

2021 Financial Report



Franconia, NH

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*Dedicated
With Sincere Gratitude
to*



*Tina Peabody
Town Treasurer of 40 Years*

*Thank you, Tina, for your dedication and commitment to the town and
the decades of service you gave to your community.*

**A note on the front cover photo: Many thanks to Stan Sherburn for
his work restoring the antique fire truck!**

Annual Financial
Report
of the
Town Officers
of
Franconia, NH

Year Ending December 31, 2021

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TOWN OFFICERS

Board of Selectmen

Jill Brewer – Chair (2023)

Eric Meth (2022)

Dan Walker (2024)

Town Administrator

Kim Cowles (Appointed, Part-time)

Director of Public Works

Scott Leslie (Resigned)

Road Agent

Jeremy Hall (Appointed)

Fire Chief

Rick Gaudette (Appointed)

Life Squad Chief

Paul Schmucker (Appointed)

Police Chief

Martin Cashin (Appointed)

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Carol F. Wills (2024)

Town Moderator

James Walker (2024)

Treasurer

Steve Plant (2024)

Town Auditor

Plodzick & Sanderson (Appointed)

Trustees of the Trust Funds

Karen Foss (2022)

Janice L. Cole (2023)

Carol Walker (2024)

Supervisors of the Checklist

James Forrest (2025)

Monica Laflamme (2026)

Susan Moore (2024)

Cemetery Trustees

Robert (Chris) Collman (2022)

Jayne O'Connor (2023)

Mary Brubaker (2024)

Building Inspector

Allan Clark (Appointed)

Health Officer/Deputy

Dr. Charles Wolcott (Resigned)

Dr. Edward Duffy (Appointed)

Water Commissioners

Kevin Johnson (2023)

Jeff Bartlett (2024)

Hamilton Cammann (2024)

TOWN COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Planning Board

Thad Presby, Chair (2022)
Eric Meth, Selectman (2022)
Mark Hessler, Vice-Chair (2024)
Mary Grote (2023)
John DiMarzio (2023)
Monica Laflamme (2024)

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Susan Retz - Chair (2024)
Phil Krill - Vice-Chair (2024)
Alicia Shambo (2023) - Alternate
Brian Williams (2023)
Peter Grote (2022)
Alex Peoples (2021) - Alternate

Capital Improvements Plan Committee

Karen Foss - Chair
Trevor Presby
Dan Walker, Selectman
Steve Plant
Peter Grote

Board of Education – Lafayette School

Christi Gignac, Chair (2023)
Megan Detamore, Vice-Chair (2023)
Amy Mullins (2022)
Chris Thayer (2022)
Gail Clark (2024)

Board of Education – Profile School

Kim Koprowski - Chair (2022)
Ruth Heintz (2024)
Adam Boyer (2022)
John Devlin (2022)
Alice Rocke (2024) – Vice-Chair
Tim Wennrich (2023)
Tim Burger (2023)

Recreation Committee

Adam Boyer (Franconia)
Cindy Berlack (Franconia)
Haley Ireland (Franconia)
Michael Macconnell (Sugar Hill)
Mike McKeever (Easton)
Kent Butterfield (Easton)
Nicole Mackay (Sugar Hill)

Library Trustees

Bill Mellekas (2022)
Melinda Richmond (2023)
Sharon Penney (2023)
Elizabeth Andrews (2022)
Charles Lovett (2024)
Sally Small (2024)
Gwyn Grasset (2024)

Scholarship Advisory Committee

Josh Lawton, Town Representative
Bess Andrews, Library Representative
Tom Eyman, Church Representative

Energy Commission

Bob Tortorice (2022)
Kim Cowles (2022)
Jim Fitzpatrick (2023)
Charles Lukasik (2023)
Eric Meth, BOS Representative (2022)
Chip Stowell (2023)
David Strange (2024)

Conservation Commission

Mary Grote, Planning Board (2023)
William McCarthy (2022)
Virginia Jeffryes, Secretary (2024)
Chris Nicodemus (2024)
Mark Ober (2022)
Jill Brewer, Select Board (2023)

SELECT BOARD REPORT

At the time of last year's annual report we were feeling very optimistic: we were nearly a year into the pandemic but wide availability of safe and effective coronavirus vaccines was on the horizon and we thought the worst of the pandemic was behind us. As we sit down to write this report and reflect on the past year, however, the ICU at LRH is essentially full and our community continues to grapple with the pandemic as the Delta and Omicron variants spread in our town and surrounding community. Despite the continued challenges of living during a pandemic, and facing difficult issues such as short-term rental regulation, updating our noise ordinance, and mask mandates, our town, including residents and employees, continue to do what we do best - work collaboratively to move our town forward, disagree (sometimes passionately), and always advocate for what we believe is best for Franconia.

As we navigate these difficult times, the Board would be lost without Town Administrator Kim Cowles and Administrative Secretary Jenny Monahan and we offer them our utmost gratitude for all of their hard work this year. We would also like to thank all of the town's employees for everything they do to make Franconia such a wonderful and special place to live and visit. We would also like to thank Dr. Wolcott for his many years of service as our health officer during so much of the pandemic and Dr Duffy, who has stepped in as our new health officer. After Scott Leslie resigned as our Public Works Director, we were excited to hire Jeremy Hall as our new Road Agent. We are also thrilled to have hired an in-house mechanic as well as an operator/laborer in the Highway Department. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers that spend so much time moving our town forward, whether as board and commission members or simply as caring residents researching policies and issues that have come up.

Please see below for a summary of some of what went on around town this year.

Infrastructure & Other Improvements

- New granite curbing and resurfacing of a significant portion of town sidewalks
- Speed signs installed on each end of Main Street and on Route 116 next to the cemetery
- New cement walkway in front of town hall
- Unassigned Fund Balance policy in place (thank you Jan Cole for your help!)
- Updated employee handbook and personnel policy
- Broadband initiative: working with neighboring towns to connect to the "middle mile" of broadband and provide access to broadband internet for Franconia residents (thank you Eric Meth for all of your efforts!)

At the end of 2021, we again find ourselves optimistic for what the future holds for Franconia. We are hopeful that a new Welcome Center with ADA public restrooms will be built in 2022 and that our town will continue to move in a positive direction and be a place we are all proud to call home.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Brewer, Chairman
Eric Meth
Dan Walker

**MINUTES OF THE FRANCONIA TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2021**

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Moderator noted the town report is dedicated to Chief Roger Odell for his 50+ years of service to the Franconia Fire Department.

The Moderator stated there would be no reading of the entire warrant to make the meeting more efficient. He also stated that he is presenting a Moderator’s Rule for tonight’s meeting that any motion for reconsideration of an article must be made before the next article is read and it must be done by the prevailing party.

The Moderator stated this is a social distancing event and everyone should remain six feet from others and wear a mask. The mask can be removed to talk at one of the microphones, but if you speak loud enough you may be able to speak from where you are standing.

There was a motion by Kathryn Taylor, second by Charles Lovett to waive the reading of last year’s minutes. There being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

There was a motion by Jade Monahan, second by Charles Lovett to approve last year’s minutes as written. There being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE I. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (By ballot on March 9, 2021)

Selectman (3-year term)	Daniel Walker	132
	Kenneth Scott Knowlton	39
Write-ins:	Jack McEnany	3
Town Clerk/Tax Collector (3-yr. term)	Carol Wills	170
Town Moderator (2-year term)	James Walker	156
Write-ins:	Susan Moore	2
Treasurer (1-year term)	Steve Plant	159
Write-ins:	Jane McKay	2
Trustee of the Trust Funds (3-yr term)	Carol Walker	158
Water Commissioner (3-year term)		
Write-ins:	Jeff Bartlett	4
	Richard McLachlin	3
	Peter Gaudette	3
	William Cole	1
	Erin Heiskell	1
	Chuck Herbert	1
	Richard Gaudette	1
	Kathy McLachlin	1
	Michael Parcell	1
	Jon Peabody	2
	Trevor Presby	1
	David Starr	1
	Jeff Woodward	1
Supervisor of the Checklist (6-yr term)	Susan S. Moore	159

Cemetery Trustee (3-year term)	Mary Brubaker	169
Library Trustee (3-year term)		
Two Vacancies	Sally L. Small	164
	Charles J. Lovett	146
Write-ins:	William Mellekas	1

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one million eight hundred ninety-two thousand three hundred fifty-five dollars (\$1,892,355.00) to defray town charges for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$163,670.00
Town Clerk	42,383.00
Tax Collector	14,611.00
Revaluation of Property	22,494.00
Legal Expenses	6,000.00
Personnel Administration	215,549.00
Planning & Zoning	7,390.00
General Government Buildings	142,278.00
Cemeteries	21,425.00
Insurance	50,310.00
Police	373,669.00
Life Squad	82,450.00
Fire	84,600.00
Forest Fire	3,290.00
Building Inspection	10,000.00
Emergency Management	3,500.00
Other Communications	40,000.00
Highways	307,693.00
Street Lights	12,000.00
Health Officer	500.00
Welfare	8,000.00
Recreation Programs	126,093.00
Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00
Other Conservation	500.00
Long Term Debt/Tan Interest	152,950.00
TOTAL	\$1,892,355.00

The article was read, moved by Charles Lovett, second by Jade Monahan.

Karen Foss stated at last year’s town meeting it was voted to reduce the budget by \$100,000.00, which was done. At the end of 2020, the reduced budget was still underspent by \$128,000.00. This budget that is being requested for 2021 is virtually the same as what was approved last year, so there is still room for expense reduction.

Jon Peabody stated in order to ask an intelligent question about this article there needs to be more detailed information in the town report instead of just a lump sum amount for each department. He stated it would be much easier if things were broken out like they used to be, but he feels there is less information each year.

Janice Cole questioned why the estimate for the tax impact for Article 2 was \$3.75 at the budget hearing, but on the PowerPoint presentation on the website it is \$4.27. Kim stated it was a mathematical error on her part. She stated when she went back and reviewed the numbers she realized she had counted some of the revenue that is part of the Transfer Station warrant article as revenue towards the line items.

The Moderator asked if the numbers presented in Article 2 and the total of \$1,892,355.00 is correct. Kim stated all the numbers listed in Article 2 are correct. The only number that changed is the amount of the tax impact from \$3.75 to \$4.27.

There being no further discussion, Article 2 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 3. Petition Warrant Article

By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the Town of Franconia, to see if the town will vote, due to the impact of the COVID virus to many of the residents and taxpayers, wage increases and/or stipends for all employees and the Select Board will be effective on April 1, 2021, and not retroactive to January 1, 2021. Total to be saved \$1,369.67. (Majority vote required). Tax Impact \$0.004 per thousand.

The article was read, moved by Dawn Steele, second by Mary Grote. Dawn spoke to the article stating this past year has been difficult on people who have lost jobs or been furloughed and are concerned about taxes. She stated there isn't a lot of information anymore on employee salaries/wages and this year that information was obtained by a Right-to-Know request. Dawn was concerned that some employees were receiving more than others and some were receiving nothing. She also stated that one employee had already been given an increase as of December 1st, and no one knew about it.

Dawn made a motion to amend Article 3 to read that commencing January 1, 2022, all annual increases for employees will be effective the Monday after the annual Town Meeting of that year. Second by Mary Grote.

The Moderator stated that if this amendment is voted in the affirmative, it is subject to state law. This amendment is dealing with an issue that has not been properly included in the warrant and it is talking about compensation for the next year.

Kim Cowles asked if this amendment means that employees will get their retro pay for this year? Dawn said this article would not take effect this year so, yes, the increases can go back to January 1st. Dan Walker asked if the proposal is to strike what is written and replace it with this amendment and Dawn replied in the affirmative.

After a brief discussion, the Moderator stated that the subject matter proposed in the amendment does not have anything to do with Petition Article 3, and it cannot be brought up at this meeting because it is not in the warrant. The warrant is necessary so people can consider it and be prepared to discuss it. The Moderator ruled the amendment to Petition Article 3 out of order.

There being no further discussion, Article 3 failed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 4. Appropriate to Capital Reserve Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred eighty-nine thousand, seven hundred dollars (\$189,700.00) to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required) Tax Impact \$0.65 per thousand.

Town Buildings Truck, \$6,900.00; Town Buildings and Grounds Equipment, \$5,600.00; Highway Trucks, \$38,800.00; Highway Heavy Equipment, \$21,200.00; Police Cruisers, \$13,500.00; Life Squad Van, \$21,200.00; Life Squad Equipment, \$9,100.00; Fire Heavy Equipment, \$43,400.00; Fire Fighting Equipment, \$8,000.00; Legal, \$10,000.00; Re-Assessment, \$7,000.00; and Library, \$5000.00.

The article was read, moved by Karen Foss, second by Steve Plant.

Dan Walker stated that later this evening we will be voting on Article 17 which further raises funds for the Life Squad ambulance. If Article 17 passes, the amount of Article 4 will decrease by \$21,200.00.

There being no further discussion, Article 4 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5. Appropriate to Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required). Tax impact \$0.14 per thousand

The article was read, moved by Ned Brewer, second by Karen Foss.

There being no discussion, Article 5 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 6. Appropriate to Expendable Trust Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty-seven thousand nine hundred fifty dollars (\$127,950.00) to be added to the following Expendable Trust Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required) Tax impact \$0.44 per thousand.

Highway Improvement, \$75,000.00; Town Buildings, \$30,000.00; Sidewalk Improvement, \$21,000.00; Heritage Museum, \$1,100.00; and Frost Place, \$850.00.

The article was read, moved by Ned Brewer, second by Steve Plant.

There being no discussion, Article 6 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 7. Water Department Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred thousand five hundred sixty-eight dollars (\$400,568.00) for the operation of the Water Department. This amount to be funded by water rents and revenues with no amount from taxation. Recommended by the Water Department Commissioners. (Majority vote required)

The article was read, moved by Kathryn Taylor, second by Ned Brewer.

Jon Peabody asked for an explanation of the 29.5% increase in the budget from last year. Dan Walker stated the operating portion of the budget is flat from last year; however, there are plans to continue with improvements at Mittersill. There is money set aside year to year in a Capital Reserve Fund and \$89,000 has been withdrawn from the CRF and put in the budget for a planned upgrade at Mittersill.

Jon Peabody expressed his frustration that the Water Department report does not show specifics of what is going on in the water department. Jon read an RSA regarding annual reports: "The commissioners shall annually make a report to the town or district at the time of the town or district offices reports of the condition of the waterworks financially and otherwise, showing the funds belonging to their departments and the expenses and income thereof and other such facts." Jon stated it would be nice to know who is doing the work up at Mittersill and what is actually being done.

Jill Brewer stated there is an opening for a Water Commissioner, so if anyone is interested in volunteering their time to serve as a Water Commissioner, please let us know.

There being no further discussion, Article 7 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8. Replace the Sidewalk along Main Street

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred forty-seven thousand dollars (\$247,000.00) to replace the sidewalk from NH Rte. 142 north to the parking lot entrance to the Catholic Church and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of eighty-five thousand dollars (\$85,000.00) from the Sidewalk Capital Reserve Fund, previously established, with the balance of one hundred sixty-two thousand dollars (\$162,000.00) to come from the unassigned fund balance. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

The article was read, moved by Mary Fowler, second by Dawn Steele.

Peter Grote stated in July of 2009, the town adopted a bidding and purchasing policy. He asked if the town followed the procedure for competitive bidding on this warrant article. Kim stated if this warrant article is approved the town will move forward with the competitive bidding process. This warrant article is based on estimates the town received for the proposed work.

Dawn asked if the town received multiple estimates. Kim stated the town worked with the engineer from DOT and he helped with contractors that have been doing other jobs for them in the northern part of the state and that's how we got these estimates for the job to put this proposal together to be voted on. They are probably high numbers so that we don't run into a problem of not having enough money to get the job done. We will put it out for competitive bid. The state did the same thing for paving Main Street. We will make sure the contractors that are doing Main Street are aware of this so they will be able to bid on the project as well.

There being no further discussion, Article 8 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 9. Build a New Welcome Center

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$275,000.00) for the construction of a new Welcome Center and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) from the Buildings Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established, the withdrawal of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) from the Lafayette Recreation Capital Reserve Fund previously established and one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) to come from taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required). Tax impact \$0.52 per thousand.

The article was read, moved by Jade Monahan, second by Heidi Ballentine.

Janice Cole stated when this was voted on at last year's town meeting it was stated that the Chamber of Commerce would contribute a chunk of money to this project and she asked how much they are committing to this project. Kevin Johnson stated the Chamber of Commerce does not have money to put up front for this project; however, the Board agreed to pay \$400.00 a month to start which will cover the utilities and maintenance of the building.

Janice asked if the town has bids for a full build out of this project. Kim stated right now it is hard to get numbers because the cost of supplies is constantly changing. There are no firm estimates but Kim has spoken with several builders who came up with the cost based on square footage. Kim stated that is why we want this to be a non-lapsing fund so the monies will be held in a Capital Reserve Fund until construction of the center begins. Janice said that the article is not stated as being non-lapsing.

Jill Brewer made a motion to amend Article 9 to read, "\$150,000.00 to come from the unassigned fund balance (UFB)", and put it into the Buildings Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund and to make the article non-lapsing. Second by Dan Walker.

There was a brief discussion regarding what the unassigned fund balance (UFB) is and the recommended range that the NH Department of Revenue Administration recommends. There were concerns raised over using the UFB to fund this project instead of reducing taxes. The Moderator called the amendment to a vote.

Amendment to Article 9 failed by hand vote: Yes-29 No- 30.

Discussion continued on Article 9 with residents raising concerns that there isn't enough information and specifics about the project to move forward and suggested putting the project off for another year until there is a more detailed plan, more accurate estimates, and residents are allowed to give input into this project.

Several residents spoke in favor of this project and the need to upgrade the bathroom that is not ADA compliant and is in severe disrepair because it is the only public bathroom that is available for visitors to town. It was also stated that it is important to repair the warming hut as it is an important feature for the skating rink.

Jill stated the reason it is important to have this article be non-lapsing is because the money can be carried over until it is the right time to build. The Selectmen planned on having public meetings on this project and coming up with a design plan, but there is a need to have money put aside first.

It was suggested that the town approach the surrounding communities who might benefit from this facility and ask them to contribute to this project.

The Moderator called the article to a vote. He stated he received a request for a ballot vote.

Article 9 failed by ballot vote: Yes – 31 No - 36

ARTICLE 10. Add to Rink Surface Maintenance Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to be added to the Rink Surface Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established with said funds to come from the Recreation Committee’s line-item budget. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

The article was read, moved by Joselle Germano-Presby, second by Ned Brewer. There being no discussion, Article 10 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 11. Add to Recreation Van Fund

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the Recreation Van Capital Reserve Fund previously established for this purpose with said funds to come from the Recreation Committee’s line-item budget. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

The article was read, moved by Ned Brewer, second by Trevor Presby. There being no discussion, Article 11 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 12. Add to Dow Field Maintenance Fund

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and 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 Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

The article was read, moved by Heidi Ballentine, second by Dawn Steele. There being no discussion, Article 12 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 13. Abbie Greenleaf Library

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty-two thousand dollars (\$82,000.00) 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). Tax impact \$0.28 per thousand.

The article was read, moved by Ned Brewer, second by Kathryn Taylor. There being no discussion, Article 13 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 14. Revaluation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-two thousand four hundred ninety-four dollars (\$52,494.00) for the revaluation of the Town, with twenty-two thousand four hundred ninety-four dollars (\$22,494.00) to come from the Revaluation operating budget and thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) from the Reassessment Capital Reserve Fund to pay for the fifth year of the reassessment contract with Avitar Associates of New England. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

The article was read, moved by Ned Brewer, second by Kathryn Taylor. There being no discussion, Article 14 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 15. Tri-Town Transfer Station

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred forty-five thousand six hundred twenty-six dollars (\$345,626.00) for the purpose of solid waste disposal, with \$57,575.00 from the Town of Sugar Hill, \$28,788.00 from the Town of Easton, \$100,000.00 PAYT Fees, \$25,000.00 Special Handling Fees, \$15,000.00 in Recycled Materials, and to raise \$119,263.00 from taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required) Tax Impact \$0.41 per thousand.

The article was read, moved by Jon Peabody, second by Steve Plant. There being no discussion, Article 15 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 16. Donations Transferred to Expendable Trust Funds

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Unassigned Fund Balance and appropriate to the following Expendable Trust Funds previously established, the sum of forty-one thousand six hundred ninety-three dollars (\$41,693.00) to be added to the following Expendable Trust Funds previously established. This equals the amount collected from donations. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

- \$14,308.00 to the Lafayette Recreation Fund
- \$25,000.00 to the Library Building Maintenance Fund
- \$2,385.00 to the Heritage Museum Fund

The article was read, moved by Ned Brewer, second by Charles Lovett.

Kim Cowles made a motion to amend Article 16 to change the amount to the Lafayette Recreation Fund from \$14,308.00 to \$12,308.00 and to add \$2,000.00 to the Dow Field Maintenance Fund. Second by Eric Meth. Kim stated the intent of the Lions Club donation was for the funds to go to the Dow Field and not Lafayette Recreation.

There being no discussion, the amendment to Article 16 passed unanimously by voice vote.

Article 16, as amended, passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 17. Transfer Surplus Fund to Life Squad CRF

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of thirty-nine thousand six hundred thirteen dollars (\$39,613.00) to be added to the Life Squad Van Capital Reserve Fund. Funds will come from the unassigned fund balance, representing the surplus from unused appropriations in 2020. If this article passes, it will replace the amounts noted in Article 4. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

The article was read, moved by Ned Brewer, second by Dawn Steele. Kim Cowles made a motion to amend Article 17, that if this article passes it will void the \$21,200.00 appropriation to the Life Squad Capital Reserve Fund that was voted in Article 4. Second by Karen Foss.

There being no discussion, the amendment to Article 17 passed unanimously by voice vote.

Article 17, as amended, passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 18. Transfer Funds to the Fire Department Heavy Equipment CRF

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) to be added to the Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance, representing the surplus from unused appropriations in 2020. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

The article was read, moved by Ned Brewer, second by Steve Plant. There being no discussion, Article 18 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 19. Fire Department Air Tanks

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of one hundred four thousand dollars (\$104,000.00) for the purchase of 10 SCBA air tanks, packs and masks, with fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) to come from the Fire Fighting Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, previously established, and fifty-four thousand (\$54,000.00) to come from taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required) Tax impact \$0.19 per thousand.

The article was read, moved by Dan Walker, second by Steve Plant. Dan Walker made a motion to amend Article 19 to state, “and fifty-four thousand dollars (\$54,000.00) to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance.” Second by Ned Brewer.

There was a brief discussion questioning why the town is not using the money in the Fire Fighting Equipment CRF which has a balance of \$111,000.00. It was explained that there is a lot more equipment necessary to fire fighting than just these SCBA packs. If all the funds were depleted from that account there would be nothing left to fall back on if any firefighting gear was destroyed or if gear needed to be purchased for a new firefighter.

There being no further discussion, the amendment to Article 19 passed unanimously by voice vote.

Article 19, as amended, passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 20. Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of maintenance and care of Franconia’s cemeteries. This article amends Warrant Article 9 from Town Meeting 1985, which established the Cemetery Maintenance Fund before the state created a statute for that purpose. (Warrant Article 17 of Town Meeting 2019 authorized the right of expenditure of this fund to the Cemetery Trustees.) Majority vote required

The article was read, moved by Charles Lovett, second by Ned Brewer. There being no discussion, Article 20 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 21. Cemetery - Deposits of Funds

To see if the Town will vote to deposit proceeds received from the sale of cemetery lots (RSA 289:2-a) into the Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority vote required)

The article was read, moved by Ned Brewer, second by Steve Plant. There being no discussion, Article 21 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 22. Non-Profits

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of twenty-six thousand seven hundred sixty dollars (\$26,760.00) for the support of the following agencies. (Majority vote required) Tax impact \$0.09 per thousand.

Above the Notch Humane Society	\$ 750.00
Adaptive Sports Partners of the North Country	\$ 2,500.00
American Red Cross	\$ 518.00
Ammonoosuc Community Services, Inc.	\$ 5,800.00
Bridge House Shelter & Veterans Advocacy	\$ 250.00
Boys & Girls Club of the North Country	\$ 2,500.00
Center for New Beginnings	\$ 1,000.00
Franconia Children’s Center	\$ 2,000.00
Gale River Cooperative - NEW	\$ 500.00
Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc.	\$ 2,000.00
Northern Humane Services	\$ 1,292.00
North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency	\$ 3,200.00
North Country Veterans – NEW	\$ 500.00
Tri-County Community Action Program (CAP)	<u>\$ 2,200.00</u>
Total	\$25,010.00

The article was read, moved by Ned Brewer, second by Peter Grote. The Moderator stated due to the COVID situation he encouraged the Selectmen to consolidate the non-profits into one article.

Janice Cole pointed out that the article says the amount is \$26,760.00, but the total is \$25,010.00. Kim explained there initially were two columns which listed both amounts. The Bridge House Shelter & Veterans Advocacy bumped up their request to \$2,000.00 from \$250.00. It has been our experience that every time we try to use them, they are always full and don't have any room. If there comes a time when they can take someone from here to help them, then we can bump up the request, but it is recommended to keep the request amount at \$250.00.

Kim Cowles made a motion to amend Article 22 to read, "to raise and appropriate \$25,010 for the support of the following agencies." Second by Ned Brewer. There being no discussion, the amendment to Article 22 passed unanimously by voice vote.

Article 22, as amended, passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 23. Franconia Notch Regional Chamber of Commerce

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00) for the support of the Franconia Notch Regional Chamber of Commerce. (Majority vote required) Tax impact \$0.03 per thousand.

The article was read, moved by Ned Brewer, second by Dan Walker. There being no discussion, Article 23 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 24. Energy Capital Reserve Fund.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) to be added to the Energy Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required) Tax Impact \$0.01 per thousand.

The article was read, moved by Ned Brewer, second by Eric Meth. There being no discussion, Article 24 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 25. Board of Selectman Compensation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) for the compensation of the Selectmen to perform their duties throughout the year. (Majority vote required) Tax Impact \$0.02 per thousand.

The article was read, moved by Ned Brewer, second by Dinny Richmond. After a brief discussion, Article 25 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 26. Regional Communications District Planning

To see if the Town wants the Selectmen to participate in a regional communications district planning committee. That planning committee would explore working with a supplier to provide fiber optic internet service to residents and businesses. Such high-speed service is seen as important to the Town's growth. The committee would include at least two members from each participating town. The planning committee would not have the authority to enter into any agreement with a supplier. (Majority vote required)

The article was read, moved by Ned Brewer, second by Dinny Richmond. Eric spoke to the article stating the local committee, the North Country Broadband Communications Committee, is made up of representatives from Franconia, Sugar Hill, Easton, Bath, Lisbon, and Monroe and meet on a monthly basis to discuss how to bring fiber optics to town. The committee would also like to be part of the Grafton County Broadband Committee to get a spine going from north to south that we can latch on to. This article allows us to move forward with this project and it is a project we should get involved with.

There being no further discussion, Article 26 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 27. Petitioned Article

We, the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Franconia, hereby present by petition the following resolution for inclusion on the 2021 Town Meeting Warrant.

By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the Town of Franconia, to see if the town will vote to urge that the New Hampshire General Court, which is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state following the federal census, will ensure fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voters without gerrymandering. Additionally, these voters ask the Town of Franconia to urge the NH General Court to carry out the redistricting in a fair and transparent way through public meetings, not to favor a particular political party, to include communities of interest, and to minimize multi-seat districts. (Majority vote required)

The article was read, moved by Susan Moore, second by Dinny Richmond. Susan Moore said she believes the redistricting process should be fair, non-partisan and transparent and the Town should stand up for this type of redistricting process.

There being no further discussion, Article 27 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 27. To Hear Reports

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

The Moderator stated those reports can be found in the town report.

ARTICLE 28. Transact any other business

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

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Ned Brewer, second by Dinny Richmond. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol F. Wills
Franconia Town Clerk

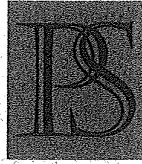
**TOWN OF FRANCONIA
BALANCE SHEET
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021**

ASSETS

Checking/Savings	
1000-00 · CHECKING	2,824,496.80
1010-99 · Investments	
1020-00 · Town of Franconia	3,187.70
1040-00 · MacLachlin Memorial	3,521.59
Total 1010-99 · Investments	<u>6,709.29</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>2,831,206.09</u>
Other Current Assets	
1203-00 · Due from Trust Funds	8,698.00
1300-00 · Taxes Receivable	276,096.47
1300-01 · Allowance for Abatements	-74,999.54
1300-02 · Tax Lien Receivable	21,575.17
1400-00 · Ambulance Receivable	313,201.87
1400-01 · Allowance for Ambulance Rec	-281,543.80
1800-00 · Tax Deeded Property Resale	107,694.22
Total Other Current Assets	<u>370,722.39</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>3,201,928.48</u></u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Current Liabilities	
2100-05 Deffered Inflows - ARPA	57,841.03
2100-00 · GF Due to other funds	4,249.95
2100-04 · Due to/from Water Fund	273.48
2200-00 · Due to school district	1,616,876.00
2600-02 · Payroll Liabilities- Health Ins	8,117.61
2600-03 · AFLAC	-1,808.04
2600-09 · Retirement Liability	1,905.68
2600-12 · Payroll-NH Retirement	16,300.55
2700-03 · Property Tax Credits	8,981.55
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>1,712,737.81</u>
Total Liabilities	1,712,737.81
Equity	
2900-03 · Reserved for Dow & MacLachlin	3,522.32
2900-04 · Nonspendable Fund Balance	107,694.25
2900-06 · Retained Earnings	1,457,349.92
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	766.85
99999 · IN/OUT SUSPENSE	597.12
Net Income	-80,739.79
Total Equity	<u>1,489,190.67</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>3,201,928.48</u></u>



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August 19, 2021

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Franconia
421 Main Street, P.O. Box 900
Franconia, NH 03580

Dear Members of the Board:

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major governmental and proprietary fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Franconia for the year ended December 31, 2020. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and, *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated November 5, 2020. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Town of Franconia are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. We noted no transactions entered into by the Town of Franconia during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the Town of Franconia's financial statements were:

Management's estimate of the capital asset useful lives is based on historical information and industry guidance. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the capital asset useful lives in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of the allowance for uncollectible property taxes is based on historical data and information known concerning the assessment appeals. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the uncollectible property taxes in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of the uncollectible ambulance receivables is based on knowledge of past collection rates. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the uncollectible ambulance receivables in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of the allowance for uncollectible water receivables is based on knowledge of past collection rates. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the uncollectible water receivables in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

PLODZIK & SANDERSON, P.A.
Certified Public Accountants

Management's estimate of the net pension liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are based on assumptions of future events, such as employment, mortality and estimates of value of reported amounts. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the net pension liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of the other postemployment benefit liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources are based on the assumption of future events, such as employment, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend, as well as estimates of the value of reported amounts. We evaluated key factors and assumptions used to develop the other postemployment benefits liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to the other postemployment benefits in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Adjustments proposed and approved were primarily of a routine nature which management expects the independent auditors to record as part of their year-end procedures. A list of these adjustments for the general fund and water fund are attached to this letter.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated August 5, 2021.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Town of Franconia's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Town of Franconia's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Town Policies*

The Town's control policies require that management and employees establish and maintain an environment throughout the Town that sets a positive and supportive attitude toward internal control and conscientious management. The control environment established by the Board of Selectmen sets the tone for how Town employees and elected officials conduct its business.



As the Board of Selectmen, Trustees of Trust Funds, Library Trustees, and department heads strive to achieve the goals of the Town and provide accountability for their operations, they need to continually examine internal controls to determine how well they are performing, how they may be improved, and the degree to which they help identify and address major risks for fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement.

We noted that while there is an effort to do so, the Town has not yet established formal policies for fraud, conflict of interest, risk management, disaster recovery, cash receipts, purchasing, credit cards, financial closing and reporting, and any other policies necessary to protect the operations of the Town. These policies are essential tools to manage the Town's operations efficiently and effectively. The absence of these policies does not mean that the Board of Selectmen does not have a strong commitment to an environment that stresses integrity in the conduct of the Town's operations, nor does it suggest that the Board of Selectmen have little disregard for the internal control procedures.

We strongly recommend that the Board of Selectmen develop and formally adopt the above noted policies in order to clearly communicate the Town's position on the various issues.

Capital Asset Policy*

At present, no formal capital asset policy exists. We suggest a policy be implemented to more effectively control and account for the Town's capital assets. We suggest the present capital asset process be reviewed and documented to control the Town's practice more effectively in this area. To accomplish this goal, we suggest the following:

- Establish a minimum dollar amount for capitalization.
- Prepare written guidelines for proper account classification of all capital asset additions.
- Prepare written guidelines to ensure the reporting and approval of capital asset dispositions.

Implementation of the above recommended policy will create more accurate and consistent accounting treatment for the purchase and disposal of capital assets.

Fund Balance Policy*

In June 1999, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - And Management's Discussion and Analysis - For State and local Governments* which required that all governmental entities develop and adopt a fund balance policy. In March 2009, Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, was issued and required the amendment of existing fund balance policies to incorporate the language of this new statement. As of December 31, 2020, the Town had not yet established a fund balance policy. We recommend that the Board of Selectmen develop and formally approve such a policy that includes the necessary language from Statement No. 54.

Investment Policy*

RSA 41:9 - VII *Financial Duties*, states that the Board of Selectmen shall annually review and adopt an investment policy for the investment of public funds in conformance with applicable statutes and shall advise the treasurer of such policies. This policy should also include the necessary language from Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 40, *Deposit, and Investment Risk Disclosures*. As of December 31, 2020, the Town had not yet established an investment policy for the Town. We recommend that the Board of Selectmen develop and annually approve such a policy.

**It was noted that as of the date of the audit several of the above noted policies have been reviewed by the Board of Selectmen in draft form, although they have not been formally adopted.*

Library

During our review of the internal controls at the Library we noted the following conditions:

- Lack of timeliness of cash receipts being deposited to the bank.
- Library cash receipts must be kept in a secure location at the Library until they can be deposited.
- Lack of appropriate support for disbursement.

To strengthen the internal controls over receipt transactions we recommend the following:

- Cash receipts should be deposited to the bank within one week of receipt.
- All cash receipts, until deposited, should be kept in a safe and secure location in the Library until deposit.



- All disbursements should have appropriate support on file. Appropriate would include vendor provided invoices, receipts and/or statements etc. and do not include e-mails or other requests without evidence of the products or services received.

Purchasing Procedures

Our review of invoices processed revealed that a majority of the invoices paid were lacking indication of the appropriate account number they are to be charged to. The Town's internal controls over purchasing indicate that all invoices are to be stamped and coded with the appropriate account number prior to payment. This lack of proper coding can lead to inaccurate posting of payments and increase the risk of misstatement of amounts. We recommend that the Town ensure that this practice is applied to all invoices.

Payroll Liability Accounts

We noted that not all of the Town's liability accounts for payroll related deductions and payments are accurately clearing in each period. For example, the health insurance payable account is steadily increasing when it should net to zero each month. There is a lack of reconciliation of these accounts, which can cause them to be misstated and lead to inaccurate financial reports. We recommend that these accounts be reconciled monthly and appropriate adjustments be made when differences are noted.

Stale Dated Checks

Review of the Town's outstanding check listing for the general fund revealed several stale dated checks, some of which date back to 2017. Outstanding items on cash reconciliations should be reviewed on a regular basis and items that are over one year old should be investigated and removed if necessary. We recommend that the Town establish procedures for the formal review of bank reconciliations. Further this review should include follow up on older items and eventual removal of stale date items.

Credit Card Receipts

In our review of the Town's credit card disbursements, it was noted that receipts are not being retained for all payments. This increases the likelihood of inappropriate purchases going unnoticed. We recommend that receipts be retained and reviewed for all purchases made with credit cards.

General Ledger Budget

In comparing the Town's general fund budget recorded in the general ledger, we identified several differences between the amounts in the general ledger and on the States formal budget documents (MS-434R & MS-232R). To improve monitoring and budgetary controls, we recommend that preliminary figures that are entered into the general ledger are updated with the final budget information processed with the States Department of Revenue Administration.

Budget Transfers

It was noted that there is no formal documentation of budget transfers approved by the Board of Selectmen. In order to facilitate a clear audit trail of transfers of budget amounts, specific documentation should be maintained for all transfers, which clearly indicate that they have been approved by the Board. To accomplish this audit trail, we recommend that the Town develop a standardized budget transfer form to be completed and signed by the Board of Selectmen whenever a budget transfer is necessary. This form should indicate the amount of the transfer, the accounts it is impacting, and the purpose of the transfer. These forms should be kept on file and provided for the annual audit.

Other Matters

Implementation of New GASB Pronouncements

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued several pronouncements that have effective dates that may impact future financial presentations.



Management has not currently determined what, if any, impact implementation of the following statements may have on the financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*, issued in June 2017, will be effective for the Town with its fiscal year ending December 31, 2022. This Statement will improve accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases.

GASB Statement No. 89, *Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred Before the End of a Construction Period*, issued June 2018, will be effective for the Town with its fiscal year ending December 31, 2021. This Statement will enhance the relevance and comparability of information about capital assets and the cost of borrowing for a reporting period and to simplify accounting for interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period.

GASB Statement No. 91, *Conduit Debt Obligations*, issued June 2019, will be effective for the Town with its fiscal year ending December 31, 2022. This Statement provides for a single method of reporting conduit debt obligations and clarifies the existing definition of a conduit debt obligation and improves note disclosures.

GASB Statement No. 92, *Omnibus 2020*, issued in January 2020, will be effective for the Town with its fiscal year ended December 31, 2022. The objectives of this Statement are to enhance comparability in accounting and financial reporting and to improve the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements.

GASB Statement No. 93, *Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates*, issued in March 2020, will be effective for the Town with its fiscal year ended December 31, 2021. The objectives of this Statement are address accounting and financial reporting implications that results from the replacement of an IBOR.

GASB Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*, issued in March 2020, will be effective for the Town with its fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. The objectives of this Statement are to improve financial reporting by addressing issues related to public-private and public-public partnership arrangements.

GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, issued in May 2020, will be effective for the Town with its fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. The objectives of this Statement are to provide guidance on accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements for government end users.

GASB Statement No. 97, *Certain Component Unit Criteria and Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans - an Amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 84 and Supersession of GASB Statement No. 32*, issued in June 2020, will be effective for the Town with its fiscal year ended December 31, 2022. The objectives of this Statement are to increase consistency and comparability related to reporting of fiduciary component units, mitigate costs associated with the reporting of certain defined contribution pension plans, and enhance the relevance, consistency, and comparability of the accounting and financial reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 deferred compensation plans.

We applied certain limited procedures to the following, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements:

- Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability,
- Schedule of Town Contributions – Pensions
- Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Other Postemployment Benefits Liability,
- Schedule of Town Contributions – Other Postemployment Benefits
- Schedule of Changes in the Town's Total Other Postemployment Benefits Liability and Related Ratios, and
- Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.



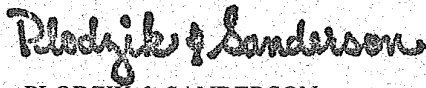
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We were engaged to report on the combining and individual fund schedules, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the members of the Board of Selectmen and management of the Town of Franconia and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully,



PLODZIK & SANDERSON
Professional Association

Attachments:

Copy of General Fund AJE's

Copy of Water Fund Adjustments



**STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

Village Water Project – 30 Year Bond – 2.25% Interest

Beginning Loan Balance		\$1, 614,133
Principal	\$73,684	(\$73,684)
Interest	\$35,904	
Balance of Loan		\$1,540,449

Total Payments for Year = \$109,588. Water Users Paid \$72,054 and Residents Paid \$37,534

Safety Services Building Project – 20 Year Bond – 2.84% Interest

Beginning Loan Balance		\$1,195,906
Principal	\$77,277	(\$77,277)
Interest	\$33,434	
Balance of Loan		\$1,118,629

LED Streetlight Project – 5 Year Loan – 2.5% Interest

	Town's Payment	
Beginning Loan Balance		\$9,044
Principal	\$3,955	(\$3,955)
Interest	\$183	
Balance of Loan		\$5,089

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land	\$161,774,823
Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	\$81,132,500
Residential Buildings	\$218,324,400
Manufactured Housing	\$1,385,100
Commercial/Industrial Buildings	\$28,433,100
Electric Utilities	\$5,078,000
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings	\$14,969,600
Gross Valuation	\$414,995,423
Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption	(\$89,356)
Solar Energy Systems Exemption	(\$315,800)
Net Valuation	\$414,590,267

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Total Town Appropriations	\$3,618,309
Revenues	(\$1,647,217)
Fund Balance Voted Surplus	(\$322,306)
Approximate Overlay Use	\$97,000
War Service Credits	\$19,700
Net Town Appropriations	\$1,765,486
Net School Appropriations	\$2,446,642
Net State Education Appropriations	\$595,288
Net County Appropriations	\$553,914
Total School & County	\$3,595,844
Total Town, School & County	\$5,361,330

TAX RATES (Per \$1000 of Valuation)

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MUNICIPAL</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>LOCAL EDUCATION</u>	<u>STATE EDUCATION</u>	<u>TOTAL TAX RATE</u>
2021	\$4.26	\$1.34	\$5.90	\$1.45	\$12.95
2020	\$6.47	\$1.88	\$8.13	\$2.02	\$18.50
2019	\$6.01	\$1.87	\$8.83	\$2.27	\$18.98
2018	\$6.00	\$1.98	\$8.74	\$2.20	\$18.92
2017	\$6.00	\$1.80	\$7.57	\$2.38	\$17.75
2016	\$6.00	\$1.84	\$6.85	\$2.37	\$17.06
2015	\$5.23	\$1.66	\$7.16	\$2.31	\$16.36
2014	\$5.24	\$1.58	\$7.05	\$2.48	\$16.35
2013	\$4.93	\$1.64	\$6.87	\$2.44	\$15.88
2012	\$4.66	\$1.61	\$7.24	\$2.41	\$15.92
2011	\$4.28	\$1.50	\$8.00	\$2.51	\$16.29

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

	Building	Land
Town Hall	450,500	124,300
Library	360,600	107,200
Safety Service Building	1,007,700	175,500
Highway Garage/Transfer Station	440,500	107,700
Water Department	953,100	348,200
	2,250,000	41,700
Cemeteries	21,300	403,100
Land in Franconia		969,200
The Frost Place	198,800	280,700
Heritage Museum	231,000	145,400
Dow Park	14,900	243,600
Fox Hill Park		444,200
Splude's Place	6,700	105,200
Mittersill Fire Sub-station	94,600	
TOTAL	\$ 6,029,700	\$ 3,496,000

Based on Assessed Valuation

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
For the Year Ending December 31, 2021
Cash Basis

Motor Vehicle/Boat Registrations	\$302,618.77
Motor Vehicle Title Fees	678.00
Municipal Agent Fees	5,102.00
Dog Licenses	917.00
Vital Statistics	680.00
Marriage Licenses	400.00
Miscellaneous Permit Fees	18.55
E-Reg Log Fees	<u>285.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$310,699.32</u>

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
Levy of 2021
For Year Ending December 31, 2021

DEBITS

Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property Taxes	\$5,345,131.00	
Yield Taxes	1,266.13	
Utility – Water	<u>322,710.78</u>	<u>\$5,669,107.91</u>
Overpayment of Property Taxes	10,421.06	
Interest Collected	<u>2,164.15</u>	<u>12,585.21</u>
Prepayment of Property Taxes		<u>(8,478.64)</u>
TOTAL DEBITS		<u>\$5,673,214.48</u>

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$5,066,750.34	
Yield Taxes	1,266.13	
Utility – Water	312,033.59	
Property Tax Abatement	13,212.66	
Utility Charge Abatement	883.30	
Interest & Penalties Collected	<u>2,164.15</u>	<u>\$5,396,310.17</u>
Uncollected Taxes (per Collector's List)		
Property Taxes	276,096.23	
Utility – Water	<u>9,793.89</u>	<u>\$285,890.12</u>
Property Tax Credit Balance		<u>(\$8,985.81)</u>
TOTAL CREDITS		<u>\$5,673,214.48</u>

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
Levy of 2020

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes – January 1, 2021		
Property Taxes	\$241,918.65	
Utility – Water	11,731.23	
Interest & Penalties Collected	<u>6,688.33</u>	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$260,338.21

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$197,174.31	
Utility – Water	11,731.23	
Interest & Penalties Collected	<u>6,688.33</u>	
Abatements		
Property Taxes	7,806.83	
Conversion to Lien	<u>36,937.51</u>	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$260,338.11

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2021

DEBITS

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes			
January 1, 2021		35,416.70	25,529.14
Taxes to Lien, Current FY	39,056.74		
Interest & Costs Collected	<u>784.16</u>	<u>3,049.37</u>	<u>8,544.77</u>
TOTAL DEBITIS	\$39,840.90	\$38,466.07	\$34,073.91

CREDITS

Remittance to Treasurer			
Redemption	21,476.01	28,382.13	25,529.14
Interest & Costs Collected	784.16	3,049.37	8,544.77
Abatements	1,493.52	1,547.05	
Unredeemed Taxes	<u>16,087.21</u>	<u>5,487.52</u>	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$39,840.90	\$38,466.07	\$34,073.91

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX LIEN

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2021

	2020	2019
Breault, Edward A.	2,194.27	
Forest Hills Associates (Foss)	5,180.16	5,960.29
Fox Hill Cooperative, Inc.	1,104.36	641.79
Jay Durga Estate LLC (Village Store)	2,893.94	
Lemire 2004 Revocable Trust, Sean	110.23	
Little, Edward W.	2,564.75	
Palmer, Thomas	41.50	
Parcell, Michael P.	389.58	52.54
Poltrino Realty Trust, Dennis	<u>578.78</u>	
Totals	\$15,057.57	\$6,654.62

2021 TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Cash Balance \$ 2,544,741.06

CHECKING ACCOUNTS

Beginning Balance	\$ 2,541,554.00
Adjustment	\$ (8,839.01)
Selectmen	\$ 1,215,508.72
Town Clerk	\$ 394,857.62
Tax Collector	\$ 5,398,325.82
Unclassified Deposits	\$ 11,709.75
Interest	\$ 3,904.58

Total Deposits \$ 7,024,306.49

Withdrawals	\$ (6,648,981.38)
Fees	\$ (442.00)
State of NHMV	\$ (83,543.30)
	\$ -
Total Withdrawals	\$ (6,732,966.68)

End Balance \$ 2,824,054.80

POLICE SPECIAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 442.44
Deposits	\$ -
Interest	\$ -
Ending Balance	\$ 442.44

Sub-Total \$ 2,824,497.24

NH-PDIP

Beginning Balance	\$ 3,187.03
Deposits	\$ -
Interest	\$ 0.67
W/Ds	\$ -

End Balance \$ 3,187.70

MCLACHLIN MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 3,520.88
Interest Earned	\$ 0.71
Ending Balance	\$ 3,521.59

TOTAL ENDING CASH BALANCE \$ 2,831,206.53

2021 TREASURER'S REPORT

LAND USE FUNDS

Beginning Balance	\$	172,332.64
Deposits from GF	\$	-
interest Earned	\$	35.69
Land Use Transfer	\$	(5,000.00)
Ending Balance	\$	167,368.33

FRANCONIA WATER DEPARTMENT

Beginning Cash Balance		\$	200,578.87
Checking Account			
Beginning Balance	\$	93,917.75	
Deposits	\$	339,427.69	
From NHPDIP	\$	-	
To NHPDIP	\$	-	
Interest	\$	240.56	
Withdrawals	\$	(418,130.83)	
Fees	\$	(10.00)	
Ending Balance	\$	15,445.17	

NHPDIP

Beginning Balance	\$	106,662.64
Deposits	\$	-
Interest	\$	22.16
Withdrawals	\$	-
Ending Balance	\$	106,684.80

TOTAL ENDING CASH BALANCE	\$	122,129.97
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DETAILED STATEMENT OF REVENUES

Jan - Dec 21

9001 In & Out Income Accounts	2,844.03
2270-09 · Property Tax Refunds	-143.86
3110-00 · Property Taxes	5,367,533.01
3185-00 · Yield Tax	1,266.13
3186-00 · Payment in Lieu of Taxes	74,941.00
3190-00 · Penalties & Interest Income	20,371.75
3220-00 · Motor Vehicle Fees	303,451.92
3230-00 · BUILDING PERMITS	
3230-06 - Short-term rental	1,550.00
3230-01 · Solar Permits	900.00
3230-02 · Building Permits	15,462.05
3230-03 · Driveway Permits	200.00
3230-04 · Septic Designs	2,525.00
3230-05 · Sign Permits	35.00
Total 3230-00 · BUILDING PERMITS	20,672.05
3290-00 · OTHER LICENSES & FEES	
3290-01 · Misc Permits/Fees	18.55
3290-02 · Vital Statistics State	309.00
3290-03 · Vital Statistics Clerk	331.00
3290-07 · Dog Licenses	917.00
3290-10 · Marriage License State	365.00
3290-11 · Marriage Licenses Clerk	75.00
3290-12 · Municipal Agent Fee	5,102.00
3290-14 · UCC Filings	615.00
Total 3290-00 · OTHER LICENSES & FEES	7,732.55
3352-00 · Meal & Room Tax	83,457.43
3353-00 · Highway Block Grant	52,434.34
3379-00 · FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS	
Grants	
3379-11 CARE Pandemic	4,198.74
3379-09 · Trails Grant	8,719.47
Total Grants	12,918.21
Town of Easton	
3379-01 · Administration Fee	2,000.00
3379-02 · Recreation Programs	12,791.31
3379-03 · Transfer Station	19,201.82
Total Town of Easton	33,993.13
Town of Sugar Hill	
3379-04 · Transfer Station	41,146.76
3379-05 · Recreation Programs	24,872.00
3379-06 · Emergency Phone	500.00

3379-07 · Administration Fee	2,300.00
Total Town of Sugar Hill	<u>68,818.76</u>
Total 3379-00 · FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS	115,730.10
3401-00 · INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS	
Cemeteries	
3401-09 · Burials	1,000.00
3401-60 · Cornerstones	885.00
Total Cemeteries	<u>1,885.00</u>
Elec Reg/ Vital Stats	
3401-04 · Voter Checklist	425.00
Total Elec Reg/ Vital Stats	<u>425.00</u>
Executive	
Welfare Reimbursement	5,507.21
Total Executive	<u>5,507.21</u>
Financial Administration	
3401-05 · Checking Account Adjustme	1,058.33
Total Financial Administration	<u>1,058.33</u>
Life Squad	
3401-17 · Town of Sugar Hill	2,000.00
3401-18 · Transport Payments	124,575.46
3401-59 · Easton, Town of	500.00
Total Life Squad	<u>127,075.46</u>
Planning & Zoning Boards	
Recording Fees	318.00
3401-06 · Hearing Fees	45.00
Planning & Zoning Boards - Other	190.00
Total Planning & Zoning Boards	<u>553.00</u>
Police	
3401-10 · Fines (Court & Town)	1,234.00
3401-12 · Pistol Permits	60.00
3401-13 · Special Duty	5,588.40
3401-14 · Police Report	644.00
3401-15 · Supplies Reimbursed	44.76
Total Police	<u>7,571.16</u>
Recreation	
3401-21 · Spring Sports Fees	475.00
3401-24 · Summer Recreation Fees	28,226.00
3401-26 · Fall Sports Fees	1,760.00
Total Recreation	<u>30,461.00</u>
Total 3401-00 · INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS	174,536.16
3502-00 · Interest on Investments	3,905.96
3502-01 · Land Use Fund Interest	35.69
3502-03 · Safety Services Building	2,648.12
3915-00 · Income to Capital Reserve Funds	

Cemetery Maintenance Fund	2,950.00
Dow Field Fund	4,870.01
Heritage Museum Fund	250.00
Lafayette Recreation Fund	
3915-07 · Lafayette Recreation Events	26,693.47
3915-09 · Lafayette Recreation Maps	18.00
Total Lafayette Recreation Fund	<u>26,711.47</u>
Library Building Maint. Fund	16,752.00
Scholarship Trust Fund	500.00
Total 3915-00 · Income to Capital Reserve Funds	<u>52,033.48</u>
3916 · Transfer In From Trust Funds	
3916-04 · Cemetery Maintenance Fund	2,172.00
3916-05 · Firefighting Equipment	50,000.00
3916-11 · Highway Heavy Equipment	5,586.11
3916-12 · Highway Improvement Fund	10,705.66
3916-20 · Reassessment	2,256.00
3916-22 · Scholarship Trust Fund	3,100.00
3916-23 · Sidewalk Improvement	12,014.50
Total 3916 · Transfer In From Trust Funds	<u>85,834.27</u>
9312-00 · TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION	
Transfer Station/Recycling Fund	
9312-04 Other	1,294.00
9312-01 · Bags-PAYT	109,491.42
9312-02 · Special Handling Fees	38,819.90
9312-03 · Recycled Material	37,053.46
Total Transfer Station/Recycling Fund	<u>186,658.78</u>
Total 9312-00 · TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION	<u>186,658.78</u>
	<u>6,555,942.91</u>
	6,555,942.91

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Expense	
9000 In & Out Expense Accounts	
Police Coverage	5,775.00
9000 In & Out Expense Accounts - Other	-4,695.32
Total 9000 In & Out Expense Accounts	1,079.68
CAPITAL OUTLAY	
4901 · Land	5,000.00
4909 · Improv. Other Than Buildings	10,705.66
Total CAPITAL OUTLAY	15,705.66
LIFE SQUAD (OLD)	
Building Maint	
4221-02 · Electricity 10%	-41.91
Total Building Maint	-41.91
Total LIFE SQUAD (OLD)	-41.91
4130 · EXECUTIVE	
4130-341 Telephone/Website	
Telephone	1,281.83
Website/Internet	408.88
Total 4130-341 Telephone/Website	1,690.71
4130-375 Dues & Training	
Assessing Officials (NHAAO)	20.00
Govt. Finance Assoc. (NHGFOA)	35.00
Local Welfare Assoc. (NHLWAA)	30.00
Municipal Managers (MMANH)	110.00
NH Municipal Association (NHMA)	110.00
Trainings & Seminars	1,087.37
Total 4130-375 Dues & Training	1,392.37
4130-390 Contracted Services	
Audit	16,100.00
Avitar (Kiosk, Map, Contract)	5,442.50
Computer Services	26,054.41
Copier Lease	1,422.95
GASB	3,150.00
MRI	9,221.90
Newspaper Notices	298.00
Printing (Town Report)	1,027.00
Quickbooks (Payroll & Support)	1,510.00
Volunteer/Employee Appreciation	1,692.89
Total 4130-390 Contracted Services	65,919.65
4130-600 Materials & Supplies	
Contributions (Flowers/Cards)	102.95
New Equipment & Maintenance	347.98
Office Supplies	1,216.64
Postage & Registered Mail	813.50

Total 4130-600 Materials & Supplies	2,481.07
Wages	
Jennifer Monahan	39,844.70
Kimberly Cowles	35,188.88
Tina Peabody	527.50
Steve Plant	1,582.50
Elizabeth Andross	200.00
Jill Brewer	2,000.00
Eric Meth	2,000.00
Daniel Walker	2,000.00
Total Wages	<u>83,343.58</u>
4130-17 · Training/Meetings	38.34
Total 4130 · EXECUTIVE	154,865.72
4140 · TOWN CLERK	
4140-210 Telephone/Internet	
Telephone/Internet	<u>1,010.66</u>
Total 4140-210 Telephone/Internet	1,010.66
4140-375 Dues & Trainings	
Annual Conferences & Seminars	440.00
Town & City Clerk Dues	20.00
Total 4140-375 Dues & Trainings	<u>460.00</u>
4140-390 Contracted Services	
Computer Support (BMSI)	2,625.00
Newspaper Notices	120.00
Total 4140-390 Contracted Services	<u>2,745.00</u>
4140-600 Materials & Supplies	
Dog Tags	95.06
Election Expenses	692.76
Supplies	71.99
Office Equipment	629.98
Postage	765.36
Supplies	285.49
Total 4140-600 Materials & Supplies	<u>2,540.64</u>
Wages	
Carol Wills	32,089.79
4140-130 Supervisor Checklist	3,000.00
Total Wages	<u>35,089.79</u>
Total 4140 · TOWN CLERK	<u>41,846.09</u>
4150 · TAX COLLECTOR	
4150-375 Dues & Trainings	
Annual Conferences & Seminars	102.00
Tax Collector's Association	40.00
Total 4150-375 Dues & Trainings	<u>142.00</u>
4150-390 Contracted Services	
Bank Charges	398.61
Lien/Mortgage Search	445.13

Recording Fees	119.75
Software Support (Avitar)	5,067.55
Total 4150-390 Contracted Services	<u>6,031.04</u>
4150-600 Materials & Supplies	
Equipment	49.99
Postage/Envelopes	1,719.08
Supplies	37.49
Tax Bills/Warrants	475.00
Total 4150-600 Materials & Supplies	<u>2,281.56</u>
Wages	
Carol Wills	7,943.81
Total Wages	<u>7,943.81</u>
Total 4150 · TAX COLLECTOR	<u>16,398.41</u>
4152 · REVALUATION OF PROPERTY	
4152-130 Reval.of Property	
Contract Assessing	4,910.95
Data Verification	49,696.55
Total 4152-130 Reval.of Property	<u>54,607.50</u>
Total 4152 · REVALUATION OF PROPERTY	<u>54,607.50</u>
4153 · LEGAL EXPENSE	
4153-320 General Legal	6,203.70
Total 4153 · LEGAL EXPENSE	<u>6,203.70</u>
4155 · PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION	
4155-210 Health Insurance	89,451.19
4155-220 Payroll Tax	
Payroll Taxes	35,429.58
Total 4155-220 Payroll Tax	<u>35,429.58</u>
4155-231 Employee Retirement	10,481.10
4155-260 Worker's Compensation	18,747.21
Total 4155 · PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION	<u>154,109.08</u>
4191 · PLANNING & ZONING	
4191-375 Dues & Training	
North Country Council Dues	2,295.00
Total 4191-375 Dues & Training	<u>2,295.00</u>
4191-390 Contracted Services	
Registry of Deeds	51.00
Total 4191-390 Contracted Services	<u>51.00</u>
4191-600 Materials & Supplies	
Postage	4.80
Reference Manuals/Materials	99.51
Supplies & Equipment	1,340.57
Total 4191-600 Materials & Supplies	<u>1,444.88</u>
Wages	
Carol Wills	826.14
4191-110 ZBA Secretary	0.00
Total Wages	<u>826.14</u>

Total 4191 · PLANNING & ZONING	4,617.02
4194 · BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS	
4194-410 Utilities (Elec./Wat.)	
Utilities (Elec./Wat.)	
Dow Clock	-16.74
Highway Garage	-64.94
Maintenance Garage	-49.91
Town Hall	-90.19
Utilities (Elec./Wat.) - Other	15,801.52
Total Utilities (Elec./Wat.)	<u>15,579.74</u>
Total 4194-410 Utilities (Elec./Wat.)	<u>15,579.74</u>
4194-411 Heating Fuel	
Heating Fuel	15,800.61
Total 4194-411 Heating Fuel	<u>15,800.61</u>
4194-600 Materials & Supplies	
Dow Portable Toilets	1,525.00
Supplies	2,346.42
Uniforms	646.28
Total 4194-600 Materials & Supplies	<u>4,517.70</u>
4194-635 Vehicles & Equipment	
Equipment Repairs	4,019.46
Fuel & Oil	4,718.48
New Equipment	1,685.75
Total 4194-635 Vehicles & Equipment	<u>10,423.69</u>
4194-700 Building & Prop. Maint	
Dow Field Maintenance	3,604.11
Fire Alarm/Extinguisher Inspect	3,417.88
Gardens/Park Maintenance	10,655.04
Highway Garage Maintenance	112.34
Maintenance Garage Maintenance	106.00
Safety Service Building Maint.	5,863.90
Town Hall Maintenance	8,708.38
Building Maintenance	
4210-04 · Electricity 30%	-125.74
4220-05 · Electric (60%)	-251.48
Total 4194-700 Building & Prop. Maint	<u>32,090.43</u>
Wages	
Corey Rush	44,566.23
Scott Leslie	4,824.75
Jack Tyrell	12,525.40
Penny Keeler	4,203.38
Samuel Johnk	214.00
Carol Wills	2,610.00
Total Wages	<u>68,943.76</u>
Total 4194 · BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS	<u>147,355.93</u>
4195 · CEMETERIES	

4195-390 Contracted Services	
Landscaping Services	6,650.00
Total 4195-390 Contracted Services	<u>6,650.00</u>
4195-410 Utilities	
Electricity	186.79
Water	540.33
Total 4195-410 Utilities	<u>727.12</u>
4195-600 Materials & Supplies	
Cornerstones	377.35
Supplies	1,048.03
Total 4195-600 Materials & Supplies	<u>1,425.38</u>
4195-635 Vehicle	
Fuel	38.56
Total 4195-635 Vehicle	<u>38.56</u>
Taxes & Benefits	
4195-220 Payroll Taxes	558.03
4195-260 Worker's Compensation	376.00
Total Taxes & Benefits	<u>934.03</u>
Wages	
Penny Keeler	7,294.56
Total Wages	<u>7,294.56</u>
Total 4195 · CEMETERIES	<u>17,069.65</u>
4196 · INSURANCE	
Property-Liability	46,611.00
Total 4196 · INSURANCE	<u>46,611.00</u>
4197 · ADVERTISING & REGIONAL ASSOC.	9,000.00
4210 · POLICE DEPARTMENT	
4210-341 Telephone/Internet	
Telephone/Internet	3,813.58
4210-341 Telephone/Internet - Other	-119.89
Total 4210-341 Telephone/Internet	<u>3,693.69</u>
4210-375 Dues & Training	
Ammunition	1,720.41
Dues, Education & Training	3,182.02
Total 4210-375 Dues & Training	<u>4,902.43</u>
4210-390 Contracted Services	
Prosecuting	7,500.00
Radar Calibrations	110.00
Total 4210-390 Contracted Services	<u>7,610.00</u>
4210-600 Materials & Supplies	
Equipment (New, Maint.,Repairs)	1,893.98
Misc. (Supplies, Postage, Ads)	2,374.20
RSA & Law Updates	90.00
Total 4210-600 Materials & Supplies	<u>4,358.18</u>
4210-635 Vehicles, Fuel & Maint	
Fuel	7,146.16

Maintenance & Supplies	4,965.07
4210-635 Vehicles, Fuel & Maint - Other	<u>96.00</u>
Total 4210-635 Vehicles, Fuel & Maint	12,207.23
4210-681 Uniforms	
Uniform Cleaning	278.85
Uniforms & Personal Equipment	<u>3,182.42</u>
Total 4210-681 Uniforms	3,461.27
4210-700 Equipment	
Firearms	1,861.90
Misc. - General Equipment	187.71
Radios & Pagers	<u>282.70</u>
Total 4210-700 Equipment	2,332.31
Wages	
Martin Cashin	88,510.23
Ryan Jarvis	4,475.20
Gary Pilotte	63,431.44
Kaitlyn Barnum	53,147.75
Kerry Pomeroy	20,758.50
Sean Donahue	2,299.50
Jeffrey Dube	2,719.50
Zachary Chicoine	189.00
Zachary Bushway	2,026.50
Jamie Allaire	9,661.25
4210-150 Police Retirement	<u>58,939.59</u>
Total Wages	<u>306,158.46</u>
Total 4210 · POLICE DEPARTMENT	<u>344,723.57</u>
4215 · LIFE SQUAD	
4215-341 Telephone/Internet	
Telephone/Internet	2,760.28
4215-341 Telephone/Internet - Other	<u>-58.42</u>
Total 4215-341 Telephone/Internet	2,701.86
4215-390 Contracted Services	
Comstar Billing & Collection	11,681.88
Radio Repairs & Maintenance	<u>90.00</u>
Total 4215-390 Contracted Services	11,771.88
4215-600 Materials & Supplies	
Equipment (New, Maint., Repair)	3,449.46
Medical Supplies	10,982.92
Miscellaneous	425.62
Oxygen	-322.00
4215-600 Materials & Supplies - Other	<u>127.40</u>
Total 4215-600 Materials & Supplies	14,663.40
4215-635 Vehicles, Fuel & Maint	
Fuel	3,299.90
Maintenance & Supplies	<u>2,386.76</u>
Total 4215-635 Vehicles, Fuel & Maint	5,686.66

4215-681 Uniforms & Pers. Equip	
Uniforms & Personal Equipment	213.12
Total 4215-681 Uniforms & Pers. Equip	<u>213.12</u>
Wages	
Allan Clark	84.00
Evelyn Collins	550.00
Jeffrey Collins	1,204.00
Anne Cowles	150.00
Kim Cowles	150.00
Colleen Ford	66.00
Patrick Griffin	808.00
Nathaniel Hanson	2,002.00
William Mead	2,594.00
Pamela Oakman	3,679.00
Paul Schmucker	15,343.00
Stephen Schmucker	12,189.00
Mark Taylor	3,978.00
Ned Wilson	340.00
John DeGroat	448.00
Nickolas Emmons	994.00
Jacqueline King	196.00
Total Wages	<u>44,775.00</u>
Total 4215 · LIFE SQUAD	<u>79,811.92</u>
4220 · FIRE DEPARTMENT	
4220-341 Telephone/Internet	
Telephone/Internet	1,941.94
4220-341 Telephone/Internet - Other	-61.92
Total 4220-341 Telephone/Internet	<u>1,880.02</u>
4220-375 Dues & Training	
Dues	755.00
Fire Prevention	175.00
Training & Prevention	923.24
Total 4220-375 Dues & Training	<u>1,853.24</u>
4220-390 Contracted Services	
Radios & Pagers	4,203.46
Total 4220-390 Contracted Services	<u>4,203.46</u>
4220-600 Materials & Supplies	
Supplies	2,021.20
Total 4220-600 Materials & Supplies	<u>2,021.20</u>
4220-635 Vehicles & Equipment	
Gas & Diesel	1,339.92
Vehicles & Equipment	6,103.32
Total 4220-635 Vehicles & Equipment	<u>7,443.24</u>
4220-700 Equipment	
Rescue Equipment	2,000.00
SCBA - Bottle Replacement	62,454.68

Turnout Gear	427.47
Total 4220-700 Equipment	<u>64,882.15</u>
General Expenses	
Wages	
Cray Ball	1,738.00
Danny Ballentine	570.00
Shaw Brown	943.60
Kim Cowles	3,656.40
Peter Gaudette	3,840.40
Richard Gaudette	9,592.40
Tyler Gaudette	7,133.40
Andrew Husson	2,841.40
Bill McCarthy	1,921.60
Roger O'Dell	776.40
Walter Palmer	857.40
Alex Peoples	1,640.00
Stanley Sherburn	3,465.40
Stephen Schmucker	2,132.40
Inspections	
Cray Ball	1,180.00
Mark Taylor	1,040.00
Total Wages	<u>43,328.80</u>
Total 4220 · FIRE DEPARTMENT	<u>125,612.11</u>
4221 · FOREST FIRE	
Wages	
4221-100 Annual Pay	0.00
4221-110 Firefighting Pay	0.00
4221-120 Training	0.00
Total Wages	<u>0.00</u>
Total 4221 · FOREST FIRE	<u>0.00</u>
4240 · BUILDING INSPECTION	
Wages	
Allan Clark	11,223.50
Total Wages	<u>11,223.50</u>
Total 4240 · BUILDING INSPECTION	<u>11,223.50</u>
4290 · EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	
Wages	
Nathaniel Hanson	2,000.00
Mark Taylor	57.72
Total Wages	<u>2,057.72</u>
Total 4290 · EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	<u>2,057.72</u>
4299 · OTHER COMMUNICATIONS	
Other Communications	
Dispatch Phone Lines	33,531.67
Total Other Communications	<u>33,531.67</u>
Total 4299 · OTHER COMMUNICATIONS	<u>33,531.67</u>

4312 · HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	
4312-341 Telephone/Internet	
Telephone/Internet	2,012.25
4312-341 Telephone/Internet - Other	<u>-142.65</u>
Total 4312-341 Telephone/Internet	1,869.60
4312-390 Contracted Services	
Drug & Alcohol Testing (DOT)	370.00
Highway Improvements	207,228.99
Storm Damage	0.00
Street Sweeping	<u>3,363.36</u>
Total 4312-390 Contracted Services	210,962.35
4312-600 Materials & Supplies	
Culverts	1,700.96
Equipment (New, Repair, Maint.)	4,262.16
Supplies	<u>4,679.51</u>
Total 4312-600 Materials & Supplies	10,642.63
4312-635 Vehicles & Equipment	
Fuel	17,466.78
Maintenance & Repairs	
4312-24 · Maintenance	225.00
Maintenance & Repairs - Other	<u>28,466.54</u>
Total Maintenance & Repairs	<u>28,691.54</u>
Total 4312-635 Vehicles & Equipment	46,158.32
4312-685 Sand, Salt & Gravel	
Gravel	16,638.25
Salt	16,440.64
Sand	<u>8,863.75</u>
Total 4312-685 Sand, Salt & Gravel	41,942.64
4312-800 Uniforms	
Uniforms	<u>2,495.33</u>
Total 4312-800 Uniforms	2,495.33
4312-900 Highway Block Grant	52,434.34
Wages	
Scott Leslie	32,504.76
Jeremy Hall	54,794.23
James Cyrs	54,153.14
Bruce Russell	<u>1,694.00</u>
Total Wages	<u>143,146.13</u>
Total 4312 · HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	<u>509,651.34</u>
4316 · STREET LIGHTING/UTILITIES	
4316-410 Street Lighting	<u>7,598.75</u>
Total 4316 · STREET LIGHTING/UTILITIES	7,598.75
4415 · HEALTH AGENCIES	
25,010.00	
4442 · WELFARE	
4442-001 General Assistance	
General Assistance	23,193.28

Total 4442-001 General Assistance	<u>23,193.28</u>
Total 4442 · WELFARE	23,193.28
4520 · RECREATION	
4520-210 Health Insurance	
Health Insurance	7,275.20
4520-210 Health Insurance - Other	<u>727.52</u>
Total 4520-210 Health Insurance	8,002.72
4520-220 Payroll Taxes	
Payroll Taxes	<u>4,873.46</u>
Total 4520-220 Payroll Taxes	4,873.46
4520-230 Retirement	
Retirement	<u>1,271.08</u>
Total 4520-230 Retirement	1,271.08
4520-260 Worker's Compensation	
Workers Compensation	<u>2,877.00</u>
Total 4520-260 Worker's Compensation	2,877.00
4520-341 Telephone	
Telephone	<u>557.43</u>
Total 4520-341 Telephone	557.43
4520-375 Dues & Training	
Trainings, Memberships & Dues	<u>111.92</u>
Total 4520-375 Dues & Training	111.92
4520-390 Contracted Services	
Computer Services	<u>526.02</u>
Total 4520-390 Contracted Services	526.02
4520-600 Spring Programs	
Supplies & Equipment	<u>310.41</u>
Total 4520-600 Spring Programs	310.41
4520-610 Summer Programs	
Background Checks	45.50
Field Trips	0.00
Pool & Facilities	1,620.00
Staff/Camper Uniforms	737.98
Supplies	1,591.15
Transportation	<u>413.20</u>
Total 4520-610 Summer Programs	4,407.83
4520-615 Soccer	
NC Camp Soccer Staff	0.00
Referee Fees	-10.00
Supplies	352.75
Tournaments	<u>390.00</u>
Total 4520-615 Soccer	732.75
4520-620 Rink & Ice Skating	
Utilities	<u>2,764.94</u>
Total 4520-620 Rink & Ice Skating	2,764.94
4520-625 Winter Programs	

Supplies/Equipment	212.75
Total 4520-625 Winter Programs	<u>212.75</u>
4520-635 Vehicle Expense	
Fuel	133.97
Insurance	569.00
Vehicle Repairs	97.50
Total 4520-635 Vehicle Expense	<u>800.47</u>
4520-640 Recreation Funds	
Dow Field Playground Fund	3,500.00
Recreation Van Fund	5,000.00
Rink Maintenance Fund	2,000.00
Total 4520-640 Recreation Funds	<u>10,500.00</u>
Wages	
Kim Cowles	30,600.00
Samuel Johnk	788.64
4520-110 Summer Rec Counselors	31,616.00
Ice Making	1,500.00
Total Wages	<u>64,504.64</u>
Total 4520 · RECREATION	<u>102,453.42</u>
4550 · 4550 LIBRARY EXP. TO BE REIMB.	
Salaries & Wages	-6,837.30
Taxes & Benefits	
Health Insurance	-1,580.32
Payroll Taxes	0.00
Workers Compensation	0.00
Total Taxes & Benefits	<u>-1,580.32</u>
Total 4550 · 4550 LIBRARY EXP. TO BE REIMB.	<u>-8,417.62</u>
4583 · PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	
4583-600 Patriotic Purposes	
Old Home Day Events	750.00
Total 4583-600 Patriotic Purposes	<u>750.00</u>
Total 4583 · PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	<u>750.00</u>
4619 · OTHER CONSERVATION	
Other Conservation	
Conservation Commission	250.00
Total Other Conservation	<u>250.00</u>
Total 4619 · OTHER CONSERVATION	<u>250.00</u>
4620-00 · WATER DEPT EXPENSES TO BE REIMB	
Computer Support	-886.96
Insurance-Buildings	0.00
Legal Expense	0.00
Mittersill Electric	0.00
Newspaper Ad	0.00
Payroll Taxes	-753.71
Supplies	-159.70
USDA Rural Development Loan	-35,744.00

Wages	-9,826.88
Total 4620-00 · WATER DEPT EXPENSES TO BE REIMB	<u>-47,371.25</u>
4711 · LONG TERM BOND	
4711-01 · Safety Services Building	110,711.52
4711-02 · Water Project	38,100.00
4711-03 · CDFA Loan Principle	3,954.62
Total 4711 · LONG TERM BOND	<u>152,766.14</u>
4724-01 · Loan Interest CDFA	183.34
4912 · TO SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	
4912-01 · Library Appropriation	82,000.00
Total 4912 · TO SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	<u>82,000.00</u>
4915-00 · Expenses Reimb FROM CRF's	
4915-11 · Highway Heavy Equipment	5,586.11
4915-17 · Fire Fighting Equipment	50,000.00
4915-22 · Lafayette Recreation	17,878.17
4915-23 · Cemetery Maintenance Fund	1,086.00
4915-24 · Scholarship Trust Fund	3,100.00
4915-26 · Sidewalk Improvement	12,014.50
4915-29 · Library Building Maint	16,502.00
Total 4915-00 · Expenses Reimb FROM CRF's	<u>106,166.78</u>
4916-00 · TRANSFERS Capital Reserve Funds	
4916-28 Energy	3,000.00
4916-01 · Highway Improvement	75,000.00
4916-02 · Sidewalk Improvement	21,000.00
4916-03 · Town Buildings Improvements	30,000.00
4916-04 · Heritage Museum Maintenance	3,485.00
4916-05 · Lafayette Recreation	12,308.00
4916-08 · Life Squad Equipment	9,100.00
4916-09 · TB & Grounds Equipment	5,600.00
4916-10 · TB Truck	6,900.00
4916-11 · Bridge Construction/Maintenance	40,000.00
4916-12 · Highway Heavy Equipment	21,200.00
4916-13 · Highway Truck	38,800.00
4916-14 · Legal	10,000.00
4916-15 · Life Squad Van	39,613.00
4916-16 · Police Cruiser	13,500.00
4916-17 · Fire Heavy Equipment	68,400.00
4916-18 · Fire Fighting Equipment	8,000.00
4916-19 · Reassessment	7,000.00
4916-20 · Frost Place Maintenance	850.00
4916-24 · Library Maintenance	30,000.00
4916-25 · Cemetery Maintenance Fund	2,950.00
Total 4916-00 · TRANSFERS Capital Reserve Funds	<u>446,706.00</u>
4931-01 · 4931 Taxes Paid-County	553,914.00
4933-00 · TAXES PAID SCHOOL DISTRICT	
4933-01 · Lafayette	1,366,794.00

4933-02 · Profile	1,457,211.00
Total 4933-00 · TAXES PAID SCHOOL DISTRICT	<u>2,824,005.00</u>
4939-00 · PAYMENTS STATE OF NH	
4939-01 · Animal Population Control	162.00
4939-02 · Dog License Fees	59.00
4939-04 · Vital Records	716.00
Total 4939-00 · PAYMENTS STATE OF NH	<u>937.00</u>
6560 · Payroll Expenses	8,556.02
9412 · TRI TOWN TRANSFER STATION	
9412-210 Health Insurance	
Health Insurance	33,670.69
Total 9412-210 Health Insurance	<u>33,670.69</u>
9412-220 Payroll Taxes	
Payroll Taxes	9,713.22
Total 9412-220 Payroll Taxes	<u>9,713.22</u>
9412-230 Retirement	
Retirement	3,849.00
Total 9412-230 Retirement	<u>3,849.00</u>
9412-260 Worker's Compensation	
Workers' Compensation	4,288.00
Total 9412-260 Worker's Compensation	<u>4,288.00</u>
9412-341 Telephone	
Telephone	1,368.38
Total 9412-341 Telephone	<u>1,368.38</u>
9412-375 Dues & Training	
Dues, Travel & Certifications	2,462.02
Total 9412-375 Dues & Training	<u>2,462.02</u>
9412-390 Contracted Services	
C & D/Bulky Disposal	
C & D Electronics	5,887.64
C & D Glass & Plastic	19,771.34
C & D Roll Off Hauling Fee	13,428.99
C & D Roll Off Tipping Fee	19,182.06
C & D Tires	2,598.55
C&D Other	918.00
Total C & D/Bulky Disposal	<u>61,786.58</u>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Solid Waste Hauling Fee	10,731.12
Solid Waste Tipping Fee	36,207.82
Total Solid Waste Disposal	<u>46,938.94</u>
9412-390 Contracted Services - Other	641.16
Total 9412-390 Contracted Services	<u>109,366.68</u>
9412-410 Electricity	
Electricity	1,395.17
Total 9412-410 Electricity	<u>1,395.17</u>
9412-411 Heating - Propane	

Heating - Propane	1,805.67
Total 9412-411 Heating - Propane	<u>1,805.67</u>
9412-528 Property Liab. Insur.	
Property Liability Insurance	1,225.00
Total 9412-528 Property Liab. Insur.	<u>1,225.00</u>
9412-600 Materials & Supplies	
Materials & Supplies	5,904.84
PAYT Bags	22,235.00
Total 9412-600 Materials & Supplies	<u>28,139.84</u>
9412-635 Vehicles & Equipment	
Bobcat	823.44
Equipment Repairs	69.99
Total 9412-635 Vehicles & Equipment	<u>893.43</u>
9412-800 Uniforms	
Uniforms	985.11
Total 9412-800 Uniforms	<u>985.11</u>
9412-900 Building Maintenance	3,175.43
Wages	
Scott Leslie	9,386.15
Timothy Blake	46,166.47
Kevin Dauphine	37,499.70
Alyssa Murphy	14,065.18
Laurie Matthews	16,243.50
Clayton Richards	3,138.64
Samuel Johnk	319.50
Total Wages	<u>126,819.14</u>
Total 9412 · TRI TOWN TRANSFER STATION	<u>329,156.78</u>
Total Expense	<u>6,383,897.00</u>

Town of Franconia
New Hampshire
Warrant
2022

To the inhabitants of the Town of Franconia in the County of Grafton in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs are hereby notified and warned that the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: March 8, 2022
Time: 7:15 PM.
Polling hours are 1:00-7:00pm
Location: Lafayette Regional School, Franconia, NH

Article 01: To Choose Town Officers

To Choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (By Ballot)

Article 02: Zoning Ordinance

Are you in favor of the adoption of the zoning ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? The proposed Solar Ordinance has had 3 public hearings and include revisions made due to public input. (By Ballot)

Article 03: Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Are you in favor of the amendment to the existing Sign Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? The proposed amended Sign Ordinance has had 3 public hearings and include revisions made due to public input. (By Ballot)

Article 04: Town Line Item Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one million nine hundred forty nine thousand three hundred twenty two dollars (\$1,949,322) to defray town charges for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)
Tax Impact \$2.76 per thousand

4130	Executive	\$163,838
4140	Town Clerk	\$44,470
4150	Tax Collector	\$17,715
4152	Revaluation of Property	\$24,372
4153	Legal	\$6,000
4155	Personnel Admin	\$181,312
4191	Planning & Zoning	\$5,895
4194	Buildings & Grounds	\$149,601
4195	Cemetery	\$19,107
4196	Insurance	\$54,838
4210	Police	\$401,984
4215	Life Squad	\$110,250
4220	Fire	\$76,650
4221	Forest Fire	\$0
4240	Building Inspection	\$10,000
4290	Emergency management	\$3,500

4299	Other Communications	\$35,000
4312	Highway	\$346,408
4316	Street lights	\$7,500
4411	Health Admin	\$500
4442	Welfare	\$13,340
4520	Recreation	\$122,613
4583	Patriotic Purposes	\$1,000
4619	Conservation	\$500
	Long Term Debt	\$152,929
	TOTAL	\$1,949,322

Article 05: Appropriate to CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fourteen thousand eight hundred fifty dollars (\$215,150.00) to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required) Tax Impact \$0.52 per thousand

Town Building Truck, \$7,100; Town Buildings and Grounds Equipment, \$5,700; Highway Truck, \$39,800; Highway Heavy Equipment, \$21,500; Police Cruiser, \$13,800; Life Squad Van, \$21,000; Life Squad Equipment, \$9,100; Fire Heavy Equipment, \$44,300; Fire Fighting Equipment \$12,000; Frost Place Maintenance \$850 and Bridge Construction, \$40,000

Article 06: Appropriate to ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty two thousand one hundred dollars (\$132,100.00) to be added to the following Expendable Trust Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required) Tax Impact \$0.32 per thousand

Highway Improvement Fund, \$75,000; Town Buildings, \$30,000; Sidewalk Improvement, \$21,000; Franconia Heritage Museum Fund, \$1,100 and Library Building Maintenance Fund \$5,000

Article 07: Water Department Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred seventy seven thousand seven hundred eight dollars (\$377,708) for the operation of the Water Department. This amount to be funded by water rents and revenues with no amount from taxation. Recommended by the Water Department Commissioners (Majority vote required)

Article 08: Abbie Greenleaf Library

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty nine thousand dollars (\$89,000) 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) Tax Impact \$0.21

Article 09: Add to Dow Field Capital Reserve Fund

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

Article 10: Add to Rink Surface Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to be added to the Rink Surface Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established with said funds to come from the Recreation Committee's line item budget. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 11: Add to Recreation Van Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the Recreation Van Capital Reserve Fund previously established for this purpose with said funds to come from the Recreation Committee's line item budget. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote required)

Article 12: Discontinue the Northern Pass Defense Fund

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Northern Pass Defense Fund CRF created in 2016. Said funds totaling twenty six thousand six hundred twenty seven (\$26,627) as of January 31, 2022, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the town's general fund. (Majority vote required). Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 13: Transfer Northern Pass Defense Funds to the Legal CRF

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty six thousand six hundred twenty seven dollars (\$26,627) to be added to the Legal Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) previously established. This sum to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. This represents the funds from the discontinuation of the Northern Pass Defense Fund CRF listed in Article 10. No amount to be raised from taxation. Recommended by Selectmen. (Majority vote required). This article is contingent on the passage of article 10.

Article 14: Tri-Town Transfer Station

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred seventy six thousand six hundred fifty seven dollars (\$376,657) for the purpose of solid waste disposal, with (\$54,797) from the Town of Sugar Hill, (\$25,572) from the Town of Easton, (\$120,000) PAYT Fees, (\$39,000) Special Handling Fees, (\$35,000) in Recycled Material, and to raise (\$102,288) from taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required) Tax Impact \$0.25 per thousand

Article 15: Lafayette Recreation Fundraising Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand eight hundred fifteen dollars (\$8,815) to be added to the Lafayette Recreation Expendable Trust Fund previously established, with said funds to come from Unassigned Fund Balance. This equals the amount collected from donations. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 16: Transfer Surplus Funds to Life Squad Van CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty seven thousand one hundred fifty six dollars (\$47,156) to be added to the Life Squad Van Capital Reserve Fund with said funds to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance, representing the unspent appropriations in 2021. If this article passes, it will replace the amounts noted in Article 3. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 17: Discontinue Fire Dept Safety Equipment CRF

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Fire Dept Safety Equipment CRF created in 2010. Said funds totaling sixty six thousand six hundred fifty two dollars (\$66,652) as of January 31, 2022, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the town's general fund. (Majority vote required). Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 18: Establish an ETF for Fire Dept Safety Equipment

To see if the town will vote to establish a Fire Dept Safety Equipment Expendable Trust Fund (ETF) per RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of purchasing and replacing fire-fighting department equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty six thousand six hundred fifty two dollars (\$66,652) to place in the fund. Such funds to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. This amount represents the funds from the discontinuation of the Fire Dept Safety Equipment CRF in article 15. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. Recommended by Selectmen. (Majority vote required).

Article 19: Appropriate to the Fire Dept ETF

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) to the Fire Dept Safety Equipment ETF established in Article 16. Such funds to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. If this article passes, it will replace the amount noted in Article 3. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

Article 20: Police Cruiser Purchase

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000) for the purpose of purchasing a police cruiser, and to authorize the withdrawal of an amount up to \$42,000 from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established for this purpose. A trade-in or sale of the 2016 Dodge Charger may bring down the cost to \$37,000. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote Required.)

Article 21: Transfer Station Skid Steer Loader Purchase

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) for the purpose of purchasing a Skid Steer Loader for the Transfer Station, and to authorize the withdrawal of an amount up to \$35,000 from the Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established for this purpose. The price includes the trade-in of the old Skid Steer Loader. The final cost will be proportionately shared with the towns of Sugar Hill (30%) and Easton (14%). The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote Required.)

Article 22: V-Plow for Town Building Truck Purchase

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy eight hundred dollars (\$7,800) for the purpose of purchasing a V Plow for the Town Buildings Truck, and to authorize the withdrawal of an amount up to \$7,800 from the Town Building Truck CRF previously established for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 23: Non-Profits

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of nineteen thousand three hundred forty two dollars (\$19,342) for the support of the following agencies. (Majority vote required.) Tax Impact \$0.05 per thousand

	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
Above the Notch Humane Society	\$750	\$750
Adaptive Sports of the North Country	0	0
American Red Cross	\$4,600	\$600
Ammonoosuc Community Services, Inc	\$5,800	\$5,800
Bridge House Shelter & Veterans Advocacy	0	0
Boys & Girls Club of the North Country	\$2,500	\$2,500
Center for New Beginnings	\$1,000	\$1,000
Franconia Children's Center	0	0
Gale River Coop	0	0
Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc	\$2,000	\$2,000
Northern Human Services	\$1,292	\$1,292
North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency	\$3,200	\$3,200
North Country Veterans	0	0
Pemi-Baker Community Health	\$2,640	0
<u>Tri-County Community Action Program (CAP)</u>	\$2,200	<u>\$2,200</u>
Total		\$19,342

Article 24: Franconia Notch Regional Chamber of Commerce

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of nine thousand dollars (\$9000) for the support of Franconia Notch Regional Chamber of Commerce. (Majority vote required.) Tax Impact \$0.02 per thousand

Article 25: Energy Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to be added to the Energy Capital Reserve Fund Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required.) Tax Impact \$0.007 per thousand

Article 26: Install a Solar Array on Town Property

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars \$60,000 for the purpose of purchasing and installing a Solar Array behind the Town Hall, 421 Main Street and to authorize the amount up to \$60,000 to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. The Energy Committee will utilize grant opportunities which could lower this amount Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Article 27: Breach of Peace Ordinance Change

To see if the Town wants the Selectmen to make changes to the existing Breach of Peace Ordinance as posted on the Town of Franconia website and available in the Town of Franconia BOS office. Changes include but are not limited to definitions and fines.

Article 28: Petition Warrant Article

Should the revised Noise/Nuisance ordinance pass, amend the section on noise disturbance to between 10:00pm and 7:00am Sunday – Thursday and between 11:00pm and 7:00am Friday and Saturday. Should the revised Noise/nuisance fail, amend the current Breach of Peace Ordinance to the following: No person shall make loud or unreasonable noises in a Public Place, or make loud or unreasonable noises in a Private Place which can be heard in a Public Place or other Private Places between 10:00pm and 7:00am Sunday –Thursday and between 11:00pm and 7:00am Friday and Saturday which noises would disturb a person of average sensibilities within the Town of Franconia

Article 29: Adopt a Poultry Ordinance

To see if the Town wants the Selectmen to adopt a Poultry Ordinance allowing for the keeping of domestic chickens on a property for the personal use of the residents or for local sale on the lot on which the chickens are kept while at the same time preserving the quality of life of the surrounding neighborhood by not allowing the chickens to be kept in a number or manner that could create a nuisance.

Article 30: To Hear reports

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

Article 31: Transact any other business

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



Proposed Budget

Franconia

For the period beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022

Form Due Date: **20 Days after the Annual Meeting**

This form was posted with the warrant on: _____

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

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

Name	Position	Signature
JILL BREWER	SELECTBOARD	<i>Jill Brewer</i>
ERIC L. METZ	SELECTBOARD	<i>Eric L. Metz</i>
DANIEL WALKER	SELECTBOARD	<i>Daniel Walker</i>

This form must be signed, scanned, and uploaded to the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal:
<https://www.proptax.org/>

For assistance please contact:
NH DRA Municipal and Property Division
(603) 230-5090
<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2021	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2021	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
General Government						
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	04	\$154,866	\$169,670	\$163,838	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	04	\$41,846	\$42,383	\$44,470	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	04	\$16,398	\$14,611	\$17,715	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	04	\$54,608	\$74,988	\$24,372	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	04	\$6,204	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	04	\$154,659	\$215,549	\$181,312	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	04	\$4,617	\$7,390	\$5,895	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	04	\$138,636	\$142,278	\$149,601	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	04	\$17,070	\$20,425	\$19,107	\$0
4196	Insurance	04	\$46,611	\$50,310	\$54,838	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association		\$9,000	\$9,000	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Government Subtotal			\$644,515	\$752,604	\$667,148	\$0
Public Safety						
4210-4214	Police	04	\$344,724	\$373,669	\$401,984	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance	04	\$79,812	\$82,450	\$110,250	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	04	\$71,612	\$87,890	\$76,650	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection	04	\$11,224	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	04	\$2,058	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)	04	\$33,532	\$40,000	\$35,000	\$0
Public Safety Subtotal			\$542,962	\$597,509	\$637,384	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center						
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets						
4311	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	04	\$295,217	\$307,693	\$346,408	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	04	\$7,599	\$12,000	\$7,500	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal			\$302,816	\$319,693	\$353,908	\$0



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for	Appropriations	Proposed Appropriations for period	
			period ending	for period ending	ending 12/31/2022	
			12/31/2021	12/31/2021	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Sanitation						
4321	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$329,157	\$345,626	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation Subtotal			\$329,157	\$345,626	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment						
4331	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338-4339	Water Conservation and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric						
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health						
4411	Administration	04	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$0
4414	Pest Control		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other		\$25,010	\$25,510	\$0	\$0
Health Subtotal			\$25,010	\$25,510	\$500	\$0
Welfare						
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	04	\$17,686	\$8,000	\$13,340	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Welfare Subtotal			\$17,686	\$8,000	\$13,340	\$0
Culture and Recreation						
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	04	\$102,453	\$126,093	\$122,613	\$0
4550-4559	Library		\$82,000	\$820,000	\$0	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	04	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Culture and Recreation Subtotal			\$185,453	\$947,093	\$123,613	\$0



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for	Appropriations	Proposed Appropriations for period	
			period ending 12/31/2021	for period ending 12/31/2021	ending 12/31/2022 (Recommended)	ending 12/31/2022 (Not Recommended)
Conservation and Development						
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	04	\$250	\$500	\$500	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development Subtotal			\$250	\$500	\$500	\$0
Debt Service						
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	04	\$83,428	\$93,051	\$83,428	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	04	\$69,521	\$59,899	\$69,501	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service Subtotal			\$152,949	\$152,950	\$152,929	\$0
Capital Outlay						
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out						
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water	07	\$400,568	\$400,568	\$377,708	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal			\$400,568	\$400,568	\$377,708	\$0
Total Operating Budget Appropriations					\$2,327,030	\$0



Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	22	\$7,800	\$0
		<i>Purpose: V-Plow for Town Building Truck Purchase</i>		
49140	To Proprietary Fund - Other	08	\$89,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Abbie Greenleaf Library</i>		
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	05	\$215,150	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Appropriate to Capital Reserve Funds</i>		
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	09	\$1,500	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Add to the Dow Field Fund</i>		
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	11	\$5,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Add to the Recreation Van Fund</i>		
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	13	\$26,627	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Transfer Northern Pass Defense Funds to the Legal</i>		
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	16	\$47,156	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Transfer Surplus Funds to Life Squad CRF</i>		
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	25	\$3,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Energy Capital Reserve Fund</i>		
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	06	\$132,100	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Appropriate to Expendable Trust Funds</i>		
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	10	\$2,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Add to Rink Surface Maintenance Fund</i>		
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	15	\$8,815	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Donations Transferred to Expendable Trust Fund</i>		
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	18	\$66,652	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Establish an ETF for the Fire Dept Safety Equipmen</i>		
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	19	\$12,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Appropriate to the Fire Dept ETF</i>		
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$616,800	\$0



Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	24	\$9,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce</i>		
4323	Solid Waste Collection	14	\$376,657	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Tri-Town Transfer Station</i>		
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	23	\$19,342	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Non-Profits</i>		
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	21	\$35,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Transfer Station Skid Steer Loader Purchase</i>		
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	26	\$60,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Install a Solar Array on Town Property</i>		
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	20	\$42,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Police Cruiser Purchase</i>		
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$541,999	\$0



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2021	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2021	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2022
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund		\$0	\$8,500	\$0
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	04	\$1,266	\$971	\$500
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	04	\$74,941	\$74,941	\$75,000
3187	Excavation Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	04	\$18,027	\$80,000	\$18,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
Taxes Subtotal			\$94,234	\$164,412	\$93,500
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	04	\$5,210	\$1,500	\$2,500
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	04	\$303,452	\$275,000	\$300,000
3230	Building Permits	04	\$15,462	\$17,500	\$9,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	04	\$7,733	\$174,290	\$7,000
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal			\$331,857	\$468,290	\$318,500
State Sources					
3351	Municipal Aid/Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	04	\$83,457	\$57,000	\$80,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	04	\$52,434	\$52,347	\$52,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3379	From Other Governments	04, 14	\$105,312	\$161,500	\$130,000
State Sources Subtotal			\$241,203	\$270,847	\$262,000
Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	04, 11, 10, 14, 09	\$354,007	\$148,100	\$331,700
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services Subtotal			\$354,007	\$148,100	\$331,700
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$0	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	04	\$3,906	\$3,417	\$1,500
3503-3509	Other		\$2,648	\$25	\$0
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal			\$6,554	\$3,442	\$1,500



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2021	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2021	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2022
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)	07	\$400,568	\$400,568	\$377,708
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	21, 20, 22	\$85,382	\$165,000	\$84,800
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal			\$485,950	\$565,568	\$462,508
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	15, 16, 26, 13, 18, 19	\$322,306	\$0	\$221,250
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources Subtotal			\$322,306	\$0	\$221,250
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$1,836,111	\$1,620,659	\$1,690,958



Budget Summary

Item	Period ending 12/31/2022
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$2,327,030
Special Warrant Articles	\$616,800
Individual Warrant Articles	\$541,999
Total Appropriations	\$3,485,829
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$1,690,958
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$1,794,871

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY

Ongoing surges of COVID made this past year a study in patience, flexibility and hopefulness. During the first part of the year library staff resorted once again to curbside service in order to keep the library humming. In late April we opened our doors for book lending while programming and events flourished outdoors throughout the summer. By September we had returned to regular indoor programming. All in all, despite the challenges, it was a good year at the library.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Improvements included the construction of a new side walk, the removal of the difficult to maintain and maneuver ramp at the back of building, and the construction of a new lift which once again brings the building into ADA compliance. Again this summer Abbie Greenleaf Library was a site for an Art Walk sculpture, *Space Within Leaves* by Gillian Christy. Ultimately, the sculpture was purchased for the library by an anonymous donor.

TECHNOLOGY

Two desktop computers were purchased to replace the aging office and patron computers. Zoom communication became even more important this year as the librarian attended countless meetings and symposia via this platform.

GRANTS

The library had the good fortune of receiving several grants in 2021. These included a Rural Library grant administered by the American Library Association for the funding of professional development and a Community Book Discussion based on the *The Diary of Anne Frank*. The library also received an ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) grant administered by The NH State Library which provided funding for Summer Programming and much needed outdoor seating. The NH State Library also granted the library a Summer Learning grant for the creation of Nature Backpacks in collaboration with ACT (Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust). And, in the fall, the NH Council on the Arts and the State Library granted the library a repositionable Story Walk for National Story Walk Week.

THE LIBRARY COLLECTION

2021 circulation numbers remained high despite COVID. We invested not only in the collection but also in material that could be utilized for programming purposes i.e. story backpacks, book groups and incentive books for young readers.

PROGRAMMING AND SPECIAL EVENTS

We made up for being sequestered all winter by hosting a raucous summer of nonstop outdoor programming and events. Weekly Story Time was delightfully well attended. Special thanks to Gillian Cahill and the Recreation Department for their support. Over 25 children also participated in Summer Incentive Reading while the adults met outdoors for Abbie Book Group. Jason Tors and Ben Solomon kicked events off with an experimental noise making extravaganza that included lots of participation from our younger patrons. After a hiatus last year, we once again hosted the Annual July 4th Reading Aloud of the Declaration of Independence. The pied piper of Abbie Greenleaf Library, Mr. Aaron, returned as did the naturalist from Squam Lake Science Center, and the North Country Chamber Players. And, no one had a bad word to say about the Ice Cream for Lunch Lawn Party. People regularly played giant scrabble, picnicked and simply relaxed in our new outdoor seating.

In the fall, The Community Book Discussion of *Diary of Anne Frank* was held on the lawn of the library. Over 25 people discussed topics prompted by the reading including the impact of isolation and what fosters hope. Also, several meetings of Kathie Lovette's Knitting Group were held outdoors but as the days grew short and the temperature dropped even the heartiest knitters came inside. In addition, thanks to help of several teens, we once again held the annual holiday book sale. Only two events, Art With Whitney Robbins and an Experimental Film Screening, had to be canceled because of illness due to COVID. Otherwise, with masks on, we were able to continue to hold Story Time, Knitting Group, ESL classes, Mah Jongg, Abbie Book Group and freeform after school meetups all indoors through the end of the year.

IN CONCLUSION

Thank you to a most adaptable, patient library staff —Joanne Carey, Carrie Hamblin, Priscilla Hindley, Loriann Jesseman, Kim Wescott, Sophie Eddy and Mackenzie Craig, the Board of Trustees, and all of the Town employees including Kim Cowles, Cory Rush, and Jenny Monahan.

And, thank you to members of the community for supporting and participating in community building even in the midst of a pandemic.

Respectfully reported by
Ann Steuernagel
Library Director
1/24/22

STATISTICS

Books with the highest circulation in 2021:
Fiction – *Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles
Mystery – *Thirteen* by Steve Cavanagh
Non-fiction – *Nomadland* by Jessica Bruder
Junior – *Witchboy* by Molly Knox Ostertag
Early Reader – *Otis and the Scarecrow* by Loren Long

MATERIALS CIRCULATED

Adult Fiction	2,526
Adult Non-Fiction	811
Young Adult	89
Juvenile	964
Easy Readers	766
Audio Books	35
DVD's	178
Magazines	630
Objects (toys, puzzles, telescope, CDs)	212
Computer usage	1,352
Inter-library loans	303
Digital material downloaded	
eBooks	1087
eAudio	1613
eMag	87

TOTAL 10,653

The above figure includes 267 books loaned to NH libraries via inter-library loan.

There are approximately 800 individual library cardholders with over 300 patrons currently using their cards. 52 new patrons joined the library this year.

Total Accessions 415

Total Deaccessions 418

Subscriptions

Periodicals	27
Newspapers	3

In addition, the library subscribed to Explora and OverDrive (an eBook/eAudio database).

TOTAL VOLUMES approximately 10,300

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY

Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2021

Assets	
Cash in banks and on hand	\$27, 873.02
Income from Trust Accounts	\$569, 617.20
Total Assets:	\$597, 490.22
Liabilities and Fund Equity	
Permanently Restricted	\$155,155.61
Reserved for Special Purposes	\$414,461.59
Unreserved Designated Fund Balances	\$27,873.02
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity:	\$597,490.22

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY

Statement of Revenue & Expenditures

As of December 31, 2021

Revenues	
Town Appropriation	\$82,000.00
Non-Resident Card Fees	\$1,115.00
Donations	\$12,980.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$2,781.12
Grants	\$6,550.00
Income from Trust Accounts	\$3,962.57
Endowment Contributions	\$3,147.00
Total Revenues:	\$112,535.69
Expenditures	
Bank Charges and Fees	\$30.00
Books, Audio, DVD's, Newspapers and Periodicals	\$8,034.20
Computer and Internet Expenses	\$1,334.34
Custodial Services and Supplies	\$2,750.00
Dues and Fees	\$254.00
Grant Payments	\$940.00
Insurance – Treasurer's Bond	\$100.00
Legal and Professional Fees – Bookkeeping	\$1,670.00
Office and Library Expenses	\$3,194.60
Postage and Post Office Box Fees	\$243.00
Director's Salary	\$44,400.20
Other Wages	\$15,640.30
Payroll Expenses	\$14,062.70
Professional Development	\$562.44
Programs	\$5,615.02
Repairs and Maintenance	\$2,589.38
Utilities and Telecommunications	\$6,759.81
Total Expenditures:	\$108,179.99
Net Income:	\$4,355.70

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY
Report of Endowment Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Fund	Principal				Income			
	Beginning Balance	Unrealized Gain (Loss)	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Investment Income	Expenses	Ending Balance	12/31/20 Balance
Harry and Mary Priest Fund	\$174,844.56	\$25,654.46	\$200,499.02	\$30,871.62	\$6,779.26	(\$2,179.26)	\$35,471.62	\$235,790.64
Jarvis D. Blair Fund	\$64,140.59	\$9,440.74	\$73,581.33	\$11,562.26	\$2,494.74	(\$801.96)	\$13,255.04	\$86,836.37
Phillips Fund	\$8,625.21	\$1,233.85	\$9,859.06	\$1,268.55	\$326.03	(\$104.82)	\$1,489.76	\$11,348.82
J.C. Blair Fund	\$42,083.33	\$5,686.80	\$47,770.13	\$3,412.11	\$1,447.40	(\$3,628.95)	\$1,230.56	\$49,000.69
Karl Schaffer Fund	\$17,165.71	\$2,472.53	\$19,638.24	\$2,660.87	\$653.37	(\$210.04)	\$3,104.20	\$22,742.44
Lovett Fund	\$6,349.59	\$930.92	\$7,280.51	\$1,115.21	\$245.99	(\$79.08)	\$1,282.12	\$8,562.63
TOTALS	\$313,208.99	\$45,419.30	\$358,628.29	\$50,890.62	\$11,946.79	(\$7,004.11)	\$55,833.30	\$414,461.59

~A library is proof that you can never have too much of a good thing~



2022-2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

The 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Plan was completed by a group of five citizens, appointed by the Planning Board. The Committee worked from October, 2021 through February, 2022 on this year's plan.

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 priorities for the time frame 2022-2026. These individual requests were then laid out in an annualized schedule and analyzed relative to the Town's duty to maintain critical assets and the need to raise monies to fund the projects in the future.

These activities resulted in the CIP Committee updating the long range capital plan for 2022 with a total funding of \$355,096.** The following are the significant elements of the 2022 Plan:

1. Highway Department

- a. The Dodge 5500 was due for replacement in 2022. Despite the road agent's diligent research, competitive bids with guaranteed availability dates were impossible to secure. Rather than rush into a less than optimal vehicle, the road agent and the CIP will continue to meet and discuss the best vehicle for the tasks and explore more vendor options. A special town meeting may be called later in the year to vote to authorize a purchase. The road agent will continue to rationalize the balance of the department's fleet for size of vehicle, suitability to the task and manpower availability. Scheduled funding for 2022 will continue at \$39,552.
- b. Highway Heavy Equipment- \$5,586 was expended in 2021 for equipment repairs; continue 2022 funding according to schedule at \$21,475.
- c. Sidewalk - \$12,015 was expended on sidewalk renewal in 2021; continue funding at \$21,000. The section from Garnet Hill to the school will be done in 2022 for a cost of about \$7,500. The new sidewalks are expected to have a 20 year life.
- d. Road Improvement - Funding in 2022 will continue at \$75,000, which will be supplemented with the State Block Grant (approximately \$50,000). Mittersill roads and the parking lot at the Town Building are priorities in 2022. The road agent is working to refine the long-term road improvement plan.
- e. Bridge Maintenance - \$40,000 was voted at the 2021 Town Meeting and will continue for another four years to work toward the refurbishment of the Lafayette Road bridge. In the meantime this bridge should make it onto the State list for funding assistance.

2. Buildings & Grounds

- a. A new Hustler mower will be purchased for \$14,500. A trade-in or sale of the Wright 36" mower and the old Gravely mower will reduce the list price and the proceeds will replenish the CRF.
- b. Regular funding for other vehicles and equipment amounts to \$12,619.
- c. Town Buildings Maintenance will continue to be funded at \$30,000.
- d. A comprehensive schedule of all Town buildings and their capital components has been created. Work continues on the estimates for replacement costs and dates.

3. Police

- a. The 2016 Dodge Charger will be replaced with a 2022 Dodge Charger at a cost of \$30,772 plus upfitting expenses of \$11,000 for a total \$41,772. A trade-in or sale will reduce the cost by about \$5,000. Capital Reserve Funds of \$37,000 will cover the cost.
- b. Regularly scheduled funding of \$13,770 will take place in 2022 with a revision to come in 2023.

4. Life Squad

- a. Ambulance and equipment are in good condition although they are aging. The estimate to replace the ambulance is \$225,000 and the Power Cot is \$50,000. Regular funding toward replacement of the ambulance, cardiac monitor, Stryker Power Cot, and Mobile Radio amounts to \$29,975.

5. Fire Department

- a. Regular funding toward replacement of the four trucks (Rescue, Pumper, Tanker, Ladder) and the Turnout Gear and Breathing Equipment amount to \$52,264. The Sutphen Pumper has high maintenance costs and is under consideration for replacement. The Department is exploring options to replace the Pumper and the Rescue truck with a combination Rescue/Pumper. Further details will be available later in the year.
- b. With \$12,625 in reserves for Rural Water Supply, there will be no additional funding this year.

6. Miscellaneous

- a. The Franconia Recreation Department regularly budgets for the rink resurfacing at \$2,000, Dow Field maintenance at \$1,500, and replacement of the recreation van at \$5,000.
- b. The Heritage Museum’s roof replacement is being funded at \$1,040.
- c. The Frost Place’s roof replacement is being funded at \$850.
- d. The Library tiled roof replacement continues to be funded at \$5,000. A recent estimate for the work came to \$163,000. The Library Trustees expect \$70,000 to come from the Expendable Trust Fund and the balance from a NH Charitable Trust donation.

7. Transfer Station

- a. All equipment has been added to the CIP schedule with estimated replacement costs and dates. No funding is being done at this time because of the \$92,500 balance already in the account.
- b. A new Bobcat Skid Steer Loader will be purchased in 2022 for \$35,000, which includes a trade-in or sale of the existing vehicle. The prospect of a good resale value is prompting the acquisition at this time.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- a. Highway Department – a multi-year plan is being formulated to inform the need for \$75,000 funding.
- b. At present \$30,000 is being set aside for town buildings. As the comprehensive inventory of buildings and components becomes more complete, the Town should consider adjusting the level of funding to meet priorities for projected replacements.
- c. The Life Squad is a department with revenues and expenses; that is, it operates as a business. The CIP recommends that all the costs of running the department should be reflected in its budget and be transparent to the taxpayers, including adding a reserve for the replacement of its capital equipment, when a surplus arises from its operations. As we did last year, we will propose a warrant article for this year that will transfer the 2021 surplus to the Life Squad Van CRF.
- d. Bridge Maintenance – A survey of bridges and their condition with a timeline and estimate of refurbishment indicates that a significant increase in funding is needed to meet the future expense. In 2021 a warrant article was passed to increase funding toward a \$200,000 refurbishment of Lafayette Road bridge in five years. Therefore, the second \$40,000 is scheduled for 2022.
- e. The Water Department infrastructure is not on the CIP schedule. Future replacement should be taken into account by either the WD or the CIP. In addition, the Department should seriously consider participating in the DES Asset Management Program.
- f. Transfer Station – There is continued discussion regarding the purchase of a scale. A comprehensive cost/benefit analysis should be done to come to a conclusion.

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 2022-2026 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,

Dan Walker (Select Board’s Representative), Karen Foss, Peter Grote, Trevor Presby, Steve Plant-The CIP Committee

* The \$355,096 includes the added funding for the second year of \$40,000 toward Bridge Maintenance, but excludes debt service payments on the Safety Services Building and the Water System Project.

* In 2021, \$267,221 in scheduled funding was augmented with \$129,613 of warrant articles composed of: \$25,000 for Fire Heavy Equipment, \$39,613 for Life Squad Ambulance, \$25,000 for Library, \$40,000 for Bridge Maintenance.

CEMETERIES

The year 2021 was wonderfully productive for improvements at Franconia's Willow and Elmwood cemeteries. The visible work of mowing, trimming, spring and fall clean-up, edging stones, cleaning monuments, placing flags and facilitating interments, was supplemented by less visible tasks of creating a Donation Acceptance form and updating cemetery Information and Policies. The Elmwood map, which is manually updated each time someone acquires a lot, was professionally revised and printed this past year. In the spring a copy will be hung on an exterior wall of the small white cemetery shed, viewable for public use.

Foot traffic through Elmwood is steady, even in winter, and many passersby noticed that work continued into a warm December. So, the 1914 metalworked archway, iron fence and gates (which were restored in 2020) now have sets of bollards on either side, which complement and protect this historic town treasure. The whole project was completed with funds accrued through lot sales, not taxation. Similarly, two new hydrangeas planted nearby were purchased through a generous bequest of former cemetery trustee Barbara Holt.

The entranceway to Elmwood, and that of Willow (refurbished in 2019), besides being noticed by numerous locals, caught the eye of the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance. Subsequently, the Town of Franconia received a preservation achievement award for the refurbishment of the metalwork entranceways at both town cemeteries. After a Zoom ceremony and an in-person presentation in Franconia, an article and photograph appeared in the Littleton Courier.

StandFast Works Forge of Maine did an outstanding job and the cemetery sexton, Penny Keeler, is unparalleled in her dedication to beautifying the cemeteries. We commend and thank her for her work, and also recognize the time and expertise contributed by Corey and Jack of the Franconia DPW; Kim and Jenny at Town Hall; our officers at the PD; trustees of trust funds, and volunteers.

Looking ahead, objectives for 2022 include picket fence replacement at Elmwood Cemetery and the cutting of brush and trees at the edges of Willow Cemetery.

Minutes from all cemetery trustee meetings are available at the Town Hall and on the town website. Other cemetery-related online resources include a detailed accounting of Willow Cemetery gravestones and burials from a 2002 survey by Christopher Brooks found at www.tributaries.info/ui490.htm, and photos of nearly all gravestones in both Willow and Elmwood Cemeteries viewable at www.findagrave.com.

It is an honor to serve this community through stewarding its cemeteries.

Respectfully submitted,
Franconia Cemetery Trustees
Mary Brubaker, chair
Jayne O'Connor
Robert "Chris" Collman

2021 Elmwood Interments:

June 10	Laura Beth Ramsey
July 23	Judith Carroll
July 24	David Shufelt
September 18	Laura McLachlin
September 25	Newell Murray

2021 Lot Sales (Right-To-Inter):

McKenzie Santolucito
Pat Garvin
Don Herbert family

FRANCONIA CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation commission continued working on a limited meeting basis and used virtual meetings in response to the continuing pandemic.

- Members of the commission monitored various community trails and conserved lands and participated in their stewardship as part of a broad collaborative effort across the greater valley. The goal remains to improve awareness and appreciation of our community's natural resources and recreational assets by residents and visitors.
- The commission reviewed several wetland related applications processed through the Department of Environmental Services during the calendar year and provided comments when indicated.
- The commission sponsored a community zoom meeting in April to discuss the valley trail network in Franconia and how the integrity of the network that traverses both public and private land can be better secured for posterity. Our trail network has consistently been considered an important and unique feature of the town. Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust initiated work on a management plan for the Wells Road property they acquired with FCC's Conservation Fund support in 2021. Additionally, the ACT worked with the commission to assure compliance with funding and easement restrictions associated with trail work on the Lawrence Family Forest. The Franconia Area NEMBA group obtained funding and completed the relocation of the Pebble Beach trail shifting the majority of the trail segment onto Lawrence Family Forest in collaboration with abutting landowners.
- A letter in support of House Bill 177 and restrictions on siting Land Fills close to State Parks was provided by the commission.
- Several members of the commission participated in programs sponsored by the NHACC, which is the umbrella resource for conservation commissions throughout New Hampshire.
- The group welcomes participation by towns residents and has an opening on the commission for an alternate member.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Nicodemus, Chairman

Ginny Jeffreys, Secretary

Jill Brewer, Selectman

Red McCarthy

Mary Grote

Mark Ober

Art Daily

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

This past year has been a challenging and an interesting year to take over as the Emergency Management Director. It has been a busy year of Covid-19 meetings with the State as we try to figure out how to continue moving through the pandemic. We have watched Covid surges throughout our region and countless families continue to be impacted. My condolences go out to every family that has lost someone during these difficult times.

We are all feeling Covid fatigue with ever changing guidelines and new variants. Sometimes it is difficult to know what the best course of action is to follow. I want to thank everyone for doing their part and following town mask ordinances when they are in place. Getting vaccinated continues to be the best option to protect yourself and our community.

I am training hard to learn the knowledge and skills needed to best serve the Franconia community when difficult times arise. I want to be accessible to the citizens of this community and to be of assistance in any way I can be. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at: emd@franconianh.org

Finally, I want to thank Mark Taylor for his 20 years of dedicated service as the Emergency Management Director. Mark has been instrumental in making sure the town is prepared for any emergencies that may come our way. His hard work and dedication have made for an easy transition and I am thankful for all of his assistance.

Respectfully,

Nate Hanson
Emergency Management Director
emd@franconianh.org

FRANCONIA ENERGY COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2021

It is the mission of the Franconia Energy Commission to both reduce the carbon footprint of the Town of Franconia and save tax payer dollars by analyzing the town's energy use and recommend energy solutions.

Throughout 2021 the energy Commission explored many new ideas, which did not advance to the execution stage.

- Helped the town with the new welcome center design and going over possible energy efficient measures that can be implemented in the new design as well as look into possible grant funding.
- Drafted a town solar ordinance
- Drafted a town energy conservation policy
- Considered community aggregated power
- Considered VW funding for vehicle chargers
- Supported and monitored solar progress in neighboring towns (Sugar Hill, Bethlehem) and Profile school with an eye towards replicating in Franconia.
- Added to the energy capital reserve fund

If anyone has an interest in joining the commission or has some town energy saving ideas, please contact us through the town's website.

Unfortunately, the numbers were not entered in on time to generate the energy usage report for the town this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Franconia Energy Commission

Kim Cowles, JS Fitzpatrick, Eric Meth (Select board liaison), Chip Stowell, Dave Strange, Bob Tortorice, Chuck Lukasik, Chris Dube

FIRE DEPARTMENT

2021 once again proved to be a challenging year for your fire department. As we continue to deal with the ever changing requirements that Covid presents, the members of the Franconia Fire Department continue to be committed to responding to the needs of the citizens and guests of the town. The department answered well over 100 calls for service including 91 emergency responses during the year.

The Department was once again able to host events in town such as our annual Old Home Day Barbecue and fire prevention day at the local schools. The members enjoy visiting with the residents of our town and meeting some of our future firefighters at the school during these events.

In July the department took delivery of our 12 new Scott self-contained breathing apparatus units. These units replaced the previous breathing apparatus which had reached the end of their usable life. These units are imperative for the safety and well being of our members during a number of different emergency responses we face and we are grateful to the taxpayers who voted in support of this expenditure. We also took delivery of three new hazardous gas meters which help identify hazardous and flammable gases that may be present in or around a building. With a multitude of different heating systems now being used and the use of different chemicals during construction or renovations, these types of emergency calls are becoming more frequent and the department is well equipped to handle them.

We would also like to once again remind residents and business owners who have a monitored fire alarm system to install a Knox Box key system that allows the fire department to have access to the property during an emergency or alarm. If you already have a Knox Box, please ensure your locks have not changed and that the keys in the box are current. Do not hesitate to reach out to the department if you need to update keys or would like to install a box on your property.

As we continue to see the average age of our department increase, we are always looking for new members to join. If you or someone you know has ever been interested in serving the community as a volunteer firefighter, please have them contact the Chief or come to one of our meetings or trainings, held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6:30PM.

As always, we would like to thank the Franconia Police Department, Franconia Life Squad and the Franconia Highway Department for their continued cooperation and teamwork in ensuring incidents within our town are handled promptly and efficiently.

Most importantly, we would like to thank the community and the Select Board for their continued support of the Fire Department.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Rick Gaudette

Franconia's Firefighters

Chief Rick Gaudette
Cray Ball
Danny Ballentine
Shaw Brown
Kim Cowles

Tim Cowles
Peter Gaudette
Andrew Husson
Bill McCarthy
Ryan O'Hara

Asst. Chief Tyler Gaudette
Walter Palmer
Alex Peoples
Steve Schmucker
Stanley Sherburn

FRANCONIA AREA HERITAGE COUNCIL

2021 President's Report

Summary: The Franconia Area Heritage Council/Franconia Heritage Museum had a very active and successful 2021. Much of the success is due to new board members and other volunteers who have added new ideas, energy, and enthusiasm to our efforts. It was fortuitous that our open season, May to October, coincided with COVID-19 vaccinations and lowering case numbers.

Accessions: Over 23 different donors added 267 items to the collection. Highlights included over fifty 18th and 19th century documents concerning the Brooks family, early settlers whose family records and artifacts were the beginning of our collection. We also received a group of 40 postcards of White Mountain attractions, and the Blue Morph sculpture by Madeline Lord which graces our side yard. Thank you! The Heritage Council appreciates the continuing interest of those who add to our collection, allowing us to interpret Franconia history.

Visitors: The Franconia Heritage Museum welcomed 158 (+ an additional 75 who attended the Christmas party) visitors from 22 states, Thailand and Canada. Many visitors were entire families. On June 11, we entertained Amy Kelly's third grade students from Lafayette Regional School. The Iron Furnace Interpretive Center welcomed approximately 950 visitors from 31 states, Washington, DC, and 4 countries. The comments about the Stone Stack are always very positive! Many commentators praised the improvements Jean Goehlen has continued to make to the Stone Stack, which is on her property. We thank her for preserving this important part of Franconia History. This year many positive comments mentioned the Art Walk and Splude Place Picnic Area. (See below under achievements.)

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

Events: The Annual February Skating Party was cancelled. The Annual Meeting was held at Lovett's Inn in November with several Council members attending in addition to the board. FAHC held a mostly outdoor Christmas Party on a beautiful day in mid-December. About 75 people attended. Santa and Mrs. Claus entertained children sitting in a horse-drawn sleigh (donated by Joan Hannah) in the front yard. Cocoa and cookies were served.

Maintenance: Estimates have been obtained to repair and add a small shed to the existing building at the Interpretive Center. Estimates have been obtained to update Interpretive Center displays and signage. A backdoor on the furthest shed at the Museum blew off and is boarded up. A permanent fix will be made in the Spring.

Collaborations: 1. Franconia College before and during their reunion; 2. Franconia Art walk and Splude Place on a "By the Byways: Read the Marker" award as the result of a grant written by a Council board member; and 3. Franconia Community Church of Christ on Christmas/Holidays celebration. We also have worked with the Town of Franconia on several projects mentioned elsewhere.

Business: Thanks to 5 new board members, we have again established committees. Very important to our mission is the Archive Committee, the purpose of which is to preserve and to conserve the collection of the Franconia Area Heritage Council. Goals are to inventory and prioritize the collection, to catalog, explore digitization and determine accessibility. Committees are working on internet presence, rebranding, including a new logo, and maintenance. Other committees will be added as necessary.

Exhibit: A new exhibit for 2022 is being set up, which will highlight the work, including photographs, of C. T. Bodwell. As the initial Superintendent of the Lost River and Franconia Notch Reservations, he was responsible for developing many of the natural attractions in our area.

Wider Franconia Community: 1. Researching and replacing, with the help of an anonymous donor, the World War II Memorial Plaque at Franconia Town Hall. 2. Researching and establishing, for the town, the correct date Franconia was settled. This date will be used by the 250th Anniversary celebration in 2023. We updated the road sign entering Franconia from the North to agree with this date. 3. Through our Facebook presence, our engagement with the larger Franconia community has greatly increased. (Facebook Page: Franconia Heritage Museum). We share items of historical interest, current local and state-wide events, and our Cookbook project. All Franconia residents are encouraged to contribute

recipes. 4. Living History Project in which local residents are interviewed about their memories of Franconia. If we missed you, please let us know.

Museum open hours remain 1 to 4 pm on Saturday from Memorial Day Weekend to Mid-October or by appointment. We continue to answer history and genealogy questions about Franconia and its inhabitants.

PLEASE NOTE NEW EMAIL: info@franconiaareaheritage.org We are still responding to the old email.

FAHC contributing members now number over 140. We are grateful for their support and interest.

We thank the citizens of Franconia for their support, including our new volunteers. Additional volunteers are always welcome. If you see something you would be like to work on or have other ideas, please consider volunteering at this important Franconia resource.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Heinemann, President
Franconia Area Heritage Council

FRANCONIA HERITAGE COUNCIL

Treasurer's Report 10/1/20 through 9/30/21

Checking Account Balance Oct. 1, 2020	\$	4,604.20
Income		
Membership	\$	4,190.00
Museum Donations	\$	6,843.99
Interpretive Center Donations	\$	617.25
Edward Jones Dividends (reinvested)	\$	-
GE Dividends	\$	242.30
Annual Dinner	\$	-
Gift Shop	\$	7.00
Memorials	\$	-
Checking Account Interest	\$	6.76
Program Speaker Reimburse	\$	-
Closure of CD	\$	15,756.41
Totals	\$	27,663.71
Expenditures		
State of NH Filing Fees	\$	130.00
Electric	\$	487.44
Internet	\$	429.12
Telephone	\$	664.02
Heating Oil	\$	1,905.73
Water	\$	247.60
Office Expense/Supplies	\$	1,551.20
Stamps	\$	120.16
Newsletter Printing /Mailing	\$	-
Mailbox Rental	\$	56.00
Building & Grounds	\$	1,049.85
Program Expenses	\$	-
Preservation	\$	12,000.00
Memorials	\$	-
Memberships	\$	285.00
Annual Dinner	\$	-
Totals	\$	18,926.12
Ending Balance	\$	13,341.79

LAFAYETTE RECREATION

Like many local and national organizations, Lafayette Rec has improved on its ability to perform during the pandemic. This year we were able to reintroduce many of our 2020 canceled events and hold them in a responsible and safe way. Unfortunately, we were not able to hold them all but our hope moving forward is to be up and running at pre-pandemic levels as soon as safely possible.

Our spring included a full slate of baseball for local children. In a show of local solidarity, some of our older children teamed up with Bethlehem players for a combined grade 4 and 5 team. Our 6 graders were invited to the middle school at Profile to train and play with that program.

Some of our summer events included more North Country Chamber Players concerts at the Dow Park, two outdoor movie nights, the return of Old Home Day and another successful summer recreation program with over 70 participants. The Recreation Committee also worked with the residents of the Dow Academy to repair and open the tennis courts. It was a long process with some repair work not completing until later in the year, but the courts did eventually open to the public.

The fall saw a full slate of soccer teams back in action. The Halloween Cup, one of our most popular fall events, was also held again. There were 33 local co-ed teams in attendance as well as a couple of local food trucks. The return of the Wobble Gobble also returned this year to record number of participants

As always, we continue our efforts to enhance the recreational opportunities for residents of various ages and interests and strive to enhance the positive relationships formed with other community groups. The Lafayette Recreation Committee meets the first Thursday of each month and residents are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Lafayette Committee Members

Franconia: Adam Boyer, Haley Ireland, and Cindy Berlack

Sugar Hill: Michael McConnell and Nicole McKay

Easton: Michael McKeever and Kent Butterfield

Lafayette Regional School; Gordie Johnk

Recreation Director: Kim Cowles

LIFE SQUAD

Franconia Ambulance Service continues to seek membership from the surrounding area by recruiting from the towns of Sugar Hill, Easton, and of course Franconia, the same communities it provides services. Anyone wishing to volunteer is welcome to apply for membership.

Franconia Ambulance currently has seven (7) members who are certified to provide Advanced Life Support, four (4) of whom are nationally registered paramedics. At the end of 2021 the ambulance service had eleven (11) active members.

All of our members are Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technicians. They are continually training to not only improve their skills, but provide current national standards. Each member must have a minimum of 20 hours of continuing education each year for a total of 40 hours after two years, at which time they must reapply for their national certification and state license. All educational fees are paid for by the ambulance service. In addition, all members receive a stipend dependent on their level of certification.

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

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

Chief Paul Schmucker EMT

Asst. Chief Nathan Hanson, Paramedic

Capt. Mark Taylor, EMT

William Mead, Paramedic

Pam Oakman, Paramedic

Stephen Schmucker, AEMT

Ned Wilson, EMT

Jeffrey Collins, AEMT

Allan Clark, EMT

Evelyn Collins, Paramedic

Patrick Griffin, EMT

At the conclusion of 2021, Franconia Ambulance had responded to 364 calls for assistance and of those calls 187 required transport.

In 2021, the total operating expenses for the Franconia Ambulance were \$79,705.06. While income obtained from patient billing and subsidies from Sugar Hill and Easton totaled \$126,861.80. This in turn provides a surplus of \$47,156.74 dollars which was returned to the Town of Franconia.

Currently the ambulance service is operating at the Advanced Life Support- paramedic level.

As always, I sincerely thank the townspeople and the selectmen for their continued support and the privilege to serve. I especially want to thank the men and women of the Franconia Ambulance for their countless hours of dedication and sacrifice, serving others in their community in their time of need.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Schmucker-Chief

Franconia Life Squad

PLANNING BOARD

This year at the planning board, there were only a few subdivisions, boundary line adjustments or site plan reviews. The Planning Board created a questionnaire to gather information to help us update the town's Master Plan. This questionnaire was available to residents for several months. In addition, multiple public hearings were held to gather further information. More than 120 completed questionnaires were received. The information is currently being compiled and will be used to begin updating the Master Plan in 2022.

The planning board also worked with the select board to propose rules regarding solar installations, a noise ordinance, and a revised sign ordinance. Several public hearings were held, and these ordinances will be presented at the Franconia town meeting in 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Thaddeus D. Presby, Chairman

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD: Susan Retz, Chair - Phil Krill, Vice Chair - Peter Grote - Brian Williams
Alicia Shambo, Alternate - Alex Peoples, Alternate

Early in 2021 the Zoning Board of Adjustments (ZBA) had a carryover case from 2020. This was the Wolfpack- Iron Furnace Brewery – Variance to install a 55-foot-high cell tower on the site of the brewery. The applicant had come to a number of hearings and was asked to return with adjustments to the application. This has not occurred.

In May of 2021, application for a Variance was made by the Fox Hill Cooperative, a manufactured housing community on Fox Hill Lane, consisting of 39 lots. The variance requested was from the required set back of 20 feet to 12 feet from the side yard for all lots. Previously, Lot 61 has been vacant and the new two-bedroom unit would need the additional area. This variance was approved in November 2019, but the request in May for all lots did not have specific information on units requiring a variance, so the application was withdrawn.

There has been a lot of construction in the town of Franconia during 2021. None of these projects have required a Variance or Special Exception to the Zoning Ordinance so no new applications have been received. Without cases to be heard the ZBA did not meet in 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Retz, Chair

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Hello Franconia Community!

It's that time of year again and I am happy to report to you all on your local community Police Department. I am very excited to tell you about where we are and what you can expect from us in 2022. I remember last year I was optimistic about having the pandemic well off in our rear-view mirror by now, but as you know that is not the case. I am happy to say that as of this report none of our full-time officers have had to take an extended leave of absence due to getting Covid-19. We have done a good job keeping ourselves healthy and this in turn means that we have not had any lapses in coverage due to our Officers being sick. We are still taking precautions so that we can continue to provide our full service for the foreseeable duration of this pandemic.

On a lighter note I want to take a moment to mention the 4-way intersections "New" stop signs. I have said it before and will say it again, "Well Done Town of Franconia and NH Dept. of Transportation". I am very pleased to report that we have not had a crash in that intersection since the addition of the North/South stop signs on Main St. We think locals have adapted well and the visitors are all safer too. We continue to closely monitor the intersection and have issued many, many warnings and a few citations, but overall, we at the PD are pleased with the transition. In combination with the new speed signs, new sidewalks, new paved roadway and the Art Walk, our down town is looking pretty snazzy and I thank all that played a part in getting it done.

Last year this time we were missing Sgt. Jarvis who was on deployment overseas. I am overjoyed to report he is home safe with his family and back in action at FPD. It was a tough year without him; we were just as busy and Officer First Class Kaitlyn Barnum and Officer Garry Pilotte really stepped up. With the addition of Part Time Officer Kerry Pomeroy who replaced, Zack "Chico" Chicoine (who by the way is doing great as an Alaskan State Trooper) and the other Part Time officers we made it through. Once again FPD owes thanks to our part time staff, Jeff Dube, Sean Donahue and Zach Bushway, who all have full time Police jobs and were still able to help cover shifts and provide relief while Sgt. Jarvis was gone. Now for the part I am very excited to report. As of January 2022, the Franconia Police Department is able to deliver on its promises made when the town graciously voted to add the 4th full time police officer. We are at full strength; having gotten through maternity leaves and deployments, we are finally able to schedule all four of us and we are ready to go. That is a big deal in law enforcement these days; almost every surrounding department in our area has one or two unfilled positions. We are lucky to have the team we do, and as a department, we hope to elevate our agency to a new level of professional and effective police service.

One immediate change is that we are able to be on duty for 12-14 more hours a week extending police coverage. We have also been talking to the town about some different "on call" options as we are not and cannot be a 24/7 PD. However, we are looking at different ideas that would extend "on call" in order to cast a larger net of coverage with the hopes of limiting the times NH State Police have to respond to our jurisdiction. It was recently brought to my attention that residents may have the misperception that FPD is on all the time, or that we respond to every call. This unfortunately is not the case and some calls do

get transferred to NHSP. We are in the process of discussing options with the Select Board and other department heads to see what the most viable options are to address these concerns.

We have also redistributed responsibilities for more efficiency amongst our staff. This will improve work flow, increase patrol times and ensure we are operating effectively. We want to ensure that our officers are well trained, have the proper working gear, and are fully capable of handling whatever emergency's we are faced with. We hope to increase our community visibility, and proactively deter crime to protect our citizens. We all are excited to show you what this team is capable of this year.

Now the money part. The Franconia PD budget is only increasing slightly. There are a few lines that have increased like our prosecutorial fees and our dispatch fees, but for the most part our line items have stayed the same. We were slightly underspent on some items due to Sgt. Jarvis' deployment. However, we know what we need to run this PD and it's about the same every year. So, there are no large increases, as I have attempted year after year to spend appropriately and only ask for what we need. To that point if you remember last year to show gratitude for our 4th officer and play our part in "tightening the belt," Franconia PD did not request any pay increase. This year we ask the tax payers to consider the increase of the standard Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) determined by the town for our employees. We are not asking for additional "raises" but just the increase determined by the town to offset inflation. This year the COLA increase for 2022 is 5.9 percent and, at the time of this writing, we as a town are asking for 5.5 percent. I hope you will consider this prudent as employee retention is the name of the game at this point and not just for the Police Department.

Our activity this year was about normal, with slight increases in some areas and reductions in others. I can tell you it felt like a busy year. The statistics are attached to this report. The items not shown on the report is the influx again this year of 91A - right to know requests as well as several felony level investigations, some of which are still being investigated and others that are up for indictment at the Grafton County Attorney's office. I do expect an increase in crime and calls for service in 2022 and beyond. I have many reasons for this prediction that I am happy to discuss with any concerned resident. However, please know that we are ready for it; we have planned for the increase in activity, and our population as well as future criminal trends in our area.

On behalf of the entire Franconia Police Department we thank you for all your continued support. We are excited to serve you this year, and are proud to work with this community.

Respectfully,

Chief Martin Cashin
Sgt. Ryan Jarvis
Officer First Class Kaitlyn Barnum
Officer Gary Pilotte
Administrative Assistant Jamie Allaire

Part Time Officers:
Officer Kerry Pomeroy
Officer Jeff Dube
Officer Sean Donahue
Officer Zach Bushway

POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

CRIMINAL OFFENSES	2020	2021	CRIMINAL CHARGES	2020	2021
Assaults	1	3	Theft	20	8
Sexual Assault	0	1	Driving While Intoxicated	2	7
Bad Checks	0	0	Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0
Burglary/Trespass/Car breaks	5	3	Arson/Explosive Device	1	0
Viol. of Restrain/Court Order	5	0	Hindering Apprehension	0	0
Computer Crime	0	0	Endanger Welfare of Child	0	0
Criminal Mischief	13	11	Simple Assault	0	1
Disorderly Conduct	2	0	Resisting Arrest	3	1
Domestic Disturbance	6	7	Conduct After Accident	0	3
Criminal Trespass	18	9	Domestic Violence	2	0
Drug Investigation/Issues	3	2	Harassment	3	1
Fraud/Theft/Robbery	24	17	Criminal Mischief	15	1
Harassment	12	7	Criminal Threatening	5	1
Criminal Threatening	0	2	Burglary	4	1
Illegal Dumping	1	4	Shoplifting	0	0
Juvenile Offenses	7	3	Protective Custody/IEA	2	5
Attempted Suicide	7	1	Criminal Trespass	10	6
Poss. of Alcohol/Intoxicated	4	1	Disorderly Conduct	3	1
Wanted Persons	8	11	Invalid License/OAS/HO	9	7
Child Abuse	0	1	EBW/Breach of Bail	2	3
Missing Persons	5	0	First/Second Degree Assault	1	0
Conduct After	0	6	Possession of Drugs	2	3
TOTAL CRIMINAL	119	93	Reckless Operation	0	0
			Interference w/Child Custody	1	0
CALLS FOR SERVICE			Sexual Assault/Obsc. Matter	3	0
Alarms	117	128	Protective Order Violation	4	0
Lost/Found Property	29	31	Ordinance Violations	2	1
Animal Complaints	46	55	Carrying of Weapons	1	0
911 Hang Ups	50	59		95	50
Disturbance/Fight/Brawl	18	27	TOTAL ARRESTS	32	38
F&G/Missing Lost Persons	72	60			
Noise Complaints	12	11	MOTOR VEHICLE		
Assist Other Agency	14	24	Accidents	44	72
Foot Patrol/Building Checks	39	35	Summons & Warnings	475	753
Follow Up Investigation	137	138	Citizen/Motorist Assists	40	18
Civil Stand By	11	10	Suspicious Vehicles/Persons	43	39
Admin Calls/Paperwork Svcs	260	240	Disabled Vehicles	103	166
Road Hazard	58	51	MV Complaints/BOLO/REDI	37	84
Special Events/Traffic Detail	50	78	VIN Verification	10	19
Welfare Checks	22	34	MISC SPOTS Inquiries	69	109
118	55	118	TOTAL MV	821	1265
Shots Fired	11	9			
Sex Offender Registration	7	4	TOTAL INCIDENTS	2002	2319
Bomb Threat	7	4			
Unattended Death	7	1			
TOTAL SERVICE CALLS	1085	1054			

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Another year is behind us, we had a major sidewalk replacement on Main Street, approximately 3,500 feet, which we removed and prepared for new granite curbing and pavement. We also removed the handicap ramp at the library in preparation for the new handicapped lift that is currently in the process of being installed.

We were also able to topcoat Hubertus Ring, Ridgecut Road, Pioneer Road, and Sunset Ridge Road at Mittersill. On top of that we did some chip sealing on the paved portions of Lafayette Road and Toad Hill Road adding a layer of protection which will help preserve the pavement.

Some of our gravel roads got some attention as well. We added new gravel to Magowan Hill Road, Slalom Lane, Delage Farm Road and parts of Ridge Road and Oaks Road. The rest of the time throughout the year was spent maintaining equipment, mowing roadsides, grading roads, cleaning out ditches, and storm cleanup.

In the coming year we plan on replacing our 2014 Ram 5500 as well as chip sealing Lafayette Drive and Kerr Road. We also plan on paving some more of the remaining roads at Mittersill.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy Hall, Road Agent
Jim Cyrs
Bruce Russell

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

In 2021 the buildings and grounds department had a productive year. We replaced the old flag stone walkway and concrete stairs at the entrance of the town hall with a safer and easier to maintain concrete walkway. We also replaced the old stairs at the library with a new concrete ramp as well as adding a more direct walkway to the front of the library. We got some small odds and ends type projects done around town and worked with the highway department on the sidewalk project.

In the coming year we are planning to reset the remaining flagstone at the town hall and are hoping to have the parking lot repaved. We plan on replacing one of our mowers this year with a mower that has a bagging system to make fall clean up more efficient. There are no other big purchases scheduled for 2022.

Respectfully,

Corey Rush, Supervisor
Jack Tyrrell

TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION

We would like to thank all of our customers for another great recycling year. In 2021, the Tri-Town Transfer Station processed and recycled 76.02 tons of glass, 62.69 tons of scrap metal, 463 tires, 24.47 tons of plastic and about 115 tons of baled paper fibers. We also processed 560 tons of municipal solid waste and 276 tons of construction and demolition waste. Laurie Matthews joined the crew full-time after Alyssa Murphy moved on to another job. Clayton Richards assisted part-time bailing cardboard. Many thanks to our residents for all your recycling efforts.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Blake - Manager
Kevin Dauphine
Laurie Matthews

	Town of Franconia									
	Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds									
	For the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2021									
	Balance Beginning of Year	Additions- Withdraw Gain(Loss)	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Net Income	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Principal and Income	Ending Market Value	
PRINCIPAL:										
Expendable/Maintenance Funds:										
Sidewalk Improvement	85,077.84	9,560.67	94,638.51	492.41	919.42	-	1,411.83	96,050.34	103,833.58	
Highway Improvement	21,688.66	64,767.32	86,455.98	455.50	594.78	-	1,050.28	87,506.26	94,597.15	
Town Buildings Maintenance	189,087.15	31,276.81	220,363.96	1,866.97	1,990.80	-	3,857.77	224,221.73	242,391.08	
Library Building Maintenance F	30,363.30	30,333.90	60,697.20	913.10	457.53	-	1,370.63	62,067.83	67,097.37	
Fire/Police Station Improvement	1,694.20	(1,682.35)	11.85	931.01	24.74	951.54	4.21	16.06	17.36	
Rink Surface Maintenance Fund	18,670.35	2,127.20	20,797.55	1,185.97	201.14	-	1,387.11	22,184.66	23,982.35	
Heritage Museum Maintenance	12,686.46	3,578.12	16,264.58	148.38	141.52	-	289.90	16,554.48	17,895.94	
Dow Clock	5,998.54	36.11	6,034.65	116.00	58.71	-	174.71	6,209.36	6,712.52	
Emergency Management	6,972.46	45.00	7,017.46	648.42	73.17	-	721.59	7,739.05	8,366.17	
Welfare	2,026.97	12.28	2,039.25	54.06	19.98	-	74.04	2,113.29	2,284.54	
Northern Pass Defense Fund	23,385.43	145.68	23,531.11	1,283.65	236.86	-	1,520.51	25,051.62	27,081.63	
Lafayette Recreation	63,981.88	12,749.98	76,731.86	498.88	683.67	-	1,182.55	77,914.41	84,228.04	
Cemetery Maintenance Fund	41,939.21	1,020.78	42,959.99	677.48	405.77	-	1,083.25	44,043.24	47,612.19	
Lafayette School Building Main	98,239.01	90,983.73	189,222.74	7,431.51	1,142.38	-	8,573.89	197,796.63	213,824.67	
Subtotal	601,811.46	244,955.23	846,766.69	16,703.34	6,950.47	951.54	22,702.27	869,468.96	939,924.59	
Capital Reserve Funds:										
Remedial Education	135,543.01	874.91	136,417.92	12,618.25	1,422.66	-	14,040.91	150,458.83	162,650.95	
Bridge Construction	14,668.76	40,290.80	54,959.56	887.19	358.99	-	1,246.18	56,205.74	60,760.26	
Reassessment	38,305.08	7,267.15	45,572.23	2,138.09	422.73	2,256.00	304.82	45,877.05	49,594.60	
Legal	92,897.31	10,617.66	103,514.97	3,278.35	975.90	-	4,254.25	107,769.22	116,502.08	
Police Cruiser	18,950.88	13,683.67	32,634.55	781.16	260.21	-	1,041.37	33,675.92	36,404.78	
Handicap Access	79.98	0.52	80.50	7.40	0.83	-	8.23	88.73	95.92	
Dow Field	12,877.98	3,598.10	16,476.08	786.59	149.57	-	936.16	17,412.24	18,823.21	
Highway Trucks	197,943.64	40,195.29	238,138.93	5,662.53	2,158.40	-	7,820.93	245,959.86	265,890.71	
Highway Heavy Equipment	69,002.26	16,116.43	85,118.69	966.24	777.24	-	1,743.48	86,862.17	93,900.87	
Life Squad Van	148,424.88	40,738.49	189,163.37	8,807.12	1,717.37	-	10,524.49	199,687.86	215,869.16	
Town Buildings Truck	34,520.74	7,147.29	41,668.03	1,545.45	382.46	-	1,927.91	43,595.94	47,128.65	
Transfer Station Equipment	83,286.66	497.85	83,784.51	1,022.30	809.54	-	1,831.84	85,616.35	92,554.10	
Town Buildings & Grounds Equ	14,164.40	5,714.80	19,879.20	559.64	170.72	-	730.36	20,609.56	22,279.61	

PRINCIPAL:										
	Balance Beginning of Year	Additions- Withdrawal Gain(Loss)	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Net Income	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Principal and Income	Ending Market Value	
Fire Dept Safety Equipment	100,894.10	(41,494.57)	59,399.53	2,326.91	981.96	-	3,308.87	62,708.40	67,789.85	
School District Technology Energy	25,381.76	163.84	25,545.60	2,363.15	266.40	-	2,629.55	28,175.15	30,458.27	
Transfer Station Improvements	502.32	3,017.90	3,520.22	1.70	20.55	-	22.25	3,542.47	3,829.53	
Life Squad Equipment	568.49	3.67	572.16	54.11	5.97	-	60.08	632.24	683.47	
Frost Place Maintenance	37,238.03	9,375.50	46,613.53	1,752.62	422.10	-	2,174.72	48,788.25	52,741.71	
Rural Water Supply	2,492.62	872.31	3,364.93	570.78	33.87	-	604.65	3,969.58	4,291.25	
Recreation Van	10,928.34	67.91	10,996.25	572.78	110.42	-	683.20	11,679.45	12,625.87	
Fire Heavy Equipment	11,101.34	5,092.38	16,193.72	331.56	135.98	-	467.54	16,661.26	18,011.37	
Subtotal	468,726.96	71,647.25	540,374.21	23,569.73	5,085.73	-	28,655.46	569,029.67	615,139.80	
	1,518,499.54	235,489.15	1,753,988.69	70,603.65	16,669.60	2,256.00	85,017.25	1,839,005.94	1,988,026.02	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	97,094.85	3,461.49	100,556.34	41,910.64	3,505.61	-	45,416.25	145,972.59	162,964.07	
Franconia Scholarship Fund	137,718.46	3,497.97	141,216.43	3,247.67	3,533.30	3,100.00	3,680.97	144,897.40	161,764.12	
Lucy Pfosi Memorial Fund	18,767.44	567.09	19,334.53	4,005.47	574.32	-	4,579.79	23,914.32	26,698.02	
Subtotal	253,580.75	7,526.55	261,107.30	49,163.78	7,613.23	3,100.00	53,677.01	314,784.31	351,426.21	
GRAND TOTALS (calculated)	2,373,891.75	487,970.93	2,861,862.68	136,470.77	31,233.30	6,307.54	161,396.53	3,023,259.21	3,279,376.82	
GRAND TOTALS (PER STATE)	2,373,891.75	487,970.93	2,861,862.68	136,470.77	31,233.30	6,307.54	161,396.53	3,023,259.21	3,279,376.82	
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

FRANCONIA WATER DEPARTMENT

The Water Department has been actively evaluating expenses during the past year in an effort to reduce operational costs wherever possible with positive results with regard to electricity and telephone expenses.

The primary focus of water main upgrades has been on the Mittersill water system with replacement of water lines on Mittersill & Woodchuck roads. Additional work on Deer Pass Road is planned for 2022.

Plans for the development of an Asset Management Plan are in the works as future funding at the state and federal level is anticipated to cover the cost of this project.

The Water Department undertook a concerted campaign to collect on past due water accounts extending several years into the past with positive results in eliminating all delinquent accounts and the establishment of protocols for insuring that overdue accounts are addressed in a timely manner.

Two new water services were added at Mittersill (1) and Franconia (1).

Repairs at the Howe Tank the result of a fallen tree; the installation of a submersible pump at the Gale Well; brush clearing at Mittersill Storage Tank; replacement of Mittersill Storage Tank Mixer and cleaning of Mittersill Storage Tank roof were completed in 2021.

In addition to the water main replacement at Mittersill, planned projects for 2022 include upgrades to the Badger Meters and the re-routing of water main to service new warming hut.

Annual reports from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services indicate that water provided by the Franconia Water Department exceeds the standards for water quality in all areas evaluated by the state.

The Franconia Water Department encourages all customers to sign up to access their Badger meters to aide in the detection of leaks and patterns of water consumption that might be modified to better conserve the consumption of water by contacting the department at waterdepartment@franconianh.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Franconia Water Department Commissioners:

Kevin Johnson, Chairman

Hamilton Cammann

Jeff Bartlett

FRANCONIA WATER DEPARTMENT
2021 Budget
Final Draft

		2022 Budget
Income		
	2000-00 · FROM NHPDIP	95,000.00
	3003-00 · WATER RENTS	
	3003-01 · Principal	315,000.00
	3003-02 · Interest	1,700.00
	3003-03 · Penalties	300.00
	Total 3003-00 · WATER RENTS	317,000.00
	3004-00 · FEES	
	3004-01 · Final Read	250.00
	3004-02 · New Customer Appl	200.00
	3004-03 · Turn On	150.00
	3004-04 · Shut Off	150.00
	Total 3004-00 · FEES	750.00
	3005-00 · SERVICES	
	3005-03 · New Meter Install	425.00
	3005-04 · Repairs	0.00
	3005-05 · Other	0.00
	Total 3005-00 · SERVICES	3,000.00
	8000-00 · INTEREST INCOME	273.00
	Total Income	416,023.00
Expense		
	5000-00 · CONTRACTS	
	5000-01 · Water Operator	57,600.00
	5000-02 · SCADA Reporting Software	2,130.00
	5000-03 · Software & Computer Contr	4,000.00
	Total 5000-00 · CONTRACTS	63,730.00
	5100-00 · PAYROLL	
	5100-01 · Wages	20,800.00
	5100-02 · Payroll Taxes	1,600.00
	Total 5100-00 · PAYROLL	22,400.00
	5200-00 · PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	
	5200-01 · Legal	2,500.00
	5200-02 · Engineering	1,000.00
	5200-03 · Water	450.00
	Total 5200-00 · PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	3,950.00
	5300-00 · CAP IMP	
	5300-01 · Franconia Village	13,000.00
	5300-02 · Mittersill	95,000.00
	Total 5300-00 · CAP IMP	108,000.00
	5301-00 · METERS	
	5301-01 · Meters	3,500.00
	5301-02 · Endpoint Fees	2,800.00
	5301-03 · Meter Readings	0.00
	Total 5301-00 · METERS	6,300.00

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		2022 Budget
5302-00 · SYSTEM MAINTENANCE		
	5302-01 · Franconia Maintenance	15,000.00
	5302-02 · Franconia Flushing	3,600.00
	5302-03 · Franconia Repairs	12,500.00
	5302-06 · Mittersill Maintenance	7,500.00
	5302-07 · Mittersill Flushing	1,800.00
	5302-08 · Mittersill Repairs	6,000.00
	5302-10 · Tank Cleanings	4,000.00
Total 5301-00 · SYSTEM MAINTENANCE		50,400.00
5303-00 · PARTS & MATERIALS		
	5303-01 · Franconia	3,000.00
	5303-02 · Mittersill	4,000.00
	5303-03 · Reserves	2,000.00
Total 5303-00 · PARTS & MATERIALS		9,000.00
5304-00 · BUILDING MAINTENANCE		
	5304-01 · Franconia Buildings	1,000.00
	5304-02 · Mittersill Buildings	1,000.00
Total 5304-00 · BUILDING MAINTENANCE		2,000.00
5305-00 · MANDATED WATER TESTING		7,500.00
5306-00 · CHEMICALS		2,000.00
5400-00 · OFFICE OPS & SUPPLIES		
	5400-01 · Main Office	850.00
	5400-02 · Pump House	250.00
	5400-03 · Postage	750.00
Total 5400-00 · OFFICE OPS & SUPPLIES		1,850.00
5401-00 · MEMBERSHIPS & SUBSCRIPTIONS		550.00
5402-00 · EDUCATION / TRAINING		650.00
5700-00 · UTILITIES		
	5700-01 · Electricity	18,000.00
	5700-02 · Telecomm / Network	6,240.00
	5700-03 · Propane	1,500.00
Total 5700-00 · UTILITIES		25,740.00
5800-00 · MISC EXPENSE		
	5800-01 · Public Notices	200.00
	5800-02 · Insurance	1,300.00
	5800-03 · Lien Fees	350.00
	5800-05 · Other	300.00
Total 5800-00 · MISC EXPENSE		2,150.00
6000-00 · USDA Loan Payment		71,488.00
6120-00 · BANK FEES		0.00
Total Expense		377,708.00
Net Income		38,315.00

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA
For the Year Ending December 31, 2021**

Date & Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Mother & Father
February 24, 2021 Littleton, NH	Judah Peter Greenlaw	Leilani Otto Eli Greenlaw
April 6, 2021 Littleton, NH	Oliver John Gordon	Grace Gaulin Shae Gordon
June 16, 2021 Littleton, NH	Ryder Francis Gallant	Shari Gallant Kevin Gallant
August 13, 2021 Manchester, NH	Nora Leia O'Hara	Kristen O'Hara Ryan O'Hara
October 29, 2021 Littleton, NH	Wynne Constance Klotz	Anne McKenzie Timothy Klotz
November 8, 2021 Littleton, NH	James Robert Jacobs	Anna Jacobs Michael Jacobs

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA
For the Year Ending December 31, 2021**

Date & Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom & Bride	Residence at Time of Marriage
September 4, 2021 Littleton, NH	Brittany M. Miller Cody T. Roy	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH
October 16, 2021 Franconia, NH	Diane M. Wilhite Kevin D. Havens	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH

**DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA
For the Year Ending December 31, 2021**

Date & Place of Death	Name & Surname of Deceased	Name & Surname of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
January 2, 2021 Franconia, NH	Roger Oliver Comeau	Joseph Comeau	Dorothy Simoneau
January 6, 2021 Franconia, NH	Bernard J. Poulin, Jr.	Bernard Poulin, Sr.	Clara Mooers
January 17, 2021 Franconia, NH	James H. Merrill, Jr.	James Merrill, Sr.	Gladys Whittermore

January 29, 2021 Lebanon, NH	Terence H. Dube	Henry Dube	Anne Waterhouse
February 12, 2021 Franconia, NH	Jerry L. Baker	John Baker	Lillian Jennings
March 13, 2021 Franconia, NH	Stephen W. Flanagan	William Flanagan	Barbara Gilchrist
April 1, 2021 Littleton, NH	Frank Schartz	Frank Schartz	Mildred Hart
April 29, 2021 Woodsville, NH	Harlan Lee McKim	Lowell McKim	Lillie Reynolds
May 5, 2021 Franconia, NH	Richard A. Gawel	Ludwik Gawel	Zofia (Unknown)
June 21, 2021 Franconia, NH	Eva Fillion	Joseph Laflamme	Celina Daigle
July 25, 2021 Portsmouth, NH	Francis J. Robb, Sr.	Michael Robb	Madeline Shallow
August 3, 2021 Franconia, NH	Charles H. McMann	Paul McMann	Lenora Tibbetts
August 10, 2021 Franconia, NH	Audrey F. Richardson	Kenneth Richardson	Elza Palmer
August 29, 2021 Franconia, NH	Jean L. Leslie	Albert Macdonald	Ameliea Therrien
September 2, 2021 Franconia, NH	Betty Mae Ehrich	Ralph Anderson	Cynthia Earle
October 22, 2021 Littleton, NH	Bruce T. Lempinski	Frank Lempinski	Margaret Murphy
October 27, 2021 Franconia, NH	Angelo Rocco Costa	Guiseppe Costa	Gaetana Siracusa

Town Hours and Contact Information

Selectmen's Office

(603)823-7752

townadmin@franconianh.org

Monday: Closed

Tues. – Thurs.: 8am to 4:30pm

Friday: 8am to 1:30pm

Meetings: Mondays at 6pm, Town Hall

Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office

(603)823-5237

townclerk@franconianh.org

Monday: Closed

Tues, Wed and Fri: 8am to 3pm

Thursday: 10am to 6pm

Water Department

(603)823-7752

waterdept@franconianh.org

By Appointment Only

Meetings: 2nd Thursday of the month at 5:00pm, Town Hall

Planning Board

(603)823-7752

Wednesday (office hours): 4pm – 6pm

Meetings: 2nd and last Tuesdays of the month at 7pm

Tri-Town Transfer Station

(603)823-5311

Monday: 9am to 5pm

Tues. – Thurs.: Closed

Friday: 9am to 5pm

Sat. and Sun.: 9am to 5pm

Abbie Greenleaf Library

library@franconianh.org

Monday & Wednesday: 1pm to 5:30pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 10am to 1pm

Friday: 12pm to 3pm

Saturday: 10am to 1pm

Fire, Police, Life Squad

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: (603)823-8123

