>\$ <u>1,518,604.80</u></b>

**Town of Acworth**  
**Balance Sheets (General Fund, Comparative)**  
**December 31, 2011 and 2010**

	<b>December 31</b>	
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents		
Checking	\$ 546.22	\$ 974.49
Money market	596,725.04	635,974.49
Petty cash	150.00	100.00
Savings - performance bonds	1,500.00	1,500.00
	598,921.26	638,548.98
Taxes receivable		
Taxes receivable - property tax	177,581.13	169,118.84
Taxes receivable - timber yield tax	5,469.43	1,019.90
Tax liens receivable - 2007 levy	2,454.37	5,005.00
Tax liens receivable - 2008 levy	18,370.48	32,479.06
Tax liens receivable - 2009 levy	26,348.44	50,765.26
Tax liens receivable - 2010 levy	51,619.91	-
Allowance for abatements-property tax	-	-
	281,843.76	258,388.06
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 880,765.02</b>	<b>\$ 896,937.04</b>
 <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>		
Liabilities		
Prepaid property taxes	\$ 11,692.25	\$ 3,613.78
School district payable	446,307.06	424,958.37
Performance bond refundable	1,500.00	2,500.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	459,499.31	431,072.15
Fund equity		
Fund equity - unassigned	377,687.71	332,302.89
Fund equity - assigned (2010 Crane Brook Rd project)	43,578.00	43,578.00
Fund equity - assigned (2010 Desbien Conservation purch.)	-	89,984.00
	421,265.71	465,864.89
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 880,765.02</b>	<b>\$ 896,937.04</b>

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Summary of Conservation Commission accounts for 2011**

**Conservation commission savings account**

Beginning balance 1/1/11	\$ 19,762.84
2011 1/2 Land Use Change Tax (LUCT) proceeds	5,537.00
Interest income	24.34
Desbiens land purchase expenses	<u>(12,483.45)</u>
Ending balance 12/31/11	<u>\$ 12,840.73</u>

**Cons. Comm. forest maintenance savings account**

Beginning balance 1/1/11	\$ 9,773.53
Timber sale proceeds	8,876.13
Interest income	15.03
Forest management plan expenses	<u>(3,767.25)</u>
Transfer to general fund	-
Ending balance 12/31/11	<u>\$ 14,897.44</u>

**Cons. Comm. Desbiens land purch. savings account**

Beginning balance 1/1/11	\$ 8,368.74
Donations toward land purchase	2,350.00
Interest income	9.26
Desbiens land purchase expenses	<u>(10,728.00)</u>
Ending balance 12/31/11	<u>\$ -</u>

### 2011 Schedule of Town Properties and Values

Town Hall and Land 229-1	\$151,600	
Contents per LGC/PLT	98,000	
Library and Land 229-32	116,400	
Contents per LGC/PLT	233,990	
Town Garage and Transfer Station 253-11	151,400	
Equipment	286,000	
Contents per LGC/PLT	98,208	
Hill/Lynn triangle	8,200	
Flagpole Lot	18,600	
Town Common 229-3	27,000	\$1,189,398

**Land Acquired Through Tax Collector's Deeds:**

Roberts Lot 236-10	38,500	
Howard Estate Lot 210-39	32,400	
Ball Lot 230-3	11,900	
Buss Lot 226-1	8,500	
Callum Lot 234-18	28,700	
Champney Lot 226-6	31,900	
Crescent Lake Lot 201-60	10,700	
Farnsworth Lot (Ball field) 222-4	55,400	
Gove/Fournier Lots (Town Forest) 211-1,201-135	880,800	
Hurd Lots 201-107 and 108	512,300	
Jennison Lot 240-9	82,900	
Onofrio Lot 229-30	34,200	
Prouty Lot 250-2	6,900	
Moto Lot 241-18	20,400	
Crescent Lake Lot 201-36	26,500	
Owner unknown 210-20.1	2,800	
Owner unknown 234-19	44,100	
Owner unknown 207-6	36,000	
Owner unknown 222-21	8,500	
Augustinowicz 210-27	36,000	\$1,909,400

**Land Acquired Through Gift or Purchase:**

Desbiens Lot 201-109	125,000	
Peirera/Diggert Lots (Town Wetlands) 225-6,226-9	92,100	
Pierce Brook Lot 209-7	48,600	
Ward Lot 218-4	22,300	
Mill Pond Acre/Mica Shed 246-17	31,500	
Contents per LGC/PLT	1,000	
Five Points School House Lot 231-8	8,900	
Prince Lot 246-57	2,300	
Lubetkin/Cemetery Lot 234-13	31,200	
Conservation Associates Lot 225-7	62,900	
Stebbins Road 229-58	11,100	
Nye Road Cemetery	25,500	
Hill Road Cemetery 234-24	43,000	\$505,400

**Total** **\$3,604,198**

## 2011 Tax Collector's Report

The Board of Selectmen issued warrants for the collection of 2011 property taxes totaling \$2,003,483.00. As of 12/31/2011 the Town received payments of \$1,827,946.87 which means 91% of taxes have been collected. This is the same rate as in 2010.

Also issued were warrants for Land Use Change Taxes of \$11,090.00, Yield Taxes of \$12,753.01 and Gravel Taxes of \$71.36. As of 1/30/2012 the combined outstanding balance for these was \$304.61.

The Town issued 4 waivers for the remaining 7 liens of the 2008 levy. These 4 tax payers had promised to make weekly payments. Two of these tax payers are in compliance, and two are delinquent on their promises.

As of this writing I have not mailed notices to delinquent taxpayers alerting them to the 2011 levy lien date of August 6, 2012. On January 30, 2012, 93 taxpayers had not paid their 2011 property taxes for a balance due of \$134,864.37. By the time you read this the notices will have been mailed. All properties with uncollected 2011 taxes on August 6, 2012 will incur a lien regardless of the amount of taxes due. Liens are an expensive proposition involving 18% interest plus various fees. Please pay.

The unpaid tax levy of 2009 is scheduled for tax deeding on October 29, 2012. As of 12/31/2011, 13 tax payers are scheduled for tax deeding and subsequent eviction. If you are in this situation come in as soon as possible with a payment plan or if you wish I will help you with a payment plan. Otherwise I will be forced to recommend the execution of a tax deed to the Board of Selectmen. You can make an appointment with me any time that is convenient for you.

I was accused and sued in 2011 in State Superior Court and the US Federal Court for taking property illegally. I can report that the Superior Court upheld my tax deed and subsequent eviction by the Town. The Federal Court dismissed the case.

Of the 2010 levy 26 of 37 liens remain unpaid for a balance due of \$51,619.91. Of the 2009 levy 13 liens remain unpaid for balance due of \$26,348.44. Of the 2008 levy 7 liens remain unpaid for a balance due of \$18,370.48. Of the 2007 levy 2 liens remain unpaid for a balance due of \$2,453.37. These balances due do not include interest which is accruing.

I want to thank everyone for their cooperation and their understanding that I am only the messenger.

Marianne W Nevelson  
Tax Collector



**2011 Tax Collector's Report**

<b>Debits</b>	<b>Levy for 2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
<i>Uncollected taxes</i>				
<i>Beg. Of Year</i>				
Property taxes	\$ -	\$ 169,038.84	\$ -	\$ -
Land Use Change	-	-	-	-
Yield taxes	-	1,019.90	-	-
Interest-Other charges	-	80.00	-	-
<i>Taxes Committed</i>				
<i>This Year</i>				
Property taxes	2,003,483.00	-	-	-
Land use change	11,090.00	-	-	-
Yield taxes	12,753.01	-	-	-
Gravel taxes	71.36	-	-	-
Other charges	48.00	296.00	-	-
<i>Overpayment</i>				
Property taxes	3,765.00	3,065.16	-	-
Interest-Late taxes	1,667.05	11,654.60	-	-
Cost before lien	-	1,165.00	-	-
<b>Total Debits</b>	<u>2,032,877.42</u>	<u>186,319.50</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**Credits**

<i>Remitted to Treasurer</i>				
Property taxes	1,839,639.12	113,982.35	-	-
Land use change	11,090.00	-	-	-
Yield taxes	5,113.82	1,019.90	-	-
Gravel taxes	71.36	-	-	-
Interest	1,667.05	11,654.60	-	-
Conversion to lien	-	59,018.15	-	-
Other charges	48.00	358.00	-	-
<i>Abatements made</i>				
Property taxes	1,720.00	286.50	-	-
Land Use Change	-	-	-	-
Yield taxes	2,169.76	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-	-
<i>Uncollected taxes</i>				
Property taxes	177,581.13	-	-	-
Yield taxes	5,469.43	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-	-
Other charges	-	-	-	-
Property Cr Bal	(11,692.25)	-	-	-
<b>Total Credits</b>	<u>2,032,877.42</u>	<u>186,319.50</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

<b>Debits</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Unredeemed liens	-	50,765.26	32,479.06	5,005.00
Fiscal year liens	64,479.01	-	-	-
Interest and costs	1,084.22	4,634.81	4,410.25	1,254.37
<b>Total Debits</b>	<u>65,563.23</u>	<u>55,400.07</u>	<u>36,889.31</u>	<u>6,259.37</u>

<i>Remitted to Treasurer</i>				
Redemptions	13,416.10	24,042.82	13,965.58	2,518.63
Interest and costs	527.22	5,008.81	4,553.25	1,286.37
Abatements	-	-	-	-
Unredeemed lien bal.	51,619.91	26,348.44	18,370.48	2,454.37
<b>Total Credits</b>	<u>\$ 65,563.23</u>	<u>\$ 55,400.07</u>	<u>\$ 36,889.31</u>	<u>\$ 6,259.37</u>

## 2011 Town Clerk Report

It's hard to believe another year has gone by and I have been in this office now for over seven years. I truly enjoy serving the community of Acworth as an elected official.

I want to take this opportunity to list some of the services available at this office for those of you that may be new in town. I am responsible for registering and titling vehicles. I also complete marriage license applications, process birth, marriage and death certificates, file wetland applications, pole licenses and dog licenses. I accept voter registration forms, maintain the check list, mail absentee ballots, prepare the town ballot and administer the oath of office to any newly elected or appointed Town Officials. Notary Public services are also available. There is more detailed information on the town website at [www.acworth.cc](http://www.acworth.cc). Click on the link that says Office Hours and then click on the link under Town Clerk hours. If there are any broken links, please let me know.

My office hours are Tuesday evening from 5:30 to 8:00 and Saturday morning from 8:00 to noon unless posted otherwise. If I close the office during these hours, I will post this information ahead of time at the Acworth post office, the village store and town hall office. I will always be closed on a Tuesday evening of an election, so please keep that in mind.

It will soon be time to renew your dog licenses for 2012. The 2011 license will expire on April 30th.

As a reminder, there is the option of renewing your registration or dog license on the Internet. To do this, go to the town website [www.acworth.cc](http://www.acworth.cc), scroll down and select the appropriate icon and follow the step-by-step instructions.



Please be sure to make out two checks for vehicle registration and print out the confirmation. Mail the confirmation in with your checks and keep a copy for yourself until you receive your registration in the mail. You are able to renew your registrations up to four months in advance.

If you don't have a computer and would like to access the Internet for these services, you could go to the village store or library.

For everyone's safety, the office may be closed during inclement weather, if you are unsure or have any questions, please call the office at 835-6879.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlotte Comeau  
Acworth Town Clerk

## 2011 TOWN CLERK REPORT

(Continued)

### MOTOR VEHICLES

Vehicle Registrations	124,218.91
Clerk Fees	1,431.00
Title Fees	420.00
Title Transfer Fees	440.00
Municipal Agent Fee	3,342.50
E-Convenience Fee	159.00
E-Log Fee	42.75
Bad Check Fees	<u>50.00</u>
	<b>130,104.16</b>

### DOGS

Licenses Issued: 212	
Town Fees	903.50
State Fees	423.00
Late Fees	<u>135.00</u>
	<b>1,461.50</b>

### MARRIAGES

Licenses Issued: 0

### FILING FEES

Vital Record Copies	
Town Fees	12.00
State Fees	33.00
Pole License	10.00
Wetlands Permit	15.00
UCC Fees	<u>30.00</u>
	<b>100.00</b>

### ELECTIONS

Voter Checklist	<u>75.00</u>
	<b>75.00</b>

**REMITTED TO TREASURER** **131,740.66**



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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON THE TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Acworth  
Acworth, New Hampshire 03601

We have examined the accompanying Report of the Town Clerk of the Town of Acworth for the year ended December 31, 2010. This Report is the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Report based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the Report as listed in the first paragraph and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion the Town Clerk's Report referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the activity of the Town Clerk's Office of the Town of Acworth, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 2010.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management and elected officials of the Town of Acworth and the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, Municipal Services Division and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mason + Rich, P.A.*

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TOWN OF ACWORTH  
INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT  
ON THE TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Acworth  
Acworth, New Hampshire 03601

We have examined the accompanying Tax Collector's Report (MS-61 prepared in accordance with RSA 41:35) of the Town of Acworth, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 2010. This Report is the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this Report based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the Tax Collector's Report as listed in the first paragraph and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the Report referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the activity of the Tax Collector's Report (MS-61) of the Town of Acworth, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 2010, based on the reporting criteria for Form MS-61.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management and elected officials of the Town of Acworth and the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, Municipal Services Division and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

Sincerely,

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## 2011 Selectmen's Report

The Board's agendas in 2011 refer most frequently to road projects, the Transfer Station and property revaluation.

After receiving notification of FEMA funding for the replacement of two culverts on Crane Brook Road the Board put out a request for bids. BUR Construction was the successful company and planning began for the necessary permitting, road closings, detours, utility line changes and manufacturing of the culverts themselves. The Town's contract with BUR required the project take place when school buses were not running. After delays due to weather and culvert manufacture it became clear that the project would have to be postponed. FEMA funds for the project remain available through 2012 and Town funds from 2011 will be held over to 2012.

The 2011 work on Cold Pond Road had both drainage and paving components. Bids for the drainage had been secured prior to Town Meeting for budget planning and that work was completed early in the season. The Highway Department followed up with shoulder work. Paving bids were reviewed during the summer and the work was completed during the fall. The 2012 budget includes an appropriation to seal all recently paved sections of Cold Pond Road as a protection of the Town's investment there.

During the spring discussion began as to ways to improve the Transfer Station. The shared use with the Highway Department of equipment and services made recombining the departments a consideration. Solid waste planning recommendations from Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission in September provided a basis for moving forward. The Board voted to return the Transfer Station to Highway supervision and authorized Dave Lacasse to implement UV's recommendations as the budget would allow. Initial feedback from Townspeople to the changes has been positive.

State statute requires that towns bring their property values to 100% of market value every five years. Acworth's last revaluation took place in 2006 making 2011 our update year. Assessors began reviewing all Town properties in April. Property owners were notified of potential new values in August and invited to meet with assessors if they had questions. The Board received the final values in late August and began the work of installing the new data in our tax billing system. Overall the Town's value decreased 9% as a result of the recent downturn in the real estate market. Lake properties were an exception with most holding or increasing in value.

The Board is pleased to be able to report that two suits filed against the Town by the Augustinowicz were dismissed and a suit filed by the Hansons in 2008 was decided in the Town's favor. All represented substantial legal costs to the tax payers. The outcome of the Hanson case will allow future savings as the Town accesses the gravel contained in the Town pit. The court documents are available on the Town website.

We look forward to 2012 and welcome your participation, Acworth Board of Selectmen: Gretchen Abendschein, Tom Esslinger and Steven Holt.

## 2011 Highway Department Report

The Highway Department had a lot of changes in 2011.

We came into the year with concerns about our budget after an intense winter. Most of you will remember the 4 foot snow banks and storms which came one after another. By Town Meeting we had overspent our salt line and the Mack's sander was in serious trouble.

The Town expected two major capital projects, the last section of Cold Pond Road and the Crane Brook Road culverts. We worked with the Cold Pond Road contractors throughout the season with trucking support and some unanticipated shoulder and tree work. Crane Brook was postponed to 2012 after persistent delays. Crane Brook is a bus route and our window there was tight.

In June we went to work on the Town's other gravel roads. We leased an excavator because it was so much less expensive than renting one. Starting on McLaughlin we began putting back the ditches which have pretty much disappeared over the years. We worked our way over Mulligan, Grout, Lynn, Gove and Black North last year and plan to keep going this year. We expect this work to keep our roads from washing out with every storm.

In the fall the Selectmen put the Transfer Station back under Highway supervision. It makes it much easier to coordinate equipment use. We were sorry to lose Jim Jennison but could understand that he would not want to take the position once it became shared full time. UVLSRPC had worked on layout suggestions for the Transfer Station last summer. With Lyle Balla's help we managed to implement most of them before the ground froze. In a recent visit by the state Department of Environmental Services the inspectors were so pleased with the site that they took pictures to use in upcoming classes.

Tom Phillips took Prescott Trafton's place in the spring. Our crew now consists of me, Tom, Dave Huffling, Keith Short and Bob Stocker. Keith and Bob are seasonal but available to us throughout the year when we need them. I can't thank the guys enough for their cooperation and willingness to do what needs to be done no matter what day or what time. Their positive attitude makes all the difference.

As I said above, we plan to keep working on our gravel roads and make a few more improvements at the Transfer Station. We will be the general contractor for Crane Brook which will be a saving for the Town and allow us to use some of the local subcontractors we have built relationships with. We were able to get a grant for a generator for the garage from the state and are looking into installing radiant heat there ourselves as another cost saving measure. Last of all we expect the Mack's new sander body which we squeezed out of last year's budget to be ready February 14, Valentine's Day!

I really appreciate your support. David J. Lacasse, Highway Supervisor

## 2011 Solid Waste Report

### Waste shipped for disposal

Municipal Solid Waste (Household Refuse)	231.87 tons
Construction and Demolition Debris and Bulky Waste	<u>98.53 tons</u>
Total	330.40 tons

### Recyclable material shipped for processing or reuse\*

Grand Total: Waste and Recyclables	<u>161.59 tons</u> 491.99 tons
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Recycling rate as a percentage of total tons received 33%

<u>Hauling</u>	Avg. weight	Shipments	Tons
Municipal Solid Waste	11.04 tons/haul	21 containers	231.87
C&D	6.16 tons/haul	16 containers	98.53
Mixed Paper Fiber**	6.38 tons/haul	10 containers	63.76
Co-mingled Containers***	5.91 tons/haul	10 containers	59.13
Scrap Metal	6.45 tons/haul	6 containers	38.70
Electronics		2 shipments	
Misc. + tires (est.)	229 count	1 shipment	

<u>Material****</u>	Cost	Income	Net Cost or Income/Ton
MSW	\$25,660	-	\$110.67/ton cost
C&D	\$10,540	-	\$106.97/ton cost
Mixed Paper	\$ 2,450	\$5,472	\$ 47.40/ton income
Co-mingled	\$ 322	-	\$ 5.45/ton cost
Scrap Metal	\$ 746	\$8,863	\$209.74/ton income
Electronics	\$ 293	\$ 141	\$ 76/shipment cost
Tires	\$ 263	-	\$263/229 count cost

\* This figure does not include glass, batteries, propane tanks, bulbs and other incidental recyclable materials. (Figures may not total due to rounding.)

\*\* Mixed includes newsprint, cardboard, magazines, and all other clean paper fiber.

\*\*\* Co-mingled includes clean aluminum, plastic or tin beverage and food containers.

\*\*\*\* Fees collected in 2011 offset C&D, Electronic and Tire removal costs. However, Transfer station revenues are not currently broken out for these categories and are therefore not reflected in the Net Cost or Income/Ton calculation

Board of Selectmen office



## 2011 Trustees of Trust Funds Report

The Trustees of Trust Funds held five regular meetings and one special meeting. At the regular meetings we made payments to all beneficiaries from many private funds. The trustees are also custodians of public capital reserve funds which may be requested in whole or in part by the selectmen or agents at any time. Our special meeting thus provided flexibility to accommodate requests for payments or any other business which may come before us with a short lead time.

The statutory annual reports include our annual review of the investment policy and the attached MS-9. These reports are submitted annually to the Charitable Trust Unit of the Department of the Attorney General and to the town.

The trustees continued to look for options open to them in order to produce a higher interest yield, or even a way to enhance the existing principal. As in the past we continue to be seriously constrained by: the total amount of our Common Trusts, the applicable New Hampshire statutes, the accounting and reporting requirements, and the personal liability in the event of loss of principal. However, the trustees will continue to look for other options that could be expected to bring a higher total yield.

Respectfully submitted, Alston W. Barret,tTim Perry,Paul Auger,Trustees

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF ACWORTH ON DECEMBER 31, 2011

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL						INCOME					
				Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or Losses	Withdrawals	Balance Year End	Balance Beginning Year	%	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance Year End	Grand Total	
n/a	Highway Equipment	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP	18.2	62,796.25	30,000.00	-	-	8,194.57	4,672.65	18	45.60	-	4,718.25	97,514.50
n/a	Dump Closure	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP	2.4	1,616.25	-	-	-	8,194.57	2,160.38	2.6	6.66	-	2,167.04	10,361.61
n/a	C.P. Road Paving	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP	0	-	-	-	-	1,057.23	0.3	0.66	-	-	1,057.89	1,057.89
n/a	Ac. Elementary School CRF	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP	2	7,007.28	-	-	-	7,007.28	24.19	1.8	4.54	-	28.73	7,036.01
n/a	2010 Reval CAB	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP	5.8	20,000.00	-	-	-	20,000.00	3.25	3.7	9.44	-	12.69	12,69
1913	Edward C. Buell	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.2	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	339.27	0.2	0.55	-	336.37	875.12
1913	Julia A. Buwell	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.3	1,077.50	-	-	-	1,077.50	119.36	0.3	0.77	-	4.70	1,132.93
1916	Mary I. Bowers	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.5	1,616.25	-	-	-	1,616.25	999.57	0.7	1.70	-	10.26	2,607.26
1922	T.W. Place	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.1	269.38	-	-	-	269.38	95.60	0.1	0.23	-	1.43	363.78
1922	George W. Neal	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.2	573.02	-	-	-	573.02	387.75	0.3	0.63	-	2.97	384.61
1924	William Warner	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.2	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	217.39	0.2	0.50	-	2.77	857.63
1925	Horace G. Perham	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.1	269.38	-	-	-	269.38	72.48	0.1	0.22	-	1.34	340.74
1925	Henry A. Clark	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.3	1,077.50	-	-	-	1,077.50	724.35	0.5	1.15	-	7.07	1,795.93
1925	Laura L. McKeen	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.2	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	347.82	0.2	0.55	-	3.48	883.64
1925	Abraham Mitchell	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.3	1,023.63	-	-	-	1,023.63	677.96	0.4	1.11	-	6.68	1,696.02
1929	Charles K. Wood	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.2	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	308.77	0.2	0.53	-	3.33	305.97
1930	Cynthia Finley	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.2	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	347.80	0.2	0.55	-	3.48	344.87
1930	Charles Elliott	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.1	269.38	-	-	-	269.38	72.91	0.1	0.22	-	1.34	341.17
1930	Hyram Hayward	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.2	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	230.64	0.2	0.51	-	3.02	728.13
1931	Ada L. Wallace	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.3	1,077.50	-	-	-	1,077.50	724.34	0.5	1.15	-	7.07	1,795.92
1931	White-Ryder	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.2	511.81	-	-	-	511.81	338.93	0.2	0.53	-	3.34	336.12
1932	Oarett Eaton	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0	134.69	-	-	-	134.69	101.27	0.1	0.14	-	0.93	100.48
1933	Samual A. Nye	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.2	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	191.53	0.2	0.48	-	2.87	189.14
1934	Ashton A. Hemphill	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.2	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	347.75	0.2	0.55	-	3.48	344.82
1937	George W. Buss	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.2	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	347.75	0.2	0.55	-	3.48	344.82
1937	Frank McNaughton	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.2	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	347.75	0.2	0.55	-	3.48	344.82
1937	Walter Shale	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.5	1,616.25	-	-	-	1,616.25	1,100.73	0.7	1.74	-	10.66	1,091.81
1938	George W. Call	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.2	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	347.78	0.2	0.55	-	3.48	344.85
1939	Alger E. Hemphill	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.2	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	347.78	0.2	0.55	-	3.48	344.85
1940	Charles M. Thornton	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.2	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	347.78	0.2	0.55	-	3.48	344.85
1941	Gertrude C. Reed	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.3	1,077.50	-	-	-	1,077.50	619.87	0.4	1.11	-	6.66	1,614.32
1941	Weston Kemp	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.2	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	347.78	0.2	0.55	-	3.48	344.85
1941	Olvin R. Kemp	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.1	269.38	-	-	-	269.38	173.74	0.1	0.28	-	1.74	172.28
1942	James Jeffrey	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.2	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	347.80	0.2	0.55	-	3.48	344.87
1942	H.W. Allen	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.2	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	347.80	0.2	0.55	-	3.48	344.87
1943	Ella Prentiss	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.2	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	119.79	0.2	0.41	-	2.58	117.62
1944	Almon E. Clark	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.2	700.38	-	-	-	700.38	457.57	0.3	0.76	-	4.54	453.79
1944	Francis Buss	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.1	377.13	-	-	-	377.13	266.53	0.2	0.40	-	2.53	264.40
1945	Edwin S. Chatterton	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.5	1,616.25	-	-	-	1,616.25	1,100.73	0.7	1.74	-	10.66	1,091.87
1946	Horace Rugg	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.2	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	347.81	0.2	0.55	-	3.48	344.88
1946	Erving Davis	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.2	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	347.81	0.2	0.55	-	3.48	344.88
1946	Carl Kemp	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.2	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	190.94	0.2	0.48	-	2.86	188.56
1946	W. A. Barney	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.2	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	347.81	0.2	0.55	-	3.48	344.88
1947	Fred Batchelder	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.2	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	295.58	0.2	0.53	-	3.27	292.84
1947	The Bass Lotz	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.3	1,077.50	-	-	-	1,077.50	619.92	0.4	1.11	-	6.66	1,614.37
1951	George W. Muzzy	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.2	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	347.81	0.2	0.55	-	3.48	344.88

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			Balance Beginning Year	Balance Year End	Withdrawals Year	Cash Gains or Losses	New Funds Created	How Invested %	Balance Beginning Year	Balance Year End	Expended During Year	Income During Year	Balance Year End			
1951	Horace Dexter	Cemetery	0.2	538.75	538.75	-	-	0.2	0.55	347.81	347.81	0.2	0.55	48.08	300.28	839.03
1952	Barent C Finley	Cemetery	0.2	538.75	538.75	-	-	0.2	0.38	538.75	45.96	0.2	0.38	2.29	44.05	562.80
1952	George W Proter	Cemetery	0.2	538.75	538.75	-	-	0.2	0.55	347.79	347.79	0.2	0.55	3.48	344.86	883.61
1954	Roxscoe Hull	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	1,077.50	-	-	0.3	1.15	724.38	724.38	0.5	1.15	7.07	718.46	1,795.96
1954	Clara Johnson	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	1,077.50	-	-	0.3	1.15	724.39	724.39	0.2	0.55	7.07	718.47	1,795.97
1957	C M Emerson	Cemetery	0.2	538.75	538.75	-	-	0.2	0.55	347.79	347.79	0.2	0.55	3.48	344.86	883.61
1957	Frank & J. McCall	Cemetery	0.2	538.75	538.75	-	-	0.2	0.48	387.11	387.11	0.2	0.48	88.85	98.74	637.49
1957	N. G. & J. Webster	Cemetery	0.2	538.75	538.75	-	-	0.2	0.55	347.77	347.77	0.2	0.41	2.58	344.84	883.59
1958	Freeman Campbell	Cemetery	0.2	538.75	538.75	-	-	0.2	0.55	347.77	347.77	0.2	0.55	117.59	656.34	779.42
1958	John Symonds	Cemetery	0.2	538.75	538.75	-	-	0.2	0.51	243.23	243.23	0.2	0.51	3.07	240.67	677.94
1958	Elmer E. Wheeler	Cemetery	0.2	808.13	808.13	-	-	0.4	0.88	550.41	550.41	0.4	0.88	5.33	545.96	1,354.09
1958	Arthur Perham	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	1,077.50	-	-	0.5	1.15	724.39	724.39	0.5	1.15	7.07	718.47	1,795.97
1959	Lufkin-Robbins	Cemetery	0.2	538.75	538.75	-	-	0.2	0.55	347.79	347.79	0.2	0.55	3.48	344.86	883.61
1959	Clarence Jeffrey	Cemetery	0.2	538.75	538.75	-	-	0.2	0.55	347.79	347.79	0.2	0.55	3.48	344.86	883.61
1959	Reed-Wallace	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	1,077.50	-	-	0.3	0.87	255.66	255.66	0.3	0.87	5.23	251.30	1,328.80
1960	Hobart Jones	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	1,077.50	-	-	0.3	1.15	724.35	724.35	0.5	1.15	7.07	718.43	1,795.93
1960	B K Barlow	Cemetery	0.2	538.75	538.75	-	-	0.2	0.53	295.54	295.54	0.2	0.53	3.27	292.80	831.55
1961	Solon T. Neal	Cemetery	0.2	808.13	808.13	-	-	0.2	0.88	316.06	316.06	0.3	0.76	4.41	312.41	1,120.54
1961	John Neal	Cemetery	0.2	808.13	808.13	-	-	0.2	0.88	316.06	316.06	0.3	0.76	4.41	312.41	1,120.54
1961	Arthur Potter	Cemetery	0.2	538.75	538.75	-	-	0.2	0.55	347.77	347.77	0.2	0.55	3.48	344.84	883.59
1961	Raymond C Davis	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	1,077.50	-	-	0.5	1.15	724.34	724.34	0.5	1.15	7.07	718.42	1,795.92
1962	Hayward, Lv. & Hol.	Cemetery	0.8	2,693.76	2,693.76	-	-	1.2	2.90	1,825.17	1,825.17	1.2	2.90	17.73	1,810.34	4,504.10
1962	D. Moody & W. Huntley	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	1,077.50	-	-	0.5	1.15	724.39	724.39	0.5	1.15	7.07	718.47	1,795.97
1962	Charles Barlow	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	1,077.50	-	-	0.5	1.15	724.39	724.39	0.5	1.15	7.07	718.47	1,795.97
1962	Weader-Hemphill	Cemetery	0.2	808.13	808.13	-	-	0.4	0.88	550.44	550.44	0.4	0.88	5.33	545.99	1,354.12
1964	Charles & B Perry	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	1,077.50	-	-	0.3	1.15	724.32	724.32	0.5	1.15	7.07	718.40	1,795.90
1965	Wm. & Belle Pitkin	Cemetery	0.2	808.13	808.13	-	-	0.4	0.88	550.40	550.40	0.4	0.88	5.33	545.95	1,354.08
1965	Herbert F. Hartwell	Cemetery	0.2	675.44	675.44	-	-	0.2	0.76	477.98	477.98	0.3	0.76	4.52	474.22	1,167.66
1967	George W Walker	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	1,077.50	-	-	0.4	1.11	623.18	623.18	0.4	1.11	6.67	617.62	1,695.12
1968	H Reed & L Young	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	1,077.50	-	-	0.5	1.13	762.09	762.09	0.5	1.13	6.87	755.22	1,743.95
1968	Wm. & Rufus Hillard	Cemetery	0.9	3,232.56	3,232.56	-	-	1.4	3.50	2,172.87	2,172.87	1.4	3.50	21.21	2,151.16	5,387.72
1969	Eva & Carl Grant	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	1,077.50	-	-	0.5	1.15	724.35	724.35	0.5	1.15	7.07	718.43	1,795.93
1969	Paul Balla	Cemetery	0.3	538.75	538.75	-	-	0.3	0.55	347.78	347.78	0.2	0.55	3.48	344.85	883.60
1969	Dorothy N Faight	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	1,077.50	-	-	0.5	1.15	724.34	724.34	0.5	1.15	7.07	718.42	1,795.92
1971	Harry D. Kemp	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	1,077.50	-	-	0.5	1.15	724.34	724.34	0.5	1.15	7.07	718.42	1,795.92
1972	Myrie E Reed	Cemetery	0.2	538.75	538.75	-	-	0.2	0.55	347.78	347.78	0.2	0.55	3.48	344.85	883.60
1977	Albin Dressell	Cemetery	0.3	888.94	888.94	-	-	0.4	0.99	634.33	634.33	0.4	0.99	5.98	629.34	1,518.28
1977	Everett Knight	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	1,077.50	-	-	0.5	1.16	720.92	720.92	0.5	1.16	7.10	724.98	1,802.48
1979	Earl Luther Sr.	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	1,077.50	-	-	0.5	1.16	720.92	720.92	0.5	1.16	7.10	724.98	1,802.48
1979	Scott Farley	Cemetery	0.2	538.75	538.75	-	-	0.2	0.58	351.00	351.00	0.2	0.58	3.49	348.09	886.84
1979	Edwin B Ballin	Cemetery	0.2	538.75	538.75	-	-	0.2	0.58	347.79	347.79	0.2	0.58	3.49	344.86	883.61
1983	Madelaine & Leon Balla	Cemetery	0.2	538.75	538.75	-	-	0.2	0.37	42.25	42.25	0.2	0.37	2.28	40.34	579.09
1984	Corey-Ruter Lot	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	1,077.50	-	-	0.3	0.66	31.73	31.73	0.3	0.66	4.10	(35.17)	1,042.33
1985	Eva & Jos Dempsey	Cemetery	0.2	538.75	538.75	-	-	0.2	0.29	(64.65)	(64.65)	0.1	0.29	1.86	(66.26)	472.49
1987	Elsasser Lot	Cemetery	0.2	808.13	808.13	-	-	0.2	0.40	2.45	2.45	0.2	0.40	2.45	(186.33)	621.80
1990	Streeter Lot	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	1,077.50	-	-	0.2	0.39	(462.62)	(462.62)	0.2	0.39	2.41	(464.64)	612.86

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1991	George Wright Cemetery	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.2	538.75	-	-	538.75	(272.96)	0.1	0.17	1.04	(273.83)	264.92
2000	Hammond Young Cemetery	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.3	1,077.50	-	-	1,077.50	(682.86)	0.1	0.25	1.55	(684.16)	393.34
2003	Ernest & Geneva Langhear L Cemetery	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	0.3	1,077.50	-	-	1,077.50	(855.87)	0.1	0.14	0.87	(856.60)	220.90
1991	R Mitchell FBO Old Cem	Cemetery Trust	Citizens CAP	1.5	5,162.48	-	-	5,162.48	19.55	1.3	3.33	-	22.88	5,185.36
1991	R Mitchell FBO Cem Fund	Cemetery Trust	Citizens CAP	3	10,325.00	-	-	10,325.00	150.49	2.7	6.73	-	157.22	10,482.22
2005	Cemetery Trust Acworth Act	Cemetery Trust	Citizens CAP	1.7	5,999.24	-	-	5,999.24	193.17	1.6	4.00	-	197.17	6,196.41
1992	R & C Jeffrey Mem Lib Fun	Library	Citizens CAP	21.2	73,068.80	-	-	73,068.80	6.85	18.8	47.52	51.89	2.48	73,071.28
2000	S. Godman Hislop FBO Silsby	Library	Citizens CAP	4.2	14,620.39	-	-	14,620.39	1.37	3.7	9.40	10.27	0.50	14,620.89
1916	Rebecca W. Madison	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	0	127.97	-	-	127.97	(11.77)	0	11.80	0.11	(0.08)	127.89
1924	Abram Mitchell	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	0.3	853.15	-	-	853.15	(75.34)	0.2	78.84	0.56	2.94	856.09
1939	Walter Slader	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	0.11	405.25	-	-	405.25	(37.27)	0.1	37.31	0.28	(0.24)	405.01
1989	Madeline Lindsay	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	0	139.97	-	-	139.97	(12.88)	0	12.90	0.11	(0.09)	139.88
1989	Alan & Christine Barnard	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	0.1	209.02	-	-	209.02	(19.23)	0.1	19.24	0.14	(0.13)	208.89
1989	Friends of Library	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	0	89.58	-	-	89.58	(8.25)	0	8.23	0.05	(0.07)	89.51
1989	Anonymous Donation	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	0	85.32	-	-	85.32	(7.86)	0	7.83	0.04	(0.07)	85.25
1989	Silsby Library Donation	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	0	42.66	-	-	42.66	(3.91)	0	3.90	-	(0.01)	42.65
1989	G.F. & M.G. Hanson	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	0	85.32	-	-	85.32	(7.86)	0	7.83	0.04	(0.07)	85.25
1990	Ellis & Christine Barnard	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	0.1	170.63	-	-	170.63	(15.68)	0.1	15.74	0.14	(0.08)	170.55
1990	Heleen Smith	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	0	85.32	-	-	85.32	(7.86)	0	7.83	0.04	(0.07)	85.25
1990	Mary Smith	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	0	142.48	-	-	142.48	(13.27)	0	13.11	0.11	(0.27)	142.21
1990	Ellen Sawyer Sheldon	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	0	119.44	-	-	119.44	(11.00)	0	11.01	0.10	(0.09)	119.35
1991	Maudie H. Woody	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	0.1	17.06	-	-	17.06	(1.59)	0	1.57	-	(0.02)	17.04
1999	Nancy Sandoe Mem	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	0.2	443.64	-	-	443.64	(40.81)	0.1	40.84	0.29	(0.26)	443.38
2000	Nancy Sandoe	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	0.2	840.35	-	-	840.35	(77.30)	0.2	77.35	0.56	(0.51)	839.84
2000	Ellis & Leon Newton	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	0.1	213.29	-	-	213.29	(19.63)	0.1	19.63	0.14	(0.14)	213.15
2001	Nancy Poltrick	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	0.3	853.15	-	-	853.15	(78.47)	0.2	78.52	0.56	(0.51)	852.64
2003	David Lyle	Miscellaneous Li	Citizens CAP	0	42.66	-	-	42.66	(3.91)	0	3.90	-	(0.01)	42.65
1991	R Mitchell FBO /O Acworth	Town	Citizens CAP	1.5	5,162.48	-	-	5,162.48	1,452.35	1.7	4.25	1,340.00	116.60	5,279.08
1990	F. Richard & C. Jeffrey-VNA	Town	Citizens CAP	16.2	55,840.41	-	-	55,840.41	4,598.86	15.3	38.58	864.00	3,773.44	59,613.85
					<b>344,647.27</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>	<b>50,667.27</b>		<b>715.05</b>	<b>2,824.67</b>	<b>48,552.45</b>	<b>403,199.72</b>

## 2011 Librarians' Report

Acworth Silsby Library had 3,235 visits from patrons in 2011. We welcomed 22 new patrons/families. A variety of fiction, non-fiction, children's books and movies on DVD are added to our collection on a monthly basis. In addition, we have audio books and an assortment of magazines.

Over the past year patrons made 481 visits for use of our computers. We have a high speed DSL internet connection for patrons and librarians alike. Patrons use Library computers or bring their own and use the wireless access to check email, look for jobs, prepare school work and research hobbies and interests. Through the State Library we provide access to Ancestry.com for genealogical inquiries.

We are near completion of our project to electronically catalog and barcode our collection. When finished we will be able to transition to electronic management of Library materials which will better serve our patrons.

In addition to individual patrons and families the Library is used by Acworth Primary School students and teachers, hosts a monthly Book Group and a Pre-School Story Hour. The August Book Sale is always well attended and provides funds for the Library. We appreciate all those who donated or purchased books and hope you will continue. We accept book donations during July each summer.

The Nubanusit Cooperative, of which we are an active member, provides a collection of movies and audio books that circulate among 22 local libraries. Acworth patrons borrowed 130 items from the Cooperative in 2011. Inter-library loans (ILL) is a popular way for our patrons to read books not in our collection. Typically we borrow about 2/3 of the total available; last year 427 books circulated.

We appreciate our patrons and are grateful to the Library volunteers who assisted us throughout the year.

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Library hours are Sat. and Sun. 11:30am-4:30pm; Tues. and Thurs. 11:30am to 5:30pm

## 2011 Library Trustees Report

The new Historical and Genealogical Room on the lower level was completed this year. This gives the Library much needed storage space for our collection of town histories as well as historical and genealogical documents. There is also ample space for research work. The Acworth Community Charitable Trust awarded the Library a \$2,000 grant to help with this part of the renovation project.

The Library held an Open House in May to showcase the renovation work that had been completed so far. The event was very well attended and was filmed by Fritz Wetherbee on his iPad.

We will begin work on the new stacks in the lower level early in 2011. This will give shelf space for our growing collection of fiction and non-fiction books and space for book covering and repair. This project will be funded by donations of money and time, as well as grants.

In December the Library was awarded an LCHIP grant. The Library Board is grateful to Kathi Bradt for her skilled work in suggesting and making the grant application. It furthers our goal of accomplishing this expansion without adding to Acworth's tax burden. Our very sincere thanks go to all those who have helped us with this ongoing project – it could not be done without you.

Income received in 2011 totaled \$37,619 from the following sources: Town appropriation \$27,550; donations for the basement renovation project \$4,345; grants for the renovation project \$2,000; trust fund income \$(397); revenue from book sales \$1,208; fundraisers \$200; copier/printer income \$233; unrestricted gifts \$2,123; savings & CD interest earned \$357.

Operating expenses for 2011 totaled \$39,657 expended as follows: Payroll & taxes \$20,279; building renovations/repairs \$4,990; books/periodicals/audio/video \$4,095; utilities \$2,420; fees/supplies \$1,288; grounds care \$1,042; heating system \$ 4,983; misc/other \$560.

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## ACWORTH SILSBY LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT 2011

<u>ACCOUNT BALANCES</u>	<u>12/31/2010</u>	<u>12/31/2011</u>
CHECKING	\$796.83	\$302.08
SAVINGS	\$7,324.50	\$9,781.81
CD'S	\$20,000.00	\$16,000.00
	\$28,121.33	\$26,083.89

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2011 BUDGET</u>	<u>2011 ACTUAL</u>	<u>Variance to Budget</u>
TOWN APPROPRIATION	\$27,550	\$27,550	
(SALARIES / TAXES / OTHER)			
OTHER INCOME			
ESTIMATED CD & SAVINGS INTEREST	\$200	\$357	
ESTIMATED MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$200	\$0	
ESTIMATED RESTRICTED INCOME : TRUST FUNDS & GIFTS, GRANTS	\$2,000	\$5,948	
ESTIMATED DESIGNATED INCOME : BOOK SALES & GIFTS	\$1,950	\$3,764	
	\$31,900	\$37,619	
<u>EXPENSES (Library &amp; Town Funds)</u>			
SALARIES & PAYROLL TAXES	\$19,700	\$20,279	\$579
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	\$2,500	\$3,855 *	\$1,355
OTHER MAT'L (AUDIO/VHS/DVD)	\$300	\$240	(\$60)
HEAT SYSTEM / HEATING FUEL	\$2,000	\$4,983	\$2,983
ELECTRICITY	\$950	\$1,152	\$202
COMMUNICATIONS (PHONE & DSL)	\$1,400	\$1,268	(\$132)
SUPPLIES & EQUIP.	\$900	\$767	(\$133)
POSTAL / BANK FEES / SVC CHG	\$200	\$154	(\$46)
SNOW REMOVAL & LAWN CARE	\$1,100	\$1,042	(\$58)
DUES / FEES / TUITION	\$350	\$366	\$16
PROGRAMS	\$500	\$60	(\$440)
COMPUTER / COPIER	\$500	\$450	(\$50)
MISC. EXPENSE	\$500	\$50	(\$450)
BUILDING REPAIR (see resolution) (Incl. designated gifts)	\$1,000	\$4,990 *	\$3,990
DESIGNATED GIFTS	\$0	\$0 *	\$0
LIBRARY FUNDS TO ANALYZE BUILDING ISSUES			
	\$31,900	\$39,657	\$7,757
<u>2011 EXPENSES USING RESTRICTED LIBRARY FUNDS (included above)</u>			
* BOOKS & PERIODICALS (Jeffery Trust Fund Interest)		\$2,603	
* BUILDING REPAIR / RENOVATION		\$3,990	
		\$6,594	

### 2012 DESIGNATED / RESTRICTED LIBRARY FUNDS

Richard & Clarence Jeffery Memorial Library Fund	\$14,544	(restricted gift)
Codman & Gertrude Hislop Book Fund	\$3,870	(restricted gift)
Designated income account from income-producing equipment & book sales	\$259	(designated income)
Building repair / renovation	\$5,965	

## 2011 Acworth Cemeteries Report

We were saddened at the retirement of John Putnam as cemetery trustee this year. John had been a very active participant in every aspect of our operations and we will deeply miss his valuable engagement, guidance, and advice. We are happy that Claudia Istel has agreed to serve the remainder of his term. We were also delighted to welcome Kenneth Reed to the board to fill the vacancy left by Jane Esslinger's retirement last year. In 2011 we made an effort to simplify cemetery rules and regulations and adopted the changes after a public hearing early this fall. Included among the changes is the allowance of "green" burials, an issue which had been brought before us by several members of the community.

The majority of our efforts this year continued to be our work on monument repair and tree work. We were very fortunate that Hurricane Irene did little damage in our cemeteries. One large tree was destroyed and resulted in damage to two stones in the Batchelder-Nye Road cemetery. It was miraculous that not more stones were damaged by its falling. Taking that into consideration we redoubled our efforts to do more preventive maintenance and removal of threatening trees and deferred some of our planned projects for further brush removal around the perimeters of the cemeteries. Our increased budget for the current year reflects our need and plans to remove several large trees that are in a very precarious condition before they can cause costly and substantial damage.

We would like to remind people that new permanent plantings (trees, shrubs, perennials) are no longer allowed on lots. Such plantings very frequently become neglected and detract from the overall appearance of the cemetery in addition to hindering mowing and increasing the costs of trimming which are among our greatest expenses. We also plan survey work and mapping in the north-east corner of the New Hill Road Cemetery. We were delighted that people continued to visit our beautiful historic cemeteries and applaud the community efforts to further that awareness through several highly successful "cemetery walks" organized by Alva Grant and others.

Respectfully submitted by the Sexton, G. Kristian Fenderson  
On behalf of the Trustees of Acworth Cemeteries



## 2011 Acworth Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, Inc. Report

The company responded to 72 calls:

Alarm sounding – no fire	5
Cancelled en route	1
Investigate controlled burn	3
Medical Emergencies	34
Motor vehicle accident	7
Mutual aid – structure fire	3
Power line down	14
Smoke investigation	1
Structure Fire	1
Vehicle Fire	2
Water rescue	1

Another busy year for us. In August alone there were at least 25 incidents that we responded to, most of them related to storm damage with trees on the wires and wires down due to tropical storm Irene and a particularly bad thunderstorm the week before.

We hosted some food-related events that allowed us to meet with members of the community and do a little fund raising. Thanks to everyone who participated in the chicken barbeque on the common in August and the events at the fire house itself. The money raised is being used to create a kitchen area in the firehouse for future community dinners and to make things a little easier whenever we host meetings with other departments for training or for mutual aid coverage.

We applied for and received a generous grant from the Acworth Community Charitable Trust that has allowed us to obtain a new portable pump. A reliable pump like this enables us to set up a water supply in a pond or river whenever we need to refill tanker trucks that have run dry at a major fire.

Our expenses have increased in several areas beyond our control. Dues for Southwestern Mutual Aid are now a major portion of our budget. We have had to replace a number of sets of bunker gear, not so much due to wear and tear, but because of mandated time limits for these suits to be in service has been reached.

We have been lucky to have a number of new members join the company and begin training this year. More would always be welcome, particularly anyone in town during the day.

Respectfully submitted – Acworth Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company

## 2011 Planning Board Report

During 2011 the Planning Board worked on eight requests for parcel changes, permits for several driveways and one excavation, an update to the Master Plan and the clarification of terms used in the Zoning Ordinance.

The parcel changes included subdivisions (4), annexations (1) and mergers (3). Although all of the subdivisions were minor, creating only one additional lot each, the process involves two noticed public hearings. Annexations follow the subdivision process but mergers which are encouraged under State statute can be accomplished in one meeting.

Most parcel changes, all driveway applications and monitoring of excavations require site visits. The Site Committee makes these visits in advance of each monthly Planning Board meeting. Applicants are encouraged to participate.

Planning for an update to the Master Plan began in January. The State encourages towns to update regularly in response to changing legislation and on-the-ground issues. Topics considered by the Board included incorporation of the 2010 Census data, adding maps generated by the Town's Housing and Conservation Planning Program grant and growth guidelines. In October the Board began review of a draft land use planning amendment. It describes the various ways in which the Town could guide growth such as encouraging development along main highways in order to ease the cost of development on secondary roads. The draft was aired at the Board's November public hearing. Work on the amendment will continue until its is ready for Board adoption in 2012.

Each year the Board works on some aspect of the Zoning Ordinance in order to keep its language and content current. An amendment was developed which addresses inconsistencies in Ordinance guidelines and definitions concerning trailers, mobile homes and recreational vehicles. It was reviewed by Town counsel, aired at the November public hearing and submitted for inclusion in the 2012 Town Meeting Warrant. Other topics which were considered in 2011 were planning for telecommunication towers and Town aquifer protection.

At the November public hearing the Board also heard interest expressed in future work on defining second dwellings on a lot, protecting historic structures, supporting local agriculture and planning for sustainability. This input from the community will provide a starting point for the Board's work in 2012.

In addition to its monthly meetings the Board hosts a Joint Boards Meeting in April. This gives Town boards and committees an opportunity to inform each other and townspeople on current issues. Planning affects us all and the Board welcomes your participation.

Respectfully submitted, Acworth Planning Board

## 2011 Acworth Conservation Commission

The Acworth Conservation Commission is pleased to report that the multi year project to purchase and protect 85 (+/-) acres of property located within the Crescent Lake watershed and abutting the Acworth Gove Forest was successfully completed in 2011. On October 21st the town of Acworth purchased the property from Richard and Jane Desbiens. On October 24th the Gove Forest conservation easement, which is held by the Society for the Protection of NH Forests, was changed to include the additional 85 acres. The Acworth Gove Forest is now 371 acres and a total of 493 contiguous acres of the Crescent Lake watershed are permanently protected.

The purchase of the property was made possible by the citizens of Acworth. In 2010, a time when support of conservation projects in the state was scarce, the town of Acworth voted to raise the funds needed to purchase and protect these 85 acres. Without the support of the people of Acworth this project would not have been successful. The total cost including the purchase and expenses was \$137,697. The town of Acworth paid \$60,104 toward the total. The additional funding for this project were a NH Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) grant of \$46,766, a NH Moose Plate grant of \$4,999, Conservation Commission Land Use Change Tax Conservation Fund allocation of \$15,000, and \$10,828 from private contributions. We want to thank everyone who contributed for helping to make this project a success.

**Annual Green-Up Day First Saturday in May:** Once again Acworth volunteers picked up litter along our roads and took the collected trash to the transfer station where other volunteers sorted out cans and bottles for recycling. Thank you to all who participated in this annual spring clean up and to all who regularly pick up litter along Acworth's roads.

**Monthly review:** DES Applications for Wetlands Permits, Shoreland Protection Permits, Intentions to Cut and other items forwarded to us by the Board of Selectmen.

**Conservation Easement Review:** In April Conservation Commission members and citizen volunteers cleaned the gravel pit area of the East Acworth Wetlands. We are pleased to report to date the area has remained clean. In 2011 the commission conducted monitoring walks of many of the town's easement properties as required.

**Acworth Town Forests Report:** The Gove Town Forest and the South Acworth Town forest are managed by the Conservation Commission with support from our Town Forester, Peter Rhoades. A winter 2011 mechanized cut-to-length harvest to primarily cleanup small diameter trees yielded \$8,876. The total yield from timber cuts since 2000 is approximately \$94,000.

**Water Quality:** The commission shared costs with the Unity Conservation Commission for the May, July, and Sept. water quality monitoring tests of Crescent Lake and continues to be involved with the Cold River Local Advisory Committee on their annual water quality monitoring and other projects related to the Cold River.

Respectfully,

Susan Paton, Chair Debby Hinman, Vice-Chair

Members: Shawn Bowman, Sandy Brewer, Rob DeValk, Helen Frink

Alternate: Lillie LeBlanc BOS Representative: Gretchen Abendschein

## 2011 Crescent Lake Association Milfoil Committee Report

2011 proved to be a busy summer on Crescent Lake with the Lake Host program completing 819 inspections on 545 boats. All boats inspected were found to be free of exotic plants. We contribute this to nine years of boater education by our Lake Hosts and boat owners checking their boats, trailers and equipment before arriving at the ramp.

We have also provided summer employment for seven people, three of which were college students. Their efforts, along with volunteer weed watchers, water testing and underwater examination of the lake bottom, have made Crescent Lake a clean water body for fishing and boating.

None of this would have been possible without the support of the Towns of Acworth and Unity and the members of our association.

Respectfully submitted,

Crescent Lake Association Milfoil Committee – 2011

Jerry Bushway – Unity

Bill Paton – Acworth

Lorraine Dion – Acworth

Tim Perry – Acworth

Jim Howe – Acworth

Stan Rastallis – Unity

Bob Kroupa – Unity

Mark Wilson – Unity/Acworth

Fred Yates - Acworth

**JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2011  
ACWORTH RESIDENT DEATH REPORT**

<u>Decedent's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Cambell, Winfred	89	Claremont	02/17/2011
Brooks, Joyce	64	Acworth	02/25/2011
Keegan Jr., Robert	24	Lempster	04/21/2011
Skinner, Franklin	90	So. Acworth	05/16/2011
Austin III, William	83	Acworth	05/26/2011
Ussery, Norman	64	So. Acworth	05/29/2011
Merrigan, Denis	88	Claremont	09/01/2011

**ACWORTH RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT**

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
LeClair, Mason Raymond	03/02/2011	Claremont	LeClair, Raymond	LeClair, Tonia
Porter, Joseph Ryan	09/28/2011	Keene	Porter, Tony	Porter, Jennasys

**ACWORTH RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT**

None

## Notice

If you owned real estate lots that were involuntarily merged, you may be able to have those lots restored to their pre-merger status.

Your property may qualify if:

- Two or more lots were merged without your consent for zoning, assessing or taxation purposes;
- No previous owner consented to the merger.

To restore your property to pre-merger status you must:

Make a request to the Board of Selectmen no later than December 31, 2016.

Once restored:

Your properties will again become separate lots; however, they must still conform to existing land use ordinances.

Per RSA 674:39-aa, this Notice must be posted in a public place from January 1, 2012 until December 31, 2016 and be published in the Town's Annual Report from 2011 through 2015.



## Notes

If you should see entries here that were inadvertently changed, you may be able to have those list restored to their previous values.

Your property may qualify if:

1. It is your home, you are engaged with it as your primary, for example, abode, or summer residence,

2. No person other than yourself is the owner.

The address of the property is pre-registered in the Land Registry.

It is not subject to the benefit of a lease, or any other form of tenancy, or any other form of mortgage.

It is not a business.

Your mortgage will agree to cover the property, but, however, the lender will require a valuation, and you will need to pay the valuation fee.

The 2012-13 tax year is the period from the start of the calendar year (April 6, 2012) until December 31, 2012, and the 2013-14 tax year is the period from April 6, 2013, to March 31, 2014.





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