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# 2014 FINANCIAL REPORT



# FRANCONIA NEW HAMPSHIRE

This Town Report is dedicated to the People of Franconia in appreciation of their support for the Town employees and for providing a new safe environment for our Public Safety Departments Lp

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# **ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

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# **TOWN OFFICERS**

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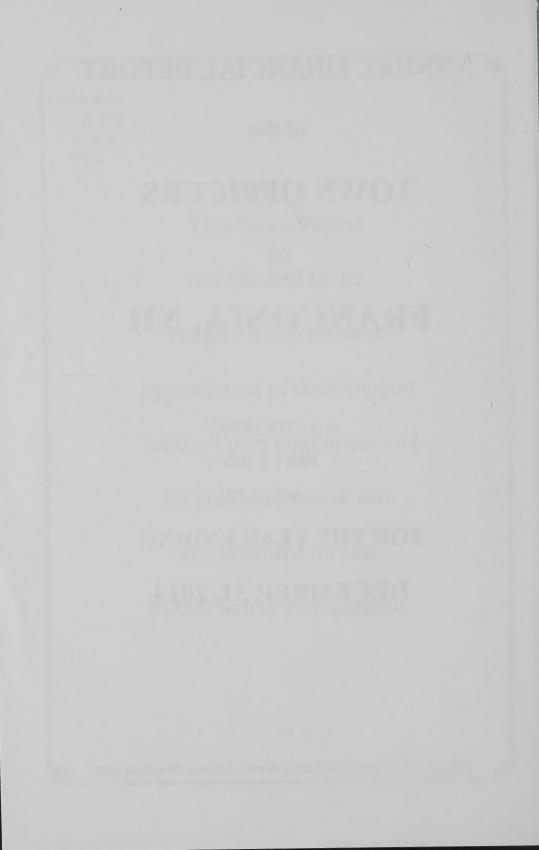
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## FOR THE YEAR ENDING

# **DECEMBER 31, 2014**

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#### **TOWN OFFICERS**

#### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Ted Hoyle Robert Montagno John Lachapelle

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Sally L. Small (Appointed)

> **TREASURER** Tina D. Peabody (2015)

ROAD AGENT Scott Leslie (Appointed)

AUDITOR Roberts & Greene, PLLC (Appointed)

FIRE CHIEF Richard Gaudette (Appointed) (Term expires 2015) (Term expires 2016) (Term expires 2017)

TOWN CLERK/ TAX COLLECTOR Marilyn L. Knowlton (Resigned)

> MODERATOR William L. Mead, Sr. (2016)

HEALTH OFFICER Dr Charles Wolcott (Appointed)

LIFE SQUAD CHIEF Paul Schmucker (Appointed)

**POLICE CHIEF** John K. Monaghan (Appointed)

#### WATER COMMISSIONERS

Marcia Graham(2015)Richard McLachlin(2016)Raymond Peltier(2017)

#### LIBRARY TRUSTEES

George Lewis	(2015)	Sharon Penney	(2016)
Charles Lovett	(2015)	Peter Ainsworth	(2017)
Bill Melekas	(2016)	Melinda Richmond	(2017)
		Harriet Taylor	(2017)

#### **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

#### LAFAYETTE SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### Luther Kinney Tom Eymam Linda Gaitskill Christi Gignac Dens Draper

Sugar Hill	(2015)
Franconia	(2016)
Sugar Hill	(2016)
Franconia	(2017)
Easton	(2017)

# Alice RockeLafayette (2015)Steve ChardonLafayette (2015)Julie SeeleyBethlehem (2015)Kim ShillietoBethlehem (2016)Carol CunninghamLafayette (2016)Christine AshBethlehem (2017)Lynn TerresLafayette (2017)

**PROFILE SCHOOL DISTRICT** 

#### TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Grace Montagno	(2015)
Carol Walker	(2017)
Anne Foss	(Appointed)

#### SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

(2015)
(Resigned)
(2020)

#### SCHOLARSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Kathy Ross, School Representative Harriet Taylor, Library Representative Tom Eyman, Church Representative

#### PLANNING BOARD

Mark Hessler, Chairman	(2015)	Richard Reinhold	(2017)
Ted Hoyle, Selectman	(2015)	Mary Grote	(2017)
Thad Presby	(2016)	Brian Williams	(2017)
Lydia Cumbee	(2017)	Keith Batchelder- Alternate	(2015)
I C. BOW MYT		Jeff Blodgett – Alternate	(2015)

#### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Phil Krill	(2015)	Mary Fowler	(2016)
Ken Mosedale	(2015)	Lydia Cumbee	(2017)
Melinda Richmond	(2016)	Don Lawton	(2018)

#### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Virginia Jeffryes	(2015)	Kim Cowles, Chairman	(2017)
Kathryn McCarthy	(2016)	Mary Grote, Planning Board	(2017)
William McCarthy	(2016)	John Lachapelle	(2017)

#### **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

	Franconi	a	Sugar Hill
signed)	Beth Horan	(2015)	Haley Ireland
, Chair	Adam Boyer	(2016)	Launa Glover
	Jeff Malcolm	(resigned)	
	Meghan McPha	aul (2017)	

Easton Sue Ford (resign

Matt Koehler, Chain John Hynes

#### **BALANCE SHEET** For the year ending December 31, 2014

#### ASSETS

Cash – NOW Account Investments – NH-PDIP Taxes Receivable		\$1,297,492.34 14,218.61
	\$279,514.83	
1 · ·	495,573.95	
		775,088.81
Due from Other Funds		
Transfer Station Special Revenue Fund		12,500.00
TOTAL ASSETS		\$2,099,299.73
IOTAL ASSETS		\$49079477.13
LIABILITIES		
Trans. Conduct		
Accounts Payable		\$ 14,488.55
Accrued Payroll Compensation		53,672.22
Due to Other Funds	10 50 ( 00	
Transfer Station Special Revenue Fund 2013		16 000 00
Transfer Station Special Revenue Fund 2014	3,173.00	16,909.00
Due to School Districts		
Profile School District	498,091.00	
Lafayette Reg. School District	729,333.00	1,227,424.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$1,312.493.77

#### **FUND EQUITY**

#### **TOTAL FUND EQUITY**

786,806.20

#### TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

\$2,099,299.73

#### **NOTES FROM THE SELECTMEN 2014**

During this year, there have been numerous activities and accomplishments in our town.

We recognize a few, most notably:

1. Restoration of the Dow clock, a joint endeavor funded in part with tax dollars and a larger amount through donations.

2. Replacement of the Town Hall front steps and railings (Town Buildings and Maintenance Fund).

3. Completion of the Transfer Station winterization with the installation of additional heating, re-purposed from the former Safety Services Building; new rear sliding doors to block wind and cold; and plastic panels enclosing the front recycling area.

4. Removal of the last buried oil tank on Town property.

5. Rebuilding the bridge on Delage Farm Road, work completed entirely by the Town Highway crew.

Beginning in 1990 with a Town Master Plan goal of relocating the Police Department, through 2007 complete with two Infrastructure Study Group findings, proposals, and Town votes regarding the future of the Safety Services Building, the people of Franconia voted in favor on March 11, 2014, to construct a new building.

Since the near unanimous vote in support of Article 2, the Safety Services Building was demolished and a new Town of Franconia Public Safety Building was built on time, under budget, and ready for occupancy the end of December 2014.

As you can imagine, there is a lengthy list of individuals who have worked long and hard over several years on this project. This is but a partial list of those who have made this a reality: Infrastructure Study Group and Safety Services Building Committee members, Chiefs of Fire, Police, and Life Squad, Ricci Construction Company, Presby Construction Company, and all the members of our community who have supported and contributed in some way to this undertaking.

Special recognition and appreciation is extended to Allan Clark, Town Building Inspector and Clerk of the Works on this project, for his pursuit of the absolute best value for the townspeople.

On a separate note, we would like to recognize and thank Jack Cook, Chairman of the Town of Franconia Energy Commission, recently resigned. His quiet leadership and passion for energy efficiency and environmental awareness have guided the Commission during his tenure, resulting in several town improvements. We thank you.

Finally, we extend our thanks and appreciation to all those volunteers who have contributed their time, experience, and example to Town operations and activities.

Respectfully submitted,

John Lachapelle Chairman, Ted Hoyle, Robert Montagno

#### FRANCONIA TOWN MEETING – MARCH 11, 2014

Moderator William Mead called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Moderator declared the polls closed at 7:00 p.m.

There was a motion and a second to waive the reading of last year's minutes. The motion passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 1.** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (By ballot) Ballots Cast: **238** 

Selectman (3-year term): Write-ins:	<b>John D. LaChapelle</b> Steve Heath William Mead William Mellekas Roger O'Dell Jon Peabody	<b>200</b> 1 2 1 1 1
Moderator (2-yr term): Write-ins:	William L. Mead Ed Bart Roger O'Dell S. Sherborn Jim Walker	<b>215</b> 1 1 1 2
Treasurer (1-year term):	Tina D Peabody	216
Library Trustee (3-year term): Two Vacancies Write-ins:	<b>Melinda Richmond</b> <b>Harriet Taylor</b> Peter Ainsworth Kerri Sullivan Brian Williams	<b>182</b> <b>198</b> 11 1 1
Trustee of the Trust Funds (3-year term):	Carol Walker	220
Supervisor of Checklist (6-year term): Write-ins:	<b>Sybil Carey</b> James C. Forrest Lydia Cumbee Dan Fowler	<b>198</b> <b>176</b> 11 1
Water Commissioner (3-year term): Write-ins:	<b>Raymond J. Peltier</b> Richard McLachlin Mac Jon Peabody	<b>210</b> 2 1 1
Executive Councilor :	Michael Cryans Joseph Kenney	149 86

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,900,000.00 (gross budget) for the construction of a new Safety Services building, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,700,000.00 of notes in accordance with the provisions of the

Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33.1) and to authorize the selectmen to issue and negotiate such notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; the balance of the funds \$200,000.00 will come from the Safety Services Facilities Improvement Expendable Trust created for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (2/3-ballot vote required).

The article was read, moved by Bob Montagno and seconded by Sally Small. Bob Montagno spoke to the Article as Selectman and also as the chair of the Safety Services Building Committee. Bob explained that the committee was made up of community members, the heads of safety service departments, and members of outside resource companies. Deb Maes, UNH Cooperative Extension, Tim Grant, PE,. Provan & Lorber Engineers & Planners and Chris Carley, C.N., Carley Associates Architects. Bob outlined the history of this project that started back in 2004 with a warrant article to replace the current Safety Services building which was built in 1966. After close to 10 years of hashing this out it has come to the point that the building is not big enough to house all of the departments and their equipment. The current building is not properly insulated wasting a lot of heating fuel. The entryway to the building is also too small to house the current versions of fire trucks. The Town has had to pay extra over the years to have custom trucks so that they would fit in the building. A presentation was given by the architect with proposed design of demolishing the current building and replacing with new building in approximately the same place as current building. The new building would have 9200 square feet of room for vehicles and office space for Police Department. This would also include a holding cell which currently does not exist and forces the officers to go to Littleton PD to process people after making an arrest.

All of the Safety Services department heads spoke at the meeting highlighting the needs of each department. All of them valid and very much needed.

Jeff Woodward spoke to the financing piece of the project and explained the two options that the committee had discussed. One being financing through Rural Development and the other through banks. Currently it is looking like the best rates would be through the bank. The Town would be looking to finance \$1.9MM and whatever monies are not used would come back to the town. This amount would include demolition, temporary trailers and/or storage space for equipment. This would provide a turn key building.

The moderator opened up the meeting to questions before the question was called to vote. After about a half dozen questions regarding contingency fees if project goes over budget and whether there is room for expansion if needed along with the life expectancy of the building, the question was called to a ballot vote at 8:15 PM. The Polls were open for one hour for voting. **Results: 107 YES** 

#### 18 NO

Article 2 passed by 2/3 ballot vote.

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate one million five hundred seventy-seven thousand four hundred and forty-three dollars (\$1,577,443.00) to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

#### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
	Executive	
	Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics	42,475.00
	Financial Administration	
	Revaluation of Property	
	Legal Expenses	
	Planning & Zoning	
	General Government Buildings	
	Cemeteries	
	Insurance	8,607.00
	Advertising & Regional Associations	13,453.00
	(Chamber of Commerce10,000.00	
	(North Country Council	
	(Regional Airport1,371.00	
	PUBLIC SAFETY	,)
	Police	252 770 00
		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	Fire	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	Life Squad	
	Building Inspection	
	Forest Fire	3,754.00
	Emergency Management	3,000.00
	Dispatch Phone Lines	
	(Franconia's Share	0)
HIGHW	AYS & STREETS	
1110111	UTILITIES	
	HEALTH & HOSPITALS	
	nEALIN & HOSFITALS	14,200.00
	(Adaptive Sports Partners	
	(American Red Cross496.00	
	(Ammonoosuc Community Health4,000.00	
	(Boys & Girls Club of the NC1,000.00	
	(CASA	))
	(Center for New Beginnings1,000.00	))
	(Grafton Co. Senior Citizens	
	(Health Officer	· ·
	(North Country Home Health	
	(Support Center – Burch House	
	(White Mt. Mental Health1,292.00	· ·
	WELFARE	9,700.00
	(General Assistance7,000.00	))
	(CAP2,700.00	))
	CULTURE & RECREATION	
	Recreation Programs	114,659.00
	(Franconia's Share	
	Parks	/
	Patriotic Purposes	1 000 00

CONSERVATION	1,000.00
DEBT SERVICE	

#### TOTAL...... (Franconia's Share \$1,513,903.00) .....\$1,577,443.00

The article was read, moved by John Lachapelle and seconded by Sally Small. John Lachapelle spoke to the budget stating a 5% increase vs. appropriated 2013 budget with an actual increase of 6.9% increase over actual 2013 expenditures. Some of the reasons for the increase were the increase of 7.9% in health insurance, employees receiving a 2% cost of living increase. The property and liability insurance are up 6.1%. Estimated increase cost of Police Retirement contributions is up 5.35%. CIP costs increased 5%. There was a question from the floor from Jon Peabody regarding the legal expense line. John Lachapelle explained that those fees were incurred by P&R lawsuit from the water project and Fairpoint lawsuit. Karen Foss asked who the town's liability insurance carrier. Sally explained that we have Primex as our municipal carrier. A voice vote was taken and Article 3 passed.

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred sixty-seven thousand seven hundred dollars (\$167,700.00) to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Town Buildings Truck, \$9,200; Town Buildings and Grounds Equipment, \$5,600; Highway Trucks, \$50,400; Highway Heavy Equipment, \$15,200; Police Cruisers, \$13,000; Life Squad Van, \$9,300; Life Squad Equipment, \$3,200; Fire Equipment Truck, \$6,300; Fire Pumper Truck, \$14,400; Fire Truck Tanker, \$20,600; Fire Safety Equipment, \$10,000; Bridge Maintenance, \$2,000; and Reassessment, \$8,500.

The article was read, moved by Bob Montagno and seconded by Sally Small. Bob Montagno spoke to the article. A voice vote was taken and Article 4 passed.

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty-eight thousand nine hundred dollars (\$158,900.00) to be added to the following Expendable Trust Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Highway Improvement, \$120,000; Town Buildings Maintenance, \$15,000; Frost Place Maintenance, \$3,900; and Sidewalk Improvement, \$20,000.

The article was read, moved by Bob Montagno and seconded by Sally Small. Bob Montagno spoke to the article highlighting a few increases in CIP allocations this year specifically the Sidewalk Improvement project which will also be offset by the Safe Routes to School program. A voice vote was taken and Article 5 passed.

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen as agents to expend the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to allow for repairs to the existing equipment. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved by John Lachapelle and seconded by Sally Small. John Lachapelle spoke to the article. A hand vote was taken and Article 6 passed.

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of ten thousand five hundred dollars (\$10,500.00) to purchase a mower for Buildings and Grounds and to authorize the withdrawal ten thousand five hundred dollars (\$10,500.00) from the Buildings & Grounds Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, previously established for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved by Ted Hoyle and seconded by Sally Small. Ted Hoyle spoke to the article. A voice vote was taken and Article 7 passed.

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of five thousand eight hundred dollars (\$5.800.00) to purchase a mower for the Cemetery and to authorize the withdrawal of five thousand eight hundred dollars from the Building & Grounds Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, previously established for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved by Ted Hoyle and seconded by Sally Small. Ted Hoyle spoke to the article. A voice vote was taken and Article 8 passed.

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of eighty-one thousand dollars (\$81,000.00) to purchase a plow truck for the Highway Department and to authorize the withdrawal of sixty-three thousand five hundred dollars (\$63,500.00) from the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund, seventeen thousand five hundred dollars (\$17,500.00) to come from trading in the 2007 Chevy 5500. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation

The article was read, moved by Ted Hoyle and seconded by Sally Small. Ted Hoyle spoke to the article. A voice vote was taken and Article 9 passed.

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) to purchase a used truck for the Highway Department. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved by Bob Montagno and seconded by Sally Small. Bob Montagno spoke to the article. A voice vote was taken and Article 10 passed.

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of twenty four thousand dollars (\$24,000.00) to repair the sidewalks on Harvard and Dow streets. The sum of twenty four thousand dollars (\$24,000.00) will come from the Sidewalk Improvement Expendable Trust, previously established for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation

The article was read, moved by Bob Montagno and seconded by Sally Small. Bob Montagno spoke to the article and highlighted that this money was not coming from taxation. A voice vote was taken and Article 11 passed.

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) from the Recreation Committee's line item budget to the Rink Surface Maintenance Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved by Ted Hoyle and seconded by Sally Small. Ted Hoyle spoke to the article. A voice vote was taken and Article 12 passed.

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of two hundred eighty two thousand six hundred fifty four dollars (\$282,654.00) for the purpose of solid waste disposal and capital improvements to include the purchase of a baler, with (\$12,500.00) to come from the Transfer Station Special Reserve Fund, (\$46,251.00) from the Town of Sugar Hill, (\$21,023.00) from the Town of Easton, (\$80,000.00) PAYT Fees, (\$24,000.00) Special Handling Fees, (\$26,000) in Recycled Material, and to raise (\$72,880.00) from taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved by John Lachapelle and seconded by Sally Small. John Lachapelle spoke to the article. A voice vote was taken and Article 13 passed.

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety two thousand two hundred ninety six dollars (\$92,296.00) for the purpose of operating the Abbie Greenleaf Library and to transfer this amount to the Library Trustees for their use as they see fit. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved by Ted Hoyle and seconded by Sally Small. Ted Hoyle spoke to the article stating that part of increase of operating budget was for a new boiler. A voice vote was taken and Article 14 passed.

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of two hundred and nine thousand dollars (\$209,000.00) to repair the sidewalks along Main Street to the school. The funding for this project to come from the Safe Routes to School Fund run by the State. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved by John Lachapelle and seconded by Sally Small. John Lachapelle spoke to the article reiterating that this is a full grant from the State. A voice vote was taken and Article 15 passed.

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for the purpose of cleaning and repairing to working order the Dow Academy Clock. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved by Ted Hoyle and seconded by Sally Small. Ted Hoyle spoke to the article stating that this money would be used to repair the clock itself. The Tower and roof of tower was a separate item. Mary Fowler spoke of how her father used to take care of the clock and what a wonderful part of history it is for the Town. Ed Rolfe who had been in charge of setting the clock before it died spoke about the mechanism of the clock and stated that the person doing the repair will guarantee his work. A voice vote was taken and Article 16 passed

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the town will vote establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Rural Water Supply (cisterns & fire ponds) and to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for this purpose and furthermore name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved by John Lachapelle and seconded by Sally Small. John Lachapelle spoke to the article explaining that this will be a start up fund to begin maintenance and repair what is already in place. A voice vote was taken and Article 17 passed.

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the town will vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate \$45,000.00 to go into the fund. This sum to come from the fund balance and no amount to be raised by taxation. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse into the general fund. Majority vote required. The Selectmen recommend this article.

The article was read, moved by John Lachapelle and seconded by Sally Small. John Lachapelle spoke to the article asking the town to approve this contingency fund for unanticipated expenses such as the attorney fees that the town has had to pay from the lawsuit on the water project pertaining to work that was authorized but was never done. This money can be used from the Town surplus but don't like to tap that fund. A voice vote was taken and Article 18 passed.

**ARTICLE 19.** Should the Town of Franconia raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,168.00 (nine thousand one hundred sixty-eight dollars) as a donation to the non-profit Franconia Children's Center, Inc. to offset the cost of real estate taxes for the tax year 2013-14 assessed on the Franconia Children's Center childcare and preschool facility at 70 Main Street in the Town of Franconia. (By petition) The Selectmen do not recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved by John Lachapelle and seconded by Bob Montagno. John Lachapelle spoke to the article explaining that legally the Town was not able to give abatement on these taxes. There was much discussion regarding how many Franconia families use the Children's Center facility. A voice vote was taken and Article 19 failed.

**ARTICLE 20.** To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees, or other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relative thereto.

The article was read, moved by John Lachapelle and seconded by Bob Montagno. Bob Montagno spoke to the article. A voice vote was taken and Article 20 passed.

ARTICLE 21. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

The article was read, moved by Ted Hoyle and seconded by Sally Small. Bob Montagno spoke to the article. A voice vote was taken and Article 21 passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Marilyn L. Knowlton Town Clerk

#### SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land	\$99,082,213.00
Buildings	182,963,738.00
Manufactured Housing	1,235,000.00
Electric Utilities	3,605,100.00
Gross Valuation	\$286,886,051.00
Elderly Exemptions	(120,000.00)
Wood-Heating Energy Systems Exemption	( 82,256.00)
Solar Energy Exemptions	( 71,631.00)
Net Valuation	\$286,612,164.00

#### STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Total Town Appropriations	\$4,591,293.00
Revenues	(3,128,604.00)
Net Town Appropriations	1,462,689.00
Net School Appropriations	2,019,989.00
Net State Education Appropriations	700,889.00
Net County Appropriations	453,311.00
Total of Town, School & County	4,636,878.00
Add: Overlay	19,791.00
Add: War Service Credits	22,500.00
Property Tax to be Raised	4,679,169.00
Less Credits	(22,500.00)
Taxes Committed to Treasurer	\$4,656,669.00

#### 2014 Tax Rate (Per \$1,000.00 Valuation)

Town	\$5.24
County	1.58
State	2.48
School	7.05
	\$16.35

#### **STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT** Town of Franconia – December 31, 2014

Showing Annual Maturities of Outstanding Long Term Notes & Bonds

Village Water Project - 30 Year Bond 2.25% Interest

U	5		
	Town's Payment	Water Users Payment	
Principal	21,420.60	41,581.18	(63,001.78)
Interest Balance of Loa	16,679.40 m	29,906.82	\$2,023,234.02

#### **SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY**

	Land	Buildings	Equipment
Town Hall, land & buildings General Government, buildings & equipme	\$ 96,500.00 ent	\$339,700.00 15,900.00	\$ 4,469.00 37,598.00
Library, land & buildings	97,100.00	355,500.00	
Fire/Police, land & buildings	103,500.00	676,300.00	
Fire Department, equipment			350,162.00
Police Department, equipment			12,134.00
Highway Department/Transfer Station			
Land & buildings	76,300.00	126,800.00	
Highway Department, equipment			254,249.00
Transfer Station, equipment			26,213.00
Franconia/Mittersill Water Department			
Land & buildings	311,000.00	3,239,393.00	
Franconia/Mittersill Water Department			
Wells, mains, etc.			1,342,914.00
Cemeteries	246,100.00		
Land in Franconia	294,500.00		
Robert Frost House (Museum)	126,300.00	155,700.00	
Heritage Museum	107,400.00	199,300.00	
Interpretive Center (Museum)	92,200.00	6,700.00	
Dow Field	167,800.00		
Fox Hill Park	258,700.00		
	(1)	(1)	(2)

TOTALS

\$1,971,000.00 \$5,115,293.00 \$2,127,739.00

\$2,088,936.47

Note (1) Based on Assessed Valuation

Note (2) Depreciated

#### TOWN CLERK'S REPORT For the Year Ending December 31, 2014 Cash Basis

Motor Vehicle Registration	\$217,862.35
Motor Vehicle Title/Transfer Fees	476.00
Municipal Agent Fees	4,680.00
Town Clerk Fees	305.00
Dog Licenses	494.50
Vital Statistics	263.00
Marriage Licenses	342.00
Miscellaneous Permits/Fees	25.00
UCC Filings	300.00
TOTAL	\$224,747.85

#### TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT SUMMARY OF WARRANTS Levy of 2014 For Year Ending December 31, 2014

#### **DEBITS**

Taxes Committed to Collector

Property Taxes Yield Taxes Utility – Water	\$4,656,795.00 3,026.59 <u>288,551.33</u>	\$4,948,372.92
Overpayment of Property Taxes Interest Collected <b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	8,058.74 	<u>10,464.19</u> <b>\$4,958,837.11</b>
CREDITS		
Remittances to Treasurer Property Taxes Yield Taxes Utility - Water	\$4,385,008.51 3,026.59 263,016.51	
Property Tax Abatement Utility Charge Abatement Interest Collected	330.41 7,893.43 <u>2,405.45</u>	\$4,661,680.90
Uncollected Taxes (per Collector's List) Property Taxes Utility-Water TOTAL CREDITS	279,514.83 17,641.39	297,156.21
		\$4,958,837.11

#### SUMMARY OF WARRANTS LEVY OF 2013

#### DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - January 1, 2013	
Property Taxes	\$225,464.05
Utility – Water	27,757.92
Interest & Penalties Collected	16,802.45
TOTAL DEBITS	

\$270,024.42

#### CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer	
Property Taxes	\$136,556.65
Utility – Water	10,372.58
Interest Collected	16,802.45
Abatements	
Property Taxes	77.57
Utility - Water	7,427.57
Uncollected Property Taxes	98,787.60

#### **TOTAL CREDITS**

\$270,024.42

#### SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014

	DEBITS		
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes			
January 1, 2013	\$ 108,365.41	\$104,304.03	\$ 209,715.41
Taxes to Lien, Current FY Interest & Costs Collected	1,051.02	4,766.50	13,436.24
TOTAL DEBITS	109,416.43	109,070.53	223,151.65
	10,,110,10	107,070,000	
	CREDITS		
Remittances To Treasurer			
Redemptions	20,028.02	38,026.36	30,466.11
Interest & Costs Collected	1,051.02	4,766.50	13,436.24
Abatements of Unredeemed 1	iens		200.22
Unredeemed Taxes	88,337.39	66,277.67	1 <u>79,049.08</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$109,416.43	\$109,070.53	\$223,151.65

#### **UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX LIEN**

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2014

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>Total</u>
Jeffrey Bartlett	173.53			173.53
Yvonne Bastianelli	5,326.85	6,271.20	7,080.59	18,678.34
Barry Bliss	1,029.36	,	,	1,029.36
Edward A. Breault	2,554.04	2,910.85	2,389.24	7,854.13
CottonTail Farms Trust	1,041.46	1,185.51	1,373.29	3,600.26
Marguerite Donovan	459.50	521.89	628.92	1,610.91
Raymond Fredericksen III	22,387.77	5,453.27		27,841.04
John Gargano	2,750.03	2,871.16	3,495.65	9,116.84
Valerie Greene	1,966.65			1,966.65
Trevor Hamilton	5,834.33	3,088.24		8,922.57
Candace Hammond	2,917.70			2,917.70
Estate of Harriet Harris	3,756.20	2,533.62		6,289.82
Charles H. Herbert	419.04			419.04
Paul Johnson	25.26			25.26
Robert H. Lodge, Jr.	1,593.33	1,814.92	2,156.82	5,565.07
Robert H. Lodge, Jr.	2,037.63	2,323.93	2,785.25	7,146.81
Eleanor R. Lovett	1,376.38			1,376.38
Edward C. Mattox	226.26	255.14	92.95	574.35
John E. McKay	900.77	1,024.09	1,217.28	3,142.14
Joel C. McKenzie	381.37	431.63	513.90	1,326.90
Joel C. McKenzie	7,857.57	9,145.72	10,832.68	27,835.97
Christopher A. Miller	1,423.77	1,621.96	1,929.06	4,974.79
Robert J. O'Neill Sr.	346.49	393.28	469.08	1,208.85
Robert J. O'Neill Sr.	4,804.36	4,639.16	5,409.01	14,852.53
OTL Property LLC #8	4,689.92	5,332.57	340.53	10,363.02
Robert P. Peckett, III		3,393.79	271.83	3,665.62
Vicki M. Scott	534.04	606.73		1,140.77
Colleen Stadelmann	9,522.80	10,861.45	6,804.32	27,188.57
Sam P. Stephenson	1,868.68	2,129.57	2,524.28	6,522.53
Deborah A. Stravato	1,587.35	1,809.39	2,148.83	5,545.57
George F. Stroup	2,881.87			2,881.87
George F. Stroup	1,033.64			1,033.64
Estate of Grace Taylor	642.29	729.94	711.72	2,083.95
Top of the Notch Cooperative	· ·	1,480.05	1,165.55	3,902.56
Von Pantz, Stokes Lott	356.11	404.23	491.19	1,251.53
Gary Young, Jr.	3,173.22	4,562.68	4,328.89	12,064.79
Gary Young, Jr.	104.20	237.39	282.28	623.87
TOTALS	\$97,983.77	\$78,033.36	\$59,443.14	\$235,460.27

#### **2014 TREASURER'S REPORT**

#### **Beginning Cash Balance**

\$1,361,788.98

Beginning Balance	\$ 322,637.81		
Tax Collector Town Clerk Selectmen Close out Village Wtr Proj unknown Interest Earned	4,987,305.79 224,485.85 969,804.03 2.44 395.97 136.95		
Total Regular Revenues	6,182,131.03		
TAN From NH-PDIP	750,000.00 <u>1,855,000.00</u>		
Total Other Revenue	2,605,000.00		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	8,787,131.03	\$8,787,131.03	
Total Regular Disbursements Transfer NH-PDIP Loan Payment Miscellaneous Debit/Fees	(6,235,740.60) (825,000.00) (750,000.00) (1,535.90)		
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	(7,812,276.50)	(\$7,812,276.50)	
Ending Checking Balance	\$ 1,297,492.34		
NH-PDIP ACCOUNT			
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,039,151.17		
Deposits Interest Earned W/Ds to Checking	825,000.00 67.44 ( <u>1,850,000.00</u> )	\$825,067.44 (\$1,850,000.00)	
Ending Balance 2013 Surplus Trnsf from GF 2014 Article 3 Trnsf to GF Bal after Jan 2015 transactions	\$14,218.61 (\$13,736.00) 12,500.00 12,982.61		
Ending Cash Balance	12,702.01	<b>\$1,311,710.95</b> (13,736.00) 12,500.00	
Accrued Cash Balance		\$1,310,474.95	

#### LAND USE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$274,296.93
Deposit from General Fund	0.00
Interest Earned	50.36
Land Use Transfer	(5,000.00)
Ending Balance	\$269,347,29

#### McLACHLIN MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

Beginning Balance Interest Earned	<b>\$ 3,311.87</b> 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 3,311.87

#### TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$153,692.20
Interest	28.58
Deposit-Transfer from NHPDIP General Fund (2013)*	13,736.00
Deposit-Transfer to NHPDIP General Fund (2014)*	(12,500.00)
Ending Balance	\$154,956.78

\*Transaction completed Jan 2015

#### FRANCONIA WATER DEPARTMENT

#### **Beginning Cash Balance**

#### \$ 66,336.39

CHECKING ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance	\$ (10,890.23)	
Deposits	304,519.08	
PDIP Transfers IN	55,000.00	
PDIP Transfers OUT	(90,000.00)	
Interest	14.71	
unknown Deposit	11,541.20	
•		281,074.99
Expenses	(249,780.62)	
Fees	0.00	(249,780.62)
Ending Balance	\$ 20,404.14	
NH-PDIP ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance	77,226.62	
Deposits	90,000.00	
Interest Earned	19.91	90,019.91
Withdrawals to Checking	(55,000.00)	(55,000.00)
Ending Balance	\$ 112,246.53	

#### Year End Cash Balance

\$132,650.67

#### FRANCONIA VILLAGE WATER PROJECT

Beginning Balance	\$ 870.80
Deposits	88,063.89
Withdrawals	(88,934.69)
Transfer to GF	(2.44)
Interest Earned	2.44
Ending Balance	\$ 0.00

#### FRANCONIA SAFETY SERVICES BUILDING PROJECT

Beginning Balance	\$ 0.00
Deposits	1,450,000.00
Interest	30.62
Withdrawals	(1,403,708.19)
Fees	(20.00)
Ending Balance	\$ 46,302.43

#### **SUMMARY OF REVENUES**

Accrual Basis

1AXES         3110 - 3186 Revenue from Taxes         3190 Interest & Penalties	\$4,671,882.34 27,159.03
	27,159.05
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES 3210 - 3290 Motor Vehicles, Bldg. Permits & Other	241,217.60
FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE	
3351-3353 State of New Hampshire	100,399.24
FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS	
3379 Town of Easton	31,168.00
3379 Town of Sugar Hill	75,914.90
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	
3401 Income from Departments:	
4130 Executive	93.51
4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	155.00
4150 Financial Administration	20.00
4191 Planning & Zoning	1,513.00
4194 General Government Buildings	92.64
4195 Cemeteries	850.00
4210 Police	1,495.00
4220 Fire	206.47
4221 Life Squad	89,482.83
4290 Emergency Management (Forest Fire)	402.40
4312 Highway Department	322.80
4442 Welfare	750.00
4520.1 Parks	450.00
3409 Other Charges (Recreation Fees)	30,246.16
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	
3501 Sale of Town Property	13,000.00
3502 Interest on Investments	204.39
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	
3915 Capital Reserve Funds	113,856.00
3916 Cemetery Trust Funds	2,000.00
3917 Expendable Trust Funds	222,541.00
OTHEER FUNDING SOURCES	
Unassigned Fund Balance	145,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$5,770,422.31
TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (In)	
4332 Water Department	13,615.04
Abbie Greenleaf Library	11,500.00
Dow Concerts	1,350.00
Dow Clock Restoration	61,555.00
Franconia Conservation (ACT Ham Branch Study)	5,000.00

4 <sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks	3,000.00
Halloween Cup Expense	415.00
North Country Soccer Camp	6,174.00
Police Coverage	2,160.00
Recreation Field Trip Fees	506.00
Recreation Staff Uniforms	273.00
Tax Anticipation Note	350,000.00
Water Project Semi-Annual Loan	71,488.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$ 527,036.04

#### **DETAILED STATEMENT OF REVENUES**

TAXES		
3110 Property Taxes	\$4,601,498.75	
3185 Yield Tax	3,026.59	
3186 Payment in Lieu of Taxes	67,357.00	\$4,671,882.34
3190 Interest & Penalties		27,159.03
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES		
3210 Business Licenses/Permits	250.00	
3220 Motor Vehicle Fees	230,254.35	
3230 Building Permits	4,632.75	
3290 Other Licenses & Fees	6,080.50	241,217.60
FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE		
3352 Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	53,996.13	
3353 Highway Block Grant	46,403.11	100,399.24
FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		
3379 Town of Easton		
Administrative Fees	2,000.00	
Recreation Programs	8,145.00	
Transfer Station	21,023.00	31,168.00
3379 Town of Sugar Hill		
Administrative Fees	2,300.00	
Dispatch Phone Lines	483.90	
Recreation Programs	26,880.00	
Transfer Station	46,251.00	75,914.90
CHARGES FOR SERVICES		
3401 Income from Departments		
4130 Executive		
Copies and Printouts	28.00	
Current Use/LUCT Fees	17.00	
Miscellaneous	2.44	
Retirement Fund Refund	46.07	93.51

4140	Election, Registration & Vital Statistics Voter Checklist		155.00
4150	Financial Administration Bank Charges Reimbursed		20.00
4191	Planning & Zoning Zoning Ordinances Hearing Fees	15.00 1,498.00	1,513.00
4194	General Government Buildings Sale of Used Equipment Supplies Reimbursed	36.40 56.24	92.64
4195	Cemeteries Burials		850.00
4210	Police Court Fines Pistol Permits Police Coverage Police Report Town Fines	300.00 140.00 360.00 335.00 360.00	1,495.00
4220	Fire Supplies Reimbursed		206.47
4221	Life Squad Town of Sugar Hill Town of Easton Transport Payments	2,000.00 500.00 86,982.83	89,482.83
4290	Emergency Management (Forest Fire) Sale of Used Equipment Training Expenses Reimbursed	345.60	402.40
4312	Highway Department Sale of Scrap Metal Supplies Reimbursed	122.80 0	322.80
4442	Welfare Assistance Reimbursed		750.00
4520.	1Parks Donation		450.00
3409	Other Charges (Recreation Fees) Recreation Donation	434.16	

Spring Sports/Baseball Fees	2,200.00	
Soccer Fees	1,755.00	
Summer Recreation Fees	24,887.00	
Winter Sports Fees	970.00	30,246.16
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		
3501 Sale of Town Property		
2007 Chevy 5500		13,000.00
3502 Interest on Investments	126.05	
Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank	136.95	204.20
NH-PDIP	67.44	204.39
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN		
3915 Capital Reserve Funds		
Buildings & Grounds Equipment	16,300.00	
Highway Heavy Equipment	4,760.00	
Highway Truck Fund	63,500.00	
Legal Fund	29,296.00	113,856.00
Legar Fund		113,050.00
3916 Cemetery		3,000.00
Syro connecty		0,000100
3917 Expendable Trust Funds		
Highway Improvement Fund	135,495.00	
Sidewalk Improvement	21,950.00	
Town Buildings Maintenance	65,096.00	222,541.00
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Unassigned Fund Balance		145,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES		\$5,770,422.31
TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (In)		
4332 Water Department		
Cell Phones	521.70	
Computer Support	2,274.85	
Computer (New)	773.00	
Insurance-Buildings	855.00	
Mittersill Fire Station Electricity	1,698.91	
Newspaper Ads	42.63	
Payroll Taxes	62.64	
Supplies	446.44	
Wages	988.25	
Water Payments Paid with Taxes	5,951.62	13,615.04
Abbie Greenleaf Library		11,500.00
Dow Concerts		1,350.00
Dow Clock Restoration		61,555.00
Franconia Conservation (ACT Ham Branch Stu	ıdy)	5,000.00
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4 <sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks	3,000.00
Halloween Cup Expense	415.00
North County Soccer Camp	6,174.00
Police Coverage	2,160.00
Recreation Field Trip Fees	506.00
Recreation Staff Uniforms	273.00
Tax Anticipation Note	350,000.00
Water Project Annual Loan Payment	71,488.00
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#### TOTAL TRANSFERS

\$ 527,036.04

#### SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES Accrual Basis

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
4130 Executive	\$ 107,481.07
4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	38,237.52
4150 Financial Administration	63,381.26
4152 Revaluation of Property	19,562.08
4153 Legal Expense	49,124.92
4191 Planning & Zoning Boards	4,115.58
4194 General Government Buildings	97,449.40
4195 Cemeteries	9,895.16
4196 Insurance	8,607.00
<ul><li>4197 Advertising and Regional Associations</li><li>4199 Other Government (Article18)</li></ul>	13,453.61 45,000.00
· · · · ·	45,000.00
PUBLIC SAFETY	255 207 27
4210 Police 4220 Fire	355,397.37 84,686.22
4220 File 4221 Life Squad	59,936.85
4221 Elle Squad 4290 Emergency Management (Forest Fire)	1,575.97
4291 Emergency Management	3,537.97
4299 Emergency Dispatch Phone Service	31,691.80
	51,051.00
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS	395,009.03
4312 Highway Department 4316 Utilities	21,094.25
	21,094.23
HEALTH	
4415 Health Officer & Agencies	13,908.00
WELFARE	
4442 Direct Assistance	10,350.35
CULTURE AND RECREATION	
4520 Recreation	111,700.24
4521 Parks	23,893.42
4583 Patriotic Purpose	1,000.00
4589 Museums	350.00
CONSERVATION	
4619 General Expenses	220.00
DEBT SERVICE	
4711 Principal – Long Term Bonds	21,420.60
4721 Interest – Long Term Bonds	16,679.40
4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	1,812.31

CAPITAL OULTAY	
4902 Vehicles & Equipment	121,863.00
4903 Buildings	75,094.87
4909 Other Improvements	157,444.81
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	
4912 Special Revenue Funds	165,176.00
4915 Capital Reserve Funds	176,600.00
4916 Expendable Trust Funds	155,000.00
SUB-TOTAL	\$2,461,750.06
ABATEMENTS/REFUNDS	38,089.81
WATER LIENS	10,627.50
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS	
4931 Grafton County	453,311.00
4933 School Districts	2,667,984.00
4939 State of New Hampshire	787.50
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$5,632,549.87
TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (Out)	
4332 Water Department	13,615.04
Abbie Greenleaf Library	11,500.00
Dow Concerts	1,350.00
Dow Clock Restoration	61,555.00
Franconia Conservation (ACT Ham Branch Study)	5,000.00
4 <sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks	3,000.00
Halloween Cup Expense	415.00
North Country Soccer Camp	6,174.00
Police Coverage	2,160.00
Recreation Field Trip Fees	506.00
Recreation Staff Uniforms	273.00
Tax Anticipation Note	350,000.00
Water Project Annual Loan Payment	71,488.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$ 527.036.04

#### DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

#### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130 Executive			
General Expenses			
Current Use/Land Use Change Recordings	130.17		
Dues	1,465.98		
Equipment	,		
Maintenance/Repairs	188.00		
New	3,573.42		
Website/Internet Expense	857.95		
Maps	4,140.00		
Miscellaneous	500.00		
Newspaper Notices	301.00		
Postage	936.49		
RSA Updates & Legal Material	92.45		
Software Support	2,669.00		
Supplies	1,863.53		
Telephone	1,389.95		
Training/Meetings	268.52		
Salaries & Wages	200.32		
Administrative Assistant	23,261.64		
	14,467.47		
Executive Secretary			
Secretary Taxes & Benefits	16,241.84		
	20 200 40		
Health Insurance	30,200.49		
Payroll Taxes	3,397.23		
Retirement - Town Contribution	1,326.00		
Unemployment Compensation	30.15	¢	107 401 07
Workers Compensation	179.79	\$	107,481.07
4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics			
Election/Registration			
General Expenses			
	1 107 22		
Supplies Town Clerk	1,187.32		
General Expenses	77 70		
Dog Tags Dues	77.70		
	20.00		
New Office Equipment	967.29		
Newspaper Notices	649.50 757.20		
Postage	757.39		
Software Programs/Support	2,141.00		
Supplies	141.58		
Telephone Workshows (Mastings	714.35		
Workshops/Meetings	309.25		
Salaries & Wages	2 000 00		
Supervisor of the Checklist	3,000.00		
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Town Clerk Deputy Town Clerk	25,215.54 835.00	
Taxes & Benefits	000100	
Payroll Taxes	2,221.60	38,237.52
4150 Financial Administration		
Accounting & Reports	100.00	
Bank Charges	100.00	
Checks & Supplies	124.01	
Direct Deposit Charges	1,394.10	
Town Report	2,120.00	
Auditor	18,575.00	
Tax Collection		
Dues	20.00	
Mortgage/Tax Lien Search	139.33	
Postage/Envelopes	1,470.97	
Software Programs/Support	3,674.86	
Recording Fees	164.62	
Supplies	225.84	
Tax Bills	109.65	
Workshops/Training	164.60	
Salary & Wages		
Bookkeeper	23,261.64	
Tax Collector	6,557.78	
Deputy Tax Collector	1,135.00	
Treasurer	1,895.00	
Taxes & Benefits		
Payroll Taxes	2,248.86	63,381.26
4152 Develoption of Droporty		
4152 Revaluation of Property		19,562.08
General Expenses		19,502.00
4153 Legal Expense		
General Matters	19,828.44	
Litigation (Capital Reserve Funds)	29,296.48	49,124.92
(101 Disso in a gradier Description		
4191 Planning & Zoning Boards		
General Expenses	c70.00	
Newspaper Notices	572.88	
Postage	178.99	
RSA Updates & Law Books	41.65	
Subdivision/Lot Line Adjustment Recordings	127.00	
Supplies	258.53	
Salary & Wages	0.007.00	
Secretary	2,697.62	
Taxes & Benefits		
Payroll Taxes	238.91	4,115.58

4194 General Government Buildings			
General Expenses			
Building Maintenance		5,661.55	
Dow Clock		246.52	
Equipment			
Gas & Diesel	1,257.14		
Maintenance	3,600.98		
New	837.47	5,695.59	
Heating Oil		6,892.99	
Insurance			
Buildings & Equipment	842.00		
Commercial Auto	310.00	1,152.00	
Library Insurance		1,720.00	
Maintenance Garage			
Electricity	774.77		
Heating/Water	1,902.05		
Phone/Internet	504.23	3,181.05	
Plantings		300.00	
Sidewalk Plowing		464.06	
Supplies		1,233.01	
Uniforms		377.68	
Vehicles			
Gas	3,889.69		
Maintenance	678.75		
Repairs	1,524.84	6,093.28	
Salaries & Wages		.,	
Supervisor	39,818.52		
Assistant	446.73		
Overtime	7,098.77	47,364.02	
Taxes & Benefits		,	
Health Insurance		11,877.39	
Payroll Taxes		3,340.46	
Retirement - Town Contribution		884.00	
Unemployment Compensation		138.76	
Workers Compensation		827.04	97,449.40
Women compensation			27,112110
4195 Cemeteries			
General Expenses			
Electricity/Water		429.37	
Equipment		472.82	
Supplies/Flags		1,512.94	
Salary & Wages			
Supervisor/Sexton	1,621.22		
Assistant	5,191.62	6,812.84	
Taxes & Benefits			
Payroll Taxes		513.22	
Unemployment Compensation		22.12	
Workers Compensation		131.85	9,895.16

4196 Insurance Liability			8,607.00
4197 Advertising and Regional Assoc. Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce Mt Washington Regional Airport North Country Council		10,000.00 1,371.34 <u>2,082.27</u>	13,453.61
4199 Other Government Art. 18 Contingency Funds			45,000.00
PUBLIC SAFETY			
4210 Police			
General Expenses			
Building Maintenance		3,531.01	
Dues & Subscriptions		220.00	
Firearms			
Ammunition	1,839.10		
New	1,776.91	3,616.01	
Insurance			
Building & Equipment	229.00		
Commercial Auto	544.00		
Liability	6,810.00	7,583.00	
Miscellaneous		30.70	
Office			
Repairs/Maintenance	144.55		
Software/Support	2,514.95		
Supplies/Postage	1,931.36	4,590.86	
Photography		14.00	
Radar Calibration		190.00	
Radios		5,939.76	
RSA Updates & Law Books		190.35	
Telephone		1,734.23	
Training/Conferences		526.31	
Uniforms			
Cleaning/Repairs	233.20		
New	3,664.85	3,898.05	
Vehicles	12 007 70	•	
Gas/Mileage Reimbursed	13,007.78		
Maintenance	2,832.84		
Repairs	2,616.80	10 0 0 7 4	
Supplies	412.32	18,869.74	
Salaries & Wages Chief	74 121 20		
	74,131.20 52,832.00		
Sergeant Patrolman	52,852.00 44,553.60		
Overtime	44,555.60 9,146.76		
Specials (Part-time Officers)	9,146.76	205,152.56	
Taxes & Benefits	24,409.00	205,152.50	
Taxes & Denemis			

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Health Insurance Payroll Taxes		45,828.35 4,399.13	
Retirement – Town Contribution		46,031.96	
Unemployment Compensation		438.40	
Workers Compensation		2,612.95	355,397.37
workers compensation			555,571,51
4220 Fire Department			
General Expenses			
Administration and Supplies		816.34	
Building Maintenance			
Cleaning	365.05		
Electricity	1,642.99		
Maintenance	743.33	2,751.37	
Dues and Subscriptions		1,417.85	
Fire Prevention		338.80	
Gas and Diesel		2,618.72	
Heating		8,464.91	
Insurance			
Building & Equipment	459.00		
Commercial Auto	3,861.00	4,320.00	
New Equipment			
Turnout Gear	734.98		
Radios & Pagers	6,608.03		
Rescue Equipment	1,689.00	9,032.01	
Telephone		1,015.45	
Vehicles and Equipment		5,275.94	
Salaries & Wages		-,	
Fireman's Annual Pay		39,878.00	
Inspections		3,900.00	
Taxes & Benefits		0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	
Payroll Taxes		3,382.14	
Unemployment Compensation		211.16	
Workers Compensation		1,258.53	84,686.22
workers compensation		1,230.33	04,000.22
4221 Life Squad			
General Expenses			
Billing & Collections Fee		8,908.12	
Building Maintenance		700.97	
Equipment		636.08	
Miscellaneous		1,065.51	
Radios & Pagers		842.13	
Computer Scheduling		200.00	
Supplies		7,623.90	
Telephone		336.67	
Training		992.65	
Vehicles			
Commercial Auto Insurance	1,010.00		
Gas & Diesel	3,060.35		

Maintenance Wages & Benefits	3,748.56	7,818.91	
Wages Payroll Taxes	27,170.00 2,124.02		
Unemployment Compensation Workers Compensation	74.41 443.48	29,811.91	58,936.85
4290 Emergency Management (Forest General Expenses	Fires)		
New Equipment Supplies		599.99 358.20	
Vehicles Gas, Diesel & Oil	66.55		
Insurance Maintenance Salary & Wages	393.00 	529.55	
Fire Fighting Training Taxes & Benefits		81.96	
Payroll Taxes		6.27	1,575.97
4291 Emergency Management General Expenses Wages		877.79	
Director Deputy	2,000.00 500.00	2,500.00	
Payroll Taxes 4299 Dispatch Phone Lines		160.18	3,537.97
8123 Phone Line Grafton County Dispatch		967.80 30,724.00	31,691.80
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS 4312 Highway Department			
General Expenses			
Building Maintenance Calcium Chloride		1,708.92 4,418.00	
Culverts		2,236.80	
Equipment			
Maintenance	4,942.36		
New Rental	1,695.13 75.00		
Repairs	3,589.76	10,302.25	
Gas and Diesel		24,962.64	
Gravel Insurance		15,890.00	
Building & Equipment	393.00		
Commercial Auto	4,099.00	4,492.00	
New Tools		483.58	

Drongna		9,014.97	
Propane Random Drug Tests		153.00	
Safety		546.46	
Salt		30,739.17	
Sand		11,182.50	
Street Sweeping		2,357.21	
Supplies		3,144.71	
Telephone		1,767.53	
Uniforms		1,258.23	
Vehicles		1,230.23	
Maintenance	2,506.31		
	14,957.18	17,463.49	
Repairs Solarios & Wagos	14,937.10	17,403.49	
Salaries & Wages	60 100 70		
Road Agent	60,199.70		
Road Crew	41,745.60		
Road Crew	40,206.40	154 222 28	
Overtime	12,170.68	154,322.38	
Taxes & Benefits		25.045.01	
Health Insurance		35,045.61	
Payroll Taxes		10,514.21	
Retirement		2,652.00	
Unemployment Compensation		563.08	
Workers Compensation		3,356.09	205 000 02
Highway Improvement		46,434.20	395,009.03
4316 Utilities			
Cable Consortium		56.00	
Street Lighting		21,038.25	21,094.25
HEALTH			
4415 Health Agencies			
Adaptive Sports Partners of the Nort	h Country	750.00	
Adaptive Sports Farmers of the Nort	II Country	496.00	
Ammonoosuc Community Health Se	ruices	4,000.00	
Boys & Girls Club of the North Cour		1,000.00	
CASA	iti y	500.00	
		1,000.00	
Center for New Beginnings Grafton County Senior Citizens			
North Country Home Health		1,250.00 3,100.00	
		520.00	
Support Center at Burch House White Mountain Mental Health		1,292.00	13,908.00
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WELFARE			
4442 Welfare			
General Assistance		7,650.35	
Tri-County Community Action		2,700.00	10,350.35

#### CULTURE AND RECREATION

4520 Recreation			
Recreation Director		23,245.95	
Youth Director		18,831.93	
Miscellaneous Expense			
Communications	1,076.74		
Vehicle Expense	3,759.56	4,836.30	
Spring Programs		ŕ	
Fit Girls		412.00	
League Fees		500.00	
Supplies & Equipment		397.96	
Umpire Fees/Clinics		420.00	
Uniforms		740.93	
Winter Program			
Climbing Wall Fees		570.00	
Referees		340.00	
Supplies		49.77	
Rink and Ice Skating			
Rink Maintenance		87.66	
Supplies/Newspaper Notices		207.68	
Utilities		1,793.17	
Soccer		1,720117	
Referees		250.00	
Supplies		489.25	
Tournament Expense		500.00	
Uniforms		495.41	
Summer Recreation		175.11	
Adventure Program		707.33	
Background Checks		154.50	
Pool & Facilities		860.00	
Supplies		568.71	
Transportation		3,721.98	
Uniforms		1,266.81	
Salaries & Wages		26,007.98	
Taxes & Benefits		20,007.90	
Health Insurance		14,152.50	
Payroll Taxes		4,911.61	
Retirement-Town		884.00	
Unemployment Compensation		170.94	
Workers Compensation		1,018.81	
Dow Field Playground Fund		1,107.06	
Rink Maintenance Fund		2,000.00	111,700.24
Klink Maintenance Fund		2,000.00	111,700.24
4521 Parks			
Dow Field			
Electricity/Water	406.02		
Field Maintenance	975.50		
Portable Toilets		3,056.52	
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Equipment Parks Maintenance Supplies/Gas Wages		869.45 1,047.20 2,593.23	
Director Assistant Payroll Taxes	13,836.68 1,490.00	15,326.68 1,000.34	23,893.42
4583 Patriotic Purpose			1,000.00
4589 Museums- Building Insurance			350.00
4619 Conservation General Expenses			
Dues			220.00
DEBT SERVICE 4711 Principal – Long Term Bond 4721 Interest – Long Term Bond		21,420.60 16,679.40	20.012.21
4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Note		1,812.31	39,912.31
CAPITAL OUTLAY 4902 Vehicles & Equipment Article 5-Highway Heavy Equipment		4,760.00	
Article 9- Highway Plow Truck Article 7 & 8-Mowers Article 10- Highway Truck		81,000.00 16,300.00 19,803.00	121,863.00
4903 Buildings			,
Article 16-Dow Clock Removing of Underground Tanks Town Building Steps DOL Safety Expense at Highway Garag Museum Roof	ge	9,999.33 6,171.17 49,552.37 3,000.00 172.00	
Library Re-pointing		6,200.00	75,094.87
4909 Other Improvements Highway/Sidewalk Improvements Coal Hill Road Lafayette Road Mittersill Road	54,765.75 41,083.18 8,003.38		
Plantation Road Wallace Hill Road Harvard & Academy Sidewalks	6,541.40 25,101.10 21,950.00		157,444.81

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		
4912 Special Revenue Funds		
Library Appropriation	92,296.00	
Transfer Station Appropriation	_72,880.00	165,176.00
SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES		
4915 Capital Reserve Fund		
Bridge Construction	2,000.00	
Fire Department Safety Equipment	10,000.00	
Fire Truck – Equipment	6,300.00	
Fire Truck – Pumper	14,400.00	
Fire Truck – Tanker	20,600.00	
Frost Place Maintenance	3,900.00	
Highway Heavy Equipment	15,200.00	
Highway Trucks	50,400.00	
Life Squad Ambulance	9,300.00	
Life Squad Equipment	3,200.00	
Police Cruisers	13,000.00	
Reassessment	8,500.00	
Rural Water Supply	5,000.00	
Town Buildings & Grounds Equipment	5,600.00	
Town Buildings Truck	9,200.00	176,600.00
4916 Expendable Trust Funds		
Highway Improvement	120,000.00	
Sidewalk Improvement	20,000.00	
Town Buildings Maintenance	15,000.00	<u>155,000.00</u>
SUB-TOTAL		\$2,461,750.06
ABATEMENTS/REFUNDS		30,089.81
WATER DEPARTMENT LIENS		10,627.50
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS		
4931 Grafton County Tax		453,311.00
4933 School Districts		
Lafayette Regional School District	1,380,245.00	
Profile School District	<u>1,287,739.00</u>	2,667,984.00
4939 State of New Hampshire		
Animal Population Control	146.00	
Dog Licenses	36.50	
Marriage Licenses	342.00	707 50
Vital Records	263.00	787.50
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$5,632,549.87

TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (Out)		
4332 Water Department		
Cell Phones	521.70	
Computer Support	2,274.85	
Insurance – Buildings	855.00	
Mittersill Fire Station Electricity	1,698.91	
Newspaper Ads	42.63	
Payroll Taxes	62.64	
Supplies	446.44	
Wages	988.25	
Water Payments Paid With Taxes	5,951.62	13,615.04
Abbie Greenleaf Library		11,500.00
Dow Concerts		1,350.00
Dow Clock Restoration		61,555.00
Franconia Conservation (ACT Ham Branch Stud	y)	5,000.00
4 <sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks		3,000.00
Halloween Cup Expense		415.00
North Country Soccer Camp		6,174.00
Police Coverage		2,160.00
Recreation Field Trip Fees		506.00
Recreation Staff Uniforms		273.00
Tax Anticipation Note		350,000.00
Water Project Annual Loan Payment from Water	Department	71,488.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS		\$ 527,036.04

### TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Beginning Balance Income		\$ 166,508.79
Town of Franconia	72,880.00	
Town of Sugar Hill	46,251.00	
Town of Easton	21,023.00	
Transfer Station Special Reserve Fund	12,500.00	
PAYT Bags	73,780.00	
Special Handling Fees	24,861.25	
Recycled Material	30,526.61	
Interest Earned	28.58_	281,850.44
Expenses	20.50	201,050.44
Solid Waste Disposal		
MSW Hauling	7,297.65	
MSW Tipping	30,876.61	
Bulky Disposal	50,070.01	
Roll Off Hauling	9,371.91	
Roll Off Tipping	18,610.40	
Tires	422.00	
Electronics	1,371.22	
Other	7,253.40	
Utilities	6,792.04	
General Expenses	0,772.04	
Dues	1,727.70	
Insurance	770.00	
Mileage	169.12	
PAYT Bags	7,487.37	
Safety Equipment	326.55	
Supplies & Baling Wire	2,789.37	
Oil & Gas	1,589.60	
Training & Certification	455.00	
Equipment Maintenance	3,345.33	
New Baler	11,400.00	
Weatherization (Plastic Strips)	817.55	
Ice Breakers for Roof	2,141.15	
Driveway Grading	302.50	
Wages	121,081.64	
Benefits	121,001.01	
Health Insurance	28,816.57	
Retirement	2,652.00	
Unemployment Compensation	361.98	
Workers' Compensation	2,157.48	
Payroll Taxes	8,262.96	278,649.10

**Ending Balance** 

\$ 169,710.13

### FRANCONIA PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING For the Year Ending December 31, 2014

Beginning Balance		\$ 0.00
Income		
Safety Services Facilities Improvement Fund	200,000.00	
Loan Advances from Passumpsic Bank	1,250,000.00	
Interest Earned	31.00	1,450,031.00
Expenses		
Appliances	3,544.00	
Asbestos Testing	1,200.00	
Asbestos Removal	7,400.00	
Borings	5,500.00	
Civil Engineer/Surveyor/layout	26,852.00	
Construction Contract	1,225,850.00	
Demolition	19,590.00	
Energy Consultant	2,450.00	
Equipment – Fire	1,635.00	
Equipment – Police	3,628.00	
Interest – Construction Period	5,388.00	
Landscaping	1,132.00	
Legal	681.00	
Miscellaneous	355.00	
Moving Expense	2,585.00	
Permits	300.00	
Propane Tanks	7,170.00	
Pre-Town Meeting Engineering	20,070.00	
Project Manager	30,000.00	
Public Service Company Fees	1,151.00	
Temporary Heat	4,949.00	
Temporary Relocation Rent	21,300.00	
Temporary Utilities	678.00	
Testing – Soils & Concrete	2,671.00	
Tree Removal	7,600.00	1,403,728.00

### **Ending Balance**

\$ 46,303.00

#### **TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

#### Lafayette Regional School March 10, 2015 – 7:00 PM Polls open from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (By ballot.)

**ARTICLE 2.** Are you in favor of adopting the amended Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? (By Ballot)

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate one million six hundred ninety six thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,696,400.00) to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Executive\$110	,968.00
Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics42	
Financial Administration60	
Revaluation of Property	
Legal Expenses	
Planning & Zoning	
General Government Buildings	
Cemeteries	
Insurance	
Advertising & Regional Associations13	
(Chamber of Commerce10,000.00)	
(North Country Council2,082.00)	
(Regional Airport1,371.00)	
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Police	,940.00
Fire	,420.00
Life Squad55	,058.00
Building Inspection	
Forest Fire	
Forest Fire	,000.00
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Forest Fire	,000.00 ,000.00
Forest Fire.       3         Emergency Management       3         Dispatch Phone Lines       32	,000.00 ,000.00 ,000.00
Forest Fire.       3         Emergency Management       3         Dispatch Phone Lines       32         (Franconia's Share.       31,500.00)         HIGHWAYS & STREETS       407         UTILITIES       21	,000.00 ,000.00 ,000.00 ,941.00 ,500.00
Forest Fire.       3         Emergency Management       3         Dispatch Phone Lines       32         (Franconia's Share.       31,500.00)         HIGHWAYS & STREETS       407	,000.00 ,000.00 ,000.00 ,941.00 ,500.00
Forest Fire.       3         Emergency Management       3         Dispatch Phone Lines       32         (Franconia's Share.       31,500.00)         HIGHWAYS & STREETS       407         UTILITIES       21	,000.00 ,000.00 ,000.00 ,941.00 ,500.00

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(CASA	
Center for New Beginnings	
(Grafton Co. Senior Citizens	
(Health Officer	
(North Country Home Health	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
(Support Center – Burch House.	
(White Mt. Mental Health	· ·
(General Assistance	
(CAP	
CULTURE & RECREATION	
Recreation Programs	
(Franconia's Share	52,295.00)
Parks	
Patriotic Purposes	
Museums	
CONSERVATION	
DEBT SERVICE	

#### TOTAL...... (Franconia's Share \$1,633,430.00) .....\$1,696,400.00

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred seven thousand four hundred dollars (\$207,400.00) to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Town Buildings and Grounds Equipment, \$6,700; Highway Trucks, \$51,300; Highway Heavy Equipment, \$18,000; Police Cruisers, \$7,500; Life Squad Van, \$10,900; Life Squad Equipment, \$3,200; Fire Equipment Truck, \$6,900; Fire Pumper Truck, \$19,700; Fire Truck Tanker, \$23,700; Fire Safety Equipment, \$15,000; Bridge Maintenance, \$2,000; Rural Water Supply \$5,000; Legal \$29,000 and Reassessment, \$8,500

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty nine thousand nine hundred dollars (\$139,900.00) to be added to the following Expendable Trust Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Highway Improvement, \$100,000; Town Buildings Maintenance, \$15,000; Frost Place Maintenance, \$3,900 and Sidewalk Improvement, \$21,000.

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the town will vote to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from the Bridge Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1966. The selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of fifty-one thousand nine hundred dollars (\$51,900.00) to purchase a truck for Buildings and Grounds and to authorize the withdrawal of up to forty-two thousand seven hundred dollars (\$42,700.00) from the Buildings & Grounds Truck Capital Reserve Fund, previously established for this purpose; and to raise nine thousand two hundred dollars (\$9,200.00) through taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of ninety six thousand dollars (\$96,000.00) to purchase a plow truck for the Highway Department and to authorize the withdrawal of up to seventy-nine thousand four hundred dollars (\$79,400.00) from the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund, previously established for this purpose, and to raise sixteen thousand six hundred dollars (\$16,600.00) through taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of thirty-nine thousand dollars (\$39,000.00) to purchase a 4WD Police cruiser, and to authorize the withdrawal of up to thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund, previously established for this purpose, and to raise four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) through taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Safety Services Facilities Improvement Fund created in {2000}. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. The selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of twenty four thousand dollars (\$24,000.00) to be placed in the Bridge Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. The sum of \$24,000.00 to come from unassigned fund balance. This represents the funds from the dissolution of the Safety Services Facilities Improvement Expendable Trust in warrant article #10. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of twenty two thousand dollars (\$22,000.00) to be placed in the Town Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, previously established. The sum of \$22,000.00 to come from unassigned fund balance. This represents the funds from the dissolution of the Safety Services Facilities Improvement Expendable Trust in warrant article #10. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) from the Recreation Committee's line item budget to the Rink Surface Maintenance Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) from the Recreation Committee's line item budget to the Dow Field Maintenance Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of two hundred eighty five thousand nine hundred eighty six dollars (\$285,986.00) for the purpose of solid waste disposal and capital improvements to include the purchase of scales and a container, with (\$16,000.00) to come from the Transfer Station Special Reserve Fund, (\$46,525.00) from the Town of Sugar Hill, (\$21,148.00) from the Town of Easton, (\$74,000.00) PAYT Fees, (\$25,000.00) Special Handling Fees, (\$30,000) in Recycled Material, and to raise (\$73,313.00) from taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety two thousand two hundred sixty six dollars (\$92,266.00) for the purpose of operating the Abbie Greenleaf Library and to transfer this amount to the Library Trustees for their use as they see fit. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the town will vote, pursuant to NH RSA 35:9-a-II, to authorize the Trustees of Trust Funds to pay for capital reserve fund investment management services, and any other expenses incurred, from capital reserve funds income. No vote by the town to rescind such authority shall occur within five years of the original adoption of this article. The Selectmen recommend this article.

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for the Franconia Children's Center to be used for general operating expenses. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the town will vote to accept Meadow Crest Drive as a Class V town road. This road was constructed in 2000, and complies with the then existing and current road specifications. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the town will vote to adopt RSA 41:14-a, to allow the selectmen to acquire or sell land, buildings or both; provided, however, they shall first submit any such proposed acquisition or sale to the planning board and to the conservation commission for review and recommendation by those bodies. This article will remain in effect until rescinded by majority vote. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a Recreation Van and to appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) from the Recreation Committee's line item budget for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote required)

**ARTICLE 22.** To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees, or other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

John Lachapelle Bob Montagno Ted Hoyle Board of Selectmen

# **BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA – REVENUE**

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 2014	Actual 2014	Estimated 2015
TAXES:	2014	2014	2015
3120 Land Use Change Taxes	\$ -0-	\$ 3,420.00	\$ 5,000.00
3185 Yield Taxes	3,000.00	3,027.00	1,000.00
3186 Payment in Lieu of Taxes	67,357.00	67,357.00	60,000.00
3190 Interest & Penalties	17,500.00	27,159.00	30,000.00
5170 interest & renatiles	17,500.00	27,157.00	50,000.00
LICENSES, PERMITS, & FEES:			
3210 Business Permits	250.00	250.00	250.00
3220 Motor Vehicles	215,000.00	230,254.00	200,000.00
3230 Building Permits	4,000.00	4,633.00	4,000.00
3290 Other Fees – Town Clerk	6,000.00	6,081.00	6,000.00
	0,000.00	0,001.00	0,000.00
FROM STATE:			
3352 Meals & Rooms Tax	45,000.00	53,996.00	45,000.00
3353 Highway Block Grant	46,403.00	46,403.00	45,000.00
3359 Other (Safe Routes to School)	209,000.00	-0-	-0-
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FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS			
3379 Town of Easton	32,079.00	31,168.00	30,362.00
3379 Town of Sugar Hill	78,935.00	75,915.00	79,981.00
CHARGES FOR SERVICES:			
3401 Income from Departments	60,000.00	95,934.00	40,000.00
3409 PAYT Fees, etc.	130,000.00	129,168.00	129,000.00
3409 Recreation Enrollment Fees	24,100.00	30,246.00	24,600.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:			
3501 Sale of Municipal Property	13,000.00	13,000.00	-0-
3502 Interest on Investments	350.00	204.00	300.00
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFE			
3912 Special Revenue Funds	12,500.00	12,500.00	16,000.00
3915 Capital Reserve Funds	79,800.00	113,856.00	157,100.00
3916 Expendable Trust Funds	224,000.00	422,541.00	-0-
3916 Cemetery Trust Fund	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
3934 Long Term Borrowing	1,700,000.00	1,700,000.00	-0-
Fund Balance (Surplus)	45,000.00	145,000.00	46,000.00
TOTAL DEVENIUES	62 015 254 00	62 214 112 00	6031 503 00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$3,015,274.00	\$3,214,112.00	\$921,593.00

<b>BUDGET OF THE TOWN O</b>	FF	RANCON	IA	- EXPEN	DITURES
PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION		Approp.		Actual	Estimated
		2014		2014	2015
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:					
4130 Executive	\$	110,341.00	\$	107,481.00	\$110,968.00
4140 Election, Reg. & Vital Stats.		42,475.00		38,238.00	42,575.00
4150 Financial Administration		59,997.00		63,381.00	60,367.00
4152 Revaluation of Property		19,562.00		19,562.00	19,562.00
4153 Legal Expense		10,000.00		49,125.00	10,000.00
4191 Planning & Zoning		5,900.00		4,115.00	5,900.00
4194 General Gov't. Buildings		101,853.00		97,449.00	95,250.00
4195 Cemeteries		17,510.00		9,896.00	17,510.00
4196 Insurance		8,607.00		8,607.00	8,693.00
4197 Advertising & Regional Assoc.		13,453.00		13,453.00	13,453.00
PUBLIC SAFETY:		,		10,100100	10,100.00
4210 Police		353,770.00		355,397.00	353,940.00
4220 Fire		109,420.00		84,686.00	109,420.00
4221 Life Squad		55,058.00		58,937.00	,
4290 Forest Fire		3,754.00		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	55,058.00
4200 Building Inspection		3,000.00		1,576.00	3,000.00
4291 Emergency Management		3,000.00		-0-	3,000.00
4299 Dispatch Phone Line		30,000.00		3,538.00	3,000.00
4255 Dispatent none Line		30,000.00		31,692.00	32,000.00
HIGHWAYS & STREETS:					
4312 Highway Department		402,859.00		395,009.00	407,941.00
4316 Utilities		21,500.00		21,094.00	21,500.00
HEALTH:					
4415 Health Officer & Agencies		14 202 00		12 000 00	14450.00
4415 Iteanin Officer & Agencies		14,208.00		13,908.00	14,458.00
WELFARE:					
4442 Direct Assistance & CAP		9,700.00		10,350.00	9,700.00
CULTURE & RECREATION:		·		.,	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
4520 Recreation		114 650 00		111 = 0.0.00	
4520 Recreation 4521 Parks		114,659.00		111,700.00	114,765.00
		25,367.00		23,894.00	34,446.00
4583 Patriotic Purposes 4589 Museums		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00
4389 Museums		350.00		350.00	354.00
CONSERVATION					
4619 General Expenses		1,000.00		220.00	1,000.00
*		1,000,000		220.00	1,000.00
DEBT SERVICE:					
4711-4723 Interest/Principal		39,100.00		39,912.00	147,540.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
4902 Vehicles & Equipment					
Highway Heavy Equipment		-0-		4,760.00	-0-
4903 Town Buildings		Ū		1,700.00	-0-
EFT: Town Buildings		-0-		65,095.00	-0-
U U		· · ·		00,000.00	-0-

4909 Other Improvements			
EFT: Highway Improvement	-0-	135,495.00	-0-
4912 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		,	
Transfer Station/Recycling Center	282,654.00	278,403.00	285,986.00
Library	92,296.00	92,296.00	92,266.00
SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES:	,		ŕ
CRF: Town Buildings Truck	9,200.00	9,200.00	-0-
CRF: Buildings & Grounds Equipment	5,600.00	5,600.00	6,700.00
CRF: Highway Trucks	50,400.00	50,400.00	51,300.00
CRF: Highway Heavy Equipment	15,200.00	15,200.00	18,000.00
CRF: Police Cruiser	13,000.00	13,000.00	7,500.00
CRF: Life Squad Van	9,300.00	9,300.00	10,900.00
CRF: Fire Truck (Equipment)	6,300.00	6,300.00	6,900.00
CRF: Fire Truck (Pumper)	14,400.00	14,400.00	19,700.00
CRF: Fire Truck (Tanker)	20,600.00	20,600.00	23,700.00
CRF: Fire Safety Equipment	10,000.00	10,000.00	15,000.00
CRF: Bridge Maintenance	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
CRF: Reassessment	8,500.00	8,500.00	8,500.00
CRF: Life Squad	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,200.00
CRF: Rural Water Supply (Article 17)	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
CRF: Legal	-0-	-0-	29,000.00
ETF: Highway Improvement	120,000.00	120,000.00	100,000.00
ETF: Sidewalks	20,000.00	20,000.00	21,000.00
EFT: Rink Maintenance	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
EFT: Town Buildings Maintenance	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
EFT: Frost Place Maintenance	3,900.00	3,900.00	3,900.00
EFT: Dow Field Maintenance	-0-	-0-	1,500.00
FY2014			
Article 2: Safety Services Building	1,900,000.00	1,900,000.00	-0-
Article 7: Bldgs & Grounds Mower	10,500.00	10,500.00	-0-
Article 8: Cemetery Mower	5,800.00	5,800.00	-0-
Article 9: Highway Plow Truck	81,000.00	81,000.00	-0-
Article 11: Sidewalk Repair	24,000.00	21,950.00	-0-
FY2015 Article 11: Dridge Maintenance Fund	-0-	-0-	24,000.00
Article 11: Bridge Maintenance Fund		-0-	24,000.00
Article 12: Town Buildings Maintenance Article 21: Recreation Van CRF	-0-	-0-	1,000.00
INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES:	-0-	-0-	1,000.00
FY2014			
Article 10: Highway Truck	20,000.00	19,803.00	-0-
Article 15: Safe Routes To School	209,000.00	-0-	-0-
Article 16: Dow Clock	10,000.00	10,000.00	-0-
Article 18: Contingency Fund	45,000.00	45,000.00	-0-
FY2015			
Article 7: Buildings & Grounds Truck	-0-	-0-	51,900.00
Article 8: Highway Plow Truck	-0-	-0-	96,000.00
Article 9: Police 4WD Cruiser	-0-	-0-	39,000.00
Article 18: Children's Center	9,168.00	-0-	2,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$4,600,461.00	\$4,568,272.00	\$2,661,352.00

	Appropriations	Receipts & Reimbursements
Executive	\$110,341.00	\$ 93.51
Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics	42,475.00	155.00
Financial Administration	59,997.00	20.00
Revaluation of Property	19,952.00	-0-
Legal Expenses	10,000.00	29,296.00
Planning & Zoning	5,900.00	1,513.00
General Government Buildings	101,853.00	92.64
Cemeteries	17,510.00	850.00
Insurance	8,607.00	-0-
Advertising & Regional Associations	13,453.00	-0-
Police	353,770.00	1,495.00
Fire	109,420.00	206.47
Life Squad	55,058.00	56,982.83
Building Inspector	3,000.00	100.00
Forest Fire	3,754.00	402.40
Emergency Management	3,000.00	-0- '
Dispatch Phone Lines	30,000.00	(16.10)
Highway Department	402,859.00	322.80
Utilities	21,500.00	-0-
Health Officer & Agencies	14,208.00	-0-
Welfare	9,700.00	750.00
Recreation	114,659.00	6,146.16
Parks	25,367.00	450.00
Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00	-0-
Museums	350.00	-0-
Conservation	1,000.00	-0-
Interest	39,100.00	(195.61)
TOTALS	\$ 1,577,443.00	\$98,664.10

### **COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND**

Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balances	Overdrafts
	Experiances	Datances	<u> </u>
\$110,434.51	\$ 107,481.07	\$ 2,953.44	\$ -0-
42,630.00	38,237.52	4,392.48	-0-
60,017.00	63,381.26	-0-	3,364.26
19,562.00	19,562.08	-0-	.08
39,296.00	49,124.92	-0-	9,828.92
7,413.00	4,115.58	3,297.42	-0-
101,945.64	97,449.40	4,496.24	-0-
18,360.00	9,895.16	8,464.84	-0-
8,607.00	8607.00	-0-	-0-
13,453.00	13,453.61	-0-	.61
355,265.00	355,397.37	-0-	132.37
109,626.47	84,686.22	25,996.94	-0-
112,040.83	58,936.85	53,103.98	-0-
3,100.00	-0-	3,100.00	-0-
4,156.40	1,575.97	2,580.43	-0-
3,000.00	3537.97	-0-	537.97
29,983.90	31,691.80	-0-	1,707.90
403,181.80	395,009.03	8,172.77	-0-
21,500.00	21,094.25	405.75	-0-
14,208.00	13,908.00	300.00	-0-
10,450.00	10,350.35	99.65	-0-
120,805.16	111,700.24	9,104.92	-0-
25,817.00	23,893.42	1,923.58	-0-
1,000.00	1,000.00	-0-	-0-
350.00	350.00	-0-	-0-
1,000.00	220.00	780.00	-0-
38,904.39	39,912.31		1,007.92
\$1,676,107.10	\$1,564,571.38	\$128,115.75	\$16,580.03

# **EXPENDITURES, Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014**

# NOTES

### 2015 – 2019 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

The 2015 – 2019 Capital Improvements Plan was completed by a group of five citizens, appointed by the Planning Board. The Committee worked from July 2014 through January 2015 on this year's CIP. The plan was adopted by the Franconia Planning Board in January 2015 and accepted by the Select Board in February 2015.

Preparation of the plan involved the Committee interviewing and interacting with the Town Operational Department Heads, the Fire and Life Squad Chiefs, and the Town's Select Board and Administration to collect their anticipated capital needs, and the priority of the needs, for the time frame 2015-2019. These individual requests where then laid out in an annualized schedule and analyzed relative to the Town's need to maintain critical assets and the need to raise monies to fund the projects in the future.

All Department Heads attempted to find savings and efficiency in this year's requests and will be looking for savings in future years.

These activities resulted in the CIP committee revising the long range capital plan presented in 2015 due to increases in the costs to replace vehicles in the Fire, Road and EMT departments. Still by finding savings and funds from other sources the 2015 plan of \$341.6K is 1% lower than the \$345.1 plan approved in 2014. Future years have been adjusted accordingly.

A draft of the CIP was published and made available for the citizens' review. This draft plan reflected a recommendation for Capital appropriations in 2015. A Public Hearing was then held in January to elicit public comment on the draft. Since no one attended there was no discussion and questions. In January the draft CIP was presented to the Planning Board and, after thorough review, was accepted.

The CIP Committee would like to highlight a few specific accomplishments:

1) The Road Agent, BOS, and CIP reviewed the strategic road plan and updated the detailed plan with priorities for reconstructions for the next 5 years. Our town has 13 miles of paved roads and to reconstruct all would cost \$1.1million. With present cost this allows for the roads to be reconstructed every 9 to 10 years.

2) The CIP Committee developed a procedure to determine when town vehicles should be replaced based on repair costs, mileage and useful life data obtained from other municipalities, manufacturers, professional associations and federal and state regulations.

Finally, the CIP Committee would like to thank all Town employees, administrators, board members and citizens for their generous contributions of time and consideration in establishing and delivering Franconia's 2014-2018 CIP. We are hopeful that the plan and process will be an important aid to the Select Board in their annual budgeting and result in improved capital planning and investment for the Town of Franconia.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette Costa, Mogens Jessen, Bob Montagno, Carl Schaffer, Brian Williams, The CIP Committee

# VALUATION OF TOWN EQUIPMENT

### FIRE DEPARTMENT/LIFE SQUAD

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2012 Cardiac Monitor	\$30,000.00	\$21,000.00	10	\$3,000.00
2012 Difibtech Lifeline AED	732.00	297.00	5	145.00
2012 Pressure Washer	1,560.00	624.00	5	312.00
2009 Ford Equipment Truck	140,000.00	98,000.00	20	7,000.00
2008 Kenworth T300	146,548.00	95,259.00	20	7,327.00
Emergency Generator	15,000.00	6,750.00	20	750.00
2004 Rescue Tools	20,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
2003 Kenworth Pumper Truck	215,000.00	85,875.00	20	10,750.00
2008 Ambulance	135,000.00	40,500.00	10	13,500.00
1978 Ford Attack Pumper	40,000.00	-0-		-0-
1934 LaFrance Pumper (antique)		-0-		-0-
Scott Air Pack (10)	14,250.00	136.00	20	705.00
2009 Protective Gear	2,897.00	-0-	5	-0-
2010 Protective Gear	3,653.00	731.00	5	-0-
2011 Protective Gear	1,511.00	303.00	5	302.00
2009 Ice Rescue Gear	754.00	-0-	5	-0-
Protective Gear	15,000.00	-0-		-0-
Fire Hose & Fittings	29,000.00	-0-		-0-
Smoke Ejectors (2)	684.00	-0-		-0-
Nozzles & Deck Guns	10,000.00	-0-		-0-
1997 Mini Responder Kit (Life Sc		-0-		-0-
2011 Computer	1,064.00	212.00	5	213.00
2011 Pagers & Radios	2,375.00	475.00	5	475.00
Portable Radios & Beepers	47,775.00	-0-		-0-
Totals	\$873,196.00	\$350,162.00		\$44,479.00
Р	OLICE EQUI	PMENT		
	Purchase	Book	Life in	Depreciation
Equipment	Price	Value	Years	For Year
2011 Ford Crown Victoria	\$27,200.00	-0-	3	\$-0-
2010 Ford Expedition	38,600.00	-0-	5	-0-
2007 Spec. Mountain Bike	350.00	-0-		-0-
2014 Motorola Radios (2)	5,940.00	5,346.00	10	594.00
2002 Astro Portable Radios (4)	9,758.00	-0-		-0-
1999 Eagle Radar	3,095.00	-0-	. 5	-0-
2004 Eagle Radar	2,212.00	-0-	5	-0-
2002 Sony Camcorder	650.00	-0-	6	-0-
2008 Video Cameras (2)	7,990.00	3,196.00	10	799.00
2011 Video Cameras (2)	780.00	468.00	10	78.00
2011 Dell Vostro Computer (2)	2,084.00	420.00	5	416.00

2009 Laptop Computer	749.00	-0-	5	-0-
2005 Typewriter	575.00	-0-	5	-0-
2014 Aimpoint Rifle Optices (4)	1,632.00	326.00	5	1,306.00
2013 Colt LEU Rifle (5)	1,475.00	1,179.00	10	148.00
2012 Glock 21-45 (5)	1,715.00	1,199.00	10	172.00
2002 Colt M-16A1 (2) (Mil. Surj	olus) 150.00	-0-	10	-0-
1998 Stinger Spikes (2)	1,430.00	-0-	10	-0-
Totals	\$106,385.00	\$12,134.00		\$3,513.00

### **HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT**

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2014 Dodge Truck	94,000.00	80,572.00	7	13,428.00
2014 International Truck (2013)	146,296.00	117,036.00	10	14,630.00
2011 Truck	19,803.00	15,842.00	5	3,961.00
2009 Chevrolet Truck	79,412.00	11,342.00	7	-0-
2000 Mack Truck	71,102.00	-0-	10	-0-
2013 Mower	4,290.00	2,860.00	6	715.00
2007 Woodchipper	23,000.00	4,600.00	10	2,300.00
2004 Spreader	5,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
2006 CAT Backhoe/Loader	83,000.00	8,300.00	10	8,300.00
2006 CAT Broom	7,500.00	1,500.00	10	750.00
1986 Caterpillar Grader	55,000.00	-0-	15	-0-
2013 Radios (4)	1,300.00	780.00	5	260.00
2011 Radio	375.00	75.00	5	75.00
Snow Plow	5,000.00	-0-	3	-0-
Steam Jenny & Generator	3,700.00	-0-	10	-0-
Compressor	1,163.00	-0-	10	-0-
2 Chain Saws	1,000.00	-0-	2	-0-
Welder	1,500.00	-0-	10	-0-
Totals	\$598,778.00	\$254,249.00		\$56,264.00

# **OFFICE EQUIPMENT**

	Purchase	Book	Life in	Depreciation
Equipment	Price	Value	Years	For Year
2014 Dell Optiplex Workstation(2)	\$2,400.00	1,920.00	5	\$480.00
2014 Dell Laptop & Docking Station	n 1,346.00	1,077.00	5	269.00
2014 Dell Laptop (Supervisors)	850.00	680.00	5	170.00
2014 Dell Desktop (Town Clerk)	920.00	736.00	5	184.00
2014 HP Officejet Printer	70.00	56.00	5	14.00
2008 HP LaserJet Printer	350.00	-0-	5	-0-
1997 HP Laser Printer	860.00	-0-	5	-0-
1997 Fax Machine	399.00	-0-	5	-0-
1996 Motorola Portable Radio	690.00	-0-	8	-0-
Totals	\$7,885.00	\$4,469.00		\$1,117.00

### TRANSFER STATION EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price		Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2013 Bobcat	\$ 15,466.00	(52%)	\$11,228.00	7	\$2,209.00
2014 Baler	5,928.00	(52%)	5,335.00	10	593.00
2013 Containers (2)	6,968.00	(52%)	5,574.00	10	697.00
2008 Container	1,040.00	(52%)	312.00	10	104.00
2012 Dell Laptop	422.00	(52%)	254.00	5	84.00
2010 Trash Compacto	or <u>7,020.00</u>	(52%)	3,510.00	10	702.00
Totals	\$36,844.00		\$26,213.00		\$4,389.00

### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS/EQUIPMENT**

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2010 John Deere Tractor	36,000.00	13,500.00	8	4,500.00
2011 Ford Van (Recreation 58%)	9,628.00	7,702.00	5	1,926.00
2010 Truck	39,000.00	-0-	5	7,800.00
2014 Wright Mower 36"	5,800.00	4,971.00	7	829.00
2014 Wright Mower 61"	10,500.00	9,000.00	7	1,500.00
2013 Spreader	900.00	540.00	5	180.00
2014 Trailer (Parks)	2,095.00	1,885.00	10	210.00
2005 Trailer	2,200.00	-0-	8	-0-
1996 Motorola Portable Radio	690.00	-0-	5	-0-
2005 59" Snow blower	2,850.00	-0-	5	-0-
1995 Toro Snow blower	733.00	-0-	5	-0-
Totals	\$110,396.00	\$37,598.00		\$ 16,945.00

### FRANCONIA WATER DEPARTMENT

A new pump house was constructed at Mittersill last fall which went online at the end of October 2013. The old pump station was dismantled and carted away in the Spring of 2014.

The NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) informed us that a number of trees around both the Mittersill and Franconia Village storage tanks had to be taken down. This was completed in the summer of 2015

A high efficiency dehumidifier was installed at the Franconia Village pump house. We were advised to do this because it was felt that the high moisture content in the pump house had a negative effect on our computers.

This year we will replace much piping and many valves around the Mittersill Inn. One or two fire hydrants will also have to be relocated in the Mittersill area. We will continue to replace the old EJP meters with stainless steel badger meters. The MXU readers will be replaced by cellular readers. The new meters will be replaced both at Mittersill and at the Franconia Village.

Thank you all for your support.

Richard McLachlin Marcia Graham Ray Peltier Franconia Water Commissioners

### FRANCONIA WATER DEPARTMENT

Income Statement For the year Ending December 31, 2014

#### REVENUES

#### Income

Water Rents	\$283,170.63
Water Rent Interest	2,981.62
Other Income	21,575.00
Interest Income	32.74
TOTAL INCOME	\$307,759.99

#### **EXPENDITURES**

Wages	\$ 1,050.89
Software	2,427.60
Postage	386.55
Propane	4,016.80
Phone	2,341.76
Contract Labor	82,221.17
Computer Contract	3,438.85
Engineer Study	5,066.24
Water Testing	1,995.00
PSNH	10,154.35
Chlorine/Sodium Hydroxide	2,334.00
Misc. Expense	16,536.54
Repairs	1,371.56
Equipment repairs	1,471.10
Meter Readings	11,771.23
Fire House Utilities	440.71
General Maintenance	5,410.62
Cap Imp Fran Village	5,395.57
Cap Imp Mittersill	5,050.00
RD Loan Payment	71,488.00
EJP Supplies	2,232.67
Total Expenditures	\$236,601.21
Net Ordinary Income	\$ 71,158.78
Net Income	\$ 71,158.78

# FRANCONIA WATER DEPARTMENT

Balance Sheet For the year Ending December 31, 2014

#### ASSETS

Cash on Hand/Checking Reserve Account \$ 25,235.39 <u>112,244.65</u> \$137,480.04

### EQUIPMENT AT COST

Storage tanks	\$ 363,090.00
Mains	1,061,427.71
Hydrants	52,158.43
Pumps	3,042.00
Gate Valves	121,308.35
Meters	103,571.10
Pump Stations/Treatment Plants (Village)	359,068.33
Pump Stations/Treatment Plants (Mittersill)2	67,235.00
Water Tower (Mittersill)	2,250.000.00
Tools & Equipment	1,406.70
Total Equipment at Cost	\$2,332,307.62

### ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### ASSETS

Cash in Banks and on Hand	\$ 29,971.42
Income from Trust Accounts	94,578.16
Total Assets	\$424,549.58

#### LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Accounts Payable	\$ 1,004.68
Permanently Restricted	140,244.29
Reserved for Special Purposes	254,333.87
Unreserved Designated Fund Balances	28,966.74
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$424,549.58

### ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### REVENUES

Town Appropriation Non-Resident Card Fees Bank Interest Contributions and Donations Income to Special Accounts Income from Trust Accounts	\$ 92,296.00 425.00 7.84 23,940.00 817.90 <u>8,030.18</u>
Total Revenues	125,517.64
EXPENDITURES	
Director and Interim Director's Salary Other Wages Payroll Expenses Retirement Fund Books, Audio, DVD's, Newspapers, and Periodicals Bank Charges and Fees Insurance – Health Insurance – Business Utilities and Telecommunications Office and Library Expenses Computer and Internet Expenses Dues and Fees Advertising and Promotion Legal and Professional Fees: Bookkeeping Repairs and Maintenance Programs Professional Development Postage and Post Office Box Fees Gifts for Staff	$\begin{array}{r} 29,391.99\\ 23,610.90\\ 4,622.70\\ 487.00\\ 5,386.26\\ 78.40\\ 7,906.51\\ 1,070.00\\ 6,517.99\\ 1,210.60\\ 2,771.50\\ 30.00\\ 335.80\\ 2,347.00\\ 32,985.30\\ 75.00\\ 100.76\\ 392.72\\ 659.00\\ \hline 119,979.43\end{array}$
Net Income	<u>\$ 5,538.21</u>

		PRINCIPAL	IPAL			INCOME		
FUND	Beginning Balance	Unrealized Ending Gain (Loss) Balance	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Investment Income	Beginning Investment Disbursed to Balance Income Library	Expenses Balance	Ending Balance
*Harry & Mary Priect Find 136 139 83	d 136 139 83	7 147 901 133 901 84	133 001 84	3 535 48	70007		21 156 001 112 501 12	142 501 15
Iarvis D Rlair Fund	10 008 00	(801-14)	10:10:661 (0:11)	01.000.1	2007,024	1		01.100.071
phillins Fund	6 776 40	(115 04)	6 660 46	(185.07)	272.07	- 1712 051	(40.620)	+C.160,20 (60.020)
*J.C. Blair Fund	33,688,82	(40.36)	(640 36) 33 048 46	(10:001)	20.010	(20.072)	(01.00)	CC.COC,0 (CI.CO) 0 277 12 (EU 876)
Karl Schaffer Fund	13,460.76	(232.32)	(232.32) 13,228.44	490.52	746.55	(488.68)	(138.57)	(138.57) 13,838.26
Lovett Fund	5,000.00	(154.29)	4,845.71	269.04	356.31	I	(53.64)	5,417.42
Anonymous Library Wall	10,000.00	253.24	10,253.24	207.16	73.61	(10,482.72)	(51.29)	,
TOTALS \$254,333.86	\$255,063.90	\$(3,928.80)\$2	251,135.10	\$5,406.39	\$13,244.25	\$(3,928.80)\$251,135.10 \$5,406.39 \$13,244.25 \$(13,182.02) \$(2,269.86)	\$(2,269.86)	

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY Report of Endowment Funds For the Year Ended December 31, 2014 \*NOTE: Per Board of Trustees these accounts were combined into one account during 2014

# **ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY - DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2014**

Services: Items Loaned		Accessions: Library Materials	
Adult Fiction	4,348	Total on 12/31/13	21,140
Adult Non-Fiction	1,369		
Juvenile Fiction	409	Purchases:	
Juvenile Non-fiction	109	Books	130
Easy Reading	602	Paperbacks	20
Youth Fiction	100	DVDs	20
Youth Non-Fiction	4	Books on CD (Leased)	9
Periodicals	669	CD'S	0
Cassettes (Music)	41		
Books on CD	404	Gifts:	
DVDs	702	Books	85
Videos	62	Paperbacks	46
Puzzles	53	DVDs	31
Audiobooks downloaded	730	Books on CD	11
eReaders	769	CDs	1
		Puzzles	18
Total	<u>10,371</u>	eBooks	0
Computer Users	1,166		
		Total Accessions	<u>371</u>
Items Borrowed:		Items Withdrawn:	(413)
From NH State Library	5	Total on 12/31/14	<u>21,098</u>
From Other NH Libraries	487		
Loaned to Other NH Libraries	441	Periodicals Purchased	20
		Periodicals Gift	9
New Borrower Cards:	41	Newspapers	5
Total Active Borrowers	905		
Total Active Dollowers	205		

Respectfully submitted, Sybil Carey

### ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY Director's Report

What a year! A lot has happened at the library on many fronts, and the piece de resistance is the glowing mosaic tile floor, brought back to its original beauty and luster in July by Boston Stone Restoration. It's worth a trip to the library just to see it! The building's façade was renewed by Northeast Masonry; this project was partially funded by a generous donation and, thanks to the efforts of board member Chuck Lovett, by a NH Moose Plate grant.

The bad news was that fumes emanating from the furnace system resulted in the unexpected closure of the library during a number of regularly scheduled days. Troubleshooting for the failing heating system continued over months, until it was finally determined that a hairline crack in the firewall spelled the demise of that system. We greatly appreciate our patrons for bearing with us during the intermittent disruptions. After a lot of research, the Board decided to go green, and a new, automated pellet furnace system will be installed by Cutting Edge of W. Burke, VT, by January 2015. The cost of the new system will be funded in part by donation and also by a NH Public Utilities Commission energy rebate which was pre-approved in December.

Another major activity during the last half of 2014 took the attention of the library's board and staff. Jane Cloran announced her retirement as the library's director, and we wish her good fortune as she enjoys her leisure time. As the Board of Trustees embarked on a job search to fill the vacated position, Sybil Carey served as Interim Director. The board felt it was important to allow sufficient time and thought to find the right person for the job and the community. Following an exhaustive vetting and interview process, the Board decided to implement a team approach as the new model of leadership. To that end, we are pleased to announce that, beginning January 2015, Ann Steuernagle and Sybil Carey will share the job as library co-directors.

Board treasurer Melinda Richmond spent countless hours reviewing, condensing, and reorganizing the budget's structure to bring the operating account into better alignment with the budget and thus clarify and more accurately reflect the spending arc over the course of a year. The board adopted these changes in an effort to facilitate budget decisions, streamline recordkeeping, maximize cost efficiencies, and increase transparency in our bookkeeping and financial management process.

Shifting patterns in the publishing world are reflected in the variety of our patrons' preferences in regard to the various print, electronic, and digital media available; and even with the occasional interruption of services this year, enjoyment of the library's offerings remains strong. We can happily report that reading and books are alive and well in Franconia!

In addition to four book sale events, managed by the Friends of the Library, we offered a variety of programs this year. Baron Wormser returned to an enthusiastic audience to facilitate a poetry discussion on the Frost poem, *The Range Finder*. In the summer, we hosted a joint event with The Frost Place with readings by Rebecca Foust, the Dartmouth Poet in Residence, and Maudelle Driskell. The library offered the Franconia Area

Heritage Museum a venue for a presentation by Steven Taylor on one-room rural schools in NH. Author Charles Poverman read from his new book *Love By Drowning*. Bill Mellekas offered a Christmas story time. Also during the holiday season, four local authors (Cathy Strasser, Leah Carey, Katherine Farrier, and Susan Ann Wall) read from their works and shared insights into the writing process. In addition, a lively group of Mah Jongg players has been meeting weekly at the library.

The library is grateful for donations from Jean Grace, David Dobrin and Susan Arnott, Friends of the Abbie Greenleaf Library, Little City Thrift Store, and The Friday Club. Donations were accepted from Patricia Schaffer in memory of Karl and Jeannette Schaffer and in memory of Richard Bennink from his family.

I would like to recognize the overwhelming support and extra effort put forward this year by the members of the Board of Trustees, led by Harriet Taylor, and our wonderful staff members. They each have contributed in ways large and small, both visible and behind the scenes. Jeff Phillips gets our thanks for his help in keeping the furnace limping along well beyond its time. We also thank friends who volunteered their time and energy to various projects. This has been a year of extreme challenges, and we've grown stronger through it. We look forward to welcoming you to a newly energized Abbie Greenleaf Library.

Respectfully submitted, Sybil Carey, Interim Director

# **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS**

	Balance. Beginning of Year	PRINCIPAL Additions- Withdraw Gain-Loss	Balance End of Year
Expendable/Maintenance Funds:			
Sidewalk Improvement	23,251.61	(1,912.19)	21,339.42
Highway Improvement	25,065.49	(15,371.80)	9,693.69
Town Buildings Maintenance	73,383.21	(50,019.91)	23,363.30
Library Building Maintenance Fund	5,046.12	4.56	5,050.68
Safety Services Facilities Imp.	247,638.73	-199,956.84	47,681.89
Rink Surface Maintenance Fund	4,442.82	2,005.82	6,448.64
Cemetery Restoration	135.47	0.12	135.59
Heritage Museum	35.78	0.03	35.81
Emergency Management	6,877.55	6.22	6,883.77
Linner Benney Milana Benneme	385,876.78	$(\overline{265,243.99})$	120,632.79
Capital Reserve Funds:	565,670.76	(205,245.99)	120,032.79
Remedial Education	133,697.91	120.89	133,818.80
Lafayette School Fund	111,977.08	(59,934.24)	52,042.84
Bridge Construction	7,554.98	2,008.64	9,563.62
Reassessment	17,416.94	8,523.42	25,940.36
Legal	30,262.23	(29,270.35)	23,940.30 991.88
Police Cruiser	38,520.26	13,046.56	
Handicap Access	78.91	0.07	51,566.82
Dow Field	3,722.60		78.98
Fire Truck Pumper	69,656.94	3.37 14,475.97	3,725.97
Highway Truck	143,995.08		84,132.91
Highway Heavy Equipment	82,370.23	(12,928.00)	131,067.08
Life Squad Van	42,802.33	10,527.91	92,898.14
Town Buildings Truck	21,522.19	9,347.09	52,149.42
Transfer Station Equipment	1089.21	9,227.77	30,749.96
Fire Truck Equipment		0.99	1090.20
Town Buildings & Grounds Equip	30,753.16	6,333.49	37,086.65
Fire Truck Tanker	20,537.00	(10,677.33)	9,859.67
Fire Dept Safety Equipment	98,687.62	20,707.82	119,395.44
Forestry Truck	40,052.33	10,045.24	50,097.57
School Technology Fund	531.81	0.48	532.29
	25,036.24	22.64	25,058.88
Transfer Station Imp	560.74	0.51	561.25
Life Squad Equipment	3,200.00	3,205.78	6,405.78
Frost Place Maintenance	3,900.00	3,907.05	7,807.05
Rural Water Supply	-0-	5,004.52	5,004.52
	927,925.79	3,700.29	931,626.08
Cemetery Trust Fund	99,404.01	45,604.24	145,008.25
Franconia Scholarship Fund	101,336.56	37,165.02	
Lucy Pfosi Memorial Fund	10,005.81	8,907.49	138,501.58 18,913.30
	210,746.38	91,676.75	302,423.13

# **DECEMBER 31, 2014**

Balance Beginning of Year	Net Income	INCOME Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Principal and Income	Ending Market Value
-0-	30.29	-0-	30.29	21,369.71	21,280.93
-0-	91.38	-0-	91.38	9,785.07	9,744.42
-0-	64.70	-0-	64.70	23,428.00	23,330.67
1.49	3.26	-0-	4.75	5,055.43	5,034.43
88.81	60.67	-0-	149.48	47,831.37	47,632.66
-0-	4.01	-0-	4.01	6,452.65	6,425.84
-0-	0.08	-0-	0.08	135.67	135.11
-0-	0.02	-0-	0.02	35.83	35.68
2.17	5.10	-0-	7.27	6,891.04	6,862.41
92.47	259.51	-0-	351.98	120,984.77	120,482.15
47.18	105.94	-0-	153.12	133,971.92	133,415.33
-0-	63.86	-0-	63.86	52,106.70	51,890.22
2.43	7.22	-0-	9.65	9,573.27	9,533.50
-0-	19.33	-0-	19.33	25,959.69	25,851.84
10.73	22.95	-0-	33.68	1,025.56	1,021.30
-0-	38.53	-0-	38.53	51,605.35	51,390.96
-0-	0.05	-0-	0.05	79.03	78.70
1.01	2.31	-0-	3.32	3,729.29	3,713.80
-0-	64.06	-0-	64.06	84,196.97	83,847.18
(-0-	143.19	-0-	143.19	131,210.27	130,665.16
-0-	74.94	-0-	74.94	92,973.08	92,586.83
-0-	39.46	-0-	39.46	52,188.88	51,972.06
-0-	23.03	-0-	23.03	30,772.99	30,645.14
2.24	0.68	-0-	2.92	1,093.12	1,088.58
-0-	28.39	-0-	28.39	37,115.04	36,960.85
-0-	19.31	-0-	19.31	9,878.98	9,837.94
-0-	90.98	-0-	90.98	119,486.42	118,990.02
-0-	37.79	-0-	37.79	50,135.36	49,927.07
-0-	0.33	-0-	0.33	532.62	530.41
8.77	20.12	-0-	28.89	25,087.77	24,983.54
1.37	0.35	-0-	1.72	562.97	560.63
-0-	3.97	-0-	3.97	6,409.75	6,383.12
-0-	4.83	-0-	4.83	7,811.88	7,779.43
-0-	3.10		3.10	5,007.62	4,986.82
73.73	814.72	-0-	888.45	932,514.53	928,640.43
29,701.33	7,163.29	2,000.00	34,864.62	179,872.87	177,362.77
9,474.74	5,786.02	-0-	15,260.76	153,762.34	151,616.25
419.60	350.64	-0-	770.24	19,683.54	19,408.84
39,595.67	13,299.95	2,000.00	50,895.62	353,318.75	348,387.86

### **FRANCONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT 2014**

The Department would like to thank the residents for their overwhelming support at Town Meeting for the construction of a new Safety Services Building. In addition the Department would like to thank the Board of Selectmen and the Safety Service Building Committee for all their work and commitment to the project.

In May the Department moved to the former bus garage on Main Street now owned by Trevor and Thad Presby. We would like to thank the Presby's for alterations to the building that would allow it to be a temporary home for the Fire Department and life squad during the construction process. Ground was broken for the new building on August 6<sup>th</sup> and the department moved all apparatus in on December 28<sup>th</sup>. The Town now has a beautiful new state of the art Safety Service Building that all can be very proud of.

The Fire Department has seen another very busy year. Our equipment was toned out by the Grafton County Dispatch Center 77 times. This number represents fire alarm activations, motor vehicle accidents and mutual aid calls.

The Department strongly recommends that homeowners with dial out alarm systems consider installing a Knox Box on their home. A Knox Box allows the Department access to a key, if an alarm activation occurs at your home in your absence. In addition, if you are installing or replacing any heating equipment an inspection is required. Please contact the station at 823-8821 to discuss either of these items.

This year the Department added three new members; Jeremy Hall, Walter Palmer and Rusty Talbot. Any resident interested in joining the Department is invited to stop by the station. Meetings & training are held on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 7:00PM.

We continue to work co-operatively with surrounding mutual aid communities. We want to thank the Franconia Life Squad, Franconia Police Department and the Franconia Highway Department for their ongoing co-operation and assistance during emergency situations.

We would like to thank the community for their continued support of the Department.

#### A Roll of Your Fire Department Members

Rick Gaudette, Chief

Roger Odell, Asst. Chief

Cray Ball Kim Cowles Tim Cowles Darrel Dietlein Kendall Eastman Harvey Flanders Peter Gaudette Tyler Gaudette Jeremy Hall Ted Hoyle

Kirk Luce Alex Peoples Tom Palmer Stanley Sherburn Walter Palmer Rusty Talbot Phil Payette John Peckett

### **REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER**

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forest & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning.

2014 FIRE STATISTICS (All fires reported as of November, 2014) figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest				
COUNTY	ACRES	NUMBER OF FIRES		
BELKNAP	3.1	5		
CARROLL	24	4		
CHESHIRE	6.8	7		
COOS	5.3	18		
GRAFTON	8.2	32		
HILLSBOROUGH	6.1	20		
MERRIMACK	15.5	11		
ROCKINGHAM	1.1	8		
STRAFFORD	.04	5		
SULLIVAN	1.5	2		

CAUSES OF FIRES RE	PORTED
Arson	2
Debris	52
Campfire	10
Children	2
Smoking	5
Railroad	0
Equipment	5
Lightning	1
Miscellaneous	
* IE: power lines, firewo	rks, electric
fences, etc.	ŕ

al Fire	Total Acres	
112	72	
318	206	
360	145	
	112 182 318 125	11272         182144         318206         12542

### FRANCONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Last year when I wrote this for the town report it was the morning after the Safety Services Building public meeting. This year I write to you the day after that very building's open house. Let me first, on behalf of the entire Department, Thank You for a wonderful facility to work out of! We were all heartened by the turn out and enthusiasm shown by all those who attended. During the ribbon cutting ceremony, I introduced each member of the Franconia Police Department: Sergeant Cashin, Officer's Pilotte, Holmes and Chicoine. I did this because I want you all to know us and I want Franconia residents to point to their public servants with pride and say "yes, those are our Police, our Fire Fighters and our Medics". I also introduced the Department's families as well because I think it's important to recognize there is a whole life behind the badge and to say thank you to the people we go home to and who support us.

This year we were busier than ever despite working out of a temporary location. Motor vehicle activity was up significantly, due to the proactive approach the Department is taking to slow speeders down and enforcing other driving infractions. Even taking that increase away calls for service increased by 496. This speaks in part to the turbulent times in our society, but it also speaks to the community's willingness to either ask for help or step in and participate. Either way we are glad you call. It is a pleasure to serve Franconia and we look forward to a peaceful 2016.

Respectfully Yours,

Chief John Monaghan MS

CRIMINAL OFFENSES	2013	2014	ARRESTS	2013	2014
Assaults	9	5	Theft	1	1
Sexual Assault	0	1	Driving While Intoxicated	6	5
Bad Checks	1	1	Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0
Burglary/Trespass	25	7	Unlawful Possession of		
			Alcohol	3	0
Computer Crime	0	0	Intimidation	0	0
Criminal Mischief	2	7	Simple Assault	5	7
Disorderly Conduct	6	6	Resisting Arrest	0	0
Domestic Disturbance	16	16	Conduct After Accident	2	3
Criminal Trespass	12	15	Domestic Violence	3	0
Drug Investigation	4	3	Harassment	1	1
Fraud/Theft/Robbery	15	33	Criminal Mischief	0	0
Harassment	5	7	Criminal Threatening	1	0
Criminal Threatening	6	3	Burglary	0	0
Illegal Dumping	2	0	Shoplifting	0	0
Juvenile Offenses	2	3	Protective Custody/IEA	6	5
Attempted Suicide	4	1	Criminal Trespass	0	2
Possession of Alcohol	14	6	Disorderly Conduct	2	0
Unattended Death	2	5	Opr w/o Valid License/OAS/	HO 9	10
Wanted Persons	20	13	Electronic Bench Warrant	3	1
Child Abuse	*	2	Possession of Drugs	7	6
			Reckless Operation	2	1
			Illegal Dumping	1	0
			Sexual Assault	*	1
CALLS FOR SERVICE			MOTOR VEHICLE		
Alarms	89	154	Accidents	69	97
Animal Complaints	46	108	Summons & Warnings	526	864
911 Hang ups	28	58	Citizen/Motorist Assists	46	45
Disturbance/Fight/Brawl	11	12	Suspicious Vehicles/Persons	69	43 71
F&G/Missing Lost Persons	27	36	Disabled Vehicles	104	140
Noise Complaints	13	16	MV Complaints/BOLO/RED		82
Assist other Agency	13	17	VIN Verifications	7	15
Foot patrol/bldg. checks	87	170	MISC SPOTS Inquires	184	176
Follow Up Investigation	92	129	Whise SI 015 Inquites	10-	170
Civil Stand By	6	29			
Admin Calls/paperwork	157	297	TOTAL INCIDENTS	1954	2832
Service			TOTAL INCIDENTS	1954	2032
Road Hazard	45	78			
Special Events	23	16			
Welfare Checks	20	22			
MISC	26	21			
Sex Offender Registration	*	2	*New Category for 2014		

## FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD/AMBULANCE

The Franconia Life Squad currently has four (4) members who are certified to provide Advanced Life Support, two (2) of which are nationally registered paramedics. The Franconia Ambulance at years end has twelve (12) active members. A membership well prepared to assist our citizens and visitors to our area with quality emergency medical care.

All members are Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technicians. They are continually training and improving their skills. Each member must have a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education each year plus every two years must take an additional 24 hour of classroom refresher, where members must demonstrate their proficiency to State examiners.

Many of the members have other specialized training including ice rescue, swift water rescue, high angle rescue and motor vehicle extrication certifications. All of our members are certified in advanced CPR and in the use of the heart monitor and defibrillator. Most importantly, all of our members are dedicated to providing compassionate emergency medical care from the scene to the hospital.

The Ambulance Service continues to seek its' membership by recruiting from the towns of Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton, the same communities it provides service to. All volunteers are welcome to join. Each member is dedicated to providing the highest quality emergency care to the communities we serve.

The current list of active members of the Franconia Ambulance is:

С	hief Paul Schmucker	EMT
Asst. Chief Mark Taylor EMT		Capt. Pam Oakman AEMT
William Mead Paramedic		Allan Clark EMT
John Ireland EMT		Steven Czarnecki Paramedic
Bill Blackwell AEMT		Susan Simpson EMT
Linda Mordhorst EMT-B	Zach Chicione EMT	Ned Wilson EMT

The Franconia Ambulance responded to 283 calls for assistance during 2014, of those 163 required transport.

In 2014, the total operating expenses for the Franconia Ambulance were \$58,729.09 Income obtained from patient billing and subsidies from Sugar Hill and Easton totaled \$87,483.33. The net cost for the operation of the Franconia Ambulance to the Town of Franconia being no cost with a surplus of \$28,754.24 returned to the Town of Franconia.

Your Ambulance is currently operating at the Advanced Life Support- paramedic level.

Again I sincerely thank the townspeople for their continued support and the privilege of serving them. And I especially thank the men and women of the Franconia Ambulance for their countless hours of dedication and sacrifice, serving others in their community.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Schmucker-Chief Franconia Life Squad

# FRANCONIA HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Franconia Highway Department 2014 Annual Report details all maintenance and road construction completed this year as well as future plans relevant to road construction. The Highway Department purchased a much needed Dodge 5500 Truck for winter and summer maintenance.

- Paved sidewalk on Academy Street
- Tore out old cement sidewalks and replaced with new gravel and asphalt
- Crack-sealed Lafayette Road, Wells Road and Wallace Hill
- Reclaimed Plantation road and added 6" <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> gravel; repaved entrance and replaced culverts as needed
- Put 1" top coat on Coal Hill, McGowan Roads as well as 1" top coat on Wallace Hill Road
- Reclaimed Lafayette Road and repaved/replaced culverts
- Pulled all in ground fuel tanks in town
- Graded roads as needed and applied chloride for dust
- Shimmed bad spots at Mittersill
- Added new gravel to several roads
- Continued ditching for drainage
- Replaced all decking on the Deluge Farm Road Bridge
- Built and installed new service gates for the Transfer Station

Our current 2015 year will include reclaiming Kerr Road as well as the paving of Kerr Road.

We will also be reclaiming Lafayette Road and repaving. As usual, we will be adding gravel to our town roads and treating with chloride to maintain dust control as well as continuing to ditch roads for drainage.

The Highway Department will also be replacing another one of the highway trucks that is due for replacement.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Leslie, Public Works Director

#### **TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION**

2014 saw the emergence of a new town trash bag with the color changing from green to purple. It also saw the end of the Swap Shop. The closure was carefully debated. It was a necessary move that had to be done. We also had a 5% increase in our recycling tonnage. All things considered, not a bad year. Thank you for your support.

- Cardboard 78.3 tons
- News paper 27.6 tons
- Mixed paper 38.6 tons
- Magazines 18.7tons
- Aluminum 3.5 tons
- Tin 7.3 tons
- Plastics 11.5 tons
- Scrap Metal 18.6 tons
- Glass 132.4 tons
- Textiles 48 tons
- Electronics 7.30 tons
- Tires 6.1 tons

Respectfully submitted,

Your Transfer Station Crew, Greg Wells, Manager Kevin Dauphine Nate Hartford Corey Rush

## FRANCONIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Franconia Department of Emergency Management had a busy year. We started with an education process by taking our personnel to the State Emergency Operations Center in Concord, and completed training with the WEB EOC. This is an internet based program that lets us communicate to the state during an emergency. We can report our status in an emergency and allows us to monitor other towns as well. This training also gave us the opportunity to have a face to face meeting with the State Personnel that up till now we only communicated to by e-mail or by telephone.

In April a fast moving storm washed out parts of the roadways in Mittersill and Wells Road. We were able to contact our state officials and have them on scene to assess damages. This led us to completing grant applications to the Federal government for assistance with enhancing culvert systems on the Wells Road. The Grant was not accepted, but we will resubmit it next year and try again.

We are also working on Grant applications to help offset some of the cost of equipment in the new public safety building.

Although most of this work is financial in nature, we spend many hours monitoring incoming information from the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) regarding weather events, criminal activity, and terrorist activity that may be in, or near our state. It is our philosophy to prepare, and train for the worst so that we have the best outcome should an actual event occur. We thank the citizens of our town for their continued support and cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Taylor, Emergency Management Director Martin Cashin, Deputy Emergency Management Director

## PLANNING BOARD

In terms of new development activity within the Town of Franconia for 2014, the year continued to be relatively quiet again. The majority of activity was related to Lot Line adjustments, and some informal Site Plan Reviews. One notable activity was the Planning Board's formal Site Plan Review of the new Presby Fuel Station proposed on Main Street. Following the review and much discussion, the proposal was approved by the Planning Board, contingent on all conditions being met and both the Fire Chief and Building Inspector signing off on the plans, as well. The PB also reviewed and approved the 2014 CIP recommendations.

Separately, a major key accomplishment, after several years of work, was the Planning Board's finalization of a complete update of the Town's Zoning Regulations. Important additions to these regulations was modifying the PUD regulations to better accommodate Senior & Workforce housing (as now required by the State) and the addition of Cluster Development regulations, also with accommodations for Senior & Workforce Housing. The final document was unanimously approved by the Planning Board in November and the Planning Board held the required 2 public hearings on the new regulations in January 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Hesler, Chairman

#### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The ZBA, upon application, reviews and decides on alleged errors in administrative findings and grants variances to the town's zoning ordinance to provide relief from hardship. The Board also has the authority to grant exceptions for use in keeping with certain provisions of the ordinance.

In 2014 the ZBA held two hearings regarding an application for a variance involving a property on Plantation Road where the applicants wished to build a free-standing garage. The application was denied at the second hearing by a vote of 4 to 1.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Richmond, Vice-Chairman

# LAFAYETTE RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Lafayette Recreation Committee saw a 2014 filled with events, activities, and sporting fun for residents of all ages. The Committee works hard to provide recreational opportunities to the residents of Franconia, Sugar Hill, and Easton, and we're continually striving to expand our activities in ways that engage our communities.

Lafayette Recreation sponsors or assists with several events each year: Old Home Day in July, the Top Notch Triathlon in August, the Fox Hill 5K Trail Run in September, and the Wobble-n-Gobble in November. We are continuing work to inventory, maintain, map, and sign the many trails in our three towns. Anyone interested in adopting a trail may email <u>recreation@franconianh.org</u>. We also sponsor Earth Day activities in the spring, Old Home Day Fireworks, a series of summer concerts on the Dow, the Halloween bonfire, and the Community Holiday Party in December.

These events throughout the year bring our communities and residents together to visit and celebrate the beautiful place we call home. This year's holiday party was expanded to include downtown Franconia businesses and activities for all ages, including caroling at the Lafayette Center and a visit by Santa at the Village Store.

The Triathlon, Wobble-n-Gobble and Fox Hill Trail Run are also fundraisers for Lafayette Recreation. These, along with the annual Halloween Cup soccer tournament – which had its biggest year ever in 2014, with 44 teams – have allowed the Committee to incorporate several positive changes over the past few years, including improvements to the skating rink in town, the addition of a much-needed storage shed at the Dow fields, and last year's purchase of an 14-passenger van.

The van has been used quite a bit in its first year, including outings by the Summer Rec program offered to children of our communities, as adult transportation to a bowling alley, a hockey tournament, the Littleton Rotary Club's Lobster Dinner, fire training, and to carry fans to a Profile School playoff soccer game.

Largely through the efforts of our Recreation Director Kim Cowles, we are continually expanding our adult recreational offerings. Beyond the concerts and community events listed above, this year also saw curling on the Franconia ice rink, swimming at Evergreen Gym, and dancing in the Franconia Town Hall with the Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire.

Youth Programs Director Kris Kappler oversees our summer Recreation program of 97 enrolled campers and 13 counselors and orchestrates school-year sports through Lafayette Regional School. From fall soccer (including the hugely successful Annual Halloween Cup) to winter basketball and spring T-ball, baseball, and softball, these programs engage almost 95% of the Lafayette Regional School children with the essential assistance of over 20 dedicated volunteer coaches and officials. Information about our youth programs can be found at <u>www.LafayetteRecreation.weebly.com</u>

For 2015, we're looking into the possibility of grooming a Nordic ski loop around the Dow and potentially through town and planning a June 21<sup>st</sup> "The Longest Day" event. This will be a day of community, wellness, and Alzheimer's awareness. Stay tuned for

details! Also, making its return this spring is the Snap Shot Challenge. Visit <u>www.franconianh.org</u> to find the pictures and see how well you know our communities.

Finally, the Lafayette Recreation Committee meets the first Thursday of each month in the conference room at the Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank; residents are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted, Lafayette Committee Members Franconia: Beth Horan, Adam Boyer, & Meghan McPhaul Sugar Hill: Haley Ireland & Launa Glover Easton: Sue Ford & Matt Koehler Lafayette Regional School: Gordie Johnk Kris Kappler, Youth Programs Director Kim Cowles, Park & Recreation Director

## FRANCONIA CONSERVATION COMMISSION

During the Franconia Conservation Commission 2014 Season:

- The Commission participated in the Lafayette School Earth Day Celebration. With the Lafayette Student Council, we cleaned Shitte Creek and the Gale River Trail.
- With the help of Chris Collman, Sam Johnk and the Garnet Hill Green Team, the trails in Fox Hill Park and along the Gale River were cut back.
- After walking the boundaries of Fox Hill Park with SPNHF it was determined that one landowner is encroaching on town land and are making efforts to clean this up. The park itself is well maintained.
- \$5,000 was given to Plymouth State University for trout study of the Ham Branch of the Gale River.

The program has sought to educate, provide outreach, and promote goodwill.

Community ideas:

- 1. A strategic removal of the Japanese Knotweed
- 2. Trash clean up along the river, usually headed by the local Lions Club, but more help is needed
- 3. Removal of construction debris and overflow from residents and business.
- 4. Continued monitoring possibly by a school co-operation, measuring temperatures and turbidity. An opportunity for Profile and Lafayette students a staff member would be needed to coordinate these efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Cowles, Chairman John Lachapelle Mary Grote Kathryn McCarthy

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## **COOLEY-JERICHO COMMUNITY FOREST REPORT**

Thanks to the support of Easton, Franconia, Landaff, and Sugar Hill, numerous individuals, and public and private funding, the Cooley-Jericho Community Forest was created in September, 2013. This 843-acre forest has great public recreational opportunities, includes critical wildlife habitat, protects headwater streams, preserves scenic views, offers educational uses, and will provide timber income to the towns over the long term. Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust owns the land on behalf of the communities.

The Stewardship Team of representatives of the four towns, plus ACT and many others, has been working to plan for how we manage this land now and into the future. We know that nature will take its course, and we can't anticipate the unforeseen, such as severe ice storms, wind events, or fire. We nevertheless can and should follow a management strategy based on what the land tells us, and craft our uses to best complement the property's natural features and the interests of our communities in recreation, education, and other goals.

The Stewardship Team meets regularly and many of its members have also done field research. Last winter we inventoried wildlife tracks along predetermined routes, and in the spring we did the same thing with breeding birds. Meanwhile, our consulting ecologist has been over almost every square foot of the property, and has prepared detailed maps of the natural features and forest types. With this information, we've started mapping potential recreational trails. Here's some of what's coming this year:

- This spring and summer we'll start constructing trails. The Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) will assist with trail planning and construction.
- Thanks to the town of Sugar Hill for making the Trumpet Round Road entrance easier for parking.
- A local Eagle Scout aspirant will build a kiosk at the Trumpet Round Road entrance.
- We're working with the AMC and Plymouth State University on using the Forest as an outdoor classroom for environmental and other education. We're exploring this with the Lafayette and Lisbon school districts.
- The 30-Year Management and Stewardship Plan will be drafted for community review, and then finalized.

Updates on what's happening on the Forest are at <u>www.cooley-jericho.org</u>, or call ACT at 823-7777. Volunteer are always needed and welcomed!

Submitted on behalf of the CJCF Stewardship Team

Rebecca A. Brown Executive Director, Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust

## FRANCONIA NOTCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2014 REPORT

Last year has been the precursor for change at the Chamber. Our Executive Director, Barbara Ashley, left to pursue a different avenue, and we thank her for her dedication and work at the Chamber. She has been a tremendous help to me with my transition into the ED position, as well as our bubbly Information Booth attendant, Tinker Stevenson. Thanks to you both!

Our committees have been gaining momentum this year with the Marketing Committee introducing a new logo and rebranding for the Chamber. We have also been more active on our Facebook page and introduced new Twitter, Pinterest, and Instagram profiles. The committee and Chamber's major project for 2015 is re-creating our website for clarity, ease of use, and to accommodate the growing reliance on mobile devices as a source of Internet access.

The Membership Committee has been updating our membership packet and evaluating the current benefits our Chamber offers, while the Events Committee was hard at work revamping the Lupine Celebration and planning other events such as the Old Home Day Parade and Simmer 'N Brew, both of which were highly successful in 2014. From the Committee's work, we have a significantly higher net income than we had in previous years. The Finance Committee has been working with this to allot necessary funds to our new website and other marketing endeavors in the budget.

We decided to close our Main Street location and move back to the Information Booth for budgetary purposes. It is closed for the winter, but we are hoping to either weatherize it in the future or find a year-round location. The bulletin board will continue to be maintained and the brochure supply replenished.

This year, we were pleased to collaborate with four local chambers on the White Mountains Young Professionals group. The WMYP is geared towards keeping young people staying, working, and playing in the White Mountains by offering opportunities to learn and network. Our first summit in November was a huge success! We look forward to continuing our collaboration with area chambers as well as with Lafayette Recreation and the Towns of Franconia, Easton, and Sugar Hill.

We thank our communities for their continued support of the Chamber, and are proud to represent this beautiful area that we live in.

Respectfully submitted, Meg Brown, Executive Director

## FRANCONIA NOTCH REGION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE October 2013 through September 2014

## Income

Brochures Ads Business Discount Cards Event Income (Moose Golf , Lupine, Old Home Day) Membership Dues News Letter Ads Services Town Contribution Income Web Site Ads Interest Income <b>Total Income</b>	\$ 4,920.00 20.00 14,724.12 37,602.42 240.00 -125.00 16,900.00 330.00 3.03 74,611.54
Expenses	
Advertising Bank Service Charges Business Office Dues and Subscriptions Insurance Parade Expense Payroll Tax Expense Payroll Wages Postage and Mailings Professional Fees Rent Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expenses Utilities Welcome Center	17,793.20 $203.87$ $492.89$ $175.99$ $1,875.79$ $-40.00$ $2,788.27$ $33,367.87$ $485.13$ $525.00$ $2,450.00$ $-44.63$ $4,539.90$ $1,448.37$
Total Expense	66,061.65
Net Income	\$ 8,549.89

## THE FROST PLACE 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

2014 was an eventful and busy year for The Frost Place (TFP). Some of the highlights of the past twelve months are noted in this report.

- The Board of Trustees and staff continued to follow the Strategic Plan. A primary focus of which is to provide more programming and services to the local community. TFP developed a collaborative relationship with The White Mountain School, increased our participation in the Chamber of Commerce activities, partnered with the Abbie Greenleaf Library for programs and events, worked with New Hampshire Poetry Out Loud, and hosted field trips for several local schools. During 2015 we will be hosting more community programs including some outside of the regular museum season, and we will seek additional funding for educational programs.
- We welcomed three new members to the Board of Trustees. Jim Norton, Meghan McCarthy McPhaul, and Nina Schafer. All three new board members bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to help support the mission of The Frost Place. Two of these members are local. Nina Schafer is a long time constituent of The Frost Place.
- More than 3,600 visitors from around the globe came to The Frost Place Museum (and to the Franconia community), between Memorial Day and Columbus Day. These visitors patronized local businesses as well as The Frost Place. There was so much interest in visiting The Frost Place during the week after it closed for the season; the decision was made to keep it open for one extra week.
- A few repairs have been made and maintenance projects undertaken at The Frost Place this year. These include; repairing and painting the downstairs bedroom ceiling; leveling the stage in the barn, replacing and repairing screens, cleaning off the back porch, and many other small repairs and improvements. Funding has been sought for larger repairs and renovations of the house. A donor provided the funds to install a woodstove to be inserted into the fireplace in the living room. A small tool shed will be built by Profile High School's student-run building class. The students will build the shed, which will provide on-site storage space.
- Since 1977, The Frost Place has awarded a Resident Poet Fellowship to allow a contemporary poet to live and work in the house for two months of the summer. This year, The Frost Place Writer in Residence was Rebecca Foust. Ms. Foust gave featured readings at Dartmouth College, at the Abbie Greenleaf Library, and at The Frost Place for Frost Day, July 6<sup>th</sup>. Rebecca Foust's books include *God, Seed* (Tebot Bach Press, 2010), recipient of the 2010 Foreword Book of the Year Award, and *All That Gorgeous Pitiless Song* (Many Mountains Moving Press, 2010), recipient of the 2008 Many Mountains Moving Press, 2010), recipient of the 2008 Many Mountains Moving Press, 2008, *Mom's Canoe* and *Dark Card* (Texas Review Press, 2008, 2009) consecutively won the Robert Phillips Poetry Chapbook Prize. New poems are in current issues of *The Hudson Review, The Massachusetts Review, The Sewanee Review, Southern Indiana Review, Zyzzyva,* and other journals. Foust received an MFA in poetry from Warren Wilson College in 2010 and currently works as an assistant editor for *Narrative*.

#### • 2nd Annual Frost Place Chapbook Contest & Residency

The Frost Place continued its annual chapbook contest, an international competition drawing applications of poets of high caliber from across the country. Lisa Gluskin Stonestreet's winning chapbook, *The Greenhouse*, was published by Bull City Press; and Ms. Gluskin Stonestreet gave a featured reading at the Poetry Seminar, as well as lived and worked in the house-museum for a one-week residency.

#### Commemorative Benches Installed

A granite memorial bench was placed at the left entrance to the Poetry Trail to commemorate the life and legacy of The Frost Place's founder, David Schaffer. An official announcement and dedication ceremony took place on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Cleopatra Mathis and Sydney Lea honored David Schaffer with poetry readings and anecdotes.

Another granite memorial bench was installed to the right side of the Henry Holt Barn in memory of Donald Sheehan, founding director of The Frost Place. An official announcement and dedication ceremony took place on the annual Frost Day celebration on Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. Don's son read and the majority of his extended family was in attendance. Recordings of Don's introductions to the poetry readings at The Frost Place were played for those in audience. In addition, Robert Farnsworth, former resident poet, read both poetry and anecdotes in memoriam of Donald Sheehan's life and work.

- "Talking About Frost" Noted poet Baron Wormser led a discussion on a Robert Frost poem at the Abbie Greenleaf Library on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. This was a follow up to last year's four part discussions. All were free and open to the public and part of the collaboration between the Abbie Greenleaf Library and The Frost Place.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Lupine Festival, June 1-15, 2014

The Frost Place participated in the annual Lupine Festival celebration offering a promotional discount on museum admission and scheduling a free public poetry reading on June 14 during the festival.

• 2014 Frost Place School Outreach Programs

Sarah Audsley represented The Frost Place at the local annual Literacy Day at the Littleton Elementary School in the spring. Students were able to make their own poems and learned more about TFP.

The Frost Place hosted three English classes from Profile High School Students. Each student received two free posters with images of Robert Frost and his poetry. All students were given a tour of the house, which included the private poet's quarters, and walked the Poetry Trail, thus connecting them to what is available to them right in their backyard. This was a collaboration with English school teacher Lori Innes, and, hopefully, will be a reoccurring event every year. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade class from The Well School also visited The Frost Place. They created a poem poster with colored borders as their final project and shared it with TFP.

• Frost Place Poetry Reading Series & Frost in the Air

Each year poets visiting TFP participate in a reading series which is free to the public. In addition to readings during the summer poetry conferences, TFP added poetry readings by NH state poets: poets from The Poetry Society of NH; poets from Hobblebush Books; and poets from the Hyla Brook Poetry Series.

Over the summer, we continued the "Frost in the Air" program, which invites local community members to directly participate in poetry readings at The Frost Place. At the start of on-site readings by contemporary poets, individuals from the community are invited to read their favorite Frost poems from the podium. Reading alongside guest poets and faculty, community members not only enjoyed the transformative experience of reading in Robert Frost's own barn, they were also able to connect with contemporary poets and serve as ambassadors of the local community to the visiting writers, teachers, and poets.

- World Book Night, April 23, 2014 Sarah Audsley applied on behalf of TFP and received and distributed 20 free copies of *Same Difference* as part of World Book Night.
- September Partner of the Month at the Littleton Co-op in Littleton, NH The Frost Place was selected to be the September Partner of the Month at the Littleton Co-op. Frost Place staff met and greeted local community members shopping at the Co-op during the Friday Pizza Night. TFP offered a promotion of discounted museum admission fees to locals for the month of September as advertised on the Co-op's prominent bulletin board featuring The Frost Place.
- North Country Chamber Players: Poetics of Music August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 The Frost Place collaborated with the North Country Chamber Players providing poetry readings incorporated with their music for the first time ever. Resident poet, Rebecca Foust, executive director, Maudelle Driskell, and poets, Todd Hearon and Maggie Dietz all read during two separate performances.

 Spring and Fall Clean-Up Volunteer Days – May 17 and October 18 The White Mountain School sends students to our annual spring and fall cleanup volunteer days. They provide excellent work and donate their hours as part of their school's community service program.

#### **The Frost Place Programs 2014**

The Frost Place Summer programs continued with an overall increase in the number of participants.

# • Conference on Poetry and Teaching

This June 22 - 26th, The Frost Place held its annual conference, which trains teachers to effectively integrate poetry into their own curricula. 15 teachers attended the conference, traveling from across the country to spend a full week on-site at The Frost Place. As a group, they learned to use interactive poetry/literacy activities in their respective classrooms. A tuition scholarship is given each year for a New Hampshire Poetry Out Loud educator. This year, with funding from CavanKerry Press a scholarship was given to a New Jersey Poetry Out Loud Educator.

#### Additional CPT Opportunity: Teachers As Writers

June  $26 - 27^{\text{th}}$  - The Frost Place Teachers as Writers (TAW) is an intensive day and a half session for classroom teachers who want to focus on their own writing and revision practices. The workshop is limited to participants who have already attended the CPT. Directly following the Conference on Poetry and Teaching, poet-teacher Baron Wormser, led the TAW workshop. Nine educators participated.

#### Conference on Poetry

From July 13 to July 19, 2014, The Frost Place hosted the Conference on Poetry (COP). The COP is an intense "poetry camp" that includes workshops, readings, and discussions. Instructors included conference director, Martha Rhodes, as well as respected poets Matthew Olzmann, Vievee Francis, Rodney Jones, and Ellen Dore Watson. Our 2014 Poetry Fellows were Jamaal May and Jay Baron Nicorvo. 39 poets attended the Conference on Poetry.

#### Poetry Seminar

The Poetry Seminar, August 3 - 9th, invited study in a specialized program by 24 poets. Instructors this year included director, Patrick Donnelly, Jennifer Grotz, and Afaa Michael Weaver.

#### • The Dartmouth Poet in Residence at The Frost Place

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#### Frost Day

Established in 1979 by official act of former New Hampshire Governor Hugh Gallen, this event is held every July in celebration of the life and work of Robert Frost. This year the event was on July 6<sup>th</sup>, the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Frost Day. A bench dedication to founding director, Donald Sheehan, began at 1:00 PM with an introduction by Maudelle Driskell, current executive director of The Frost Place. Sydney Lea's recording of his memories of Don was played for the attendees. Former resident poet (2006) Robert Farnsworth spoke, shared his memories, and read memories provided by others. Members of Dr. Sheehan's family, including his son David and wife Carol, were in attendance. David Sheehan also spoke and shared his memories of his father. Frost Day events continued with a Robert Frost Scavenger Hunt at 2:30 PM. Sarah Audsley, Assistant to the Director, sent children on a hunt for various fact-filled cards carefully hidden on the grounds. At 3:00 PM, Cammy Thomas led an interactive discussion of one of her favorite

Robert Frost poems. She was followed by Robert Crawford, poet and founder of The Hyla Brook Poetry Series and Board Member for the Derry, NH, Frost Farm museum. The day's events concluded with a reading by Rebecca Foust, this year's Dartmouth College Poet-in-Residence at The Frost Place.

#### **The Frost Place & Community**

The Frost Place is truly a community place - it is part of the Franconia area community as was Robert Frost when he lived here in the early 20th century, and it continues because of the generosity and passion of community members dedicated to keeping it alive! We cannot continue our good work without the support of both the local community and the wider, international poetry audience. The Frost Place is dependent on a community-wide effort to keep going and we are fortunate to have some special friends engaged in this effort. Volunteer support is provided towards: gardening, caretaking, catering, cleaning, event planning and general maintenance. We continue to be grateful to all of the area volunteers and businesses who support The Frost Place with generous contributions of their time and their financial resources!

- Dan Fowler has provided ongoing support as our volunteer "caretaker," keeping a close eye on the Museum throughout the year.
- Patti & David Schaffer generously funded the gardening services that kept the flower beds in front of the Museum in tip top shape from spring through fall.
- Cory Pinard and his student group are building a shed for The Frost Place to be installed in 2015.
- *A hearty thank you to all of our annual volunteers who come every spring and fall to open and close the museum! We couldn't do it without you.*

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• Respectfully Submitted By:

Maudelle Driskell, Executive Director, Sarah Audsley, Assistant to the Director

## FROST PLACE January through December 2014

## INCOME

App Fee – Poet in Residence	13,550.00
Book Sales Food – Room & Board Fees	13,443.87
Museum Admissions	1,722.00 7,835.00
Tuition	102,193.50
Fundraising	81,671.25
Miscellaneous	18,002.74
Sales	4,563.14
Total Income	242,781.50
EXPENSES	5
Bank Service Charges	3,016.47
Board Expense	326.18
Building & Grounds	3,777.90
Chapbook	2,256.00
Consultant Services	22,069.00
Credit Card Merchant Fees	992.32
Dues and Subscriptions	2,479.50
Equipment	1,458.27
Food	4,471.69
Fundraising	522.25
Insurance	4,269.75
Lodging	41,068.25
Marketing	13,173.02
Merchandise	9,398.94
Miscellaneous	511.73
Office Supplies	892.39
Outreach Event Expenses	75.00
Payroll Expenses	119,590.99
Photocopying/Photography	187.18
Postage and Delivery	207.24
Program Discounts	2,695.00
Rent	4,565.88
Staff Development	0.00
Telephone	939.67
Travel	655.88
Reconciliation Discrepancies	910.94
Utilities	<u>625.34</u>
Total Expense	241,136.78
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**NET Income** 

\$1,644.72

#### FRANCONIA AREA HERITAGE COUNCIL AND FRANCONIA HERITAGE MUSEUM

#### **2014 Presidents Report**

Accessions: Over 250 items received and catalogued into the collection. While no important artifacts were added, we were able to enhance our research holdings with the following: New Hampshire Folk Tales, a 1974 reprint, Complete Arithmetic book 1896. Beginner's American History 1893. Watkins cookbook 1938. Easton, NH voter checklists 1878-1923. Genealogy on the Schoff family.

**Visitors:** Welcomed over 205 visitors, many from Franconia, but also from 40 other NH towns. Guests from 18 other states and two foreign countries (Canada and Russia) also registered. School groups from Lafayette Elementary, Amherst Homeschoolers and Littleton Homeschoolers here over the summer. Visitors to the Iron Furnace numbered 948.

**Memberships**: FAHC belongs to the following organizations: NH Historical Society, Lisbon Area Historical Society, NH Humanities Council, NH Preservation Alliance, Franconia Area Chamber of Commerce, Sugar Hill Museum, Bethlehem Historical Society, Arts Alliance of NH.

**Events**: Annual skating party February 8. Steve Taylor talk on one-room schools August 9. Plant sale August 30. Sugar Hill fall festival Heritage Cafe. FHM hosted meeting of area historical societies October 8 on skiing in the White Mountains. All were well received.

**Maintenance**: Basement floor leveled - 4"of pea gravel spread, masonry around basement windows repaired, old water heater removed. Painting begun on the Iron Furnace Interpretive Center, signs repaired. Repaired a roof leak. New wooden sign created and placed at the curb. Complete shutdown for winter done November 1.

**General**: Staff met on Wednesdays to prepare new exhibit "Readin Ritin Rithmitic" on the NH one-room school. For the exhibit, a replica one-room school was constructed by staff and friends, complete with desks, potbelly stove, and even a teacher! The exhibit included many documents relating to schools in Easton, Franconia, and Sugar Hill. Labels were created for the Old Man postcards to be used as thank you notes. Staff attended the NH Preservation Alliance workshop January 11 "Who's Taking Care of Your History." Contributed to the restoration of the Dow Academy clock. Donated flags to Pease greeters in Portsmouth NH. Added general museum reference books to our library. New portable outdoor sign with removable letters purchased. Attended meeting of area historical societies at Littleton Historical Society "Art in the White Mountains." Work continued on rehousing and preserving the collection - The Frances Ann Johnson Hancock Materials was sorted and boxed archivally. Recipient of charitable gift from the estate of former curator Jewell Friedman. Purchased AV virus protection. Acquired new Vtech telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Wiggins, President

## FRANCONIA AREA HERITAGE MUSEUM October 1, 2013-September 30, 2014

#### Checking Account Balance Oct 1, 2013

\$5,590.69

## INCOME

Membership	3,800.00
Museum Donations	312.00
Interpretive Center Donations	376.11
Edward Jones Dividends	1,121.14
GE Dividends	246.50
Newsletter Ads	535.00
Gift Shop	516.50
Memorials	175.00
Checking account interest	2.69
Fall Festival Lunch	2,987.62
Program Speaker Reimburse	250.00
Fall Plant Sale	<u>808.00</u>
Total Income	\$11,130.56

#### **EXPENSES**

State of NH Filing Fees	75.00
Electric	491.84
Internet	380.67
Telephone	498.46
Heating Oil	3,139.03
Water	207.64
Office Supplies	1,050.17
Stamps	183.20
Newsletter Printing/Mailing	659.39
Mailbox Rental	44.00
Building & Grounds	3,531.74
Insurance	674.00
Fall Foliage Lunch	387.40
Memorials	100.00
Fall Plant Sale	517.00
Program Expenses	620.00
Preservation	245.95
Gift Shop	34.66
Community Support	40.12
Memberships	<u>355.00</u>
Total Expense	13,235.27
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#### **Ending Balance**

\$ 3,485.98

#### FRANCONIA ENERGY COMMISSION

The Board of Selectman created the Franconia Energy Commission in 2011 to advise on reducing town energy costs through conservation and renewable energy measures. Since its inception Jack Cook has been the leading light of the Energy Commission as the Chairman. Jack retired from this position in 2014. Everyone on the current Energy Commission thanks Jack for his many years of hard work and wish him all the best for the future.

#### 2014 Projects

The largest project of the current financial year was construction of the new Public Safety Building. The result is a tightly constructed, well insulated building heated by a radiant slab with additional heating units to quickly thaw frozen emergency vehicles. The specifications below detail the measures incorporated into the new structure.

Insulation

All insulation All insulation closely inspected for compliance Foundation to footings R-10 Under slab insulation R-10 Exterior Wall Styrofoam for thermal break – R-6 Exterior Wall – Interior 2" Closed Cell Spray Foam – Sealant and R-14 Exterior Wall – Interior – 4.5 " Blown in Cellulose – R – 15 Total Exterior Wall – R Value 35 Ceiling – Blown in Insulation – 16+ Inches – R-55 All exterior penetrations sealed Exterior penetrations minimized Electrical

3 Phase Power

Occupancy Sensors

100% LED Lighting - PSNH Rebate

#### Heating

High Efficient Propane - \$1.60 per gallon Main Boiler – 95% Efficient Domestic Hot water – On Demand – No Tanks 3 Zone Highly Efficient Slab Radiant Heat 64 degrees – Fire Wing 55 degrees – Apparatus Bays & Sally Port 68 degrees – Police Wing

Auxiliary Heat for Bays to allow slab temperature to be constant Mini-Split Heat for Training Room – Allows to bring temps up just for meetings remotely

Design

Designed for potential of solar panels for photo-voltaic on south face roof Conduit for potential Geothermal Heat installed from building to well location Entry Vestibules to prevent direct outside air

2 - 1000 gallon Propane Tanks owned to allow competitive bidding - \$1.60 last price

#### **Transfer Station**

The energy audit recommendations were completed in 2014. The newer infra-red propane heating system was removed from the former Safety Services Building and re-installed in the Transfer Station. Sliding wooden doors were installed on the rear wall of the building and plastic "drapes" were placed across the front of the building, both measures reducing the cold wind and retaining warmth inside the structure.

Respectfully submitted,

Franconia Energy Commission

Kim Cowles, JS Fitzpatrick, Karen Foss, Mogens Jessen, John Lachapelle (Selectboard liason), Chip Stowell, Dave Strange. Bob Tortorice

### Franconia Town Energy, 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014

	Expenses			Gallons	Fuel
	Electricity	Fuel	Total		Туре
Key Buildings					
Town Hall	\$1,438	\$7,878	\$9,316	2340	#2
Public Safety Building	\$2,993	\$9,276	\$12,269	3560	LP
Highway Garage	\$1,508	\$9,685	\$11,193	3712	LP
Mittersill Firehouse	\$2,344	\$0	\$2,344	0	#2
Town Vehicles & Machines					
Buildings & Grounds		\$4,738	\$4,738	1531	Unld & Dsl
Police		\$11,583	\$11,583	3682	Unld
Fire Department		\$1,091	\$1,091	321	Dsl
Life Squad		\$2,621	\$2,621	771	Dsl
Highway		\$25,140	\$25,140	6405	Dsl
Abbie Greenleaf Library	\$1,607	\$5,433	\$7,040	1610	#2
Transfer Station .	\$1,958	\$2,981	\$4,939	883	#2 & LP
Maintenance Garage	\$744	\$1,964	\$2,708	736	LP
Skating Rink	\$587	\$857	\$1,444	340	LP
Dow Clock	\$248		\$248		
Dow Field	\$210		\$210		
Cemetary Utility Shed	\$233		\$233		
Water System	\$10,937	\$4,069	\$15,006	1784	LP
Streetlights	\$21,196		\$21,196		
<b>Municipal Bottom Line</b>	\$46,003	\$87,316	\$133,319		

The total energy used by the town of Franconia includes its portion of the energy used by the two regional schools serving the town. The energy commission has begun collecting data that will in the future provide a clear and consistent annual picture of this use. The figures below are approximations based on this past year's student enrollment.

Lafayette Schoo	bl	\$18,300	\$21,427	\$39,727	7263	#2
Profile School		\$30,139	\$22,153	\$52,292	6800	#2
School Busses			\$10,140	\$10,140	2600	Dsl
	Total Schools	\$48,439	\$53,720	\$102,159		
	Total Franconia	\$94,442	\$141,036	\$235,478		

# BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA For the Year Ending December 31, 2014

Date & Place Of Birth	Name Of Child	Name Of Father & Mother
February 19, 2014 Littleton, NH	Charles Matthew Abernathy	Matthew Abernathy Jillian Abernathy
March 10, 2014 Littleton, NH	Lorelai Brooke Santolucito	David Santolucito McKenzie Santolucito
September 6, 2014 Littleton, NH	Jack Everett Nehring	Peter Nehring Erica Anderson
December 21, 2014 Littleton, NH	Meredith Jo Gaudette	Peter Gaudette Sarah Gaudette

# MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA For the Year Ending December 31, 2014

Date & Place	Name and Surname	Residence of Each At
Of Marriage	Of Groom & Bride	Time Of Marriage
January 25, 2014	Peter N. Gaudette	Franconia, NH
Whitefield, NH	Sarah M. Spears	Franconia, NH
June 6, 2014	Jamie M .Feinberg	Franconia, NH
Mason, NH	Ross M. Boyd	Franconia, NH
June 28, 2014	Scott V. Knox	Franconia, NH
Franconia, NH	Tinalyn Caisse	Franconia, NH

# DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA For the Year Ending December 31, 2014

Date & Place Of Death	Name & Surname Of Deceased	Name & Surname Of Father	Maiden Name Of Mother
January 9, 2014 Franconia, NH	Joyce Sorrell	Cortland Quimby	Eleanor Burke
January 9, 2014 Franconia, NH	Rose Hoyt	Ignatz Lopuk	Stella Szestowick
January 12, 2014 Franconia, NH	Rebecca Collins	Gerald Collins	Nancy Kurtz
January 29, 2014 Franconia, NH	Alice-Joyce Rymla	nd Isreal Sneider	Sedonia Cohn

February 18, 2014 Franconia NH	Barbara Richardson	Ellsworth McLeod	Josephine Derby
March 14, 2014 Franconia, NH	Hannelore Dumais	Unknown	Marie Friedrich
March 17, 2014 Franconia, NH	Frederick Paradie	Alfred Paradie	Nellie Powers
April 7, 2014 Franconia, NH	Paul King	William King	Doris Unknown
April 20, 2014 Franconia, NH	Alice Botwinik	Morris Brezinsky	Nettie Deutsch
June 9, 2014 Franconia, NH	Erika Kuo	Max Stolz	Unknown
June 28, 2014 Franconia, NH	Priscilla Knapp	Albert Carpenter	Martha Smith
July 15, 2014 Littleton, NH	June Lemire	Clyde Gearwar	Winifred Dexter
August 4, 2014 Franconia, NH	William Heath Jr	William Heath Sr	Ruby Herbert
August 24, 2014 Littleton, NH	Greta Leighton	Melbourne Howatt	Bertha Hollawell
September 1, 2014 Franconia, NH	Fern Odell	Vernon Osler	Irene Woodworth
September 1, 2014 Franconia, NH	Lucille Coffin	Jason Coffin	Elizabeth Hall
September 3, 2014 Franconia, NH	Dragica Strumpf	Marko Dipolo	Petra Erol
September 5, 2014 Littleton, NH	William Cruikshank	John Cruikshank	Mary Robinson
November 3, 2014 Franconia, NH	Stanley Niebruegge	Amus Niebruegee	Minnie Meyer
November 9, 2014 Franconia, NH	Karl Krampitz	Fred Krampitz	Theresa Levingston
November 17, 2014 Littleton, NH	James Steele	Roy Steele	Flossie Tillman

# 2014

In 2014, the town voted and approved a line item budget of \$1,577,443.00 which included appropriations for various non-profits.

Actual expenditures in 2014 were \$1,535,274.90 or \$42,168.10 under budget. In accordance with State of New Hampshire, Department of Revenue Administration regulations, the \$42,168.10 roll over into the town's unassigned surplus fund balance to mitigate further risks and to ensure stable tax rates.

In October 2014 when the tax rate was set, the Board of Selectmen decided to use \$100,000.00 of the surplus to reduce the tax rate, leaving the town with a retained surplus balance of \$566,035.00 and a total tax rate of \$16.35, an increase of \$.47 vs. 2013.

# 2015

The proposed 2015 line item budget is \$1,696,400.00 and is an 8% increase, or \$118,957.00 compared to the appropriated 2014 budget.

The proposed 2015 line item budget, \$1,696,400.00, is a 10.5% increase, or \$161,125.00 over actual 2014 expenditures.

# Why the increase in 2015?

The increase is largely the result of the annual principle and interest payment on the Public Safety Building loan, \$110,711.52.

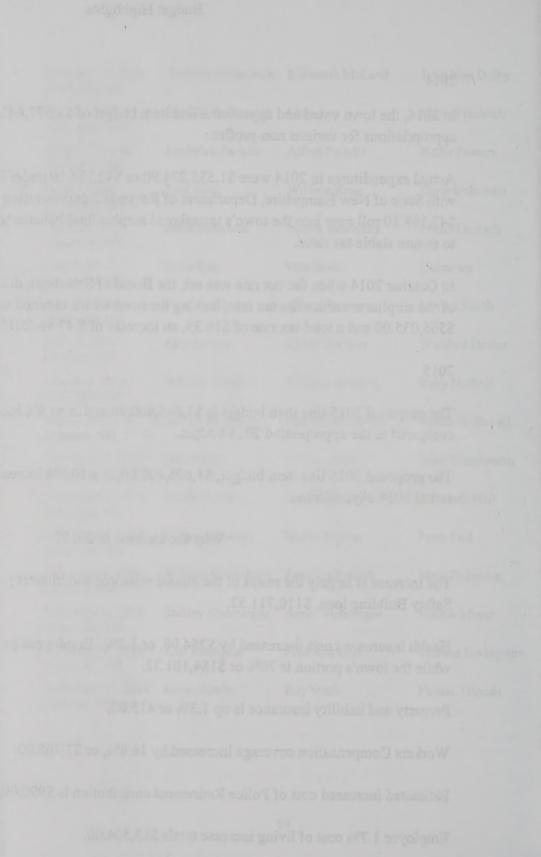
Health insurance costs decreased by \$264.08, or 1.2%. Employees pay \$79,082.64, or 30%, while the town's portion is 70% or \$184,101.32.

Property and liability insurance is up 1.3% or 415.00.

Workers Compensation coverage increased by 16.6%, or \$3,768.00.

Estimated increased cost of Police Retirement contribution is \$990.00, or 1.08%.

Employee 1.7% cost of living increase totals \$13,504.00.



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